



THE OIL SPOT

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President's Message



Happy Fall! It's that time of the year again when I begin to assemble the list of things that I hope to get done on the Healey once the weather turns south in the coming months here in the Northeast. While I know that can be a less than an encouraging feeling, and my car is also on jackstands, I know many of you are not ready to put your cars into mothballs for the year yet. I enjoy seeing the posts on our Facebook page about the many roadtrips and events that our fellow club members are doing with their cars, including Watkins Glen, British Car Day in Oakville and of course, the Six Pack TRials going on now. So, enjoy the weather while it lasts!

I think our next order of business is getting some of our board positions filled as elections will be upon us soon. So, I hope some of you will consider volunteering for all the fun and glamour that comes from being a board member of the BCC of WNY. We already have some traction with EuroCar Day 2025 and the planning for that should be starting soon.

We'll discuss that and so much more at our next monthly meeting!

Speaking of... Our next club meeting will be Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 pm. -- George F. Lamm Post 622, 962 Wherle Drive. I hope to see you all there.

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.

September 14 - 22 – 6-Pack TRials

September 18 – Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

October 16 – Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

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Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Linda Kula

British Car Club of WNY Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2024

Location: American Legion Lamm Post 622

Opening

- Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by President Patrick Mullins.
- 11 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report - Paula Barbari -- not present

- Expenses: Account service charge, picnic expenses, Euro Car Day start up funds, printing of flyers.
- Income: Show registration, basket raffle, cookbooks, membership dues.

Membership – Robin & Dennis Illig

- We have 65 members with 47 comembers
- 3 new members from show

Programs – Cass Culotta and Todd Schupbach - both absent

Regalia - Rick Magro - absent

Web Master – Dave Dill - absent
We will ask Dave to remove our email addresses from the club website. Members are receiving scam emails.

Newsletter – Linda Kula

- Patrick suggested we try to get a schedule going where the newsletter comes out after the meetings instead of the day before the meeting.
- Pat suggested doing a bimonthly newsletter during the Winter that consists of minutes, NAMGBR logo and not much else unless an club event occurs.

Technical Session Coordinator

– Randy McPhee

The club is looking for volunteers to host "Garage Visits" (not tech sessions). Patrick has volunteered to do the first one and will come up with a date.

Old Business

• Car Show

- Members felt our Euro Car Day Cruise and basket raffle went well. Pat thanked all the members who helped to get it up and going in such a short amount of time.
- Pat said George Barbari reached out and wants to chair the car show next year. He suggested we to not go back to a full judged show as in the past. John Leible said this is usually the show's chairperson's decision.

- Suggestion of changing up time of year show is held was made. However, we are tentatively planning on June 8, 2025.
- Pat will handle promotion; we need signage, stuff done earlier. He will check what other clubs are doing. George has access to dealerships to ask them to display cars at the show and sponsorship.
- **Group Communication**
 - John Leible mentioned when the club has a Tech Session more people would come if they were made aware of it. He felt this is where Google Groups would help.
 - Pat still likes the idea of using Google Groups but the thought of the sheer number of emails and responses is off-putting.

• Open Positions

The club positions of Historian and Secretary are still open.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 8:02 pm.

Next meeting: September 18, 2024

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 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.bccwny.com.



North American MGB Register

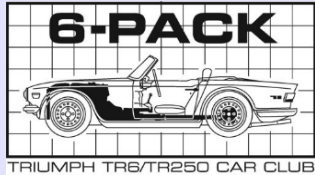
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- Annual national convention – a four-day MG party!

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Upcoming Events



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



Trials 2024 - 6-Pack Car Club

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

Beginning in Oakville, Ontario Canada on the 14th of September we'll be attending British Car Day on the 15th; travelling through Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls on the 16th; travelling around Buffalo on the 17th and then to Geneseo; travelling through Letchworth and on to Corning on the 18th; spending the 19th at Watkins Glen; and then returning to Corning for a car show on the 20th followed by a banquet and a return home on the 21st. Participants can join in at any point of this fabulous journey!

Open to all British marques!

If you are interested in seeing any of these cars/people let me know and I'll provide a detailed schedule of where we will be meeting/stopping each day. (Skip Gould - 716-965-2753 | skipg@ieee.org)

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.

Welcome
New Member
Art Coon
Proud owner of a
**1972 Triumph
Spitfire MkIV**

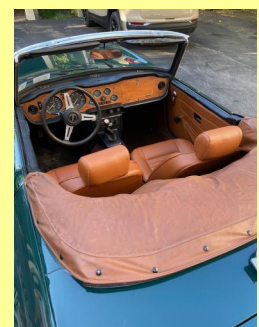
Welcome
New Member
John Damico
Proud owner of a
**1980 Triumph
TR7 DHC**

Welcome
New Members
William and Sandy Larson
Proud owners of a
**19741 1/2
MGB Roadster**

FOR SALE & WANTED ADS

Wanted to Rent: A garage bay in which to store a car. Please email Jeff Kramer at TR4ACKME@yahoo.com or call 716-235-8061 to leave a message. (Please be patient as voicemail picks up after 8 rings!)

