

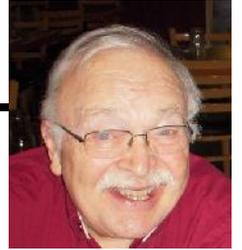
# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER of the Bluewater British Car Club

## JULY, 2016

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### Clutch Chatter...

By Allen Bachelder  
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Grant Howlett and I drove most of the way to and from Louisville for MG2016 at about 75 mph on the interstates. Geraldine just settled into the mood and ran effortlessly at all times, her cold A/C making us comfortable. And for the more-or-less 900-mile round trip, Geraldine used no oil at all.

But we did have a tech session on our return... During a fuel stop, Grant went to the boot to get some water out of the cooler. The boot release lever was loose and on a few repeated attempts, simply fell out. We were locked out of the boot. It soon became clear that the solution would have to involve removal of the back seat. First three steps:

1. Empty considerable contents from back seat.
2. Remove lower back seat cushion.
3. Remove rear seat squab... Remove rear seat squab... Remove... Oops - not so easy thar.

During restoration, I went to extraordinary trouble to isolate boot from cabin. Included were a steel bulkhead - screwed and sealed to the frame, insulated, and with the squab screwed to it - as well as to the frame. Of course the steel panel was screwed to the frame from under the squab - but the squab was screwed to the panel from inside the boot. ' Couldn't remove the panel squab.



*See that little screw in the foreground?  
If that baby lets go, it can spoil your  
whole day!*

That is - until we remembered the panel covering the rear shelf could be removed, allowing one to sort-of reach down into the boot, forcibly fitting one's hand and a short screwdriver between bulkhead panel and finish panel inside the boot, then *searching for* and removing screws holding the squab. I could not remember how many of these screws there were. Eventually we were able to remove the squab.

Next steps:

4. Peel back insulation to eventually reveal all the screws securing the "bulkhead" panel, later revealing not much room to reach into the boot over the gas tank.
5. Open one of the smaller bags in the boot, bring out all the contents and pull the now collapsed bag out, revealing first view of the latch mechanism.
6. With borrowed broom-stick, reach in the

boot from rear seat, push on the latch lever and open the boot.

Lesson: there is a single bolt coupling the boot release lever to an actuating lever under the boot cover handle - but inaccessible from the outside. Make sure it's tight, with a second jacknut and Loktite™. Although the design is totally different, the same can happen in an MGB boot (don't ask me how I know that...). For that reason, give these latch mechanisms a little extra care. Same goes for bonnet releases. My original craftsmanship on this project was pretty good. Not so, my engineering and/or forethought. Be advised...



*Seat Squab removed. Fortunately, top  
lifted from  
parcel shelf so we could reach in!*

' See you on the road...



## Bluewater British Car Club Minutes



Date: **June 8, 2016.**

Number of Members present: Dinner: 17; Meeting: 18

Location: Skeeter Barlow's, Bright's Grove, ON for dinner; home of the Walton's for our meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Secretary, Sandra Cronk

1. Call to order: President, Kim Rutherford, called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m. He thanked Michael and Aline Walton for hosting the meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the **May 11, 2016** meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Alan Cutcher and seconded by Barbara Warwick. It was carried.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Roy Overton, reported income: \$40.00 (two memberships) and expenses: \$70.00 to the British Car Council (\$40.00 for membership and \$30.00 for insurance). Current balance: \$1127.75.

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

4. Unfinished Business:

1) **Peninsula Ad:** contact has been made by email. Byron is awaiting their artwork.

2) **Thank you to Byron & Barb** for organizing tonight's dinner at Skeeter Barlow's.

3) **May 28th Retrofest Chatham:** Byron and Colin attended.

4) **June 4th London Classic Car Show:** Kim attended. Roy would like to see it organized differently.

5) **Tall Ships event:** this idea was not pursued as there were too many unknowns regarding time, place and cost.

6) **July 9th & 10th Trip to Mad Dogs and Englishmen at Hickory Corners, Michigan:** Organizer, Allen Bachelder reported that all is planned.

