



THE OIL SPOT

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President's Message

Our Euro Car Day 2024 makes a return for the first time since 2019, so 5 years in the making. The date we chose at our May meeting is August 11, 2024. Still a fair number of details to work out but our host, the George F. Lamm Post 622 is ready to go once we have all those wrinkles ironed out. The nice thing with them as host is that they will deal with staffing the event from a food, and beverages perspective. We will simply have to deal with the actual show itself. The legion will also advertise the show on their Facebook account, the marquee out front and post our flyers. So again, the idea is to just get the show up and running again and show the world we're still around. We'll speak at length about this at our June meeting.

One thing that I would like to mention is that a few of us went to the Cars and Coffee event a few weeks back and the reviews were, shall we say, less than positive. It's an enormous event, and it represents a wide variety of vehicles and it's more of a car culture event. It's the exact opposite of what our show should be. We should be a more intimate event where lovers of the vehicles that we love will be the focus.

I'd also like to discuss changing up the format of our meetings a bit. We'll still go through all the club specific things for the minutes, ie. financials and membership, for sure. However, unless there's something more pressing, we can look to deal with those bullet points every other month or as the case may be. I'd like our meeting to be more engaging so the meetings have a bit more substance and everyone can feel a bit more engaged. I have some ideas how I'd like to approach this at our upcoming club meeting.

We can discuss all of this at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 19th 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.

June 19 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

July 7 - Harbor Cruise - Point Gratiot Park, Dunkirk

July 13 - Village of Angola Car Show

July 13 - Rally to the Geneseo Air Show, Sue Magro - event host, see p. 4

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

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

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Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Janet McPhee

British Car Club of WNY Meeting Minutes

Date: May 15, 2024
Location: American Legion,
George F. Lamm Post

Opening

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by President Patrick Mullins. 18 members present.

Treasurer's Report - Paula Barbari

- Expenses: Charge, Picnic Shelter Deposit; Donation to American Legion Post .
- Deposit: Dues payment.
- Motion made, accepted - Skip Gould, Robin Illig

Membership – Robin & Dennis Illig

We have 63 members and 43 co-members.

Programs – Cass Culotta and Todd Schupbach - both absent

Regalia - Rick Magro

Please let Rick know if you are looking for anything.

Web Master – Dave Dill

We had 109 views / 105 new looks at the Website.

Newsletter – Linda Kula - absent
Standing request for members to send in photos, articles, informa-

tion about British car events they have attended, etc.

Historian – Position on hold (for now)

Technical Session Coordinator – Randy McPhee

Suggested we do garage tours to work on specific projects. First one will be at Randy's to work on old 1300 engine. Date and time will be to be determined.

Old Business

• Car Show

- Members decided to hold a small Show & Shine type of show on Sunday, August 11, 2024 at the American Legion Lamm Post on Wherle Drive. Lamm post will handle the cooking and post event on their FaceBook and website, as well as the front marquee.
- No prior registration. Will charge \$10.00 at the gate. Decision regarding a limited number of awards is being discussed. Flyers are being prepared. Show will be open to all cars.
- It was suggested that we let people know that we will go back to June date in 2025.

New Business

- **Summer Picnic** - Robin put a

deposit on a shelter at Mayer Park for Wednesday, July 17, 2024. Bring a dish to pass, your own table settings and games such as Corn Hole.

- **Google Group** – Pat Mullins is putting together a Google Group so that we can communicate informally about various events and drives members are doing
- **Member attendance** – George suggested that we start calling members to remind them about meeting and other events. Robin will split the membership list up so several people can make calls.
- **Guest Speakers** – We are looking to find a few speakers for monthly meetings. Please let Pat know about any suggestions

Upcoming Event(s)

Rally to the Geneseo Air Show on July 13, 2024. Sue Magro will coordinate a place to meet and directions. Please let her know if interested.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be on 06-19-24 at 7:00 pm at the American Legion, George F. Lamm Post 622, 962 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville.

Fool Me Once... by Jay Lockrow

May's Mystery Car

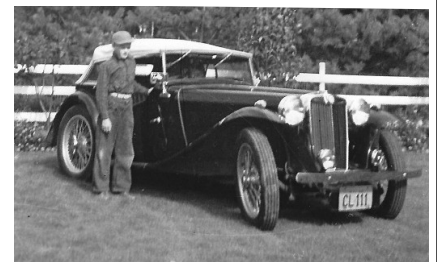
The answer to our double mystery from May, "What is the car and who is the famous person standing next to it?" can be found on page 3!



June's Mystery Car

I would love just seeing one; this is one I have missed. What is it?

