



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
of the
Bluewater British Car Club**

MAY, 2017

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**BBCC SPECIAL
EVENTS**

**AT OUR MEETING ON
MAY 10th
WE WILL HAVE
A SPECIAL GUEST
PRESENTATION BY THE
INCOMPARABLE**

**JOHN
TWIST.**

**AND...ON THURSDAY,
MAY 11th
JOHN TWIST
WILL PRESENT A TECH
SESSION IN ALLEN
BACHELDER'S SHOP AT 3330 DEER-
WOODDRIVE, NORTH STREET,
MICHIGAN. 9:00 AM UNTIL**

**4:30 PM - OR UNTIL WE RUN OUT OF QUESTIONS.
FIRST, WATCH AS JOHN DISASSEMBLES, REBUILDS AS NEEDED, AND REASSEMBLES AN EARLY
MGB OVERDRIVE. THEN BRING YOUR BRITISH CAR CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS.**

**THE MAY 10th ADDRESS IS COURTESY OF BBCC. THERE IS A \$25(US) CHARGE FOR THE MAY 11th
TECH SESSION - PAYABLE TO JOHN TWIST.**

**WE ARE LIMITED TO 10 ATTENDEES SO RESERVE ASAP WITH ALLEN BACHELDER
bachldrs@comcast.net or 810-824-4188).**



Bluewater British Car Club Minutes



Date: April 12, 2017.

Number of Members present: Dinner: 8; Meeting: 11

Location: Stokes Bay, Sarnia, ON

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Secretary, Sandra Cronk

1. Call to order: President, Allen Bachelder, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the **March 8, 2017** meeting.

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

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

Expenses: \$120.00 made up of \$50.00 for parking and gas to drivers of trip to Detroit, and \$70.00 to British Car Council made up of \$40.00 for membership and \$30.00 for insurance (\$1.50 for 20 members.)

Income: none

Current Bank Balance: \$1001.55

There were a couple of questions, then there being no other questions, the President stated that the report of the Treasurer would be filed.

4. Unfinished Business:

1) **Wednesday, April 5, 2017: The Henry Ford Museum Trip report** - There were nine (9) members from our Club who went and six (6) people from the Bluewater Austin Healey Club who joined us. We arrived at the museum early and spent the day exploring the many, interesting exhibits at the museum, a lot being new to people who have been there before. The whole group gathered to have dinner at the Pioneer Restaurant in Kimball, outside of Port Huron.

Michael Walton declared that he was sorry he missed it. We all agreed that we missed him being with us.

5. New Business:

1) **We welcomed Eric Kernohan** from Port Franks, who joined the Club, and then offered to host our June meeting, Wednesday, June 14th, at his cottage in Port Franks.

2) Michael Walton suggested that we have some **business cards** made up to encourage new members. Byron informed him that he has done that for the Club in the past, and he is willing to do so again. He can make personalized ones with your name, car, email address and the name of the Club, and he can also make a number that just give information about the Club. Let him know what **you** (each BBCC member) would like. He can print sheets of 12 at a time.

3) **April 20, 2017, Ancaster British Car Flea Market and Car Show:** Kim Rutherford and John Holmes usually go on their own. Allen Bachelder said he may be in the area at that time, so may go. There was no interest in making it a Club event.

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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

President: Allen Bachelder	810 824-4188
Vice Pres:	
Treasurer: Roy Overton,	519 332-3449
Secretary: Sandra Cronk	519 845-3209
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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.

Forward items to:

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Presidential Prattle...

