



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER of the Bluewater British Car Club

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MY OVERSEAS ADVENTURE... By Mark Jones

Back in November, my friend John, and I went to the Classic Motor Show in Birmingham, UK, as well as a number of other places the week before the show.

The trip started out with a visit to the Imperial War Museum in Duxford, which is a WWI airfield that displays many airplanes and other military vehicles housed within several period hangers and other buildings. One of the more interesting exhibits is called the Airspace Exhibit where you can walk through the prototype Concord, and walk under a Vulcan bomber.

The Sunday found us at Silverstone, watching the Walter Hayes trophy races, which is a Formula Ford event that takes place on Silverstone's National circuit. The race weekend also included historic open wheel racing, and a couple of British Racing, and Driver's Club races. I'm fortunate to have a good friend, Roger, who is a race marshal that provided us with free passes for the day. It was fun watching the action at Silverstone from some of the famous spots like Copse and Brooklands.

Monday morning was spent in Abingdon, touring the town and visiting Kimber house. Right next door to Kimber house is the former MG Car Co.'s administration building, which is now a block of flats.

Next, we were off to National Motor Museum in Beaulieu in the New Forest National Park. This museum was established by Lord Montagu and is situated on the Beaulieu estate, which includes the Montagu family's palace home and the ruins of the Beaulieu Abbey. This is a very nice museum, with an eclectic mix of over 250 automobiles, including land speed record vehicles and a number of Formula 1 cars. *Continued on page 6*





Bluewater British Car Club Minutes



Date: June 14, 2017.

Number of Members present: Dinner: 9 plus two guests; Meeting: 9

Location: Home of Eric Kernohan, Port Franks, ON

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Secretary, Sandra Cronk

1. Call to order: As President, Allen Bachelder, was absent, Roy Overton called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the **May 10, 2017** meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Mark Jones and seconded by Barbara Warwick. It was carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Roy Overton, reported
Expenses: \$100.00 U.S./\$140.00 Cdn. for John Twist to speak at our meeting.
Income: five renewals (\$100.00) plus Obsolete Auto ad (\$30.00)
Balance: \$944.49.
Our British Car Council cheque was sent six weeks ago (\$40.00 for membership and \$30.00 for insurance) but has not been cashed because they have not received it as yet, according to the Executive member.
Since the meeting we have heard that the post office has finally delivered our cheque to them.
Note: Peninsula Imports has discontinued their ad.
Another note: we have 24 paid up members.
There being no other questions, the Presiding Officer stated that the report of the Treasurer would be filed.
4. Unfinished Business:
 - 1) **Saturday, May 20, 2017, drive to Ilderton:** there was a good showing from the four clubs that attended.
5. New Business:
 - 1) **May 28, 2017, Rock 'n Roll Concert at the Camlachie United Church.** It is reported to be a fun outing.
 - 1) **Saturday, June 17, 2017: Brits in Bayfield:** leave Reece's Corners at 8:30 a.m. The book, "Mr. MG" will be available.
 - 2) **Summer Monthly Meetings:** July 12th at the Walton's, Bright's Grove, ON
: August 9th at the Bachelder's, North Street, MI
: September 13th at the Warwick's, Corunna, ON
 - 3) **Steve Plunkett** has one Thursday evening cruise-in, featuring British cars; if anyone is interested, call Byron.
6. Announcements: Eric Kernohan was enthusiastically thanked for the scrumptious dinner he provided for our meeting tonight. We send best wishes for a speedy recovery to his Mom who fell and broke her hip three days before our meeting and was in the hospital during our time at her home!
7. Adjournment: Bill Park moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. It was seconded it by Alan Cronk 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.

2017 Club Executive

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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
July, 2017*



I am sitting here in my “bungalow” at Paradise Point Resort. The day is Wednesday June 28 th. We have just had a wonderful North American MGB Register car show at Embarcadero Marine Park here in San Diego and in another hour or so we will be enjoying our final awards banquet together. The week prior to that we were up in Solvang California (just north of Santa Barbara) for the North American MGA Register annual convention, where I was delighted to see six Magenttes in attendance. ‘ Didn’t expect any here at the MGB event, but one did show up from Arizona. The owner is a good friend and we enjoyed some good times together.



