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Richard Collet breaks with tradition and becomes the first one to be pulled out of the field at the farm. Of course, a Land Rover would have just driven out!

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President's Report

I have been a member of the Fraser Valley British Motor Club since 2002. During this time, I have had the pleasure of attending car club meetings, participating in car runs, and volunteering to assist at various car club events. However, this is the first time that I have been on the FVBMC executive.

As a long-time member, I have met and enjoyed conversations with many members of our club. I am now working to get to know more of our club members. It will take me some time to match names and faces of members that I do not know well. However, I plan to attend Friday gatherings at the barn on a regular basis.

It is hard to realize that 2026 is two months gone. With ten months of numerous car events to look forward to, Ivan and I hope to soon get our TR6 on the road.

The executive of the FVBMC will hold their first meeting in March, at a date that is yet to be determined. After this executive meeting, information regarding the dates of quarterly club meetings will be advertised.

Take care, and drive safely!

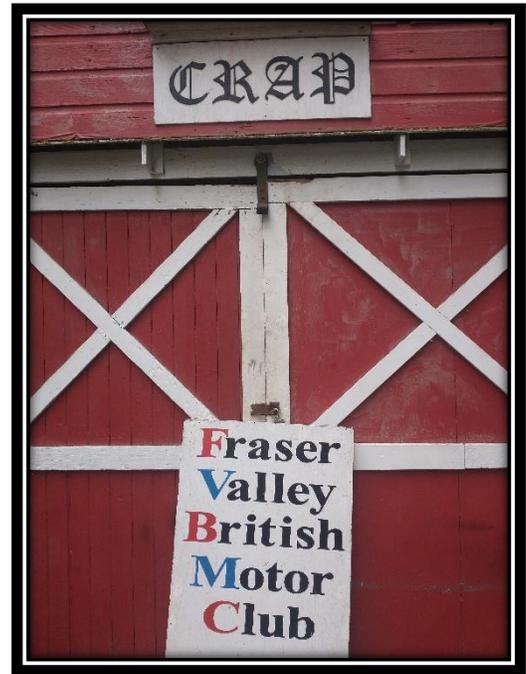
Editors' Corner

The *Highway Hooter* always welcomes submissions and suggestions. In this edition we want to thank Harv McCullough and Daniel Fonseca for sending us items they thought would interest readers. If anyone has items that they believe our fellow club members would enjoy reading, please forward them to our email at britishmotorcars@gmail.com. Note our new page about drives and events. Please send any photos or comment you would like to appear on that page in upcoming Highway Hooters.

With the 2026 FVCCS Car Show fast approaching go to <https://fvccs.ca/> to register and <https://fvccs.rafflenexus.com/> to purchase tickets for the raffle car!

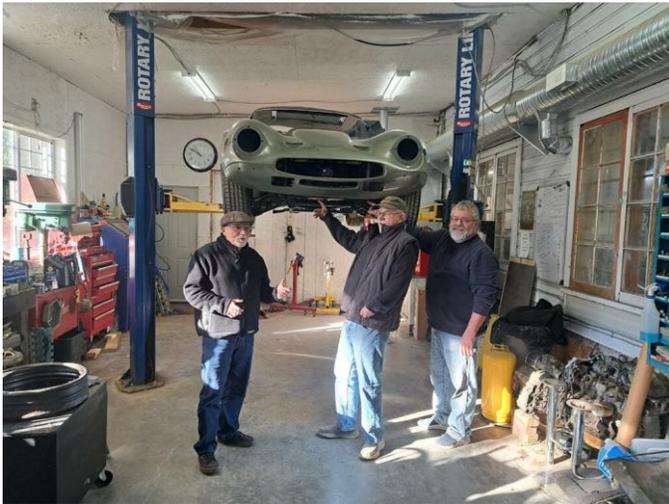
CRAP

Report from the Barn



In other news, the bonnet has finally married up with the TVR Vixen. One step closer to roaring down the road! There was much rejoicing!

Lotus and MGTC wait quietly in the sun...



