



THE OIL SPOT

The official publication of the British Car Club of Western New York



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President's Message

Driving weather has finally arrived! Car shows are starting back up and I hope to see you all out and about over the coming months. I've mentioned in the past few months that we need to communicate to the outside world that we still exist as a club. I believe this is still a goal that is quite attainable, but we also should be able communicate better within the club in between our monthly meetings. I know many of you do this already, I'm thinking more from a club wide perspective.

In the past, we incorporated Meetup, which worked well for us. I'm proposing, based on conversations with other club members, that we use Google Groups. Our major announcements, meeting minutes, and anything else important will still be delivered through the newsletter and email but we will also have this additional channel that should help with quick little notes or conversations.

I've set up a basic group for us and an email will go out in the coming week or so that you can opt into if you'd like. No pressure to join but it will be an additional way to interact with other club members outside of our monthly meetings.

Lastly, I have heard from a few members regarding our car show, and I do have a few volunteers to help plan but we could always use more! I should have a list of available dates at our May meeting that we can discuss and vote on and get this project underway.

We can discuss all of this at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm. -- George F. Lamm Post 622, 962 Wherle Drive

Happy motoring in 2024!
Pat Mullins

Event Calendar

The following is a tentative calendar of planned and proposed events for 2024. If you would like to add an activity or know of a speaker you would like to have at one of our meetings please call Cass Culotta at 716-545-0275 or Todd Schupbach at 716-435-4279.

May 15 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm, George F. Lamm Post 622, 962 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville

May 19 - Buffalo Cars & Coffee, Eastern Hills Mall, 9 am - 1 pm ☕

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Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Joe Brzezowski

British Car Club of WNY Meeting Minutes

Date: April 17, 2024

Location: American Legion,
George F. Lamm Post

Opening

- Meeting called to order at 7 pm by President Patrick Mullins.
- Patrick reminded us the club still has the Secretary position open.
- Motion made, seconded to accept the minutes from 03-20-24 as they appeared in the April *Oil Spot* by Sue and George.

Treasurer's Report - Paula Barbari

- Expenses: Bank fees, postage (Robin Illig), website renewal (Dave Dill).
- Deposit also made.
- Motion made, accepted - Skip Gould, Robin Illig

Membership – Robin & Dennis Illig

We have 63 members and 43 co-members with 7 people still outstanding on dues.

- Motion made, accepted - Dave Dill, Skip Gould

Programs – Cass Culotta and Todd Schupbach - both absent

Regalia - Rick Magro

Working on new items, looking for ideas and maybe a logo.

Web Master – Dave Dill

Nothing website-wise to report. Been working on Google Analytics.

Newsletter – Linda Kula - absent

Historian – Position on hold (for now)

Meet Up - Skip Gould

- Our Meet Up site is now closed. Kudos to Skip for running it.

- The group talked about a new way to get out notes, announcements, etc. for the club.

Technical Session Coordinator

– Randy McPhee - absent

Old Business

• Monthly Meetings

- Meetings to continue at American Legion.
- Club considered a standing donation to the Legion of \$100 to \$150 per month.
- It was decided on to do \$100 per month so club gave check for \$300 total for April/ May / June to start.

- Motion made, accepted - George Barbari, John Leible.

• Car Show

- Request for volunteers for committee for possible show at the American Legion. Please contact Pat Mullins
- Looking into a meeting 1 hour before regular monthly meeting
- \$350 for the day to hold show on the grounds. The Legion does the food, drinks, bathrooms, etc. Need to pick a date. Entry fee or free the first year?
- Choose between front of legion or grove. And possible awards or plaques.
- Possibly still call it Euro Car Day – open to all cars, \$10.00 entry fee.

New Business

- Skip talked about **Ancaster British Swap meet**. 21st of April, Asked about meet up if anyone else was attending.
- **International Triumph 6 Pack Show**
 - Skip talked about hosting the International Triumph 6 Pack show with that group headed to

Watkins Glenn for a day. Dinner will be at the Seneca Lodge.

