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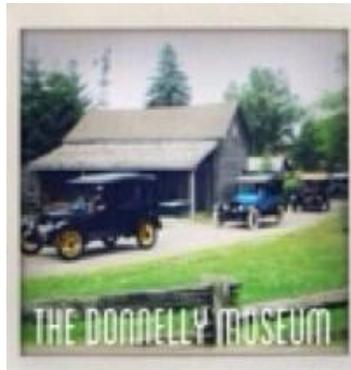
Our Fall Tour, 2016

It was a bright but cool day when we set off with six cars for our fall tour. Our two non-British cars were the only ones to drive topless. We drove north and east of Sarnia, as we attempted to find some nice, (hilly and curvy) roads, on the way to Lucan in Biddulph Township. All went well along the roads, as we wended our way around the Arkona Conservation area road and then found Sylvan Road, where we saw many trees in their fall changing colours. Though on gravel the crescent road, with some nice overhanging trees, was traversed slowly, to keep down the need to repair the Chips, (to quote Margaret Buist). Our attempt to drive across River road was deemed too far on loose gravel and so we kept going north to Hwy 7 and our coffee-out stop at the Parkhill Timmies.

Onward to McGillivray Road, after driving through Parkhill, to come into Lucan from the north.

We parked on the town streets and entered the [Lucan Area Heritage & Donnelly Museum](#) – . We were welcomed by “Jackie”, with whom I had made the reservation, and she led us to the

viewing room where they presented a twenty minute video, all acted by local historians.



This museum is dedicated to the preservation and retelling of the most famous historical events of the area. Events such as the arrival and settlement of the area by Irish immigrants, the infamous Donnelly murders, and the founding of Wilberforce by a Black community from Cincinnati. An 1850 “Donnelly Log Cabin” takes you back in time, allowing you to visualize the tragic events that occurred in the early morning hours of February 4, 1880.

We then walked through the log house and shop out back to get the flavour of the rural 1880’s lifestyle.

Afterward some went to the [Lucan Architectural](#) and [Warehouse 74](#) outlets and some made small purchases.

Now it was on to King Eddie’s Pub, in downtown Ilderton, where we dined on mostly English fare, sampled a few drawn British drafts. and had some social time together. We missed seeing Alan and Pauline from Port Huron, (see the President’s message), and we welcomed former multiple MG owners and friends Brian and Linda Thornton, from Port Lambton. They fit in nicely with our group.

(More photos on page 5)

Byron Warwick



Bluewater British Car Club Minutes



Date: **October 12, 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 7:27 p.m.

He commented that there was a good turnout and welcomed Michael and Cathy Cromwell to our meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the September 14, 2016 meeting.

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

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Roy Overton, reported there was one expense: a donation to the Sarnia Humane Society on behalf of the Waltons. Our current balance is \$957.05

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

4. Unfinished Business:

1. **September 14th Monthly Meeting:** The President commented that we had a fabulous meeting and meal at the Waltons' last month. It was appreciated by everyone.

2. **September 18th Bronte British Car Show, Burlington, ON:** Several of our members attended. Michael Walton brought his beautiful plaque to the meeting tonight. Roy commented that, "British cars are not going to disappear any time soon" as evidenced by the popularity of this show. The weather was kind on the Sunday and Monday.

5. New Business:

1. **October 22nd or 23rd, Fall Tour:** Byron and Barb Warwick have envisioned a tour to Lucan, north of London on highway #4, leaving Sarnia in the morning, having a lunch or dinner out and touring some of the interesting shops and museums in Lucan. They propose that it will be a non-rain event, that is, it will be a no-go if it is raining. They hope that most people will drive their British car. Discussion of details took place after the meeting.

2. **November event:** There was some discussion about this with no conclusions at this time.

3. **December 4th, Annual Christmas Brunch at the Holiday Inn, Sarnia:** Kim has contacted the Inn and established that about 25 people will meet at noon to eat at a cost of \$24.00 per person: meal, tax and tip.

4. **Suggestion for a monthly meeting:** Al Cutcher suggested that perhaps we could have speakers come to our monthly meetings.

