



SMALL TORQUE

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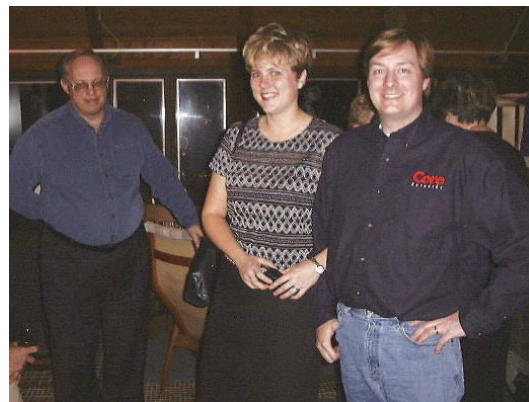
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Past Events

December 4th, 1999 – Annual Pot Luck Christmas Party



Arnold Landry presenting plaque to Robert Bell



Roger Phinney with Andrea and Mike Digdon

This was by far the best turnout for the Christmas party ever with a fine variety of food and good company. We had members attending from Amherst and all other parts of the province.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a large B.A.T.A.N.S. plaque beautifully hand carved and painted by Arnold Landry. To state that this is a intricate logo is an understatement but to carve it out of wood is a tribute to Arnold's talent and craftsmanship. This will make a very attractive addition to the Club Room at the Sperrys and will be proudly displayed at many of our functions in the future. Thanks again Arnold for a great contribution to the Club.

Our thanks also goes out once again to Drew & Sheilia Sperry for opening up their home to B.A.T.A.N.S. members.

February 4th to 6th, 2000, Activity Planning Weekend – White Point Beach Resort

This was yet another memorable get-away weekend blessed with great weather and company. Close to 30 members attended the Saturday event planning meeting in the Annex and a full season of touring was thrashed out in a couple of hours. There are all kinds of events that will appeal to every member's interest and are listed under the following Upcoming Events section.

Upcoming Events

Saturday May 6th, Annual General Meeting, Dartmouth, NS

Again the Sperry's are generously opening the Club room for our A.G.M. at 11 Cranston Ave., Dartmouth, starting with a Pot Luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. As usual you are requested to bring an entree, salad or desert and a beverage of your choice. To ensure we don't end up with a totally vegetarian

dinner, please call Sheilia by the previous Wednesday at 463-4406 to confirm your choice of food is not redundant. The meeting will commence after the dinner or about 7 p.m..

If there are any items that you would like to discuss at the meeting, please call any of the executive so it can be included on the agenda.

Wednesday May 17th to May 22nd - Run to Boston & Cape Cod with J.A.N.E.

As you will remember the Jaguar Association of New England spent 3 days with us in the Halifax area this past July 1st weekend so we are heading to Cape Cod on a reciprocal visit to their home turf in Massachusetts.

We are planning to be in Yarmouth Wednesday night to take the ferry to Portland Thursday morning arriving about 9:00 PM and stay at the Doubletree Hotel in Portland. There will be at least one couple to meet us at the boat.

On Friday May 19 we begin the tour to Sandwich, MA (on Cape Cod) meeting a larger group along the way. This will be a scenic route to get there so we will be off the Interstates and will stay at the Sandwich Lodge & Resort in Sandwich, MA.

On Saturday May 20th, we will spend the morning on a driving tour around lower Cape Cod with an afternoon British Car show at Heritage Plantation (see more on them at www.heritageplantation.org) followed with a dinner on the grounds.

On Sunday May 21st, we will breakup and B.A.T.A.N.S. will work our way back to Portland for the ferry home Monday. Some members are planning to drive up Route 1 through Freeport, Camden and overnight somewhere near the border and then on through New Brunswick on Monday.

At this point expenses look like as follows:

- Doubletree Portland - \$80.00 (1 night) Tel: 1-207-774-5661
- Sandwich Lodge & Resort - \$64.00 per night (2 nights) Tel: 1-800-282-5353
- Saturday Dinner depends on the menu but should be a max of \$30 per person - will try to keep it as economical as possible.
- Plus the Scotia Prince ferry from Yarmouth to Portland, 1-800-341-7540 or make reservations online at <http://www.princeoffundy.com/ferry.htm>.

This promises to be a great trip with not a lot of driving involved unless you want to drive the whole way home as some are planning to do. If you feel you might be able to join us for this trip, please contact Bob Hamilton or Bruce Cake **NOW** so we can get a handle on how many are interested. You can always back out later if it appears that it won't work out for you.

