



Bluewater Region – Running Board News August 2021

President's Message:

We are in the midst of Summer, a great time for Classic Car activities. Your Executive of Bluewater Region met this past week, with intentions to plan and arrange activities for this fall, keeping in mind that we stay within Provincial and local guidelines. I ask that we be aware of restrictions, being extremely aware of the increased summer traffic in our tourist areas and participate in as many club organized activities as possible.

We are always looking for ideas. Please contact any member of our executive, with your ideas and suggestions. A list with names and contact information is below.

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Let's continue to follow precautions and practice our social distancing!

Please stay safe, stay healthy and stay connected!



www.bluewatercarclub.com – our website

If you have access to a computer, please check us out.

Updates on the status of events, announcements, pictures, and newsletters, etc. will be here for you.

You can also stay informed of the National ACCCC events, news and information at www.acccc.ca

Elderly Man Thinks Fast

An elderly farmer in Florida had a large pond down by his fruit orchard. One evening he decided to go down to the pond and took a five-gallon bucket to pick some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard female voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in the pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, 'We're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man thought for a second and said, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim or to make you get out of the pond naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the alligator!'

Moral: Old men can still think fast.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS WE ARE WORKING ON AND SOME THAT ARE A GO!

ANNUAL CORN ROAST



Our Annual August Tour and Corn Roast at Earl McComb's will be Sunday, August 29th.

Earl's address is: 1043 Silver Lake Road, South Bruce Peninsula, ON

<https://goo.gl/maps/WoUrKdKJmr1vNUH88>

There will be a car tour beginning at 1:30 pm, leaving No Frills Parking Lot on the Sunset Strip in Owen Sound and will finish up at Earl's. We will be greeted with old music, lots of camaraderie, good food (hamburgers and corn). And maybe even a surprise dessert. Please bring your own lawn chair and refreshments. Due to COVID guidelines and considerations we will be preparing and handling the food. IMPORTANT: Please RSVP to Sharon Norton (519-372-0011) by August 25 as to your attendance and how many hamburgers you wish. We want to be sure we have our numbers correct. Thanks.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 FROM 1:30 TO 3:00 PM

MEAFORD LONG TERM CARE NURSING HOME
135 William St, Meaford, ON N4L 1T4



<https://goo.gl/maps/AAsmyHWtWKHDfZKD7>

They have a large parking lot, and we are hoping to have a good show of cars. Stay tuned as we are planning a tour to compliment this visit.

HOSTS: Reg and Jan Noble

Saturday September 25, 2021, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm

SEASON'S RETIREMENT HOME



1389 16th Ave E, Owen Sound, ON N4K 0A9

<https://g.page/seasons-owen-sound?share>

Season's Retirement Home are organizing a 50- 60's theme day for their residents, and cars play a big part in this. They will have music playing in the parking lot for the residents and family members to enjoy along with the cars. And they have invited us to be part of their day. They would like to see a minimum of 15 cars and more if possible.

So, members, bring your cars, knowledge and stories to the Season's Retirement Home for the residents to view, discuss, admire and maybe share a few stories or memories with them. If possible, if you could dress in 50's attire as well it would just authenticate the whole scene for the residents.

The plan is to have the residents pick their winners of our Rally and give out prizes. They will love being a part of the judging.

We may plan a tour before or after this event – TO BE CONFIRMED YET.



Mister Transmission in Owen Sound is offering a 20% discount to anyone in a car club.

I had my car in there a week ago and was talking with Chris, the owner of the franchise.....Larry

WEBSITE - <https://www.mistertransmission.com/owen-sound/>

Some excerpts from the website

Chris Guziak is the franchisee for our Owen Sound location. Chris has been in the automotive business for over 25 years. His team of skilled technicians has 65+ years of experience of combined [transmission service](#), transmission diagnosis, [transmission repair](#), and transmission rebuilding experience. We pride ourselves on our Expert Service, Quality repairs, and Outstanding Warranty Protection.

