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Newsletter of the Positive Earth Driver's Club "It's not just a Club, it's an attitude"



Curing Cabin Fever

By Jon Spare



pring is finally here, and the long, cold, and excessively snowy winter is over! **WOO HOO!** For me, this was the most anticipated spring that I can remember. Having said that, I'm beginning to question my memory as I struggle to recall what I had for breakfast this morning. This failing on my part should not detract from the significance of this particular spring. I do remember all the snow we received, although I was out of town for every single snow storm this winter; lucky for me, not so for my wife, Cheryl. My TR7V8 was stuck in the garage from mid-December until February 26th. In our area, there are usually quite a few nice days throughout the winter that are conducive to driving our highly prized possessions. Not so, for this winter. I had to wait not only for all that dreaded snow to melt, but for a good rain to wash off all the salt.



My TR7V8 picturesquely positioned by the historic Pine Creek Railroad in Allaire State Park. That's PEDC Member Jim LuBrant's MGB is in the background.

February 26th was that day, being beautiful and sunny and more importantly, having dry, clean roads. That morning, I removed the cover, opened the garage door and proceeded to fire her up. I switched the key to "on," stepped on the pedal once and twisted the key to start. The engine cranked...and cranked but did not ignite. I gave it more gas and continued my starting efforts. Still nothing.

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Positive Earth Drivers' Club

Minutes of the PEDC General Meeting (March 2, 2011)



Submitted by Secretary Wayne Simpson

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM with 31 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Peter Richardson reports a balance of \$3242.30. This does not reflect a bill of \$350 for the Club insurance policy received tonight. Current Paid membership stands at 73 with the end of the renewal period rapidly approaching. We ended the year with 113 paid

Old Business

None recorded, unless you want to count our lack of a decision as to when to hold the proposed gathering at the Pine Creek Railroad at Allaire State Park.

New Business

Shore Antiques, April 17 British Invasion: Rose O'Connor Myer of Shore Antiques was to be with us tonight, but could not attend. Suffice it to say that this year's event will be similar to last year's, with the addition of a BBQ and beer garden hosted by the Volunteer Fire Company. Event begins at 12:00 noon. Rain date is April 24.

Ken Kyle reports he and Carol will host an **impromptu dinner at St Stephen's Publick House** in Spring Lake on March 10th. He also reported on the planned drive and tour of the **Simeone Museum in Philly** on March 26th. Further details will go out by global e-mail.

Ernie Caponegro reported on the planned April 23 drive to Renault Winery. He says weekend golf/room/dinner packages are available for those interested in that.

Bob Canfield tells us he'd like to host a drive to the **Edison Museum in West Orange**. The tentative date is June 26.

Altha Morton tells us she'd like to host a drive to the **Laurita Winery in New Egypt**. Tentative date is Aug. 13.

The final **Ice Cream Run** will be Thursday, Sept 15th. Not sure who is hosting that.

Shows: Cedarville Winery, Logan Twp, May 7. 16th Annual British Car Show, Lewes, DE, May 7. UPS United Way Car and Bike Show, Trenton, June 5. Hellertown, June 12. Our own Father's Day Show in Spring Lake, June 19. BMCSNJ annual show at NJ Motorosports Park, Oct 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.





FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT...

Rodney Ford, President







his month, there is more news from the British motor industry, good and bad. The bad news, Bristol Cars has been placed in administration, which is the equivalent to bankruptcy. Bristol Aeroplane Company produced several highly effective aircraft during WWII. As part of reparations after the war, Bristol received from Germany, the tooling for the BMW 328 and began manufacturing cars in 1946. Bristol has been called the "Gentleman's Express." They have not advertised or released production numbers. The media was not allowed to road test any vehicles. The product line consisted of two models sold through a single showroom on Kensington High Street in West London. Every vehicle was built to order. The Blenheim, was a classic appearing but modern 2+2 coupe. If you watched "Inspector Lynley" on Masterpiece Theater, you saw the Blenheim driven by the main character. The other model was called the Fighter T. A super car second to none! Power came from twin turbo charged

Dodge Viper V-10 estimated at well over 1000 HP. Alas, another storied British marque is gone.

