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Important Dates to Remember

- June 1: Covered bridge drive, Bucks County, PA. See pages 3 & 12 for details.
- June 4: Monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM.
- June 7: Drive to Princeton, NJ. See page 19 for details.
- June 12: Ice cream run to Hoffman's, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ.
- June 15: Father's Day show & BBQ, Spring Lake Heights, NJ. See page 7 for details.
- June 26: Ice cream run to Sundae's, Wall, NJ.

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







Life Lessons Learned from Owning an LBC

a tribute to my dad

Art Becker



OCCASIONALLY WE ALL LOOK BACK

into our life's journeys and remember some fond or not so fond memories. Some of the memories are filled with fun, and some may be of trying times; nonetheless, there is value in all of them. Somehow as I age and rethink some of those times I have a different, much deeper understanding of the lessons learned under the surface of the event. Two of my personality traits are perseverance and the desire to "fix" problems or things. My dad was a great fix-it guy, so I am sure he had an influence on these traits. I now realize that another big influence on my fix-it and perseverance attributes was the latent result of little British car (LBC) ownership.

My first car was a 1960 Austin-Healey Bugeye Sprite, which put me to work day one, testing my fix-it ability and perseverance. Let's go back to 1968 when I was in college and had a full head of hair, long hair. My sister had a roommate, Terri, who had to be very cool even though I never met her. My opinion of Terri's coolness was totally justified because she owned a 1960 AH Bugeye Sprite, and anyone who owned an LBC, especially a Bugeye, had to be cool as a prerequisite to ownership. I remember seeing the car for the first time, and I was in awe. My sister told Terri, "My brother really loves your car and really envies you." I don't know what Terri thought of my lust for her car, but at least she knew I was cool to recognize the elite status associated with LBC ownership.

Other very cool people owned Bugeye Sprites too. I was going to Rutgers University in New Brunswick, and there was a guy in a fraternity who had an awesome Bugeye with Minilite wheels. Being in a frat house and owning a

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Photos above from March 1968. *Left* is my dad and cousin, David. *Right* is my mom and brother, Bob (standing left) surrounded by my cousins. *Photos and caption courtesy of Art Becker.*

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Bugeye with Minilites made you exceptionally cool and a big man on campus (BMOC) as well (note that BMC is in BMOC). I could never be that cool.

A Dream Come True

Late in the spring of 1968 I received a call from my sister, a life changing call. The conversation started with all the usual greetings, how have you been, small talk, etc. Okay, now we get to the reason for the call. Nonchalantly my sister tells me, "Terri wants to sell her car. It's at a gas station in Montclair, and she owes the station owner \$48.00 for a repair on the car. Terri said if you pay the bill you can have the car."

My mind immediately went into overdrive. Is this a dream? I don't want to wake up. Forty eight bucks! Where can I find that kind of cash? How quickly can I borrow the money and get there before this unbelievable bargain is scooped up by someone else? I have to ask dad's permission. I am in mental overload trying to keep my wits about me. I blurted out,"Tell her I will pay the bill. Where is it?"

Mom and dad were away for the weekend, so I collect my thoughts and get organized for the sales pitch to the old man. I will have to make sure he understands the real value in this transaction and how cool I will be if I own this LBC. He preaches good value to me in purchasing things, and, having spent a lot of time in England during WWII practicing for the Invasion, he has seen LBCs up close and personal, I am sure. This is a slam dunk; of course he will say yes!

Making My Move

OK, now for the long-distance call to my cousin's house on Long Island, where my parents were. I have to keep it short because toll calls back in the day weren't cheap. Short it was, real short. "Art, you are not buying some damn British car. Forget it. See you tomorrow night when we get home." Wow, this is bad. I need some understanding, some compassion

to help me through this difficult time. I know! I will call Don Andrews. His mom has an MGTD, and Don and I have enjoyed a few rides in it. Don will console me. So I call Don and give him the scoop on the Bugeye, that is, my conversation with dad and his edict "no British cars." Don, being the good friend that he was, tells me, "If you want to buy it, you can store it at my house so your dad won't know you bought it." What a guy, what a friend.

After much thought and serious consideration I decide I can't pass up this deal, so I have to make this happen and elevate my status in the cool arena. I called the station owner and ask him if I can come and get the car tomorrow, Sunday. He says, "We aren't open, but slip an envelope under the front door with \$48.00 in it and I will leave the keys in the car." Wow, a cooperative station owner!

