



Bluewater Region – Running Board News July 2024

Hello all Bluewater ACCCC members and families..!



President's Report

We are so fortunate to have such a vibrant Antique and Classic Car Club here in the Grey Bruce area and beyond with so many committed members and folks willing to step up and help plan events for us all. Our visits to long term care facilities are always truly appreciated and we welcome the opportunity to help brighten someone's day with memories of past times. The weatherman has played a part in a couple of cancellations due to heat issues and we apologize for not getting the message out sooner, but when it happens an hour or two before the event, it does throw a wrench into our communications system!! We are hoping to make a couple of dates going forward to make visits happen for those who had to pull the plug on us...!! Special thanks goes out to those members who set up these events for us as a club and plan some great times together as well.

The Strawberry Social event hosted by Lynda and Larry Fischer was yet another amazing day to be together...the weather was a bit on the chilly side, but all had a wonderful time and the food was out of this world ..so thank you to all who attended and we have been invited back again for next strawberry season in 2025...!! (It was great to see Brian and Betty Wood there as well after Brian's time spent in hospital care...!!)

Our visit to Grey Gables was very special for several of us who reconnected with friends from our past...and then our mini tour to Pebbles restaurant for lunch ...and a mini birthday party for our event leader that day..Murray Hall, topped off our special time together...!! The Southbridge car show was well attended by our region as well and there were several folks with older vehicles who heard of the event as well and showed up ...a great time together yet again..!

The Can-Am ACD club, of which Murray and Mary Hall are members, checked out the Grey Roots Museum and Archives recently and it was great to see vehicles that we seldom see these days...!!...and some folks came from as far away as Missouri I believe to attend the meet...with several from other U.S. states...!! Good job Murray and Mary.

We look forward to the Antique and Classic Car Show August 24 at Grey Roots where we will need club volunteers to be on site by 10 A.M. to help co-ordinate the event with museum staff. Please mark the date on your calendars...!!

The next day ..August 25 will be our annual corn roast hosted yet again by member Earl McComb at his beautiful and welcoming property...!!

Our First Saturday Breakfast Club is also a great event not to be missed...great friends...great conversation ...and a great way to connect...!!

More events are being planned as time passes so please check your fridge sheets for upcoming events and we will try to keep things rolling for the Bluewater Region.

I look forward to seeing you down the road...!! Take care everyone and do enjoy our wonderful area and Club...!!
Fred



REPORT FROM OUR STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

ON JUNE 30TH



Over 25 members of our Club attended the Annual Strawberry Social at Larry and Lynda Fischer's beautiful property in Georgian Bluffs. The weather did play havoc a bit but those who braved the cooler and somewhat cloudy conditions did have a great afternoon. The Fischer's are great hosts. One comment was a walk through the "Fairy Garden" where there were magically trails, beautiful gardens, and gnomes hidden here and there. Thanks Lynda for sharing your gardens. And thanks to Larry for the tour and the warm welcome.

Strawberry desserts were delicious as was the potluck dinner.

We have been invited to return next year and we look forward to doing just that!

Visit to Grey Gable Long-Term Nursing Home



Thanks to Kim Lute for pictures and report

On June 27th, Murray and Mary Hall led us from the top of 6th Street Hill in Owen Sound to Grey Gables for a visit to the home. Despite the iffy weather we had 8 cars and 14 members and gathered with the residents who are always an inspiration to us.

After our visit, again led by Murray and Mary we headed across country from

Markdale to Varney and landed at Pebbles' Restaurant. It also happened to be Murray's birthday and under the musical direction of Fred we all sang Happy Birthday to him.

Another rewarding experience.

Southbridge Long-Term Care Visit

July 17th

Our first visit to Southbridge Long-Term Care on July 17th in the morning was a complete success.

There were only six vehicles from our Club, but boy, did the community respond. In total there were at least 28 cars and trucks to show off to the residents.

And it appeared to be “truck day”. Seems every time I go out to one of these events I see more and more new “old” cars or trucks around.



