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Newsletter of the Positive Earth Drivers Club, a nonprofit British Car Club in Central New Jersey

Important Dates to Remember

- February 14: Dinner/Comedy Club Outing, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. See page 19 for details.
- February 18: Motorcar Garage SU Carburetors Tech Session, 10 AM.
 See page 2 for details.
- March 1: Cut-off date for membership dues. See page 16 for renewal form.

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> "It's not just a club; it's an attitude."



The Beating HEART of Our LBCs

Raymond A. Carbone

I'm always amazed at the communication and camaraderie that exists among LBC owners throughout the world. In a recent web response to a call for help on an SU fuel pump problem, a Healey owner in Italy referenced an article by Eric Lembrick in an English MGT club newsletter called T-Type2. Eric's article, along with additional research. formed the informationbase for this presentation and suggested modification.

The Old Ticker

Over the years I have found the SU pump to be quite reliable and the familiar ticking a comforting sound. However, many of us have experienced a fouled-points failure that had stopped our SU fuel pump in mid-tick. Stranded, it is not unusual for a driver to resort to the elegant hammer for relief from frustration and sticking points. Even with the potential for problems, I and many others still prefer to retain their points-triggered pumps, and some have even installed a second modern pump to dampen any fueldelivery concerns.

However, can we improve point reliability and pump longevity to the point of eliminating the need for insurance?

The Heart Attack

Since many of us infrequently drive our LBCs and often store our vehicles over the winter, naturally forming oxidation on the tungsten points usually leads to a nonfunctioning pump. Dressing the points prior to a post-hibernation start is not an uncommon act: however, more often than not we rely upon the oxidation being burned off by the high switching voltage developed by the pump. Although a remedy for oxidized points can be a high-voltage burn-off. high point-switching voltage is the common cause of flashed and burned points and the most common cause of pump failure.

Many of us were under the misconception that because power to the pump normally ranged between 12 and 15 volts, the voltage across the points was also within that range. However, since a coil is used as an active component, several hundred volts are actually generated across the opening points, similar to the way the ignition system coil produces a high voltage across the ignition points. Under these high voltages it is not uncommon for the points to burn, flash, and even weld together during operation.



And the Beat Goes ON

Over the SU pump's existence, a number of different diodes have been applied by the manufacturer to help control high-voltage point flash. Although moderately successful, one unintended consequence is the creation of polarity restrictions. Finally, the manufacturer introduced a transistorized triggering mechanism for the SU pump that would eliminate the points and their problems all together, but even these transistorized switching circuits are somewhat sensitive to high voltages and power fluctuations. Continued on page 7

Motorcar Garage

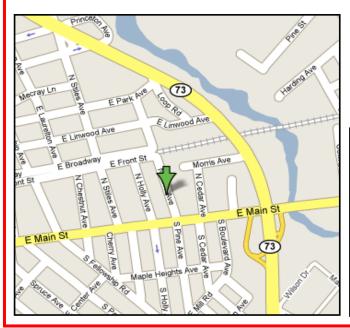
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Winter Open House & Tech Session

Hosted by Motorcar Garage

TOPIC: SU CARBURETORS



Where: 42 North Pine Avenue, Maple Shade, NJ

When: Saturday, February 18, 10 AM, rain or shine

Phone: 856.667.6657

Refreshments will be served.



British Motor Trade Association

These photos are from a January 2010 rust repair tech session at Motorcar Garage. **Left:** An MGA in for servicing for a leaking brake master cylinder. **Middle:** An MGB restoration in progress. **Right:** Motorcar Garage owner and PEDCer Peter Cosmides.







From the Driver's Seat

Mark Berkowsky, President

Well, my first membership meeting as President is behind me, and with everyone's support I survived it. I hope the use of name tags will be accepted as something we should continue to do, especially as newer members become regulars at our meetings. I know it will be helpful to get to know everyone's names.

The Year Ahead

So what are our plans for this year? The Gathering happened, and we have some great suggestions. Some are repeats from last year, including the Father's Day show and picnic, the Allenhurst Shore Antique Center show, and of course our show in Ocean Grove. Some are new: an overnight drive and show in Lewes, Delaware; a drive to the Viet Nam Memorial; and a drive to the Wheaton Museum in Millville. Check the newsletter calendar for events this year. Of course we will also have ice cream runs to various towns, as well as announced "impromptu" dinners.

Winter Drive

The weather was too nice, at least part of this past month, not to enjoy a ride in our Spitfire. So after a golf game, which is my other nice-weather hobby, I unwrapped the LBC and removed the moth balls from the car, as well as

the dishes of moth balls surrounding it like a moat, to prevent rodents from visiting. I removed the trickle charger, pulled the choke, turned the key, and she started right up. I backed her out of the barn, Nadine got in, and off we went. I have a project in Colts Neck, a perfect drive from Cranbury, mostly on back roads and through a lot of horse country.