*Yours truly, with cap from
Calgary*

Very proud of my Canadian friends and neighbors. Would you believe this cap came from the Calgary club! And today I ran across a couple from Newfoundland with an MGF, and they are good friends of our Mark Jones. Small world!

Well, the banquet is over. The awards from both events now a part of history. It’s been a grand two weeks, even though I did not have a car to show - which cut pretty deep. I would not do it again without a car – or without Florrie. I would much rather drive and enjoy the adventure.

Below are the Magenttes that showed up at the MGA event in Solvang last week. I was disappointed there were not more, but since I didn’t bring mine, I could hardly be critical.



Magenttes in Solvang California at North American MGA Register GT42. Small, but handsome showing. Black car in the middle was driven out from Virginia on the US East Coast, and made the trip without mishap!

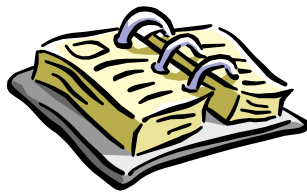
It seems like centuries ago since we enjoyed mini-putting with BAHC on June 3rd. What a wonderful afternoon. Our foursome included Henny and Rob Drope, long-time friends from BAHC. Despite miserable overall scores, among us, a “hole in one” was achieved once by three of us. Lots of fun. That’s what our vintage British cars give us – by bringing us together.

The North American MGA Register has an expression for it that applies to all of us: “It’s the cars that bring us together, but it’s the people that bring us back”. Don’t forget the people!

‘ See you on the road...



**Calendar
Of Upcoming
Events**



**CALENDAR of EVENTS
2017**

- July**
- 12 Monthly meeting with the Warwicks
At the Greenhill Gardens.
- 16 Hobbyfest, Sarnia
- August**
- 5 Wambo at Wallaceburg
- 9 Monthly meeting at Port Huron, with
The Bachelders
Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
- 12 Bothwell Car Show and swap meet.
- 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/Fun Run
- November**
- 8 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay
Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
- December**
- 3 Christmas Luncheon
NO MONTHLY MEETING

MONTHLY DRIVE & MEETING

With the Warwicks

Wednesday July 12, 2017. Leaving at 5:30PM

Gather on Cooper Street in Corunna

*For a mystery tour to the Greenhill Gardens near
Sombra.*

*Marvel at this privately built wonderful setting in the
backroads of St Clair, Ontario.*

*Located at 132 Moore Line, just East of the St Clair
River. I'll send a map by a separate email. If you
wish to meet us there.*

*Bring a couple of chairs. your own picnic lunch and
we will sit beneath the Gazebo.*

*After the walkabout and perhaps the meeting,
We return to the "Warwicks on the River" for dessert
and tea or coffee.*

*Contact Byron at bandb@cogeco.ca
519 862-3527.*



PS: A Genuine Wooden outhouse is on the hill.

HOBBYFEST SARNIA

Sunday July 16, 2017

10:00 AM to 3:00PM

Set up of cars 9:15 to 9:45am

Centennial Park on Front Street Sarnia
Members of Both British cars from Sarnia
are welcome to show their British cars. We
are there to encourage membership in our



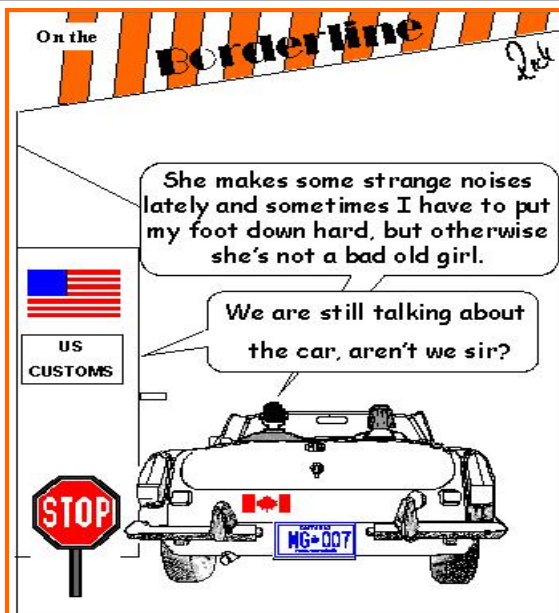
respective car clubs.

