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# CAR COVERS

This month's car cover may cause distress (disgust?) for some.

# 1 it is not a car.

# 2 it is not European.

and # 3 its coloring may not be to everyone's taste.

Many will wonder - What the heck is that doing as an *Oily Rag* car cover? The answer is simply that it is a great photograph.

Don and Vivian's 1978 Toyota Land Cruiser definitely caught the spirit of the VSCCC's first Alberta tour. It caught the attention of everyone and was a welcome sight on the drive to Waterton National Park.

After this year's flooding, it was great to see a High River classic make it out of town for some relaxation and light hearted camaraderie with fellow vehicle enthusiasts.

The strong cross winds and the Land Cruiser's height did give Vivian some additional heart racing moments on the trip. With typical male bravado, Don was able to brush these aside. Then again, he did have that circular grab handle positioned immediately in front of him - a feature that poor Vivian commented was sorely lacking on her side of the cabin.

For those interested in trivia, the Toyota Land Cruiser was conceived in 1941 at the request of the Imperial Japanese Army. However it was not until 1951 that the Land Cruiser we know and love (the BJ) first entered production. Looks varied slightly through to the end of BJ the production run in 1984. The BJ variants were replaced with the J70 series.

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**Send submissions to:** John Bulmer, Box 511, Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 7G5 or email to [jsbulmer@shaw.ca](mailto:jsbulmer@shaw.ca)

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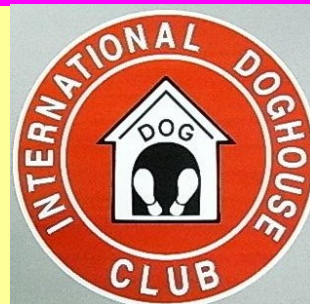
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# THE DOG HOUSE



Space limitations in the past issue prevented *the Oily Rag* from featuring the hardworking members of the Rocky Mountain Section of the Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Group. It is always a joy to have their 2 wheeled modes of conveyance alongside our 3 and 4 wheelers.



## Our Thanks to...

## The Austrian-Canadian Cultural Centre

For hosting our Executive and General meetings.

The motto of the VSCCC is **"Dedicated to the preservation of vintage motoring"** and the main purpose is bringing like-minded enthusiasts together for the mutual enjoyment of our automobiles.

Membership is open to all those owning, or having an interest in, traditional (vintage) sports cars. Our current membership owns mostly British roadsters and coupes dating from 1935 to 1980; however, all vehicles are welcome. Dues are \$40.00 per year.

General Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Austrian Canadian Cultural Centre (3112 11 Street NE, Calgary)

The VSCCC is a member of the Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta.

Personal information is gathered from club members solely for the purposes of distributing club related information to the membership. Our membership list will not be sold or exchanged with other clubs or commercial interests.

The membership list (including members name, phone number, email and cars owned) may occasionally be distributed to club members. Distribution is intended so that members with similar vehicles can contact each other for help and advice. If you do not wish your name to appear on this list please contact the membership secretary. Please refrain from distributing the membership list to non-VSCCC members, use it for mass email or for other purposes that have not been sanctioned by the VSCCC executive.



## THE PREZ SEZ

I'll be lurking about, as your president, for one more year. The elections are over and the executive has former President, Bill Roberts, filling the position of Membership Secretary and distribution of *the Oily Rag* newsletter. Chris Durtnall will take on Vice President as well as Public Relations and Interclub Coordinator. Thanks to all who stayed on and those who have stepped up to help guide our club.



for next year. One scenario is Calgary to Rocky Mountain House via 22, then west on 11 to overnight in Banff Park. Next day - south on 93 and the Bow Valley Parkway through Lake Louise and Banff then back to Calgary on the 1A. We'll see how it plays out. This is a must attend event for members to get out in there well sorted vintage cars and experience the

rich heritage and beauty of Alberta.

The TR3A has seen a lot of miles this summer and I could not be more pleased with its performance. The modifications that I have chosen have paid off. The only blowup was the reproduction bellows thermostat. I hope that its replacement lasts longer.

Of all the cars in the world, I have decided to shop for a Volkswagen Camper. I have always been fascinated by these vehicles - an odd cross between a tin tent and highway obstruction. My first vehicle was a tired '58 bus that I acquired in 1967. Maybe this obsession will go away by spring! **[ED: Growing the hair long too?]**

December 11<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas Banquet at the Austrian Canadian Cultural Centre. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Cost has been held at \$15.00 per person (club subsidized). Please RSVP with [Sylvia](#) by Monday Dec 9. Remember that if you book to attend and can't make it, you will be expected to pay. Attendees can pay at door by cash or cheque.

VSCC club shirts are available. They are golf style, red with an embroidered logo. The subsidized price is a mere \$25.00. They will be available - to members only - at the next few events.

Remember - It's more fun to drive a slow car fast than a fast car slow.

Cheers, Steve

Reminder - 2014 Dues are due. Membership fees have remained the same: \$40.00 for the first year \$35.00 renewal prior to December 31, \$25 Out of Town (more than 130 km). For payment by cash or cheque, please print and complete the [Application Form](#) and mail to the address shown. If you prefer to pay by PayPal, please use [this link](#).

The premiere Around Alberta Tour took place on Oct 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>. The route south down 22 (the Cowboy Trail) showed off the Foothills in their wonderful fall colors. The weather was cool, clear and fall like. We stopped at the Millarville Market for coffee and shopping, Chain Lakes for a picnic overlooking the lake and on to Lundbreck Falls to stretch our legs.

The town of Waterton, nestled in Waterton Lakes National Park, was closing down as we were a little past peak season. We met for a late cocktail at the Bayshore Inn, overlooking the lake and mountains, and stayed on for dinner. It was a terrific evening. There was excellent company and great food. After breakfast we gathered at the Prince of Wales Hotel for a photo opportunity. The weather in south west Alberta lived up to its reputation - it was VERY WINDY.

