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Happy Christmas from the Fraser  
Valley British Motor Club

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## President's Report

As the holiday season draws near, I want to take a moment to reflect on the amazing year we are having. The car runs, car shows, supporting Chilliwack Hospital fundraiser, Friday coffee/chats etc. What a great group we are, dedicated to appreciation, preservation, and bringing the classic/vintage vehicles back to life. I wait all week for Friday mornings, which I sometimes call my therapy day. The laughter, car information, and weekly stories always brighten my day. As the spirit of the season is upon us I know there are some of you still cruising the streets on the dry days to get just a few more runs in before their cars are tucked away for winter, and there are the eager beavers that can't wait to get their hands dirty and do maintenance on the cars so they are ready for the spring. I hope everyone enjoys the holiday season. Drive safe and enjoy time with family and friends.

Merry Christmas

Sheryl

## Editors' Corner

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**

We hope that you will enjoy reading the 2024 Christmas edition of the *Highway Hooter*.

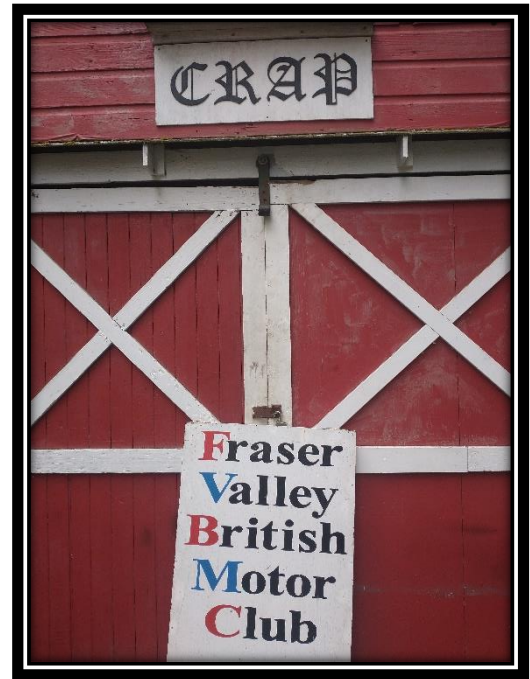
As we look forward to our upcoming Annual General Meeting in the new year, there will be openings for Club Directors. If you happen to be interested in becoming more involved with the Club send an email to [britishmotorclub@gmail.com](mailto:britishmotorclub@gmail.com).

And as always, we continue to solicit any articles of interest to members for inclusion in the *Hooter*.

The *Hooter* is always looking for input and articles from members, whether it is guesses on the Mystery car of the month, car awards for members, or experiences at car shows. Send it via email to [britishmotorclub@gmail.com](mailto:britishmotorclub@gmail.com).