By Allen Bachelder
May 2017



Ahh, May!! The Little British Cars are all out and on the road, right? No? Well, what's holding things up? Gotta problem? Hoo boy, do we have a solution for you this year! No this isn't a harbinger of all the things your new president is gonna cook up. Rather, on our hands, we have a fluke. Yes, I went to John Twist's Transmission Rebuild Seminar in February. We rebuilt about 10 transmissions that weekend, but didn't get to my overdrive. It's a fluke that John is heading to Toronto to do another workshop. It's a fluke that he suggested stopping by to help me with rebuilding my overdrive on his way. And it's definitely a fluke that his trip brings him to our house on Wednesday, May 10th

Perhaps it's another fluke that John was happy to address our club on this evening that just happens to be the date for our monthly meeting. Did you ever take a 1000-piece picture puzzle, and just throw the whole box of pieces up in the air as high as you can and the pieces just happen to fall into a completed puzzle? I feel like that has just happened to me... to us!

And, and, and... John has agreed to make a tech session out of his work on my overdrive. Yup, he would like individual "registration" fees of \$25 US per person. But for that, you'll see him take an overdrive apart, diagnose it, explain all the parts and how they work, what often fails, and how to fix it. That will take up about half the day. The rest of the day John will focus on your problems.

Don't be misled by John's considerable reputation as an MG guru. In his 43-year career at University Motors in Grand Rapids Michigan, John has restored and repaired just about anything British. He knows your Jaguars, Austin Healeys, Triumphs, Rovers, Morris Minors... as well as anybody on the planet. Can you limp over in your impaired Bentley Continental, your Lotus Elan, your Austin Princess, your Armstrong Siddeley? If it's in our driveway, John will look at it. If it isn't, he'll explain it. Hope to see you there. Make sure you let me know!

Hey, for those of us who attended, wasn't it great to see our Brit car season open in Ancaster!

I have an ongoing complaint with Ancaster: vendors and many participants stage a massive exit during the lunch hour. On my list of things to do is to write to the organizers with a couple ideas to discourage that. Specifically, a significant vendor-discount for remaining open at least until 2 PM. And perhaps a culminating event like a raffle, and/or door prize awards at 2 PM. Vendors would donate items for the event and would need to be on hand to present them to the winners.

Hey, don't forget our outing to the King Edward in Ilderton. It's on your calendars for May 20th, right? And your iPhones will start dinging on the 19th? C'mon, folks, some of us have to journey from a foreign country to attend these things. So come out and meet a real "foreign dignitary". Yup – a Brit car club president from the US!

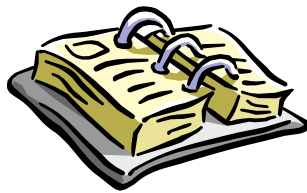


'Love the odd-ball saloons that show up at Ancaster'

'See you on the road!'



**Calendar
Of Upcoming
Events**



**CALENDAR of EVENTS
2017**

May	
10	Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
20	Drive and lunch at the King Edward, with BAHC and BSCCL
June	
3	Meeting with BAHC MiniGolf
14	Monthly meeting at Port Franks, Eric Kernohan Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
17	MG Meet in Bayfield
July	
12	Monthly meeting at TBA Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
16	Hobbyfest, Sarnia
August	
9	Monthly meeting at Port Huron, The Bachelers in Port Huron. Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
September	
13	Monthly meeting at TBA Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
16	BAHC Car Show Rutherglen Close
October	
11	Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
November	
8	Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
December	
3	Christmas Luncheon NO MONTHLY MEETING

ANNUAL DRIVE AND LUNCH AT

KING EDDIES IN ILBERTON

Saturday May 20, 2017 9:30 AM

Leaving at 10:00AM

Meet at Global Donuts on London Line Sarnia.