- **Open to all British cars.**
- Details at : [\(20+\) 6-Pack TRials 2024 - The Motoring TRials | Facebook and TRials 2024 - 6-Pack Car Club of the Americas](#) Complete schedule on site.
- Full show is scheduled September 18 to 21 but you can join trip at any point or just spend a day at one of the stops on the journey.
- **Toronto Triumph Club Spring Fling - May 25th**. See details online.

Special Note

Loss of Don R. Critoph: No news yet as to a service but details to follow once we know. Family has discussed a celebration of life over the Summer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

The next meeting will be on 05-15-24 at 7:00 pm at the American Legion, George F. Lamm Post 622, 962 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville.



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Epic Firsts We continue our members' stories about their forays into the world of British cars. We thank BCC Member Russ Deveso for sharing his story (which appeared in *Vintage Triumph*)!

"A YOUNG LAD AND HIS DREAM"

It was June of 1963 and I was looking forward to high school graduation. A classmate and good friend of mine, Dave, received a 1957 TR3 as a graduation present. Wow! It was love at first ride. What a summer that was; teen age beach parties, the many meet ups at the local greasy spoon and just the thrill of cruising every minute we could.

Aside from having a blast with Dave and his TR, I still had to work two part time jobs to save up for continuing my education. By summer end I had a whopping \$250.00 and was still looking for that coveted TR to call my own. I had been tossing and turning nightly ever since that first ride; "If I could only have one". As it turned out, necessity won over dream and the \$250.00 got me into a fifty something Renault 4CV. Well, it did have stick shift, you know.

From 1964 to 1969 I had a case of the ups and downs. Work...In school...Work... Out of school...Work...The Vietnam War.

Come the summer of 1969, and upon my return from a cruise with the Gulf of Tonkin Yacht Club, I immediately pursued a dream that had been left behind. I still had



Red



"B.S.", Burt Levy taking a spin in it.



Mary & I having that blast.

a strong desire for low power, high speed and dangerous turns. Ahhhh... The TR!

Having an immediate and desperate need for cash, I worked two jobs, one of which was tending bar at a local pub. One day a gentleman, a little down on luck, mentioned that he was forced to sell his car and asked if anyone was interested. There it was, a 1960 TR3A. A bit banged up and in need of TLC, but still a TR. With all insincerity, I asked him if he was sure. After he insisted, for two hundred bucks, I had entered into the world of the Lucas British Invasion.

This is where the journey and adventure really began. Happiness for me was stuffing my two sons, years six and four and our puppy Great Dane into that not too spacious, so called back seat of the TR, and heading out for ice cream.

Over the years, the TR has been refreshed mechanically and has had five color changes. Original factory white, BRG, white again, BGR again, signal red and now black. Back in the seventies, I wanted to do some serious racing so I joined SCCA and replaced the Standard TR3 head with a TR4A head plus a few other easy tweaks to add some horsepower. But, once again, I

came down with a case of "FUNDSRLOW". That ended the racing career.

Although I couldn't get into the serious thick of things, there were still plenty of places and events to have that blast. There is never a summer without a trip to Watkins Glen, and the many great track venues that make the TR a familiar face. Lime Rock, Put-In-Bay, Pittsburgh Vintage, VTR in the Blue Ridge and on and on.



All the colors (white, green, red & black)



Green (circa 1969)



Humbled & honored at the IMRRC.



Our Forest Gump moment next to Paul Newman's "Bob Sharp" champion.

There are many wonderful memories that were created by and centered around our TR. There was a cameo appearance on the Discovery Channel's "Chasing Classic Cars" or having the beloved "B.S." Burt Levy take it for a spin.

Recently, we were honored to be asked to put the TR on display at the International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC) at Watkins Glen, during the annual Vintage Festival, September 6 -8 Triumph was the featured marque and the car will remain on display throughout the month of September.

For a brief time they even parked Paul Newman's (Bob Sharp) Datsun next to it. I call

that my "Forest Gump" moment.

Reflecting back over the years, I think the greatest and most important impact the TR has made, was the bonding that was created in what the family refers to as

"Pops Garage". My wife Mary calls it "Our Summer Home".