The drive home meandered through Alberta's rich agricultural country to Nanton for a spot of antique shopping. Part two of the tour is in the planning stage

## THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTORS

Your contributions and photographs ensure that you are not subjected to the constant drivel and ramblings of your Editor.

This month, our thanks to Gary Beckstead, Steve Crosby and these fine interweb sites:

AllCarCentral.com, conkers.co.uk, Sports Car Digest, Wikipedia.

**IF YOUR SUBMISSION DID NOT MAKE THIS EDITION, LOOK FOR IT IN THE FUTURE.**

**The deadline for submissions for the next issue of the Oily Rag is December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

## ***TOOL CHEST***

The Club has a good selection of tools available for short term loan to members only. All tools are to be booked through Alex Heikamp (403.239.0785). They should not be transferred from person to person without notifying Alex.

There is a \$50 deposit required on all tools which is refunded if the item is returned in good condition. In addition to the deposit, specialty equipment have weekly rates associated with them. Users will be charged an amount to cover the cost of ongoing expenses for some tools (most notably the welding equipment).

Some tools require training in their correct use before being let out.

People who ignore these rules may be banned from borrowing club tools.

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cylinder hone	ring compressor	Whitworth wrenches and sockets
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engine hoist (call Ken Peake 403.650.6241)	socket set (3/4 drive)	

Ron Tebo is the guardian of the VSCCC's specialty equipment, which includes:

### **EQUIPMENT**

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 (cuts up to 1/8" ferrous or 1/16" non-ferrous)

### **RATES**

Weekly rental rates apply for specialty equipment. These rates cover replacement charges intended to allow the club to repair and, eventually, replace equipment. Rates are as follows:

\$5.00 for first week (or portion of the week)  
 \$10.00 for second week (or portion of the week)  
 \$15.00 for third week (and each subsequent week, or portion of the week)

These rates are in place to encourage timely booking and return of the equipment so that it can be properly inspected, repaired if necessary, and made available to other members. If you have signed equipment out for a lengthy period, you may be asked to return it, if another member requires it.

The above rates are based on minimal consumption of active or inert gases or consumables. If, on return inspection, additional gas, consumables, or parts are required, the member will be asked to pay replacement costs for those items.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

When signing out equipment, identification may be required. You will be asked to sign a form listing the condition of equipment and consumables and the time period required. On return, the equipment will be inspected to determine if repair or replacement items are needed and to determine the quantity of consumables used.

For safety reasons you may be asked about your familiarity with the equipment. Basic instruction and advice is available for those who require it. If you need more advice / information on the specialty equipment, please contact Ron Tebo at 403.253.0088 or email to [mrtebo@shaw.ca](mailto:mrtebo@shaw.ca).



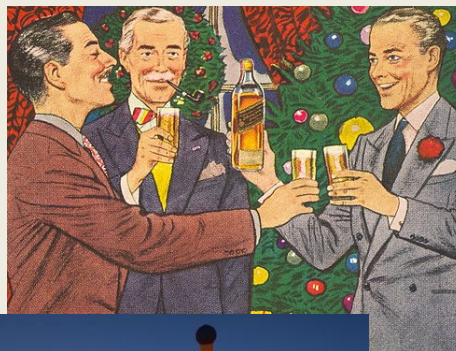
# 2013 / 2014 EVENT CALENDAR

General meetings: 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month (Austrian-Canadian Cultural Centre - 3112 – 11 Street NE)

## VSCCC EVENTS

### December

- 11 Christmas Social - 630 PM  
Austrian Canadian Cultural Centre
- 22 Holiday Get together- 200 PM  
Don and Brenda MacKay residence



### March 2014

- 15 President's Dinner  
Ranchman's Club

### July 2014

- 05 Stampede Breakfast
- 19 European Classic Car Meet



More details on these events are available at the VSCCC website:  
[www.vsgccc.ca](http://www.vsgccc.ca). Contact Sylvia to confirm your attendance.

## OTHER EVENTS

### January 2014 - Arizona Auction Madness

- 12-19 Barrett Jackson ([www.barrett-jackson.com/scottsdale](http://www.barrett-jackson.com/scottsdale))
- 15-19 Russo and Steele  
([www.russoandsteele.com/index.php/scottsdale-auction/scottsdale-schedule](http://www.russoandsteele.com/index.php/scottsdale-auction/scottsdale-schedule))
- 16 Bonhams ([www.bonhams.com/auctions/20582](http://www.bonhams.com/auctions/20582))
- 16-17 RM Auctions ([www.rmauctions.com/auctions](http://www.rmauctions.com/auctions))
- 17-18 Gooding Co. ([www.goodingco.com/auction/scottsdale-2014](http://www.goodingco.com/auction/scottsdale-2014))
- 17-18 Silver Auctions ([www.silverauctions.com](http://www.silverauctions.com))



### February 2014

- 15 Lethbridge Swap Meet and SVAA Meeting (<http://saacac.com/early-bird-swap-meet>)
- 21-23 World of Wheels ([www.autorama.com](http://www.autorama.com))

### March 2014

- 22 QuickTimes Red Deer Swap Meet ([www.quick-times.com](http://www.quick-times.com))

## OTHER EVENTS - LISTINGS

For cruises, shows, swap meets and the like check out these sites:

Northwest Cruise Calendar	<a href="http://www.members.shaw.ca/calgarycc/NWCC2013.pdf">www.members.shaw.ca/calgarycc/NWCC2013.pdf</a>
Auto Events	<a href="http://www.autoevents.ca">www.autoevents.ca</a>
Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta - Events	<a href="http://www.svaalberta.com">www.svaalberta.com</a>

## the *LEFT DITCH*

Many news media (including [www.jalopnik.com](http://www.jalopnik.com) and the *New York Daily News*) covered the story of this incident involving a \$300,000 Ferrari FF.

