



# *SMALL TORQUE*

## **British Automobile Touring Association of Nova Scotia**

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### **NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT!**

Here it is Volume 1, Number 1 of our new format for the BATANS newsletter which we'll call ***SMALL TORQUE***, thanks to a suggestion by Ray Whitley. The content will be much the same as before but thought has been given to adding "Wanted" and "For Sale" sections later on or sooner if the members wish this content now.

### **B.A.T.A.N.S. CLUB CREST**

The regal crest above was meticulously created by Andrew Hurst last Fall during our call for suggestions. It is spectacular in colour with the center being the centre of the Nova Scotia flag with the red lion on a yellow background. The club name in white lettering is on a red background and the "Nova Scotia" at the bottom is on a royal blue background. The crown effect on top is a centre red band with the royal blue to each side and of course the traditional colours of the British flag at the bottom. It would make a stunning enamel Club badge for the front of our vehicles as well as lapel pins and we are currently getting prices on having these made.

### **SPRING GATHERING**

***Date: May 4, 1996***

***Time: 4 PM to 8 PM***

***Place: 11 Cranston Ave., Dartmouth***

***Telephone: 463-4406***

To kick off the "touring" season for 1996, the club will be meeting at the home of Drew and Sheila Sperry which will give us an opportunity to display the fruits of our hard labour during the past winter. Sheila has offered to supply the main dishes if each of us will bring either an appetizer, salad or dessert however it would be advisable to call Sheila a couple of days in advance to make sure we don't all bring desserts! Be sure to bring along your co-pilot and beverage of your choice!

This will also be an opportunity to hold our first Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) and all paid-up members should be present so we can select a club logo, a name for our Newsletter and go through the motions of electing a new executive, if so desired.

### **ANTIQUÉ AUTO INSURANCE**

Excellent rates on antique auto insurance are being offered to registered club members through the Silver Wheel Plan.

Example: Car 25 years and older  
Third Party liability - \$1,000,000  
Collision deductible - \$100.00  
Comprehensive deductible - \$25.00  
Insured Value - \$10,000.

\*Annual Premium - \$104.00\*

There is also a reduction available for more than one vehicle. Call Bob Hamilton if you wish an application form or for more detailed information call:

Gary Steeves Insurance  
P.O. Box 171  
Hillsborough, NB. E0A 1X0  
Telephone toll free 1-800-595-3403

### **LOW COST SHIPPING FROM ENGLAND**

We have good news for those of you that occasionally buy spare parts in England. Joel Page has been in contact with British Cycle Supply Company in Wolfville who have containers arriving from England about every 60 days and they will include in their shipments any purchases made by BATANS members. The cost will be based on either volume or weight depending on their purchases at the time but would be considerably lower than normal shipping charges. British Cycle will make the arrangements for pick-up in England and handle all the documentation required. All shipments must be properly packaged for shipping especially larger items like fenders (wings), engines and gearboxes.

If you would like to take advantage of this arrangement, contact Susan at British Cycle at 902-542-7478, mention you are a BATANS member, and she will give you details on shipping dates and guide you through the procedure.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

B.A.T.A.N.S has recently added nineteen new members to our list who had previously joined the Classic British Auto Club started by Bernie Smith in 1988. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome them aboard and look forward to meeting them and cars at our upcoming events although we may be waiting a while to meet Dr. Tim Cooper now living in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

## **1996 SCHEDULE**

### **May 26, 1996 - Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Tour**

Meeting Place: Tim Hortons, Windsor

Time: 10:00 AM

### **June 16, 1996 - Rawdon Hills Run**

Meeting Place: Tim Hortons, Downsview Mall, Lower Sackville

Time: 10:00 AM

### **July 21, 1996 - Tatamagouche, Sunrise Trail**

Meeting Place: K-Mart Mall Parking Lot, Robie Street, Truro

Time: 10:00 AM

### **August 4 - 9, 1996 - Baddeck Invasion, Cape Breton Island**

Meeting Place: Sunnyside Mall Parking Lot, Bedford

Time: 9:00 AM

Route: Route 212 (Exit 5A Hwy. 102) Old Guysborough Road to Middle Musquodoboit, Dean, Westville, New Glasgow, Rt. 245 to Antigonish, Hwy.104 to Port Hastings and Hwy. 105 to Baddeck.