There is good news however, Lotus has announced 6 new models. Spyker Cars of Holland is moving production of their supercar to Coventry. The more significant news comes from MG. They have been building small batches of the mid engine MG TF for the last three years. That production will increase and a new four door hatchback, the MG 6 will be released shortly.



A Bristol Fighter T, a unique super car that pumps out gobs of horsepower

"Power came from twin turbo charged Dodge Viper V-10 estimated at well over 1000 HP."

Who are the largest automobile manufacturers in England? Toyota, Honda and Nissan. The largest British based marque? It might just be the London Taxi Company of Coventry! Yes, they really do build in England and have done so for 60 years. Other contenders include Morgan (of course), Mclaren, Noble, Caterham, Westfield, Ariel, Ginnetta and Ascari. Fans of Top Gear will recognize the names. Bentley, Rolls, Jaguar, Land Rover and Mini, all foreign owned. Aston Martin ownership is multinational. Don't count AC Cars as they are now being made in Germany. What about TVR? There is a report that an un-named entity is hoping to resurrect the company.



A London Taxi built in Coventry, but where was this picture taken? Clue: look at the license plate



This new MG 6, a four-door hatchback will soon hit the roads



A Caterham sports car parked on the streets of London, England

FROM THE NAVIGATOR'S SEAT...

Mike Browne, Vice President





who have cars of all different British marques, I know a lot of us belong to organizations specifically for our particular marque and sometimes attend events that are marque specific. There has been this mini event in Florida that's been held in February for the last 15 years, and I have always wanted to attend. When I was working, I simply didn't have that time off in order to go. Now, since Linda and I are retired, the possibility of attending this event in February is possible. However,

for the past four years or so, something has always come up to prevent us from going. This year, we went to it.

The Spring Thing (as the mini event is called) is usually held the 3rd or 4th weekend in February. We thought we could incorporate this event into a month long visit to the Sunshine State. We packed up our motorhome, hooked my trailer on the back of it, and put the green mini on the trailer...and on February 14th...OFF WE WENT ON OUR GREAT ADVENTURE!! It took us two days to get down to Cocoa Beach where the event was held. We stayed there for a little over a week at Jetty Park campground. It's right across a channel from Cape Canaveral. The weather was great. It was sunny and the temps ranged from 72 to 78 degrees. We relaxed and saw the local sites for the first few days. Then on Friday, the 18th, registration was at the International Palms Resort from 3:30 to 6:30. There was a short "meet and greet" at the resort. About 80 classic minis were in attendance. From there, most of the classic minis lined up to drive to "Fish Lips," a waterfront bar/restaurant. It was quite a sight to see that many minis park at a restaurant's parking lot! There, we mingled and met the other mini owners and enjoyed a good seafood meal. On the next morning, there was a swap meet in the resort parking lot from 8am till 10:30 or so. Lots of new and used parts for minis were available for purchase. Then at 10:30, a drivers meeting was held in preparation for the Rally which was to follow. Eighty minis lined up, were handed their instructions/directions sheets...and off we went. We followed the directions, filling in answers to questions that had to be answered by driving the specific route. It was cool seeing all those classic minis driving on the same roads, following the same route. You could always tell when someone missed a question and had to turn around to get the answer. There were enough minis, traffic lights, and questions to space the cars out so that one could not simply follow the other cars to complete the Rally. Besides, to win the Rally, you had to not simply drive the route....YOU HAD TO ANSWER THE OUESTIONS!!! The Rally lasted two and a half to three

"...You could always tell when someone missed a question and had to turn around to get the answer."



hours going through neighborhoods, through towns, across bridges, seeing the local sights all the while. There were about 75 questions that had to be answered!! There is no way that one person driving could do this. To do this kind of thing well, you absolutely need a navigator!! Linda did a great job!! We came in second place **THANKS TO LINDA's PERSERVERANCE!!** The Rally ended up at a large

open beachfront pavilion for a catered lunch.