Apparently the driver of the delivery truck did not notice the FF parked directly behind him.

The six-figure luxury ride was double parked on Columbus Avenue on the Upper West Side earlier this week when a delivery truck driver apparently backed up. The driver, reminiscent of Sergeant Schultz of Hogan's Heroes, told witnesses to the smash-up, "I didn't see nothing."



The owner of the FF had entrusted its care to his driver.

Adding insult to injury, the NYPD also added a ticket for 'double parking' to the owner's already bad day.

[ED: I wonder if those creases will 'buff out'?]



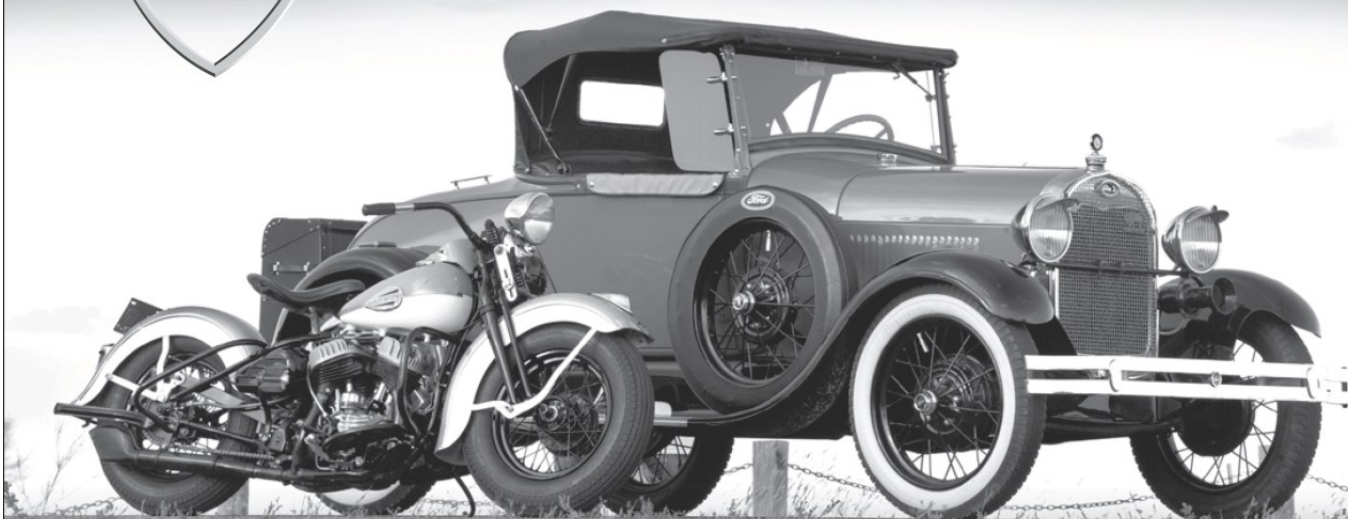
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## ***IN MEMORY OF ....***

Kjell Qvale passed away on 02 November 2013.



The uniqueness of his name, is the reason why most of you will recall hearing of Mr. Qvale. But it is automotive legacy, which is the reason why Mr. Q is celebrated here.

As one of the pioneers for the introduction of European sports cars for the Western United States, we can all thank him for introducing our southern neighbors to the cars that today we love and cherish. It was his passion for foreign vehicles inspired him to import MG, Volkswagen, Porsche, Audi, Maserati and Jaguar along with virtually every other notable British manufacturer. **[ED: How many of the cars that he imported are safely tucked away in Calgary garages?]**

In addition to auto imports, Knell ventured into manufacturing (the Jensen-Healey and the Qvale Mangusta), building race cars and helping to found the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. For those in to racing, think of him as the camera sweeps along the Corkscrew, for it his vision that is credited with the creation of that series of twists and turns at Laguna Seca.

Around 1948 he became the MG distributor for the West Coast and followed that up with Volkswagen in 1953. If one of your precious rides has Riviera Motors or British Motor Car Distributors stamped on it, then you can thank this visionary for having the gumption to bring these autos to western North America.

A foray in to racing during the 1960's, resulted in a series of BMC powered MG race cars. This included the "MG Liquid Suspension Special" that ran in the Indianapolis 500 in 1963-1965.

For our Austin Healey friends, the BMC's announcement that they were ending the production of that illustrious car resulted in Mr. Q buying the Jensen factory and working with Donald Healey they created the Jensen Healey.



***Jensen Healey on display at the VSCC's 2013 Garage Tour and Spring Break Out.***

During his 6 years owning Jensen, the factory produced more than 12,000 Jensen Interceptors and Jensen Healey.

Qvale's excitement for cars was possibly only surpassed by his passion for horses. Being a racehorse breeder with more than 100 wins was one of Kjell's greatest life pleasures. He was president of the Pacific Racing Association; Chairman of the Board of Bay Meadows Racetrack, Chairman of the Board of the California Jockey Club and owned several large horse ranches.

Mr. Qvale's automotive passion was also passed down to his sons. In 2000, son Bruce's Qvale automobile manufacturer created the Mangusta - an Italian sports car with a short 2 year production run.



Never too old - he started piano lessons at the age of 90.



# ***SPECIALTY VEHICLES ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA***

## **Peter MacFarlane sent us the Notes from the SVAA' October 2013 Meeting**

On hand were 32 attendees representing 32 clubs. Within the whole SVAA, there are 64 clubs, with 2569 members.

### **Safety Report**

- new form and guidelines coming to the website.
- 10% of clubs ran checks in 2013, so a blitz is suggested for 2014, details to be arranged.

### **Government Liaison:**

- An assigned VIN is required if the original is lost OR the vehicle is homebuilt / kit OR vehicle is amalgamated (cab and/or frame not from original.)
- For restorers, get registration for the vehicle prior to work, so parts can be covered during restoration.

