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Noggin and Natter

Noggin & Natter Meeting is at the Old Strathcona Royal Pizza, 10433-80 Avenue (780-432-7720) on Thursday, April 11th. Meet at 6 PM, order, start the business meeting and then pause when dinner arrives. Finish meeting after dinner and usually out by 8:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.



FROM THE DESK OF THE MEGALO-MINIAC

Well folks, we have started the year with a bang. We had a fruitful and productive planning session. In a demonstration of how well volunteerism works, we put our heads together and several members volunteered to take on different aspects of our St. Patrick's Day Barbecue at Emily Murphy Park. When the day came, Phil's barbecue device got snowed in. Frank French offered his barbecue and Geoffrey Allan delivered it in his truck, along with his small snowblower! Norm Goplin brought burgers and hot dogs and Frank did the cooking. Other folks brought

more goodies. Chris Bamford took folks out for a ride in his Ford Model T Speedster.

After days of snow, the weather cleared for an almost sunny day. Way to go, everybody! A terrific success to start our year.

Megalo Miniac
(Dennis Coulthard)



The Word from the Old Spit





by Rolly Burton

We just got back from Kauai, where roads were perfect for sports cars or motorcycles, and where I only saw one MGTF (in a garage) and a couple of old VW's. Do they count as vintage sports cars? There were a bunch of new rental Mustang convertibles and a couple of Camaro convertibles and some, but not many, Miatas and BMW 3,4 or 8's to use those nice roads. We took a helicopter tour around the island, and found very few roads that we hadn't found in our rental Nissan Ultima. Not like on Maui about 10 years ago when Vipers were the hot new rental thing and you could go all around the island at 15 mph behind a motor home.

Spring is getting closer and closer--Even the calendar is agreeing with that profound statement. It is now March 17 (St Patrick's day), so, in 4 days the flowers will be blooming, grass will be green and riz, trees will be in bud, etc., but today we did the St. Pats Barby with 15 hardy souls--spelt "frozen dummies" attending. There were even a couple of sports cars there: Dennis' red Mini and Chris' 1917 Model T speedster runabout in which he offered rides. Some of us others (wimps) refused to use our open cars as it is still -12 C and that's still COLD for us Hawaiians.

Mar 23: So much for an early warm spring. After the St. Patrick's Day run to Emily Murphy Park, I finally got the Spit out and took it to the March meeting, It was almost melting weather, so I figured that with a quick car wash, it would be a no-brainer; we had a presentation of Chris and Jerry's "London to Brighton" run in a 1904 Vulcan to watch, then I decided on an insulin reaction to liven up the proceedings and had to get Frank to drive the Spit with Geoff following with me as passenger, in his hot new VW. So thanks guys. Next day we got about 14" of fluffy snow, which would have inundated the open car (or I could have put the top up)and we got to spend all day shovelling and re-shovelling the driveway and sidewalks. It's not that would take all day, but I work slow and am lazy. Instead of going out to the cold garage and puttering with a few small Spit jobs, I made a list of all the sports cars I've managed to beg or steal a drive in. Now if I can just get a bunch of guys drunk enough when they bring their cars out---maybe---. A bunch of years ago while waiting for others to appear for an ice cream run, some of us discussed swapping cars for a couple of blocks of test driving. I remember this because when we tried it, I immediately remembered the slack in the clutch, the dirty carpet, the rattly door catch, etc. in my own car. I still think that it would be a lot of fun and entertaining. Some details would have to be worked out, like should we just swap and hope that the swapee can quickly learn the shift pattern and foibles of another car, or should we work out a system whereby the owner can ride as passenger/driving coach in his car? We should discuss.

And in the meantime, let's get our little cars ready to go on ice cream or other type of run.

Rolly, The Old Spit

ECSCC Events Update:

April:

"Edmonton Motor Show" April 18 to 21. We will be attending as a group after our Route 99 Lunch on Friday, April 19. Hours are from 10 AM to 10 PM Thursday, Friday & Saturday and 10 AM to 6 PM on Sunday. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors.

