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It was an honour to welcome King Charles to our annual Fun Run and BBQ. Storm, the Holbrow's horse, was pleased to get the attention of the monarch. Hopefully, Queen Camilla will be able to grace us with her presence and join us next year.

Car Club Directors

President: Susan Antak

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Director at Large / Car Runs: John Warlimont

Director at Large / Website: Ivan Antak

Car Show Committee: Steve Gill, Paul Anderson, Bruce Webster

President's Report

The fall weather has provided many opportunities for FVBMC car enthusiasts to enjoy a few fall car outings. Hopefully, weather permitting, of course, we will still be able to enjoy a few more car runs in our British motor vehicles in the weeks to come. There is something relaxing and enjoyable about driving a back road watching the fall leaves scattering along behind you as you journey along.

Thank you to club members who have completed the FVBMC survey. The results of this survey will help the club executive to make plans for outings and events in the future. The survey has been sent to all club members via email, but thus far, most members are completing the survey during weekly visits to the barn on Friday mornings. Copies of the survey will continue to be available at the barn for another few weeks.

Our fourth general meeting of 2026 is coming up on Tuesday, November 17th at 5:30 p.m.

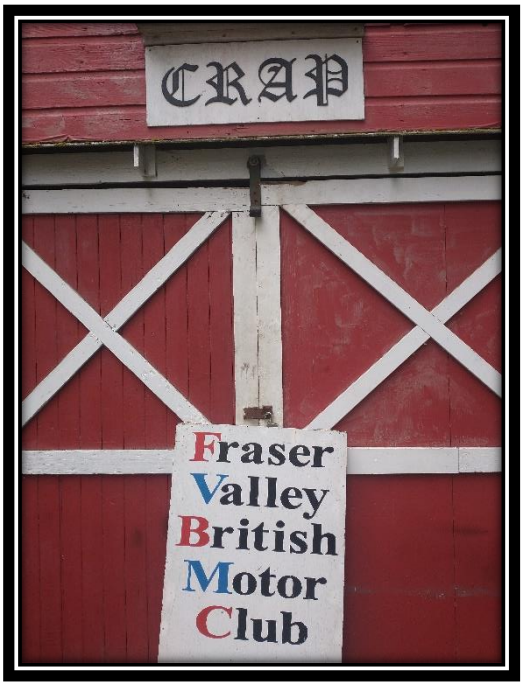
Reservations have been made at the Coast Hotel in Chilliwack. The Fraser Room in Montana's BBQ and Bar has been reserved for this meeting. Closer to the date, we will be sending out a reminder of this meeting asking for club members to let us know if they will be in attendance. This will allow us to let the restaurant staff know how many tables we will need to be set up for this event.

Finally, thank you to club members who volunteer and attend the various club events throughout the year. Your assistance and dedication to the Fraser Valley British Motor Club is appreciated.

Editors Corner

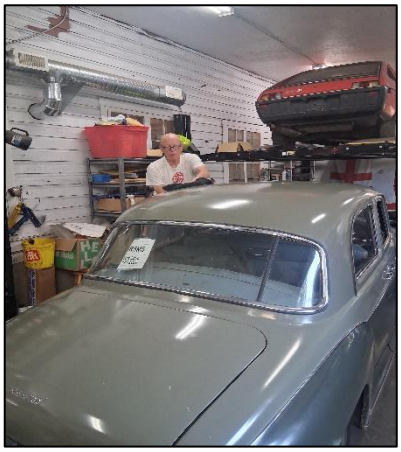
Club Car Runs are enjoyed by members. They give us the opportunity to exercise our vehicles, find new and interesting routes as well as socializing with fellow drivers. Of course we rely on someone to coordinate these Runs. In the pages of the Hooter you will read of the misadventures of the Run to Yale at the beginning of October. We owe John Warlimont our appreciation for acting as our Run Coordinator this year. Thank you.

