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Rempel meats kindly offered a prime spot on Saturdays to help sell tickets for the Saab, the car being raffled at the FVCCS. Of course, the staff all ran out to look at it instead of working!

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President's Report

Every British classic car carries two engines: one under the bonnet, and one in the heart of the person who keeps it alive. The Fraser Valley Classic Car Show allows us to celebrate both. We can admire the craftsmanship and joy our vehicles provide, while at the same time providing support to the Fraser Valley Hospital Foundation. This is proof that a community runs on generosity as surely as a car motor runs on fuel.

However, what makes the show special isn't just the cars. It's the conversations, the shared stories, the young enthusiasts discovering their first favourite classic, and the sense that we're all contributing to something bigger than ourselves.

Thanks to every member who volunteers to complete tasks on the day of the show. Having many club members pitching in at our annual car shows helps to make our yearly shows a huge success. Thanks, too, to club members who display a vehicle at the car show. This club continues to thrive because of the active participation of club members. Thank you for keeping the spirit of motoring and community alive!

Editors Corner

Let us hope that the Fraser Valley will dry out from Atmospheric Rivers long enough to pretend that our British Cars never leak, always start and rarely leave us stranded with the bonnet up.

Among other items, this issue features the upcoming Fraser Valley Classic Car Show on June 7. This is a gathering where proud owners can spend the day polishing chrome and swapping stories while surreptitiously judging each other's vehicle. You may also hear someone proclaiming: "I don't understand, it was running perfectly yesterday." - and know that in all likelihood it wasn't.

As you get ready to take your car out onto the road, just remember:
If it rattles, it's "character".
If it leaks, it's "self-lubricating".

And if it refuses to start, well.... that is why we carry a cell phone and credit card.

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



Bill, Jerry and Harj were chosen to recommission Ann Hail's Morris Minor delivery van during Wednesday therapy day.

A complete fluid change, re and re of the brake hydraulics and a new ignition system are all on the big "to do" list.

We also discovered a puncture in the radiator about 2 inches below the header tank. Off to the rad shop!

Fuel system clean up next week.



This month has proven to be busy with wee maintenance items to be done on various members cars.

Bruce Yule needed the front brakes sorted on his Chevy pickup up, Karen Kleiss needed to have a broken leaf spring replaced and a pre spring service.

Our raffle car needed new front coil-overs as one coil had snapped in half.

Rome Sayeeb is coming in for a pre spring service on his MGB and we'll be swapping in an overdrive transmission in John Gottschalk's MGB...



Another sunny (but cold) Friday coffee gathering at the farm brought out some great British classics...



The project MG TC is getting closer to completion. The Brooklands windscreen is installed and the dash wiring started.

New member and old friend, John Gottschalk, brought his 1972 MGB over for an overdrive transmission swap.



On our second "shake down" drive in the Lotus, we suffered a minor, but debilitating failure.

As per usual, BCAA was called to collect us up and transport the little car back home.

This was at 4:30 on a Sunday afternoon.

On a quiet country road. Where we waited.

Speaking of debilitating failures, the transport did not arrive until after midnight, in spite of periodic calls for updates.

Good thing I carry the original Lotus lawn chair in the tool kit.

Needless to say, the evaluation of service for BCAA regarding their performance was less than stellar.



A Saab in the mall.

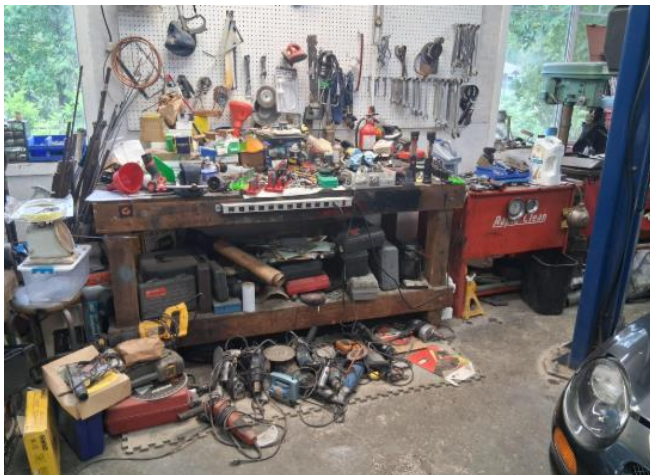
Our Club has been promoting the Saab raffle car all around the land.

