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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



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Hi Folks,

Rendezvous in Ashland is coming up fast. The last report I have indicates that they have two hotels nearly booked solid. It looks like they have a couple of interesting tours set up for us on Friday, and an autocross at the airport on Saturday. Check out the Minnesota Austin Healey Clubs May newsletter for the details. It is available on their website. www.mnhealey.com. It looks like Doris and I will be taking the Bugeye to Ashland. The Green Sprite is coming along but I want to take my time sorting it out and breaking it in. The Bugeye needs a bit of attention as well. The windscreen needs changing and the temperature gauge needs repair. The gauge

signaled its demise on the Fall Colours Tour last fall with strong wiff of ether. I'm going to try a repair that I found on the internet for these bulb type temperature gauges. I'll let you know how it worked out. Fingers crossed.

Closer to home, we have our first Meet and Drive on June 2. We will meet in the parking lot of the Prosvita at 7:00pm and go for a ride. Destination to be determined. Let's hope the weather warms up.

I have put a link on our web page to the clubs Photobucket site. Check it out for current club event pictures.

Cheers,

John Colosimo



MINUTES APRIL 21, 2009

Present: 25 members & 1 guest

Minutes of the last meeting: (09 03 17) reviewed motion - Geoff R; second - Gord Birch; carried

President's Report:

- John thanked Glen Paterson for hosting the TR4 "chassis seminar" last month
- Agenda reviewed

Secretary's Report:

- club correspondence reviewed

Treasurer's Report:

- Quarterly financial report presented.
- There have been 25 membership renewals and 5 new memberships in the past quarter.

Publicity and Activities Report:

- Garage Tour: the event will take place this coming Sunday (April 26). Attendees meet at the Hodder Street Robins Donuts at 10 AM for a circuit of 5 sites. Email notice with details will be sent to all members this week. Contact person is Geoff Reynolds.
- Mall Display - event particulars were reviewed and members invited to offer display vehicles (about 6 in total) and volunteer for supervising the display over the weekend. Contact person is Glen Paterson.
- Web Photo Site - there is now a TBVSCC album at the Photo Bucket image hosting site on the web (photobucket.com). Members may view or upload video material apparently without logging on although there may be problems with simultaneous users. Members should communicate their experiences over the next few meetings. Contact person is Riley Burton.

Old Business:

To provide written information at the Mall Display, Ken Biniaris will send a copy of our old brochure to John Colosimo for editing and printing.

New Business:

- Next year, the World Junior Baseball Championship will be held in Thunder Bay from July 23 to August 1. Richard Vamplew attended a community information meeting where organizers were

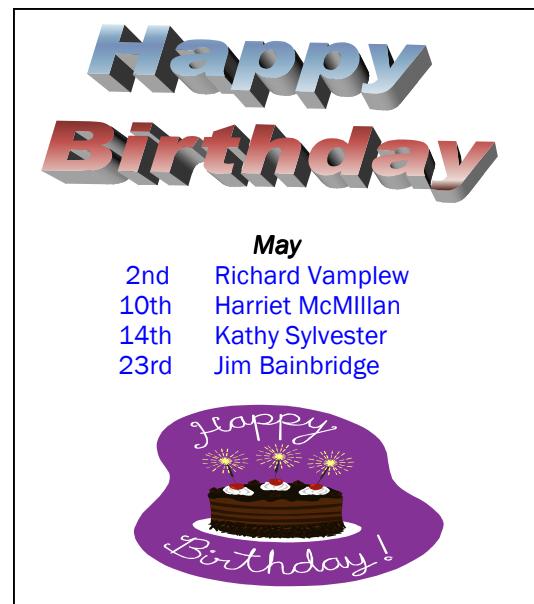
soliciting assistance in the form of baseball team "hosts". Hosts would sell spectator tickets, provide incidental transportation and stage one social event for one of the twelve teams. John Colosimo will contact Peter Knudson (Lakehead Antique Car Club) to discuss possible joint participation.

- Gord Birch had been considering a club tour to an autosport event and found the 23rd Annual Show 'n Go at Brainerd on July 3, 4, 5. The event features Outlaw Drag Racing. Interested members may obtain information at BrainerdRaceway.com and potentially collaborate at the next meeting.
- High quality weather stripping from MacGregor British Car Parts was circulated by Rob Sylvester.
- A tour of Russ Wansuk's collection was proposed by Glen Burton who will check availability for either June 28th or July 5th.
- Anthony Roch reported having had rims repaired at Wheel Fix-It in Winnepeg (204 772 9412).

Needs and Wants: (new agenda item in lieu of a formerly proposed club tool listing)

A number of offers were made of equipment available for loan.