May:

"Red Deer Swap Meet" Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4 in Red Deer.

"Season Opener – United Cycle" Saturday, May 4. Geoff.

"English Breakfast at Footloose Caboose" Sunday, May 5. Phil.

"Vancouver ABFM in Van Dusen Gardens" Saturday, May 18.

"Knox Mountain Hill Climb" May 18 & 19 in Kelowna.

"High Tea At Rutherford House" Sunday, May 19. Dennis.

"Okotoks Car Collector Auction" May 24 & 25.

"High Level Bridge Ride" Wednesday evening, May 29. Chris Bamford & Keith Wilson.

<u>June:</u>

"Pitt Meadows Jaguar Meet" June 1 and 2. Hosted by the Pacific Jaguar Enthusiasts Group.

"Alberta All British Motor Meet" Saturday, June 8 in Victoria Park. Don.

"BritsBest Classics" Saturday, June 7, 8 & 9 in Radium.

"History Road" June 8 and June 9 at the Reynolds Alberta Museum. ECSCC attends on Sunday, June 9. Gary Leverett.

"Summer Solstice Barbecue" Saturday, June 22. At Russ Anderson's Cooking Lake Acreage. Gypsy theme this year. More information will be forthcoming.

"Sylvan Lake Barbecue" Saturday, June 29. Stay tuned for more info on Evan Verchomin's Sylvan Lake Barbecue at his lakefront home on 169 Birchcliff Road on the east side of Sylvan Lake.

<u>July:</u>

"Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village" Monday, July 1.

"MG 2013" July 17 to July 21 in Corvallis, Oregon.

"Lloydminister Car Show & Brits By The Bus" Saturday, July 20 & Sunday, July 21. Sandi.

"Calgary's VSCC European Classic Car Show" Saturday, July 20 in Stanley Park.

August:

"St. Albert's Rock'n August" August 6 to August 10 in St. Albert. Art & Howard.

"Tofield Lion's Heritage Classic Show & Shine and Phil's Barbecue" Monday, August 5.

"Rally In The Valley" Saturday, August 10.

"Drumheller Run" Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18. Geoff.

"Cooking Lake Moraine Auto Rally & Brian's Barbecue" Sunday, August 25.

September:

"Econo Run" September 1 or September 8. Stay tuned. Gerry.

"Fall Colours Run" Sunday, September 29. Bob.

October:

"Triumphest" October 2 to 6 in San Rafael, California (just north of San Francisco).

"Smoky Lake Pumpkin Festival" Saturday, October 5.

"The Final Fling" Sunday, October 27. Michael C.

November:

"The Pie Run" Sunday, November 3. Alec.

"Guy Fawkes Bonfire Night" Jonathan. Stay tuned.

December:

"ECSCC Christmas Party" Saturday, November 30 at Snow Valley. Norm.

It's A Small World (Car Wise)

Bob Woodcock

The photo at the right looks a bit strange at first glance. A group of eager sun loving car nuts on a garage tour in Maracopa, Az. The subject of the tour, a collection of classics from the era of American cruising. All the cars however are hand-man replicas and the trick is



they are all dwarfs!
Ernie
Adams is a line
mechanic that looks after a fleet of cement trucks in

the Phoenix area. He does that for income but his joy in life is designing and building these pint sized classics, scaling down almost everything and building many parts from scratch. Some are powered by



motorcycle engines and the original concept was to race in a formula that Ernie helped launch, Dwarf Car Racing. The cars are built to an 80 inch wheel base and stand approx. 44 inches high, 70% of full size

I thought that my Lotus Super Seven was small but these classics are in a league of there own. The Little British Car has a new kid in town.







St. Patrick's Day Barbecue at Emily Murphy Park

Although a snowy event this year it was mostly sunny and turnout was great. A couple of sports cars even showed up. Chris Bamford brought his Ford Model T Speedster and offered rides and Dennis and Linda arrived in one of their many Minis.

