



THE OIL SPOT

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President's Message

Greetings BCCWNY members!

Hard to believe it's already August. Many of us have been out on drives, attended cruises and shows. Several of us have gathered to work on each other's vehicles. Now's the time! We have a few more months of great driving weather. Some of us are planning longer road trips to attend national (and international) events in the coming weeks.

Our August meeting will be our annual picnic - please remember to RSVP to Robin Illig by August 9th. I look forward to seeing many of you this month - at the picnic, on the road, in a technical session or at a cruise or show!

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.

August 16 – BCC Picnic/Meeting - Mayor's Park - See page 2.

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

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

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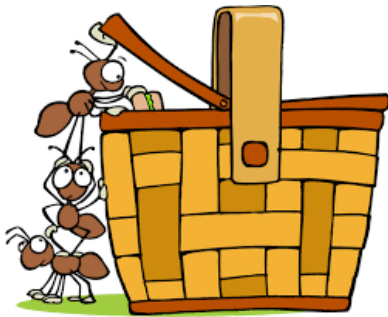
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Upcoming Events



Annual BCC Picnic

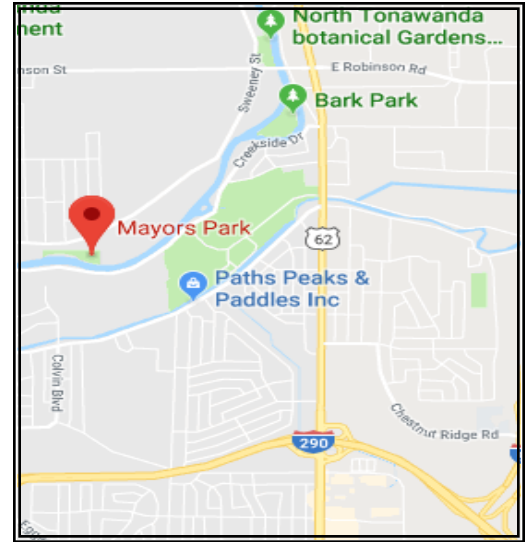
Date: Tuesday, 8/16/23

Time: 3:00 – 9:00 PM

Where: Mayors Park,
North Tonawanda, NY,
Pavilion #3

- Dinner is at 6:30 PM and the meeting is whenever we get tired of eating!
- Hot dogs, rolls, pop, water, and some paper supplies will be provided.
- Please bring a dish to pass & table settings (and anything else you want to drink).

**Please RSVP to Robin Illig at
716-799-2146 by August 9th**



Directions: Take the Niagara Falls exit from the 290 going north. Drive 2 miles to Robinson Road, turn left, go over the bridge, and turn left at the traffic light onto Sweeney Street. Drive 1.5 miles and turn left into Mayors Park. The pavilions will be at the end of the road. There will be signs directing you to Pavilion #3.

Support Local British Car Organizations!!

Western NY MG Car Club's

Sports Car & AUTO FESTIVAL

2023 50th Annual

Sunday, August 27

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INFORMATION: Larry 716 632-9001

Upcoming Events



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Niagara Celtic Festival Saturday, September 16 Niagara County Fairground

The BCC will be participating in the Niagara Celtic Festival again this year! You and your passenger (total of 2 people) will be given complimentary entrance to the festival for all day Saturday when you arrive in your British car.

We will meet in the Runnings parking lot at **5789 S Transit Rd, Lockport** at **8:30 AM** and drive in as a group. All cars must be on the Fairgrounds by 9:00 AM.

The paragraph to the right appears on this year's festival website, [Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival: Attractions](https://niagaraceltic.com/attractions), under "Attractions/ Living History"!



British Car Club of WNY

Come see just a few of the wonderful cars displayed by the WNY BCC. Their primary purpose is two-fold: to foster camaraderie and good will among enthusiasts of British cars, and to exchange ideas and technical expertise attendant to the restoration and preservation of British cars.

Please contact Valerie Oleksik by August 31 if you are attending (716-799-9570 or Velvetmini@gmail.com) so a list of participants can be given to the festival organizers.



2023 Classic Car Show & Family Fun Day!

Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Northtown Center at Amherst, 1615 Amherst Manor Drive, Williamsville, NY

On **Sunday, August 13**, the Rotary Clubs of Amherst and Williamsville will hold their 20th annual Rotary Classic Car Show and Family Fun Day, rain or shine, from 10:00 AM -4:00 PM with cars on display in the Center's northern asphalt surfaced parking lot.

Event day car registration (\$20.00) is from 9AM-12 Noon. Early registrations (\$15.00) are accepted through Friday, August 11th. Proceeds from the day will benefit the Amherst Youth Foundation and other local charitable organizations.