Starting Her Up

Sunday morning Don and I drive my dad's Rambler Classic 770 (don't laugh, it had a 290 CI V8 in it) to the station. Don is the lucky guy because he has to drive the Bugeye home as I can't let Don drive dad's car-strictly forbidden! OK start that machine up. A turn of the ignition key. Nothing. Little did I know I am on the LBC learning curve already, and I have owned the car less than five minutes. Don and I were prepared with jumper cables. So the Rambler throws a life line to the Bugeye, and nothing happens. Now we are getting concerned. I remember seeing dad take a hammer and gently tap the starter on a 1954 Mercury to persuade the starter to turn. Let's try it. Bang. bang, and the Sprite fires. We are ecstatic. Let's get this bad boy on the

All the gauges appeared to be working except the tachometer (probably some small issue). Lesson two: no small issue, as I later learn how much a tach drive costs for a Bugeye. We get on the road, but the gas gauge says we need gas. We find a station and fuel up. Again, we jump the Bugeye, bang on

the starter, and away we go for the hour ride back to my house. I am following Don in the Bugeye, and then I pass him so I can get every angle of this beauty going down the highway. I see a few cars pass by and really take a good look at the Bugeye. I want to say, "Hey that's my car!" I'm proud as can be.

Something's Not Quite Right

Finally we get to my house and Don says, "Jump in the Sprite. Let's go to my house to get the TD, and we'll tear up the roads." We are psyched! Don jumps in the TD, and I am in my LBC. We're on some back roads in Randolph, NJ ready to put these LBCs through their paces. Wow, this is unreal. Well it was for about three miles. We make a left onto Mendham Road, and I wind the Sprite up and shift to second gear. The engine revs but the car doesn't respond. Don is pulling away in the TD as I pull over to the side of the road. This must be something simple. I place it in first gear, let out the clutch, and the car just sits there. Not good. I hear Don coming back in the TD. He pulls over and we assess the situation. It appears this is no simple problem, as Don looks under the car and informs me the drive shaft is turning but I am not moving. Houston, we have a problem. As we secure the car and Don drives me home in the TD, I realize this is not good.

Dad and mom are on the way home from Long Island, and all I can hear in my head is, "Art, you are not buying some damn British car. Forget it." How am I going to fess up to this? I have no idea what is really wrong with the car and how to fix it. I am in deep p__p here. I get home and immediately make sure the house is in perfect order, as I was staying alone that weekend. Dishes washed, bed made, all that important stuff that I know will be crucial to my pleading for mercy.

Mom and dad get home, and all is well. The place looks great. Mom asks if I had a good weekend. I say yes, as I worked all day Saturday at the ACME and spent the day with Don on Sunday—a blissful

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From the Driver's Seat

Mark Berkowsky, President

THE DRIVING SEASON

this past month has been great with only a little rain for our ice cream run to TK's in Cream Ridge. It was good to see some familiar faces, especially some who had been wintering in Florida. Our first rally of this year, the War of the Worlds, was held on a sunny morning. Thanks to Ken and Carol for hosting the ice cream run and Barry for running the rally. We'll discuss rally winners at our next meeting.

By the time you read this another ice cream run will be here, May 29th. We are hoping you'll have a nice drive to Gil & Bert's in Cranbury. Last year we had a real downpour as those brave souls who trekked here arrived.

Covered Bridge Drive

Our next major drive, the Covered Bridge Drive to Bucks County, PA, will be held Sunday, June 1st. Nadine and I are hosting this one, and it is broken down into three segments.

The first leg of the trip starts

in the center of Hightstown in the municipal parking lot. We will meet at 9:00 AM and leave at 9:30 AM for Washington Crossing Historic Park (the PA side of the Delaware River). The trip winds through the back roads of Mercer County in areas that many of you haven't seen before. We anticipate arriving at the park by 10:30 AM. The visitor center, which has public restrooms, opens at 10:00 AM.

The second leg is the tour of five covered bridges. We will leave the parking lot of the visitor center by 11:00 AM, and it should take about 1½ hours. We plan to stop at a restaurant in Black Eddy, PA about five minutes south of the bridge to Frenchtown. The venue is an Italian restaurant, a BYOB, should you like a glass of wine or a beer.

After lunch we will head out for the third leg of the trip back to Hightstown, this time on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River. We will take some back roads down to Stockton and Lambertville and on to Hopewell. Then we'll travel through Rocky Hill and Cranbury and back to Hightstown. Most of the trip is on back roads, traveling through much of New Jersey's undeveloped areas and farmlands—for you former city slickers and those from the east side of the state.