Afterward, everyone went back to the resort to relax. Around 3:30 we lined up again to go to a local cruise that was held in a parking lot of a shopping center about seven or eight miles away. You haven't lived until you have seen the expressions on faces of people when 80 classic minis pull into a show together....and we squeezed into 40 parking spaces!!!! GREAT FUN!!

Sunday was the all mini car show. The show started at 8:30am. The resort parking lot was large enough that a Funkana was going on at the same time. There were minis of every description. Mini Saloons, mini clubmans, Travellers, Vans, Pickups, Convertibles, Honda V-Tech conversions, heavily modified minis, custom minis, Riley Elfs, Wolsely Hornets, and virtually every variant of mini EVER MADE!! There was even a Mini "rat rod" there!! It was quite interesting. The awards were given out and by 1:30 the event was over. This was nice since a number of people had a long drive home.

All in all, it was a very well organized event. Being a multi-day event, there was a lot planned. It was a lot of fun and we hope to go again next year.



A radically customized Mini with suicide doors!

Cabin Fever Cure Continued...

The crankings were getting slower, signifying the draining of the battery. I had diligently kept the battery charged throughout my car's confinement this winter, but there was not enough juice to get it going this particular morning. I had planned on driving it to McGuire Air Force Base where I was attending the retirement ceremony of a friend who was completing 38 years of service in the Air Force. Oh well, I hooked up the trickle charger to the battery and instead drove my Honda.

Upon my return home, I disconnected the charger, sat myself behind the wheel and once again attempted to bring that 3.5 liter aluminum block V8 engine to life. Thinking I may have flooded the four-barrel Holley carburetor, I held the gas pedal completely to the floor and turned the key. It cranked, this time with more gusto, and then, it roared to life. Smoke bellowed out the dual exhaust, indicating I had flooded the carburetor. The smoke soon cleared, and the engine settled into a healthy rumble. I backed her out of the garage and took her on the open road. I sometimes refer to my Triumph as my decompression chamber since the mere act of driving her alleviates any pent up stress. I proceeded to drive my wedge in and around Howell, NJ. I had just over half a tank of gas and decided to stop at the WaWa gas station on Route 9 South in Howell for a fill up of fresh premium gasoline, or actually the ethanol we are now forced to buy. I got out of the car to add some STA-BIL fuel stabilizer before the attendant started pumping the fuel. He gave my car a curious look and asked, "Who makes this car?" He must have missed the "TRIUMPH" decal on the back. I told him that Triumph was its manufacturer. He responded with, "OH, they make motorcycles and cars?" I briefly explained the plight of the Triumph and drove a meandering route home before I put my wedge back to bed. It was a short drive but satisfying nonetheless. I'm looking forward to more wedge car driving opportunities.

As I write this article, it's pouring down rain, but tomorrow is forecast to be beautiful and sunny. Tomorrow is also my 25-year anniversary. Fortunately my failing memory hasn't progressed to the point of forgetting our anniversary, which would surely be a fatal error. Cheryl and I are planning to drive the Triumph when we go out to dinner to celebrate. We're planning on a rather long drive, to my hometown of Doylestown possibly. Just 25 years ago, we left the church in my 1981 fuel injected Bordeaux red TR7 as newlyweds. Time flies by, doesn't it?

