



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
of the
Bluewater British Car Club

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Clutch Chatter...

By Allen Bachelder
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Busy month, May. ‘Got my “Geraldine” all ready for the trip to Louisville coming up in just ten days. Well... there’s always a couple more things to do. But if I waited until *everything* was done, I’d never drive the car at all!

It seems I’ve become recognized as the air-conditioning guru for MG Z Magnette sedans. And I’ve just come through a few days of discovering just how much I ill-deserve that distinction. Remember how Geraldine threw a fan belt on a club event about three years ago? ‘Decided to take precautions on this trip – one belt looked a little frayed anyway. There are two, and the whole system of belts – to accommodate the A/C compressor - was designed and executed by Yours Truly. Oh what a wonderful system I devised – so easy to adjust while the hoses were off – along with the radiator and the front fenders. Just reach in there and adjust this and tighten that.

It’s a little different now. I’m not about to remove the radiator and front fenders just to replace a fan belt. I tried just about every 9/16” wrench devised by man: end wrenches, ratchet end wrenches, claw-foot wrenches, socket wrenches, ratchet socket wrenches, ratchet socket wrenches with extensions, ratchet socket wrenches with extensions and universal joints. ‘Tried ‘em down from above the engine; ‘tried ‘em up from down below the car. Finally, I



Left on the doorstep...

got some results with stubby open-end wrenches – turn nut one/sixth of a turn, flip it over and do another. ‘Started one the other morning and had it sufficiently backed off by noon! One down, only about nine to go.

How long should it take to replace a fan belt? Twenty minutes?



Florrie needed some very rare parts for my ’65 B and ’60 MGA projects. Do you know how a cat with a fresh kill often brings it to the doorstep as a “gift”? Well, I tried that and met with just about as much success.

This problem was compounded by the fact that in order to get the parts Florrie I wanted, I had to buy a whole inventory. The cat brought hundreds of mice to the doorstep.

‘Think the “cat” is in trouble.

‘See you on the road.



Bluewater British Car Club Minutes



Date: May, 11, 2016.

Number of Members present: Dinner: 11; Meeting: 14

Location: Stokes Bay, Sarnia, ON

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Secretary, Sandra Cronk

1. Call to order: President, Kim Rutherford, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the **April 13, 2016** meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Laura Rutherford and seconded by Alan Cutcher. It was carried.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Roy Overton, reported income: \$90.00 (two renewals @ \$20.00 each plus the Obsolete Autos renewal/membership ad @ \$50.00). We now have 20 members.

No expenses.

Current Balance: \$1157.75.

There was a question regarding the Peninsula ad in the Spanner. Kim will email them regarding payment.

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

4. Unfinished Business:

1) **April 17th Ancaster Flea Market and Car Show:** Kim and John Holmes attended. Enjoying the sunny and warm weather for a change, they arrived early and left early, but viewed lots of cars and parts.

2) **April 24th Petrolia Theatre and Dinner:** It was excellent. Maureen Grandis joined us at the theatre. We had wine with Reg at Grandis Jewellers, and then carried on to have dinner at Crabby Joe's.

3) **May 14th Lunch at the King Edward in Ilderton:** Fifty (50) people are coming and are booked at the Pub.

4) **July 8th to 11th Trip to the Mad Dogs and Englishmen Show in Kalamazoo, Michigan:** Allen Bachelder, organizer, reported that the hotel and route are established. He is currently looking into restaurants.

5. New Business:

1) **New member, Glenn Carson,** has a '61 MGA Coupe and will attend the Ilderton run.

2) **May 28th: Retrofest Chatham:** Byron is going but has not had anyone indicate that they are joining him.

3) **June 8th Monthly Meeting:** Byron has volunteered to come up with something.

4) **July 13th Monthly Meeting:** Roy offered to plan something.

Jean Hicks moved that we use Club funds to pay for the meal at the July meeting. It was seconded by Alan Cronk and carried.

5) **August 10th Monthly Meeting:** Kim and Laura offered to host that meeting.

6) **June events** were reviewed.