Geoff



GARAGE TOUR - APRIL 26



Dave's Fiero & motor



Norris' Jag Mk VII



Norris' parking lot



A selection of Bruce's stable



John's double-decker



One of Clark's Porsches

INTERCITY MALL DISPLAY MAY 1-3



Well wouldn't you know it – just getting ready to bring the cars into the Mall and the clouds decide to rain on our parade. First stop for each car was just inside the front doors to wipe them off before surveying the Intercity landscape from the cockpit of one of this year's display vehicles. Having done it in the past, I know the emotions that are stirred by this short drive down the Mall passing shop after shop where, just a few moments before, people were milling about in search of that special treasure. Ours are treasures of a different kind; rolling treasures that represent the pride and passion of ownership of a significant piece of motoring history.

Emotion is what our display evokes. Talk to any of the members that spent time at the display this year and they will all have a story to tell; the lady who stood gazing at John Block's Austin Healey Bugeye (Frogeye) Sprite with a faint smile reminiscing about top down drives in the early 60's with the wind in her hair, the older Finnish gentleman asking about Barrie Hemmings MGB and MGB-GT and sharing detailed stories of his days back home driving his 1956 BMW 2-door Sport Coupe (never should have sold that car), and of course the many passers-by swept up by the sheer power and beauty of Clark Blumberg's Porsche 928 (how fast does it go?) Why even the rope so generously supplied by Norris Badanai and delivered by John Colosimo attracted considerable attention by Intercity personnel – where did that rope come from – can't use that – we will supply stanchions (and they did).

Ken Hall and I discussed, after wiping up the last remaining drops of nostalgia from the floor, how much effort goes into our yearly Mall display and is it really worth it. I guess I have to sum it up by thinking of the older lady who surveyed all the cars and fixed her gaze upon the Bugeye. After a few moments of contemplation she leaned in towards me with a twinkle in her eye and said, "That's a toy, isn't it?"

Another year and another successful Mall display even though a certain Jaguar was missing. Thanks to all who so willingly provided their vehicles and to all of those members who covered at the display and engaged the community in a walk down memory lane.

Glen Paterson



IF MY BODY WERE A CAR...

If my body were a car, this is the point in time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull ... But that's not the worst of it. My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently. But here's the worst of it --

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

UPCOMING OUT-OF-TOWN SHOWS

Atikokan Spring Fever Run May 29th & 30th

- 6-9 pm Friday: registration at Robin's Donuts
- Saturday: registration on Main Street
- 7 am Sat & Sun Smorgasborg breakfast -
- Saturday 1-4 pm: Show & Shine, and a Parade.
- 5pm Dinner and Social. Trophy and Presentations to follow.

Call Peter Barna (807) 597-1587 for further information.

Grand Marais Car Show - Saturday June 13th

- 11:00 - 1 pm Registration
- 2pm Car Parade through town
- 2:30 BBQ & Trophy Presentation
- 4:00 - 4:30 Parade of Entries
- 4:30 to 5:30 Party & BBQ
- Registration Info call Greater Grand Marais Chamber of Commerce (218) 387-9112

Murrillo Car Show - Saturday June 13th

9:00am-3:00pm arranged by the Lakehead Antique Car Club. Rain date June 14th.

MYSTERY CAR



They were produced from 1965-69, and 3131 examples were made - what is it?

John will reveal the answer at the May 21 meeting - be there !

John Colosimo

Happy Anniversary

May

- 11th Richard & Cookie Vamplew
- 11th Jon & Joyce Block
- 22nd Rob & Kathy Sylvester
- 22nd Norris & Joanne Badanai



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YOU FIND THE STRANGEST THINGS.....

Everyone knows that an English car heater is a bit of an oxymoron, but when you find the enclosed, the uphill battle becomes impossible.

Mice had gone up the air duct from the front grill thru an in-line blower, and made a nest of pink insulation and sunflower seeds on top of the heater core. Cure will be to install a 1/4" mesh screen over the air intake.

Jon Block

(Might have to add a "cat back" system..... Editor)

**OUTING TO RUSS WANZUK'S COLLECTION**

Glenn Burton has lined up an outing to see the car collection of Russ Wanzuk close to Murillo. It is tentatively planned for 2pm on Sunday, June 28th **and.....** Glenn is proposing to host a BBQ at noon at his place, which is nearby!

Russ Wanzuk has been a car collector for many years and now has an auto museum on Calvert Side Road, where over the last number of years he has collected many cars and memorabilia around dirt track racing of the past in Thunder Bay and area. Should be fascinating !

Details will be confirmed closer to the date, but be sure put it in your calendar now! Thanks for setting this up, Glenn!

WATCH OUT FOR YOUR LICENCE STICKER!

A story we should all take note of:

While my car was in to have the front brakes renewed on Friday March 27th, one of the mechanics commented that someone had stolen my sticker. When I asked what he was talking about, he took me to the back of the car to show me where someone had removed my newly applied February 2010 vehicle validation sticker.