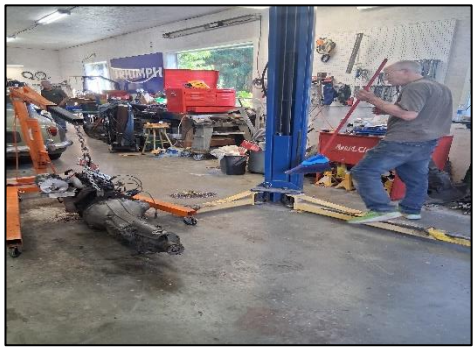
CRAP Report from the Barn



A busy month at the farm is always a good thing. The Frere's Collet replaced a nasty release bearing on their MGB GT, Tom helped out polishing a turd and the Rolls-Royce suffered a fuel pump failure.

Gord Reddy has completed the TVR Vixen and it's going home.







Our very own Doug Linley has added to his stable of cars with this charming MGB GT.



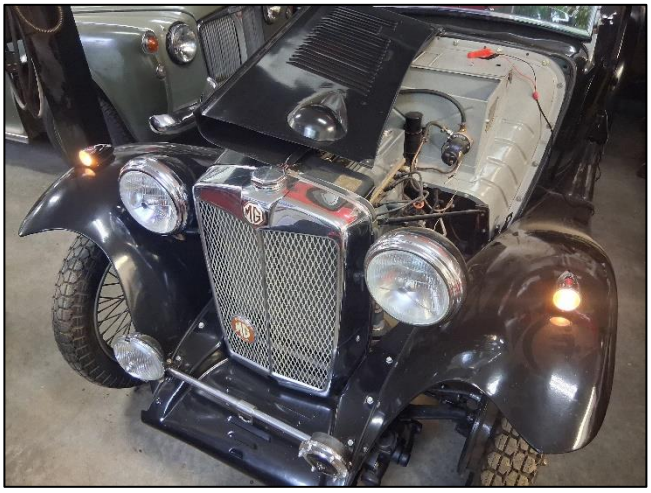
It's a southern car with many extras to suit today's modern locksmith.

As the summer plods on, Chris and I have started the "rolling restoration" of the Rover P4. Lots of parts have arrived from the UK, locally sourced suppliers have helped with paint products, sand blasting and SU carb rebuilding.

Tom and I completed the dashboard wiring and installation on the '47 MG. Now we just have to hook up the battery and test for fire.

Ah, what a day that will be...

Then, in with the fluids and hopefully the starting up thing will happen...





Our annual Club picnic at Cultus Lake was a nice success once again.

Our family offering for display this year was the Rover P4 and the MG-F.

The Rolls-Royce suffered an electrical glitch and failed to proceed. Most unusual.

The Lotus has developed a stumble, so it stayed home too.

Chris followed me out to the park, keeping up with MG as best he could. The open bonnet on an old car is like an irresistible drug to Club members.

Kathryn graciously delivered the transport vehicle and show gear from the show to home, freeing up Larry Payeurrrr from a return trip to Abbotsford.

