



# THE OIL SPOT

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



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## President's Message

Greetings BCCWNY members!

It was nice seeing many of you at our last meeting! Driving season is here! We're looking forward to seeing many of you on our upcoming tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Graycliff Estate.

I have been making significant progress on resurrecting the 1974 TR6 that I purchased last fall. The cooling, exhaust, electrical, clutch and starting issues have been sorted. I'm still working on the braking systems, the fuel system and a new interior. I hope to have this one finished and ready for resale soon.

I have also made great progress on bringing my 1968 TR250 back to life after the semi truck damage of a few years ago. The sheet metal has all been replaced and I'm making preparations to repaint the whole car soon. (We'd like to take it to the 6-Pack Trials this coming September). I was delighted to receive a weekend's worth of assistance with this project over Mother's Day weekend. Two Triumph legends with excellent YouTube channels volunteered to travel to my place from North of Toronto Ontario to help with straightening out the mess that was the driver's side of this car. Their YouTube channels can be found at <https://YouTube.com/@ChefTush> and <https://YouTube.com/RustBeauties>. I'm very happy to have friends like David Tushingham and Elin Yakov! Please take time to view, like, and subscribe to their channels!

If anyone has ideas for club drives, meeting speakers, or activities please bring them to our next meeting.

Cheers!

Skip

## Event Calendar

*The following is a tentative calendar of planned and proposed events for 2023. 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 9 – 23rd Annual Jensen East Event (See p. 3)

June 10 – Vintage & Classic Euro Car Celebration - Canandaigua, NY

June 18 -- Antique Lovers Sunday Drivers Rally - East Aurora (See p. 3)

June 18 - 23 – Triumph Register of America (TRA) national meet – Oxford, OH

**June 21 – Regular monthly meeting at the Irish Center, 7:00 pm**

July 8 – Village of Angola Car Show

**July 19 – Regular monthly meeting at the Irish Center, 7:00 pm**

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# Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Linda Kula

## British Car Club of WNY Meeting Minutes

Date: May 17, 2023

Location: Buffalo Irish Center

### Opening

Meeting called to order by Skip Gould at 7:00 pm.

### Treasurer's Report - Paula Barbari - absent

No report as George Barbari had an unplanned quadruple bypass. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

### Secretary's Report - Patrick Mullins - Not in attendance

### Membership - Robin & Dennis Illig

It was reported we have 62 members and 43 co-members.

### Programs - Cass Culotta and Todd Schupbach - both absent

Skip reminded us tonight was the last chance to RSVP for the tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Graycliff on June 3.

### Web Master - Dave Dill - absent

### Regalia - Rick Magro - absent

### Newsletter - Linda Kula

Linda requested people send photos and info about LBC activities they do.

### Meetup - Skip Gould

Skip reported there are 157 members in our MeetUp group and 112 members of our Facebook group.

### Historian - Position remains open.

### Technical Session Coordinator - Randy McPhee

Randy reported he has a spare 1300 engine that won't run. He would be willing to have interested people over to troubleshoot it and learn from it - perhaps on a Sunday afternoon. He will pick a date and put it in the newsletter.

### Old Business NAMBGR

In order to maintain our status, eight BCC members have to belong to NAMGBR. Skip went to the site online and wrote to the Vice Chairman about our status.

### New Business

- Skip had two Canadian friends visit to get one of his triumphs back on the road to recovery. Both gentlemen have YouTube channels where they work on British cars and share their knowledge. (See this *Oil Spot's* President's Message for links to their channels!)
- Antique Lovers Car Rallies in East Aurora start on May 28. \$50 covers both participants in the car. (See page 3 of this *Oil Spot*).
- Dennis Illig shared that the owner of the bowling alley where he works is interested in doing a Thursday night cruise. Dennis will contact Todd about setting this up.
- Skip has been wrenching on his Triumphs everyday. If anyone would like to work along with him, feel free to contact him!