### **August 25, 1996 - Halifax Antique Car Club Show & Shine**

**Exhibition Park, Halifax**

Meeting Place: Tim Hortons, Clayton Park, Halifax

Time: 10:00 AM

### **September 8, 1996 - Maritime Museum of the Atlantic Display**

Meeting Place: Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

Time: T.B.A.

Public display of our automobiles on the wharf.

### **September 22, 1996 - Five Islands / Parrsboro Run**

Meeting Place: K-Mart Mall Parking Lot, Robie Street, Truro

Time: 10:00 AM

### **October 13, 1996 - Second Annual Fun Rally (Rain Date Oct. 20)**

This humorous poem was contributed to Internet's British Car Digest by DammitDick with his comments below. Enjoy.

Anyway in light of the current popularity and apparent superiority of SUVs (Sport Utility Vehicles, i.e. Blazers, etc.) in attracting the opposite sex I thought I would offer the words of W. H. Charnock an English poet with an automotive slant.

### COUNSEL TO MAIDENS

Oh damsel fair, beware the car  
Where seating space is wider far  
Than any man of reason needs  
Except to further his misdeeds;  
The steering-column change eschew,  
No good can come of it for you,  
And likewise any motor shun  
From which you can't bale out and run.

Let maiden modesty decide  
To take a summer evening ride  
In something of the vintage breed,  
For virtue's friend was ever speed.  
No vulpine sibilance can come  
From guileless lips of vintage chum,  
With passion he is never dizzy,  
(His motor keeps him far too busy)  
And vintage bucket seats preclude  
The acrobatic interlude.

Nor can he sit you in the back,  
For there a Jerrican, a jack,  
An inner tube, some oily rags,  
A pair of mouldy flannel bags,

A grease gun, several tattered maps,  
Dead bottles left by other chaps,  
A tow rope and a grimy glove  
Leave not a lot of room for love.

Don Juan hands it to his betters  
To flirt with triple carburettors,  
And modern Casanovas thrive  
On ultrhydraulic drive,  
But vintage bod of stark appearance  
Gives his poppets ample clearance,  
He keeps his honour engine-bright,  
Is never loose and seldome tight.

And should the half-elliptic ride  
Bring bruise to tender underside,  
Those precious nylons go to hell  
Among the spanners in the well,  
And gearbox cast a blob or two  
On tiny white and cherished shoe,  
These are but little things to pay  
For being out of Danger's way,  
The while you blind to Kingdom Come  
And back again intact, to Mum.

The trouble is, the vintage brew  
At length may prove too strong for you,  
And if with him you ride a lot,  
You'll end by marrying the clot.  
So, all in all, it seems to us  
You're safer riding on a bus.

By W. H. Charnock  
Horseless Savages  
1952

This was submitted by Ron MacNab to add a chuckle to your day.

Desirable classic  
Rare classic  
Modern classic  
Good investment

Nobody likes it.  
Nobody liked it when new  
Manufacturer didn't like it  
Can never be worth less

Rough condition  
Parts machine  
Concours condition  
Quiet engine

Condition too bad to lie about  
Beyond repair  
Polished the finish  
90 weight oil

Needs minor overhaul  
Needs major overhaul  
Burns no oil  
Rebuilt engine

Drive away  
Stored 20 years  
Restored

Solid as a rock  
  
No time to restore  
95% complete  
Sale forced by  
other priorities

Needs new engine  
Ready for junkyard  
Oil leaks out of engine  
Cleaned the plugs

Located on a steep hill  
Stored 20 years - outside  
Stored 20 years - in a barn

Rusted solid as a rock  
  
Parts don't exist  
5% of parts don't exist  
Owner is married