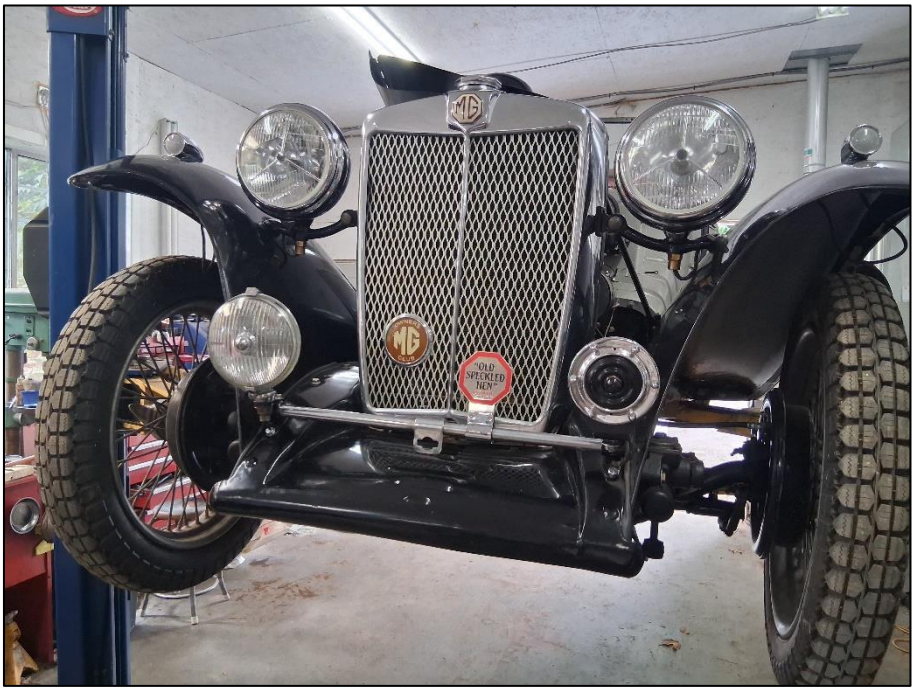




Ah, the fall is upon us! A young man's thoughts turn to wire wheel tuning and repair. Tom Pugh sets about replacing errant spokes and tunes them by ear. What a gift!

Soon these 70-year-old tyres will be replaced with shiny new ones.





A few years ago I purchased a Cardiac Cobra kit as a project that failed to proceed.

It was sold at a substantial loss, but went to a good home.

I receive a kind notice from the new owner that the car is finished after 6 years.

It is pictured here enroute to a VI prior to licensing...



Terry King moves the Rover 75 onto flat ground to fetch the tires off and inspect the brakes and suspension. New parts for cooling system, ignition bits and filters have arrived from the UK to help fix the Rover parts car.

Of course it's simply too good to part out!







Mike McChesney continues to progress on his Austin Princess R. Lee Cunningham has the RR engine at his shop for reassembly.

Kathryn is restoring some interior pieces too.

A nice smattering of various Marques on a Friday in October.







Our MG TC project inches closer to completion. Now with new tires and refurbished rims.

Only a few electrical issues to sort out. Like one non functioning headlight (I know it's missing!) and a lack of turn indicators.



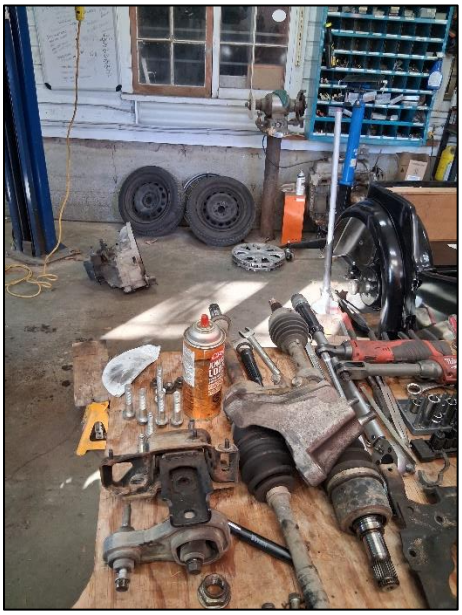


A slight departure from puttering on English cars this last week. A clutch release bearing failure on Kim's Mazda led to a transmission removal for the second time in three years.

No more economy rubbish parts for me!

Took about 5 hours, but it's done. Hurray!





Two grand old ladies out in the fall weather for a photo op.

One kind of shiny, one kind of soiled...

Progress on both has been good. Weather stripping on the green 100 and new Lucas period correct headlights are fitted. Radiator and brakes getting sorted on the black 75.



2026 FVBMC Annual Fun Run and BBQ

The FVBMC Annual Fun Run and BBQ was held on Saturday August 15th.

As usual, the Run started out from MacDonald Park at 10:00 am for a leisurely saunter through the south part of the Abbotsford Area, concluding for a BBQ at the Holbrow's Barn.

Meeting around the swimming pool, members (including many who could not join the Run) gathered to partake in Hamburgers and Hotdogs. A huge thank you goes out to all the attendees who provided an abundant supply of salads and desserts to go along with the meal. At the end of the BBQ the winner of the Fun Run was announced. Congratulations to John Gottschalk in his MGB.



















Duke casting a rather keen eye over the pudding table!

FVBMC Annual Cultus Lake Picnic

A Club picnic has been an annual event for the FVBMC for numerous years. So much so that we have lost track of how many years, first at Hougen Park and now at Cultus Lake.

The Club was established originally in 1993 and one suspects that the picnic was initiated sometime soon after that. Assuming that the first picnic was perhaps held in 1994, this would make this year's picnic the 32nd Annual picnic. If there are any older members that can verify this, please let us know.


