The Spitfire ran great, considering the work Pete Cosmides had recently done on the brakes and steering. It was a good run, but not quite warm enough to put the top down. As we headed home at dusk, it was time to turn on the headlights. which always work, but the inside lights didn't. which is sometimes typical. I think the toggle switch has a problem, because I can usually jiggle it a little and the lights turn on. Guess I'll carry a small flashlight until I can fix it. Or maybe it will never get fixed and the flashlight will be our regular nighttime companion. At least the headlights work and light the roadway. Anyway it was great to be out on the road in January, especially after last year.

Planned Projects

With the warm winter weather, I was reminded of the spring projects that I have planned. I placed an order with Victoria British for a few small things, such as a new cylinder for the trunk lock, a replacement cover for my cracked dash, and a glove box for the driver's side of the Spitfire. I still have another spring project planned (which is sitting in a box), carried over from the fall, as I complete the refinishing of the interiorsmall details going into the third year. I'll save the full history of our Spitfire for another Drivers Seat write-up.

I hope others of you have also taken advantage of the unseasonably warm weather to take to the road. I'm an optimist and find that the minor weatherizing that I do to the Spitfire allows me to take it out and return it to the barn, without too much effort. Let's hope for an early spring! @

"The weather was too nice, at least part of this past month, not to enjoy a ride in our Spitfire."

Mark's 1979 Triumph Spitfire, shown below at the British Invasion Party, Shore Antique Center, Allenhurst, NJ, April 2011. Photo above courtesy of Mark Berkowsky.



From the Navigator's Seat

Bob Canfield, Vice President



My Spitfire still had the old 4-speed transmission, so the tach read 4200 rpm at 65 mph."

Below: Bob's 1966 Triumph Spitfire, Lavallette Heritage Day, September 2011. Looking on is Tom Albertalli. **Above photo:** Bob is gettting ready to head home from an enjoyable day in Lavallette with fellow PEDCers. Barnegat Bay is in the background.



Road Crave

This is my 5th year as a member of the PEDC, and I must admit that the first few found me still lacking confidence in my Spitfire when it came to any drives over 30 miles. In fact the first long drive I attempted was in the summer of 2010 when Jon Spare led us to Naval Air Station Wildwood in Rio Grande, NJ.

Everything went fine, and the ride down to the museum through all of the back roads in southern NJ was great. The only uncomfortable part was riding back on the Garden State Parkway. My Spitfire still had the old 4-speed transmission, so the tach read 4200 rpm at 65 mph. Not a very comfortable or enjoyable ride back to Manasquan, But I was thrilled that I made a drive of over 230 miles in a day without a glitch.

Last winter (and into spring, unfortunately) I installed a 5-speed transmission kit from Frontline. Now the car drives like a dream, and I may actually be overconfident. I am at the point where I want to drive it as much as possible.

PEDC Drives

That leads me to the topic I really want to hammer home to the membership: planning and participating in drives this year. I waited to compose this article

until after "The Gathering," our annual planning meeting, so I could determine the interest level of the club. I must say I was impressed with the turnout and the amount of ideas that were proposed. All of the new officers and trustees were thrilled with the participation at this planning get-together.

Calendar of Events

As you will see when you look at the calendar in this issue, we have scheduled plenty of drives and ice cream runs, and we have made some plans for attending annual car shows (the PEDCsponsored events are identified by a bold **PEDC** at the start of the description). You can see that during the prime weather season we have 2-4 events planned each month. My suggestion was that I would like to see a drive or other event planned every week. Since we usually get 8-15 cars at any given event, and we now boast over 135 members. I would expect that all members would join the club on at least 1 event each season.

Last year I took ownership of the Edison Museum drive, and I was a bit concerned about how to plan the route and ensure that everything would go smoothly. What I found was that with the help of some seasoned PEDC

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Minutes of the General Meeting of January 4, 2012

Submitted by Jay G. Helt, Secretary

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:30 PM by President Mark Berkowsky, with 38 members present. It was noted that there was no December newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andy Moutenot reported a balance of \$3,237.93 and reminded members that the dues of \$15 were now payable for the 2012 year. Motion was made to accept the report, seconded, and carried.

Old Business

Christmas party presentations of awards were continued between the following, as some could not be in attendance for the December 3rd event:

- -Andy Moutenot to Peter Richardson
- -Jay Helt to Wayne Simpson
- -Rodney Ford to Linda Browne
- -Carol Kyle to Jon Spare

President Mark announced that The Gathering would be scheduled this month to outline the 2012 events, such as shows, drives, and ice cream runs, and urged all to attend and consider volunteering to chair one. A time and place would be announced shortly.

Newsletter editor Carol Kyle discussed the mailing and urged those that now get hard copies to consider switching to e:mail in order to save money for the club.

New Business

President Mark announced the selection of Carol Kyle, Rodney Ford, Joe Laudisi, and Wayne Simpson as additional Board members to join the four officers for a total of eight on the Board, which was accepted and carried.

Mike Browne reported on the show to be held at the Sunrise Senior Center, Saturday, April 14th.

