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Coquitlam
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July 11

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Kenmore, WA
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July 11

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Vancouver
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Nov 1

London to Brighton
Commemorative Run
Old English Car Club

Nov 1

Kruise for Kids

Nov 11 (tbc)

CXKJR/CCMGC AGM *

December

Dec 9

Annual Awards & Pot Luck *

2026 CXKJR/CCMGC

**General Membership
Meetings (Wednesdays)**

July 8, Aug 12, Sept 9

Oct 14, Nov 11*, Dec 9

* to be confirmed

2026 Presidents' Run

Planning is underway for the 51st Annual Presidents' Run taking place on the September 25 - 27 weekend. Last year's Run received rave reviews and consideration is being given to a return to the Kelowna area for the upcoming event. Mark your calendars and watch for updates on the Presidents' Run in Classical Gas and Little Classical Gas.

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On the Cover: Kayte Lawrence's 1977 MGB Roadster at the Harrison Country Club, the destination for the All British Run on May 17. Photo by Kayte Lawrence

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JCNA Newsletter Awards CXKJR Winners

Over the past 20 years, contributors to Classical Gas have received 40 JCNA Newsletter Awards. Winners for 2025 announced at the recent JCNA AGM:

Photography 2nd place: Krista Briggs "Start'em young: Krista's 2-year-old grandson Hugh in her 1966 Jaguar E-Type"

Technical 2nd place: Brian Mellis "Getting Pumped for Spring Driving"

Heritage 1st place: David Crouch "Jaguar Anniversaries in 2025 - Jaguar XJ-C & XJ-S"



JCNA NEWS

The much anticipated Annual General Meeting in Mexico City was a week of historical and cultural tours, Mexican food feasts, and a Grand Concours with 500 cars in the most elegant and over the top setting imaginable. And of course, the AGM meeting itself, and Board meetings where JCNA business was conducted. A commemorative badge is being produced to mark the occasion.

During the AGM there were elections for officers; some of which saw Mark Mayuga re-elected as President, Nedra Rummell became Vice-President, and Jeff Genaro elected as Secretary and Mark Smith elected to the Executive Committee. It was announced that a JCNA membership brochure is being finalized which describes benefits of membership and replaces one which was in circulation a few years ago. The brochure has a place for clubs to stamp or affix a label showing their contact information. A quantity



Doreen & Ian Newby at the AGM banquet.

of 50 will be mailed to all club presidents.

Financial reports showed significant reduction in costs of production for the Jaguar Journal magazine and numerous cost-cutting measures across the board have resulted in an improved financial picture.

The Salt Lake City club, Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register, made a proposal to host the 2027 AGM, which was accepted with thanks.

CXKJR members, Ian and Doreen Newby attended the Mexico City AGM and provided photos and stories about their experience. Included was being honoured for and receiving two awards for 2025 Concours excellence having finished two Jaguars in First Place in North American competition. Congratulations Ian and Doreen, well done!

Carole Borgens, North West Region Director.

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BC Highland Games British Car Display: June 20

A reminder that ScotFestBC will be happening soon at Town Centre Park in Coquitlam on Saturday, June 20. The ScotFest British car and motorcycle display is limited to 30 vehicles, including ones from five car clubs. You must register in advance. For information and to determine if space is still available, email Mike Harford at mharford@live.ca For details on the Highland Games themselves, see www.scotfestbc.com



The Drive for Ice Cream: July 15

A popular event from last summer, this Ice Cream adventure returns as an afternoon mid-week drive around Chilliwack, with the destination being Kent's Ice Cream at 47582 Old Yale Road. The 50-minute route will circle Chilliwack Mountain, skirt the west side of downtown, and make a loop around farmland providing views of mountains, the Fraser River and other waterways. This year's drive for ice cream fans is being organized by Mike McChesney. Watch for further details in Little Classical Gas.



Fall Gala with Inline Six: October 24

Mark your calendars now for what is going to be a fantastic club event on Saturday, October 24. It will be at the historic Oddfellows Lodge in the Fairview neighbourhood of Vancouver, with music provided by the Inline Six Band. Watch for more details in the July August Classical Gas and in Little Classical Gas. [The Events Committee]

Spring Run Report

Organized by CXKJR Vice-President Kevin Parenteau, this year's Spring Run on March 21 brought out the sunshine and 32 cars, including 19 Jaguars, 9 MGs and other marques including a Sunbeam Alpine and a Fiat Osca. The scenic North Shore route included portions of the Dollarton Highway along Burrard Inlet, upper Lonsdale, British Properties, Marine Drive in West Vancouver and Whytecliffe Park. Following the drive, the 59 participants enjoyed lunch either at the West Vancouver Yacht Club or the Orchard Café at the Gleneagles Golf Clubhouse.



Lunch at the West Vancouver Yacht Club. Photo by John Fry.

