



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
of the
Bluewater British Car Club

AUGUST, 2017

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Private Park Provides Perfect Prelude to July Meeting

By Florrie Bachelder

Prior to our July meeting, several of us gathered at Warwick's, in anticipation that Byron and Barb would lead us on a drive to a "private park". Well! That was an understatement! We arrived at this 'oasis' after a short drive, on a farmlands at their most year. Not knowing what ningly surprised as we creation with rolling ally carved out of corn-justice with words speak eloquently to the family who wanted to to the community in

We parked our find glorious plantings and specimen trees of of which I had not seen treated to a waterfall, and stonework from



invitation to get the cameras out. We had all packed a picnic basket for our evening meal, and we walked a short distance to a colonnade which transected a most exquisite lotus pond. There, we sat on benches and consumed our repasts (some of us even had wine) along with us.

Following our meal, we wandered off, to stroll the lovely manicured paths through the gardens, crossing bridges over waterways, delighting in the architecture of the gardens, visiting a 'dollhouse' where people have left small treasures of toys, books and memorabilia.

There were also moments of 'amusement' when nature called to us in another way and some of us needed to find a 'loo'. And. We. Did. It is a bona fide, classical, one-holer outhouse, poised at the edge of a cornfield. Though it is a bit dark inside, as it is illuminated only an eighth-moon cutout in the door, it is well maintained, as far as that can be accomplished, and provided us with the necessary supplies, (corn cobs not yet available) including a bucket of lime, which was convenient for propping the door open to let in a little light!

Finally it was time to get back to Warwick's beautiful home for our meeting. We sat on their porch, with a peaceful view of the River, sipped our beverages, (more wine available) and enjoyed delicious desserts prepared by Barb. What a great way to conclude our adventure to parts unknown. Thanks to Barb and Byron. Well done!!!

beautiful day, through verdant this time of to expect, I was stunned into this lovely hills and ponds liter-fields. I can't do it alone, the photographs accomplishments of a give something special which they live. cars and emerged to of perennials, annuals, many varieties, some before. We were whimsical statuary, Lake Huron. It was an



Bluewater British Car Club Minutes



Date: **July 12, 2017.**

Number of Members present: Dinner: 8; Meeting: 8

Location: Tour from Cooper Street, Corunna, to Greenhill Gardens, Sombra, then to "Warwicks' on the River".

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Secretary, Sandra Cronk

1. Call to order: President, Allen Bachelder, called the meeting to order at 8:18 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the **June 14, 2017** meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Jean Hicks and seconded by Alan Cronk. It was carried.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Roy Overton, reported:

Income: none

Expenses: a donation to the St. Joseph's Hospice, Sarnia, in memory of David Overton.

Current balance: \$919.47.

There being no other questions, the President stated that the report of the Treasurer will be filed.

4. Unfinished Business:

1) **Wednesday, June 14, 2017: The monthly meeting** at Eric Kernohan's cottage in Port Franks was wonderful.

2) **Saturday, June 17, 2017: The Brits in Bayfield** was well attended. It poured rain while lunch was being served. Participants enjoyed a motoring tour around the village of Bayfield in the afternoon.

5. New Business:

1) **Sunday, July 16, 2017: Sarnia Hobbyfest.** All car clubs will be along the bay side of Centennial Park.

2) **Wednesday, August 9, 2017: Monthly meeting** at the Bachelder's just outside of Port Huron, Michigan. Allen suggested a meal at the Whitehorse Inn with the meeting at their place. It was felt that that was too much of a drive for an evening meeting, so may plan a fall tour to that restaurant. For this meeting we will go to the Pioneer Restaurant for dinner, instead.

3) **Thursday, August 3, 2017: Hot August Nights:** concert, dance and show car cruise night. 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Canatara Park, Sarnia.

4) There was a discussion about the reasons members are not coming out to our meetings and events. Roy wondered if our online Spanner was getting lost in the many emails people get. He thought we could ask for input from our members. So, why are you not coming out to our meetings and events? Let us know.

6. Announcements: Roy, on behalf of the members in attendance, thanked Barb and Byron for the tour and picnic lunch in the Greenhill Gardens near Wilkesport.

7. Adjournment: Florrie Bachelder moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. It was seconded by Roy Overton and carried.