Treasurer Andy will submit a proposed budget for 2012, and a discussion was had regarding the cost of the newsletter and the amount of yearly dues.

Other items discussed were a Valentine's Day attendance at Vinnie's Comedy Club in Point Pleasant Beach, and the April 5th car show in Lewes, Delaware.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 with only one member leaving without paying his or her dinner tab.@

For all you Anglophile bibliophiles, here's a book worth adding to your British-car-book library, *Art Deco and British Car Design: The Airline Cars of the 1930s*, available at http://www.dexigner.com/news/22542.



News from the Treasurer's Desk

Andy Moutenot, Treasurer

Hello fellow PEDCers. I would like to introduce myself to many of you whom I have not met. My name is Andy Moutenot and I am your new club treasurer. I will be taking over the duties from Pete Richardson, who has filled this role, very well, over the last 4 years. Pete has graciously helped me in getting up to speed with the various forms and processes that come with the job. I hope I can keep the momentum going.

It is my intention from time to time to provide club members via this newsletter with information regarding any changes and, hopefully, improvements to the process. Along those lines you will note that in this year's membership renewal form we have added a P.O. Box to mail in your renewal form along with your dues. As in the past few years, dues will stay at the current rate of \$15.

Last year after adding all the receipts and expenditures, your club finished out the year barely in the "black" with an ending cash balance of \$261.46. Kudos to Pete and the prior Executive team for a great job. Remember, we are a nonprofit social club, and coming up essentially even was a great achievement. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch with me. Let's hope the winter is short, the spring and summer are long, and we can get out and "drive 'em." @



Andy accepts the 3rd place class award for his 1994 Morgan Plus 8 at our September 2011 "Brits on the Beach" show in Ocean Grove, **left**, and departs the 2010 "Brits on the Beach" show field, **below**, having won 2nd place in class.



Buddy Holly Tribute

Mike and Linda Browne organized a PEDC dinner/theater outing at their residence association, Greenbriar Oceanaire, in Waretown, NJ on Wednesday December 28th. Eighteen PEDCers, and two guests, enjoyed a nice buffet dinner in the Grill Room at the Brownes' clubhouse and then were treated to a really great Buddy Holly Tribute, "The Night the Music Lived." Todd Meredith (http://toddmeredith.com) played Buddy Holly, Jayar Garcia played Ritchie Valens, and Tim Reilly played The Big Bopper. Back-up musicians served as The Crickets, Buddy Holly's band. It was great hearing the old tunes, such as "Peggy Sue," "That'll Be the Day," and "Oh Boy."

The event was hosted by the Greenbriar Oceanaire Men's Club. Proceeds went to the Wounded Warrior Program as well as to the wives and families of service men and women in the local area during the Thanksgiving through Christmas holiday seasons.@



Buddy Holly and the Crickets tribute band entertain an enthusiastic crowd.

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More disturbing is the fact that if a transistorized pump fails, there is little to no chance it can be revived to get you home.

Within recent years, electronic components called transient-voltage suppression (TVS) diodes have been designed to protect sensitive electronics from power spikes. This device controls overvoltage by shunting power to ground when it exceeds a specific brake-down threshold.



TVS diode

When applied to our SU pump's points, a TVS will shunt off excessive flash voltage while allowing the pump to function within a normal voltage range. The result of applying a TVS to the points of an SU pump is the elimination of high flash voltage with a substantial extension of point/pump life.

TVS Selection

When selecting an appropriate TVS, a number of operating conditions must be considered. First, the device must be able to pass power through an LBC's normal range of electrical operation. Also, we would like the pump to function even when a (generator/alternator) voltage regulator fails and puts out as much as 19 volts. Additionally,

since our objective is to prevent high-voltage point flash and burn, voltage must be kept below a level where this condition is created.

TVS Cost

My choice of a P6KE20CA TVS (manufactured by Vishay), at a cost of around \$1.50, was made to meet selection objectives. This device will pass power below 21 volts and safely allow the pump to operate under our stipulated conditions. Additionally, the TVS will react at millisecond speeds to impose a clamping (ground-shunt) voltage of 27 volts to eliminate point flash and burn, before automatically resetting for the next points cycle.

Please keep in mind that my TVS component selection was based on the criteria set above, and others may identify additional or alternative conditions from which to select and apply an alternate device. It should not be difficult to identify an appropriate TVS to meet your selection criteria, as there is a large selection of TVSs from which to choose.

Life-sustaining Operation

Installation is rather simple in that a TVS is wired between the ground screw and points fixing-screw on the head of the SU pump. It should be noted that although not sensitive to polarity

(positive/negative), a TVS must be directionally oriented toward the ground. Although some manufacturers print an arrow on the TVS pointing toward the ground end, some have writing on the unit that is read from the ground end. Once the TVS is installed and the points are adjusted per the standard SU procedure, you can pretest and drive with added confidence.@

NOTE: Photos for this article are courtesy of the author.

