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The Newsletter of the Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary



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**THE VINTAGE SPORTS
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**ALL BRITISH
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*Marking the 40th Anniversary of the
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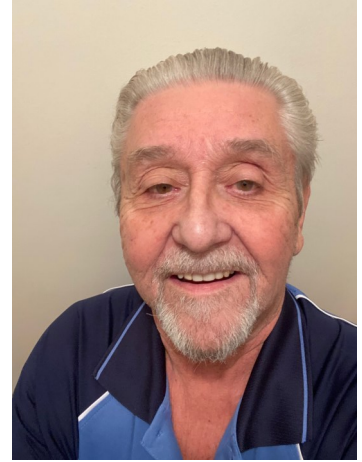
Jaguar's
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**CANADA OLYMPIC PARK
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Retrospective of the VSCCC – European Classic Car Meet

Editor's Comments



Hello fellow members! This Special Edition of the Oily Rag highlights some of the history of the club's ECCM Annual Meet. Fred Griffiths and Don Barr submitted this great article and, in my opinion, it deserves to be highlighted in its own issue!

Please enjoy and my heartfelt thanks to Fred and Don for their efforts.

Enjoy!

VSCCC – European Classic Car Meet

“Remember When...? by Fred Griffiths history, photos and editing by Don Barr

This looks like being the second year in a row - and only the 3rd time in its history that the club will not be able to host the long running European Classic Car Meet, so perhaps we could look back on some of the past meets and “Remember When....?” For photos of cars and owners that have attended over the years, check out the Gallery on the club website, <http://WWW.VSCCC.CA/>.

The Vintage Sports Car Club was formed in 1978 and has hosted shows of one sort or another since then. The “Big Show” of the club's year started as the All British Field Meet and was hosted by either the VSCCC or the Edmonton Classic Sports Car Club on alternate years in their home city.

The cover of a 1989 Oily Rag (remember when it was printed on paper?) and a dash badge salute the Jaguar XK cars, the feature of that year's ABFM show, held in July at Canada Olympic Park.

Strangely, the 1990 meet, this time called the Calgary All British Field meet was also held in Calgary, celebrating 80 years of Morgan motoring.



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In 1992 it became the European Sports and Classic Car Meet and was held at COP for the last time. Since then the meet has bounced around the city and jumped between July and September several times.



On Calgary's turn for the 1994 meet it was promoted as the ECCM, held at Fort Calgary, featuring a Triumph TR2 on the dash badge given to entrants. 1996 saw more changes as the event was initially promoted as an ABFM, but later as the ECCM and moved again, to The Auto Mall in Glendee Circle, this time held in September for the first time. The dash badge portrays what must surely be an MG TD – the club's logo at the time.

For 1997 the meet was held on Prince's Island, featuring the MGA, again in September, and all went well. But on the dawn of show day, September 1998 at Prince's Island again, the meet was abruptly cancelled by the City of Calgary due to cold, wet weather and soggy grass areas. So 1998 was the “Meet That Never Was.”

Club negotiations with the city allowed the 1999 ECCM to move to Stanley Park where it has remained since then. 1999's theme featured the Porsche 911, the first time a non British marque appeared on the club's dash plaques and pins.

Over the years many Calgary automotive related businesses helped sponsor the meet, and were repaid with company names and logos on advertising and promotional material, as well as some really neat items presented to participating club members.

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Here is a brief look at some of the 'give-aways' and awards the club has presented over the years.

The earliest items I have are from the 2000 ECCM. A very useful travelling coffee mug complete with the list of sponsors. The printing is wearing a little thin as I use these mugs regularly. Can you believe that is already over 20 years ago!



For the 2001 meet, a very handy LED flashlight – mine still with its presentation case. In 2002 participants were given a little Handiman tool, a useful item hopefully not needed to keep our older cars in running order.



For most years of the ECCM participants received a dash plaque in commemoration of the event. Of the many shows I have participated in, here are a few of those plaques covering 1989, 1999, 2003, 2005 and 2012.