Evening " cars and coffee" events which the Saab attends, take place every week night now in Abbotsford, Mission and Chilliwack.

FVCCS post cards are handed to everyone and the elderly are helped to understand what a "QR" code is....so they can buy tickets on the car.



Here we see the early days of Austin maintenance performed by a very young and enthusiastic Gordon Reddy. This set has feet on the path to eventual TVR restoration.



A slight shuffling of tools and equipment is taking place in the shop at the farm. About time too!

2026 Fraser Valley Classic Car Show

Organized by the Fraser Valley British Motor Club, the Classic Car Show will be taking place on June 7, 2026 on the Chilliwack campus of the University of the Fraser Valley. Located in the field at the corner of Caen Avenue and Dieppe Street, the collection of vehicles offers a rolling timeline of automotive history.

The show is an event held to exhibit and compare vehicles, including British, American, and importer cars as well as Modified automobiles. There is also a class for “Young Enthusiasts” to exhibit their cars. Exhibitors will be guided on to the field by Traffic Marshalls and enter the field from Petawawa Road on the south side of the acreage.

However, the Show has a broader and more important purpose in mind than to simply show off cars. The event’s primary purpose is to raise funds for the Fraser Valley Hospital Care Foundation. While admission is free, the public is encouraged to make donations. In addition, the FVBMC is raffling a restored 2004 Saab 9-3 Aero convertible and tickets are available for purchase at the show.

Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation’s primary purpose is to raise funds and awareness to further the improvement of health care in the facilities and programs operated, funded or endorsed by the Fraser Health Authority within the Fraser Valley Regional Hospital District. Their goal is to provide the best medical equipment, programs and facilities, to better serve the communities of Abbotsford, Mission, Chilliwack, Hope, Agassiz and Harrison Hot Springs.

Show vehicle placement and registration runs from 7:30 to 10:00 am. The viewing public can enter the site at 10:00 am. Food trucks are on site and numerous prize draws will take place during the day.

If you have not already done so, please register your car by going to www.fvccs.ca. Additional information can be obtained at fvccsnotices@gmail.com.

For a chance to win the Saab go to www.fvhcf.ca/events.

There are many volunteers that have committed to making the show a success. However, like restoring classic cars, many hands make light work. If you would like to add your name as a volunteer, you can email the car show committee at fvccsnotices@gmail.com



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!

First car run after a couple weather related cancellations took place on April 23 to Cheam Wetlands. The group experimented with the "Ride with GP App" and will work on clarification of the app for the next run which is scheduled for June 24th. We also have scheduled a Show and Shine at the Valleyhaven Rest Home for June 19th.



The annual Boot Sale was held on Friday, May 22. Items were bought and sold and coffee and donuts were consumed!





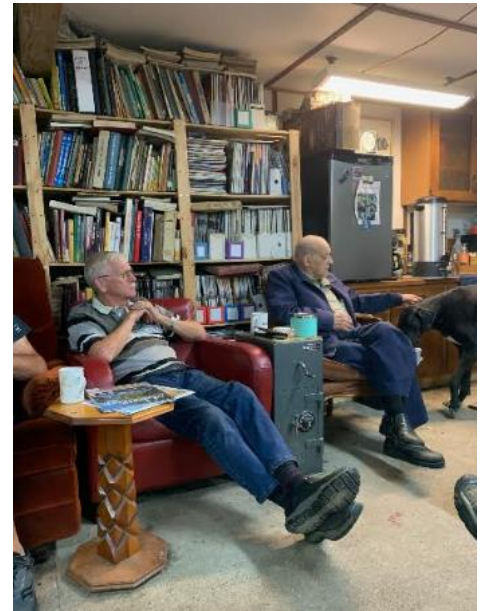
On April 26th, the LAMB Club held a great British car meet at Fort Langley again.

With 50 cars on the field and dozens more on the street, the public and participants enjoyed a beautiful day.

Our very own Terry Organ won the Mayor's Choice Award for his restored Land Rover 109.