Jay jaylock7440gmail.com



Epic Firsts

In celebration of BCC Members' love of cars and the adventures they have in them! Thank you to all our contributors!

First British Car... And Then Some!

To begin, you should all know by now that I grew up around British and other unusual cars. For as long as I can remember, my dad always had something old, unusual or at least interesting. I can recall as a youngster, probably around third grade or so, pulling a Pierce Arrow out of a barn near Holland N.Y. This was right after World War II. This car was eventually sold after getting it running and cleaning it up. The next was a Singer – the mystery car from a few months ago. This was traded for a MG TC, black with the shires green upholstery and grill slats. This was, I'm sure, the first MG TC in Western New York – around 1947 or '48. Over the years we had a succession of, I believe, ten or eleven MG TCs including the one I have at present. This one was somewhere in the middle of the group. (I don't recall exactly.) All this time, we also had a Pierce Arrow twelve cylinder convertible, a Packard twelve and a straight eight, a dual cowl LaSalle phaeton, an S type Mercedes Benz (1927), a Bugatti and such things as Jaguars, one Morgan, a Volvo P1800, a Ferrari and some I can't recall. I learned to drive on a MG TC and a Volkswagen Bug so over the years I drove a lot of different machinery.

My first sports car was a 52 Porsche which had a really bad case of tin worm and then a busted engine. At the time I was going to school, I purchased a MG Magnette saloon – a lovely little car with real leather seats, burl walnut trim inside, MGA running gear and four speed box. I loved it and wish I could find another because it was quite comfortable but still unusual. After selling that, I purchased a beautiful Triumph TR3 that I drove all through the service, making the Buffalo to Boston trip some ten times in a year and a half. (That's ten over and ten back, at least 8 hours each.) After the service and finally working, I acquired the



MG TC that I still have. Over the years I have done what I call a home restoration and have done all the work myself except the paint. As of 2024, I have owned it 59 years which includes swapping out a frame, two engine rebuilds, and numerous tune-ups, updates, electrical gremlins, etc. I also had a beautiful, salt free '69 TR6 which I owned about thirty some years and stupidly sold. I would buy it back in a second. I'm still looking for something interesting to replace it. However, as much as I would like it, a basket case at my age is not a good idea! (Photos are from the author's personal collection.)

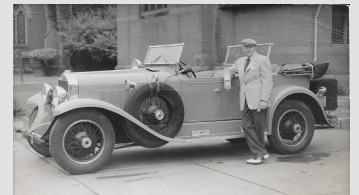


tragic but what a car and a blast to drive!

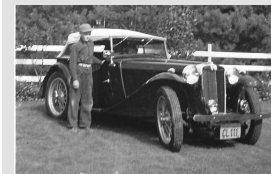
1927 Mercedes Benz S straight six with single overhead cam and blower. Four speed crash box. Could easily do 100 mph and would be just loafing. I was with my dad when he got a speeding ticket in Angola but another time we passed a trooper on the Thruway, I was following, over 80 mph. He saw it and ignored it. Lots of stories around this car - some funny, some

Jay Lockrow

This was kind of a neat car and had an early V8 so plenty of



GO! Several of my friends thought this was the best. (A later owner down in Corning was murdered?) This LaSalle dual cowl Phaeton was made by General Motors who still owns the name.



This is as close as I can get to the first MG TC in WNY. That is yours truly standing next to

it and I think it is about 1947 or 1948, I was all of 8 or 9 in, I think, third grade. Others started to appear but my dad traded our Singer (2nd photo) for the TC in '48.



1961 Fiat Abarth Zagato is just what it says... The car is Fiat based with performance im-



provements by Abarth and body by Zagato. It winds up as a 750 cc and would do just short of 100mph. Very light, but quick, because of the power to weight ratio. That is my dad standing next to it and my mom sitting in it. She was a real trooper; she always drove "odd" cars we had.



1958 TR3 I drove all through the service including ten trips to

Chelsea, MA, ten trips back, and around quite a bit of New England. Stupid me - I sold it.

Upcoming Events



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Club Event!

Rally to the Geneseo Air Show

Join BCC members on **July 13, 2024** for a rally to Geneseo for the **National Warplane Museum's Annual Airshow!**

As proclaimed on their website, "The National Warplane Museum is dedicated to the preservation and display of significant historical and military aircraft and artifacts for the benefit and education of the public." ([National Warplane Museum – Geneseo, New York](#)) The airshow provides another way for the museum to share this history in a memorable format.

Sue Magro is coordinating a place to meet and directions for the drive. Please let her know if you are interested in joining in on this adventure! You can reach Sue at **716-909-4421**.