The Bluewater British Car Club

promotes interest in acquiring, driving, maintaining, and restoring all makes of **British Cars.**

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in British cars. Meetings are held monthly, every 2nd Wednesday, at Stokes By The Bay, 6:00 dinner, meeting 7:30 P.M. In addition, monthly club, driving and social events are scheduled throughout the year.

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The Spanner

...is the monthly newsletter of the BBCC.

Articles, pictures, ideas, etc. are welcomed and are to be submitted by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

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Presidential Prattle...

By Allen Bachelder
AUGUST, 2017



Most of us in this club cannot attend every meeting or every event. *Many* of us try to attend most events but find some we cannot attend. We all have other priorities; our British cars are a colorful part of our lives – but not *all* of our lives. But hey, there is a bit of actuarial science built into the forming of clubs. It can be roughly stated thus: for any one meeting or event, there will be *enough* interested and available members on hand to make that occasion worthwhile.

But then, we have events such as our July meeting attended only by our *officers*. Well... I should correct myself: there was one additional member in attendance. We nearly cancelled the meeting, but then decided that it's always fun to get together with fellow-members, so why not?

Thanks to some creative energy and imaginative planning from Barb and Byron Warwick, we had a really unique experience: a delightful picnic in a secret garden carved out of the cornfields south of Corunna. Who would ever guess this place was here? It has to be one of Southern Ontario's best-kept secrets. No ordinary "garden" this. We were treated to a meticulously-kept elaborate chain of pools, ponds, and bridges, with exotic growth everywhere. It's been amply covered elsewhere in this issue, our point here being that those who *could* have attended but chose to stay home really missed something! What's more, Barb and Byron treated us to a perfect venue for our "business meeting": a sunny porch overlooking the beauty of the St Clair River, complimented with Barb's delicious deserts and some choice beverages.

Our cars, themselves, are simply vehicles (pun intended), coupling us with a fascinating world beyond: theatre, art, music, sports, botanical treasures, unusual restaurants; the only limits are our imaginations. And we desperately need *more* imaginations please. One of the problems with small clubs is that when *you* don't attend, everybody notices! Yeah, I know: I missed the June meeting myself! What do you think that first paragraph (above) was all about? Covering my own butt! Covering yours too, if something else important to you comes up.

So my message is twofold. If you didn't attend our July meeting, you really missed something special! And then you missed out on the opportunity to shape the future of our club.

Hobbyfest! We had such a great time just sitting and talking. The weather was perfect. All in all, we had five cars on the field. 'Twas a good time to show our cars, talk 'em up, and encourage club membership.

So... what are the obligations of membership in our club? *Obligations*? Outside of paying your dues, *none!* Some of us maintain our membership just to "stay in the loop" regarding our unique vintage Brit cars. That's OK! We get your dues and we spend the money on special club events. The beneficiaries are the folks that show up. We're always happy to accept your dues payments! Beyond that, if you *care* about the club, if you *care* about your vintage British car, your club *needs* you. Didn't Woody Allen say that "90% of life is showing up"?

‘ See you on the road...



Calendar
Of Upcoming
Events



CALENDAR of EVENTS
2017

- August**
- 3 Hot August Nights - Canatara Park
 - 9 Monthly meeting at Port Huron, with The Bachelers
Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
 - 12 Bothwell Car Show and swap meet.
 - 12 Wambo at Wallaceburg
 - 26 Join BAHSCC At Park's Blueberries
- September**
- 13 Monthly meeting at the Waltons
Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
 - 16 BAHC Car Show, Rutherglen Close
 - 17 Bronte British Car Show
- October**
- 11 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay
Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
 - XX Fall Tour - White Horse Tavern MI ?
- November**
- 8 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay
Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
- December**
- 3 Christmas Luncheon
- NO MONTHLY MEETING

AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday August 9th , 2017

Your hosts: Allen and Florrie Bachelder
Gather at their home at 3330 Deerwood Drive
North Street Michigan, at 5:30PM
We will depart at 5:45 pm sharp to the
Pioneer Restaurant
5600 Lapeer Road, Kimball Michigan.

Meeting will follow at the Bachelers,
where dessert (if you have room)
will be provided at approx 7:30pm.
Please send your positive answers to
bachldrs@comcast.net

Or phone 1 810 824-4188

JOINT CLUB EVENT

At the last BAHC meeting, Gary Stephenson announced an event for August 26 (Saturday), to which all members of the BBCC are invited.