# CRAP

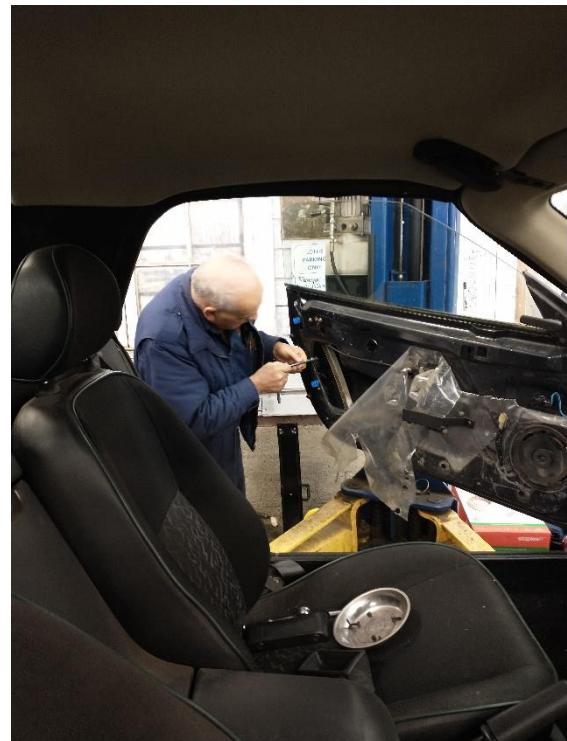
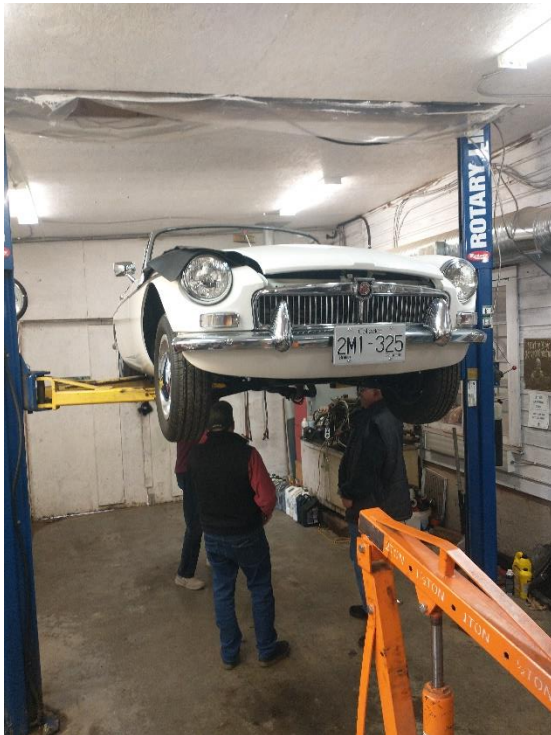
## Report from the Barn



This month started out with a couple of cars coming in for various getting.

Harj Kamo brought his 1964 MGB in for a suspicious oil leak. John Warlimont and Doug Linley helped remove the drivetrain for an inspection and remedy. Once refitted, Terry Organ assisted in getting the old girl to speak.

After a good scrub the engine bay was painted, the motor had all gaskets and seals replaced, and fresh paint. New clutch kit and all transmission seals replaced.

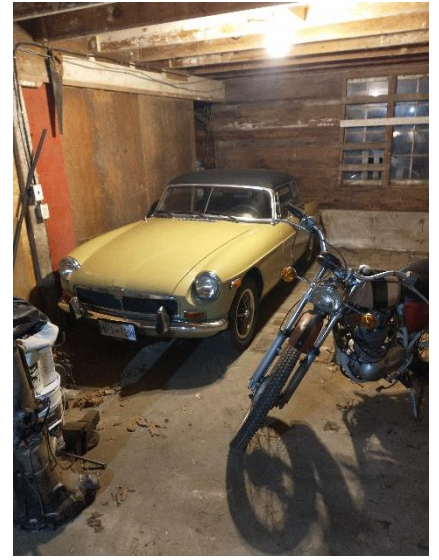


Doug Linley is helping adjust the side windows on our MGF using his midwife fingers.





After a good bunging out of the north west corner of the barn, preparations are being made to move a couple of projects in for the winter.



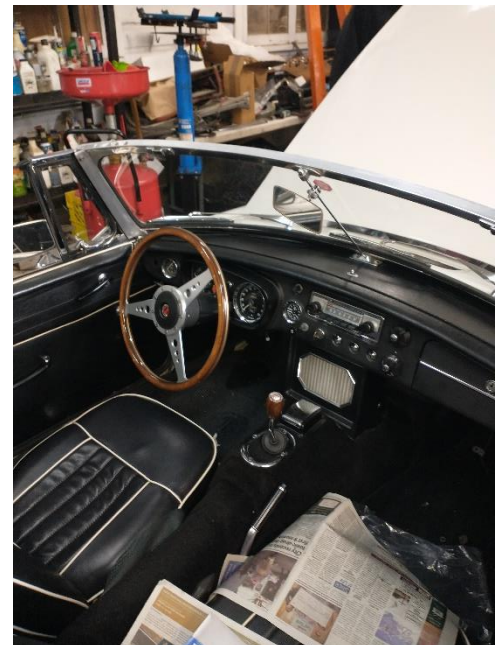
There was a bonnet from a '62-68 spitfire in there.  
It's up for sale.