Pick-ups arranged along the way

*We are joined by members of the BAHC and
BSCCL and others from the OMGR
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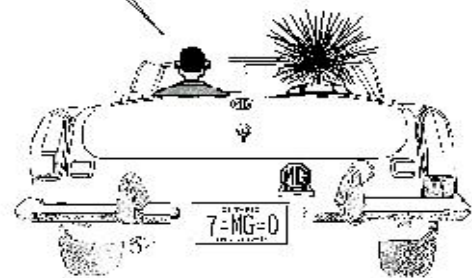
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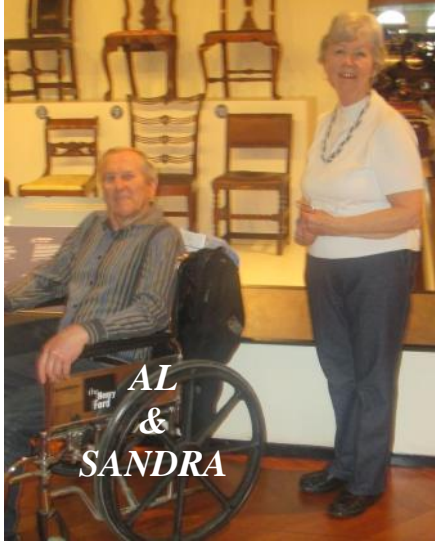
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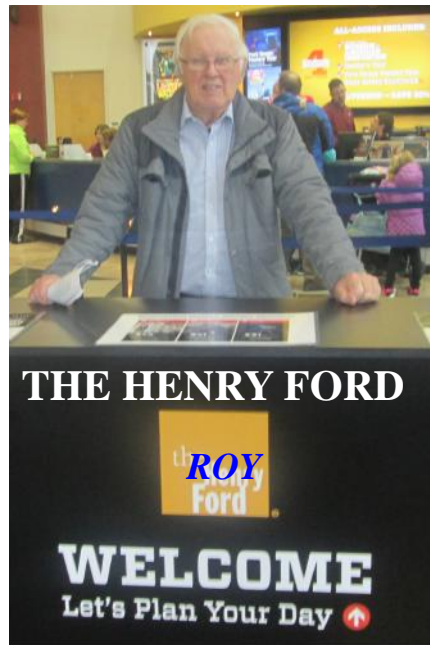


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you hate going to dinner in
this car so much





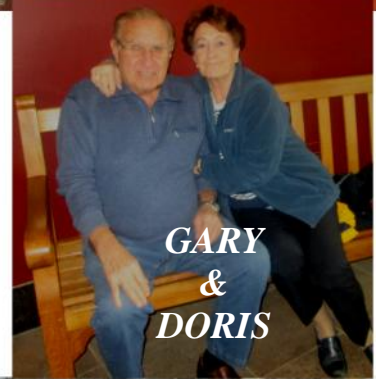
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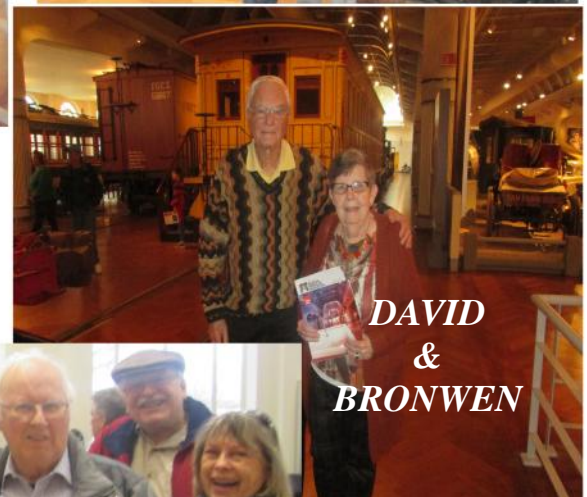
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**APRIL 5
2017**



ANCASTER
Photos by members
Mark Jones
Allen Bachelder
Michael Cromwell



Many Thanks Ed.

A busy day lots of
vendors, buyers, and
cars





BRITISH SALOONS AND ESTATES



By David B Kelley

MG Y-TYPE

1947-53

In order to keep cost down, MG's first postwar car used several parts already available from the Nuffield Groups. The main hull, rear panels and doors were all lifted from the Morris 8. This car was fitted with the 1250 XPAG engine, first seen in the T-series sports car. This car used independent front suspension using coil springs and rack-and-pinion steering which was designed by Alec Issigonis. The open-top model was available in the US market. Fewer than 900 were made of this car. Total for all models was 7459. All Y-series were luxuriously appointed with wood and leather interiors and an intricate dashboard. The YB models used more powerful engine and simpler rear axle layout.