5. **Speaker:** Roy Overton offered to share his extensive knowledge of lubrication and fuel research that he has gleaned in England and Canada with us at a meeting. He is also familiar with the use of methanol as fuel.

6. Announcements: Our next meeting will be November 9th at Stokes Bay, Sarnia.

7. Adjournment: New member, Cathy Cromwell, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. It was seconded 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, 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



It's getting near that time when most of us will put our cars away for the winter. For myself the Healey has been cleaned up and the cover put on. Do not plan to use it any more this year. When I say most, that is what I mean as some members have turned up to the Christmas Party in them. It's what ever is best for you. As we have an all British garage it is not hard for us to do that.

With that theme in mind, let me remind all members that the BBCC XMAS PARTY will be at the HOLIDAY INN on the 4th of December at 12.00 noon. Do not bother to ask at the desk, but walk back to Bridges Restaurant. Any body with a special request meal can be catered to if it is known to them a few days prior.

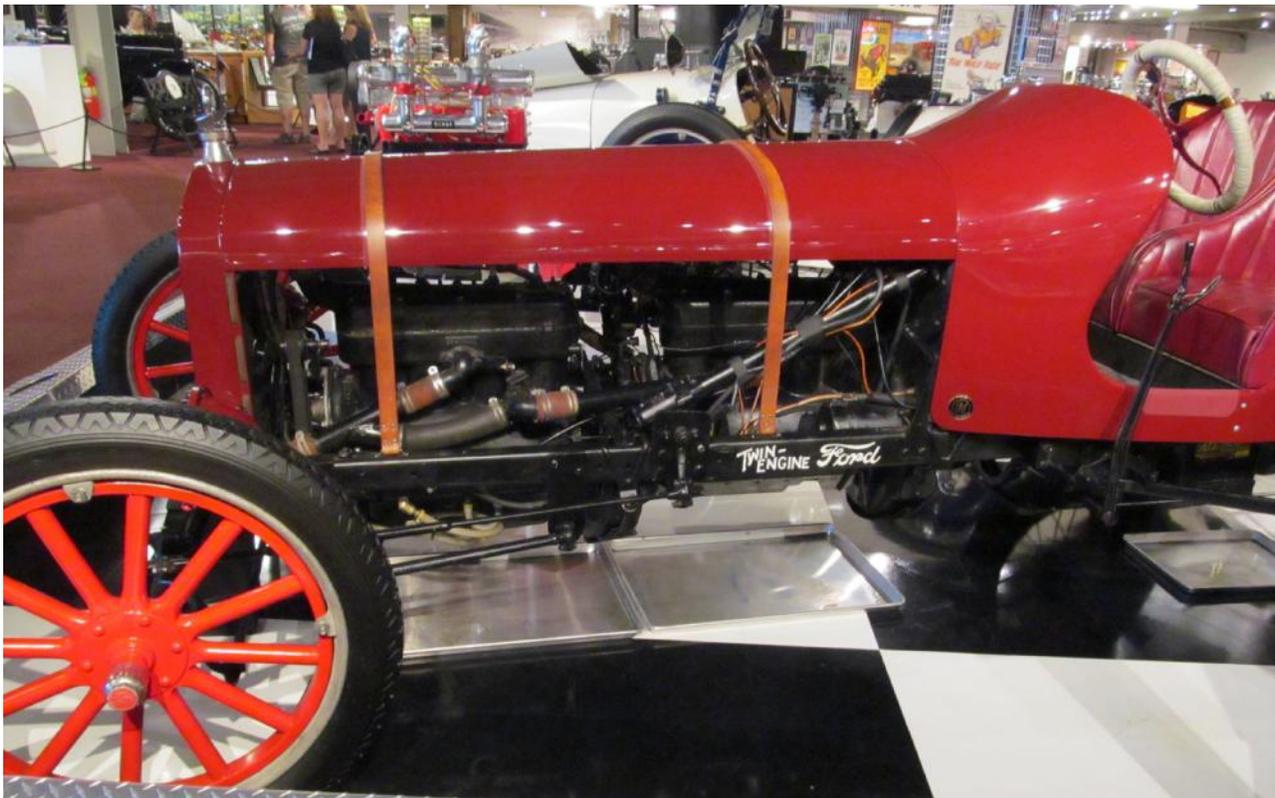
A big thanks to Byron and Barbara Warwick for organising and carrying out a fabulous colour tour. Driving down the hill in Hungry Hollow into a tunnel of autumn colour does not get much more spectacular. Our stop in Lucan and a great meal at the King Edward Pub rounded off a great day. We missed on seeing Rich's new Capri as he was tucked away watching a Grand Prix race. We will see his new toy when we go on our annual summer trip to the King Edward Pub with the London Sportscar Club. Our Jaguar Mk 2 should be home this month. If the weather is good it will be driven, if not it will come home on a flatbed truck via CAA. The last job is to go over and make working all the door locks.