Most of the three legs of the trip avoid major highways, and we will be driving at speeds of 50 mph or less for those of you who are concerned with highway speeds in your LBCs. When we drive through Bucks County and the covered bridges we will be traveling much slower. Feel free to join us anywhere along the drive. If our group gets too large we'll break up into several groups to avoid confusion. Make sure to bring your walkie-talkies if you have them so you can tune in to the group. Also I will be handling out step-by-step directions at our two meeting spots, in case you get lost and lose the group.

The only issue will be the weather. The trip is on if it's a dry day. If it rains we will cancel, since rain will spoil the beauty and fun of the drive. Let me know if you'll be joining us so we can do some planning and send out status reports in case the weather doesn't cooperate mmberky@comcast.net, cell 908.715.1787.

If we don't see you in a covered bridge on June 1st, we hope to see you June 4th at Woody's. ■



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Mark and Nadine leave the Shore Antique Center in Allenhurst, April 2014, **left**. The re-chromed bumpers are lookin' really good!

From the Navigator's Seat

Bob Canfield, Vice President



Inconsistently Reliable

In 1973 when I owned my first 1966 Spitfire, I carried tools, spare parts, and a heavy rope in my boot. When I broke down (notice I didn't say if) I would do my best to patch things up by the side of the road. If I failed, I could call a friend for a tow home with the big rope I carried. I also had a spare engine always ready in my parent's garage, and I admit I used it a couple of times. My father suggested I assemble everything with wing nuts so I could take things apart without wrenches. Even though I loved the ride, I knew I had many more headaches than my American-car friends.

Fast forward to 2012. After a few years of working on my current 1966 Spitfire I had enough confidence to take it on the America's British Reliability Run, where it made the 750-mile run without incident (or the need for a tow rope). I was amazed that all 15 LBCs made that trip without a hitch. Truly this

is evidence that with some patience, dedication, and appropriate funds these much-maligned cars can be very reliable.

A few weeks ago I joined a group of PEDCers on an escape weekend to the Lewes, Delaware British car show, "The British Are Coming." The nine cars that made the trip were all wellmaintained and driven with love, but during the trip three of the cars developed issues. One of them was mine. Coming back from dinner on Friday I noticed my gauges went to zero, my blinkers and brake lights stopped working, and my windshield wipers would not move. Over the next two days I realized that if I reached down under the dash and jiggled the fuses and connections, everything would work again (for awhile). So I guess I have concluded that my LBCs are "inconsistently reliable."

Brits on the Beach 2014

As of this writing I have 33 cars registered and 8 trophy classes sold. We are on target with last year at this time. The forms for registration and sponsorship are now on the PEDC website.

One thing to bear in mind... when you register you should get an e-mail or phone call to confirm that I have your registration. Important Note: If you do not receive an e-mail or phone call within 2-3 weeks of sending in your Brits registration form, then you are not registered. In the past we

had several drivers arrive at the show only to find that we had never received their registration form and check.

I will soon be reaching out to members to take the ministry roles for show activities (parking/gate, registration table, set-up/take-down, raffle table, and ballot tabulation). If you are interested in taking command of one of the activities please let me know. As usual I am looking to get

some new members involved.

I am officially on the hunt for raffle prizes, goodie-bag items, and trophy sponsors. Please ask your favorite restaurants, stores, banks, car washes, etc., for donations.

Happy summer! Is it OK to put away my snow shovel now? ■



Above: Bob and and his childhood friend and navigator, Chip, bring up the rear at the parade in downtown Lewes. The parade concluded the 19th Annual Lewes British Motorcar Show, "The British Are Coming." **Below**: Five little British cars (LBCs) in tight formation on the way to Lewes for the weekend. Photo taken from Ken Kyle's large British car by Carol Kyle, who was waiting for the perfect alignment, shot through a Jaguar XK8 windshield on a bumpy road going 50+ mph. It was a fun drive from Chatsworth to Cape May.



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weekend. Dad mentions the car and says, "I don't want you driving any of the foreign junk. Maybe you can get a car this summer, a real car, an American car." I see this as a bad time for any true confessions, so I go to bed with a heavy heart and terror in my mind.

Fessing Up

Monday night dinner seemed to be a good time to maybe work into the LBC issue as my vounger brother will be at the table for support and mom will be close by to rein dad in if necessary. OK. I make the decision to stand tall at dinner and take it like a man. Dad gets home from work, mom is making dinner, and I sense a possible chance to relieve dad from the stress of the job with a little small talk about cars in general and how they work. The conversation is going well, and I tell dad I have a friend with a car problem. It seems the car would run and the driveshaft would turn, but the car wouldn't move. My dad was very knowledgeable about cars, so I waited for his response and the learning associated with it.

