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President's Message

Greetings BCCWNY members!

It's Summer at last - time to enjoy our cars and each other's company in the nice weather.

I'm working on my TR250 and my 74 TR6 whilst driving my TR4A and my 75 TR6. I'm also planning on helping some new and old friends with a non-starting MGB, some tuning and running problems with an Austin Healey 3000 and a TR3, and finally some glass installation and startup with a recently rebuilt GT6.



Hope to see many of you on the road!

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.

July 8 – Village of Angola Car Show

July 9 – Harbor Cruise - Point Gratiot Park, Dunkirk

July 16 – Antique Lovers Sunday Drivers Car Rally (See June *Oil Spot*)

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

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

July 24 - 30 – Flyer Week in Buffalo – 115th 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 - See page 3.

August 20 – Antique Lovers Sunday Drivers Car Rally (See June *Oil Spot*)

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

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Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Linda Kula

British Car Club of WNY Meeting Minutes

Date: June 21, 2023

Location: Buffalo Irish Center

Opening

- Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Randy McPhee on Skip Gould's behalf.
- New members in attendance: David and Dee Dee Livingstone.

Treasurer's Report - Paula Barbari

- Deposits: Membership dues, regalia
- Expenses: Account service fees
- Paula read a note from Sue Cudmore thanking the club for the donation to Wounded Warriors in Jack's memory.

Secretary's Report - Patrick Mullins

Patrick's back!

Membership - Robin & Dennis Illig
It was reported we have 63 members and 43 co-members.

Programs - Cass Culotta - present and Todd Schupbach - absent

Cass (and random members) reminded club members about upcoming events in which they might be interested:

- Festival at the Beach Summer Spectacular Auto Show - WNY Oldsmobile Club - June 25.
- Village of Angola Car Show - July 8.
- Cruisin' at the Wurlitzer - Featuring British Cars - July 24. John Leible reminded us to get there by 4 pm to get a good spot. British Cars will be parked at/near the fountain.
- Lockport Optimist Club's British and Foreign Car Night Cruise - July 31.

- WNY MG Car Club will hold their Summer car show in Rush, NY on August 27. This is the show that used to be held in Victor.
- BOA Autumn Sports Classic - September 3 in Como Park, Lancaster.

Web Master - Dave Dill - absent

Regalia - Rick Magro - absent

Newsletter - Linda Kula

If there are upcoming events you think the club would be interested in, please let Linda know so she can add them to the newsletter.

Meetup - Skip Gould

Randy reported there are 157 members in our MeetUp group and 118 members of our Facebook group.

Historian - Position remains open.

Technical Session Coordinator - Randy McPhee

Randy reported Valerie Oleksik has an issue with her Mini. It has been diagnosed as needing a new head gasket which Valerie has ordered. Members had a variety of suggestions as to what would be necessary to fix the issue. Randy said this would be a good tech session. Valerie will email Randy a couple dates as possibilities and Randy will let Skip know so he can put it on MeetUp.

Old Business
NAMGBR

Update on NAMGBR status - Skip hasn't heard from the Vice Chairman after his inquiry. John Leible said there is a new Vice Chair has contacted him to find out where we stand.

New Business

Randy proposed making the next meeting a "Show and Shine" event. Bring your British car so other members can admire it! A motion was made to do this, seconded, voted on, and passed. *(Please let Randy know if you are bringing your car so he can reserve spots in the alternate parking lot of the Irish Center. Email him at RNM356@aol.com)*

Additional Upcoming Events

- There are quite a few weekend "Cars & Coffee" events going on. A few that were mentioned were Dunkirk, Eastern Hills Mall, and West Seneca. Some are weekly but most seem to be monthly. *(See the May issue of the Oil Spot.)*
- July 9 - Harbor Cruise at Gratiot Park in Dunkirk.
- A variety of cruise nights were mentioned as being fun to attend:
 - Camp Pioneer - Angola, Fridays
 - Sun Cliff - Derby, Wednesdays
 - Wheels at Widewaters - Lockport, Thursday
 - Polish Falcons - Depew, Thursday
 - Pautler's Ice Cream - East Amherst, Tuesday
- August 16 - BCC Picnic/Meeting at Mayors Park. Please bring a dish to pass and your table setting.
- September 16 - Celtic Festival - Valerie is organizing our participation and working on getting us a good parking location.

Motion made to adjourn meeting and passed. **The next meeting will be on 07/19/23 at 7:00 pm at the Buffalo Irish Center.**

Event Calendar 2023

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September 16 - Celtic Festival

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

September 17 - Antique Lovers Sunday Drivers Car Rally (See June Oil Spot)

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

September 21st - 23rd - 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

"Show and Shine" BCC Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, July, 21

Bring your British car so other members can admire it! Please email Randy McPhee at RNM356@aol.com if you are bringing your car so he can reserve spots in the alternate parking lot of the Irish Center.