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Chris is dedicated to maintaining a high level of service for his customers, ensuring turnaround time is minimized by having state of the art equipment, tools, scanners, proper hoists, and courtesy cars readily available. This, along with ongoing training and skills development, allows their technicians to always be up to date on all the latest technology and equipment.

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An invitation received by the Club for your information. Perhaps you know a youth who might be interested in participating and/or perhaps you might like to be involved. Please contact Wayne for further details or if you wish to participate. Thanks.

Dear Wayne,

We are putting on Tools in the Trades Bootcamps all over Ontario. These Bootcamps will provide young adults with employability skills and hands on experience.

The automotive bootcamp will be an exciting and dynamic day for all. We are looking for a few classic cars for the students to view and learn about the history of automotive transport. There will be a nice catered lunch provided. This is a youth-oriented event to help engage students and pave the way for their apprenticeships. Please let me know if some members of your club want to get involved. We are in Owen Sound on November 18th at St Mary's High School.

Feel free to call me at 905-871-2557

Thank you!

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Getting Older Can be Fun - Age with Humor!

As you get older, your secrets are safe with your friends. They can't remember them either.

I would be unstoppable, if I could only get started.....

"I am having amnesia, dementia, and deja vu, all at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before . . ."

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

You can't stay young forever. That's just a theory, because you can be immature for your entire life.

I live in my own little world. But it's okay --- they know me here.

First Saturday of every Month



Time 8:30 am till ??

McDonald's Restaurant Sunset Strip Owen Sound



Parking Lot at rear - bring your lawn chairs - also any books etc. you may wish to share or exchange with other Members.

ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



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Your membership with the Bluewater Region Car Club is now due for October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022.

Please **MAIL** your dues, no drop offs please, as there is no mailbox at Russ' home. Please **NO CASH**. Include your form from the last Reflector whether or not there are any changes.

NOTE: Our Treasurer, Russ Manson, has a new address: 130 Cobble Beach Drive, Kemble, ON



AGM
Annual General Meeting

We currently looking for a venue to host our AGM. It is our hope to have arrangements in place and able to have a meeting in early to mid-October. We have a nominating committee consisting of Fred Parsons, John Lockner and Murray Hall. Their contact info is on the front page. Please consider how you might be able to step up and become a part of this Car Club Executive. We welcome you and look forward to having some new people come on board to carry out the day-to-day activities.



EVERY TUESDAY EVENING – Sauble Beach Rolling Cruise leaving Sauble Beach United Church on Bruce County Road 8 across from Miller Home Building (on the way into Sauble Beach from Hepworth), at 7:00 pm sharp. All are welcome to join them. Plan to do that and enjoy the embience of our very special Beach area.



Thursday, September 2, 2021

Meet at Elsie's Diner around 5:45pm, for an ice cream stop. Be sure to give yourself time to order and receive your ice cream as we will be leaving that location at 6:35 pm sharp and will tour to **Cobble Beach Golf Resort**

ADDRESS: 221 McLeese Drive SS3, Kemble, Ontario. N0H 1S0

<https://goo.gl/maps/reP9zd4YKtSS8KEg7>

Rob and Rosemary McLeese, owners, and also members of our Club, will meet us at the entrance and lead us in a tour of Cobble Beach in their newly restored 1931 McLaughlin Buick Roadster.



Our next Executive Meeting is Monday, September 20th at 7:00 pm at Wayne's. RSVP three days in advance to Sue Hoffman, 519-534-9925, please.



Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm we are invited to meet at the Old Community Centre in Chatsworth for a car show.

The Hill Billy Fry Shack will remain open during the time the cars are in attendance so you can get your fries fix while there.

Also, we are hearing about a Car Show at this site on September 11th – stay tuned to the website for further details.

Owen Sound says goodbye to icon Bob Alexander

Author of the article: Rob Gowan, Owen Sound Sun Times



A longtime stalwart of Owen Sound's classic vehicle, military and museum communities has passed away.

Bob Alexander, a Korean War veteran, died on Saturday at the age of 91.

Whether it was at the Bluewater Garage at the Grey Roots Museum and Archives, driving around town in his 1947 Ford pickup, chatting with friends over drinks at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 6, or leading the annual Remembrance Day parade in his 1953 M38A1 army jeep, Mr. Alexander was a familiar face to both young and old for decades.