After a brief moment he answered, "You bought that damn British car, didn't you?" I could feel the blood leaving my head. Oh crap, I am done. Well, dad, I did. I am sorry but you have to understand this was a once-in-a-lifetime chance to own a sports car. His response: "Where is the damn thing?" I explained it was stuck on Mendham Road and that the story about my friend was really my story and the car was not moving. "Bad rear or broken axle" was his response. Then he says, much to my surprise, "Let's go get it after dinner. I will tow you home." Tow me he did, with a rope, some three miles back to the house.

Good Old Dad

What a break. He understands. He isn't happy, but he is cooperative. This is great. Dad helped me fix the rear, as a friend of mine had a complete rear end, so we swapped it out in our driveway. There were a number of issues after this

one that dad helped me with. Blown cluster gear in transmission, brake issues, and of course electrical issues. We had some great fun working on the LBC together, or should I say that damn British car.

I won dad over, as he surprised me a few years later when he bought me a 1964 MG Midget MKII with a 1098 cc engine. The car was perfect. He saw it in the paper and was the first person at the buyer's house. Dad paid \$450.00 for it. What a deal. That was good bye to my Bugeye and the beginning of another LBC experience. So, lessons learned . . . perseverance from all the repairs that were constantly needed in the formative LBC years and how to "fix" problems. Not just mechanical problems but life problems. How to face difficult situations and persevere though them. Dad is gone now, but his influence will be with me forever. I converted him, although he probably wouldn't admit it. He really loved those damn British cars.



Art still loves British cars; in fact, here is one from his current collection: his 1969 TVR Tuscan V-8, shown **above** and **below** at our Brits on the Beach 2013 show where he won the TVR class. Art also owns a 1969 TVR Vixen and a 2009 Aston Martin Vantage. His dad would be proud.



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The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Mark Berkowsky with 39 members present. A motion to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2014 meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andy Moutenot reported that there was a balance in the account of \$4,905.78, with 139 members paid up. This amount includes 18 registrations and 4 sponsors paid up for our September car show.

Newsletter

Carol Kyle still needs submissions from members for future newsletters.

Regalia

President Mark reminded members to get their orders in to our Regalia Queen, Karen Moutenot, for regalia items to be delivered at the next meeting.

Old Business

President Mark announced that the new directory has been published.

Ken Kyle reported on the brunch at The Mill in Spring Lake Heights. There was a good turnout, and a good time was had by all.

Ernie Caponegro reported that 24 cars showed up and \$542 was raised at the April 12th Brick PAL car show and BBQ.

Pat Wignall reported on the April 27th Shore Antique Center car show. A band played, and 20 cars showed.

The Lewes, DE, British car show was attended by 9 PEDC cars and 18 members.



Minutes of the PEDC General Meeting May 7, 2014

Submitted by Jay G. Helt, Secretary

Mike Brown and "Olive" won the Premier Class.

New Business

Ken Kyle announced that he and Carol are hosting an ice cream run to TK's on Route 539 in Cream Ridge, May 15th at 7 PM.

Barry Shandler announced the "War of the Worlds" Rally that he is organizing, to be held on Sunday, May 18th. The rally will start in Jamesburg.

May 29th will be an ice cream run to Gil & Bert's in Cranbury, hosted by Mark and Nadine Berkowsky.

The club's annual Father's Day Show will be on Sunday, June 15th, with a BBQ to follow at the home of Paul and Mary Johnson.

Wayne Simpson announced a run to see the Trenton

Thunder on Sunday, July 13^{th.} The price to get in is \$8pp, and we will park in a protected area.

Saturday, September 20th, will be our annual Ocean Grove Car Show, Brits on the Beach. Vice President Bob Canfield will not be able to be there as he has a family wedding to attend; therefore, more volunteers will be needed on that day to help.

Projects

John "Call me Jack" Kelly's MGB-GT is getting the head re-torqued and new tires. President Mark's re-chromed bumpers have finally been installed on his Spitfire.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. ■







Scenes from the Allenhurst show: Jack Kelly stands beside his pride and joy, his 1971 MGB-GT. Jack is the original owner and has been working hard to get the GT on the road again after many years out of service. Lineup of LBCs. RBMGB. Ken Wignall in his Austin-Healey 3000 Mk II.





