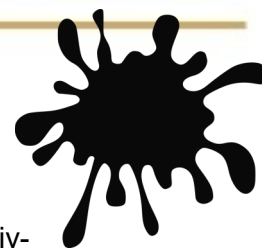




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## President's Message

Greetings WNYBCC members!

While Autumn has begun, we still have plenty of great driving weather left this year. Let's get out and drive these cars while we still can.

Several of us have just returned from the 6-Pack TRials event in Indiana, PA. Happy to report that Cass & Diane Culotta received a plaque for bringing their beautiful 1973 TR6 and Randy and Janet McPhee received a third place participant's choice trophy for their unmodified 1974 TR6!

Next year's TRials will be closer to home. Expect to hear more about it during the coming months.

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.*

October 15 – Buffalo Cars & Coffee Meet - Eastern Hills Mall, 8 am - Noon

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

October 22 – Cars & Coffee at the Rails - Dunkirk, 9 - 11 am

October 29 – Cars & Coffee at the Rails - Dunkirk, 9 - 11 am

October 29 – Hot Rods, Kustoms & Coffee - North Tonawanda, 8 am - Noon

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

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

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# Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Penny Favale

## British Car Club of WNY Meeting Minutes

Date: September 20, 2023

Location: Buffalo Irish Center

### Opening

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.  
11 members present.

**Treasurer's Report** - Paula Bar-  
bary

Report accepted

**Membership** – Robin & Dennis  
Illig

It was reported we have 69 mem-  
bers and 49 co-members.

**Programs** – Cass Culotta and  
Todd Schupbach -both absent

**Regalia** - Rick Magro - no report

**Web Master** – Dave Dill - nothing

to report

**Newsletter** – Linda Kula - absent  
(Please send photos and info  
about activities members take part  
in.)

**Meetup** – Skip Gould - absent

**Historian** – Position remains  
open.

**Technical Session Coordinator** –  
Randy McPhee - absent

### Old Business

• **Picnic** - The annual BCC picnic  
was very nice. Thank you to  
Robin for putting it all together!

• **Celtic Festival** - A few mem-  
bers voiced concern that they did  
not feel especially welcome  
there.

### New Business

- We need to bring our BCC sign  
to shows and cruises. A stand  
alone sign would be helpful.
- The question was raised as to  
whether the BCC should be  
“rebranded”.
- The topic arose as to whether or  
not we will be holding Euro Car  
Day next year. Do we have a  
location?
- It's time again to nominate peo-  
ple for club officers. Do we have  
a list of members who are inter-  
ested in holding office?

Meeting was adjourned.

**The next meeting will be on  
10/18/23 at 7:00 pm at the Buf-  
falo Irish Center.**



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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](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.

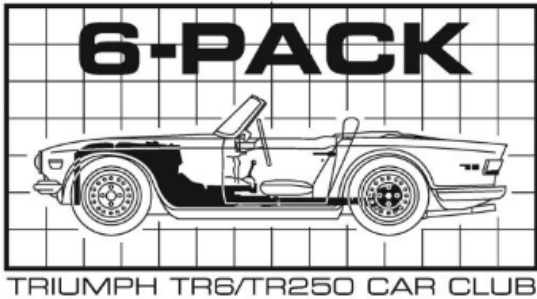
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# What We've Been Up To!

TRials 2023 - 6-Pack Car Club



## 6-Pack Trials Annual Meet

September 21 - 24

By Skip Gould

In the British car community, we all have different things we like to do. Some like to work on their cars. Some like to visit with others with similar interests. Some like to drive their cars. Some like to show their cars to others.

Every year the various national and international car clubs arrange for large meetings. These meetings provide for the opportunity to do *all* of the things that I mentioned earlier.

This past month, several of us decided to attend the annual 6-Pack TRials. The TRials is held in a different location each year and this year's event was to be in Indiana, Pennsylvania. This is the nearest city to Armagh, Pennsylvania which is the home of The Roadster Factory. Six of us from BCCWNY left on the morning of September 20<sup>th</sup> after a

breakfast/lunch kickoff at Aunt Millies in Irving, NY. We were joined at the kickoff by three other BCCWNY members as well as three other Canadian friends who just came to visit us for the start. Eight more Canadian



friends arrived in their TR6s, a TR4 and a TR250 to complete our caravan. (One of our northern friends was stopped at the border and had to return to north of Toronto with his truck and trailer to prepare additional pa-

perwork; he joined us the following day after traveling solo.)

We made pretty good progress on secondary roads with our tops down through beautiful scenery until one of our member's cars began to back-fire under load. One of the Canadian cars (a 62 TR4) also had problems with one cylinder continually fouling. We then proceeded at a slightly slower pace for the remainder of our trip to our destination. We arrived at our host hotel in the late afternoon, and no Triumph was left behind. The following morning repairs were begun in the hotel parking lot. The ailing TR6 had its plugs, rotor and distributor cap replaced. It then had a new ignition coil fitted. Finally, it had its distributor replaced and its timing corrected. The TR4 had its



fouled plug replaced again and had its compression verified. Eventually a total of eighty British cars arrived at the event from around the country – one couple had driven their TR6 from Los Angeles! One couple from Illinois

lost a head gasket en route. The engine was disassembled, and the gasket was replaced in the parking lot.