Most of us simply clean off the surface of the previous sticker and put the new one on top of it. That way, all a thief has to do is to pry off the layered stack, clean up the back and glue your sticker onto their license plate, or worse, sell it to someone else to apply it to theirs. This allows them to avoid paying the renewal fee of \$74.00, and, by extension, probably drive uninsured. Next year they will simply repeat the process with another stolen sticker. Unless they are stopped by the police for some reason and the ownership validation sticker number is checked against the number on the sticker on the license plate, they may well get away with it for years.

On Monday I went to the Ministry of Transportation to obtain my new sticker; they indicated that this is quite common. The replacement cost was \$7.00 - once again the victim takes the hit.

This time I scraped the sticker location completely clean of old stickers, washed the site with lighter fluid, and then applied the new one and rubbed it down well.

The lady that served us indicated that once the site is cleaned off and the new sticker is applied and well rubbed down, if you take a sharp Exacto knife or something similar and score lines vertically and horizontally across the sticker, it guarantees that it can only be removed in small, useless pieces. This tip came from a customer who had been hit, as we were. Our new sticker is now in place and well scored. Incidentally, as the license plate is aluminum, there is no risk of rusting due to the scoring.

Whenever you replace your validation sticker my advice is to completely remove all traces of the old sticker(s) and follow the process above. At least then the thief will steal someone else's sticker.

Roger Rickards

TRIVIA COMPETITION

Jon Block saw some pretty interesting cars on his trip to the UK last Fall, and he's proposing we run a trivia competition over the summer. Here are some questions about these 3 MG experimental cars he saw in a museum. They are all record breaking cars:

1. 1938 MG Ex 135, engine: 4 cyl Supercharged 1250 cc.

Question: How many horsepower did it produce?

- a) under 100 b) 100 - 150 c) 150 - 200 d) over 200

What was its top speed MPH?

- a) under 100 b) 100 - 150 c) 150 - 200 d) over 200

Bonus point: what unusual venue was used for one record breaking run?



2. 1954 MG Ex 179, engine: 4 cyl Supercharged 948 cc.

Question: How many horsepower did it produce?

- a) under 50 b) 50 - 75 c) 75 - 100 d) over 100

What was its top speed MPH

- a) under 100 b) 100 - 150 c) 150 - 200 d) over 200

3. 1957 MG Ex 181, engine; 4 cyl Supercharged 1500 cc.

Question: How many horsepower did it produce:

- a) under 200 b) 200 - 250 c) 250 - 300 d) over 300

What was its top speed MPH ?

- a) under 175 b) 175 - 200 c) 200 - 250 d) 250 - 275

For a bonus point name two famous drivers who set records in Ex 181.

Answers to jblock@tbaytel.net who will keep score. Deadline day before next issue of the newsletter - which will print the answers.



Executive

President: John Colosimo
 Vice President: Glen Paterson
 Treasurer: Ken Biniaris
 Secretary: Geoff Reynolds
 Events Chair: Riley Burton

Appointments

Regalia: Norris Badanai
 Newsletter: Chris Pyne

Club Philosophy by Gord Birch

To form a gathering of kindred souls whose common bond is tinkering with elderly automobiles of a sporting nature: swapping tales of their favourite marques and the joys of their misspent yesterdays.

To rally for tours through the countryside, to the lusty sound of a spirited four cylinder exhaust, with the top down, wind in your hair, grease under your fingernails and never straying more than thirty or forty miles from home.

To compete in gentle forms of automotive calisthenics, befitting such venerable wheels and occasionally raise a glass of the vintage to the vintage.....

WHAT We are a multi-marque club dedicated to the preservation, maintenance, restoration and enjoyment of older sports and sports-touring automobiles.

WHEN Monthly meetings are held at the Prosvita Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

EVENTS We have driving tours, poker rallies, car show attendance, barbeques, tech sessions, golf and any other ideas we can think of.

Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club
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Calendar of Events

Tuesday May 19	Monthly meeting	7:00 pm	Prosvita Hall
Fri/Sat May 29/30	Atikokan Spring Fever Run		See page 5 for details
Tuesday June 2	Drive/meeting	7:00 pm	Prosvita Hall
June 11-14	RENDEZVOUS 2009		See Glen for details
June 13	Murrillo LACC Car Show, & Grand Marais Car Show		details on page 5
Tuesday June 16	Drive/meeting	7:00 pm	Prosvita Hall
June 21-26	Austin-Healey Conclave, Kingston ON		See Glen for details
Sunday June 28	Outing to Russ Wanzuk's museum		See page 7 for details
Sunday July 19	4th Annual TBVSCC Scavenger Hunt		Details to follow