For MGBRB Owners: An Idea Whose Time Has Come

Barry Shandler

This past winter I was contemplating what else I could do to my MGB that would make it look better or run better. Well, look better won out. I have always thought that MGBs with rubber bumpers did not look very good because there was just too much black in the front end. The thought came to me, "What if the air dam were painted the body color? It might make the car look much brighter." So I invested \$150 and sent the black air dam to a local body shop to be painted. Using their computer they matched the color and gave the air dam back to me in a week. I think the results justified the investment. Just compare the before (right) and after (above) photos. From now on it will be easy to pick out my car in a lineup of MGBRBs at our local car shows. *Photos courtesy of Barry Shandler*.



PEDC 13TH ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY SHOW

Sunday, June 15, 2014

Joseph E. Robertson Park, Allaire Road, Spring Lake Heights, NJ, 10 AM – 1 PM Ken & Pat Wignall, Hosts. BBQ afterward at Paul & Mary Johnson's home.







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Left: Mark and Nadine Berkowsky follow Andy and Karen Moutenot heading toward Chatsworth, NJ to meet up with the rest of the gang going to Lewes for the weekend. Bringing up the rear, and not shown, are Ken and Carol Kyle. Andy's 1960 MGA, one of two on our trip. See pp 9-11 for more PEDC Lewes photos and page 22 for photos of other show participants in the parade.

"The British Are Coming" Motorcar Show ~ Lewes, DE

saturday, may 3, 2014

Right: Tom and Alice Albertalli waiting to board the ferry from Cape May, NJ to Lewes, DE. Eight PEDC LBCs took the 2:30 PM sail. Russ Sharples's 1960 MGA. **Below**: Ken Kyle, Mort Resnicoff, and Andy Moutenot on the ferry. Andy's MGA and Mort's 1950 MG TD during a stop for gas.









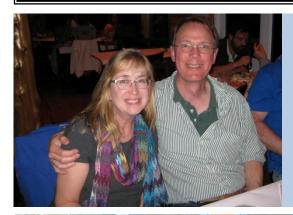


Left: A stop for lunch at the Lobster Shanty in Cape May. Below: Russ helps Andy with a clutch problem while waiting to board the ferry. What's a PEDC outing without a little mishap? The Kyles' check engine light came on in their 2005 Jaguar XK8, but all worked out for the duration of the trip.



"The British Are Coming" Motorcar Show (Continued)

saturday, may 3, 2014



Left: Russ and Pam Sharples. Pam drove down from East Windsor, NJ in Friday afternoon rush-hour traffic to join Russ and the rest of us for dinner on Fenwick Island, DE. What a good sport. Below left, front row. Nadine Berkowsky, Karen Moutenot, Fredda Fine, and Carol Kyle. Back row: Andy Moutenot, Bob Canfield, Ken Kyle, Russ Sharples, and Mort Resnicoff. Missing are Pam Sharples, Mark Berkowsky, Ian and Sue Robinson, Tom and Alice Albertalli, and Bob's friend Chip. Right: Sign for the Blue Sea Café in downtown Lewes, just a short walk from the show field and a great place for breakfast. Below right: The interesting suspension bridge going over to Fenwick Island. On the way back it was lit up with cobalt blue lights—beautiful!







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"The British Are Coming" Motorcar Show (Continued)

saturday, may 3, 2014

Go Bertie and Olive!

A proud Ian and Sue Robinson, above, drive along Second Street in downtown Lewes with "Bertie," their 1924 Bullnose Morris Cowley, which stole the show. Not surprisingly Bertie won his class, amidst stiff competition, considering the class was for British cars built between 1900 and 1956. (Unlike our Brits on the Beach show, the DE show organizes cars by year rather than by marque.) Also shown is a detail of Bertie's lovely wooden dashboard. Ian and Sue leave the show field to queue up for the parade. **Right and below**: Mike Browne and friend travel down Second Street in "Olive," another showstopper, which won the Premier Class. Mike bought Olive from Ian and did numerous restorations to her last year.





"The British Are Coming" Motorcar Show (Continued)

saturday, may 3, 2014











Clockwise from top left: Mort stands alongside his 1950 MG TD on the way to Cape May. Mort and Fredda on the ferry. Andy and Ken in downtown Lewes before heading back to the show field. Tom Albertalli's 1980 MGB. A pair of Spitfires: Mark Berkowsky's with the rechromed bumpers and Bob Canfield's with bonnet up. Mark and Bob watch as Russ helps Andy with a clutch problem on his MGA. Fortunately it did not cause a breakdown during the trip. Note: More photos of the parade down Second Street in Lewes continued on page 22.