### **NAACC:**

- NAACC is encouraging participation in National Collector Car Appreciation Day, July 11, 2014. Suggest clubs and communities come up with plan/activities. **[ED: Sylvia has it posted in our Events section.]**

### **Newsletter:**

- 6 issues to date with challenge of having ads pay cost
- future editions to coincide with major shows (e.g., Spring Thaw)
- asking each club to find one ad sponsor (\$200 for 4 editions)

### **Website:**

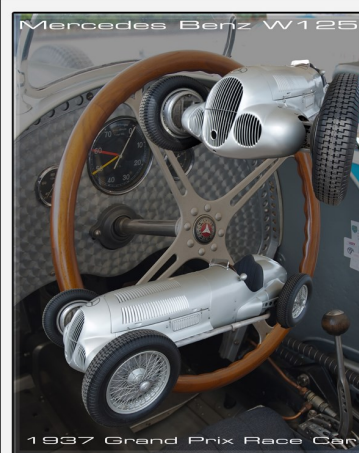
- underutilised - check it out
- sign up for the broadcast feature to get news and information emails
- working to get important items sent to the media.
- aim is to push information to members rather than having them check for news
- automatic mid-month calendar of events is in place and will be expanded. (Clubs should send calendar of event dates to Al Riise for inclusion.)
- quarter-page flyer cards promoting SVAA are planned.

### **Renewals:**

- 2014 club renewals are due in November. (costs remain same as in 2013)

The Cochrane Classic Car Club and the library are trying to put in place a collector car book section, and need money for shelving (\$1400); donations welcome.

Next meeting: Lethbridge swap meet, Feb. 15, 2014.



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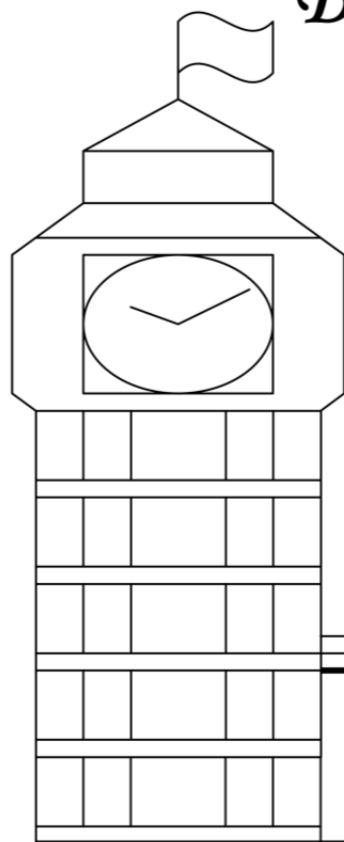
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# FROM THE EDGE OF REALITY, AN EDITORIAL

*Your editor offers up his humblest of apologies for the lateness of the November edition.*

Last month I wrote about my pursuit of a Rolls Royce estate formerly owned by the Who's bassist John Entwistle. I was registered for the sale and all primed to bid at the Bonham's 07 September sale. A few minutes later, the car had been sold and I was in awe.

WOW - the bidding went fast and furious. \$70,000 later it was sold. Not to me - the depth of my pockets ended 15 seconds in to the sale. Although I did not end up with the vehicle, the Bonham's registration process and life auction feed was brilliant - in so many ways it was better than attending an auction in person.

I did however, end up on September 7th, with a rather fuzzy connection to Mr. Entwistle's car. The Rolls had



been converted to an estate in order to accommodate his beloved Irish Wolfhounds. I am now the owner of a fuzzy goofball named Olive - who is part Irish Wolfhound. Not a large part (mainly Greyhound and Retriever), but there is Wolfhound in her DNA history.

Since we last met up, I was fortunate enough to get the GT6 out for a couple of VSCCC events. First up was a cool day at the River City Classics S+S in High River. A whole lot of cars in attendance, and with the combined efforts of the MG Club and the VSCCC there was a good selection of European cars for the more discerning show attendee. More coverage later on.

Two weeks later, a small VSCCC contingent headed out on our **FIRST** Alberta Tour. The 2013 destination was Waterton Lakes National Park. For early October, the weather was great and 7 hardy souls (and their drivers / passengers) made the trip to the deep southwest.

With the snow blowing and the trucks spreading grit on the roads, it appears that the 2013 driving season has come to a close. As I mentioned last edition, it is rather sad - where did the year go??

Our annual club elections came and went on 13 November. Sad to see VP Joe. Membership Craig and Publishers Azim and Helen moving on to brighter and

better pursuits. Our very own Chris Durnall is taking on the VP role while former President Bill Roberts is picking up the roles of membership coordinator and distributor for *the Oily Rag*. We must have had a large pool of candidates for the distributor role as Bill has been forced to submit a paid advertisement in order to undertake this volunteer position. Looking forward to working with ya Bill and if you have any thoughts for this publication, please forward them to me.

As the calendar advances towards December, annual holiday celebrations are being planned and membership renewals are coming due.

At the \$35 early bird renewal rate, it is an extreme deal. Our club is fortunate to offer subsidies on some great events and by participating in our activities you can easily reap the benefits. Not to mention being able to feast your eyes on this fine publication.

December 11 is our annual Christmas Social. Venue is the Austrian Canadian Cultural Centre. Make Sylvia happy by sending her your confirmation prior to December 09.

Not to be outdone by our Social, Don and Brenda MacKay will be hosting an afternoon gathering on December 22. Plan on bringing your beverage of choice as well as an appetizer. Once again, let Sylvia know.

As for my future plans, I am ending the year as I started the year - continuing my pursuit of life long learning. Twice a week for the month of November I will be taking formal instruction in the art of welding. I am looking forward to it, even though my project GT6 is still a long way away from needing new metal - still lots of disassembly, rust removal and parts acquisition as first steps.