I'm now in my seventies and the TR is going on sixty. We're still having a blast on the sun-kissed hills of the Boston

Valley area of New York State near our home in Colden, New York, where those hills and curves are plentiful. The TR still has the roar of a tiger and I still love whipping her gears and throttle.

It was never the destination, but the journey and the adventure of a young lad and his dream.

Russ Deveso #9
Colden, NY 🇺🇸



Upcoming Events



Ten Lives Club
Cat Adoption Group

The Monte Hunters Car Club

PRESENTS

CRUISIN' FOR CATS

CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2024
12 PM - 4 PM

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[Cruisin' for Cats Car Show Registration 2024 — Ten Lives Club](#)

Lake Erie Region
**Antique Automobile
Club of America**
2024 Show will be
held on June 9th at a
new location, the
Como Park Bowen
Road Grove.



[Lake Erie Region AACA](#)

View the flyer listing times, classes, and other info, as well as the registration form [here](#). Print the registration form (letter size paper) [here](#). Click [here](#) for a map of the location.

An area has been set aside across the road from the show field for parking and unloading vehicles arriving by trailer.

Add to your calendar!

BCC Annual Picnic
July 17th

More information in the June Oil Spot!



Events Calendar (Continued from page 1)

May 19 & 26 - Cars & Coffee at the Rails, Dunkirk, 9-11 am, weather permitting ☕

May 29 - Performance Driver Education Day, Watkins Glen, see p. 6

June 2 - Cars & Coffee, Wimbledon Lanes, West Seneca, 9am - 1 pm ☕

June 8 - Cruisin' for Cats Car Show, Polish Falcons, Depew

June 19 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

July 7 - Harbor Cruise - Point Gratiot Park, Dunkirk

July 13 - Village of Angola Car Show

July 14 - Richardson Olmsted Campus Classic Car Show, 10 am - 4 pm, See info/link above

July 15 - Cruisin' at the Wurlitzer - Featuring British Cars

July 17 - BCC Annual Picnic, 3 - 9 pm, Mayor's Park

July 20 - Classics at the Carrousel - Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum, North Tonawanda, 11 am - 3 pm

July 21 - MG Car Club Sports Car Festival (formerly Victor Car Show), Rush, NY, [Car Show Registration](#)

July 29 - Lockport Optimist Club's British and Foreign Car Night Cruise

August 21 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

August 22 - 25 - Hilliard U.S. Grand Prix Weekend, Watkins Glen, NY

September 6 - Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival

September 14 - 22 - 6-Pack TRials - See January *Oil Spot*

September 18 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

October 16 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

November 20 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

December 18 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

*Please send in events
for the calendar!*

Upcoming Events

Cruisin' at the Corral

Charcoal Corral (Silver Lake Drive-in)
7037 Chapman Ave. Perry, NY 14530

Thursday Nights - 6:30pm

Join us for one of Western New York's finest displays of classic cars, trucks & motorcycles!

For more info: [Cruise Nights \(charcoalcorral.com\)](https://charcoalcorral.com)



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Richardson Olmsted Campus Classic Car Show

The Richardson Olmsted Campus is excited to host our first annual **Classic Car Show** in the shadows of one of Buffalo's most iconic buildings. On **July 14th**, bring out your vintage cars from 10am to 4pm. It is \$10 to register, and winners will be selected at the conclusion of the event. All years, makes, and models are welcome.

Space is limited. Do not risk missing out, and register in advance using this link: <https://richardsoncarshow.bpt.me/>

Info from: [Richardson Olmsted Campus Classic Car Show, 444 Forest Ave Buffalo, NY, United States, New York 14213, 14 July 2024 | AllEvents.in](https://www.richardsonolmstedcampus.edu)



Cruisin' the Wurlitzer Featuring **British Cars**

July 15, 2024, 5 - 9 PM

Join area car clubs in showing your LBC!
Food, chocolate, beer, cars. What else do you need?