Tell Byron if you are going

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*The map is not yet available from Sarnia, Parks and
Rec, they will get back to us after July 1st and I will*





Obituary of David Overton

It is with sadness that we record the passing of club member David Overton. David has been active in the club, organizing inter-club croquet tournaments and golf games. David loved driving and working on the MGB's he owned. He will be missed.

A donation has been made in David's name to St Joseph's Hospice.



With family at his side, peacefully passed away at Bluewater Health Services on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at the age of 84 years. Beloved husband of Mary (nee Lester). Dear father of Matthew (Sharon), Nathan (Jackie), and Lori (Vincent). Loved Grandad-Papa of Arianna, Alexander, Andrew, Kyle, Kora, Aaron, and Kohan. David will be missed by his brother Roy (Margaret), his niece Susan (Glenn), his nephew Keir, as well as his many nieces and nephews in the Lester family. Predeceased by his parents Roy and Violet Overton. In addition to a long career in Hospitality, David had a lifelong passion for music, and sang for 29 years as part of the Guelph and Sarnia Men's Barbershop groups. He was also a member of the St. James choir, and the Sarnia & District Community Choir. He enjoyed replacing divots and finding lost balls. David was a proud member of the Forest Legion Br. #176, having served in Korea with the Royal Highland Regiment (U.K.)

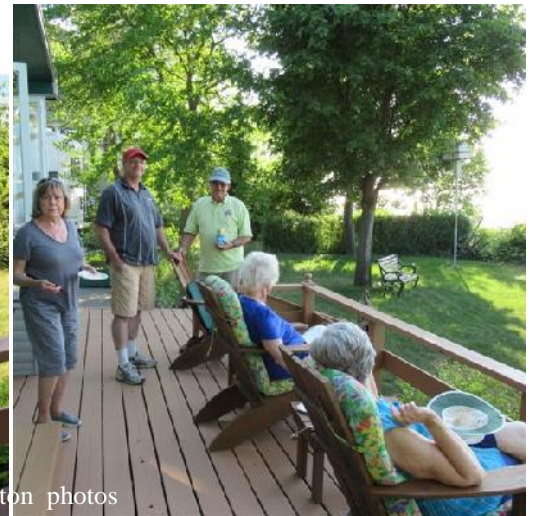
Monthly Meeting

At Eric Kernohan's cottage, which is right at the entrance to the Aux Sable River leading into Port Franks from Lake Huron. We were greeted by a smiling Eric and Spunky Doodle. Eric was busy tending to the BBQ, and explained that his mother Mary could not be there due to a recent fall and broken hip.

We wish Mary our thoughts for a speedy recovery.

The table was overflowing with snacks and enough food to feed twice as many as had joined us for the trip, (11 including The Cronk's visitors from the Lakehead). What a nice view of the lake. Most ate on the front deck, and we retired to the back deck for our business meeting.

After that we returned to the parking area to view the cars and make our departures. We were not able to see the sunset due to the incoming clouds. It was a pleasant drive home and we did return close to dark. Our thanks to Eric for this introduction to the club.



Roy Overton photos



More photos on page 8.



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The British Motor Museum (formally the Heritage Motor Centre) was next on the list. This museum recently underwent a multimillion £ expansion, which now allows visitors to see all the cars in their collection. The main museum building displays many cars in the collection, as well as historical items. The new building, the collection centre, displays the rest of the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust's collection as well as the cars in the Jaguar Heritage Trust, another 450 cars in total. One car that I found interesting was the Austin Metro that was used as a mule for the MGF by placing a K-series engine in the back.