7) **October Fall Tour:** A host is needed to plan this event.

6. Announcements: Watch the Spanner for the details of the next monthly meeting.

7. Adjournment: Roy Overton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. It was seconded by Alan Cutcher 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, 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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From The President's Garage



Summer at last, actually 32°C heat comes as a bit of a shock to the system after a cool spring. So now there is no excuse not to get your car shined up and on the road.

I would like to welcome 2 new members to the club. Glen Carson with his dark green 1961 MGA Coupe, and Mike Cromwell with his silver 1970 Jaguar E Type 2+2. We all look forward to seeing both cars out at events this summer.

For those interested, The London Classic is on June 4th, put on by the British Sports Car Club London, at the same spot as last year. That is the Crossings Restaurant on Hyde Park Road and it should be a good day as usual. Lets hope the weather cooperates.

The run to Ilderton to the King Edward Pub was a success, with 50 people from combined clubs enjoying an excellent meal as always. The weather was not the best, however we had a nice convoy there.

As an alternative to the London Classic there is also the Fleetwood Country London Cruize In on the 4th and 5th. Your choice!

News on the Mk 2 is that the block was cracked in several places, surrounding the top of the bores. Also on teardown it was obvious that some previous cracking had been repaired. The water ways between the cylinders were blocked causing a heat build up over the years and causing the damage. So now the block is essentially a boat anchor and another block is being sourced. I am not too worried about it not being a numbers matching car anymore. As the old original Borg Warner 3 speed had been replaced with a 92 jaguar 4 speed ZF automatic transmission. A huge improvement. Upgrades are the name of the game anymore. The head was tested and it is fine. A classic example of poor quality work in the past. So much for, Engine Rebuilt. It doesn't mean anything unless you have receipts to prove work done, as we all know. Had lots of paper work regarding the restoration of the car, but none of any engine work.

More news on the rebuild as it comes to hand !

Happy Motoring , Kim R.



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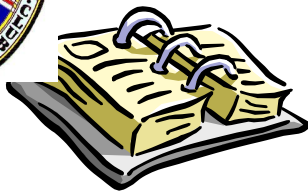
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Calendar
Of Upcoming
Events



CALENDAR of EVENTS
2016

June	
4,5	Fleetwood Country Cruize-in
4	BSCCLondon Classic BritishCar Show
8	Monthly meeting At Skeeter's
26	Cruise-in the Park, SSM Canatara Park
July	
9,10	Mad dogs and Englishmen at Hickory Corners Michigan—Allen Bachelder
13	Monthly meeting in Port Lambton Bill Vandenheuval and Jackie.
17	Hobbyfest, Sarnia ON.
August	
6	Old Autos Car Show-Bothwell
6	Wambo at Wallaceburg
10	Monthly meeting Kim&Laura
18?	Hot August Nights, Canatara Pk Sar.
September	
11	Battle of the Brits, Dearborn, Michigan
14	Monthly meeting at ...Host Required
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	

JUNE 8th MEETING
This first of our Summer cruise and *"Drive Your British Car"*, monthly meetings.

MEET AT SKEETER
BARLOWS AT 6:00PM
2713 Old Lakeshore Road

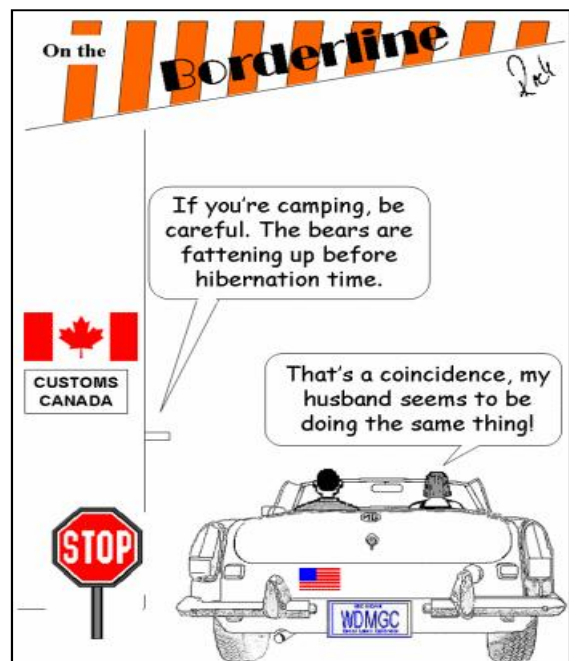


Following dinner we will have a tour of a new attraction—*The CASTLE IN THE GROVE.*
AKA The Walton's home and gardens
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Then we will have our monthly meeting.