MARCH MADNESS

Next month we would like to feature some nostalgic photos of you and the British cars you owned in the 20th century—the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. If you have a suitable hardcopy photo that you would like to share, send us a scanned version, i.e., a digital version, by February 20th, and we'll include it in the March newsletter. E:mail your photos (.*ipeg* or .*gif* files) to Carol Kyle, Editor, carolkyle4@earthlink.net.



A typical TVS diode installation in an SU pump

WE WANT YOUR STORIES

Have you taken your LBC for a drive lately? Been on any interesting trips? Upgraded or refurbished your LBC? Any new LBC acquisitions or LBCs for sale? Any repair or maintenance tips you'd like to share? Send your stories (preferably .doc files) and photos to Carol Kyle, Editor, carolkyle4@earthlink.net. Classified ads for cars, parts, accessories, etc., run for three months and are **free** to members.

The Deadline for newsletter submissions:

20th of the month.

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members and the internet I was able to assemble a good plan for the drive that worked well. The 11 members/guests who made that drive had a great time.

The message really is that the members who came to The Gathering and brought good ideas for drives should not worry about getting help with planning and executing the drives they suggested. Don't be afraid to bring your ideas to the club; there are plenty of members ready to assist you in planning successful and enjoyable events.

Fill the Passenger Seat Last October I joined in the drive to the "Brits at the Village" show at Peddler's Village in Bucks County, PA. I decided that making this 140-mile trip would be better if I had a navigator, so I asked Jack Kelly to join me. Jack's MGB-GT (we have accepted it to be real) is still in the process of being reassembled, so I thought I could really energize him to get the work done if he could again experience the thrill of a good roadster drive. What I learned and am now preaching is that if you plan to make a drive, fill the passenger seat.

Keep LBC Passion Alive We need to promote the passion for LBCs to others, especially the next generation. I noticed that Rodney Ford's son has a Morris Minor and Ernie Caponegro's son has an LBC he is resuscitating. The younger generation is not as easily exposed to the satisfaction (although my wife, Kim, calls it obsession) of keeping these classic vehicles running and driving, so it is important to offer them the chance to sign on to the experience, to help the next generation keep the flame lit.

Besides helping the younger generation you could also help out a PEDC member who owns an older LBC that might not be reliable on a long drive. We have tried to make a point of planning some shorter drives and events that would allow them to feel confident in making the drive. But for the longer drives why not offer your passenger/ navigator seat to one of these members?

The camaraderie that this club embraces should encourage you to do so. Believe me: the drive will be much more enjoyable with a navigator by your side.

In Summary

- Please bring your ideas forward; there are plenty of members willing to help you plan an event.
- Try to fill empty seats in your car, on drives, to spread the LBC passion.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for a drive or other event. Anything that adds to the enjoyment of our PEDC members is worth discussion. We will help you with the planning and executing of any event. @

The Terminal Post

Editor Carol Kyle

Technical Editor Ken Kyle

The Terminal Post is the newsletter of the Positive Earth Drivers Club (PEDC), a nonprofit British car club founded in 1990 and incorporated in 2010 in central New Jersey, USA. Our newsletter is published monthly, except in December. The goal of the PEDC is to preserve, maintain, restore, drive, and otherwise enjoy vintage British automobiles. Visit us on the web at www.pedc.org/. Annual club dues are \$15.00. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, except December, at Woody's Roadhouse Tavern, 105 Academy Street, Farmingdale, NJ 07727, 732.938.6404. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. All British car enthusiasts are welcome to attend. We are also an official chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register, (VTR), www.vtr.org.

NOTE: All photos in this issue of *The Terminal Post* are courtesy of the editors, unless otherwise credited.





In Memoriam

January 12, 2012. Recent PEDC member Marcel Wagner, 74, of Spring Lake, NJ died in Tequesta, FL at the scene of a 3-vehicle crash. Our condolences go out to his wife, Ruthie, and family.

The photos, left, are from our 2011 "Brits on the Beach" show in Ocean Grove. Above: Marcel entering the show field in his handsome 1954 black MG TF. Below: Jay Helt guides Marcel into his spot alongside the other vintage MGs.

Support Our Show Sponsors

Our big show of the year, "Brits on the Beach," will be here before you know it, Saturday, September 15th. It's our 15th year and our 4th year in Ocean Grove. The show would not be possible without the steadfast support of our sponsors, shown below. Let's thank them for supporting us by patronizing them throughout the year, whenever possible.

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2012 Calendar of Events: PEDC and Other

NOTE: If you know of any British car-related events, please alert us and we will include them here.