Congratulations Terry!

Pictures from Friday Morning Coffee



Facts, Foibles, Fables, Fancies, and Fanfare



Many Happy Returns Doug!

Lucas electrics were not faulty – they were just “surprising.”

The original Mini’s door pockets were sized for gin bottles.

The first Land Rover had the steering wheel in the middle.

The Morris Minor was one of the first mass-produced monocoques.

Early Land Rovers used leftover aircraft aluminum.

British cars don’t break down - they create opportunities for road side socializing.

Rolls-Royce once matched a car’s paint to a customer’s lipstick.

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.

Fraser Valley Classic Car Show on June 7th

The show features domestic and import collector cars, food trucks, and raffles, with all funds raised supporting the Chilliwack General Hospital through the Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation.

June 19th Show and Shine at the Valleyhaven Rest Home

June 24th Car Run #2

Dates	Club	Event	Details
June 5-7	CMGCC	Brits Best 2026	Pincher Creek, Alberta, Calgary MG club; TBA
June 6	OECC	British Invasion Car Show	Douglas Park Langley reg: wordpress@oecc.ca
June 15-19	ATDI (PTOA)	All Triumph Drive In	Madras, OR, Triumphs Only
June 21		Father's Day in the Park	Heritage Park in Mission
June 28	Fortin	Village Classic Car Show	Downtown Chilliwack
July 5		Parksville Car and Bike Show	Registration at parkvillecarshow@gmail.com \$25
July 12	OECC Van Island	Brits on the Beach	Ladysmith, no entry fee, donation to food bank
July 12	Abbotsford Flying Club	Wings and Wheels	Held Abbotsford Flying Club at Abbotsford Airport; Contact Doug for more information

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.

1959 TR3 For Sale

Description: Original Owner / Complete restoration 1989-1991 by owner / Overdrive / Soft top / White hard top / Tonneau / Fair weather driving only / Mileage says 93086 / Collector Plates

ASKING \$39,900

Contact: Charlotte Hiebert at charlhiebert@gmail.com 604-309-3849



For Sale Standard Vanguard 2 litre engine
Late forties, early fifties example.

Complete!

Contact: Roy at 778 552 5408

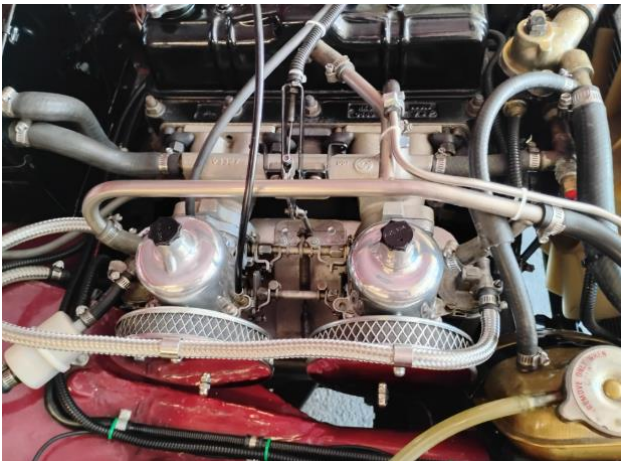
1978 Mg Midget For Sale

Family owned since 1986 (2nd owner). Heated garage stored, occasionally driven. Many first and second place car shows. Body is straight, all gaps even, perfect paint, no rust, custom made stainless steel. Sills (sills will never rust out). Custom made Cherry wood door caps.

Newtron electronic ignition system. 2-inch stainless steel exhaust system. Twin SU carbs. sports camshaft. Aluminum radiator, back up electric fan. King pins and all front-end bushing recently replaced. Stainless steel brake lines. Tires, lots of tread but dated.

Odometer reads 92724 KLMS 5599 KLMS on rebuilt motor.

Email jlittle@telus.net Car is located in North Vancouver, British Columbia. Canada.



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Mystery Car of the Month



Name the company and the model of this fine motorcar.

Hint: James May thought this was the worst British car ever made.

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

Harj Kamo correctly guessed last month's mystery car.

It was a Lotus Elite. It was the first real production car in the 50's by Lotus Cars Limited and it used a Coventry Climax engine that was designed to run water pumps.