FVBMC Fall Run to Yale

A very successful turnout for our fall run. I believe eighteen cars and thirty-one participants. Weather was excellent and traffic was light. The restaurant, Old Settlers Pub handled our changing reservation extremely well from sixteen originally to twenty-two and then again on the day of the run to thirty. The run wasn't without breakdowns as two of the MGB GT's had failures and had to take the Ride of Shame. Harv McCullough's GT had a problem midway but he was able to get a ride home and grab a different car and meet us at the pub. Communicating with him sounds like he will have it sorted out fairly easily. My BGT was the second one down and will not be a minor repair but I have a winter project now. It was an effort to get a flat deck to bring the car back to Abbotsford and also take us. Phoned for the tow at 3:30 PM and closed the garage door at 9:45 PM. The only company that answered Hagerty's request had their truck out picking up a burnt vehicle on a Forest service road and gave an estimated 1-1/2 to 2 hours wait time which eventually became 3-1/2 hours. Adding to the time taken was the difficulty getting the car onto the flatbed. I wasn't trying to beat Doug Holbrow's record for how long it took to get his Lotus home but am probably pretty close.

John Warlimont
Run Coordinator



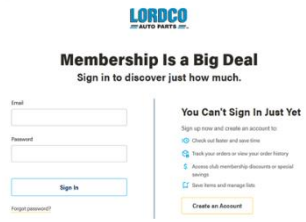


Lordco Loyalty Program for FVBMC

Please share the instructions below with your members.
If a member already has an account, the link will take them directly to the verification page, where they just need to add the code.
The unique code for the Fraser Valley British is 3QH286E6.

To set up your account:

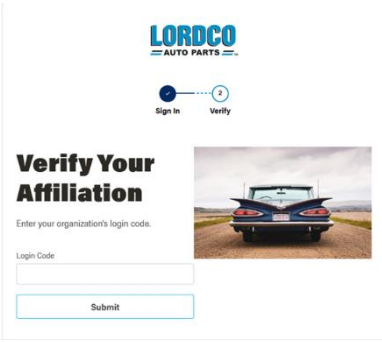
1. Go to: https://lordco.com/car-club/
2. Click Create Account (if you already have an online account, click Sign In)



3. Enter your personal information



4. Since you created an account using the car-club link you will be asked to enter a login code. For the Fraser Valley British use the code: **3QH286E6**