PEDC Covered Bridge Drive

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2014
MARK AND NADINE BERKOWSKY, HOSTS

The drive starts in Hightstown, NJ at 9:00 AM. See Mark's "From the Driver's Seat" column on page 3 for details.

Below are three of the five covered bridges that we'll drive through in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Left to right: Frankenfield, Cabin Run, and Van Sant. Photos courtesy of wikipedia.com.







July 13th is Car Club Day at Trenton Thunder!

- Trenton Thunder vs. Akron Rubber Ducks
- Game time: 1:00 PM; arrive at the park anytime after 10:00 AM.
- Car show is in the executive parking lot nearest the stadium in a controlled and supervised area.
- Tickets are just \$8 per person, with free parking for show cars.



Advance Reservation Required. Ticket reservations must be made by June 21st. Print this page, fill in the form below, and send your check (payable to PEDC) to: PEDC Trenton Thunder, P.O. Box 325, Cranbury, NJ 08512. You can also hand your form & check to any officer at any club meeting or event. For further info, contact Wayne Simpson by e-mail at wmsimpson@verizon.net or phone, 732.477.3878.

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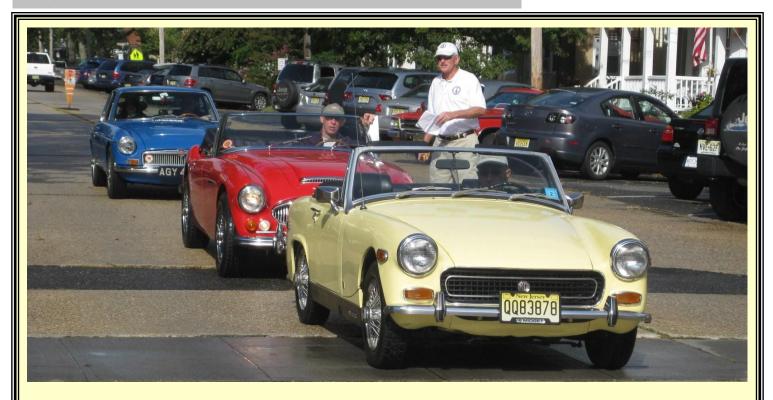








Meet Evan Broadbelt, who arrived at our Shore Antique Center classic car show April 27th in his sweet 1965 Iris Blue MGB, sporting new wheels, exhaust system, and upholstery. Evan also owns a '66 B and a '66 B-GT. It's great to see them out on the road.



Our 17th Annual PEDC British Car Day **Brits on the Beach**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

10 AM – 4 PM OCEAN GROVE, NJ

- This is a rain or shine event.
- Our show field, Main Avenue from Central Avenue to New York Avenue, will be closed to traffic.
- Registration fee is \$15 by September 14th or \$20 at the gate. <u>See our website, www.pedc.org for registration form.</u>
- ❖ Check in and registration is 10:00 11:00 AM.
- Silent-auction-style drawing for door prizes is open to all registrants.
- Judging is by participant's choice, noon to 2:00 PM.
- The awards ceremony starts at 3:30 PM.
- Classes and the number of awards per class are determined by pre-registration. We expect ~140 cars this year.
- A Prestige Class will be available for cars that have won their class in 2 of the last 3 years. Note: Cars in this Prestige Class will not be eligible to win in their marque-based class but will compete against each other for a special award in a special place of honor on the show field.
- Questions? Contact PEDC Vice President & Show Chairman Bob Canfield, joisuzu@optonline.net, 732.292.1944 home, 732.620.2378 mobile.

This is our 6th year in Ocean Grove, a lovely seaside resort at the Jersey Shore, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It's proved to be a great venue for us, with its quaint shops and eateries. The beach & boardwalk are just two blocks from the show field. Stroll the town and view their beautiful Victorian architecture, including the Great Auditorium built in the 1890s. Admission is free for visitors and spectators. DJ Rich Canfield will provide live music from all eras for all ages . . . so bring the family for a day of fun!

A NEW CLASS THIS YEAR: JAGUAR XK/XK8/XKR

2014 Calendar of Events ~ PEDC and Beyond

PEDC events are in bold red. Other British car events are in bold black. NOTE: Since many NJ towns and organizations host cruise ins and car shows in conjunction with festivals, community days, and fundraisers, it's impossible to list them all here, so we have decided to streamline the newsletter calendar to (1) our own events, (2) other British car events in NJ and nearby states, (3) car events to which the PEDC has been invited through a club member, and (4) select events where British cars are expected to feature prominently.