Mr. Alexander's son Dave said on Monday that his father was a great family man who had three other passions in his life – his vehicles, the military and the museum. "He loved being around people and talking to people," Dave said. "That is what we are hearing from people these last couple of days is that he was a great storyteller."

Robert William Alexander was born in Owen Sound on May 26, 1930, and grew up in the city at his family's home near the St. George's ball diamond.

Aside for his military stint in Korea and a couple of years in London when he returned to Canada following it, Mr. Alexander always called Owen Sound home. He lived at his home near St. Mary's High School since the mid-1950s. For his entire life the military was important to Mr. Alexander. His father William Arthur Alexander was a First World War veteran wounded near Hill 70 in December 1917. A monument installed at Grey Roots in 2019 was modelled after Mr. Alexander's uncle, Robert Oliver Alexander, who was also a First World War veteran wounded at Passchendaele on Oct. 26, 1917, the same day Tommy Holmes' actions earned him the Victoria Cross. Mr. Alexander joined the Canadian Army himself in 1949. The next year he went with the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade to Korea, where he did a year-long deployment. While in Korea, he was attached to the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers where he worked in a workshop near Pusan. While there he went on a month-long deployment to the forward operating bases where they repaired vehicles being used by the active soldiers.

Dave said his father was always very proud of his time with the army. "We would sit around and he would reflect back on his service," said Dave, who added that his father took many pictures during his time in Korea. "We would sit and look at some of the pictures. He could recall very detailed stories of his service." Following his time in Korea, Mr. Alexander had a longtime involvement with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters, where he was a Master Warrant Officer. "I remember growing up that he always enjoyed going to the summer camps," Dave said.

He also became involved with the 167 Billy Bishop Air Marshal VC Air Cadet Squadron, of which he was an early member back in the 1940s. He remained involved with the squadron and was a member of their alumni association. Mr. Alexander was also an active member of the Korea Veterans Association and a proud member of the legion in Owen Sound.

"He enjoyed going over to the legion with the guys on Fridays just to sit and have a beer and unfortunately COVID robbed him of that opportunity most recently," Dave said. "He was treated so well by the membership."

Dave said his dad always insisted on and enjoyed laying the wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony for the Korean veterans. For many years he drove his jeep at the front of the Remembrance Day parade with other veterans as his passengers. "Of course he loved going to the legion afterwards, talking to the fellas and maybe even imbibe in a few drinks," Dave said.

Mr. Alexander worked for the Ontario Department of Highways and the Ministry of Transportation for close to 35 years, retiring in 1987. Dave said his father enjoyed his work there as a heavy mechanic, sometimes working on snowplows out on the road.

“For many years they would send him out in a truck if a snowplow was broken down,” Dave said. “He would work in a big wrecker sometimes pulling plows out of the ditches. He always found that interesting because you had to be careful in dealing with these great big pieces of heavy machinery.”

Mr. Alexander spent countless hours in his garage working on old vehicles – but only Fords.

“The one vehicle many Owen Sounders will remember, and it was an iconic vehicle that was on the roads for decades – and it still might make a return to the roads again – was his ’47 Ford pickup,” Dave said. “He pieced that together in the early 1970s and it was on the road since then.”

Other prized vehicles Mr. Alexander had included a 1931 Model A Victoria, a 1938 Ford Cabriolet and his 1953 jeep. He had been working on a Second World War Ford pattern truck, but wasn’t able to complete that project.

Mr. Alexander was a member of the Bluewater Region Car Club. Many members of that club took part in a 90th birthday drive-by celebration held for Mr. Alexander in May 2020 that attracted about 100 vehicles.



Bob Alexander, a Korean War veteran, Grey Roots volunteer and classic car enthusiast, was honoured with a drive-by birthday parade to mark his 90th birthday on May 26, 2020. Photo by Rob Gowan The Sun Times /jpg, OT

And then there was Mr. Alexander’s involvement with Grey Roots, where he volunteered for about three decades.