LONG SHORE STREET ROD ASSOCIATION
WITH COOPERATION FROM THE CITY OF DUNKIRK PRESENT
HARBOR CRUISE
July 9, 2023 • 12pm to 5pm
Point Gratiot Park • Dunkirk, NY
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MUSIC by HooMan & D.J. Ray The Fat Man Heron
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For More Information, Call Tom 716-870-2339
Also listed on the WEST-NY-BCC Facebook Group • Western New York Bike Nights & Car Cruises

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

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

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

Flyer Week in Buffalo July 24 - 30, 2023

Celebrating the 115th Anniversary of the Thomas Flyer win in the Great Race



For information about Flyer Week and a video about the Thomas Flyer, go to:

[The Buffalo Transportation
Pierce-Arrow Museum](https://www.buffalotransportationmuseum.org)

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

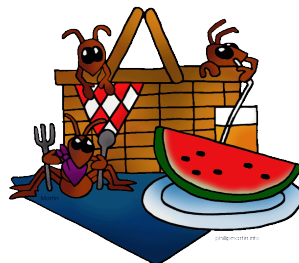


British and Foreign Car Night
July 31
5:30 - 8:30 PM
Sponsored by the Lockport Optimist Club

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

Annual BCC Picnic

Date: Tuesday, 8/16/23
Time: 3:00 – 9:00 PM
Where: Mayors Park,
North Tonawanda, NY



- Dinner is at 6:30 PM
- Meeting is at 7:30 PM
- Hot dogs, rolls, pop, water, and some paper supplies will be provided.
- Please bring a dish to pass & table settings.

If you have any questions, contact Robin Illig at 716-799-2146



Western NY MG Car Club's
Sports Car & AUTO FESTIVAL
2023 50th Annual
Sunday, August 27
Gates Open 9 a.m. | Judging 12 Noon
Awards 2 p.m.
For more information and to register your car, SCAN THE QR CODE or visit [MgCarClub.com](https://www.MgCarClub.com)
Pre-Show \$10 Registration
\$20 Day of Show
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Rush, NY 14543
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Great cars of all makes, food, music & fun for the whole family!
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Love Means Never Having To Say You're Sorry

David Livingstone

Background

I am the proud new owner of a '48 MGTC that I recently bought in Columbus, Ohio. Whenever I am trying to first describe her to people unfamiliar with what an MGTC is, I tell them it is just like the car in the movie "Love Story." You know, the one with Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal. It's the one with the big gullwing fenders and skinny bicycle tires. "Love means you never have to say you're sorry". You know, that movie. I am usually met with blank stares from anyone under 70. I only realized why this was happening when I was checking the spelling of the actors' names for this article and learned that this movie came out in 1970, 53 years ago! From now on I will revert immediately to my story line about the MGTC being the car that gave birth to sports cars in the U.S. American servicemen brought them back from Europe at the end of World War II because there was nothing else like them here. In an effort to rejuvenate their postwar economy, Great Britain was only too glad to help and exported nearly 10,000 of them worldwide, mostly to the U.S.



My Car

I found my car advertised on-line by a private seller in Columbus, OH. He was the third owner having purchased the car at a Mecum auction in Indianapolis back in 2020. The second owner bought it from the estate of the original owner who had passed away and only kept it for a short time before turning it around. The original owner had purchased the car new and owned it for 67 years. After seeing the car on an MG website, I called the owner and arranged to look at it the very next day. After seeing it and driving her around his neighborhood, we negotiated a price and I made the purchase. With check in hand, I drove down the next weekend towing my trailer and took possession.



The drive back to Eden, NY was rainy but uneventful. I took the car off the trailer the next morning, but couldn't get it started. I thought it might have problems from

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having been in the rain. Turns out I had a strong spark so it had to be fuel. I got under the hood and cleaned out the float bowls on the SUs and replaced the low dash pot oil in the carbs. After some more investigating I determined that two of the three dash engine control cables were not attached and I had been pulling the wrong one for the choke. With this sorted she started and ran well to my great relief.

Production Records

Pictured to the right are the production records for my TC:

T Register Register of known T Types	
T Register No:	12984
Licence No:	
Chassis No:	TC6979
Engine No:	
Colour:	CREAM/TAN
Bodywork:	
Country kept:	USA
Updated: 18/06/20	

T Register Factory Production Record	
Chassis No.	TC6979
Original Engine No.	XPAG 7809
Build Date	03/11/1948
Production Car No.	TC/6979
T Register Note	

Items Needed to be Refurbished/Repaired and Tasks Completed

Items necessary to pass the NY State safety inspection have been corrected. Once the cosmetics are done I will be ready to register the MGTC and get it safety checked. Then I will hit the road!