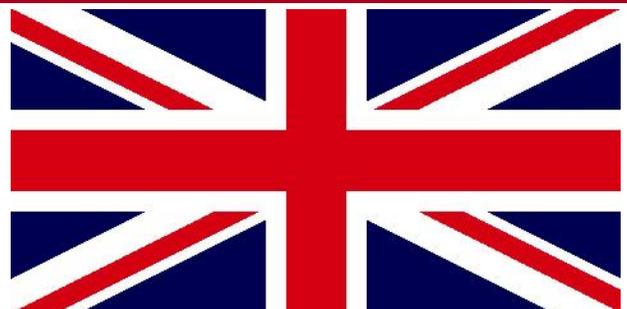
The event will go to *Park's Blueberries in Bothwell* and Memory Lane Restorations in Thamesville. Memory Lane is run by Ray Ouellette, retired after many years at RM. They have lots of memorabilia, and they restore classics.

The trip will start at *Tim Horton's in Corunna*. First stop will be Park's Blueberries, for lunch, browsing of the country store with bake shop, and blueberry picking or purchasing. The second stop will be *Thamesville*, to tour the two shops, see what they are currently restoring, and peruse the memorabilia.

Meet at 10:45 am at Tim Horton's in Corunna; leave at 11:00 am sharp. Lunch and shopping at Park's, leave at 1:45 pm for Thamesville. *Visit Memory Lane for 1.5 - 2 hours*. Supper stop is up for discussion.

Everyone in the BBCC is cordially invited to join in for this event, and we hope to see lots of you and your British cars.

To RSVP, please contact Gary Stephenson at 519-867-5555 / steve22@teksavvy.com, or Dave Gildner at 519-869-4911 / dg@teksavvy.com.





Greenhill Gardens

This wonderful local treasure is the work of Bill and Joy Robson, long time farmers near Wilkesport and Sombra, in St Clair Township. The Robsons could not find a partner to donate the 'swampland' to, and so they created their own gardens starting in 2008. The six acre plot is located at the corner of Wilkesport Line and Indian Creek Road. "It is a Labour of Love for the Robsons" says Mayor Steve Arnold of St. Clair Township.

There are three large ponds, a waterfall, fountain, a covered bridge, with bench seating, trails to follow, and several seating areas overlooking the site. There is also a cabin with children's amusements, and a guest book, as well as a table and chairs if you wish to have your own picnic and enjoy this garden oasis.





HOBBYFEST 2017

Hobbyfest was held this year in the refurbished area of Centennial Park following the discovery of contaminated soil in this downtown park in Sarnia some years previous. The threatened rain, turned out to be a small shower, about 2:00pm. We had eight cars on display from both the Bluewater British Car Club and the Bluewater Austin Healey Sports Car Club. Both our banners were shown at the back of the cars.

We were pleased to see Kelvin Halbauer and his B from Chatham. He did experience a water pump failure and road home courtesy of a tow truck.

It was touch and go for Mike Cromwell, who arrived well, but when he went to move, it failed to start. Near the end of the show a concerted effort was mounted with many willing hands and heads into the engine compartment. Once it was determined that there was no Spark, they dove into the distributor area. Thanks to the arrival of Colin Pritchard (all be it on crutches, with a broken heel) he soon found the small wire inside the dizzy



had been caught and severed. A quick and temporary electrical tape joint and his E-Type Jag fired right up. He soon was seen departing for home to avoid the coming dampness. Most all other cars from the three car clubs also made their way home for an early departure. By the way, we could see the dark clouds gathering in the south in the Corunna vicinity and dropping their load of rain. When we arrived home there was four inches in our garden rain gauge. Cheers, Byron W.

Hello All,

Well, this Hobbyfest had a couple firsts for Cathy and I and our E-type. It was the first time since we owned it that it saw even a little rain. I wiped it down as soon as we got home.

Secondly, it was the first breakdown at an outing. Thank you to all that helped trouble shoot and helped me get it running again. There was one gentleman that was a spectator with a backpack and cane that I never got his name. If anyone knows him please pass on my thanks. (Colin Pritchard, Ed.)