Wurlitzer Industrial Park
908 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Rt. 62
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

(Early arrival (4 pm-ish) is recommended to obtain a prime spot near the fountain!)

Photo from: [2024 EVENTS | Cruisinthewurlitzer](https://www.2024events.com)

We Need You!!!!

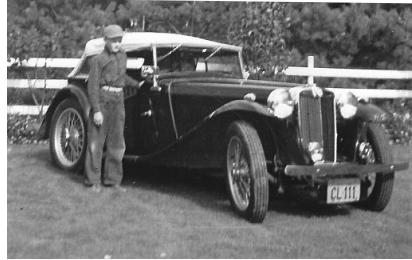
Volunteers needed to help plan the BCC Car Show/Cruise!

Please call
Patrick Mullins
716-725-7962

Fool Me Once... by Jay Lockrow

April's Mystery Car (Courtesy of Cass Culotta)

The Healey Duncan Drophead... This is a little like "Allard" - they had several models and some I have never heard of. The Duncan Drophead simply means it is what we call a convertible. There was a model called the Elliott, one called Westland and a competition model called Silverstone. Several years ago at the Ancaster Flea Market, a Silverstone showed up - the only one I have ever seen!



May's Mystery Car

Here's a double mystery!!!

What is the car and who is the famous person standing next to it.???

Jay jaylock7440gmail.com

Performance Drivers Education Day at Watkins Glen International

Tony Vaccaro wants to let fellow BCC members know that Lotus, Ltd. and the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) are proud to announce another exciting **High Performance Driver Education Day** on May 29, 2024! Watkins Glen International, at the southern tip of Lake Seneca in New York, is one of North America's oldest road courses and was home to the U.S. Grand Prix for many years.

The intent of the MBCA's Driver Education program is to teach you the skills to handle your car better. Besides having plain old fun with your car, the techniques you'll learn will make you a safer, more aware driver on the street! **Any marque is welcome if properly equipped.** Tell your friends about this event and have them join us for a wonderful day at Watkins Glen!

Some additional happenings: Tuesday night trailer and car drop off, a get together at the Nickel Pit BBQ on Franklin Street, and the **Performance Driving Experience** for those who want a "taste" of the full Education day.

The cost for this year's MBCA High Performance Driver Education Day is \$495(US) when you register prior to May 1, 2024. After April 30, a \$50 late registration fee will be applied without exception.

Registration is now open at [Club Registration Website](https://clubregistration.net). If you don't already have clubregistration.net account, it's a simple, free signup on their website.

Please email Tony Vaccaro at tvacc@lotusowners.com for more information or if you have any questions. **Please note: there are certain requirements for being able to run your car at this event such as getting your car professionally inspected for safety and bringing the form with you.** Tony can provide that information!

The **OIL SPOT** is the official newsletter of the **British Car Club of Western New York**.

The purpose of BCC is to foster good will and camaraderie among enthusiasts of British cars, and to exchange ideas and technical expertise attendant to the restoration and preservation of all British marques.

The monthly **OIL SPOT** is sent by e-mail or traditional mail to all BCC members. It includes a calendar of events, articles and photos of general interest provided by the members, and classified ads.

E-mail contributions should be sent by the 25th of each month to Linda at Imkula1@gmail.com. Attach the file, or type information in the body of the e-mail. You can also send articles through the mail to **Linda Kula, 1566 Inwood Avenue, Angola, NY 14006**. Photos should be in JPEG format. Articles are appreciated in MS Word or pdf formats. Classified ads appropriate to this newsletter are free. Ads run for three issues.

For further information or a membership application, visit our website at: www.bcc-wny.com.





British Car Club of Western New York

British Car enthusiasts from the area are invited to join our club for meetings, technical sessions and drives throughout the

See our Facebook page to exchange news, events, information, photos and humor at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/229699855909145>

For details on our meetings and organization, see our website at

<http://www.bcc-wny.com>



Linda M. Kula
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Angola, NY 14006

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm at the American Legion,
George F. Lamm Post 622, 962 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221**

Note: Dinner is not available. Bar is open for our patronage!