Harj has finished his oil leak repair and detailing of the engine bay on his MGB.

He sends this message:

"I want you to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who shared their wisdom and took the time to help work on my MGB. Words cannot express how grateful I am."



And we bought a tent for more storage outside. Some assembly required...

Bill McClure's Morris Minor arrived at the farm this month and with help from Jason Chew and Jerry Goulet, the new engine was gently hammered into place. The new wiring harness will be next and brakes. Note the new Master cylinder lodged in the frame next to the transmission. The new paint looks just outstanding.

What a day!





# Chilliwack River Hatchery – October 29<sup>th</sup>

This Run was dependent on receiving advice from the Hatchery that they had arranged for a recipient for the harvested and fertilized Coho eggs. It had been anticipated that this would be in mid-October but in fact it was on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> that the Hatchery confirmed the harvest would be done on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup>. A Run advice was put out accordingly with a request that intending participants give advice by Noon, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> so parking could be arranged. Four confirmations + one possible were received. The weather became the next factor... The forecast for Tuesday was not brilliant with possible light rain, clearing to some sun and clouds by mid-morning. By 9:30am on the Tuesday morning, it was evident that it had rained, but there were signs of clearing in the west and the four who had confirmed became the intrepid four who came along for the start 10:15am start. We arrived at 10:45am and things were well under way with the selected fish having been lifted and hung on racks pending being dealt with. We were able to see the complete process starting with taking skin, organ and egg samples for identification and DNA testing. Then came recording the length measurement with a yardstick to take readings from the eye to the root of the tail. The females were then relieved of their eggs, they being fed into a bucket and a male was picked up and bent so he could be squeezed and his melt squirted onto the eggs. The bucket was then tagged and taken for storage for packing and transport to the recipient. All-in-all a very well organized and humane operation with 10 takes being completed by 11:30am.

Two cars then departed and the other two left to drive back to Thompson Regional Park for a Picnic Lunch. The weather improved with some sunny breaks and it was agreed that it had been worth while taking the chance to come on the Run. The rest of the return journey with welcome glimpses of the autumn colors was without incident. To judge by the number of fishermen at the Vedder Bridge, we were not the only ones to be having a good day.....

Text and Photos by

Michael Hamilton-Clark, Run Co-Ordinator







#6 - 2024 - Extra Run - To the Chilliwack River Hatchery - 2024  
Demonstrating how they can leap to get up and over an obstacle....



#7 - 2024 - Extra Run - To the Chilliwack River Hatchery - 29 October  
Fish have been selected from holding tanks



#8 - 2024 - Extra Run - To the Chilliwack River Hatchery - 29 October  
Sample being taken to register the fish and its DNA



#9 - 2024 - Extra Run - To the Chilliwack River Hatchery - 29 October  
Further registry sampling



#10 - 2024 - Extra Run - To the Chilliwack River Hatchery - 29 October  
Measuring & recording length



#11 - 2024 - Extra Run - To the Chilliwack River Hatchery - 29 October  
Harvesting the eggs



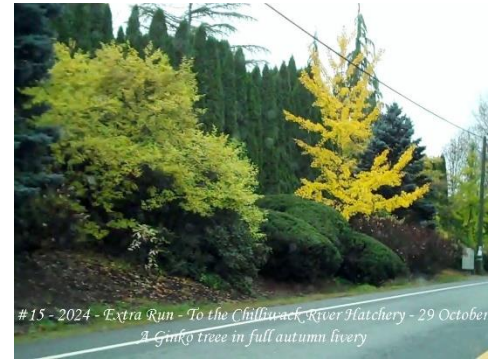
#12 - Extra Run - To the Chilliwack River Hatchery - 29 October  
Applying the melt from the male



#13 - 2024 - Extra Run - To the Chilliwack River Hatchery - 29 October  
On the way back home....



#14 - 2024 - Extra Run - To the Chilliwack River Hatchery - 29 October  
Along side the River in one of the faster flowing reaches



#15 - 2024 - Extra Run - To the Chilliwack River Hatchery - 29 October  
A Ginkgo tree in full autumn livery



#16 - 2024 - Extra Run - To the Chilliwack River Hatchery - October 29  
A colourful autumn hillside....