Regarding other club member projects, John Holmes informs me that his 70 E Type roadster is going away to be painted in November. Will be nice to see the car on the road next summer. Its been a 10 year project that John has done himself. Should be quite spectacular when finished. Like the proposed colour, similar to the Healey. Who says I am bias!

To finish off, we missed Alan and Pauline Cutcher at the start of the colour tour. A later email to Byron mentioned that Alan had been taken to the Emergency in Port Huron with a suspected Mini Stroke.

From all of us, hope everything has gone well Alan.

Happy Motoring,
Kim R.



Twin engined Model T on display at Indianapolis



**Calendar
Of Upcoming
Events**



CALENDAR of EVENTS

November	
9	Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
XX	Suggest a gathering for November
December	
4	Christmas Luncheon

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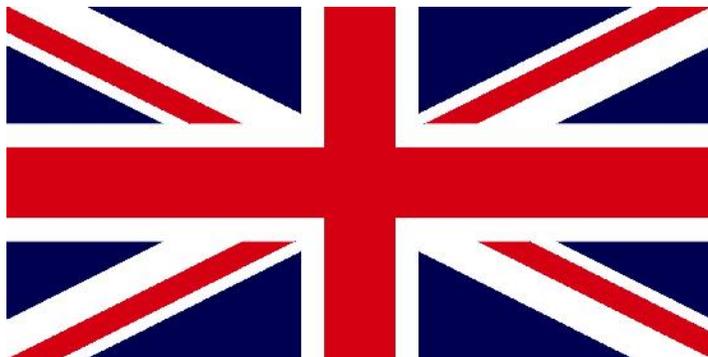
January	
15	Annual General Meeting and Social
February	
8	Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
March	
8	Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

**BLUEWATER BRITISH CAR CLUB
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Sunday December 4, 2016 - noon
Bridges Restaurant at the Holiday Inn,
1498 Venetian Blvd,
Point Edward ON
Price ~\$23.50 all in

Note: Donations and Awards will move to the
AGM on January 15, at the Rutherford Home.

You can bring items for the INN, food bank to the
AGM

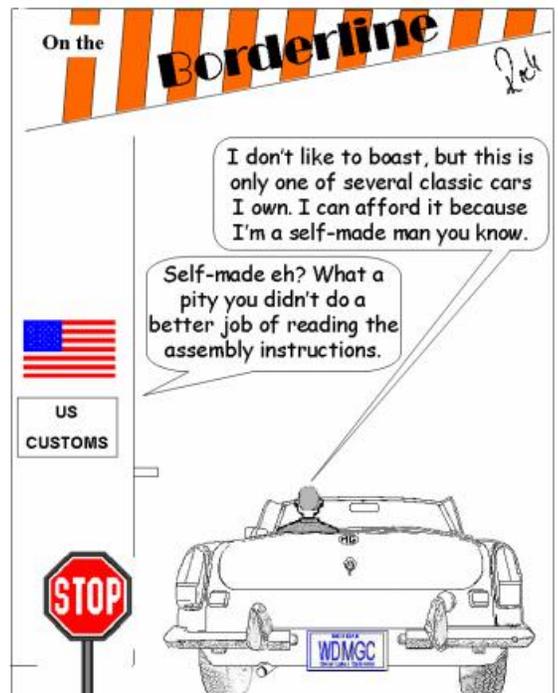


Hi everyone, **Parts For Sale**
Just sold my 71 MG Midget and have quite a few things left, 2 doors, 1 Window, 2 nose Windows, luggage rack, dash board, gauges, wiring harness, engine block, header, crank case and on and on and on, looking to sell as a single lot for \$800 or individually. Currently on Kijiji . I caught up with a few from the Sarnia club at the King Edwards Pub in Ilderton for Dinner.