Sunday May 14th, Mother's Day Run - Antiques Fair & Car Show, Lunenburg

Meet: 9:00 AM Sobeys 24 Hour Bedford Store, Hammonds Plains Road

Route: Hammonds Plains Road to Route 3 all the way to Lunenburg.

This was a show we attended last year for the first time at the Fisheries Museum, however this year the venue has been changed to the historic Lunenburg Academy high on the hill in Lunenburg. This was very successful last year as it gives the ladies on the tour a chance to view the antiques (not the cars or men). Be sure to bring along an old family heirloom to have it appraised at the "antique roadshow" setup.

Sunday, May 28th, Annual Apple Blossom Run in the Valley

Meet: Bedford Sunnyside Mall 8:45 AM, departure at 9:00 AM

Timmys in Wolfville at 10:00 AM

Once again we are at the mercy of the Annapolis Valley members who will guide us through the apple trees in full blossom to places we might not ordinarily see. It is a good idea to pack a picnic lunch if you are so inclined or pick up something along the way. This is just a great time of year to see the Valley at its best.

Sunday June 25th, Back Roads Winery Tour - Pictou, River John, Tatamagouche, Malagash

Meet: 9:00 AM Sunnyside Mall.

We'll be making our first stop at Telder Berry Wines in Nine Mile River (near Elmsdale) before taking Routes 212, 224, 336, 289 to Alma and then to Pictou on 376. We'll join New Glasgow participants at 11:30 at Timmys on the Pictou Rotary and continue up the Sunrise Trail (Route 6) to Jost Winery in Malagash.

Saturday July 1st, BBQ Meeting With the New England MG "T" Registry, Wolfville

Sandy Fraser is hosting a BBQ for six members of the N.E.M.G.T. Registry who will be touring Nova Scotia and has invited B.A.T.A.N.S. members to welcome them at his home at 68 Sherwood Drive, Wolfville around 6:30. Nothing special is planned, just a time to chat informally, ogle cars and generally socialize. BATANSkis should bring whatever they want to barbeque.

Halifax members will assemble at Sunnyside Mall, Bedford Tim Hortons at about 5:00 PM for the run to Wolfville. This is a good chance to view some fine cars.

Sunday July 2nd, Meet Austin Healey Club of America, BBQ at Black Point, Pictou County

The Austin Healeys are coming up again this year and Haylett & Nina Clarke have again asked us to join them at a BBQ at their country home at Black Point, Pictou County on the Northumberland Strait. Details in the next newsletter.

Saturday July 15th - Second Annual British Car Day, PEI

This was a big highlight of our season last year and this years event promises to be even bigger and better with participants coming from as far away as New England, New Brunswick and possibly Quebec. With the new Confederation Bridge in place, this can be a day event if you wish or stay 2 nights as many did last year.

For those of you in the Halifax area who wish to stay Friday and Saturday nights on the Island, we are planning to travel as a group leaving from Sunnyside Mall Tim Hortons area Friday July 14th at 10:00 AM.

The following is a list of recommend accommodations near the car show:

NEW GLASGOW HIGHLANDS: Marlene & Les Andrews (902) 964-3232 Les and Marlene offer 18 camp cabins and 16 campsites. Cabins have a double bed and bunk beds. There is a lodge, pool. You can bring regular camping supplies but cooking facilities are available in the lodge. Great and affordable restaurants are within walking distance anyway including the Lobster Suppers and the Old Glasgow Mill. These are not cheap little cabins, finished in pine and very clean and bright. It is a great way to go and cost is \$40 per night for cabins.

LOWLAND INN: Garth and Ann Mac Lean (902) 964-2490. It is opening this May and they offer 8 luxurious rooms. with full breakfast. Costs are \$90 per night up to \$125.

MAYFIELD MEADOWS: This is a Quality Inn chain resort run by Kelvin and Pat MacQuaid. They have a large Inn with 16 rooms, are opening 13 new units this June and have many cabins of various sizes. They offer breakfast, tennis, indoor pool, barbecues and games room. It is a few miles from Cavendish so very close to the car show. Rates vary according to type of accommodation but probably around \$100 per night and up.

BARACHOIS INN: Run by the MacDonald family (902) 963-2194. This is a well restored 1870 Victorian Inn. It is next to where the car show will be held. They offer 4 guest suites all at \$140 per night including breakfast.