During my personal two weeks of downtime at the end of the year, I do hope to make a lot of progress on my project. It would be great to see it stripped down to a shell and ready for the first attempts and making new metal join to old metal. I will be sure to keep you posted on my progress. As quote below alludes to, failure is part of the process and more than not being afraid of failure, there comes a time to embrace it and realize that failure will occur.

*The first step in learning, is making the decision to learn. The second step in learning, is not being afraid of failure.*

*John Bulmer, Editor*

*The Edge of Reality is a collection of shallow thoughts from a deep mind.*



## ROAD TRIPS

On Saturday September 29, a band of merry souls headed to High River for the 11th annual River City Classics Show and Shine. With all that High River experienced in 2013, it was a great event. Nearly 1000 cars on display on what was generally a cool overcast day. Although our happy contingent was limited to five, it was great to hang with the MG Club and to enjoy the sights and sounds of this great show. It is a not to miss event. Some of the sights were captured.

### Cars of the Calgary MG Club and the VSCCC.







1957 MGA

1973 Jensen Interceptor

1967 Ford Anglia



## The 'other' imports and small cars.



1986 Porsche 928

1993 Acura NSX

1960 Nash  
Metropolitan

1960 VW Double Cab

1990 Nissan Skyline R32

1973 Volvo 1800ES



2013 Fiat 500 Abarth

Interesting sights,  
smells and sounds for  
all who attended.





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# ***ROAD TRIPS - part deux***



## **VSCCC's First Alberta Tour!**

### **Taking Waterton by Storm**



On a chilly Saturday, VSCCC members from far and wide gathered to kick off the first ever Alberta Tour. The weather could not put a damper on the event and will summarize the weekend in the elegant words of our President "Great drive - fall colors - scenery - windy and cool - good food - great company."

He did overlook cars, but at his advanced age we will forgive him of this slight oversight.



In its element. Oh wait, that's a Honda!







The majestic Prince of Wales Hotel.

Although closed during our visit, it was a stunning backdrop befitting of its magnificent surroundings.



Checking the innards of the 'other yellow non-British wagon' that joined us for the event.

El Presidente and missus El Presidente enjoying some quiet seclusion.

At his age, who would have known that he still enjoyed 'parking'.





An underutilized roadway, beautiful fall colors, towering mountains. A perfect setting for real driving photography.

Sadly, your Editor is a rubbish photographer and you are stuck with these pictures.

That LandieC once again looks at home. Note to the uneducated: Never EVER call it a Jeep!



The crew was blessed with decent weather (for fall in the mountains) and few roadside calamities. Although somehow we misplaced Ken on 22X south of Millarville and in Waterton.

Sorry Mate! For 2014, we will educate Steve in OHANA.



Road side incidents were limited to John's GT6 developing a leak from the rear end. No cause found and he was able to get back to the Hat without issue. Thanks to Gary for making sure he was OK.

If you were in attendance, you know who you are. For those that were not, here we present our merry band of adventurers.

Rosemary and Steve Crosby (TR3)

Vivian Pollock and Don Barr (LC)

Ken Peake (Morgan)

Doreen and Ernie Taube (Dodge)

Marilyn and Harold (VW)

Donna and Tony (Nissan)

Andy and Chris Durnall (930)

Gary Beckstead (1800ES)

John Bulmer (GT6)

Howard Phillips (TR3)



Pre trip safety check and cleaning.

Gary - you missed a spot!!



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# ROAD TRIPS - too many to count

## A Daily Driver - PLUS!!



Here at *the Oily Rag* we like to celebrate incredible milestones - especially when they are auto related and more importantly European auto related. This edition, we are honored to salute two incredible multi generational accomplishments

In the classic car world, a one owner car from 1966 would bring big attention at auction. Even more attention would be garnered if that car and its owner had together covered over one million miles of highway. But what about three million miles??

That is the story of Irv Gordon and his 1966 Volvo P1800. Mr. Gordon purchased his car on June 30, 1966 and has been using it since.

Whilst cruising through Alaska in September, the three million mile mark was reached. From the Volvo press release commemorating the event:

"It's not about getting to the three million miles; it's about the trips that got me to the three million miles," Gordon said. "I never had a goal to get to one million, to two million. I just enjoyed driving and experiencing life through my Volvo. Gordon added. "I challenge everyone to go out and see as much as possible. Find your own journey and reason to believe because you only have one life to live. No matter how many roads I've been on, there's always one I haven't taken. That's what makes it exciting."



In 1966, Mr. Gordon said that the qualifications he was looking for in a car were simple: reliability and dependability. It looks like he found the right one!!

When asked if the car would be able to reach four million, Irv said, 'The car may be able to take it, but I'm not so sure about me.'

**TRIVIA: The VSCC's very own Terry Beck had the opportunity to meet Mr. Gordon - quite literally a million miles ago.**

With files from: [uk.news.yahoo.com](http://uk.news.yahoo.com), [autoweek.com](http://autoweek.com), [classics.honestjohn.co.uk](http://classics.honestjohn.co.uk), [autoblog.com](http://autoblog.com), [3millionreasons.com](http://3millionreasons.com)

Gary Beckstead's maths:

\$500,000 in fuel. 2500 days (7 years) in the seat.

Say a prayer for Gary, he is an engineer after all.

From three million miles on one car to ten million produced and countless millions of miles covered.

## Production of iconic Volkswagen hippie van to end.

It carried hippies hauled surfers, ferried families in the pursuit of the ever elusive perfect vacation and as a workhorse across the world.

Brazil is the last place in the world still producing the "bus" but VW says production will end December 31, after nearly 63 years since its inception. Brazilian safety regulations mandate that every vehicle must have air bags and anti-lock braking systems - something that VW says cannot be met.