5. New Business:

1) **June 12 MG 2016 in Louisville, Kentucky:** Warwicks and Allen Bachelder and Mark Jones are attending.

2) **June 26 Cruise-in the Park, SSM Canatara Park:** is an interesting show. There is music from 1 to 3:00 and awards for foreign cars.

3) **Event idea: Moore Museum.** Sandra Cronk suggested a tour of the Moore Museum in Mooretown could be a summer event. Events Coordinator, Byron Warwick suggested that she go ahead and plan something.

4) **July 13th Monthly Meeting** will be held at Bill and Jackie Vandeneuval's new home in Port Lambton. Roy will talk to them about food for dinner, probably from Superstore.

5) **July 17th Hobbyfest** at Canatara Park in Sarnia. BAHC will be attending another event.

6) **August 10th Monthly Meeting** is being organized by Laura and Kim Rutherford.

7) **September 14th Monthly Meeting:** Michael and Aline Walton offered to host.

6. Announcements: Our next monthly meeting will be July 13th in Port Lambton.

7. Adjournment: Michael Walton moved to adjourn the meeting. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, at Stokes By The Bay, 7:30 P.M. In addition, monthly club, driving and social events are scheduled throughout the year.

#### 2016 Club Executive

<b>President: Kim Rutherford</b>	<b>519 337-8586</b>
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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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Forward items to:

**Byron Warwick.**

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## From The President's Garage



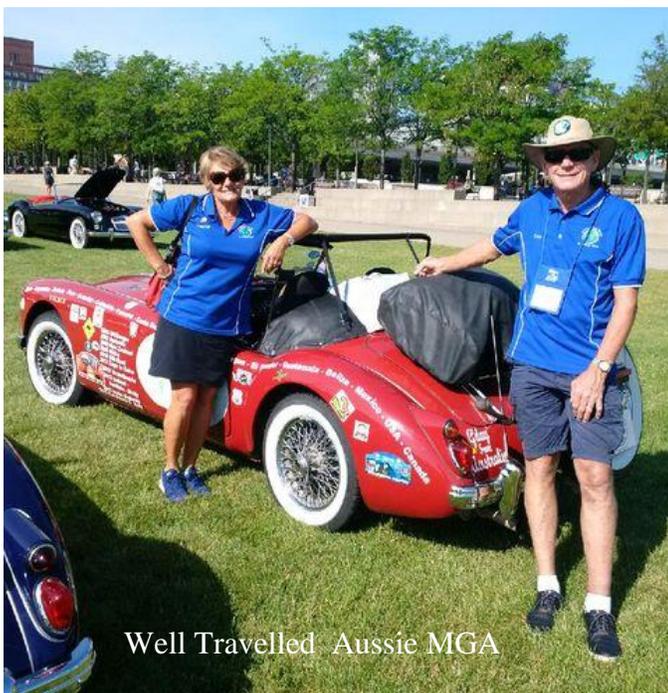
Firstly , thank you to Mike and Aline Walton for hosting the June meeting at their home. A meal at Skeeter Barlows preceded the meeting with a good turnout. The warm weather has descended upon us and is very welcome.

Byron and Barbara Warwick have just returned from the national MG meet in Louisville Kentucky and report that the temperature down there on show day was 100 °F. Also down there were Mark Jones and Allen Bachelder. Allen picked up Grant Howlett from Detroit Airport and they went together to Louisville.

Have good news on the Mk 11. As mentioned previously a new 3.8 block was sourced, was put through all the inspection stages, passed, it was rebored to .010 over, also the crank the same. New pistons , engine seals and the head gone through and it also passed inspection, with valves and valve guides and cams installed. Things are at a stage so that reassembly will take place hopefully in the next week. When assembled Garnet will put the engine on his test bed and run it to check for leaks and make sure it is running to his satisfaction. After that it goes back in the car. There is no rush as we have been using the Healey. Hope to take it to British Car Day in Bronte in September. Have been sprucing up the engine bay in the Healey and it looks great, have some cuts and scrapes on my hands to prove it.