Our friend, Gary Okeefe, accompanied me to Fix-Auto in Abbotsford to help me beg for free minor body repairs for our Saab raffle car. With Gary's rather substantial influence, Derek, the manager said, " Oh, alright then ". The car went in straight away.

What a prize this Saab will be!



The club has recently purchased a used ignition/ exhaust analyzer. This fine Snap-on system will be at the shop for members to use for a nominal fee to cover our costs. This will be Just like the toll on the Port Mann bridge or the Coquillhalla Hwy. We'll keep on collecting long after the thing is paid for!

The Wednesday therapy group has finally had time (and space) to do a little work on the Elan.

The nonfunctioning pop-up headlights were remedied and the cooling system was reinstalled. I only have the drive shaft to fiddle back into place next.

P.S. Special thanks to Mark Collet, Richard Collet, and Rob MacDonald for completing this task when I was not looking!



Wednesday therapy recently saw William and Jerome assisting Terence and Harj with some fiddling on the Lotus.

Coolant is all in, carbs buttoned up, electricity filled up. Ready to fire. Ignite. Speak. Burst into flames. What a car!



After 25 years of ownership, our trusty Land Rover Series one is off to Dubai to meet the new owner.

Chris drove it for the last time, delivering it to the docks for shipping. We worked together on this project when he was in his teens.

It's going into a collection as most classics from our youth seem to be doing.

Farewell old friend ...



Some portly French sailor loaded up Ann Hail's Morris Minor quarter ton delivery van to help get it recommissioned for the road and for eventual sale.

The Wednesday therapy boys will help with their experience on the Morris, Austin family of automobiles with this blessed task...



2026 Fraser Valley Classic Car Show News

Our raffle car has been repaired and painted by the good people at Fix Auto in Abbotsford.

It amounted to a donation of almost \$3000 by them.

Many thanks to Derek and his team.

Bill MacClure, who found our project car, poses with Derek. Get your raffle money ready!





On February 26, we attended the University of Fraser Valley Trades Open House on the Chilliwack Campus. This was done to advertise the Hospital Foundation Raffle for the Saab, as well as to promote the Fraser Valley Classic Car Show.

Go to <https://fvccs.rafflenexus.com/> to buy your raffle tickets now!

Drives and Events

Introducing a new page called Drives and Events. We are encouraging club members to send in photos or comments about drives and events they have attended.

We can't wait to hear from you!

April 15 will be the first mid-week car run leaving from McDonald Park and travelling to Yale. It will be followed by a lunch stop at thw "Somewhere Else" cafe at Dogwood Valley truck stop. Weather permitting.



Fact, Foibles, Fables, Fancies, and Fanfare

Chrome-Work Completed

Submitted by Harv McCullough

After several years of extensive restoration work on our 1956 Jaguar XK 140 SE the time finally arrived to have the chrome-work redone. The big question became who would take on the work; perform top-quality finished work; and complete the work at a fair price and in a fair amount of time. There appears to be very few companies in BC that are still in the re-chroming [plating] business. But I remembered from a number years ago, a fellow-club member mentioned a company he used to have a front bumper re-chromed and he was very pleased with them. So, as normal and the advantage of belonging to a car club, I contacted this fellow club member and got the name of Dependable Plating from him. This company is located in Burnaby and have been in business since 1972. I contacted this company and spoke with Baldev, the owner. After a discussion with Baldev, I was able to email photos of all the chrome work that required re-plating and he in turn supplied me with a quote to complete the work.

I found the quote quite fair, as the bumpers and over-riders on a Jaguar XK 140 are huge ... larger than what's on my GMC pickup 😊. There were several small dents in the overriders and bumpers that I was unable to finish out. This of course is quite typical for any seventy-year-old bumpers. When the chrome-work was dropped off at his shop Baldev told be it would be about two weeks to have the work completed. True to his word, I got a call to let me know the completed work was ready for me.