There are many other accommodations in Rustico area and you can find these on the PEI Gov't tourist net. The bottom line is book early as it is peak season.

Wednesday July 19th to Monday July 24th, 2000 - Festival of Tall Ships, Halifax

This is just a reminder of this spectacular event when about 150 tall sailing ships will be visiting

Halifax as part of a race from Cadiz, Bermuda, Boston, Halifax and ending in Amsterdam, Holland. We encourage you to visit the Halifax Tall Ships web site at <http://www.tallships2000.ns.ca/> to view all the events planned in this area during their stopover.

Saturday July 22nd, Scott Manor House Show & Shine & BBQ - 12 Noon to 4 PM

Again we have been asked to display our British cars on the beautiful lawn of Scott Manor House Museum on Fort Sackville Dr. in Bedford. The museum is open to the public and refreshments are available during the afternoon.

Following the show, Robert and Helen Bell, (38 Hazelhurst St.) are hosting the usual windup BBQ. Their home is located on the Dartmouth waterfront near the Coast Guard station so we should have a great view of some of the Tall Ships that will be in port at this time. Be sure to bring along your favorite beverage as everything else will be provided. Always a good time at this event.

BATANS Newfoundland 2000 Tour

A. 10 Day Western Tour: Starting Saturday August 5, 2000

To Monday August 14, 2000

OR

B. Additional Eastern Tour, Sunday August 13, 2000 to August 20 or 23, 2000 (Contact organizers for details)

Important!

- We urge you to make ferry and accommodation reservations as soon as possible. Hoteliers tell us that rooms are already in short supply in some areas.

This will be a ten day return tour from Halifax to St. Anthony located at the tip of the Newfoundland's Northern Peninsula. There will be an optional extra leg to St. Johns and/or St. Pierre & Miquelon for those wishing to take the extra time. This latter leg will be planned in detail in consultation with those wanting to participate. Tour planners are:

- Preston Smith (902-826-7789, prsmith@navnet.net)
- Tony Gibson (902-826-2724, gibsonda@navnet.net)
- Andy Proudfoot (BATANS member living in Gander - 709-256-7316, amproud@nf.sympatico.ca).

Early registration with BATANS is essential so that arrangements can be made for popular attractions, and problems can be sorted out. ***Individuals must book their own rooms and ferries.*** Camping facilities will be available at each stop. We hope to have a backup vehicle with tools and some spares along for the trip.

There are lots of B&Bs at cheaper rates but personal preferences re private/shared baths make it difficult to make specific recommendations. All towns/villages where we will be staying are highlighted in the text so if you want to room elsewhere just select something in that geographic location.

Tell the Inn Keepers that you are traveling in antique cars and that you might be late arriving. If necessary make guaranteed late arrival reservations. Where shown, state that you are from BATANS when making room bookings.

Phone 1-800-563-NFLD to get a copy of the Newfoundland Travel Guide and map. To help you prepare for the trip, we will provide copies of pamphlets and list of web site addresses and reading material.

Estimated costs (excluding meals, gas, and incidentals) of the ten day tour for a car and two people including ferries and accommodation is about \$850, and for campers at about \$350.00. We are planning numerous side trips, social events, and sight seeing opportunities. The map at the end of the article shows the approximate routes we will follow.

Western Leg

Day 1 Saturday August 5th

Halifax to North Sydney (450 Km).

Accommodations: Seal Island Motel, Bras d'Or, 1-888-732-5475 **RESERVE EARLY.**

Day 2 Sunday August 6th

Ferry to Port aux Basques, NF - Arrive in early afternoon and drive to Corner Brook.
Accommodations: Bridgeway Motel, Corner Brook, 1-709-634-4662

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Day 3 Monday August 7th

Corner Brook to Cow Head via Deer Lake to Willowdale and Trout River and continue to Cow Head. Overnight in Cow Head at northern tip of Gros Morne National Park.

Accommodations: Shallow Bay Motels & Cabins. 1-800-563-1946. Motel rooms \$70 double; cabins: \$75 double. (www3.nf.sympatico.ca/sb.motel)

MENTION B.A.T.A.N.S.

Day 4/5 Tuesday & Wednesday, August 8th and 9th

Cow Head to St. Anthony (345 Km). We will stay in St. Anthony for two nights Some may wish to take an overnight trip to Ile-au-Bois in Labrador via the ferry leaving from St. Barbe (contact Tony for details).