"The van represents freedom," said Damon Ristau, director of the documentary *The Bus*. "It has a magic and charm lacking in other vehicles. It's about the open road, about bringing smiles to peoples' faces when they see an old VW van rolling along."

Brazilian Enio Guarnieri says "There is no other van like it. There is no other van that is so easy and inexpensive to maintain. Anyone with a minimum amount of knowledge about engines and a few tools can fix a Kombi."

Perhaps nothing with a motor has driven itself deeper into pop culture. Known for its durability but also its tendency to break down. Van lovers say its failures only reinforce its charm.

With files from: the Associated Press and CTV News



**ED: Whatever will the Prez' do?**





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## ROAD SIGNS

Say what??

This from Denmark.

If the missus tells you to 'kontrol your fart' it has nothing to do with what you just ate. It does pertain to the difference between the highway sign and what your speedometer is registering.

Why can't Canada have such fun signs?





## ROAD TRIPS - that we dream of

We all have our favourite destinations, whether they be for a leisurely ice cream run or for a sun soaked week or two on a beach. Whilst shivering through this winter, we offer some alternate adventures for the hearty ones. Have any of our members got stories to share of their experiences on these roads?



Consistently ranked in the top 10 of the World's Best Driving Roads the Stelvio Pass is located in eastern Italy. With 60 hairpin turns, how can this not be a fun road - especially for those of us with little sports cars!

Iroha-zaka Road near Nikko Japan. The reviews say to get there early. Judging by this picture - we agree!!



When one thinks of the Persian Gulf, flat endless stretches of desert come to mind - with the only signs of elevation being oil rigs and The Burg. But rising from the sea of sand, lurks the Jebel Hafeet Mountains and the road that crosses them. Located in the United Arab Emirates the JHM Road climbs 4000 feet and boasts 60 corners.



Without Top Gear, how many of us would have heard about Romania's Transfăgărășan Road? Or more precisely, been able to pronounce it? Is it better than Stelvio? Perhaps an organized investigative tour is in order.

**ED: Let us know your favourite road. A foreign masterpiece, or a guarded secret close to home?**



Also featured on Top Gear, was the Millau Viaduct in France. Although not very long, and definitely not curvy, it is exotic in its own sense (especially if one is a geek engineer!) Its short and not twisty - so why is it here? One of the support structures is 1125 feet from its base to its top - taller than that other French engineering marvel called the Eiffel Tower.



# Classified Ads – as of November 2013

Classifieds in *the Oily Rag* will be available as space permits.  
Generally, listings from the past 3 months will be considered for inclusion.  
All classified ads, including email links and photos are available by visiting  
[www.vsgcc.ca](http://www.vsgcc.ca)

NOTES: The VSGCC accepts no responsibility for errors or omissions of posted items.  
The VSGCC accepts no responsibility for the quality, quantity or condition of any item advertised.  
Watch out for scams and for potential purchasers using this list to contact vendors with any conditions.

## VEHICLES FOR SALE

### 1978 FIAT SPIDER (Nov 13)

Looking for a buyer or mechanic.

1978 Fiat Spider has been parked in my garage for about 12 years.

Great condition and ran perfectly when parked except needs breaks and steering and anything else that happens while parked.



Will sell if a buyer is found. Will fix if a mechanic is found.

**CONTACT:** David Sexsmith at 403.803.5290



## A pair of Jaguar MkII's (Sep 13)

I live in Edmonton and have two Jaguar Mark IIs that I would like to sell, hopefully this fall.

I have owned the cars for 30 years, but I find I just don't have the time for them any more. I would like to see them go to a good home, to someone who appreciates them.

Both cars have 3.8 litre engines. One is a 1961 with automatic transmission and wire wheels. I drove it for several years. Although I have not driven it for quite a while, I fired it up the other day and it runs.

The second Mark II is a 1962 with manual transmission. It was purchased as a parts car, but it's virtually complete. I've never had it running, but a few years before I bought it, it had considerable work done on the engine and I believe it could be made to run again.

Both cars have been garaged the entire time I have owned them. I'd like to sell them as a pair.

Photo is of the 1961, and I'd be happy to email more photos and answer questions if anyone is interested.



**PRICE:** I would like to get close to \$12,000 for both.

**CONTACT:** Roy Cook in Edmonton at 780.454.4137

## 1977 MGB (Aug 13)

This car is in great condition and the upgrades have really brought it up a level in driving enjoyment!

- 56,300 km, stored for 10 years.
- About 10 years ago, this "B" had the following done:
  - engine and drive-train rebuilt
    - over-bored +10, HS cards from a '69 and a stage-one "fast road" cam.
  - Datsun 280Z gearbox
  - progressive electronic ignition so the cam runs smoothly instead of lumpy
- The body was repainted a "Datsun Red".
- The Rosette rims are accented with the same colour.
- All manuals and spec sheets included.

The car is ready to be driven!

**PRICE:** \$10,000.00

**CONTACT:** Ken Porter at 403.281.1530



## 1963 AUSTIN HEALEY 3000 MK II (Aug 13)

BJ7 model originally sold in Kansas. Present owner has had the car for 20 years.

- Approximately 10 years ago, Superior in Calgary rebuilt the front end (including distributor), supervised by Terry Milne.
- Exhaust replaced and skid-plate added as well as Smitty's conversion kit to a Toyota Supra 5 speed gearbox.
- Speedometer was rebuilt by a specialist in Toronto.
- The body is in decent condition – a good "20 footer".
- Includes all manuals, spec sheets and original transmission.
- New Continental tires on Minilite rims.
- Appraised 3 years ago at \$30,000.00.

**PRICE: \$25,000.00**

**CONTACT:** Ken Porter at 403.281.1530



## 1972 Jaguar E-Type Series III V12 2+2 Coupe (Aug 13)

Purchased from an estate in Arizona. It was trailered to Calgary in Spring 2010. The car had been sitting for approximately 10 years and was not running. Approximately \$2,500 was spent to import the car. The body and interior had been restored prior to this.