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Don Barr's collection provided plaques for 1990, '92, '94, '96, '97 and 2004.



This 2003 award for Best of Show/
Best
Debuting Restoration is a little out of
the ordinary. It is based on the
promotional poster with a little
renovation by myself and the addition
of the winning vehicle in question. The
poster that year claims it to be the 17th
annual show, indicating the annual
meet would have been inaugurated in
1986. Research by Don Barr (Club
Historian) shows the first show was
actually 1987.



The 2004 award was even more special and of
considerable value. Class winners were
presented with a plaque into which was set a
1/10th ounce gold Canadian Maple Leaf coin.
The value at the time was \$100, and now, 17
years later its value is more like \$250, so hang
on to it! I placed a small label on the back of
mine explaining that this was not just a shiny
penny, in case anyone thought it wasn't worthy
of wall space after my demise.

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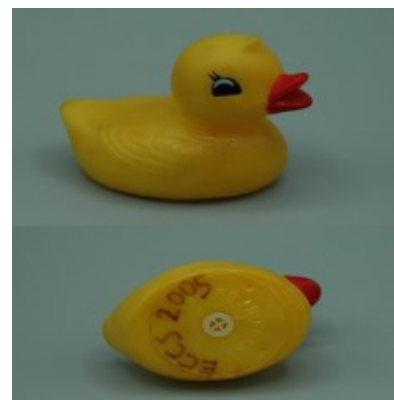
To top off the 2004 show, participants were given this useful sun hat.



The September, 2005 meet brought a special award – the Rubber Duckie award given to all participants. That was the year of the Big Wet, on a rainy day when the Stanley Park grounds were so water logged we were not allowed to place cars inside. The few enthusiasts who did bring a car to show gathered in the east parking lot huddled under marquees and umbrellas. I don't recall any actual judging taking place, nor many visitors. After it was all over President Fritz Peyrl presented the little rubber ducks to those participants who did brave the elements.

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The following year brought another cold, frosty morning on the September show day, so organizers decided “enough was enough”, and for the 2007 ECCM the date was moved back



to July again, in hopes of better weather. The decision seemed to have been a wise one.

Do you remember when – John and Yvette Warga took photos of every participant and their vehicle? Together, they photographed us on the way into the park in the morning, then dashed home to print every picture, place it in a folder frame and then deliver it back to each participant in the afternoon! Here is a 2009 example, the last year I showed the Spitfire at the ECCM.



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Some time over the past 20 years other presentation items were given to participants, but I don't know the particular year. Note the badge is the older version.



This completes my collection of “give aways” from the European Classic Car Meet. But it appears there were others, such as Don Barr's printed beer mug – again with the old club logo.

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In the summer of 2001 it was felt the logo of the old MG didn't represent the greater variety of marques which members now owned. So the club logo became a wire-wheel knock-off spinner. And again, at some point, that was modernized with a new curvier highway and brighter colour scheme.

The European Classic Car Meet, or by its earlier names the All British Field Meet or European Sports and Classic Car Meet has been a major event in our club's calendar and has attracted participants from at least 3 provinces, and possibly several of the US states. Let's hope this 2 year hiatus will not be the end of such a well known and much appreciated car show. In the meantime, we hope you have enjoyed a little look back and “Remembered When...”

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Membership is open to all those owning, and having a keen interest in, traditional (vintage) sports cars. Our current membership owns mostly British roadsters and coupes dating from 1935 to 1980; however all vehicles are welcome. Dues are \$40.00 per year.

General Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Austrian Canadian Cultural Centre (3112 11 Street NE, Calgary).

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Chris Gorrie, our Director of Regalia, would be happy to fill your order for any of the following::

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- • • • **Club Logo Patches** - 47 in stock
- • • • **Golf Shirts**—members cost is \$25-47 in stock
- • • • **Grill Badges** — \$15 - 29 new style, 7 Old style
- • • • **Window Decals** — two free to each member
- • • • **Can Koozies**—\$2
- • • • **Pens** - 217 on stock
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