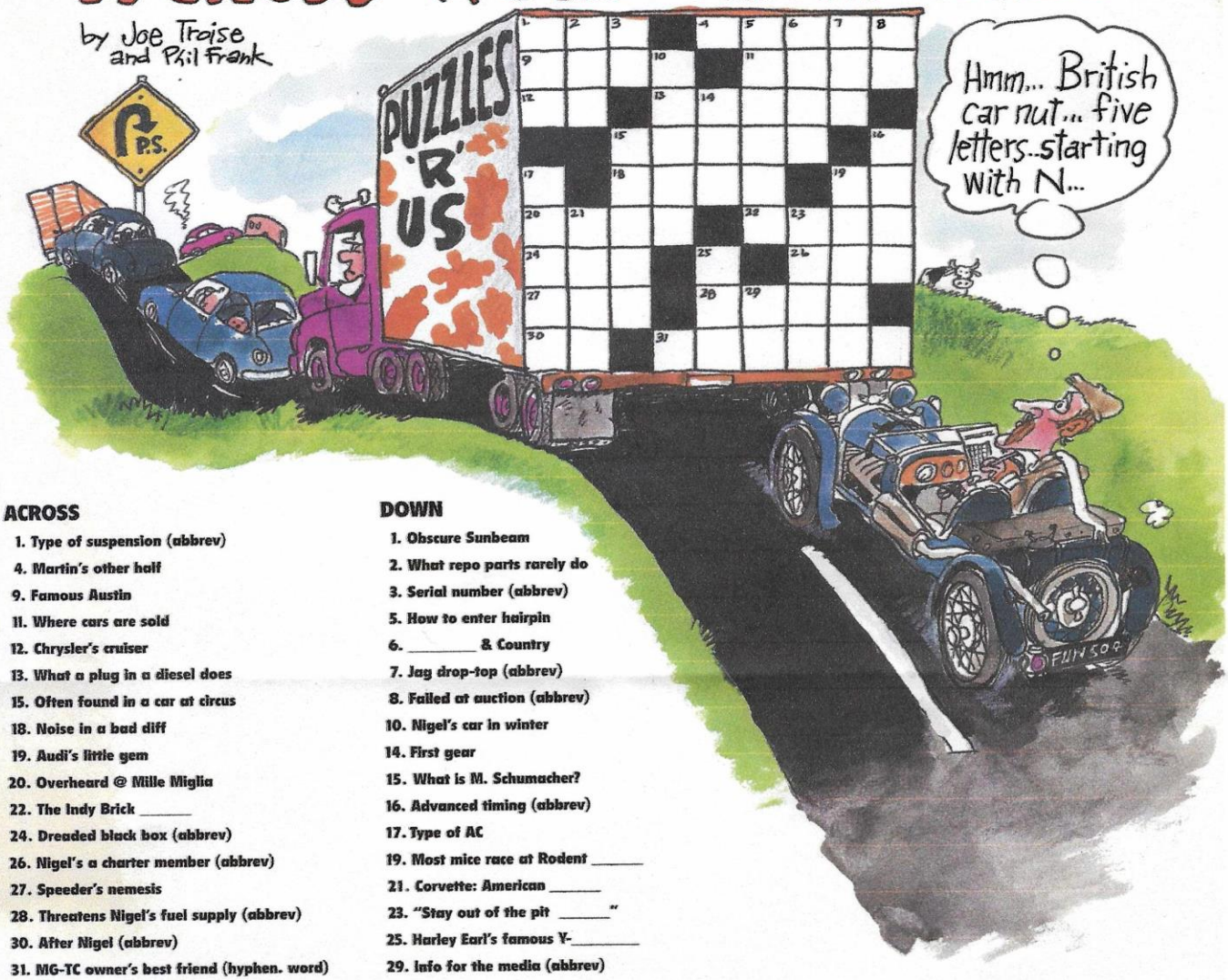


5. At this point you're good to go. If you are logged in, you will be allowed to place order

Facts, Foibles, Fables,

A CROSS-WORD FROM NIGEL

by Joe Troise and Phil Frank



ACROSS

1. Type of suspension (abbrev)
4. Martin's other half
9. Famous Austin
11. Where cars are sold
12. Chrysler's cruiser
13. What a plug in a diesel does
15. Often found in a car at circus
18. Noise in a bad diff
19. Audi's little gem
20. Overheard @ Mille Miglia
22. The Indy Brick _____
24. Dreaded black box (abbrev)
26. Nigel's a charter member (abbrev)
27. Speeder's nemesis
28. Threatens Nigel's fuel supply (abbrev)
30. After Nigel (abbrev)
31. MG-TC owner's best friend (hyphen. word)

DOWN

1. Obscure Sunbeam
2. What repo parts rarely do
3. Serial number (abbrev)
5. How to enter hairpin
6. _____ & Country
7. Jag drop-top (abbrev)
8. Failed at auction (abbrev)
10. Nigel's car in winter
14. First gear
15. What is M. Schumacher?
16. Advanced timing (abbrev)
17. Type of AC
19. Most mice race at Rodent _____
21. Corvette: American _____
23. "Stay out of the pit _____"
25. Harley Earl's famous Y-_____
29. Info for the media (abbrev)