It was a joint effort with Geoff doing the hauling, Frank doing the cooking and Norm providing hot dogs and hamburgers. Our thanks to Frank, Norm and Geoff for organizing our St. Patrick's Day Barbecue this year and thanks to everyone who participated and brought extras.

A good time was had by all!





Frank's Filler

It feels almost over, I got most of Art's shop cleaner than it was, and a little more organized. Though how many little tiny clamps does one really need? Guess we'll have to wait for Art to return to find out.

I was over there today as David Connolley wanted to do some work on his special,keep things parallel, long arm camera boom. He worked away on that and I removed a few broken hangers and hung some others. Got a few more things off the floor, bit of an obsession I think and otherwise kept myself busy till it was time to go home and cook. We'll be back at it again sometime next week.

I was tempted to throw the charger on the B's Battery today and see if I could take it to lunch tomorrow. That was until we got the latest weather report. Spring is delayed for a few more days. That's probably good as the roads are very wet and the B's washer system leaves a little bit to be desired. That being said I did put one of the MGA's spare washer nozzles on the Honda this past winter when the plastic Honda part broke during a cold snap. Works quite well though it is a single spray vs the Honda's two streams of water. but better then only one side getting washed.

We did have a good St. Patrick's Day BBQ, .little nippy to start but we had a good time. The burgers and buns were good and the dogs went down well too.

Looking forward to some more events coming up. Mike Connolley has tempted me with a run in an MGF this summer and I'm seriously considering it. The last right hand drive sports car I drove was an old Spitfire and it was a bit too rattley to be fun. I did spend four summers driving double decker buses around Ottawa touring the Capital. Didn't miss the job when I left but still fondly remember OLD 751 as one of my favourite

Buses. It was a sweetie.. probably why I have a weakness for Commercial vehicles.

Which leads us into another season of J4 work. Phil called today and asked if we dropped of a Rad last year to the repair place he uses. Yes said I and he said oh I'd better go pick it up before he throws it out. Phew! It took a lot of hard work to get that Rad over here, glad the guy called Phil on it. Guess he's one of the few to bring in UK rads for repair. We're going to need that this summer.

Yes J4 courses are in the works. This time it's a little body, and then more mechanical. I somehow convinced Art we could do the engine install at his shop. Haven't figured out how to get Sandi to do lunch but we'll work on that... Looking forward to getting back to work on the J4 it's been awhile since we've had a good few days of work on the beast. Over the time we've had it I think we've had about seven or eight people come and go and hopefully learn something and enjoy the time. There's also a core group and I know we do have a good time even when we're doing some hard work.

I got Sandi to say yes to Saskatoon and Lloydminster as I hope to be down in Corvallis Washington at the MG B Annual meeting which as I understand it they've opened up to more than MGB's though it's still the B gathering. There's a new route to Saskatoon so it should be better than last year and I'm going to be sad to miss it, it is a good weekend with two shows and some good food as well.

John Crawley and I will be trying to install the engine into the MGA sometime next week. Probably be able to report on that next time around. Hope you're all itching to get out and about in the LBC's. It won't be long now. Yes Rolly we know you're out and about all the time Chow... Frank



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Dr. Sebastian George's Car Show

Art Rutledge

This is an annual car show held in Palm Springs in memory of Dr. Sebastian George a prominent Oncologist killed in a traffic accident in 2002. The show has raised \$438,000 and close to \$2,500,000 in cancer treatment. This show always has some VERY top notch hot rods and customs and this year was no exception.

Some cars of note:

1927 Ford Track T:

This is a modern hot rod that the builder chose to implement as a PURE ELECTRIC car. I had a chance to talk to him and he indicated that he has had the car up to 85 mph, with 30 miles or so of range - at a much lower speed.



1927 Ford Track T, all electric Hot Rod



A Pretty Mini by Innocenti.

There was only one Mini there, and a very pretty one at that. The observant readers will see that it is not an Austin Mini! It is an Innocenti - A Mini made in Italy under license.