Accommodations: Vinland Motel, St. Anthony 1-800-563-7578.

MENTION B.A.T.A.N.S.

Day 5 Wednesday August 9th

Visit L'Anse aux Meadows, Viking settlement.

Day 6 Thursday August 10th

St. Anthony to Rocky Harbour (380 Km). We will spend three nights in Rocky Harbour.

Accommodations: Gros Morne Cabins (housekeeping Units), 1-888-603-2020
Wildflowers B&B, 709-458-3000

MENTION B.A.T.A.N.S.

Days 7/8 Friday & Saturday August 11th and 12th

Visit attractions in and around Gros Morne National Park. Attend Dinner Theater in Cow Head.

Day 9 Sunday August 13th

Rocky Harbor to Port aux Basques (339 Km).

Accommodations: St. Christopher's Hotel, Port aux Basques

MENTION B.A.T.A.N.S.

Day 10 Monday August 14th

Ferry to North Sydney. As the ferry arrives in North Sydney at approx. 1:00 PM, you have the option to drive through to Halifax in the afternoon or stay overnight at the Seal Island Motel again. Tel: 1-888-732-5475

If you are interested in the Eastern Leg option B, please call one of the organizers listed above to receive details on dates and accommodations.

Ferry Reservations

1-800-341-7981, <http://www.marine/atlantic.ca>

NORTH SYDNEY TO PORT AUX BASQUES

Sunday August 6th

PORT AUX BASQUES TO NORTH SYDNEY

Monday August 14th, 7:00 am

Each way; Car \$62, Pass \$20, Accommodations \$7 to \$90

ARGENTIA TO NORTH SYDNEY

Saturday August 15th or Tuesday August 22nd

Car \$124; Pass \$55;

Accommodations \$15 to \$125

Sunday August 20th, Halifax Antique Car Club Show & Shine, Exhibition Park

Meet: Timmys in Clayton Park Shopping Centre 9:30 AM and drive in a group to Exhibition Park. Bring along a couple of folding chairs and an umbrella for sun protection. Someone from the club usually goes home with a trophy from this event.

Saturday September 2nd to Monday September 4th - Parrsboro, Cape Chignecto Tour

On this trip we plan to stay 2 nights in Parrsboro and tour the Cape Chignecto area to Apple River and back plus take in the Kipawo live theatre on either Saturday or Sunday evening. More details on this trip in the next newsletter.

Sunday September 17th - Annapolis Valley Hill Climb and Funkhana

Preparations are underway for the second annual hill climb and funkhana so mark this date on your calendar. This event was well attended last year and promises to be even better this year. More details in the next newsletter.

Sunday October 1st, Summerville Brunch Run

What a time of year to tour the Noel Shore and enjoy an unbelievable brunch at the Summerville Emporium. It was so good last year we had to do it again. The prices are right, the food is unbeatable and the company is the best so mark this event on your calendar as well. Don't miss it. Details later.

Saturday October 14th - Sunday October 15th - Fall Colours Run to Eastern Shore

This promises to be the height of the fall colours and what a perfect way to view them from your British car. This will be a circular run starting up Route 7 to Liscomb Lodge (or other accommodations of your choice) overnight then continue to Sherbrooke taking some meandering back roads back to the Musquodoboit Valley. Details later.

Saturday December 9th - Annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner, Dartmouth

Drew & Sheilia have again offered us their home to host the annual Christmas Party. As usual festivities will begin about 5:00 PM. Always a good time so mark this on your calendar as well. Details later.

Friday January 26th to Sunday January 28th, 2001

Annual White Point Beach Resort Get-Away Event Planning Weekend

Don't miss this event that really breaks up the winter blahs. Swimming, surf watching, beach walking and of course our Saturday afternoon meeting to plan all the events for the year 2001. As usual we have the Annex booked (8 rooms) and 4 rooms in the lodge so circle these dates on your calendar for this relaxing weekend.

British Car Drivers Week, May 20 - 28, 2000

From Scott Helms (via British Cars Listserv on the Internet)

I thought I'd get the word out early about British Car Week 2000 to enable early postings for next years calendar of events listings. You will notice that both opposing weekends are included this year for more driving time for those of you who are more likely to get your cars out and drive them during the weekends. You will also notice that in many cases the word "Drivers" has been added to the title. I've seen this title used by others, and I feel that it is a great idea because the week is all about driving our British cars. Either way, it's still the same week.