#17 - 2024 - Extra Run - To the Chilliwack River Fishery - 29 October  
Fishermen lining the banks at the Vedder Bridge



# Annual Christmas Coffee

Our annual Christmas Coffee was again a wonderful success.

We had 52 people in attendance and they consumed:

225 cups of coffee

48 sausage rolls

40 samosas

60 pork pies with Branston pickle. Yum.

48 Scotch eggs

Dozens of various sweet pies and squares

Thank you to Barry Puffer, Dylan Armstrong, Terry Organ  
and all who brought homemade goodies.

Oh and at least 5 litres of "coffee thinners" nudge  
nudge, know what I mean?









# Milestones

## In Memoriam

Our very own John Webster passed away at 4:30 Monday on November 25th.

John was instrumental in the FVCCS committee and all wood work needed for club members. His handiwork is on display at the comfy chair room at the CRAP barn.

## Other Milestones

Duke will be celebrating his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

December 1924 Morris Garage were founded my Cecil Kimber.



Send any milestone that you would like to see in  
The Hooter to [britishmotorclub@gmail.com](mailto:britishmotorclub@gmail.com).



# Fact, Foibles, Fables, Fancies, and Fanfare

## Christmas Lights on your Car:

We were somewhat surprised to see a car drive past us covered in Christmas lights and with presence of mind at a stop light at Gladwin and McClure were able to snap a quick photo of it.

This got us to wondering if other people put Christmas lights on their vehicles and if it is legal.

Going to Amazon.ca -where one can look for all things that don't seem exist elsewhere- we discovered that one can get "Exterior Car Underglow LED Strip Lights, a Christmas Reflective Car Magnets Decoration Set or Christmas Reindeer Antlers Car Kit with LED lights, Window Grille Kit

Nose Tail Top Jingle Bell Christmas Wreath with LED Light Bow and get it delivered within two business days. Searching through Google we discovered that in some places there are contests run for the best Christmas decorated cars. The helpful advice was also supplied that if you put up a Christmas tree in your car -not certain why you would - that you should ensure that it is tied down properly so that it doesn't fall over when you hit the brakes or accelerate – clever.

According to ICBC and the BC Motor Vehicle Act one can only have white or amber lights at the front of your vehicle. Any other coloured lights such as green/purple/blue/red are in violation.

This kind of begs the question of Santa being in some type of legal limbo with Rudolph's red nose up front leading the way for his sleigh. I would suspect that it would be at the discretion of the local police and their Christmas spirit whether Santa or your decorated car would be subject to a roadside stop and a hefty fine.



Let us know when you win an award. We want to celebrate you with some fanfare!