Hopefully your experiences involved in getting your vehicles road worthy are uneventful. Feel free to send me a short description of what you went through to get your car on the road this season and describe the exhilaration you felt while driving after the winter's hiatus. E-mail your stories to me at jonspare@optonline.net or wedgedude777@gmail.com. If I receive enough of a response, I'll compile all your accounts into an article for May's issue. As an example, here's what our secretary, Wayne Simpson, experienced while taking his car out for the first time this season:

"It was 66 degrees in New Jersey on February 19, a welcome break from an uncharacteristically cold and snowy winter, so we took the TR7 out of storage for the afternoon and went for a drive to Holgate at the far southern tip of Long Beach Island, sort of the Land's End of Long Beach Island. After four months of storage, the engine fired immediately (row, row, row, brrrooom!). The car ran great, smooth and cool at 70 MPH on the Parkway, but it sounds best a bit slower where you can get it in that sweet spot at about 2100 RPM. That's where the exhaust resonates and sounds oh, so sweet. You wonder where these cars got their bad reputation. The wind and cold returned the following day, but we were glad for the brief respite from the gloom. Life was good today." - Wayne Simpson



Wayne Simpson took this photograph of his 1980 Inca yellow TR7 in the parking lot of a designated nature area in Holgate, the southern most tip of Long Beach Island. He took advantage of a brief respite of our unusually harsh winter to take his wedge car for a drive.



What time is it? It's springtime! Or time to revive your hibernating British cars and hit the open road. Get out there, show off your cars & promote British motoring.



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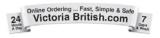
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If you have any unique, seldom used specialty tools that you'd be willing to share with other club members, let me know, and I'll post it here. This is an opportunity for members to help members.

Manual Tire Changer. Contact Scott Erichsen at josco@optonline.net

Triumph Spitfire Spring Compressor. Rich Kohlhepp has manufactured a specialty tool to replace the coil over shocks on a Spitfire, and he's willing to lend it to PEDC members. Contact Rich via e-mail at krak1804@hotmail.com if you 're in need.

Bob Canfield has offered to loan the following tools to other members. Contact him at **joisuzu@optonline.net** if you're interested.

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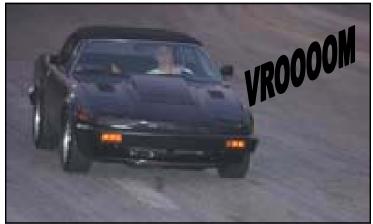
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Rescue Me!

By Wayne Simpson

EDC Old Timers may remember "Rescue Me" as a semiregular feature from back in the Dark Ages when I was editor. With the advent of better cameras in today's cell phones, I'm better prepared to take pictures at a moment's notice, so I'm more inclined to stop when I see these sorry vehicles in my travels.

Both of these cars are located at the AJV Auto Mall is South Plainfield. This is on the way to my in-laws and I've been passing the Mini for months, but last week curiosity finally got the better of me, and I stopped in to see. In doing so, I found an even more interesting car sitting nearby. First, the Mini.



This is a Mini Cooper 1275, right hand drive, in a sorry state. The interior looks good, but there is pretty severe rust in the rocker panels. The rear bumper is missing, but perhaps it is still with the car somewhere. I don't know the car's age. The car is owned by the dealership's owner, who claims a desire to restore it but no time to do so. Someone with knowledge of these cars could possibly spring it for a reasonable price.



The second, arguably more interesting car is a Lotus Eclat, the fastback version of the Elite. This car is owned by the dealer's Father (who also works there) and is definitely for sale. The catch here is the car is missing the complete interior. The owner claims this was stolen from the shop that was restoring the interior components. He claims that \$3000 will buy a complete new interior, and that the Series 900 engine ran well when the car was parked an indefinite

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length of time ago. The asking price on the Lotus is \$4000.