MG MAGNETTE ZA/ZB 1953-58

Badge engineering was used for this model as the Magnette ZA used its body work from the Wolseley 4/44, but looked more attractive, by using the fluted MG grille, chrome embellishments and straight front bumpers. This model used BMC-B series engine in a MG car. The Magnette also had an uprated platform with rack-and-pinion steering and improved suspension. It also used a close ratio gearbox. A more powerful ZB variant replaced the ZA in 1956, and was offered with optional varitone two-colour paintwork and a wrap-around rear screen. A few cars also appeared with manumatic semiautomatic transmission which was many years ahead of its time. Engine - 1489 cc(92 cu in) 4 cylinder, 68 bhp, with a top speed of 180 mph, with a top speed of 80 mph. Total production was 36,600.

WOLSELEY 4/44 1952-56

The Wolseley 4/44 was closely related to the MG Magnette ZA as the Wolseley had the luxury option. The 4/44 was higher off the ground than the MG Magnette. Wood veneers became an option. The new saloon received coil and wishbone front suspension, updated with rack-and-pinion. In 1956 the car was obsolete and was replaced by the new Wolseley 15/50. The engine was a 4-cylinder 1250 cc and 46 bhp. Top speed 73 mph. A total of 29,845 was produced.





Hi, Byron. The club has been invited to drive their cars to this show. I believe they will provide special parking. There is 50's type food after the show. It's a good show. Bill Park.

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4) **Saturday, May 20, 2017, drive to Ilderton and lunch at the King Edward Pub.** Watch the May Spanner and let Kim Rutherford know if you would like to attend.

5) **Saturday, June 3, 2017, London British Sports Car Club Classic Car Show:** Gord Mayer, President of the BSCCL sent a letter outlining their Classic Car Show. Byron is away that weekend, so to make this a Club event, someone has to organize it: that is, establish a time and place to meet in Sarnia (usually Global Donuts on London Line) and whatever else the group may want to do.

6) **Saturday, June 3, 2017, the Bluewater Austin Healey Club** has invited our Club to join them at this event. It involves putt-putt golf, a tour of Sylvester's car store in Brigden and dinner out, the place to be announced.

8) **Saturday, June 17, 2017, trip to the inaugural MG Meet in Bayfield.** Initial indications to Byron have been that most people will make this a day trip, rather than make reservations at the Ashwood Inn.

9) **Saturday, July 16, 2017, Sarnia Hobbyfest:** To get more members to participate, and to get the Club more exposure, Roy suggested that perhaps we could emphasize that people don't have to be there all day. Those in town could bring their cars in the morning, and those who do stay could keep an eye on them.

10) **Wednesday, August 9, 2017, Allen and Florie Bachelder** have offered to host our monthly meeting, perhaps dinner at the Pioneer Restaurant with the meeting afterwards at their place.

11) **Monthly meeting, Byron and Barbara Warwick** have offered to host either July 12th or September 13.

12) **Rally:** Roy would like to see the Annual Club Rally return and wondered if several people got together to plan one, whether that would be more encouraging for people to do it.

13) **Honourary Life Time Member:** Barbara Warwick outlined the long time membership of Paul and Jean Hicks, not only in our Club but of international clubs, also. She, then, moved to make Jean an Honourary Member of our Club. It was seconded by Roy Overton and enthusiastically endorsed by all the members present.

6. **Announcements:** The next meeting will be May 10, 2017 at Stokes Bay, Sarnia, ON

7. **Adjournment:** Steve Roode moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. It was seconded by Jean Hicks and Michael Walton, and carried.

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This is a club event for June going for the day. Open for all British cars. Meet at Tim Horton's at Reeces Corners at 8:00AM leave at 8:15AM. Pick-ups arranged along the way.

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