Dr. George's 2013 Palm Springs Car Show

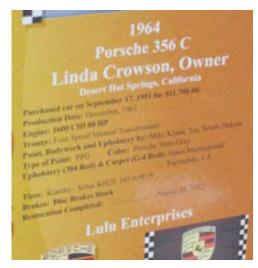


Ford Track T 100 HP DC Motor



1964 Porsche 356 C:

This Porsche was purchased in 1991 for \$11,700 and



completely restored. This was an exceptionally nice car and I can only imagine what the restoration cost was.



1964 grey Porsche 356 C purchased in 1991 and the restoration was completed August 24, 2012.

Genuine 356 Carrera 2 with Race History:

This car was there last year and I looked up its value afterwards. I was stunned. Have a go---and see what kind of numbers you get for this very rare low production DOHC gem.



Genuine 356 Carrera 2 DOHC Engine



Genuine 356 Carrera 2 with Race History & Red Stripes



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Red Porsche Replica

There were a couple of Jaguars of note:

The first one, practically at the entrance to the show, was a black Jaguar E Type that was quite striking. I saw it later with the bonnet up and was a little disappointed. It was a little scruffy and not nearly as pretty as a six cylinder Jag can be.

Shown also on the right is the other Jag which was a grey FHC XK 120 -----with a V8 engine in it.

Nice though!

Below are two photos of a nicely turned out freshly restored MGTD. The sign card accompanying the car said it was restored to exactly original with the exception of the two tone paint. Well, I confess to being somewhat of an original snob when it comes to T series MG's. And this one was NEARLY restored to exactly original. The devil is in the details.

The 1932 Ford Coupes were thick on the ground and there was even a selection of vintage fire engines on display (see bottom). Chris Bamford would have enjoyed some of those!

How can you go wrong on a nice sunny day with 700 cars, 80 degree Fahrenheit weather and car-show junk food!!!

Art





Black Jaguar XKE



Grey FHC XK 120 with a V8 Engine





Night At The Museum

For those who missed the "London to Brighton Run" presentation at the Royal Alberta Museum on March 20, Chris and Jerry have offered to repeat their presentation.



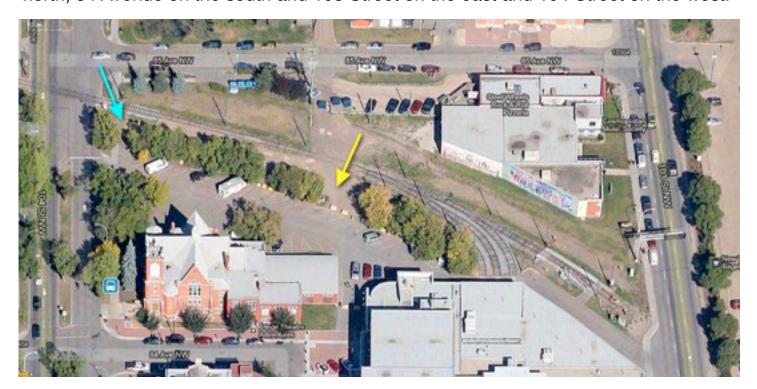
In November 2009, Chris Bamford and Jerry de Jong did the "London to Brighton Run" in a 1904 Two Seater, Twin Cylinder, 10 HP Vulcan. Approximately 500 cars participated in this run and the requirement was that the motor vehicle be 1904 or earlier vintage. Chris and Jerry have offered to repeat their March 20th presentation for us so stay tuned.

High Level Bridge Ride

Join us on the evening of May 29 for a ride on the High Level Bridge. Chris Bamford and Keith Wilson are members of the Edmonton Radial Railway Society and have arranged a round-trip ride for us. Cost per person will be \$5.00. Free for children under 6. \$15 family rate for any grouping of children/parents/grandparents. All funds go to E.R.R.S. http://www.edmonton-radial-railway.ab.ca/highlevelbridge/



We will muster at the Royal Alberta Museum on Wednesday, May 29 for a 6:30 PM departure and park in the gravel area between the trees and the tracks towards the east by the YELLOW arrow on the Map below. Entry is easiest at the west end from the church lot (paid parking by BLUE arrow) and there will be plenty of free parking by the YELLOW arrow. Note that the photo is enclosed by 85 Avenue on the north, 84 Avenue on the south and 103 Street on the east and 104 Street on the west.