### Upcoming Events

- Dunkirk Cars & Coffee at the Rails began last Sunday. It is a weekly event.

- May 21 - Cruising Against Cancer - Car and Craft Show at the Cattaraugus Fair Grounds, Noon - 4 PM.
- May 21 - Buffalo Cars and Coffee, Eastern Hills Mall, 9 AM p Noon.
- May 24 - Suncliff on the Lake Weekly Wednesday Cruise, 5 - 8 PM
- June 3 - Graycliff Tour
- June 10 - Vintage & Classic Euro Car Celebration, Canandaigua, NY
- Monday, July 31 - Lockport Optimist Club's British and Foreign Car Night Cruise.
- John Leible reminded us about the Wurlitzer Cruise featuring British Cars is on July 24. If there is nice weather you could see hundreds of cars in attendance!

Motion made to adjourn meeting and passed at 7:29 PM.

**The next meeting will be on 06/21/23 at 7:00 pm at the Buffalo Irish Center.**



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## Event Calendar 2023 *Continued from page 1*

July 24 - Cruisin' at the Wurlitzer - Featuring British Cars

July 24 - 30 - Flyer Week in Buffalo - 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Thomas Flyer win in the Great Race

July 31 - Lockport Optimist Club's British and Foreign Car Night Cruise

### August 16 - BCC Picnic/Meeting - Mayor's Park

August 27 - WNY MG Car Club's 50th Annual Sports Car & Auto Festival, Rush NY

September 3 - Octagon Club's Autumn Sport Super Cruise, Como Park, Lancaster, NY

September 7 - 10 - Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival and Vintage Races

September 16 - Celtic Festival

September 17 - British Car Day - Bronte Park Oakville, Ontario

**September 20 - BCC Monthly Meeting at the Irish Center, 7:00 pm**

September 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6-Pack Trials annual meet, Indiana, PA (The Roadster Factory)

**October 18 - BCC Monthly Meeting at the Irish Center, 7:00 pm**

**November 15 - BCC Monthly Meeting at the Irish Center, 7:00 pm**

**December 20? - Holiday Party/Meeting**

# Upcoming Events



Jensen-Healey

## Jensen British Classic Cars Coming to Chautauqua County

The 23rd Annual Jensen East event will be held in the Chautauqua County area June 7-11. There will be two opportunities for the public to view these hand-made Jensen cars. On **Friday, June 9th from 10 am to 1 pm**, they will be on display in front of the **National Comedy Center** on 2nd Street in Jamestown. On **Saturday, June 10th, from Noon to 2:30 pm**, a Jensen car show will be held at the **Bell Tower on the grounds of Chautauqua Institution**. The car show is open to the public and admission is free. The public is invited to vote for their favorite Jensen in the show!

Jensen East 2023 is an opportunity to see some of the best examples of a rare marque! *(Information from [www.jenseneast.org](http://www.jenseneast.org))*

## Vintage & Classic Euro Car Celebration Canandaigua Car Show & Tour

Save the Date...

### VINTAGE & CLASSIC EURO CAR Celebration

Open to all Classic & Vintage Cars Manufactured in England and Europe Prior to 1998

## CAR TOUR & SHOW

In Beautiful Historic Downtown Canandaigua NY

### JUNE 10, 2023 12-5PM

11:30	On site check in - Downtown Canandaigua
12:00	Cruise - Historic Neighborhoods, VA Hospital & Adult Care Facility
12:30-5	Show - Historic Downtown Canandaigua

Awards - People's Choice - Best Display - Period Dress - Event Theme - International Days  
Dash Plaque - Business Passports - International Food - Music - Photo Air Paint Out

Pre-Registration opens: January 15th with limited openings [www.downtowncanandaigua.com](http://www.downtowncanandaigua.com)  
For more information: (585) 396-0300 [info@vintagetranscanandaigua.com](mailto:info@vintagetranscanandaigua.com)