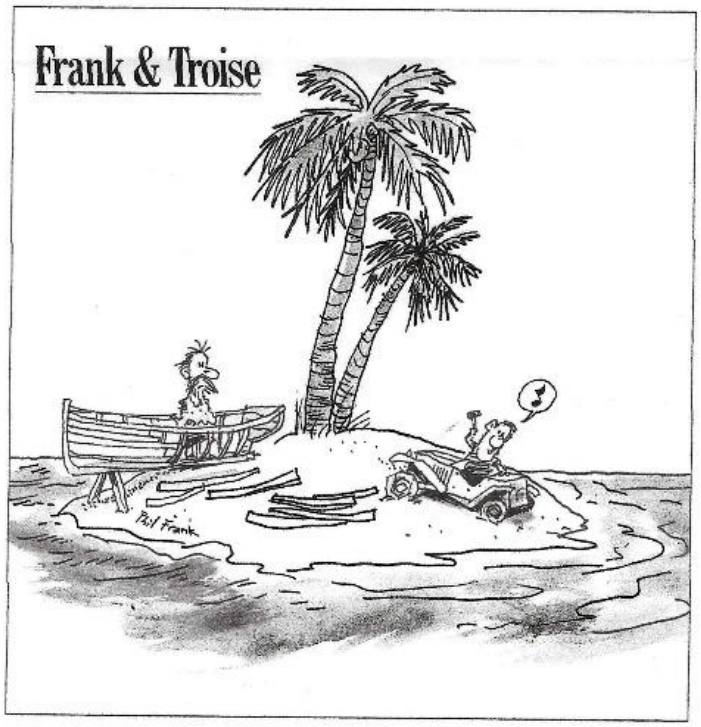
ACROSS 1. Ifs; 4. Aston; 9. Mini; 11. lots; 12. PT; 13. gives; 15. clown; 18. howl; 19. TT; 20. ciao; 22. yard; 24. ecm; 26. RAC; 27. cop; 28. OPEC; 30. AN; 31. e-brake
DOWN 1. Imp; 2. fit; 3. sn; 5. slowly; 6. Town; 7. ots; 8. ns; 10. igloo; 14. 1st; 15. clearup; 16. dido; 17. Accra; 19. Track; 21. Icon; 23. area; 25. Job; 29. pr

Nigel Shiftright: AUTOMOTIVE ANACHRONISM IN "A Negative Altitude"

by Frank Tyrist







Thank to Tom Pugh for the comics and crossword!

Upcoming Car Events

Upcoming FVBMC Event:

There is regular Club meeting on November 17th, 2026 at Montana's in Chilliwack Coast Hotel.

Annual CRAP Christmas Friday Coffee will be on December 18th. Please join us for seasonal merriment!

Announcement - CXKJR/CCMGC 2027 Heritage Classic

The Canadian XK Jaguar Register and Canadian Classic MG Club will be holding its 2027 Heritage Classic Weekend on August 20-22, in Langley, British Columbia. This is a classic car show for Jaguars, MG's, Land Rovers, and Other British vehicles, including British motorcycles. The show will take place on Saturday, August 21, with public viewing from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. The event will include a Jaguar Clubs of North America Concours. Further details about this event and how to register will be forthcoming in the Spring.

Thank you.

John Evans
Vice President Canadian Classic MG Club

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.

Vancouver ABFM Announcement —

October 1, 2026 To all Collector and Classic Car Enthusiasts, especially ABFM supporters and friends It has been 41 years since the first Vancouver All British Field Meet (ABFM) was staged in the parking lot of a local automotive dealership, circa 1985. Since then, it has been hosted at the world-class VanDusen Botanical Garden, one of North America's most spectacular venues for celebrating the history, culture, design, and beauty embodied in these magnificent machines. Over the years, thousands of automotive fans have made the Saturday of the Victoria Day weekend a must-attend tradition, contributing significantly to public awareness of VanDusen and supporting the Garden's financial impact—including benefiting the City of Vancouver and Parks Board operations. It has been a privilege to stage this long-term event within such a beautiful garden setting, and the Vancouver ABFM at VanDusen stands as a remarkable success story built on partnership, passion, and community.

End of an Era —

Moving On The 2026 ABFM was the final show to be staged at VanDusen Botanical Garden. The automotive world and environmental stewardship no longer align with the Vancouver Parks Board's vision for the future of its Botanical Garden. The Vancouver ABFM accepts this "vision" expressed in their guiding statement as follows: "VanDusen focuses on events that inspire a deeper understanding of plants and a passion for biodiversity, and to encourage generations to conserve, protect, and enhance the natural world, and those that have lower risks of negative impacts to the Garden." So that statement, attributed to VanDusen Botanical Garden, managed by the Vancouver Parks Board, marks the end of the Vancouver ABFM–VanDusen era—and the beginning of a new chapter for the Vancouver ABFM.

With Change Comes Good News

We are pleased to announce that the 2027 ABFM will be held on the grassy, tree-lined fields of Southlands Riding Club (SRC)—home to North America's only designated equestrian community and a venue that has offered world-class facilities since 1943. This venue change offers an exciting opportunity to refresh and expand the long-standing Vancouver ABFM Classic Car event while supporting this new nonprofit host partner at Southlands and its equestrian rescue charity.

