

Sea-to-Sky Drive to Whistler and Squamish

Sunday, August 9, 2020 ~ North Vancouver, BC

The drive to Calgary to WrenchFest with the Alberta8s was cancelled due to COVID-19 issues. So, an alternative drive from North Vancouver to the Whistler Village ski resort was put together.

BC8s met at 9AM at the Centennial Theatre parking lot in North Vancouver. After photo opps we climbed into our E31's for the drive north, expected to take approximately 90 minutes. Andrew led the way to Parking Lot #4 in Whistler Village as we all enjoyed the Sea to Sky Highway with its curves and awesome views of the mountains and water.

Parking Lot #4 is an expansive paved lot with great views and close proximity to washroom facilities and the Village. As some checked out the facilities others stayed with the cars with lots of talk about the drive north – including that one section of highway that was being repaved – lots of small rocks, tar and bumps between stripped pavement and fresh pavement.

After our “pit stop” and driving break in Whistler, we headed south to Squamish and our planned lunch stop. Glen led the way, with a quick stop at the Tantalus Scenic Overlook, to our lunch meet point at the Squamish Station Shopping Centre; which included an A&W, McDonald's and Nester's Market.

The parking lot at Squamish Station offered mountain views and was very busy with tourists, fortunately our group managed to park, for the most part, together. The folding chairs came out and lunches were consumed under the shade of a lone tree in the parking lot right next to our parked cars.

As we were dining, John reached into the trunk of his 850i and, to our complete surprise, pulled out his accordion and commenced playing several tunes as we ate. And, he was quite good! After the meals and socializing (using social distancing rules, of course!) the group packed up the folding chairs and the event concluded driving south back to Vancouver.

It was a great day- plenty of sun, not too hot, great cars and great people! BC8s attending: 8 cars and 15 people, including Tom (Wuffer), Dan, Glen, Graham, Adrian, Dave, Melinda, Jayden, Martin, John, Erica, Andrew, Dietmar, Henry and Kirsti.



All Points North: Enroute to Whistler and Squamish. To appreciate the driving thrill, click the video link: [FULL VIDEO](#)



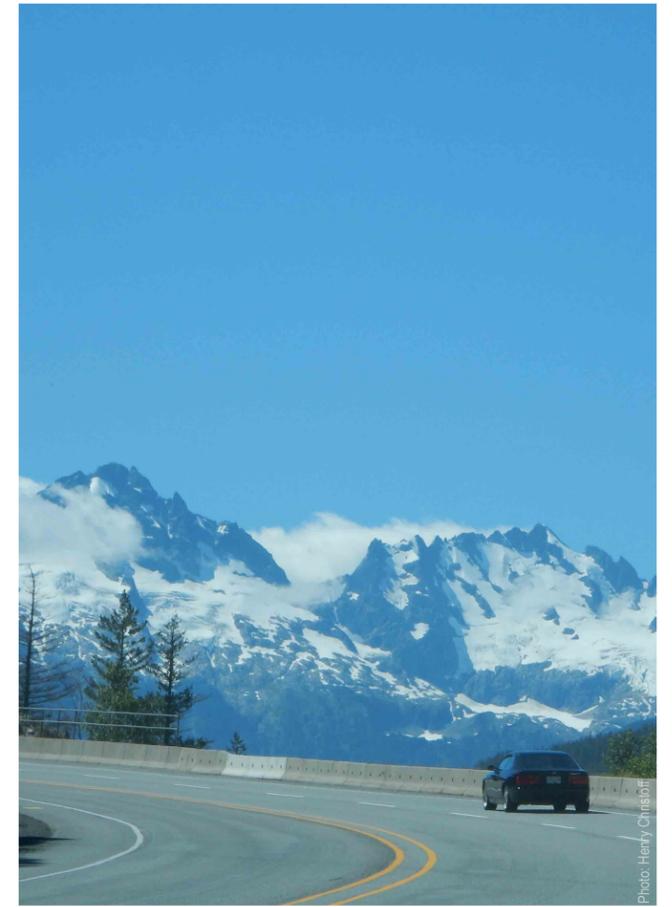
A round of applause for the talented John T.



Tom and Kirsti really trying to social-distance.



Tantalus Scenic Lookout (along Hwy 99, elevation 320m): Erica, John T., Dietmar, and Martin.



Glen and his ride heading home after a fun day (along Hwy 99, southbound).



Getting Ready for the Drive (North Vancouver, BC - from left to right): Melinda, Dave, Glen, Jayden, Martin, Tom (Wuffer), Dan, Henry, Kirsti, Dietmar, John T., Erica, Adrian, Graham, and Andrew.



Whistler Olympic Plaza: Dietmar making the most of the day. To sense the atmosphere of the plaza, click the video link below:

[FULL VIDEO](#)

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- August 30: **Summer Social-Distancing Meet** at Blackie Spit Park in Crescent Beach, South Surrey, BC. Meet at the public parking lot at 9AM and enjoy the remaining summer with all.
- September 12: **Wrenchfest - End of Season** at Wuffer's Garage & Spa, 19950 46 Avenue, Langley, BC. Doors open at 9AM. Bring your own snacks/beverages/lunch. Meet other E31 owners and discuss common problems. Come to work on your car, help someone work on their car or just socialize!
- October 12: **Thanksgiving Day Sea-to-Sky Drive (and Fundraiser)** The folks at Classic Car Adventures are our hosts. They do the planning, we just show up. Time and start location to be announced. FYI: All food and cash donations collected will benefit the Squamish Food Bank.



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