- Turn signals inoperative -- troubleshoot circuit, replaced light bulbs with dual filament bulbs, corrected wiring to taillights, replaced turn signal switch, replaced flasher module, and lengthened leads connecting turn signal switch to wiring loom. Reattached wiring loom to engine bulkhead. Awaiting replacement gaskets for D-lamps coming from England. Moss split D gaskets didn't fit properly. Turn signals now work.
- Windshield wiper inoperative – replaced windshield wiper motor with renewed, used motor from East Coast Jaguar. Still need to run replacement power wire from Moss Motors to replace current too thin wire. Wiper now works. Any recommendations on how to best fish the wire or do I have to disassemble the right windshield frame after taking the whole windshield frame off the car?
- Complete cosmetic refurbishment of chrome radiator surround and apron that were damaged in a collision with a golf cart under previous owner. I had to repair several radiator vane mounting bolts with J.B. Weld.

While they were out I painted them to match the interior upholstery color. I am learning the nuances of painting, sanding, and buffing body parts to match the original paint job. A challenging, time consuming skill. You can't just spray it on and have a finished, shiny surface. Much careful work still to go on the apron to bring it up to the standard of the other paintwork.



- Dash engine control cables – all three need to be properly connected. Current push button starter switch will be replaced with correct pull cable starter switch. May require replacement starter.
- Replaced several dashboard light bulbs. Speedometer clock dead, probably beyond economic repair.

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- Need to investigate why the red dash light does not come on to indicate charging. Need to verify low fuel light is operational.
- Need to verify doors are as flush to the body as they should be. They do operate smoothly and don't sag. Just seem to stick out a little too proud by the forward latch end.
- There is at least one engine oil leak. Hopefully the Moss Motors copper crush rings for the oil filter connections will solve it. Also going to need to change the oil. It is somewhat low as well.
- I need schooling on the correct procedures for doing a complete lubrication service.



These are all the things currently on my-to do or have done list. Since I am new to my MGTC, any and all recommendations on things to be aware of or watch out for are most welcome. It is good to be part of the British Car Club of Western New York! Glad I found ya!




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We Need You!

Summer has us looking forward to fun events with the BCC! Every month, new activities are added to the *Oil Spot* Event Calendar. However, we need fresh ideas of things to do and volunteers to organize/host them!

Examples of events we've done in the past (or considered doing) for inspiration:

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|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| • Movie Night | • Car Rallies | • Winery/Brewery Tours |
| • Museums | • Steak Roast | • NCCC Culinary Institute |
| • Hobby Night | • Guest Speakers | • Tours of Members' Garages |
| • Founders' Day Party | • Ice Cream Run | • Progressive Dinner and Drive |

Here's an idea borrowed from the Mini Club Facebook page, led by BCC member Valerie Oleksik: How about participating in some type of charitable event?

We need your imagination!



Fool Me Once... by Jay Lockrow

Were any of you British Car Owners able to identify the Squire in the June issue?? I will admit it is a rare beast; I think they made a total of seven. I have seen only one in the Simeon museum in Philadelphia. I was unable to get close to it so can't tell you much about it.



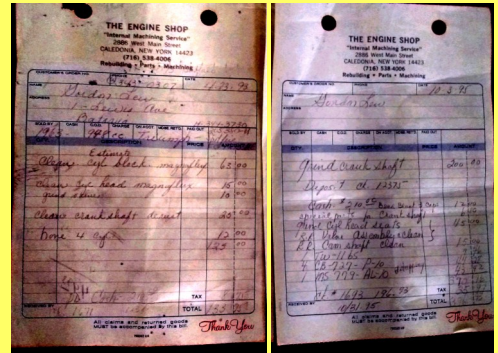
OK here is the car for July, I took this picture and can tell you very little about the car except it did belong to a very famous cartoonist. I had a long talk with him one time and had a great time talking cars. OK what is it????

Jay

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. (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 or 585-495-6861 (05/23)



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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!

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/>



See new member David Livingstone's introduction to his car stating on page 4 of this issue of the *Oil Spot!*



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Wednesday, July 19, 2023 - "Show and Shine" Meeting!
Bring your LBC to share with other members! See page 3 for more info.
7:00 pm at the Buffalo Irish Center. Join us at 5:30 pm for dinner at the pub!