



# THE OIL SPOT

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



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## President's Message

As the year winds down, I hope there are a few more opportunities to get out in your cars before they go back under the covers for a few months. Although, I do have many memories of my dad going out in December when the temperature would get to at least 50 and he'd go out for a freezing cold but vigorous little drive. Personally, I'll be getting the list together of what I need to work on over the winter and hopefully ready to go once the nice weather returns in the spring.

As far as club stuff goes there's still a need to have some additional board members such as secretary, and there are at least a couple VP's that are currently vacant. George Barbari will also need some assistance with the Eurocar Day 2025 show planning and logistics the closer we get to June 8, 2025.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20 th at 7:00 pm at McPartlan's Corner, 669 Wehrle Drive but feel free to come early for dinner. The food is quite good and affordable.

I hope there's an opportunity to get a few more drives in this fall!

Happy motoring in '24.

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.*

**November 20 – Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm, McPartlan's Corner, 669 Wehrle Drive, Buffalo**

**December 18 – Holiday Party at McPartlan's Corner, Cash bar at 6:00 pm, Seated dinner at 7:00 pm.**

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# Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Linda Kula

## British Car Club of WNY Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2024

Location: McPartlan's Corner Restaurant (last minute change of venue)

### Opening

- Meeting called to order by President Patrick Mullins.
- 13 members in attendance.
- Question of Meeting Venue
  - We are looking for a different place at which to meet but we will still have the car show at the American Legion Lamm Post.
  - If we hold meetings at a place where dinner can be ordered, more members might attend.
  - Patrick will speak with someone at McPartlan's to see if we can hold the November meeting here.

### Treasurer's Report - Paula Barbari

- Expenses: Donations to Lamm Post (July, August, September), Account service charge
- Income: None

### Membership - Robin & Dennis Illig

We have 65 members with 47 co-members

### Programs - Cass Culotta and

Todd Schupbach - absent

**Regalia** - Rick Magro - absent

### Web Master – Dave Dill

- Not many hits on the website.
- Dave reported he took Officers' email addresses off the website.

### Newsletter - Linda Kula

Linda will do the newsletter for one more year.

### Technical Session Coordinator - Randy McPhee

- Randy will pull the head off his TR6 in November if anyone wants to join in.
- Patrick gave a rundown on issues he will be addressing on his car.

### New Business

#### • Increasing Meeting Attendance and Membership

- George Barbari suggested we change our club name and invite other European cars.
- Randy McPhee said some people might want to think of our club in terms of just the events that we hold like the Holiday Party, Car Show, picnic, etc.
- John Leible mentioned we need activities to attract people. We need to have planned activities.
- Patrick Mullins: We can't "assign" people to do events. Maybe the club could sponsor

existing [sic] events or help out with events (like Six-Pack).

- David Kray suggested we plan an event like an ice cream run and have the club pay for it. Linda commented that we still need the volunteers to do this.
- Dave: An activity could be visiting the garage of a business who works on our cars.
- John: We could go as a club to a vintage car show or races.
- Valerie Oleksik commented that getting members to attend meetings is a common problem with other clubs, as well.

#### • British Car Repair Class

Valerie reminded the club about the British Car Class at Burgard.

#### • Holiday Party

- Robin Illig and Janet McPhee volunteered to chair and organize the Holiday Party.
- The club decided to hold the party at McPartlan's if it is available. Patrick will check with management.

### Old Business Car Show

George B. needs people to help with the car show for next year.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at McPartlan's Corner, 669 Wehrle Drive.

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.

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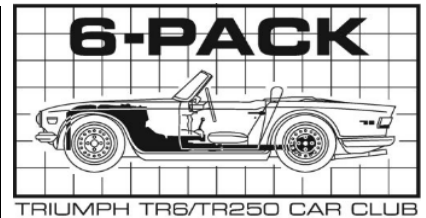
E-mail contributions should be sent by the 25th of each month to Linda at [lmkula1@gmail.com](mailto:lmkula1@gmail.com). Attach the file, or type information in the body of the e-mail. You can also send articles through the mail to **Linda Kula, 1566 Inwood Avenue, Angola, NY 14006**. Photos should be 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](http://www.bcc-wny.com).



## 6-Pack Car Club of the Americas

# British Car Day and International Triumph 6-Pack TRials



### TRials 2024 – The Motoring TRials

Every September the Toronto Triumph Club hosts the largest British Car show in North America at Bronte Provincial Park in Oakville, Ontario Canada.

Every Fall the 6-Pack Club holds their annual TRials event.

At the 2023 TRials banquet we announced our intention to combine the two events into what would become the longest TRials ever.