As many of you may already know, next spring marks the fourth annual British Car "Drivers" Week. This is a world wide event for all British marques with the intent that it will continue to grow in popularity as the years go by. This idea was prompted by a magazine article written by fellow British car enthusiast, Peter Egan, for the March 1997 issue of Road & Track magazine. Peters' article centered on the fact that there is a lack of old classic sports cars seen driven on roads today, and how much he misses seeing some of his favorite classic marque's of the past driving on the roads of his town.

The British car community responded quickly to his plea, and shortly after that article was published, the first annual British Car Week was initiated. This "awareness" week is intended for all British car owners to get their cars out on the roads in their locality, to have some fun with them, and promote them for all to see and appreciate. While doing so, we'll do what we can to recreate the days when these cars were a much more common sight on the byways of North America and beyond. Of

course we'll never be able to populate the roads with these cars like they once were, but we can make a difference for one week per year. By getting our cars out on the roads at the same time during this week, we can create an awareness in our own part of the world that these unique, charming, fun cars are still around and doing well, thus hoping to create some new or renewed interests in them to help keep our hobby and related clubs and businesses going strong.

Very recently in my part of the Country, I've witnessed some changes that I hope are only temporary. One longtime, honorable major event promoter has announced that he will no longer be promoting a British car event that has been one of the staples of the Midwest for around 23 years. In another case, a local British car club president has announced a merger of his club with another group of British car clubs because no one answered the plea for new club officers. I also recently received an e-mail from a gentleman from a gentleman from Maryland who is trying to get a British car driving event together in his area during next years British Car Drivers Week. He submitted an article in a club newsletter asking for interested people to respond. So far, he's only received one reply, and it was not favorable.

Are these occurrences early signs of the fate of our hobby, or just some rare cases? I don't know. I do know the British car hobby seems to be doing quite well in other instances, but like others, when I hear about situations like these, I can't help but realize how important it is to continue to promote the hobby, and hope there will be others who will step forward and take over some of the duties that are so important to all of us and our cars.

The more people who volunteer to help with club activities, the less of a burden on the rest, thus less tendency for burnout for the people who work so hard to support our clubs.

In any case, this is a plea for all British car enthusiasts to do what they can to help promote British cars and this very important British car promotional event. Let your club officials know about this week. Get together with your club and plan something during this celebrated week, get the date listed within your clubs newsletter calendar, post it on your internet web page, or simply get your car out and drive it more often in your home town during the week. The most important objective is to have some fun, spend some quality time with your car, and in turn, hope to attract some new enthusiasts.

If you're interested in helping to promote this week among the people and clubs that support your favorite marque, please contact me at: Trmgafun@aol.com. This would not take up a lot of your time, but simply require that you contact the leaders of the clubs that are related to your favorite marque, and make sure they are aware of British Car Week and what it's all about, and hope they will help us promote it. If interested, I would add your name and e-mail address to a list, and would provide you with updates of any information regarding British Car Week that you could pass along. If you would like to post your own British car related event that will take place during British Car Week, feel free to let me know, and I will post it on the BCW web page for others in your area to learn about. This past May, I noticed an upsurge of British cars driving around my home town during BC Week as well as some classic German and Italian models that I hadn't seen before the week started, and haven't seen since the week ended. Maybe we've got some competition!!

Thanks for your time, and hope to see you on the road.

Scott Helms

Visit the web page: <http://members.aol.com/Trmgafun/britishcarweek.html>

Welcome to New Members

We wish to welcome the following eight new members who have joined the Club since the last *Small Torque* was issued:

Gerald & Myrna Elloit	Fall River, NS	1965 Lotus Super 7
Michael & Evelyn Landry	Dartmouth, NS	1980 TR7
Richard & Clare Lane	Halifax, NS	1957 Austin Healey 100-6 BN4
Andrew MacInnis	Jemseg, NB	1960 TR3

Max & Susan McKenna	Halifax, NS	1962 MGA 1600 MKII
Gerry & Anna Pierce	Halifax, NS	1962 MGA 1600 MKII
Brian & Shirley Willett	Bridgetown, NS	Looking for 1964-65 TR4 (A IRS?)
Wanda Woolaver	Truro, NS	1961 MGA

We sincerely hope you and your family will enjoy the company of others who enjoy driving and preserving British automobiles and we look forward to meeting you and your cars at the next outing.