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Show/Event Schedule for 2011

<u>April</u>

4/16 British Car Show, 615 East Moss Mill Road, Historic Smithville, NJ, Rain date 4/23, info: (609) 748-8999

May

- 5/7: **Britfest '11,** Succasunna, NJ Host: MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre, Club website: www.mgccnj.org, for more info: Charles Tregidgo, (201) 791-6675 days or email: c.tregidgo@gmail.com
- 5/7: **16**th **Annual Lewes British Motorcar Show**, Lewes, DE, Sponsored by the Lewes Chamber of Commerce, info: email: inquiry@leweschamber.com, , Phone: 302-645-8073
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- 5/28-6/5: **British Car Week**, Everywhere

June

- 6/4: Cars and Motorcycles of England, Oakbourne Mansion in Westtown, PA, Host: Del Valley Triumphs, Info: Contact Bruce Schechter email: bschechter@comcast.net, registration form: Download flyer
- 6/5: **16th Annual Red Mill British Car Day**, Red Mill Museum Village, 56 Main Street, Clinton, NJ, sponsored by the M.G. Drivers Club of North America, limited to 100 pre-registered British vehicles due to the size of the show grounds. Info and application: Richard Miller 908-713-6251 or mgdriversclub@hotmail.com, Website: www.mgdriversclub.com
- 6/5: UPS United Way Car & Bike Show, 4 Fairgrounds Rd., Trenton, NJ, Info: http://unwupscarshow.info/
- 6/12: **18**th **Annual British Motorcar Gathering**, Host: Keystone Region MG Club, Reservoir Park., Hellerstown, PA, Club/Event Website: www.keystonemg.com...

August

- 8/6 7th Annual Pennypacker Mills British Car Day, Hosted by the Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter, Pennypacker Mills Historic Site along the Perkiomen Creek just below Schwenksville, PA. For more information: http://www.dvcmg.com/
- 8/12-13 **The Roadster Factory Summer Party**, Armagh, PA. Hosted by the Roadster Factory. For more information: http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/

October

10/1: **British Motor Club of Southern NJ Annual Show**, NJ Motorsports Park, info: www.bmcsnj.org, for additional info, contact show coordinator Ted Lane, lanead@comcast.net, 856-691-6631

November

11/5 **16th Annual Pumpkin Run,** Flemings Auto Parts, 353 Zion Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ, 8AM—4PM, Rain date: 11/12, for general information call Harry @ (609) 927-9541 or Barbara @ (609) 381-7686

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April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				٩	1 Opening Day Philies	2
3	4	5	6 Meeting at Woody's 7:30pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 All Things British @ Shore Antique Center	18	19	20	21	22	23 Renault Winery Drive
24 Happy Easter	25	26	27	28	29	30

2011 PEDC Schedule of Events:

<u>April</u>

4/6 Membership Meeting **4/17** All Things British at

Shore Antique Center in Allenhurst **4/23** Drive to Renault Winery (Caponegro)



5/4 Membership Meeting

5/19 1st Ice Cream Run, Jersey Freeze (Simpson)

5/? NJ Air Museum Tour (Spare)

<u>Jun</u>e

6/1 Membership Meeting

6/19 Father's Day Show in Spring lake

6/23 2nd Ice Cream Run, Carousel (Ford)

July

7/6 Membership Meeting

7/21 3rd Ice Cream TBA (Moutenot)

<u>August</u>

8/3 Membership Meeting **8/18** 4th Ice Cream Run TBA

September

9/7 Membership Meeting

9/15 Final Ice Cream Run TBA

9/17 Ocean Grove Show

There's still room on this season's schedule for additional drives/events. If you have an idea for a drive and would like to host it, please bring it up at the next meeting or contact a club officer.

October

10/5 Membership Meeting **10/?** Fall Foliage Drive (?)

November

11/2 Membership Meeting

December

12/? Holiday party



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Mike & Linda Browne hobnobbing with the Phanatic

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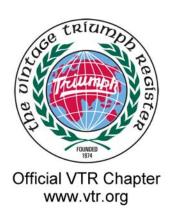
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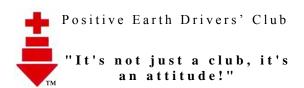


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