Ontario police recover 16 stolen classic cars worth \$3 million

The trove of vintage vehicles – mostly Ford hot rods and first-gen Chevy Corvettes – was hidden in a barn near Belleville

Author of the article: [Nicholas Maronese](#)

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A trove of stolen classic cars seized during a search of a barn in Stirling, Ontario, on May 14, 2024. PHOTO BY ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE-WEST REGION /Facebook

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in mid-May recovered a trove of 16 stolen cars, almost all of them highly desirable classics, hidden in a barn north of Belleville, Ontario. The estimated value of the vehicles totals about CDN\$3 million, the OPP said in a Facebook post, and [pictures from](#)

[the barn show they included several Ford hot rods and first-generation Chevrolet Corvettes](#). Though the investigation is ongoing, already two men from Stirling, Ontario, about an hour west of Kingston, have been arrested and charged in relation to the thefts.

A Smile or two.....A 17-year-old boy who works part-time at Pizza Hut drives up



to park in front of the house in a beautiful Porsche. Naturally, his parents know that there's no way he earned enough with his after-school job to buy such a car. "Where did you get that car?" his mom and dad screamed in shock. "I bought it today," replied the teen calmly. "With what money young man?" his mom demands. "We know how much a Porsche costs and you cannot afford it!" "Well, it's used and I got a good deal," says the boy, "This one cost me 20 dollars." "Who on earth would sell a car like that for 20 dollars?!" "The woman up the street," the boy replies. "I don't know her name—she just moved in. She ordered a pizza and when I delivered it to her, she asked me if I wanted to buy a Porsche for 20 dollars." The boy's dad and mom hurry over to their new neighbor's house, ready to demand an explanation.

Curiously, their new neighbor is calmly planting flowers the dad says. "I need an explanation from you!" "Well," the woman says, not looking up from her garden. "This morning I got a phone call from my husband. I thought he was on a business trip in Florida, but it seems he has run off to Hawaii with his secretary and doesn't intend to come back." "What on earth does that have to do with selling our son a Porsche for \$20?" The boy's mom asks, utterly perplexed. The new neighbor smiles very big and pauses for a minute. "Well, my husband asked me to sell his new Porsche and send him the money. "So, I did."Anonymous author (from Facebook)



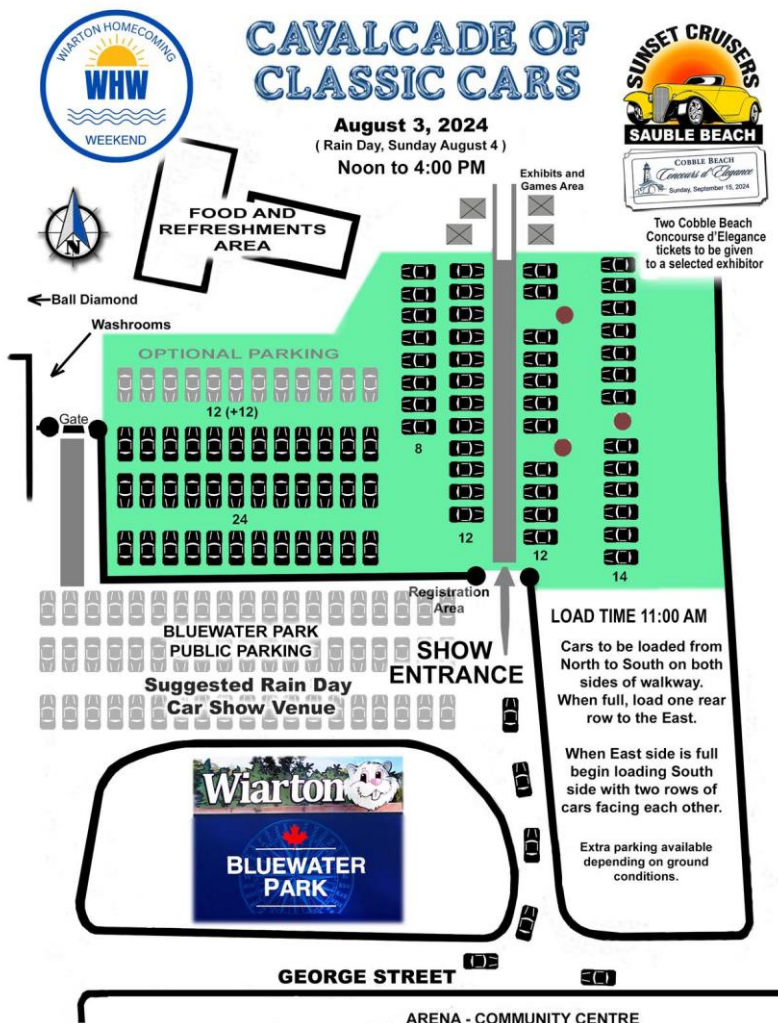
Be sure to join our
Coffee (or breakfast)
gathering on the first
Saturday of the month