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Phoenix Jaguar Show Photos





Let's Get Cracking!

With spring fast approaching, it's time to start thinking about how we can take advantage of our sports car driving season. Since our time is often consumed by so many things, our everlasting sunsets can easily slip away before we realize what we've missed. As a result, our events schedule is designed with you in mind.

As a few of our summer months are busy with numerous events, it can sometimes seem impossible to participate in everything especially when some events happen simultaneously. Because of the many choices, perhaps a little advance planning might help. Why not choose a few appealing events or runs, see which ones fit in your personal calendar, pick a favorite and meet us at the muster point? It's that easy. For those with a hectic schedule, weekly Wednesday evening Ice Cream Runs provide an opportunity for exercising your sports car without infringing on your weekend. It's all about planning and we try to set the stage for a fun driving season.

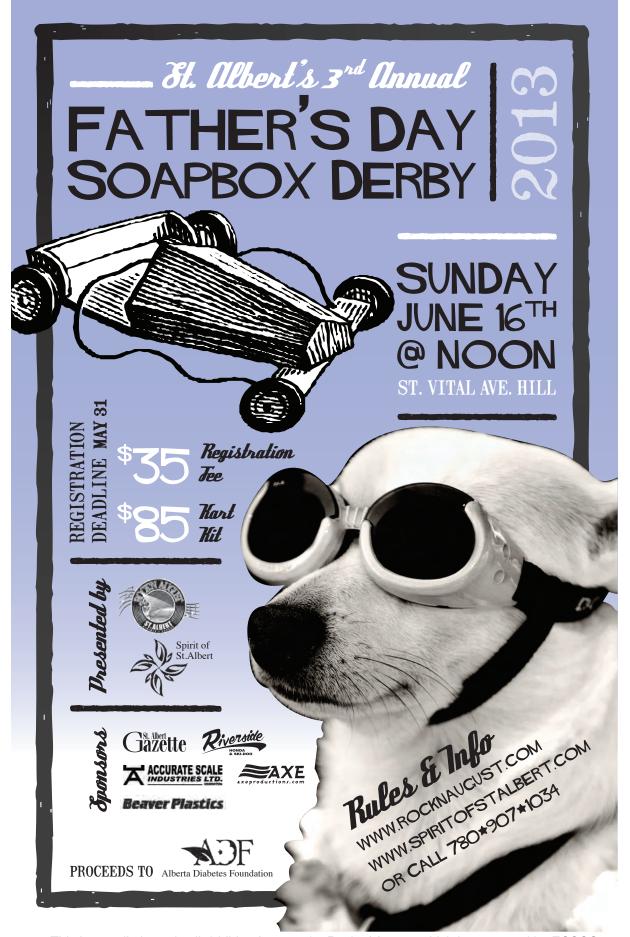
Many of our events are local and some take place in nearby communities. A few are in remote locations and provide getaways for those of us who simply love driving our sports cars and getting away from it all for a few days. Some runs involve cruising through breathtaking scenery while others include socializing with different car clubs and motor meets in neighboring cities, states and provinces. Our events' schedule provides a great guideline with a variety of choices for getting out with your sports car. Furthermore, we welcome ideas for new runs. Have a favorite ice cream parlor? Aware of a quaint restaurant, car collection or show & shine fundraiser in a nearby community? Let us know. Our Events Coordinator, Geoff, or any of us on the Executive would love to hear from you.

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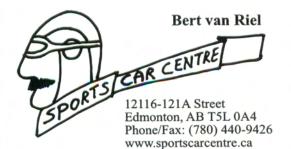
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