Be sure to let me know if you are going.
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Byron and Barbara Warwick.

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- Battery (Firestone Forever) - \$59
- Loaf of bread - \$0.28
- First-class stamp - \$0.10
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Thanks for the jokes courtesy of Little British Car Company and creator Rick Astley of British Car





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1970 Jaguar E Type 2+2



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1961 MGA Coupe



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AUTO TRIVIA

TEST YOUR MENTAL METTLE



By David B Kelley

1. These cars are famous for their ghostly names which include the Silver Ghost, the Phantom and the Silver Wraith. Can you name the Manufacturer?
2. Germany's BMW, long famous for building super aircraft engines, got its start in car manufacturing when it took over the Dixi company in 1928, Dixi was the name given to a popular British car which BMW built under license . What was that car?
3. Great Britain's prestigious Rolls-Royce a luxury carmaker, announced in 1944 that its future cars would feature 12 cylinder engine manufactured by what company?
4. This year, the manufacturer of the famous E-type roadster celebrated its 40th birthday. First introduced in North America at the 1961 New York show, it was followed in later years by the "S" and the "XKR". Who is the carmaker ?
5. What was significant about the designation "120" in the 1948 Jaguar XK 120 ?
6. What car was dubbed the greatest car in the world?
7. Four-wheel drive with anti-lock brakes (ABS), was pioneered by a British concern named Ferguson Formula. It first appeared in a passenger car in 1966 on what model?
8. This 1948 design from Rover's Maurice Wilks was a farm runabout and based on a Jeep chassis-became Britain's most successful post-war export. Can you name it?
9. What car did actor John Thaw drive in his role as Inspector Morse in the popular TV series of the same name?
10. What member of Britain's Royal family became the first in recent history to use a foreign-made car and what was it?
11. What firm began as a maker of motorcycle sidecars in 1922, expanded into car bodies six years later, built its first car in 1935 and 10 years later adopted the name of the car for its company name as well?
12. Which high-end nameplate took over Rolls-Royce in January 2003 and moved production to Goodwood, England?
13. After a three-picture run as British spy James Bond's vehicle of choice, a BMW will not be featured in the coming Bond film "Die Another Day", due in theatres in November (2002). Do you know what 007 drove?
14. This luxury carmaker likes using the alphabet when naming its cars it produced the C-type, the D-type , the E-type and most recently the X-type. Is it Volvo, Mercedes-Benz or Jaguar?

(Answers on page 8)



THE ANSWERS

1. Rolls-Royce. The Silver Ghost was the first Rolls produced—it made its debut in 1906.



2. The Austin Seven

3. BMW. It was an name for itself



ironic change; in earlier years, Rolls-Royce made a in Automobile and Aircraft engines.

4. Jaguar. The latest addition to Jaguar lineup is the X-type, which was introduced in the year (1961).



5. Creator Sir William Lyons guaranteed it would reach 120 MPH.

6. Rolls-Royce.



7. The Land Rover. It made its public debut at the Amsterdam that year.



Motor Show

8. The Jensen FF. Only 320 were built.



9. A red Jaguar 3.8 saloon.



10. Diana Princess of Wales sold her personal Jaguar XJS sports car and leased a Mercedes-Benz 500 SL in 1992.



11. English luxury carmaker Jaguar.

12. BMW.



13. An Aston Martin. The \$330,000 V12 Vanquish will be 007's set of wheels. The automobile has had a storied relationship with James Bond, dating back to 1964's Goldfinger.



14. Jaguar.





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