Mileage when purchased was approximately 50,000 miles (believed to be true) and now has 55,000 miles. It has no rust and is very original. Original options included am / fm radio, tinted windows, wire wheels, air conditioning, power steering and brakes.

I have several boxes of new and used parts as well as the Driver's Handbook and the original shop manual. It has the original spare tire and jack and hammer. Car cover and Heritage Certificate included.

Mechanical restoration was done from 2010-2013. I have receipts totalling approximately \$27,000 for mechanical restoration- labor and parts.

It is in good running condition with all major systems have been worked on, including:

- Brakes - completely overhauled with new master cylinder, wheel cylinders and brake lines.
- Clutch - new master cylinder and slave cylinder
- Steering / Wheels - new chrome knock offs , excellent chrome wire wheels, completely rebuilt front end, new Michelin Hydroedge tires.
- Exhaust - excellent condition with new brackets / hangars.
- New ignition switch and door locks.
- Fuel System - new gas tank, sender unit, carb linkages, fuel pump and fuel lines, rebuilt carbs, new air and fuel filters.
- Electrical / wiring - lots of repair done and pretty much all of it now functions normally. New distributor, wires and cap, tune-up, new signal flasher, Lucas PL headlamps, heavy duty battery, generator and regulator.
- Cooling System - new dual core aluminum racing radiator and all new mounting hardware and brackets , new hoses, new belts, new header tank, new twin electric fans, new relays, new thermostats.

**PRICE: \$35,000.00 or best offer**

**CONTACT:** Chris Gorrie , VSCCC member at 403.804.3031





**1967 Austin Healey BJ8 (July13)**

- VIN: HBJ8L 40562
- British Racing Green
- Low mileage (under 68,000 miles).
- Restored in 1987.
- Good condition
- Solid driver
- Appraised in July 2010 at \$49,600

**PRICE: \$45,000.00**

**CONTACT:** Nick Harris at 403.697.4275 (home)  
403.237.4426 (office)  
[email](#)

**1992 Mini Rover (May13)**

- Classic in great shape
- Steering wheel on right side
- New brakes, new battery
- Runs great, awesome gas mileage
- Automatic transmission
- No trades
- 49,000 km



**PRICE: \$8,000.00**

**CONTACT:** Jamie Hodgson at 403.875.7352

**1972 MERCEDES 350SL (Apr 13)**

- one of 500 produced
- V8 engine
- soft and hard tops in excellent condition,
- cream in colour with a red interior,
- original vehicle in near perfect condition,
- 125,000 miles

**PRICE: \$15,000.00**

**CONTACT:** Bill at 403.993.5419 or [email](#)



**1974 MGB (May13)**

Appraised in 2012 for \$12,500.

Only covered a few miles since extensive mechanical work carried out last year

- Brakes – new master cylinder, slave, shoes, pads and discs.
- Clutch – master cylinder, slave and hose.
- Suspension –springs, bushings, shocks, tie rods.
- Four new wheel hubs,
- new gas tank,
- new tyres,
- new engine and trans mounts and u-joints.
- New Battery.
- All work carried out by Sports Car Parts of Calgary.

The paint is in very good condition with a couple of minor dings.

Appraisal, and receipts for \$10,878 are available for inspection.

Buy it and drive it.



**PRICE:**      **Nearest offer to appraised value takes it.**

**CONTACT:** Trevor Beatson at 403.281.7921

**1967 Triumph TR4a (APR 13)**

- 1967 TR4A
- British Racing Green
- Pirelli's
- AM/FM
- New Battery
- World Hub Caps
- 13,444 miles
- All receipts
- A really nice model requiring only tlc



**PRICE:**      **\$10,400.00**

**LOCATION:** Calgary

**CONTACT:** Mike at 403.281.0363 or [email](#)



## PARTS FOR SALE

### MGB PARTS (Nov 13)

Early, non-synchro and non-overdrive MG B transmission, rear axle and suspension bits.

Would love to see this stuff in any garage but mine.

**PRICE:** Please contact.

**CONTACT:** Bill Wertzler at 403.245.1603

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### Silver/grey Steel Wheels (Sep 13)

4 - Silver/grey powder coated steel wheels

15" x 4" for Triumph TR2-TR3A.

The wheels were restored by Alberta Wheel Repair and Restoration Ltd.

Includes 4 hub caps with centers.

Total invested \$480.00

**PRICE:** Selling for \$250.00 obo for the whole set.

**CONTACT:** Steve Crosby at 403-238-1075 or [email](#)



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### MGB PARTS (Sep13)

Listing for a friend. Items are left over from a V8 conversion on a B.

Let me know if these are of any interest. Obviously like to sell these items as a package, but individually is OK also.

- |                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| • Headers                | • Alternator       |
| • Mufflers to tail pipe. | • Starter          |
| • SU Carburetors         | • Armstrong shocks |
| • Heat shield            | • Stromberg carb   |
| • Standard manifold      | • Manifold         |
| • Spoiler                | • Gear box         |
| • Electric fan           | • Crown & pinion   |

**LOCATION:** Calgary

**CONTACT:** Mike Coe by [email](#)



## Mercedes W124 Parts (Aug 13)

Various parts for the Mercedes W124 model range. Will fit other models, but it is up to you to confirm fitment. I do not know what these are worth so selling as a package.

- Driver's side headlight (Euro style)
  - No idea if it works as I sold the car shortly after I bought it.
- Windshield wiper.
  - Check carefully as Mercedes specifies two types wipers for the W124. Center pivot point was in different locations. This one has a length of 24 inches with center pivot at 11 ½ inches.
- Headlight wiper blanking plate in case you swap to the Euro style light.
- Ball Joints (2) - Lemforder 124 333 02 27
- Control Arm Bushing Kit (2 kits) - Lemforder 124 333 05 75
- Transmission oil filter (Mann H2014) and gasket (126 271 10 80).