Vintage and Classic Euro Car Tour & Show — Canandaigua  
Business Improvement District ([downtowncanandaigua.com](http://downtowncanandaigua.com))



## Antique Lovers Sunday Drivers Car Rally

*Enjoy driving to unique antique stores in Western New York every third Sunday of every month*

*through September (first event: May 28). This is a series of five events with participants (two people per car) stopping at five different antique stores during each event, ending with a barbeque at Jordan Estates Vintage Artifacts Store in East Aurora.*

**All events start at the East Aurora Antique Mall, 1167 Big Tree 20A, East Aurora.**

**Registration starts at 9 AM;** First car off at 10:01 AM. The car rally will take approximately 4½ hours.

You will follow the directions given to you which will include the estimated times to arrive at each store. You will be able to spend 30 minutes at each store to shop and also find the answers to the questions at that store. The rally is not a race; it is a tour, and there will be questions to answer on the route between the stores, similar to a scavenger hunt.

**Dates for the events: May 28, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17.** Cost per event is \$50 which includes a barbeque at the end. Trophy presentation. Entry in the series of five events is \$200 – a discount of \$50.

To preregister for the event, call Ann Jordan at 716-481-2961.

## 69th Annual LAKE ERIE REGION AACAA CAR SHOW

June 11, 2023  
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**Judging starts at 12:00**  
**Awards at 4:00**  
**Chuck@716-254-3926**  
**or**  
**[www.aaca.org/lakeerie](http://www.aaca.org/lakeerie)**



## Upcoming Events

**Cruisin' the Wurlitzer Featuring British Cars**  
July 24, 2023, 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

Photo from: [All events for Cruisin' the Wurlitzer 2023 – NY Carcruisefinder.com](https://www.ny-carcruisefinder.com/)

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



**British and  
Foreign Car  
Night  
July 31  
5:30 - 8:30 PM**  
*Sponsored by  
the Lockport  
Optimist Club*

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



**Flyer Week in Buffalo**  
July 24 - 30, 2023

**Celebrating the 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Thomas Flyer win in the  
Great Race**

More information to follow in the July Oil Spot.



**He's been stumping us on Facebook.... So why not in our newsletter?**  
**Here is a new-ish *Oil Spot* feature from Jay Lockrow!**

### ***Fool Me Once... by Jay Lockrow***

Were you able to identify the mystery car last month? It was a Frazer Nash LeMans Replica! Now, before you get your temper up, it is NOT a replica! A little explanation... A wealthy wool merchant from Scotland purchased a competition model Frazer Nash and entered it in the Lemans race post war.

He co-drove the car with Archie Frazer-Nash (The name Frazer-Nash has a dash; the car Frazer Nash does not) and finished a respectable ninth. From that point on, cars built to those specifications were called Lemans Replicas. Frazer Nash also had a body style much like an MG A as well as others. They were never mass produced so they are rare. The Frazer Nash cars I put on the website for you to ID were pre-war cars: chain drive with solid rear axle, no differential. This FN is post-war when they built regular sports cars. They also had an association with BMW that I could never quite figure out.



Here is this month's car. This is quite rare but if you do a little looking, you should be able to ID it. 'Can't give you any clues so GO FOR IT!

Jay



# What We've Been Up To!

## Our Visit to Graycliff

On Saturday, June 3rd, the BCC and Jag Club joined together for a scenic drive, tour of **Frank Lloyd Wright's Graycliff**, and lunch. 18 members were treated to a guided tour given by one of Graycliff's docents which included stories about the architect and the various occupants of the campus. We were provided a glimpse of interactions between these folks and learned much about Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural philosophy. The weather was perfect and we enjoyed the beautiful gardens originally designed by landscape architect Ellen Biddle Shipman. After our Graycliff tour, we traveled a short distance to the Public House Restaurant on Lake Erie for lunch, a lovely view of the lake, and good camaraderie between clubs. *(Photos by Todd Schupbach and Linda Kula)*

Thank you to Todd Schupbach for organizing this event!