June

- 1 Sunday, PEDC spring drive through five covered bridges in Bucks County, PA. Drive to start at Washington Crossing State Park. Mark and Nadine Berkowsky, hosts. See pages 3 & 12 for details.
- 1 Sunday, **19**th **Annual Red Mill British Car Day**, 56 Main Street, Clinton, NJ. Limited to 100 pre-registered British vehicles, classic and modern. Enjoy the car show and the picturesque Victorian village of Clinton just a short walk away. Cost: \$20 (\$18 if you register by May 20th). Spectators: \$9 for adults. For more info: the MG Driver's Club of North America, www.mgdriversclub.com.
- 1 Sunday, **Brits by the Sea**, Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford, CT, hosted by the Connecticut MG Club. More than 360 British cars, trucks, and motorcycles in 35 classes expected. <u>Featured marque: the Riley</u>. For more info: http://www.ctmgclub.com/pdf/BBTS%20INVITE%202014.pdf.
- 4 Wednesday, PEDC monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, http://woodysroadside.com.
- 7 Saturday, PEDC drive to Princeton, NJ. Lunch is planned downtown and then a walk to campus (no tour this year), with a short visit to the Princeton University Art Museum, http://www.princetonartmuseum.org, and chapel, followed by free time to explore the nice shops along Nassau Street and in Palmer Square, www.palmersquare.com. Ken & Carol Kyle, hosts. Details to be announced. See also page 19.
- 7 Saturday, **A Touch of England** Vintage British Automobile & Motorcycle Show at the Hermitage Museum, 335 North Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, http://www.njtriumphs.org. 9 AM 3 PM. Rain date: June 8th. Limit to 150 cars. Questions: contact Emery Duell, 201.934.1141, emeryduell320@gmail.com, or Bill Smith, 201.825.9754, smithw1@optonline.net.
- 8 Sunday, 21st Annual British Motorcar Gathering, Hellertown, PA. Sponsored by the Keystone Region MG Club, http://www.keystonemg.com/hellertown.html. An all-British car show that attracts 200+ cars from all over the Mid-Atlantic region. Car registrants vote for the top three examples of each class and model of car, with more than 50 awards given. All makes of British cars and motorcycles, old and new, are welcome. Registration is \$15 at the gate (\$10 if you register by May 31st). The field opens at 9 AM. Judging: 11 AM 1 PM. Activities for children and music provided all day. For more information: visit their website or contact Mike Jones, 610.865.3419, show@keystonemg.com.

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June (Continued)

12 Thursday, PEDC ice cream run to Hoffman's Ice Cream, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, http://hoffmansicecream.net a Jersey Shore landmark since 1976. Bill & Kim Geissel, hosts.





Left: Photos from our 1st ice cream run of the season to TK's in Cream Ridge, NJ. Despite a drizzly night, 17 PEDCers came out. Shown is Bill and Kim Geissel's daughter, Ava, who loves Minis and especially loves Mike Browne's Riley Elf, "Olive." Also shown are Reg and Rea Savoy's MGB alongside Mort Resnicoff's MG TD. If you've never been to one of our ice cream runs, come on out and join us!

- 14 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at The Grove, Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ, 8:00 -10:30 AM. Classic & exotic cars of all types.
- 14 Saturday, **Jaguar F-Type Coupe Preview**, **Jaguar Monmouth Land Rover Monmouth**, Route 35N, Ocean, NJ, 10 AM 4 PM. The **PEDC** is invited. Possible drive from the preview to the Backdoor Garage in Sea Girt (a private classic car collection), followed by lunch at St. Stephen's Green Publick House in Spring Lake Heights. If interested in attending, please let Bob Canfield know, <u>joisuzu@optonline.net</u>.
- 15 Sunday, 13th Annual **PEDC** Father's Day show, Allaire Road, Spring Lake Heights, NJ, 10 AM 1 PM. BBQ afterward at Paul and Mary Johnson's home, Wall, NJ. Ken & Pat Wignall, organizers. Rain date: Saturday, June 21st.
- 15 Sunday, **Cats in the Garden VIII**, featuring only Jaguars, Van Vleck House and Gardens, Montclair, NJ. Sponsored by Madison Jaguar. 11:30 AM 3:00 PM. Rain date: June 22nd.
- Wednesday through Sunday, June 22nd, **New England MG T Register (NEMGTR) Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) Mk 95, The Final Survivor Challenge & 50th Anniversary Celebration**, Middlebury Inn, Middlebury, VT. For more info and to register: https://www.nemgtr.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=403&Itemid=265. Planned are a rally, a concours, a funkhana, tours, parties, a dinner cruise, an awards banquet, and more.
- 21 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at Fast Lane Motor Club, 618 Summerfield Avenue at Bond Street, Asbury Park, NJ, 8 AM 12 PM. Indoors, rain or shine. Free coffee & donuts.
- 26 Thursday, PEDC ice cream run to Sundae's, Wall, NJ. Ernie & Ida Caponegro, hosts.
- 28 Saturday, Live Driving Demonstration and Racing Legends Days, "Auto Racing: A Privileged Man's Sport," featuring four cars including a Bentley 4.5 Liter Supercharged (Tim Moore). 12 noon, weather permitting, Simeone Museum, Philadelphia, PA, http://simeonemuseum.org/events.