The London Classic went off well, nice weather, but a smaller crowd than usual. My thinking is they need a larger area in which to hold it. I understand that this is under discussion. Always enjoy the show. Happy motoring,

Kim R.



Well Travelled Aussie MGA



Bachelder's Magnette

*Photos from Little British Car Co. site, of cars at MG 2016*



**Calendar  
Of Upcoming  
Events**



**CALENDAR of EVENTS  
2016**

**July**

- 9,10 Mad dogs and Englishmen at Hickory Corners Michigan—Allen Bachelder
- 13 Monthly meeting Roy O, Bill Van
- 17 Hobbyfest, Sarnia ON.
- 24 Moore Museum By The Cronks

**August**

- Note → 4 Hot August Nights, Canatara Pk Sar.
- 6 Old Autos Car Show-Bothwell
- 6 Wambo at Wallaceburg
- 10 Monthly meeting Kim & Laura

**September**

- 11 Battle of the Brits, Dearborn, Michigan
- 14 Monthly meeting at ...The Waltons
- 17 BAHC Car Show
- 18 Bronte British Car Show

**October**

- 12 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay  
Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
- 15 or 22 Fall Tour Drive and Dinner ...Host required?

**November**

- 9 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay  
Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
- XX Henry Ford Museum? Allen B.

**December**

- 4 Christmas Luncheon

**JULY MONTHLY MEETING**

*Wednesday July 13, 2016  
Leaving From The Vidal Street South  
Tim Horton's Lot at 6:00pm*

*Or drive your own route to arrive at Port  
Lambton at about 6:30pm*

*Gathering at Bill Vandenheuval and  
Jackie's lovely new home on the water at  
4747 Lakeside Dr  
Port Lambton. NOP 2B0*

*The Club is supplying all the victuals and  
plates and utensils, for the BBQ meeting.  
Bill has enough chairs, and indoor  
seating is available if required.  
Bring your own beer or wine.*

*Phone Roy if you will be there at 519  
332-3449 or [roverton@cogeco.ca](mailto:roverton@cogeco.ca)*

**Moore Museum Tour and Dinner  
Sunday, July 24th**

Special Model Train Day with Engineers  
present

Guided Tour with Dave Taylor, long time  
volunteer

Meet at the Centennial Park Parking Lot  
Closest to London Road in Sarnia  
at 1:00 p.m.

Leave at 1:15 p.m. and proceed together  
arriving at 2:00 p.m.

For displaying our British cars at the Museum  
from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
our admission will be free.

Dinner will be at the St. Clair Parkway Golf  
Club. Details regarding dinner will follow.  
Wait for a follow-up email re choices, before

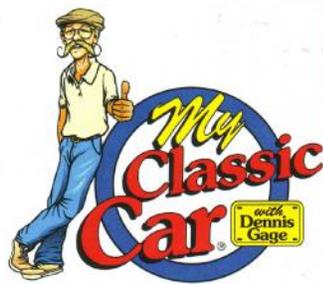
**Calling Alan and Sandra Cronk as to your  
interest in this event:**

**519-845-3209 or  
[kindermomma@hotmail.com](mailto:kindermomma@hotmail.com)**





Some of my Personal views of MG 2016, Louisville KY





**27th ANNUAL HOBBYFEST EVENT**

**SUNDAY JULY 17, 2016**

**RETURN TO the Sarnia Downtown Waterfront near Centennial Park  
on Sunday July 17th from**

**10:00am -3:00pm**

**Set-up from 8:00 on. Plan to be there by 9 or 9:30 so we can line up the cars.  
BAHC members who are not travelling to Essex are welcome.**

**The exact location of our area will be sent out when we receive it from the Recreation Dept.  
Let's have a nice showing of our British cars to this local audience.  
We'll bring the Banner and the Gazebo if it is needed.**

**Please let me know if you will be there.**



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**AUTO TRIVIA****TEST YOUR MENTAL METTLE***By David B Kelley*