August 3rd – 8:30 am

Our Coffee Club is a
great way to start off
the month – with family

and friends. Hope you can join us on August 3rd! Then plan to spend the rest of the day in Wiarton – noon to 4 pm to put on a display of our old cars.

WIARTON HOMEOMING WEEKEND – AUGUST 3 – NOON TO 4PM



This will be the first year of the Car Show presented by the Wiarton Homecoming Weekend Committee. (WHW). The committee is a representation of community service clubs and charities getting together to have a fun weekend of family activities.

This will be an annual event presented on the Civic Holiday weekend in Wiarton's Bluewater Park. Other than a car show it will have a pork roast, Bingo games, Baseball tournaments, refreshment stands, exhibits and food sales booths to name but a few.

The WHW requested the assistance of the Sauble Beach Sunset Cruisers to organize and publicize this car show. To encourage car attendance a pair of tickets for the Cobble Beach Concourse d'Elegance will be presented to a selected vehicle at the event. Hope to see y'all there.

(Keep watching your email for news if this event moves ahead to the Rain Day.)

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Paisley Heritage Farm Show – is on all weekend

Of particular interest to us might be the car show on the Saturday.

If you are looking for a family-time day bring your old car, truck or tractor and enjoy all the sites.

The location is 2km south of Paisley on County Road 3

See you there!



Antique & Classic Car Show

August 24th – Grey Roots – 11am to 3pm

The return of a classic event! Visit our heritage village and see a beautiful array of antique and classic cars! Event is included with regular summer admission and includes full access to the museum and Moreston Heritage Village. Rain or shine. Food vendor on site.

Presented by **Owen Sound Gardens** and supported by the **Bluewater Region of the Antique and Classic Car Club of Canada** and by **MacLean Engineering Owen Sound**.

Pets: we love animals at Grey Roots, but please leave your pets at home. Registered service animals are welcome.

Information for antique and classic vehicle owners:

No pre-registration required. No charge to display. Arrival before 10 a.m. is recommended for best placement. Pre-1960 vehicles will receive priority placement in the heritage village. Newer classic vehicles and motorcycles are welcome. Late arrivals and later vehicles will receive placement in a designated area in the parking lot. No vendors, vehicle owners only please. Each vehicle owner is entitled to one guest.

FROM FRED, our Pres...

Our Bluewater Region Car Club along with Grey Roots are putting on a car show for members and friendshoping for a great turnout of antique vehicles as we have had in the past ...please spread the word...!! Pre 1960's vehicles will be placed in the Moreston Village setting, as space permits, for all to see, but there will be a large space for newer antique vehicles in the main parking lot at Grey Roots.....thanks everyone, Fred



Annual Corn Roast & Potluck

August 25th

Smoulder Pines (1043 Silver Lake Road,
South Bruce Peninsula, ON)

These pictures are from a couple of years ago, but as can see we had a tremendous group of cars and people who went on tour and then enjoyed some social time and potluck afterwards.

A good time was had by all.



Our tour, headed up by Merv Davidson, will begin at Bill & Shirley Kivell's home at 2:00 pm. Plan is to meet at 1741 5th Avenue West, Owen Sound, at Bill & Shirley's where we will visit with both Bill & Shirley & Wayne Hynd and check out their garages & nostalgia. Then we leave there and make our way back to Earl McComb's for a Corn Roast and Potluck.