A beautiful day to take the cars out!



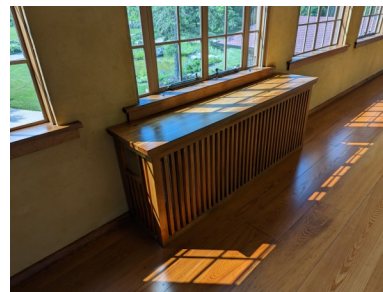
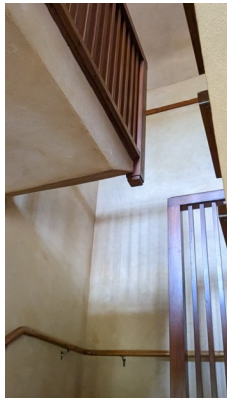
Graycliff's architecture includes features that mimic the environment like stone, wood, outcroppings, and water.



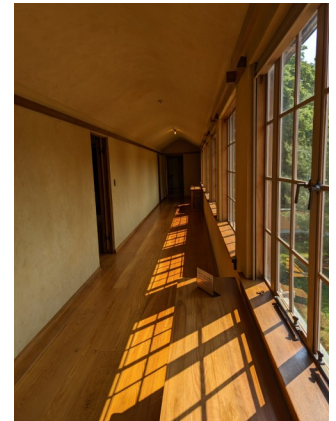
Nature is drawn into the design by being able to see through the house to the water beyond!



Guide Holly educating the masses.



Light is an important design element.



The campus is comprised of three buildings.



The back of the main house.



A stone bench seen from the second level.



## Graycliff (Continued from p. 5)



Gardens designed by Ellen Biddle Shipman, a groundbreaking landscape architect. (Ha ha!)

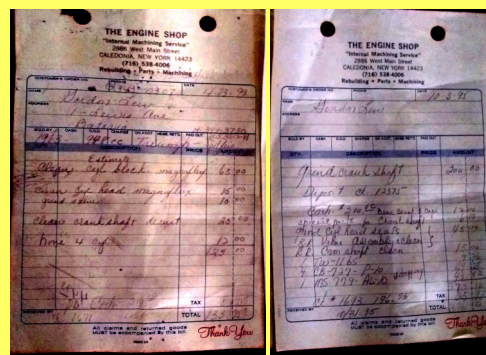


Eighteen hungry British car fans!

## FOR SALE & WANTED ADS

**For Sale:** I have many leftovers from a parts car I bought when I restored my 1967 Austin Healey 3000. Full set of fiberglass fenders, L & R doors with glass, windshield frame, wire wheels, rear axle, brand new set of 3.54 ring and pinion gears, much more. Steve 716-864-2897 or email [1929mysteryship@gmail.com](mailto:1929mysteryship@gmail.com). (05/23)

**For Sale:** Series 1 spitfire engine. The receipts from the Engine Shop which did the cleaning, testing, measuring, magnafluxing, valve job, crank grinding etc 30 years ago are to the right. I never reassembled the motor - just hauled it around from WNY to Vermont, to Harrisburg, Pa and finally here to the Warsaw area in Wyoming County. Twin SU's, original starter, alternator etc. This will make a fine fresh motor. Asking \$500 or reasonable offer. Contact Gordon Lew at [gordonlew@frontier.com](mailto:gordonlew@frontier.com) or 585-495-6861 (05/23)



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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](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).





BCC members enjoyed many of Gray-cliff's architectural features during their visit on June 3rd.

## 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!

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>

For information on events, our Meetup page is <https://www.meetup.com/British-classic-cars-Meetup/>



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**Wednesday, June 21, 2023 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm** at the Buffalo Irish Center.  
Join us at 5:30 pm for dinner at the pub!