1. This vehicle whose name has become synonymous with rough-and-tumble of road, was introduced at the Amsterdam auto show in 1948 featuring 4-wheel drive, a 1.6 litre engine and optional doors, it soon became successful in a wide variety of military, law enforcement, conservation and commercial applications. Do you know it?
2. In the classic comedy caper “The Italian Job” starring Michael Caine, a team of thieves hatch a scheme to steal gold bullion in Italy. The gold is loaded into three of these British cars, which then took off on planned escape.
3. Following in the remake footsteps of the VW new Beetle and Ford Thunderbird, the Mini was updated and re-introduced earlier this year (2002) what automaker manufactures the new Mini?
4. Who was Maurice Wilks and what did he do to make his mark on Automotive history?
5. One of the automotive world’s most creative and innovative companies was originally established thanks to a loan of 25 pounds from the founder’s girl friend. Can you name the company and its creator?
6. This car’s hood ornament is a “Flying B”. Is it a Bugatti, a Bentley or a Buick?
7. Can you name the Scot who conceived the first commercially successful Pneumatic tire
8. What luxury nameplate has a Red Label model?
9. Great Britain’s prestigious automaker Roll-Royce announced in 1994 that its future cars would feature 12-cylinder motors manufactured by what company?
10. In 1934, the first line of Jaguars was released by SS cars, Ltd. Which would become Jaguar cars Ltd. Which would become Jaguars Cars Ltd., after War, after World War 11. Who was the Englishman who founded the luxury automobile?
11. What is currently the shortest car on the road in Canada?
12. In 1984, 42 majorettes from Jacksonville, Florida set a record by squeezing themselves into what British luxury car?
13. This British luxury carmaker, probably most famous for its wins at LeMans in 1929 and 1930 with its famous ‘Speed Six’ model, recently returned to racing in North America first time in 81 years. Can you name the automaker?
14. The Camargue is a flat marshy plain of the Rhone river in France and also a model name used by what car company?



THE ANSWERS

1. The Land Rover.



2. The getaway cars were a red, white and blue modified Mini-Coopers S, which were all destroyed while filming the movie.



3. German carmaker BMW.



4. As a pivotal figure at the helm of Britain's Rover car company, Maurice provided the seed for the idea that became the Land Rover in September 1947. Universally identified as the definitive 4WD vehicle. The Land Rover is recognized from Anchorage to Ankara and Tasmania to Tashkent.



5. Less than four years out of college, Colin Chapman registered the famous Lotus Engineering Company. Thanks to the financial input Flying "B" (Bentley became Chapman's wife.



registered the famous Lotus of Hazel Williams who later

6. Bentley



7. Veterinary surgeon B. Dunlop.



8. Bentley Black in the 1920's, the public often referred to Bentleys as a "Red Label" or "Green Label" only at the start of the century, however were these designations officially applied to a Bentley.



9. BMW. It was an ironic change; in earlier years Rolls-Royce made a name for itself in automobile and aircraft engines. In another twist BMW is taking over the auto maker as of January 2003.



10. Sir William Lyons

11. The Mini. It was 3.6 metres long (almost 12 feet) in 2003.



12. A Jaguar XJ6.



13. Bentley. The latest Bentley EXP Speed 8 prototype made its competition debut in the Sebring 12 Hour endurance race in Florida. (April 2003).



14. A Rolls-Royce.



**WHY MEN DON'T WRITE ADVICE COLUMNS**

Dear Byron;

Please tell me you can help me. Yesterday, I kissed my husband goodbye at the door and headed out to work in my classic MG. I feel sorry for him being not able to work because of his health problems but I am happy to work a second job and cover the expenses. A few miles down the road, the car began to fail and soon came to a complete stop. I tried to call my husband but he didn't pick up and I was extremely worried that he was OK. It took me close to an hour to walk back to the house.

When I got home I called out but there was no answer. I checked further and I was shocked to find my husband in bed with my neighbour's 20 year old daughter. We had a huge fight and he says he still loves me but I don't know if I could ever trust him again. I don't know what to do.....what would you advise I do??

Byron replies;

Well, the first thing I would do is to **check the fuel filter**..... from an anonymous jeweler in Petrolia.



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