For further general car show information, contact Event General Chairman Richard A. Wojtowicz (Rickey Lincoln Wojtowicz) at 716-634-2730 or email wojtowiczr@aol.com.
(Information from: <https://williamsvillerotaryclub.org>)

S Drifters Car Show at Suncliff on the Lake

Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

6892 Lakeshore Road, Derby, NY

Car registration is at 9 AM until noon. Registration fee is \$20. (No advance registration.) No entry fee except for car registrants.
Prizes: first, second and third for each category with Drifters car club members acting as judges.

This will be a benefit for Gold Star Mothers. There will be live music, dancing, crafts, 50/50 drawings, and a basket raffle in the tent. The tent will offer burgers, hot dogs, and drinks. The bar will be open.

Cars will be on the lake side of the property between the mansion and the lake - a beautiful venue!

[\(20+\) Drifters Car Show at SunCliff on the Lake to benefit Gold Star Mothers | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/DriftersCarShowSunCliff)



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What We've Been Up To!



BCC Tech Session

submitted by Lenny Price

Our BCC Tech Session took place July 11th at Valerie Oleksik's house. Several members (and Stella the dog) came to help troubleshoot and brainstorm the problem with ailing Morris the Mini. Valerie gave a run down of what happened with her Mini the day it broke down. She was informed it was probably a head gasket.

George brought a pressure tester for the water system to test for leaks between the cylinders which turned out negative. Randy brought a compression tester and all cylinders tested good for compression. This indicated the head gasket was good.



The group inspected the Mini's electrical system and found a corroded rotor and an improperly fitting cap. After cleaning the rotor and cap, starting fluid would temporarily run the car but the carburetor's float chamber was starving for fuel. We removed the carburetor, disassembled it and found it had the wrong gaskets on the float bowl. The carburetor was reinstalled and the car ran for 5 minutes before it stalled out. New gaskets for the float bowl have been ordered and we will go from there. In an email, Valerie gave a big thanks to all who joined in to take part in this group effort: "I am so grateful to everyone who came out to help! The support was overwhelming!" The Mini mania saga continues! (Photos by Valerie Olesik and Lenny Price. Thank you to Randy McPhee for organizing the Tech Session.)



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

Members brought their British cars to share with other members! We had a great turnout and a lot of fun discussing the cars!



What We've Been Up To!

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



*Thank you to
Valerie Oleksik and
John Leible for the photos!*

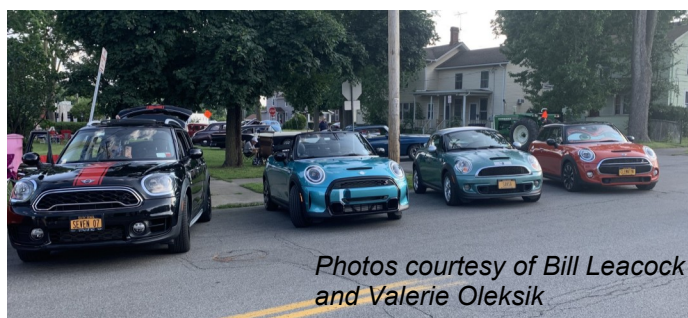


To see more photos, see the BCC-WNY Facebook page; the address is on page 7 of this issue of *The Oil Spot*.

Lockport, NY Monday Night Classic Car Cruise

British and Foreign Car Night

July 31, 2023



*Photos courtesy of Bill Leacock
and Valerie Oleksik*

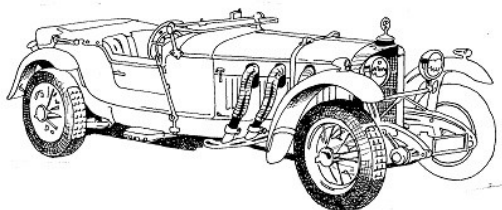


Fool Me Once... by Jay Lockrow

You members of the British car Cub had better get on the ball as neither Linda or I have had any feedback as to the mystery car in the pages of The Oil Spot. There is no prize or free drink but it is for your enjoyment and to try to broaden your horizons in the field of Sports Cars. I, and others, want you to become aware of some of the cars that are out there that are not in our club but might be if any owner should happened to come and live in Western New York.



Last month's car was an Aston Martin but note it was a pre-war car which makes it a bit more challenging. This car for many years was owned by cartoonist Charles Addams for whom the Addams Family is named after. He owned several cars of this era and was well known by the automotive fraternity. If you are like myself, you might look through several old sports car books in your library to match a photo with the pictured car. I used to do this every month when this appeared in Oil Spot when I first joined but it was omitted after the editor of that time passed away.



Now this is an easy one and you should have no trouble recognizing this car. Again Chas Addams owned one of these and there was one in the area several years ago.

Jay



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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.





See photos from the **Wurlitzer Car Cruise**
- **Featuring British Cars** on page 5 of
this issue of the *Oil Spot*!

Photo by BCC member Valerie Oleksik

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 from recent outings 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, August 16, 2023 - BCC Picnic at Mayors Park!
See page 2 for more info.