For Sale: 1975 TR6 - Remarkable classic British roadster convertible. Owned by current owner since 1997. New convertible top and all mechanical work was done professionally. Overdrive, great oil pressure, red stripe Michelin tires. Only driven in Summer during ownership, stored indoors undercover October-May. British racing green. Asking \$28k. creon45@gmail.com Maureen Delmonte



To place an ad, email Linda at lmkula1@gmail.com or call 716-809-0210.

What We've Been Up To!

MG 101 Fest



A group of us left Buffalo at 10 am Thursday, August 22nd that consisted of the Leibles, Barba-ris and Illigs to meet up with two members, the Kray's and LiMutis, for lunch in Fairport at McArdles. After we filled our bellies, we left to travel to W-tertontown, NY. We arrived at the Hampton Inn and checked in for the evening. All couples gath-ered for dinner at a local dining establishment to once again fill

our bellies. After dinner we all went to the Kray's room for after drinks and libations.

On day two we left the hotel and drove to Clayton, NY to visit the An-tique Boat Mu-seum. There were six build-ings of antique boats, motors and canoes. After visiting the museum, we left for Bell-ville, Ontario for MG Fest 101. We ar-rived at the hotel, Country Inn and Suites, around 5 pm giving us time to check in and freshen up for



the evening festivities. Also at this time, the Goodwins joined us for the weekend of festivities. At 7 pm we met in the parking for a parking lot pizza party and meet & greet. We met folks from the Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal clubs.

On Saturday we had a incredible scenic drive thru Prince Edward County. We enjoyed a stop at Lake on the Mountain followed by lunch at the Casa Dea Win-

by John Leible



ery. This was then followed by dinner and trivia night at the Northway Restaurant. Dennis Illig was one of the trivia winners and won a bottle of wine as a prize - which I believe none of us got to share!



On Sunday we gathered in the parking lot to travel to West Zwick's Island Park for the car show. The weather was great and there were large shade

trees to sit under. There were plenty of food vendors in the Bellvilles Pop-up marketplace. All the cars were in one area which made for a very nice show.



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What We've Been Up To!

MG 101 Fest (Continued from page 4)



We had two winners from our group. John Leible won second place in the chrome bumper MGB class and George Barbari won second place in the rubber bumper MGB Class. They also had a Pride of Ownership award that was voted on by all the participants of the show and our own George Barbari won that award, also. The MF 101 Fest organiz-

ing committee of Jeremy Holdsworth, Jordan Jones and Duncan Taylor did a outstanding job of putting this affair together.

After the show we immediately left for our trip back to Watertown to spend the night, but on our journey we

saw a couple of MGs broken down on the road. Being the nice New Yorkers we are, we stopped to assist them. We pushed their car off the road into a parking lot to evaluate the problem. It appeared at first evaluation to be a bad battery. Dave pulled out his meter only to find the battery was dead in that also. George came to the rescue with his meter and it was determined that the alternator was not putting out any charge to the battery. Chris called CAA to flat bed his car home. Chris was so appreciative that we stopped and assisted him but that is what MG-ers do! We then proceeded to make our way to the hotel in Watertown for the night. We had our last dinner at Art's Jug Restaurant that was referred to us by a local individual. When we got back to the hotel we gathered in the lobby to have adult beverages while the girls played cards. The next morning we all left for our journey home.

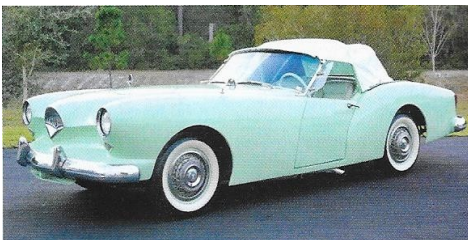
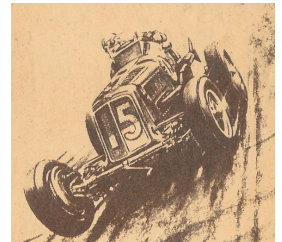
The entire event was very well done and we look forward to next year's MG 102 fest. We hope more MG-ers will join us next year for the fun!

Thank you to John Leible for his article and photos. Additional thanks to George Barbari for additional photos.

Fool Me Once... by Jay Lockrow

August's Mystery Car

The car name is plain ERA which stands for English Racing Automobiles! Built by Raymond Mays in Bourne, they used engines from another famous British car, the Riley. The famous Prince Bira from Thailand (then Siam) owned and drove several of these. In fact, Prince Bira raced them for a hobby while studying art and sculpture in England. Two of his cars, Remus & Romulus, are both still racing in Vintage racing and still do very well.



September's Mystery Car

There are a few complaints that all the cars I have chosen are too difficult. Well, OK, here is an easy one. This is an AMERICAN car built on this side of the pond. Not a large production of these and not really that exciting but lets see how well you do. One clue.... a few months ago this car was written up in a well known motor magazine! Let me know what you think it is! Jay (jaylock7440@gmail.com)

Event Calendar (Continued from page 1)

November 20 – Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

December 18 – Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

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

[https://
www.facebook.com/
groups/229699855909145](https://www.facebook.com/groups/229699855909145)

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

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

BCC members Robin and Dennis Illig enjoying their visit to the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, NY on their way to MG Fest101. *(Photo courtesy of John Leible)*



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Wednesday, September 18, 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!