February

- 1 **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM.
- Simeone Museum Best of Britain Show runs through February 26th. The museum will be highlighting the "Battle of Britain: Triumph vs. MG" in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Triumph TR4, Spitfire, MGB, and MG Midget. Interested in attending? See http://simeonemuseum.org for more information. Interested in showing your LBC? E:mail Harry Hurst at harry@simeonemuseum.org.
- PEDC Valentine's Day Outing to Uncle Vinnie's Comedy Club, <u>www.unclevinniescomedyclub.com</u>, 518 Arnold Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. Dinner seatings are between 7-7:30PM. Show starts at 9:15 PM, starring Vic Di Bitetto. \$49.95 per person. Call 732.899.3900 for reservations and mention you are a PEDC member. See page 19 for details.
- Open House and Tech Session: "SU Carburetors," hosted by Peter Cosmides, Motorcar Garage, 42 N. Pine Avenue, Maple Shade, NJ, www.motorcar-garage.com, rain or shine. For more information call 856.667.6657. The session starts at 10 AM and runs about 2 hours. Refreshments will be served. Don't miss it! (NOTE: Some PEDCers have expressed interest in proceeding to the Simeone Museum "Best of Britain" show after the tech session.)

March

- 1 **PEDC** cut-off date for \$15 membership dues. See page 16 for membership renewal form.
- 7 **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM.
- PEDC dinner outing to St. Stephen's Green Publick House, 2031 Route 71, Spring Lake Heights, NJ, http://www.ssgpub.com, in honor of New Jersey Irish-American History and Heritage Week. Ken and Carol Kyle, hosts. Details to be announced (TBA).

April

- 4 **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM.
- 7 7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM, 1st and 3rd Saturdays from April to October.
- Annual British Car Gathering, Dobson, SC, runs through April 15th. Sponsored by the Triumph Club of the Carolinas, this 600-mile trip over 2 days down features 350 miles on Skyline Drive and the Blue Ridge Parkway. The event has an auction and Blue Ridge tour on Friday, a car show at Shelton Vineyards and a BBQ dinner on Saturday, and an autocross on Sunday. All for only \$20 early registration (\$30 after 3/23; BBQ \$25 per person extra). Host hotel: Hampton Inn Dobson, \$94 per night. Information and registration forms at www.triumphclub.org.
- PEDC drive to Sunrise Senior Center, Galloway Township, NJ, for a joint show with the British Motor Club of Southern New Jersey (BMCSNJ). For information on the display, contact Stuart Honick, drstuart@gofeet.com. For information on the drive down, contact Wayne Simpson at wayne@last-chance-garage.com. Details TBA.
- 21 7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM.
- PEDC Classic British Sports Car Event, "James Bond" theme, Shore Antique Center, 413 Allen Avenue, Allenhurst, NJ, 12-3 PM. For more information, contact Rose O'Connor-Myer, art1960@aol.com, 732.513.8040.

May

- 2 PEDC monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM.
- 5 Britfest '12 British Car Club Show, Succasunna, NJ, hosted by the MG Car Club Central Jersey Center, www.mgccnj.org. Contact Charles Tregidgo, 201.796.8648, or ctregidgo@gmail.com for more information. Continued on page 11

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May (Continued)

- 5 17th Annual Lewes British Motorcar Show, Lewes, DE, 11AM 3PM. Sponsored by the British Car Club of Delaware, the Lewes Chamber of Commerce, and the Lewes Historical Society. The featured marque is the Triumph Spitfire. For more information call 302.645.8073 or visit inquiry@leweschamber.com. (Note: An overnight trip is planned for interested **PEDC**ers, May 4-6. Details TBA.)
- ⁵ 7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM.
- 6 PEDC Cruise In, Arnold and Bay Avenues (municipal parking lot), Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, 12-4 PM. Details TBA.
- 9 Toms River Cruisin' Downtown, 6-9 PM, Washington Street, http://www.downtowntomsriver.com/cruisin.
- 19 7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM.
- 19 Shore Acres Yacht Club (SAYC) "Wheels & Keels" classic car and boat show, Brick, NJ, 12-4 PM, http://www.shoreacresyachtclub.org/.
- ? **PEDC** aircraft museum drive. Jon Spare, host. Details TBA.
- 20 PEDC poker run. Scott Erichsen and Joe Laudisi, hosts. Details TBA.
- 30 British Car Week National Meet, runs through June 3rd. Hosted by Hot Springs National Park, Hot Springs, AR, http://www.britishcarweeknationalmeet.org. Join British car owners and British car clubs from all over the US.

June

- ² 7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM.
- 2 Cars and Motorcycles of England, Oakbourne Mansion, Westtown, PA. Hosted by Delaware Valley Triumphs and Delaware Valley Jaguars. Two shows in one: a judged, all-marque British car show and a Jaguar Club of North America (JCNA)-sanctioned concours. For info and registration forms, visit http://www.jcna.com/clubs/main.php?club=NE33&Vref=NE33 for Jaguars.
- 3 17th Annual Red Mill Day, 56 Main Street, Clinton, NJ. Pre-registration required. Open to all British cars and motorbikes—classic and modern. Space for 100 cars only. Held rain or shine. For more info: MG Drivers Club of North America, www.mgdriversclub.com.
- Cats in the Garden VI, Van Vleck House and Gardens, Montclair, NJ, sponsored by the Jaguar Touring Club of New Jersey, http://www.jtc-nj.com. View seven decades of vintage, classic, and modern Jaguars displayed in the gardens, 12-3 PM. Rain date: June 17th.
- 3 PEDC tentative drive to the Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ. Richard and Donna Meyers, hosts. Details TBA.
- 6 **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM.
- 10 19th Annual British Motorcar Gathering hosted by the Keystone Region MG Club, <u>www.keystonemg.com</u>. All British automobile and motorcycle owners are invited, Hellertown Reservoir Park, Hellertown, PA. Classes judged by marque. Rain or shine. \$2 donation/\$5 per family. Pre-register by May 31st. Walk-in registrations welcome. For more information, e:mail show chairman Mike Jones at <u>mojones@enter.net</u> or call him at 610.865.3419.
- 13 Toms River Cruisin' Downtown, 6-9 PM, Washington Street.
- 14 **PEDC** ice cream run to Gil and Bert's, Cranbury, NJ. Mark and Nadine Berkowsky, hosts. Details TBA.
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2012 Calendar of Events: PEDC and Other (Continued)