Obviously I am in the correct club to have the wealth of knowledge available (and tools and parts handy) to be able to make repairs so quickly.

Feel free to use the photos of us huddled around working on the E-type in the next news letter. I'm not embarrassed, in fact its probably my initiation into the club.

Thanks Again, Cathy and Michael





COME MOTORING WITH ME BRITISH SALOONS AND ESTATES



By David B Kelley

MGY TYPE 1947-1953

In order to keep costs down, MG's first postwar sporting saloon made do with several parts already available from the Nuffield groups stable. The main hull, rear panels and doors were all lifted from the Morris 8, while the model was fitted with the 1250 XPAG engine first seen in the T-Series sports car. This model had independent front suspension using coil springs, and rack and pinion steering. All Y-series models were luxuriously appointed with wood and leather interiors and intricate dashboard. Later models of the YB models had a more powerful engine and simpler rear axle layout. A YT open-top was available for the US market, offering four seats and twin carburetors. About 900 were made. The engine used was 1250cc, four cylinder-top speed 71mph. Total production 7459.



MORRIS MARINA - 1971-1980

The Marina came with rear-wheel drive and suspension based on the Minor. Two body versions were available, a saloon and a coupé; an estate appeared in 1972. Power was from a 1275cc, or a 1798cc B-series. The hot versions were faster than an MGB. In 1978 the Marina was reworked inside and out & retained the same bodyshell.. The Marina was replaced by the ITAL in 1980. Production Total 953,576.



RILEY ONE-POINT-FIVE - 1957-1965

The Riley One-Point-Five was a badge-engineered Riley. The car came with the BMC series engine, in 1489cc twin-carburetor form. The car had almost the same performance as an MGA, and could be tuned to offer 100mph. The car had average brakes, but it had terrible rust problems. Production total was 39,568.



ROVER SD1-1976-86

The Rover SD1 was named Car Of The Year. SD1 was the first vehicle from British Leyland's specialist diversion, and its style was influenced by the exotic Ferrari Daytona. The first variant was the Rover 3500. Powered by the firm's versatile V8 engine. This was followed by straight-six engine versions. Less powerful models arrived in 1982, with the four-cylinder in 2000, and the diesel 2400SD. The entire range received a slight facelift in 1982. Also at this time they used high-powered Vitesse and the luxurious Van den Plas. Total production:172,946





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AUGUST NIGHTS

CONCERT, DANCE & SHOW CAR CRUISE NIGHT

Featuring Tunes from Borderline & Scott Manery's Barnburners

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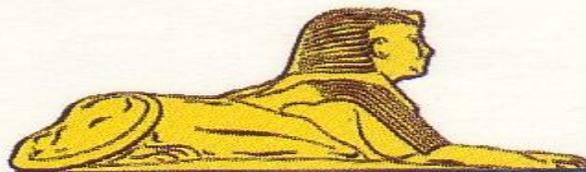


Thursday

August 3rd, 2017

6:00 - 10:00 pm

Canatara Park
Christina Street, Sarnia





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BRITISH CAR DAY 

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British Car Day is just 107 days away and is scheduled for Sunday 17th September 2017. If you haven't already, please include this important date in your calendar and mention it in communications with your fellow LBC owners. Over the last few years many of you gave us your e-mail addresses, however if you would prefer not to receive future updates please respond back to me and I'll remove your name from the distribution list. Thanks!

"Fast lane", our BCD pre-registration, is now available at <http://torontotriumph.com/BCD/html/registration.html> and will be open until 11th September. Pricing at \$15 per car is the same as it has been for many years and we will send you a window card via e-mail which you will need to display when entering the park. If you prefer to pay at the gate the cost remains at \$20 and to save time on the day you can download the registration form (also on our web site), complete it and bring it along to the show.

The featured anniversary marques and models at British Car Day 2017 will be:

- || Bristol 400 celebrating 70 years with show car provided by Dorien Berteletti.
- || Triumph TR3A celebrating 60 years with show car provided by Frank DeCarlo.
- || MGC celebrating 50 years with show car provided by Brian Tidmarsh.
- || Triumph TR5PI celebrating 50 years with show car provided by Stephen Nutt.





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- 👉 *Neighbours' Choice awards*
- 👉 *Door Prizes*

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