[Geneseo Airshow 2024 – National Warplane Museum](#)

Event organized by member Sue Magro! Thank you, Sue!

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: <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](#)



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!)

Event recommended by member John Leible!

Photo from: 2024 EVENTS | Cruisinthewurlitzer

Upcoming Events

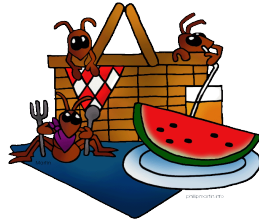
Club Event!

Annual BCC Picnic

Date: Wednesday, 7/17/24

Time: 3:00 – 9:00 PM

Where: Mayors Park,
North Tonawanda, NY



- Hot dogs, rolls, pop, water, and some paper supplies will be provided.
- Please bring a dish to pass, your table settings, & games to share such as “corn hole”.

‘Any questions? Contact Robin Illig at 716-799-2146

Please **RSVP** to Robin by **July 10: 716-799-2146 !**

Event organized by member Robin Illig! Thanks, Robin!

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Event recommended by member David Seib!



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LOCKPORT, NY MONDAY NIGHT CLASSIC CAR CRUISE Ida Fritz Park, Lockport



British and Foreign Car Night
July 29
5:30 - 8:30 PM
Sponsored by the Lockport Optimist Club

Photo from: <https://lockportmondaynightcarruise.weebly.com/>

Event recommended by member Bill Leacock!

Events Calendar (Continued from page 1)

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

July 20 – Classics at the Carrousel

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 11 – BCC Euro Car Day - Show & Shine Show, American Legion Lamm Post, 962 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, see p. 6

August 21 – Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

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

August 31 – Olcott Beach Car Show, 8 am (registration) - 4:30 pm

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

The MG Car Club

in cooperation with the
New York Museum of Transportation
 present the
SPORTS CAR FESTIVAL 2024



Sunday July 21st
 9am to 4pm

Pre-Registration \$10
 at MGCARCLUB.COM



NEW LOCATION New York Museum
 of Transportation
6393 East River Rd
Rush, NY

The MG Car Club Sports Car Festival (formerly called the Victor Car Show) will be held at the New York Museum of Transportation

Trolley Rides have special event pricing of \$5 per person

Spectator parking is \$3 per car - includes admittance to the car show field and admittance to NYMT Museum

Boy Scout Troop 243 of Chili will have a chicken BBQ

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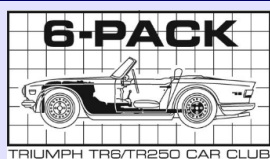


Club Event!

British Car Club of Western NY Euro Car Day - Show & Shine Event

Sunday, August 11, 2024
 American Legion Lamm Post
 962 Wherle Drive, Williamsville
 Show will be open to all cars.
 No prior registration. \$10.00 at the gate.

More info in the July Oil Spot!



6-Pack Car Club of the Americas International Triumph 6-Pack TRials and British Car Day

British Car Day: September 15 **6-Pack TRials:** September 18 - 21

"This year we are offering the opportunity to attend both the BCD and the TRials with a caravan of interesting travel between the two!" Join the trip at any point or just spend a day at one of the stops on the journey.

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.

Open to all British cars!

6-Pack TRials & BCD

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The Motoring Trials
 6-Pack is a North American club of TR6, TR250 and TR6 owners whose annual meet is called the TRials. This year we're offering the opportunity to attend both the BCD and the TRials with a caravan of interesting travel between the two! For more info: <https://forums.6-pack.org/the-6-pack-trials-to-pack-club/>



[Trials 2024 - 6-Pack Car Club](#)

Event recommended and organized by member Skip Gould and friends!

What We've Been Up to!

Field of Dreams Car Show Several BCC members attended the annual show on June 1st in Lockport. They had a beautiful day for the festivities!



Photos courtesy of
Valerie Oleksik.

Thanks, Valerie!

FOR SALE & WANTED ADS

For Sale: 1971 MGB Roadster, 50 years owned, great running '71 MGB, 80,800 miles. Dayton Chrome Wire Wheels, Stebro Stainless Steel Exhaust, Full Tonneau Cover, Top Boot. Maintenance receipts dating back to 1974. Updates in the past 10,000 miles include new oil cooler radiator, new cam & rocker shafts, carbs overhauled, etc... Asking \$7,500 OBO Neal Harris (716) 207-8801



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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 lmkula1@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 region!



Valerie Oleksik's 1967 Morris Mini at the Field of Dreams Show on June 1st. (Photo by V. Oleksik)

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
1566 Inwood Avenue
Angola, NY 14006

**Wednesday, June 19, 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!