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June (Continued)

- 17 **PEDC** Father's Day Show, Allaire Road, Spring Lake Heights, NJ, 10 AM 2 PM. BBQ afterward. Details TBA.
- PEDC drive to Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, Millville, NJ. Millville was once a bustling center of glass manufacturing. Tour of the Museum of American Glass, artists' studios where handmade art glass is made (open April December), and the Folklife Center (open June October). Admission: \$10 per person. Wayne and Mary Simpson, hosts. Details TBA.

July

- 7 7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM.
- 11 **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM [Note: The 1st Wednesday is the Fourth of July.]
- 11 Toms River Cruisin' Downtown, 6-9 PM, Washington Street.
- Brits on the Delaware, Kintnersville, Bucks County, PA, 10AM TBD. All foreign marques welcome. Pre-registration \$10; \$15 day of the show. Pre-registration cut off July 9th. Food on site. Awards/dash plaques. For info call Tony Hess, 610-346-9026, or e:mail him at aghbop@aol.com.
- 19 PEDC ice cream run to the Carousel, Toms River, NJ. Joe and Maria Laudisi, hosts. Details TBA.
- 21 7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM.
- 21 Ice cream social with the British Motor Club of Southern New Jersey (BMCSNJ), 6-8:30 PM, East Vineland, NJ. For information, call Rob Walsh, 856.692.2335, http://www.bmcsnj.org.
- PEDC drive to Deep Cut Gardens, 152 Red Hill Road, Middletown, NJ, Rodney and Kathy Ford, hosts. http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com/page.aspx?ld=2518. BBQ afterward at Allaire State Park. Details TBA.

August

- 1 **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM.
- 4 7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM.
- 9 PEDC ice cream run to Crazees, 2 River Road, Rumson, NJ. Bill and Margarita Miller, hosts. Details TBA.
- 11 The New Hope Automobile Show, New Hope, PA, runs through August 12th, 9AM 4PM, at the New Hope-Solebury High School. Antique and classic automobiles. Must register in advance. Only 250 cars permitted on the show field each day, so register early: http://www.newhopeautoshow.com. Parking: \$5. Admission: \$5; \$3 for seniors and kids under 12.
- 18 7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM.
- 18 PEDC drive to the Vietnam Memorial, Holmdel, NJ. Bob Canfield, host. Details TBA.
- 23 PEDC ice cream run to Swal Dairy, 33 Main Street, Allentown, NJ, http://www.swaldairy.com. Ken and Carol Kyle, hosts. Details TBA.

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2012 Calendar of Events: PEDC and Other (Concluded)

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September

- 1 7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM.
- 5 **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM.
- 8 Lavallette Heritage Day, Philadelphia Avenue and Bay Boulevard, Lavallette, NJ, 9AM 5:30 PM. Free admission. Antique car show, 200 outdoor booths, food vendors, entertainment, and live bands. \$15 to show your car.
- 15 **PEDC** 15th Annual "Brits on the Beach" show, Main Avenue, Historic Ocean Grove, NJ. Details TBA. Visit our website for registration form: http://www.pedc.org/.
- 15 7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM.
- 20 PEDC ice cream run to JB's, Manalapan, NJ. Bill and Kim Geissel, hosts. Details TBA.
- 22 "The British Are Coming" Fall Show, hosted by the British Motor Club of Southern NJ (BMCSNJ), rain or shine, NJ Motorsports Park, Millville, NJ. Visit their site for more information: http://www.bmcsnj.org.
- Out of the Woodwork 2012, Mercer County Park, NJ, 10AM TBD. All foreign marques welcome. Pre-registration \$15, \$20 day of show. Food on site. Dash plaques/awards. For information call Tony Hess, 610-346-9026, or e:mail him at aghbop@aol.com.