### Before the show

We planned to have people begin this adventure on the Saturday of the weekend before the traditional TRials would begin. As usual, the folks coming



from the farthest distance arrived first. Jon and Claudia Korbin (with Iris) showed up in Ontario on Friday. Two cars from Eastern Maryland showed up in Western New York that day as well. Glenn and Nick had their wives fly into Buffalo to join them on Saturday. My wife and I met up with Glenn, Nick, Robin and Joanne for lunch on the Lake Erie shore on Saturday. We were joined by Jon McFall from our Western New York British Car Club. The three couples then drove North to begin our stay in Oakville, Ontario. When we arrived at the Oakville host hotel we found that a large contingent from Cincinnati was already there. We were joined that evening by folks from Michigan, Delaware, South Carolina and more cars and people from Maryland. It was weird to be having drinks at a bar at the beginning of TRials and have no Rusts present!



few more from the Buffalo, NY area who drove up for the day.

### British Car Day 2024

On Sunday morning we met in the hotel parking lot to drive in a caravan to the nearby show field. We were joined by several Canadian 6-Packers as well as a

There were 898 cars and motorcycles on the field which has a maximum capacity for 1,150 cars. This was a 5% increase on last year's participation. This year BCD hosted 27 representatives of the Triumph Six-Pack Club who started their TRials 2024 in the Oakville area on September 14, before moving south to Corning and Watkins Glen, NY after the show.

Participants started arriving at the park at 8:00 a.m., and by 10 o'clock the field was pretty full, although stragglers were still arriving up to noon time, while at the same time some cars were already starting to depart. The final figures for spectators and participants were estimated at just over 9,000.

There were 184 Triumphs present on the field (185 in 2023). The Triumph participants included 5 GT6s; 25 Spitfires; 18 Stags; 10 TR2-TR3Bs; 19 TR4-TR250s; 88 TR6s; 9 TR7s; and 6 TR8s together with 4 Triumph Others.

David Tushingham arranged for our cars to be parked together at the show.

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### Travelling with Advance Auto stops

Arrangements were made, before the event began, to have several Advance Auto and Carquest stores stock a list of frequently used parts and products that we could find along our planned path. Eight stores were

single out for these potential visits. We utilized several of them as starting or meeting places during the traveling part of the TRials.

After the show in Canada, we returned to our Oakville host hotel for dinner, drinks, and stories. We prepared to leave the following morning in two groups, led by Patric Carria and David Butters. The groups travelled through the escarpment area of Ontario to a stop in Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ontario. The stop included visits to local shops and sights as well as lunch at an Irish pub. We were joined at the stop by even more Canadian Triumph owners who were not planning to make the rest of the trip.

It was during this segment of the trip that I decided to fill in for the missing Jeffery Rust and blow my head gasket. AAA sent me a CAA truck which towed me to the Canadian side of the US border. A second CAA

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## Six-Pack TRials *(Continued from page 3)*

truck had to be dispatched to take me across the border. A great friend met me at the border with his truck and trailer and towed me home. My wife and I transferred to a different car and drove back to Niagara Falls, NY where we met the rest of our travelling group. Several more members met us in the Falls as well.

### Buffalo, NY to Geneseo, NY

After staying the night in Niagara Falls, NY, the larger group departed on Tuesday morning and travelled along the US side of the Niagara River into Buffalo, NY. In Buffalo we were met by Randy and Janet McPhee and led on a driving tour through the city past several Frank Lloyd Wright houses, historical landmarks, many mansions and ultimately to the Western terminus of the Erie Canal. We paused there to view the Canal and some visited the Naval Park which exhibits a destroyer, sub, PT boat and several other ships and airplanes. We left the park to have lunch at The Anchor Bar (where Buffalo chicken wings originated). The local NBC affiliate interviewed several of us at the bar for their newscast story about 6-Pack. When we left the restaurant, we drove to the nearby Pierce Arrow automotive museum where the owner gave us an introductory talk before we viewed their displays. The NBC News crew followed us to this location and obtained additional coverage of our event. After leaving the museum we travelled across the Buffalo Skyway and along Lake Erie, past the Cheerios factory then inland through scenic farmland and great sports car roads to Geneseo, NY where we spent the night Tuesday. Travelers were able to smell the growing grapes, Cheerios, and some of New York State's "dairy air".

On Wednesday many of us visited Letchworth State Park. We drove along the Genesee River and stopped for lunch at the historic Glen Iris Inn. After lunch, we drove to Corning, NY and checked into the Radisson hotel for the beginning of our traditional Trials weekend.