Club Regalia

Our energetic regalia salesman Ron Gray, has the following Club items for sale:

- Navy Sweatshirts with the wine and green collars complete with the embroidered Club crest for the small sum of \$30.00, taxes included.
- Sew-on Club crests for \$8.00
- Handsome Cast Car Badges complete with mounting hardware for \$25.00.

HOT NEW ITEMS!

- **Windshield Decals!**

Beautifully detailed, full colour 2 1/2" B.A.T.A.N.S. crest widow decals - just peel and stick inside the window of your lbc, LBC or family car to show you are a member of this fine club. These were beautifully crafted by our own new member Michael Landry on a fade free vinyl and available to members for the very low price of \$2.00 (taxes included). Buy one for every car you own!

- **1999 Hill Climb and Funkhana Video**

This is a once in a lifetime offer that you cannot refuse! This is a limited edition, professionally edited and produced production of our first hill climb complete with music, commentary, squealing tyres and unedited competitors comments as they scream around the corners. As a bonus, you also get to see the "Tennis Ball Slalom" and parking contest! Don't miss this opportunity to own one of these classic tapes, especially if you were one of the contestants. All this for only \$20.00, taxes included! Call Ron NOW! Supplies are limited.

Call Ron at (902) 865-5025 or e-mail him at jl.graydrake@ns.sympatico.ca or arrange to pick up any of these items on Monday nights at Arbys.

MARKETPLACE

If you have anything you would like to advertise in this section of *Small Torque*, please e-mail Bob Hamilton or send copy to the address on the front of this Newsletter before the next issue which will be in May.

For Sale

- Jaguar XK120 Oil Pan asking \$600.00 I was told by some jag owners here in Montreal, that it is worth a lot more. I am ready to bargain but not give it away. Call Bob Forest at 514-697-6660 or e-mail: bforest@sprint.ca
- Two Items For Sale for Midget Mk1. 1) Fiberglass hardtop in good condition except for some scratches on the top of the roof. - Asking \$275 or offer. 2) A 15 inch Moto Lita steering wheel (Moss #454-190) - 3 drilled & polished spokes and has a wooden rim. Comes with adapter to fit a Midget Mk1 (or Mk1 & 2 Sprite) (Moss #905-345) Great condition as it never has actually been used. Asking \$275 or offer. Call Aviars Berzins in Stratford, PEI at 902-569-5840 or e-mail: abji.berzins@pei.sympatico.ca
- For sale: MGB hardtop for 300.00. Call Steve Calder at 902-462-8108 or e-mail: stevec@ns.sympatico.ca
- For sale: late model MGB single carburetor and manifold. Call Mike Robicheau in Halifax at 902-434-3938 or e-mail: mrobicheau@innovacorp.ca

Wanted

- Workshop Manual for Austin America: also hydroelastic suspension pump, parts, etc. Call Declan McCann at 902-765-2330 OR maccana@ns.sympatico.ca.
 - In the spring I will be taking the engine/gearbox out of my Healey 100-6. I will be borrowing the lifting equipment needed to take this out (about 750 lbs). If this is the kind of thing our members could help me with, I would really appreciate it. Call Don Shiner in Brookside, NS at 902-457-6398 or e-mail: donald.shiner@msvu.ca
 - Wanted for MG Midget. Good rust free engine bonnet and a good usable soft top. (Yea, Yea I hear you say, "You`ll be lucky!) Call Ben Rodgers at 902-964-3020 or e-mail: rodgl@pei.sympatico.ca
 - Wanted: Buick 215 V8 bell housing and or engine, and front spoiler for MGB. Call Mike Robicheau in Halifax at 902-434-3938 or e-mail: mrobicheau@innovacorp.ca
 - Wanted: any used mini parts, mechanical body or electric. Especially in search of a headliner and a bonnet. Malcolm Jeffcock at: 902-895-5954 or jeffcock@istar.ca
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Canada Customs Importing Tips - by Bob Annand

Here are the basic rules with importing LBC parts from the U.S.

Parts worth \$20.00 Canadian are not charged a broker fee or GST by Canada Post. If you are charged, there is a refund claim form on the reverse side of the documentation stuck to your parcel or forms are available at Canada Customs. You will have to have your original customs forms and a copy of your commercial invoice. Mail it in and wait. They (Canada Post/Canada Customs) are very busy and make a lot of mistakes. Always make sure your parts are mailed by U.S. Mail as it is almost impossible to get a refund from the courier companies (read, UPS - ed.).