Thursday and Friday were spent at the Classic Motor Show. The show has 2500 classic cars and motorcycles, as well as Silverstone car auction, trade stands, club stands, live stages, and an autojumble, spanning one million square feet, which is about the same square footage as the North American Auto Show in Detroit. 71,000 people attended the three day event. One of the surprising interesting things I saw was an Envoy Custom with New Brunswick license plates and a Vauxhall Velox with Ontario license plates; both cars had recently been imported from their respective provinces.



Our last day in England, we were joined by my UK friend Roger, who picked us up and accompanied us to the Coventry Transport Museum, which houses a collection of vehicles (such as cycles, cars, buses), all manufactured in the Coventry area. One of

the nice things about this museum is that you start at the beginning of the cycle history and work your way through to the present car production, which today is Jaguar.

After doing the Coventry Transport Museum, we visited The Flying Standard for a pint and wondered what to do with the rest of the afternoon. Roger suggested the National Motorcycle Museum in Solihull, a museum neither John nor I had ever heard of. This museum houses the latest collection of British motorcycles; over 1000 with over 850 on display; what a massive collection. To be honest, it was overwhelming; four buildings filled handle bar grip to handle bar grip with fully restored motorcycles. This was a great way to end our visit to England. Well, actually, the night at the pub playing darts was the great way to end our visit.



Actually, the trip didn't end there. Monday morning Roger drove me back to Heathrow and on our way out of Birmingham; we stopped by MG Motor's Longbridge technical centre and showroom, where I got



to see firsthand the new MG GS, MG's first SUV. It seemed like a very well made, well-appointed car, and very well priced. Sad to think though, that no car is now assembled in Longbridge, but at least there are 200+ people employed at MG Motor's technical centre.





BRITISH SALOONS AND ESTATES



By David B Kelley

ARMSTRONG-SIDDELEY SAFFIRE 346 - 1954-60

This model had an all-new chassis, featuring coil spring suspension at the front and leaf springs at the rear. Power came from A 3.4 litre (210 cu in) six cylinder engine that was capable of 95 mph. Two gearboxes were offered. A four-speed synchromesh manual, or a Rolls-Royce supplied Hydramatic, power steering was an option. Less than 1500 were made and the financial loss suffered was severe enough to cause Armstrong-Siddeley to stop producing cars entirely in 1960. It was aimed at buyers of cars such as the Jaguar MK II. The Sapphire was too slow and unwieldy to have mass appeal. It was an elegant and well appointed machine.



JAGUAR MK II - 1959-67

The Jaguar MK II was a big improvement over the MK I. It had a bigger glass area, better interior, slightly wider rear track, a different grill and all-around disc brakes as standard. It also had a much wider range of engines, including the famous 3.8 liter twin camshaft from the XK (production total 83,980) an all-synchromesh gearbox came in 1965. From 1967 the Mark II was available with optional power-assisted steering.



MORRIS SIX - 1948-54

In the late 1940's, a policy of standardization was introduced by the company, which included sharing body styles between Morris and Wolseley. The Wolseley 6/80 appeared in 1948, there was also a Morris Six look alike, with a less comfortable interior. A distinctive Morris grill and a detuned version of the Wolseley 2215 cc six-cylinder. The overhead camshaft unit was fitted just one carburetor (the Wolseley had two) The Morris Six sold poorly and ceased production in 1954, with 12,464 autos sold.



MORRIS MARINA - 1971-80

Two body versions were initially available, a saloon and a coupe. An Estate appeared in 1972. Power was from a 1275 cc A-series engine or a 1798 cc B-series engine. In 1978 the Marina was reworked inside and out, although it kept the same body shell. The 1275cc engine continued, but the 1798cc unit was replaced by a 1695cc overhead camshaft one. The Marina was replaced by the ITAL in 1980. Total production 953,576 units.





More Photos from The Cottage in Port Franks



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