We are asking those with a last name beginning with A-M to bring a first course and N-Z to bring a dessert. This seems to be working out well in terms of variety and content.



GATEWAY HAVEN BIG TENT EVENT AUGUST 29TH

671 Frank Street, Wiarton

Mark your calendars for this event. They are asking us to attend with our old and older vehicles to display for the resident's. There will be a food truck, live entertainment, and Larry Fischer will organize a small tour from Owen Sound prior to arrival. The music starts at 6 pm so will likely be meeting around 5ish. More details to follow.



Be sure to join our Coffee (or breakfast) gathering on the first Saturday of the month.

September 7th – 8:30 am

Our Coffee Club is a great way to start off the month – with family and friends. Hope you can join us.



Shallow Lake United Church Show 'n Shine

September 8th

75 Cruickshank Street, Shallow Lake (Downtown)

Service at 9:30 am – Show 'Shine – 10:30 am

This year we will be welcomed to a theme-based church service including Dave Nixon with a variety of cars' music and Rev. Doug Brown with his own rendition of good old-time interests. Afterwards we head out into the parking lot to a maze of old cars, trucks, tractors, bikes and

much more. There will be live music to entertain us by Doug Downey, homemade hamburgers, hot dogs, refreshments and much more. Colin Nelthorpe & his boys will be there to greet you as you arrive.

This event is growing larger each year so let's be sure we support this unique car show and enjoy the camaraderie with new and old friends and neighbours.

A funny thing happened on the way.....to the Meaford Car Show last week

Faithful car club member Reg Noble was on his way into the car show at Meaford last week when he noticed a hub cap from his car rolling merrily on its way right into the harbour. Now what to do! Luckily there was a young fisherman on hand and luckily he was a good one as he had a successful catch and pulled up Reg's hub cap. There is a movie attached here, plus a still picture. Lucky you Reg.

Thanks for the picture and movie goes to Reg and story by Gail Novack.



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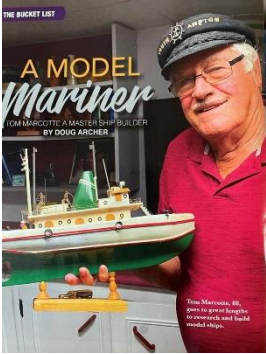


Rockwood Terrace Retirement Home Visit

525 Sadler Street East, Durham, ON

September 24th – 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

They will have 50s and 60s music for the event to keep us entertained, maybe even dancing! We are encouraging you to attend and support adventures like this, and hopefully we can have at least 10 vehicles for the afternoon. Perhaps even go out for supper on our way home in either Durham or Owen Sound. More information will be available closer to date.



TOM MARCOTTE VISIT – 72 Water Street, Southampton

September 4th with the 5th as a rain date.

Meet at No Frills parking lot at 2:15 pm, head off to Southampton at 2:30 pm, view Tom's collection and then perhaps to the Walker House for supper together for those who want to join in.

Hoping you can join us. We have been working on this visit all summer.

REMEMBER we have lots of car show opportunities outside of our own agenda.

Sauble Beach – every Tuesday 5 pm to dusk

Southampton – every Thursday 5 pm to dusk

Meaford – every Tuesday 6pm to dusk

Walter's Falls – alternate Thursday's starting July 4th – 6pm go dusk

For more events go to Facebook and search for Grey Bruce Cars.

Lots of good information there.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION YEAR 2024

Our annual general meeting will be held in September with details to be confirmed. We are asking you to consider carefully how you want your Car Club to look like for the next two years. If you would like to become part of the executive, with time to participate and help plan out the tours, events, etc. we would welcome having you become a member of the Executive. OR if you are aware of any good candidates please discuss with them and forward their name(s) to us.

Contact Mary Ellen Parsons, Nominating Committee Chair at 519-371-4149 to discuss. Thanks so much for participating.

Are My Numbers Up?