If not in a hurry, I could deliver to Calgary area on my next trip.

**PRICE:** \$100.00 for EVERYTHING. Postage is extra.

**LOCATION:** Medicine Hat

**CONTACT:** John at 403.878.6255 or [email](#)



## Tonneau Cover for Triumph TR3A (July 13)

- Rebuilt Robbins, Side Curtains for TR3A and TR3B after Comm. #TS28826.
- These curtains are secured to the doors using Dzus fasteners and are therefore referred to us as Dzus-type side curtains.
- Tonneau Cover for Triumph TR3A from TS41743-TR3B
- Purchased new from Moss Motors, fitted but never used.
- No tears, all lift-the-dot tabs are good, brass zipper excellent.
- Tonneau is like new.
- A new tonneau sells for \$260.00 plus installation and shipping.

**PRICE:** \$160.00

**LOCATION:** Calgary

**CONTACT:** Steve Crosby at 403.238.1075 or by [email](#)



## PARTS WANTED

### Volvo 122 Wagon Parts WANTED (Nov 13)

WANTED: Volvo 122 wagon driver's door.

Also, have for sale or trade both doors in good condition for a 122, 2 door plus trunk lid.

Any leads on 122 wagon doors much appreciated.

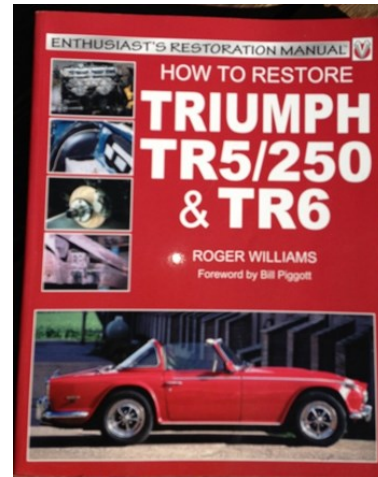
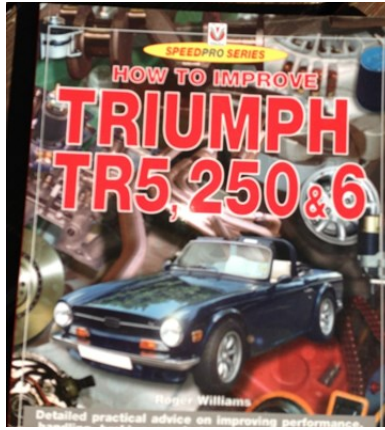
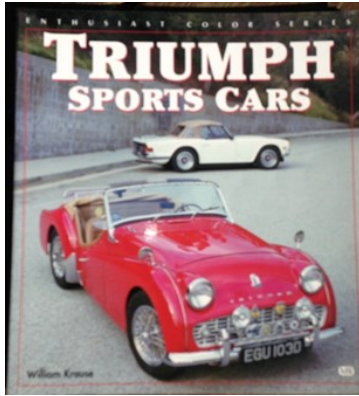
**PRICE:** Please contact.

**CONTACT:** Bill Wertzler at 403.245.1603



## TOOLS, MAGAZINES & MANUALS, STORAGE

### TRIUMPH TR6 BOOKS (Sep 13)



**PRICE:** Selling all 4 for \$50. Pay by PayPal

**CONTACT:** John Parfitt at Cell: 403.471.5117 or [email](#)

### JAGUAR SHOP MANUALS (Sep 13)

(Original shop Manuals) Most are in new or excellent shape. Also some Hard Cover Books

- Mark "V" - 2.5 & 3.5 Litre Models Black soft cover with blue lettering
- Duatang with "copies" of Mk VII & 120 (Not a full manual but very useful)
- Jaguar 3.8 "E" Type with 4.2 "E" & 2+2, supplement, full manual, Original Dark Green Cover publication #E.123/4
- Jaguar "3.4 & 3.8 S" Type Dark Blue cover (Original shop manual)
- Jaguar "420" Service Manual (Shop) Dark Green Cover publication #E.143/1

### Assorted Mini manuals printed by BMC

One, BMC Mini manual covering the following models

- Mini -Saloon & Moke
- Countryman & Traveller
- Van & Pickup
- Cooper & Cooper 'S' ---- Red Cover Publication # AKD 4935A 1968 (Original)

Austin Mini Cooper 'S' Publication # 2178/A Sales folder (original)

I also have a yellow MG Magnette binder cover with "Special Tuning Bulletins" for various BMC Cars; ie: MGB, Cooper 'S', Midgets/Sprites, Morris 1800, Wolseys, etc. Alternate parts, modifications etc. Issued by BMC

I also have a box full of MG T series literature with some 'A' and Midget manuals. Contact me for a detailed list.

I also have some other manuals, come and see my treasure trove and buy, buy buy....

**PRICE:** I am open to offers and WILL negotiate on individual items or lots.

**CONTACT:** Ernie Taube at 403 289 9512 or [email](#)



## Mercedes Books and Manuals (Aug 13)

Four workshop and technical manuals for the Mercedes W124 model range. Suitable for other models as well.

- Mercedes Benz Technical Companion by Bentley Publishers (2005)
- Mercedes W124 Owners Workshop Manual by Technibooks (originally published in 1994)
- Mercedes Benz Service and Repair Manual by Haynes (originally published in 1996)
- Mercedes Benz E-Class Owner's Bible by Bentley Publishers (2002)

New prices range from \$30 to \$70 EACH on amazon and eBay. All books in great condition and considered as 'next to new'.

If you are not in a hurry, I could deliver to Calgary area on my next trip.

**PRICE:** \$50.00 for ALL 4. Postage is extra.

**LOCATION:** Medicine Hat

**CONTACT:** John at 403.878.6255 or [email](#)



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