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The Easter Bunny Fun Run 2026

Ria Zapf

This year's annual Easter Bunny Fun Run was a great success, thanks to the energetic participants who "hopped to it" on a typical spring day. To capture the spirit of the occasion, members of CXKJR and CCMGC arrived wearing their custom "bunny head gear". Members also showcased their classic cars, including 9 Jaguars, 6 MG's, a Ferrari Testarossa, and a Sunbeam Alpine.

The route with questions included driving through Richmond along urban and scenic roads, beginning at the Terra Nova parking lot by the Fraser River, and passing a variety of sites such as Steveston Village, London Farm, and Finn Slough ending at the Lakeside Grill Restaurant at Mayfair Lakes Golf & Country Club for a delicious lunch.

Five "bunny bag" prizes were awarded. First place winners of the quiz were Anita Hafner and Scott Mason, followed by the second-place winners Susan and Nick Balenzano, Sue and Jim McLagan, Jennifer Orum and Chuck Spong, and Francien and Danny Reilly. Congratulations to all!

Thanks to Felipe Angel and Natalie Clarke for organizing this sold-out event with 39 members attending on the day. Additional thanks go to Anne Tilbury, John Evans and Rhonda Gale for their help making this an enjoyable experience for all.

See you next year! [Photos by Ria Zapf unless otherwise indicated]



The start at Terra Nova on the Fraser River.



*The scenic route passed by Steveston Harbour.
Photo by Norman Sung.*



Robert McCullough, Norman Sung and David Crouch with their classics at the Mayfair Lakes Golf & Country Club. Photo by Ron Lo.



Bunny ears abound at the Lakeside Grill: Natalie Clarke, Jennifer Orum, Rhonda Gale.



Robert McCullough brought a friend on the Bunny Run.



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Drive It Day May 2

Organized by Peter & Anne Tilbury



Drivers and navigators at the Drive It Day start. Photo by Ria Zapf.

Fifteen MGs and eleven Jaguars started at the Fort Langley Historic Site and took a drive of 30 miles on the roads around the Glen Valley to celebrate “Drive It Day”. The CCMGC and CXKJR members were joined by various cars from the Langley Mostly British Motoring Club and the Old English Car Club, including a Sunbeam Alpine, an Austin Healey, a Triumph TR8, a Lotus Elise, a Jensen, and a Rover 2000TC. The Classical Gas editor drove in a BMW Z3 as her MGB Roadster was awaiting parts.



Cars gathered at the Fort Langley Historic Site. Photo by Randy Skinner.

In total there were fifty-seven people in thirty-three cars. The group enjoyed a 1950’s lunch at Brogan’s Diner in Langley City, surrounded by classic model cars and music memorabilia. Elvis joined the party after lunch.

Entrants donated food and cash for the Surrey Food Bank. This year the food donations weighed in at 199lbs, and the cash amounted to \$630. This money becomes over \$1800 for the Food Bank due to their buying power.



The Tilburys delivering 5 boxes of food plus cash to Syma Shaheen, Surrey Food Bank Director of Development. Photo by Anne Tilbury.



Brogan’s Diner in Langley. Photo by Mark Paterson.

“Drive It Day” has evolved from “Drive Your MG or Jaguar Day”, which became a Club event after “Drive Your MGA Day” on the first Saturday of May was declared by the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR) many years ago. An event with the same moniker was held on April 26 in England this year.

41st Annual VanDusen All British Field Meet May 16

ABFM Photos by Jim Severs, unless otherwise indicated

The following awards were won by CXKJR/CCMGC club members:

Class #13	Jaguar XK 120,140,150	
1st	Stephen Plunkett	1953 Jaguar XK 120
Class #15	Jaguar E-Type/XKE	
1st	Will Humiston	1970 Jaguar XKE
Class #16	Jaguar Mk 1 to 3.8; S-Type	
2nd	John Mowat	1968 Jaguar Mk 2/340
Class #18	Jaguar XJS	
1st	Carole Borgens	1990 Jaguar XJS-C
Class #19	Jaguar XK to F-Type	
1st	Phil Nielsen	2021 F-Type R-Dynamic
2nd	Graeme Lusk	2017 Jaguar F-Type SVR
Class #20	Jensen	
1st	Ian & Doreen Newby	1970 Jensen Interceptor Mk 2
Class #22	Land Rover Defender	
2nd	Graham Purkiss	1996 Land Rover 90 300 TDI
Class #29	MGA	
2nd	Richard & Susan Labossiere	1959 MGA 1500 Twin Cam
Class #32	MG Modern	
2nd	Simon Austin	2004 MG ZT260
Class #33	MGB/C GT	
1st	Steve Collins	1968 MGB GT
Class #47	Replica	
1st	Ian & Doreen Newby	1955 Jaguar D-Type



MG T-Series: TC, TD, TF. Photo by Ria Zapf.