Group drives were made available the next day



(Friday) to visit either the Flight 93 9/11 memorial or Frank Loyd Wright's Kentucky Knob lo-

cation. Karen and I elected to visit the Flight crash memorial. It was both impressive and sobering.

Saturday morning brought the car show and, unfortunately, the beginning of rainy weather. Following the show, we traveled to The Roadster Factory and were treated to a guided tour by Albert Runyon, the current owner. A banquet was held Saturday night and car show prizes were awarded. Randy and Janet McPhee's TR6 earned 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in their class. Cass and Diane Culotta's TR6 was honored with



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## 6-Pack Trials Annual Meet (Continued from page 3)

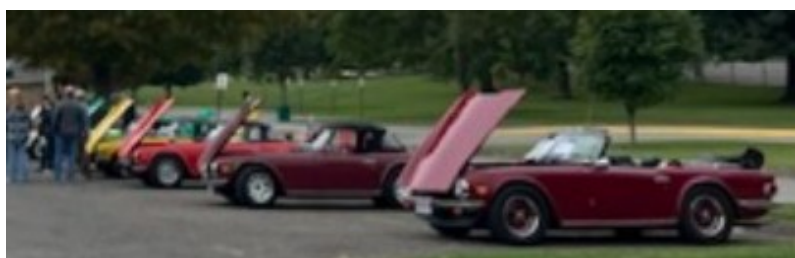
a plaque for its 50th anniversary. Many of our Canadian friends won awards as well!

Sunday morning we had breakfast and said goodbye to old and new friends and then traveled back home in the still falling rain. During the diagnosis of Cass's engine problems in the hotel parking lot, we noticed that his engine thrust bearings were well out of tolerance. We suggested that he refrain from any unnecessary driving of the vehicle until they could be replaced. Our Canadian friends provided truck and trailer space for Cass, Diane, and their TR6 from the host hotel until we parted ways with them in Springville, NY. Again – no Triumph was left behind!



Stay tuned for info on next year's TRials, which promises to be the biggest one yet! Also, there is always a class for other British cars at the TRials car show.

(Photos by Cass Culotta, Karen and Skip Gould, Linda Kula and Randy Mcphee. Thank you!)



## Fool Me Once... by Jay Lockrow



The August car was a Mercedes Benz model S or SS. These were fantastic cars and today bring prices in the seven digit category. The pictured here was taken at Watkins Glen in 1948 by a friend of my dad. My dad later sent a copy of the picture to Chas Addams and later received a nice note from him. I have it framed along with the picture in my back hall. These cars were straight sixes with overhead valves, twin ignition and a supercharger. My dad had one almost identical to the one in the picture and I

was privileged to drive it a few times. Believe me, driving something like this is a real thrill!

## October's Mystery Car

This is a rear end shot but, because of that - and showing the spare wheel - guessing this mystery car should be easy. Don't know where this picture came from but it was in my collection. I really have to get busy and get some more pixels. OK that's it for October ... Now get out your books and get busy.... Jay





# What We've Been Up To!

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**Niagara Celtic Festival**  
September 16  
Niagara County Fairgrounds

Thank you to Valerie Oleksik for organizing the drive to the festival and for sharing her photos!



## Events for the Caffeinated

# Last Meets!



(20+) Cars & Coffee at the Rails!  
[Facebook](#)

**Last meets of the year:  
October 22 & 29!**  
Lakefront Blvd. Dunkirk  
9:00-11:00 am  
(Weather permitting)

**No meet on 10-15-23!**

**HOT RODS KUSTOMS & COFFEE**  
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[Hot Rods Kustoms & Coffee - NY Carcruisefinder.com](#)

**Hot Rods,  
Kustoms & Coffee**  
North Tonawanda

**Last meet:  
October 29**  
8 am - Noon

A Pre '64 Cruise-in!

790 Walck Rd.  
North Tonawanda



**Buffalo Cars & Coffee**

**'Last meet of the Year:  
October 15th!**

**Location:**  
Eastern Hills Mall  
4545 Transit Rd.  
Williamsville

8 am - Noon

**NOTE! The Mini Club has been asked  
to close out the year! Support Minis  
at the Mall! (20+) MINIs at Cars and Coffee Oc-  
tober 15, 2023 | Facebook**



*Photo by BCC member Karen Gould on the way to the 6-Pack Trials in Indiana, PA.*

## 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, October 18, 2023 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm at the Buffalo Irish Center.**

**Join us at 5:30 pm for dinner at the pub!**