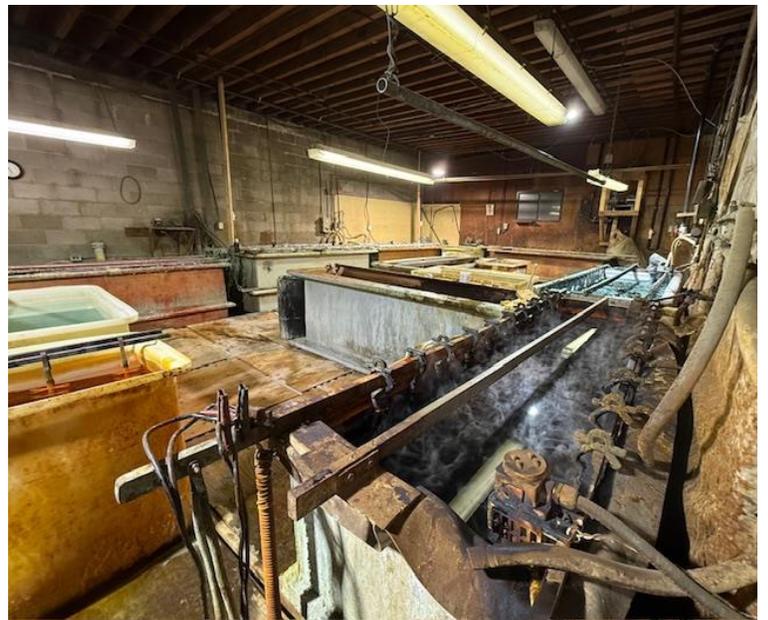
When we picked up the completed work, we were given a bit of a tour along with an explanation on the process they follow to complete a job. First the items are sand blasted; chemically stripped; all dents are repaired and then the surface is grinded as required and then polished down to a smooth finish. On the next step the items are nickel plated by electro-plating. Once washed, the items are then electro-plated with copper, washed and then the copper is polished to a high gloss. Once again, a wash and then electro-plated again with nickel. As a final step, the items are washed yet again and then electro-plated with chromium. The final product has a spectacular finish that just might be better quality than what it was seventy years ago. Just looking at their finished work you can see the superior craftsmanship and pride they put into their work. Baldev, his son Vic and all their employees have certainly gained our respect.

For those that may be interested in their services, the contact information is ...

Dependable Plating Ltd.

3960 Charles St, Burnaby BC

Tel ... 604-291-2611



This article was published in *The Province* newspaper recently. It features their 3 classic Fords. This will be of interest to the FVBMC members. Thank you to Daniel and David Fonseca.

<https://driving.ca/car-culture/vintage-collectible/ford-cortina-euro-fast-race-car-b-c-british-columbia>

Upcoming Car Events

Fraser Valley Class Car Show will be on June 7, 2026. Registration is up now! Visit www.fvccs.ca for more information.

April 15 will be the first mid-week car run leaving from McDonald Park and travelling to Yale. It will be followed by a lunch stop at "Somewhere Else" cafe at Dogwood Valley truck stop. Weather permitting.

April 19th is the OECC Fun Run. Contact Bence Mackintyrn for detail.
bhmc@telus.net.

April 26th is St. George's Day presented by the LAMB Club at Fort Langely.

May 2nd – OECC Sechelt All British meet.
6642 Norwest Bay Rd., Sechelt, B.C.

May 16th – All British Car Show
(you all know what to do)



May 31st - Saanich Swap Meet
7321 Lockside Dr., Saanichton, B.C.



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.

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.

For sale 1974 MGB project.

All rust cut out and replaced with steel

Ready to prime and paint

Complete running car with newer top, alternator, and many spares

Asking \$4000. \$6500 painted.

Call Murray to view...

778 201 5554



1959 Humber Super Snipe Series 2 project.

Lost storage, complete car except for master cylinder (Jaguar /Girling)and carb

Zenith 42A down draught)

Solid chassis, sad interior.

Rare car over here

3 litre straight 6 crossbow hemi. About 150 BHP

For more information and to view this classic. Call David 694 701 7687

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Mystery Car of the Month



Name the company and the model of this fine motorcar.

Hint: Built by turnip farmers.

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

No one guessed last issue's mystery car.

It was a Bristol Beaufighter. This car was produced by British manufacturer Bristol Cars from 1975 to 1986. It was named after a Second World War heavy fighter aircraft produced by Bristol Aeroplane Company.