October

- 3 **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM.
- 6 7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM.
- 6 **PEDC** drive to Dingmans Ferry, PA, near the Delaware Water Gap. Peter Richardson, host. Note: Possible overnight trip through October 7th. Details TBA.
- ? Brits at the Village, Peddler's Village, Routes 202 & 263, Lahaska, PA. Hosted by the Philadelphia MG Club, http://www.phillymgclub.com. Details TBA.
- ? Monmouth County Concours D'Elegance, Hop Brook Farm, Holmdel, NJ. An elegant exhibition of pristine classic automobiles from 1900 to 1969. Details TBA.
- 20 **PEDC** lighthouse challenge. Wayne Simpson, host. Details TBA.

7th Annual Saturday Night Car Cruise, hosted by the Blue Moon Kruizers Classic Car Club of Howell, Chick-Fil-A parking lot, Howell, NJ, 5-8 PM.

November

- 17th Annual Pumpkin Run, Fleming's Auto Parts, 353 Zion Road (County Road 615), Egg Harbor Township, NJ, 8 AM 4PM. Rain date: November 10th. Registration at the gate is \$15. http://www.flemingshows.com/pumpkin_run
- 7 **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM.

December

? PEDC Christmas/holiday party, in lieu of monthly meeting.

Our monthly meetings at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, are well attended. Shown at our August 2010 meeting are some of our regular attendees. **Seated:** Mike Browne and Rodney Ford. **Standing, middle row:** Joan Kinney, Nadine Berkowsky, Tom Albertalli, and John Kosztyo. **Standing, back row:** Ken Kyle, Joe Grillo, Andy Moutenot, Ed Kinney, Mark Berkowsky, and Garry Sholtis.



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Karen Moutenot, Regalia Manager

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Club Apparel	Price
T-shirt, short-sleeve crew neck	\$17
T-shirt, short-sleeve crew neck with pocket*	\$19
T-shirt, long-sleeve crew neck	\$19
Sweatshirt, long-sleeve crew neck	\$24
Sweatshirt, long-sleeve hooded zip-up*	\$42
Sweatshirt, long-sleeve hooded zip-up (larger than XL)*	\$51
Golf shirt, short-sleeve	\$26
Wind jacket, long-sleeve hooded*	\$27
Wind jacket, long-sleeve hooded (larger than XL)*	\$32
Denim shirt, long-sleeve, woven, button-down*	\$31
Denim shirt, short-sleeve, woven, button-down*	\$31
Baseball cap, unstructured	\$14
Visor	\$14
Other Club Items	Price
Grille badge	\$20
Lapel/hat pin	\$ 4
Windshield sticker	\$ 1
Marque patch	\$ 5
PEDC logo patch	\$ 6
Tool bag, mechanic, canvas*	\$22
Picnic blanket, water-resistant, red plaid*	\$21
PEDC clock (or marque clock)*	\$10

NOTES:

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Tools for Lending



Above: Scott Erichsen leaves our 2011 "Brits on the Beach" show in his handsome TR4 after a busy day manning the show gate in the morning and emceeing the awards in the afternoon. **Below:** Rich Kohlhepp's newly painted 1973 Spitfire, Ltl Kar, lookin' good on our drive to the Edison Museum in June 2011. Rich won 3rd place in class at our 2011 "Brits on the Beach" show.

If you have a unique, seldomly used, specialty tool that you'd be willing to share with other club members, let us know, and we'll post it here. This is an opportunity for members to help members. Below are the tools available:

- Manual Tire Changer
 Contact Scott Erichsen, josco@optonline.net
- Triumph Spitfire Spring Compressor
 Contact Rich Kohlhepp, <u>krak1804@hotmail.com</u>.

 Rich has manufactured a specialty tool to replace the coil over shocks on a Spitfire.
- Valve Spring Compressor, Small Tubing Bender Contact Bob Canfield, joisuzu@optonline.net.



PEDC Member Spotlight

Want to be featured in the Member Spotlight section of this newsletter? Send us your name, hometown, the year you joined the PEDC, the LBCs you own (year and marque), and a little bit about yourselves, together with a few photos. We'll do the rest! Send to: Carol Kyle, Editor, carolkyle4@earthlink.net.

The Deadline for newsletter submissions: 20th of the month.

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MGB Parts for Sale

Below are used parts, mostly from rubber-bumper parts cars that I have accumulated. This is a partial list. Many other small parts and pieces are available. For reasonable prices and detailed descriptions of the parts you need, please call or e:mail me. Thanks, Bill Miller, 732.778.3274, <a href="mailto:bmiller:bmill

- 2 four-speed transmissions
- 3 intake/exhaust manifolds
- 3 zenith/stromberg carbs
- 2 windshields
- both door windows
- both window actuators
- 1 complete front suspension
- 1 rear axle
- 2 front-suspension cross members
- 1 transmission cross member

- 1 set beautifully refinished rubber bumpers
- 2 starters
- 2 alternators
- 2 passenger doors
- 2 front sway bars
- 1 rear sway bar
- 1 set of tail lamps & lenses
- 1 refinished early stowaway top frame
- 1 late top frame
- 1 windshield wiper motor w/rack & wheel boxes

- 1 radiator
- 1 radiator over-flow tank
- 1 valve cover
- 1 complete set of gauges
- 1 heater box
- 1 pedal box
- 2 pairs rebuildable front-brake calipers
- 2 pairs leaf springs
- 2 pairs front coil springs

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- 1. Please fill out this form even if you have made no changes since last year.
- 2. Make \$15 check payable to: PEDC.
- 3. Mail check and membership form to: Positive Earth Drivers Club (PEDC), P.O. Box 325, Cranbury, NJ 08512. An alternative is to simply bring the filled-out form and your check to our next monthly meeting at Woody's.