“He loved going to Grey Roots and volunteering there,” Dave said. When Grey Roots’ predecessor – the Grey County Museum – was located in Owen Sound he sat on the museum board and was instrumental in creating the Bluewater Garage. “So many people associate him with the Bluewater Garage, their visits to the garage they had, the tow truck in the garage and all the old cars they had,” Dave said. “Of course, he loved to chat with all the patrons as they came through.”

In a 2015 interview, Mr. Alexander admitted he got great joy out of seeing the faces of the visitors when he would let the children climb into one of the vehicles and lay on the horn. “It’s as much fun watching the face of the child as it is watching the face of the mother when that happens,” Mr. Alexander said. “It’s the little things that I really enjoy, like watching that mother’s face when the horn goes ah-oo-gah.”

Mr. Alexander received an Owen Sound Cultural Award for volunteer service in 2014 and was recognized with the Lieutenant Governor’s Ontario Heritage Award lifetime achievement in 2016.

Grey Roots Volunteer and Village Coordinator Stephanie McMullen said Monday that Mr. Alexander was chair of the museum board when she started there in 1999 and she worked with him ever since.

She said he was very welcoming to her when she started and through the years there was never any question about his passion for history, antique cars and for honouring local veterans.

“He felt that it was really important that we understand the roles veterans played in creating the society we have right now and that we should honour and respect them,” said McMullen. “He also had that appreciation for vehicles, particularly Fords, and the role that vehicles had in making things possible in our society.”

McMullen remembers how much Mr. Alexander loved engaging with children both at the museum and his own personal garage. “He actually had my older two kids over to his garage when he first started working on military pattern vehicles and gave them a tour of the different machinery and the different vehicle parts,” McMullen said. “It was pretty cool.”

And the storytelling was always something McMullen looked forward to with Mr. Alexander. “He loved to tell stories and literally at the beginning of every volunteer shift and at the end of every volunteer shift he would tell me stories,” said McMullen. “Some of them were about what had gone on with visitors to the garage throughout the day, but others were stories of things that had happened in his life. “It was always fun and there was always a good story when you were talking to Bob.”

Report from Murray and Mary Hall – Tour to Markdale



On Wednesday, June 30th, Bluewater region held its first tour of the season. We assembled in Owen Sound and drove to Grey Gables Retirement Home in Markdale to visit one of our founding members, Gilbert Rice. Almost all the residents came out to admire our cars and to reminisce. Gilbert's daughter, Elaine was down from Manitoba, so that made our visit even more special.

We then went to the Rotary Park just west of Markdale for a picnic lunch with everyone bringing their own food and keeping a safe distance apart.

After lunch, we drove north on county roads to see some of a newer club member's eclectic collection of cars. Among Alec Cotic's cars, we saw a rare Pierce Arrow V-12 club sedan and a 1949 Buick convertible.

From there, we travelled east to Rocklyn where we enjoyed an ice cream stop at the general store. We continued north to highway #26 and back to Owen Sound. Although the weather was cloudy and threatening, we stayed dry and everyone in attendance had a good time.

Mary & Murray



Thank You Murray and Mary for the Report and the photos. Sounds like it was a great time and a good event for Gilbert and his daughter, Elaine.

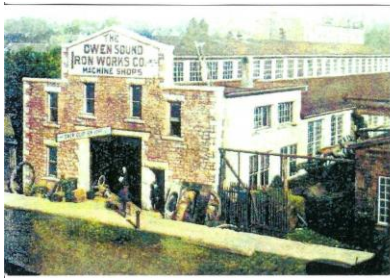
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Our new member, Tom Carruthers, has an offer to our Club Members on new tires. If you are in the market, it would be worth chatting with Tom as he is very interested in working with you to get the best price and service that meets your needs.

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OK folks, that's it for this newsletter – WOW who would have thought we would have so much to offer in this newsletter. I guess it has been too long since the last one. Hope you enjoy catching up.

All of our events will be posted in chronological order on the website:

www.bluewatercarclub.com

Keep in touch and review it often as we know, each day is a new day due to COVID regulations and event changes.