A reality check for helping your community... its not about the money

by Morley Lymburner

"Are the numbers up?" That is a question I hear every week at the Sauble Beach Sunset Cruisers events. Numbers of Cars, numbers of people in attendance and, of course, numbers relating to donations and 50/50 tickets sold. I now have a new appreciation for numbers in respect to all we do as a car club.

Yesterday I went to the Wiarton Hospital to have my annual blood tests. If you are my age you know the drill. Your annual checkup shows a number that is out of whack, or you have an ache or pain that is unusual that results in blood tests, more visits to doctors and another prescription to make it all go away; or at least make things tolerable to carry on. I realize it all becomes routine at my age.

Being a little late for my appointment I forgot my fidget toy for waiting rooms... my cell phone. No emails, Facebook or Solitaire to pass the time. So, I sat in a foyer awaiting my name to be called. There are four others ahead of me. Luckily there are some posters to look at giving advice on your health, where to call for assistance, another health App for that device I left at home and a poster showing the importance of your donation to the hospital.

It was then I noticed a mother with her two children. A little girl, around seven, reading a book and her brother, about five or so. It was difficult to tell his age because he had no hair. His skin was pale, and he was very thin. Fine featured with dark eyes that matched the obvious family traits. As he clung to his mother I noticed he carried a small teddy bear. He looked up at his mother and casually said, "are my numbers up?" His mother responded "we will know in about 45 minutes. That's when we will know if we have to go to London tomorrow."

It struck me then that at his tender age it was his routine to go for blood tests, as it was mine, and something we had both come to terms with. I could not help but watch this, yet I wanted to turn away. They were met by people who cared about what they do each day, and it was obviously much more than a job. The staff did not have the urge to turn away as I did. They engaged with words of assurance and encouragement.

Last year Sauble Beach Sunset Cruisers decided to choose the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation to be the charity of choice for the 15 weekly car shows at Sauble Beach. Looking at this pragmatically it makes sense. The organization is what could be described as a loose-knit accumulation of classic car enthusiasts who enjoy meeting with the public and each other to discuss their hobby and mutual interests. It is not an organized club but rather a group of people who pool their many talents to ensure the shows happen. In motor terms the group is like the spark plugs that keeps the machinery of the show moving. In such a situation they do not have a corporate routine of meetings, budget planning or governmental reporting processes. So, the relationship with a registered charity is of mutual benefit. The car club committee has some modest expenses each year that are picked up by the charity and in return the charity receives the opportunity to raise funds for the needs of the hospitals in the region.

That visit to the hospital yesterday reinforced the importance of supporting the hospital foundation. I now realize the donations to this Foundation has nothing to do with their financial requirements. Taking in the bigger picture the mathematics of how much money is gathered does not really amount to a hill of beans to the daily operations of such a massive need. It is just loose change in our pockets. It has everything to do with showing support for the efforts of folks who work tirelessly caring for other people. People at a fragile point in their lives who need help in a wide array of circumstances.

Every little bit you put in that donation bucket, and every 50/50 ticket you buy, supports the facilities and the people who care for the most vulnerable among us. People like that little boy who asks his mother that simple question. "Are my numbers up?"

In addition to being one of the first babies born in the Wiarton Hospital, Morley is the planner and coordinator for the Sauble Beach Sunset Cruisers team. Each Tuesday evening from 5:00 PM to around sunset regional classic car owners are invited to show off their vehicles to an adoring audience of residents, visitors and tourists. This year the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation (Bright Shores Health) have been invited to use this activity as a fundraising opportunity. For further information you may contact him at: saublebeachsunsetcruisers@gmail.com

HOLY SMOKES I AM OLDER THAN DIRT! – Submitted by Shirley Kivell

Thanks Shirley

Darn, I'm older than dirt!!

Someone asked the other day,,,,,,,,,,,,,

'What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?'

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,

I informed him, ' All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'at **home**,' I explained!

'Mom cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, & if I didn't like what she put on my plate, I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, the guy was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

Here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood, if I figured his system could have handled it:

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card.

My parents never drove me to school. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow).