For goods valued over \$20.00 Canadian, you will pay the Canada Post \$5.00 brokerage fee plus 15% taxes. There are no customs duties on antique auto parts. Check your invoices carefully as sometimes you will be charged the taxes on top of your shipping and handling charges. You only have to pay taxes on the actual value of the goods. If you have been overcharged, use the refund procedures mentioned above. Canada Customs will never return your goods to the sender unless you have refused to accept the shipment or Canada Post has been unable to deliver them. Canada Customs will hold your goods, if, after examination, they are in disagreement with the declared value. In that case, you will receive notification by mail (or rarely by phone) that Customs requires further documentation to establish the value of your shipment. Do not panic! You can always appeal any decision made by Customs. The important thing is to get your parts. Do the paperwork later. Canada Customs will never seize your goods unless there is something illegal included. Misdeclaring the value of goods is a common occurrence and is called under evaluation. The Customs inspector simply uses the correct value on you bill if she/he is able to determine it. Only if the Customs Inspector is unable to verify the value, will the goods be held.

Prince Edward Island News

British Motoring Association of Prince Edward Island

On January 17, 2000 bylaws for the *British Motoring Association of Prince Edward Island* were adopted at a meeting held at the University of PEI campus during one of the fiercest snowstorms of the winter. Twelve brave souls ventured out that night under great adversity and debated the bylaws and were able to achieve what was a very distant possibility a year ago. A special thanks goes to our 3-person team of Dr. Brian Jones, Graham Ayers and Daniel Tweel, legal counsel who prepared these bylaws and made the job of debate and adoption much simpler. The name of the Association was chosen to reflect our interest in supporting all things motoring that are British. Our purpose as adopted in bylaws reads as follows:

"The purpose of the Association is to support and encourage the hobby of British motoring on Prince Edward Island. The Association is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and safe use of British motor vehicles of all types."

While the bylaws stipulate that there will be one annual meeting, we are moving towards a twice monthly meeting to be held every second Friday at a social setting, alternating between Summerside and Charlottetown. Other meetings will be held at the call of the executive, as part of our very popular technical sessions. While we are on this subject, the first of these, Tuning and Rebuilding SU carburetors was held in December of 1999 and it attracted 30 participants. The second was held on January 29 and consisted of a 6-hour MIG welding session attracting 13 novice welders. Rusty frames beware! Remember to keep those tea bags beside you bed for those sore eyes! All participants rated both sessions as highly successful. Upcoming sessions include one in February on bearings and a spring session on tune-ups and taking your car out of storage.

We have elected an executive consisting of Bob Bentley President, Ben Rodgers, Vice President and Brian Jones as Secretary Treasurer. Two directors at large positions will be elected at a later date.

Brian is busily working with our first off island member, from Winnipeg British Car owner and enthusiast Mr. Jones on our Quarterly newsletter, Rear View Mirror. The first will be produced the second week of February and this first edition will be sent to all Islanders on our mailing list and to participants in last years British Car day. So watch for this newsletter and note the call for membership. We would be happy to have BATANS members as members of our Association just as many of us continue to be members of BATANS!

Twelve charter memberships were taken on January 17, 2000 and our newsletter will attract more we are certain. It is my goal to have a minimum of 40 members by spring of 2000, and I am confident that this will be achieved.

We are working on our logo for the association and this will be highlighted in our first newsletter as well.

We intend to have technical section in the newsletter and will unveil our preliminary slate of activities for the year 2000. One of our goals will be to coordinate our activities with both British Automobile Touring Association of Nova Scotia and the Prince Edward Island Antique Car Club. Our activities will include some of there major events and we will be encouraging our members to remain active in these associations and to participate in their activities on a regular basis. We feel that we can all grow and prosper by supporting each other's events.

Two of our members Keith Tompkins and Kent England have produced an initial version of our Web site and this can be found at: www.icndata.com/stores/marketing/bmapei/index.htm

I apologize to Keith for giving out the URL at this stage but wanted others to see how things are shaping up for us, even though they are projects in progress.

Truly this year will be a very exciting year for British car enthusiasts on Prince Edward Island.

Bob Bentley
President
British Motoring Association of PEI

**REMEMBER! MEET AT ARBY'S IN BEDFORD MONDAY 6 PM
15% OFF ALL FOOD PURCHASES BY CLUB MEMBERS**
