



Old Brits

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Brits by the Bus – 10th Anniversary Show

By John Pharr

By my count we had 62 cars and one Triumph motorcycle on Sunday, lined up beautifully in front of the Bessborough. A great success, once again a great sunny day and many thanks to our participants from out of town, especially the stalwart folks from Regina.



photo by Bill Rafoss

All following photos by Matt Toon, who sent me a CD of images – I tried this year to feature cars which haven't appeared before or as often, or cars Matt photographed from an unusual perspective



At the BBQ at the Muzzleloaders' Club



Scott & Kathy's MGA coupe, which won Best Import at Cruise in August





Knightsbridge..., home of Harrod's in London..., natural Jaguar habitat



More useful accessories...



We could eat at the Bus or at "Taste of Saskatchewan" in the park..., this Mini had a taste of Saskatchewan... bugs!

Klassic Kruisers Rule in P.A.

by Bill Rafoss

The temperature: 32 degrees Celsius. A great day for a drive up the Veterans Memorial Highway from Saskatoon to Prince Albert with the top down. The event: the **Prince Albert Klassic Kruisers Kar Klub's 20th Anniversary show-n-shine**, August 15, 2008. Prince Albert SBCC member Matthew Toon put out the call to all members to come up to Prince Albert for the annual Friday night show. The TR7 hadn't been out for a stretch on the highway for some time, so your intrepid reporter fired up the Triumph and headed north. It couldn't have been a more perfect summer day. The TR7 ran flawlessly up Highway 2. I prefer this route to P.A. over Highway 11 because it is a bit more scenic, winding, and usually has less traffic on it. The show was held in the parking lot of the Northern Lights Casino. Over 100 cars and motorcycles lined up for the viewing public: muscle cars, vintage cars and trucks, a hopped-up police cruiser and more. The SBCC was represented by my iridescent **TR7** and Matthew's white right-hand drive **Austin Mini**. Several thousand people showed up to admire the cars. A live band from Saskatoon played 60's British music to add to the atmosphere. The show began at 3 pm and lasted to 9 pm, when a full moon marked the end of the show. At about 8:45 pm the motors started up, revving and backfiring, like bulls waiting to get outside the corral. It wasn't long before a cruise home began under the watchful eye of the local constabulary. For me it meant a late night drive back to Saskatoon. I decided to keep the top down to fully enjoy the experience. I said farewell to Matthew and off I went. It was a bit chilly on the drive home but I turned on the heat and all was well. The full moon capped off a perfect evening. Let's try to get a few more cars up next year. There were a total of 3 British cars there; a brown **TR6** added to the British flavour. Thanks to the Klassic Kruisers for a great event!



Bits from Bob / aka “The Prez Sez...”

From Bob Forward, SBCC President

BROADWAY STREET FAIR

We were asked to put on a car show for the Broadway Street Fair in September. We have participated before and had a good time.

This year we were promised a better location for the cars. We were asked to park in the Seven-Eleven parking lot at Broadway & Main, good choice busy place. Unfortunately the organisers had forgotten to inform all the tenants that we were putting on a show in their parking lot, and after some heated words we had to move across the street to a school parking lot..., this included pushing one Spitfire whose battery had died,

The cars were set up again and we had a good turn out with 10 cars on display. Paul had come to the next door carwash to clean his ‘daily driver’ before going to the airport to meet people and he offered to add his white Mini to the collection since it was at his sister’s house a couple of blocks away. This gave John Pharr his first ever drive in a classic Mini, which he enjoyed. The rain then came to join us, too, so all the tops that were down went up. We spent the rest of the day getting wet, telling stories and enjoying hot and cold beverages..., and later on fine live music at Bud’s on Broadway. Thanks to all who came out and helped put on the car show, it was fun.



BOXER BASH FUNDRAISER

I was asked to help with putting on a car show for the recent Boxer Bash Fundraiser at the Bessborough Hotel in the gardens. The SBCC members helped out again and a show was put together quickly; we also got some help from the Mustang club. Our Bedford van was featured at the entrance to the function and we also had cars parked outside the Hotel. Five Fords, 1 Triumph and 1 Mitsubishi lined the street entrance. I was able to place my TR8 and the Morris Minor inside the gardens. It was a great evening..., good food, great entertainment and lots of people. Randy Bachman was the headliner so the place really rocked for close to two hours, it was a cool night but a fun one.

During cleaning and setting up the vehicles for the show we were treated to Randy Bachman and his band doing a sound check, playing lots of his hits including Running back to Saskatoon. After the sound check I introduced myself and explained our club and the cars to Randy and his band members. It was a good day cleaning cars to live music in the Bessborough gardens. Check out the pictures above.

The event raised over 1.5 million. Thanks to all who helped out.

OCTAGON MOTORS ANNUAL VANCOUVER TO WHISTLER RUN

I was in Vancouver on business in late September and was lucky enough to be invited on the annual trip to Whistler. My trip to Whistler was made in a rental car instead of a real car but sometimes we must suffer.

The day started with registration on the North Shore of Vancouver at the auto mall, weather was decent and about 120 cars signed up and headed out. The rain started before we got out of the city, but for some reason the Morgan guys drove all the way with their tops down, very wet. Only one Mini stalled with a wet distributor; everyone else arrived at Whistler ... some very wet... and the cars were all set up for a show there until 4:00pm. Then we were all off back to the city. It rained all the way back until the city limits. It was a good day..., lots of great cars, good people and new friends.

Saskatchewan British Car Club Minutes – June 11, 2007

Members present: 30

Location: Boffins Club, Innovation Place

Saskatchewan British Car Club Minutes – July 9, 2008

Members present: 32

Location: Boffins Club, Innovation Place

Saskatchewan British Car Club Minutes – August 13, 2008

Members present: 33

Location: Boffins Club, Innovation Place

Saskatchewan British Car Club Minutes – September 10, 2008

Members present: 30

Location: Boffins Club, Innovation Place

**Saskatchewan British Car Club
Minutes – October 8, 2008**

Members present: 26

Location: Boffins Club, Innovation Place

**Saskatchewan British Car Club
Minutes – November 12, 2008**

Members present: 32

Location: Boffins Club, Innovation Place

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