We didn't have a television in our house until I was 10. It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at 11:00 p.m., after playing the national anthem and a poem about God. It came back on the air at about 6:00 a.m. And there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people ...

I never had a telephone in my room.

Our only phone was on a party line.

Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home... But milk was & so was bread.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers -- my brother delivered a newspaper, six days a week. He had to get up at 5 AM every morning.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies! There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Don't blame me if they bust their gut laughing.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

MEMORIES: My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to 'sprinkle' clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.

How many do you remember?

Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.

Ignition switches on the dashboard.

Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.

Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner.
Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

Older Than Dirt Quiz:

Count all the ones that you remember, **NOT** the ones you were told about !

Ratings at the bottom.

1. Candy cigarettes
2. Coffee shops with table side juke boxes
3. Home milk delivery in glass bottles
4. Party lines on the telephones
5. Newsreels before the movie
6. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning. (Only 3 channels! If you had a TV!)
7. Peashooters
8. Howdy Doody
9. 45 RPM records
10. 78 rpm records
11. Hi-fi records 33 1/3 rpm
12. Metal ice trays with lever
13. Blue flashbulb
14. Cork popguns
15. Studebakers
16. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-3 = You're still young

If you remembered 3-6 = You are getting older

If you remembered 7-10 = Don't tell your age, &

If you remembered 11-16 = **You're older than dirt! THAT'S ME!**

I might be older than dirt, **but**

those memories are some of the best parts of my life.

Don't forget to pass this along!

Especially to all your really OLD **friends**



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Stephen Morris & Mary Wallace Morris, Annan
They come with a 56 Chev BelAir

And

Tony and Shelley De Bok, Owen Sound
They come with a 56 Meteor Rideau, a 70 Mercury Cougar
and a 75 Chev Corvette.



COBBLE BEACH
Concours d'Elegance
& MOTORING FESTIVAL

Calling All Car Clubs!

As we gear up for another exciting automotive weekend, we are thrilled to extend an invitation to your esteemed car club to participate in this year's Cars & Coffee or Concours d 'Lemons' events in downtown Owen Sound's River District on Saturday, September 14, 2024.

Cars & Coffee is a celebration of vintage, exotic, and collectible vehicles that are 25 years and older. Concours d 'Lemons is a tongue-in-cheek Concours celebrating the oddball, mundane and truly interesting of the automotive world.

All proceeds received go directly to the Owen Sound Regional Hospital Foundation.

Cars and Coffee – Location: 2nd Avenue East between 7th St. E. and 10th St. E., downtown Owen Sound's River District

Time: 8:00am (for registered car load in), 9:00am to 1:30pm OPEN to public, no cars accepted the day of the event. To register go here - <https://www.cobblebeachconcours.com/cars-coffee>

Concours d' Lemons - Location: 1st Ave W, between 8th St W and 9th St W, downtown Owen Sound's River District

Time: 9:00am (for registered car load in), 10:00am to 2:30pm OPEN to public, no cars accepted the day of the event.

[Register Your Cars for Concours d'Lemons](#)

**Please choose only one of the two events to participate in, as they both run simultaneously!*


Here's what you can expect:

- Engage with fellow car enthusiasts in a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere.
- Showcase your vehicles to a diverse audience of spectators.
- Enjoy complimentary coffee courtesy of local coffee shops, with 1 free coffee card provided to registered cars.
- Support local businesses and explore the charm of Owen Sound's River District.

We believe that your club's presence would greatly enrich the Cars & Coffee / Concours d 'Lemons experience, adding to the diversity and passion of our gathering.

If you're interested in participating or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. We look forward to the possibility of seeing your club's impressive vehicles on display in downtown Owen Sound!

Paige Nethercott, Event Coordinator, Cobble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

Ontario  Vehicles Manufactured Before 1983

The Ontario government is introducing a new automatic licence plate renewal program. However, this program is not available for certain vehicle types, including motorhomes and vehicles manufactured before 1983.

Starting July 1, 2024, eligible licence plates will renew automatically. For vehicles manufactured before 1983, you must continue to renew your licence plate(s).

If you require further information call toll-free: 1-800-387-3445