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Reminder: The club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Woody's Roadhouse Tavern, 105 Academy Street, Farmingdale, NJ 07727, Phone: 732.938.6404. Meetings start at 7:30 PM, but come early for dinner or bring your British car and talk shop in the parking lot.

LBC Classified Ads

If you would like to advertise your LBC in the PEDC newsletter, e:mail your ad, and photo, to Carol Kyle, Editor, carolkyle4@earthlink.net. Classified ads are **FREE** to PEDC members and run for three months or until your car is sold. Please let me know if you've sold what you were selling so the ads don't run needlessly. Ads will be dropped from the newsletter after three months unless I hear from you.



1985 TVR 280i, V-6, 2.8 Bosch-injected, four-wheel disk, power brakes, windows, antenna. Red convertible with black top, tan seats, signed by Trevor Williams. New tires & exhaust. Owned by current owner for 12 years. Garage-kept. 62,000 miles. \$9400, negotiable. Call Andy, 732.278.9125.



1976 MG Midget (50th Anniversary Edition). New alternator, battery, tie rods, water pump. No longer have storage so must sell quickly. Asking \$2750 but will consider offers over \$2500. Car is located in Brick, NJ. Call Peter, 732.503.5601. Photo courtesy of Peter Greco. More photos are located at http://photobucket.com/BrickMidget.





1990 Dodge D-250 Truck-Tow Vehicle. This truck is a true barn find, having traveled only 5,000 miles since new. It is in reality a new truck, powered by the famous Cummins diesel with an auto trans, P/S, P/B, and more. This truck could haul almost any LBC and trailer with ease. \$15,500.00. To make an appointment to view this spectacular vehicle, call Ed at 732. 240. 6758. Photos courtesy of Ed Jones.

Items for Sale

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Wicker Picnic/Wine Basket. Two place settings, suitcase style, varnished with leather hinges and latch, 16" W X 12" D X 7" H, complete with 2 mugs, 2 wine glasses, tablecloth, cheese board, paring knife, corkscrew/opener, and insulated thermal bottle pack. Unused, excellent condition. Price: \$120 + shipping. Call 610.296.4878 or 610.277.2121.

Hump-Top Wicker Picnic/Wine Basket. Two place settings, double-handle hamper style, varnished ivory color, ideal boat/auto presentation piece, fabric-lined, 15" W X 11" D X 13" H. Complete with 2 plates; 2 wine glasses; 2 knives, forks, and spoons; tablecloth; 2 napkins; cheese board; paring knife; corkscrew/opener; 2 food containers; and 1 exterior fabric bottle holder. Unused & perfect condition. Price: \$155 + shipping. Call 610.296.4878 or 610.277.2121.

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Two thermos bottles with cups, large food box container, all vertical in vintage carrying case with handles, 15" high X 12" wide X 5" thick, excellent condition, a fashionable beverage/snack accessory kit for any classic car or boat. Price: \$38 plus UPS shipping. Call 610.296.4878 or 610.272.2121 for photos or inquiries.



Picnic baskets fashioned for our LBCs come in all sizes, as evidenced here. **Above:** Rodney Ford's black TR7 at our 2011 Father's Day show in Spring Lake Heights. **Middle:** An MG TF enters the show field at our 2011 "Brits on the Beach" show in Ocean Grove. **Right:** Jeanne Miller's MGB shown during our 2011 fall foliage tour of Hunterdon County.







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Call for reservations: 732.899.3900; mention that you are a PEDC member.

Dinner seatings between 7-7:30 PM. Show begins at 9:15 PM, starring comic Vic Di Bitetto.

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Dinner Laughs

Rigatoni a la Vodka
Chicken Cordon Bleu w/Sweet Potato & Vegetable Medley
Grilled Salmon over Spinach w/Rice Pilaf
Grilled Porterhouse Steak w/Sweet Potato & Vegetable Medley

Curtain Call

Tiramisu Chocolate Mint Ice Cream Pie Cherry Pie











The Last Word: Get Out and Drive 'Em!





Above, left: Paul Johnson leaves the show field in "Rusty 1," his classic 1958 MGA Coupe, at our 2011 Father's Day show, Spring Lake Heights, NJ. He won 1st place in class at our 2011 "Brits on the Beach" show in Ocean Grove. **Above, right:** Mike Browne in his beautiful 1996 Mini Cabriolet pulls into the Jersey Freeze, Freehold, NJ, for our first ice cream run of the season, May 2011. Mike and Linda won 1st place in the Mini/Moke class at our 2011 "Brits on the Beach" show.

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