The ever-popular MGAs.



A colourful chorus line of MGB GTs.



E-Types are always crowd pleasers. Photo by Ria Zapf.



(left) Carole Borgens' 1990 XJS-C was recognized with the Special Award for Best Jaguar at the ABFM, for exemplary fit and finish and for maintaining a remarkable degree of originality throughout.



A Jaguar with bite.



CXKJR President David Crouch cutting the 50th Anniversary Jaguar XJS cake. Photo by Ria Zapf.



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One-Day-Itis

Brian Mellis

With the weather being unprecedentedly mild here in the Okanagan, Marilyn and I decided to take “Sylvia” out for brunch to the Turtle Bay Pub. Of note, this is the first time in 40 years that we have driven the car in all 12 calendar months.

Normally, Sylvia would have been mothballed from Halloween till March, but not this year. So, an enjoyable drive with my lovely wife in our purring E-type got me thinking about just how good I have it ... and the following reflections.

Recently a fellow Jag-nut picked me up in his truck and I was invited along for a ride. He allowed that he was visiting a man who reportedly had several older Mk 2's and an “E-Type”, all project cars. My curiosity was peaked and after a short drive we arrived at his house.

After the usual cordialities, he lifted the garage door on an older building to show us “his project”. It became instantly clear that this would be difficult as the building was stuffed from floor to ceiling with equipment and machinery, a virtual Aladdin's Cave. Viewing “the project” could only be done by shuffling sideways, (one at a time), through the narrow canyon of stacked machinery, boxes and bric-a-brac.

Yes, it was an E-Type (shell). And yes, there was an engine in it but everything that comprised a project car was yet to be outsourced, bought or located in the canyons of equipment. Our host beamed that “One Day” he would finish it and would join us on our summer “Cat fancier” pub outings.

We thanked him, wished him well and retreated to my home for coffee and a sit by the fireside. I did not mention to my two friends that I was saddened by this experience. But it was painfully obvious to me that “the project” would never be finished. There was no room, no plan or time set aside to make this a reality. Our aged host was suffering from a medical condition that can creep in unawares with the passing of time. It is called “One-Day-Itis”, or by its more common name “A Round 2 It”.



Sylvia at Oak Bay in Victoria.

One-Day-Itis *Cont'd from page 17*

Few of us escape it and if we honestly took a realistic audit of our own garages/workshops, along with the cornucopia of tools and unfinished (or unstarted) projects, we would recognize the symptoms.



1960's party at the Newby's in Aldergrove.

My next-door neighbor, where we once lived in West Kelowna, was afflicted with the same malady, which I did not recognize at the time. His collection of Cadillacs, Pontiacs and even an old school bus were on permanent display in his front yard. He mentioned repeatedly that they were all on his project list. And no, he would not sell any of them or consider selecting a favorite to be consigned to a rebuild shop which would yield a driver for him to enjoy now.

Sadly, the task of removing/disposing of them fell to a family member after his passing and my neighbor never realized his ambition. So I took a page from his book and asked myself, “am I guilty of this same misguided ambition?”

But it's not all bad news. Some of us revel in having a garage full of cars, engines and bits spread about. It gives us purpose and a reason to get out of bed and potter about at our work bench and to keep us out of our wife's hair.

However, the threat of “One-Day-Itis” is that it is a thief of time and steals diminishing days, health and ambition. It also thwarts us from fulfilling other ambitions that otherwise might have been completed. This could be travel, re-connecting with family and friends, going back to childhood locations, schoolmates etc.

For most of us “Britcar Nuts” an honest look in the mirror will let us know that being north of 65 ... ok ... 75, has its complications. The days
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of Wine, Women and Song have been surreptitiously replaced by Prune Juice, Pampers and Prozac.

Nowadays, getting into a bucket seated sports car (or out of) takes a lot more dexterity and “who moved my steering wheel this close?” Another asset that we sometimes overlook is Money. We have reached a point in our lives where (hopefully) the kids are gone, the mortgage too. Also, we are all millionaires by virtue of the fact that we own a house in B.C.

One standout moment in my life was receiving a forum email inquiry from France. A UK couple were looking to visit Banff along with their 69 E-type OTS. “How much would it cost to ship it? Any recommendations on reliable transport, hotels, etc.?” Common sense surfaced and the light bulb finally came on. Why go to all that trouble I asked? Just come over, bunk in with us in Kelowna then take our “Sylvia” and off you go to fulfill your dream in Banff. They were overwhelmed. A lifelong friendship was established, and they reciprocated by inviting us to visit their beautiful home near LeMans. I was offered the keys to their Healey 3000 or the beautiful Series 2 E-Type to go touring around Normandy. I’m still pinching myself.