Key Enhancements Planned for 2027

• Continued tradition of the Victoria Day Saturday kick-off • Increased space for featured events • Expanded audience and displays of British and invited collector cars, including Military vehicles • Simplified vehicle load-in logistics • Return of the Friday Night VIP Reception with access to a licensed Clubhouse and private Patio Garden • More vendor and concession space • Enhanced musical entertainment • Free public parking plus reserved VIP and trailer parking • A shared "horsepower" connection with a willing, long-term equestrian charity partner who understands the significance of the collector car hobby Additional concessions, entertainment, and increased attendance capacity will enrich the visitor experience while generating much-needed funding for SRC's Horse Rescue Charity. Horsepower helping horsepower. This is our vision for the next chapter of The Greatest Show on British Wheels.

Join us for the Inaugural Southlands Vancouver ABFM In the true spirit of the classic car movement, we invite your continued support as we carry the Vancouver ABFM legacy forward. Join us on Saturday, May 22, 2027, at the beautiful Southlands Equestrian Center in the heart of Vancouver's leafy Westside for this gala inaugural event. Because the Vancouver ABFM is a collector car show run by enthusiasts for enthusiasts, we encourage your comments, ideas, and feedback. Further details and the registration form will be posted at www.westerndriver.com on November 1, 2026.

Joan & Patrick Stewart Host Organizers

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.

1986 Jaguar XJ6

117,000 miles.
3 owners.
Has BC Collector plates.

- Originally bought from British Motor Car Distributors of San Francisco for $35,573 US.
- In 2009 restoration work was completed by XK's Unlimited, California $64,798 US. Detailed.
- In 2021 it was purchased by the second owner who imported it to Canada and brought it home to Vancouver.
- In addition to servicing, the new owner spent over $2,600 Cdn on cosmetic enhancements (pepper pot wheels, radio and other items).
- In 2023 the current owner bought the car. Additional mechanical work was performed.
- In addition to a full service, 3 fuel injectors replaced, 3 injectors cleaned, both front brake calipers were replaced, four rear axle universal joints replaced, wheel alignment performed, the oil pressure sensor replaced, leaking transmission pan seal repaired, new ignition coil, replaced the pressure valve (for venting the fuel tanks), flushed the coolant, replaced a radiator hose and replace the windshield wipers. Cost $5,100. Invoices provided.

Others that may need attention.

- Tires are worn.
- The is a slow oil leak from some point around the oil filter.
- Air conditioning not working fully. A system pressure was test performed and no leaks found. The previous owner said the compressor was replaced.
- Due for an oil change.

More pictures are available.

Contact: Mike McChesney

bmcchesney87@gamil.com

(604) 316 1175





FOR SALE

Graeme Bruce is selling his 2 year old four post lift.
It is for lower ceilings, with 7' clearance
Like new!

It is a Peak 3500kg model . 110 volt plug in.
Asking $3500 or best offer.
Also he has four 4 wheel dollies on offer for free.

604-970-9640

Wanted / looking for.

Secure garage space for a 1990 Lotus Esprit for the upcoming winter months.
Car is coming up for sale this spring...

Please contact Bernie at 604-768-7460

We have a "car projects" collection on estate offer.

1955 Riley Pathfinder
Volvo P1800S
Volvo 122
Mercedes 450 SL
Ural motorcycle with sidecar.

Further information can be obtained from Fred Key at stoopidfast@hotmail.com

Recently found on the back property owned by Allan Seiban of Fiat and Lancia fame, in Grand Forks.

A grand project if you're interested in Alpines





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Mystery Car of the Month



Name the company and the model of this fine motorcar.

Hint: This bizarre, upright shape earned this microcar the nickname "The Telephone Booth."

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

Laurin Jones, Bence McIntyre, and Brian Dawkins correctly guessed last month's mystery car.

It was a 1924 Scott Sociable. The car was an A symmetric, three-wheeled British microcar engineered by Alfred Angas Scott. It was built to bridge the gap between a motorcycle and a proper car; it was widely considered one of the most eccentric and delightfully odd vehicles in automotive history.