## Some one liners to amuse members or bore their families....

- What did Frosty's girlfriend give him when she was mad at him? **The cold shoulder.**
- What do gingerbread men use when they break their legs? **Candy canes.**
- Why is everyone thirsty at the North Pole? **No well.**
- What do donkeys send out near Christmas? **Mule-tide greetings.**
- How did the reindeer learn to play piano? **He was elf-taught.**
- What did the snowman say to the aggressive carrot? **"Get out of my face."**
- What do you call an old snowman? **Water.**
- Why shouldn't you lend money to elves? **They're always short.**
- Why did the Little Drummer Boy put his drum to bed? **It was beat.**
- Why are mummies such big fans of Christmas? **Because they enjoy wrapping.**
- What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? **An abdominal snowman.**
- What is green, covered in Christmas lights and Christmas bulbs, and goes ribbit? **A mistle-toad.**
- How do sheep say Merry Christmas to each other? **Fleece Navidad.**
- What is every parent's favorite Christmas song? **Silent Night!**
- Why did Rudolph have to attend summer school? **Because he went down in history.**
- How did Joseph and Mary weigh baby Jesus at birth? **They had a weigh in the manger.**
- Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer? **Because every buck is dear to him!**
- What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? **"It's Christmas, Eve!"**
- Why did the scarecrow get a big Christmas bonus? **Because he was outstanding in his field.**
- What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas? **"I'll never part with it!"**
- What is a vegan's favorite Christmas song? **Soy to the World!**
- Elves use what kind of money? **Jingle bills.**
- What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar? **He got 25 days!**
- What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party? **Freeze a jolly good fellow!**
- What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense? **Wait, there's myrrh.**
- What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? **Frostbite.**
- What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? **Claus-trophobia!**
- What do you call Santa when he stops moving? **Santa Pause.**
- What do snowmen eat for breakfast? **Ice crispies.**
- How do you help someone who has lost their Christmas spirit? **Nurse them back to elf.**
- What do you call an elf that runs away from Santa's workshop? **A rebel without a Claus!**
- What do you call a reindeer ghost? **Cari-boo!**
- What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum? **A meltdown.**
- Why are elves such great motivational speakers? **They have plenty of elf-confidence.**
- Why do reindeer like Beyoncé so much? **She sleighs.**
- What reindeer game do reindeer play at sleepovers? **Truth or deer.**
- What did Santa say when he stepped into a big puddle? **It must have reindeer.**
- What does Rudolph want for Christmas? **A Pony sleigh station.**
- What is Santa's dog's name? **Santa Paws!**
- Where do Santa's reindeer stop for coffee? **Star-bucks!**
- What's every elf's favorite type of music? **Wrap!**
- What's the absolute best Christmas present? **A broken drum — you can't beat it!**
- What happens if you eat Christmas decorations? **You get tinsel-it is.**
- What do Santa's elves learn in school? **The elf-abet.**
- What do you call an obnoxious reindeer? **Rude-olph.**
- What do grapes sing at Christmas? **'Tis the season to be jelly.**
- What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet? **The Christmas alphabet has Noel.**
- What did the gingerbread man put on his bed? **A cookie sheet!**
- Who is never hungry at Christmas? **The turkey — he's always stuffed.**

Santa decided to use an electric sleigh this year as the old one was extremely deer!





# Upcoming Car Events

## 2024 DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 Coffee and Cars	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Coffee and Cars	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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- Club members meet on a regular basis for “Coffee and Cars” every Friday morning at 4176 Seldon Road, Abbotsford. All members are welcome to attend to either solicit or offer advice regarding British vehicles.
- Friday Coffee and Cars will not be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. It will resume on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# 2025 JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Cox Memorial Whimper Wonderland Run	2	3 Coffee and Cars	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Coffee and Cars	11 LAMB Winter Gala
12	13	14	15	16	17 Coffee and Cars	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Coffee and Cars	25
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- Cox Memorial Whimper Wonderland Run on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Start at Chevron Station, 8<sup>th</sup> Ave/176<sup>th</sup> Street, Surrey at 10:30am. Must pre-register to patilbury@shaw.ca before December 26<sup>th</sup>.
- LAMB Winter Gala on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Adrian’s at Langley Airport. Wear your Crazy Christmas and bring a (cheap/recycled/regifted) centerpiece for your table for everyone to enjoy and someone to bring home. Bring cash for the reverse 50/50 game.

**Keep an eye out for information in the following month regarding the Annual AGM Meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**



# Buy and Sell

The Fraser Valley British Motor Club takes no responsibility for the selling of cars, parts or accessories. Any disputes or negotiations are between the buyer and seller.

To list items on the Buy and Sell page please send the description of the item and contact information to [britishmotorclub@gmail.com](mailto:britishmotorclub@gmail.com).

## For Sale

2 ton engine hoist from Princess Auto	\$150
Engine leveler for the above	\$50.
4 x car wheel dollies, 2000lb rating	\$140
4 x home made body stands	\$40.

## Free to pick up

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# Mystery Car of the Month



Name the company and the model of this fine motorcar.

Send your guess to [britishmotorclub@gmail.com](mailto:britishmotorclub@gmail.com).  
First correct answer receives an oil change at the Farm. You bring the oil and filter!

No one guessed the last issue's mystery car.

That's okay. We cannot remember what the car is either.

We made this issue's mystery car much easier to guess.