Please let me know if you're interested.

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Thanks for the jokes courtesy of Little British Car Company and creator Rick Astley of British Car Electrical Book



The King Edward
Restaurant & Pub

Rich & Deb Hunter
Proprietors

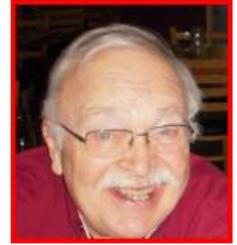
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Clutch Chatter...



By Allen Bachelder

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Well, Byron gave me the month off in September, and I fell off the wagon in October, so you must imagine that I'm full of wonderful material for this month's *Chatter*. Were that only true.

The North American MGA Register sponsors an annual "Drive Your Magnette" Day on the first Saturday of October. We pursue these ventures on our own and report on them to the Register. Were it not for the fact that I *totally forgot*, Saturday the first of October was occupied otherwise anyway. It seems my former employer in Blacksburg, Virginia chose to honor me a bit. Believe it or not, the event requiring my attendance directly conflicted with the one other event in Virginia I really did want to attend: The Shenandoah Valley British Car Club's annual Festival in Waynesboro Virginia – right at the juncture of The Blue Ridge Parkway and the Skyline Drive – perhaps the most beautiful location in the whole of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

So, for the foreseeable future, the Virginia Tech Trumpet Festival – a fundraiser for the Allen Bachelder Trumpet Scholarship Fund – the Shenandoah Valley British Car Festival, and North American MGA Register's "Drive Your Magnette Day" will forever compete for the same day.

We have finally reached a solution that we hope we can apply beginning next year. The VT Trumpet Festival begins the preceding Friday. We'll attend the Friday events, go to Waynesboro on Saturday for that personal favorite car show, and tour all the magnificent Appalachian and Adirondack Fall colors, ending up at Sandwich Massachusetts for the Cape Cod British Car Club's annual Festival of British Cars. And... of course, we'll do it all in our Magnette – yielding plenty of fodder for NAMGAR's "Drive Your Magnette day". And maybe some better material for Next year's November *Clutch Chatter*.

OK, so another option to resolve the "Drive Your Magnette Day" crisis for this year was to observe it later in the month. OK... Except there was a concern about "Geraldine's" slightly intermittent starter. (Remember: "Geraldine" is the name of our Magnette.) No big deal, I just called Little British Car Co and ordered a new one. Except I ordered the wrong one. Returned it and ordered a correct one. It arrived while we were attending to some stressful family business in California. Should have been a fun week, right? That's another story... Starter *number two* was waiting for us when we returned last Wednesday the 26th. Had to work Thursday. Finally got to it this afternoon.



A starter. Two bolts, two wires. What could be simpler? Except...

It didn't work.

‘ See you on the road.



COME MOTORING WITH ME BRITISH COACH BUILDERS



By David B Kelley

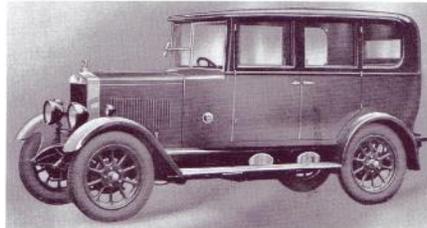
COACH BUILT MORRIS

BOWDEN BRAKE Company of Birmingham made this Morris Cowley Saloon with tubular frame and sliding doors. This company exhibited models at Olympias from 1922 to 1924. The frame construction used weldless steel tubing, however the company exited the business of a coach builder and reverted to its main business.



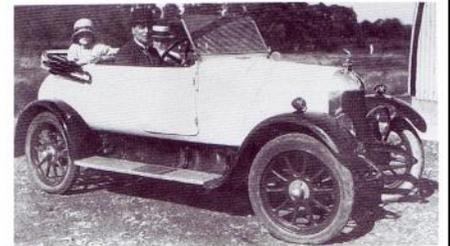
Bowden Brake 1928 Oxford Saloon

CHALMER & HOYER was the first British coachbuilder to take out a Weymann licence and used that system to body Morris Oxford four-door saloons.