So, what are we saving it for? When do you intend to energize your bucket list? You have friends that you have yet to meet on a cruise ship. Perhaps a road trip somewhere warm or at the many car outings that we all enjoy with one another etc., etc.

So ... Don't let “One-Day-Itis” or “Round 2 Itis” take hold of your life, get out and go. Book a flight to the UK ... Barcelona; start a second family; get creative; live, love and drink quality wine.



Wedding car in Lake Country.



Jaguars on the Island Rally start.

Practicing what you preach Brian? Yes. Marilyn has booked us on a Planes, Trains and Motorhome Vacation in Alaska and the Yukon this year, and I will tell you all about it if we don't get eaten by a bear.

Love you all and see you on the road in 2026!

Brian and Marilyn Mellis



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Dependable Plating Tour

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After gathering and carpooling at a nearby restaurant, on May 6 thirteen CXKJR/CMGC members attended a very enjoyable and informative tour of Dependable Plating's Burnaby premises. Our friendly hosts were owner Baldev Kaler and his son Vic, who in addition to answering many questions, graciously supplied coffee and donuts to the assembled group.

The tour provided access to all stations of the plating process, from chemical stripping to polishing and buffing to Dependable Plating's three steps of nickel, copper and then chrome electroplating for the typical bright fixtures on classic cars. Because of the electrical currents and dangerous chemicals in use for this process, during the tour it was necessary to be very careful of one's surroundings. Racks of various electroplated parts - from bumpers to grills to household fittings to who knows what - were to be found everywhere, and were examined with great interest. "Is that a gas tank or a spittoon? I dunno, but it sure is beautiful!"

After about an hour of fascinating sights and interesting talk it was time to let Baldev and Vic return to work, with much thanks from everyone.

Returning to the Bin 4 Burger Lounge, a number of members stayed for a tasty lunch and the telling of stories - mostly about old cars of course! Much thanks to Steve Collins for organizing the tour.



The CXKJR/CCMGC group that toured Dependable Plating, with Vic & Baldev Kaler.



A variety of MGs & Jaguars at Harry's.

For many years, CCMGC member Troy Bell has been arranging club lunches at Harry's in Tsawwassen Mills. With no advance registration or organized drive, the idea is for club members to meet for lunch, relax and chat. 30 club members enjoyed lunch and conversation at Harry's on March 29. Many thanks go to the owners of the restaurant since they open early for our group. Photo by Jennifer Orum.

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SVABC Annual General Meeting

Peter Tilbury, 2026 CCMGC President



The Specialty Vehicle Association was formed over forty years ago, by a group of volunteer car enthusiasts, to represent the car clubs in discussions with the BC Government. The lobbying efforts of this group have produced the Collector Plate for stock classic cars in 1990, and the Modified Collector Plate in 2000. The Specialty Vehicle Association of BC held its 2026 Annual General Meeting on March 21. Our Club was represented by Peter Tilbury and Ian and Doreen Newby. These are the most pertinent points from that AGM:

- The SVABC continues to work with ICBC to obtain a “Modified Collector Plate” for motorcycles.
- If you have the regular blue 6-digit licence plate that is damaged or delaminated, you can obtain a replacement free of charge from ICBC.
- If you own and drive multiple Collector or Modified cars, you can obtain a “Multi Plate”, i.e. one plate to put on any car you wish to drive. The insurance charged is calculated on the most valuable car in your stable.
- The SVABC currently has 42 member Clubs, and 2,478 individual members. It has around \$53,000 in its bank account.
- The SVABC has set up both PayPal and e-Transfer for club and individual membership payments.
- The recent SVABC survey regarding making Modified Collector Plates a rolling date rather than a fixed year, received 2,144 responses, of which 92% were in favour of a rolling date, and the majority favoured initiating the date as 35 years or older. This means that Modified plates would be available for cars today that were built in 1991 or earlier. The current date is fixed at 1974. The SVABC continues discussion on this point with the Policy Department of ICBC and hope to have a decision soon.

The SVABC can assist you with your Collector or Modified plate application if you call or email them. They can give you information on the allowable equipment and accessories on a Collector vehicle. They will also assist you if you are restoring a vehicle and need help with registration, mechanical inspection, etc.

BC Collector Car Appreciation Day Run

For a number of years, the Province of BC has issued a proclamation that July is Automotive Heritage Month and the second Saturday in July is BC Collector Car Appreciation Day (CCAD). The Specialty Vehicle Association of BC is encouraging car clubs to offer events to celebrate this year’s 13th Annual CCAD on July 11.

As has been the case for many years, CXKJR member Tim Horton is organizing our club’s CCAD Run. The route is being planned to include a scenic drive through Anmore and Belcarra with a lunch stop at Trails Coffee. Watch for updates in Little Classical Gas. Information and registration will be available on the club website jaguarmg.com.



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