Thursday morning featured optional drives to places located on Seneca Lake. One drive, led by Chris Holliday, visited the Glen Curtiss Aviation Museum and then a boat museum. I led a second drive to the Finger Lakes Distillery and then on to Hazlitt 1852 Winery. We returned to Corning in time for a standing room only members meeting.

***The NBC News crew followed us to this location and obtained additional coverage of our event.***

### Thursday

Thursday evening featured a welcome reception, an excellent event to welcome everyone to Corning, NY and was arranged by David Tushingam and held at the host hotel in Corning.

### Friday

Tech sessions were held on Friday morning. One of them was an extremely well presented talk given by



the Thomsons of Coventry Motor Works.

Most of Friday was spent in Watkins Glen, I, and others, led groups

around the original track in the Glen. Many of the attendees were also able to drive a couple of laps around the entire Watkins Glen International course late in the afternoon. Some of the track drivers stayed in the Glen for supper at the historic Seneca Lodge. Returning to Corning for the night, the Gaffer District had begun its' annual Harvest Festival.

### Saturday

Saturday morning our car show started just before the Harvest Festival re-opened for the day.

Our car show encompassed the final block of the closed off Market Street and was billed as a part of the Festival.

Saturday afternoon saw many of the attendees visiting the Corning Museum of Glass.



Saturday evening our traditional banquet was held and many folks left with well-earned awards as well as door prizes furnished by the club's various sponsors.

I was unable to stay past Friday afternoon as I became ill. I went home and tested positive for Covid on Saturday morning. Despite the blown head gasket and the illness, my wife and I had a great time! Lots of old and new friends, new stories, great cars and great people!

*Article by Skip Gould.*

*Photos courtesy of Randy McPhee and Skip Gould.*

# *BCC's Annual Holiday Party*

*Wednesday, December 18, 2024*

*McPartlan's Corner Restaurant*

*669 Wehrle Drive, Buffalo, NY 14225*

*Cash Bar Starts at 6:00 pm; Seated Dinner served at 7:00 pm.*

## *Dinner Selections (Choose one):*

- 1) Panko Encrusted Chicken, chef salad, mashed potatoes, vegetable*
- 2) Sliced Sirloin of Beef, chef salad, mashed potatoes, vegetable*
- 3) Classic Haddock Fish Fry, freshly made coleslaw, French fries*

*Each dinner includes Ice Cream Sundae, Coffee, Soft Drink or Tea.*

*Tickets: \$10 per member/co-member (BCC to pay \$16.96 + tax & tip per member/co-member.)*

*Get your brain ready for our Annual Trivia Challenge!*

*Please complete the bottom portion and mail to Robin Ullig, 119 Roncroff Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 with your dinner selection(s) and check made out to the British Car Club. RSVP by Wednesday, December 11, 2024 so we can confirm with the restaurant how many people will be attending.*

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Name(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate each person's choice for dinner below.

Panko Encrusted Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_

Sliced Sirloin of Beef: \_\_\_\_\_

Classic Haddock Fish Fry: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check out to the **British Car Club** and mail to  
Robin Ullig, 119 Roncroff Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

**Please RSVP and return this portion by Wednesday, December 11, 2024.**

## Fool Me Once... by Jay Lockrow



### October's Mystery Car

OK... Mystery Car for October must be really hard because we had NO answers... This was put in for several reasons: #1 to see if you are paying attention; this car was in before. #2 This was my dad's Mercedes Benz model S, a straight six with dual ignition and a blower. Four speed crash box and capable for at least 100 mph. No, I never did go that fast in it but my dad did. I drove this car several times over the years and this is a real thrill. Any questions and I can bore you for about an hour.

### November's Mystery Car

OK, Mystery Car for November... Here's one you can scratch your head over for the rest of the winter. This is European and I really don't know much about it but it is unusual and I don't recall ever seeing one other than in pictures.

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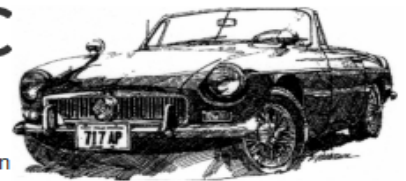
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To place an ad, email Linda at [lmkula1@gmail.com](mailto:lmkula1@gmail.com) or call 716-809-0210.

# British Car Club of Western New York



Participants in the Six-Pack TRials 2024 came in from far and wide! Yeah, Baby! (Photo by Skip Gould)

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>



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## Location Change!

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024 - Regular Meeting:  
7:00 pm at McPartlan's Corner, 669 Wehrle Drive, Buffalo, NY 14225  
Come early and have dinner!**