Chalmers&Hoyer Oxford 4 door

CRIPS BROS OF SIDCUP, Kent was started by Walter Crips in the mid-twenties. After the first war it bodied the Bullnose Morris, after the death of Eddie Crips in 1951. The firm continued by his widow but the business was sold to the dealer Beadle of Dartford.



Crips Morris Oxford Tourer

CUNARD. The Cunard Motor & Carriage Co. Ltd. Started in 1911. This company did special bodies on Morris chassis. Morris bodies were used to make Drophead Coupés. The picture shows a Morris Ten Six Special Tourer of 1934.



1934 Morris 10-6 Spec Tourer

JENSEN. The picture shows a 1936 Eight Special Tourer. This company started life as a coachbuilder in 1928. In 1931 the Jensen brothers, Richard and Alan bought the coachbuilder W.J. Smith and Sons,



1936 Morris 8 Special Tourer

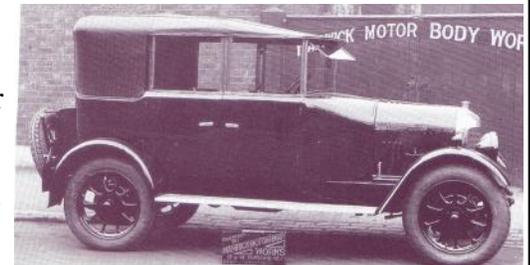
changing its name to Jensen Motors.



Maddox, 1933 Fixed Head Coupé

MADDOX. In 1899 George Maddox started his own coachbuilder firm. This picture shows a 1933 Morris Minor Fixed-Head Coupé.

WARWICK. Warwick Motor Body works stated in 1919 in south London, and named after the Warwick Mews. The firm bodied car



Warwick, 1932 Morris Oxford All Weather

chassis for Morris Oxford. The firm closed in 1972. This picture shows a Morris Oxford all-weather auto, and shows a very early example of luggage-trunk.

WHELLER & BRISTOW. This Yeovil, Somerset firm built a Tourer body on a 1927 Morris Cowley chassis.



1927 Morris Cowley



2016 Bronte Creek British Car Show

It seems like invariably a trip to Bronte starts off with rain and then turns hot and sunny. This year was no exception. I started off later than usual on the Sunday, travelling with a fellow Rover owner, John, who has an ex-military Defender 90. We drove through a threatening sky, cool temps and with a slight tail wind toward Bronte, in other words perfect weather. Arriving around 11:00 instead of my usual 9:00am we rounded the bend to Land Rover row and to our surprise there were just the last two spaces on the end open to us, next to a Ferret (no, not a ferret, a Ferret. Bigger and less "cuddley"). Now that's what I need for the trip home through the rush-hour traffic to-night, 9 tons, armoured and no plastic bumpers!

What a busy patch of grass, packed with Rovers, and a change from the low attendance of a few years back. It seems the import business is going well, and after we had set up our vehicles and started a



tour of the row we confirmed that the "trade" is really getting into full swing. There was lots to look at, lots of interesting and informative folks to speak to, and lots of opportunities to buy "just one more" Land Rover, but I resisted. Prices were not those eye-watering amounts you see on some



internet sites, but still quite significant, so it looks like the end of production this year has added to the Defender's allure. Then it was off to tour the rest of the show and hunt down those rare and/or interesting vehicles for which the Bronte Creek show is a "must do" event. We were as usual not disappointed, with lots more to see than could be reasonable covered in the time left. Having forgotten my better camera I did snap a few pics with an alternative and they are attached. I did capture my favourite of the Rovers, a Series 1 from the antipodes, with a very genuine looking patina on both the owner and the truck.

Colin Pritchard.



Submersible?



Mark Jones' Rover



Rover Pickup



Series I Aussie Rover
from New South Wales
"The Antipodes"
Looks like it has been
through the bush quite
often!!!

(antipodes? Look it up!
Ed.)



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