July

- 2 Wednesday, PEDC monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, http://woodysroadside.com.
- 10 Thursday, **PEDC** ice cream run to Jersey Freeze, Routes 9 & 33, Freehold, NJ. A NJ landmark since 1952. Tom & Alice Albertalli, hosts.
- 12 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at The Grove, Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ, 8-10:30 AM. Classic & exotic cars of all types.
- 13 Sunday, British Invade Gettysburg. For more info contact Ralph Eriksen, 717.259.6324, ralph eriksen@yahoo.com.
- 13 Sunday, Trenton Thunder Car Club Day at the Ballpark, a combined **PEDC**-Delaware Valley Triumphs (DVT) outing. Trenton Thunder (an affiliate of the NY Yankees) vs. the Akron Rubber Ducks. Game starts at 1:00 PM (arrive anytime after 10:00 AM). Tickets: \$8 per person + free parking in a supervised area. If interested, contact Wayne Simpson, wmsimpson@verizon.net, 732.477.3878 by June 21st. See page 12 for details.

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July (Continued)

- 19 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at Fast Lane Motor Club, 618 Summerfield Avenue at Bond Street, Asbury Park, NJ, 8 AM 12 PM. Indoors, rain or shine. Free coffee & donuts.
- 19 Saturday, **British Motor Club of Southern NJ (BMCSNJ) ice cream social**, Five Points Custard, CR 540 & 547, East Vineland, NJ. 6 PM to dusk. For more info: http://www.bmcsnj.org.
- 19 Saturday, **Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Annual Slalom**, Garnet Valley High School, Glen Mills, PA, For more info, visit http://www.jcna.com/clubs/main.php?club=ne33&Vref=ne33 or contact Brian Craig, bhc166@aol.com.
- 24 Thursday, PEDC ice cream run to Jake's Cree Mee Freeze, Route 33, Manalapan, NJ. Pete & Patti Linszky, hosts.
- 26 Saturday, PEDC pool party, Jack Kelly's house, Allenwood, NJ. Watch for details. Unveiling of Jack's 1971 MGB-GT?

August

- 2 Saturday, **10**th **Annual Pennypacker Mills British Car Show**, Pennypacker Mills historic site, Schwenksville, PA, hosted by the Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter (DVCMG), 10 AM 3 PM (voting at 12 PM). Held in conjunction with the historic site's In the Good Old Summertime Festival. To register: http://www.dvcmg.com/events/car-show-info.
- 4 Monday, Car Show/Display/Cruise Night, Greenbriar Oceanaire, Waretown, NJ. Note: The **PEDC** is invited to attend this year. 5-9 PM. Entertainment provided by a local band. Nice setting for the cars. If interested, contact Mike Browne at captain61ny@aol.com.
- 6 Wednesday, PEDC monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, http://woodysroadside.com.
- 7 Thursday, through Saturday, August 9th, **37th Annual Austin-Healey Encounter**, sponsored by the Austin-Healey Sports and Touring Club, Harrisburg (PA) Region. Held this year at the Best Western Plus Lehigh Valley Hotel & Conference Center, 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, PA. Call the hotel directly for reservations: 610.866.5800. Reserve by July 8th for a special room rate of \$98. Watch for details at their website: http://www.austin-healey-stc.org/general-events/encounter-2014.
- 9 Saturday, continues to Sunday, August 10th, New Hope Auto Show, New Hope-Solebury High School, Bridge Street (Route 179), New Hope, PA. 9 AM 4 PM daily. Parade of Champions, 2:30 PM. Note: British cars are typically on display Sunday, the 10th. For more info: http://www.newhopeautoshow.com/html/dayofshow.htm.
- 9 Saturday, Live Driving Demonstration and Racing Legends Days, "Racing in Style," featuring five cars including a Jaguar D-Type (Malcolm Sayer) and an Austin-Healey (Gerry Coker), 12 noon, weather permitting, Simeone Museum, Philadelphia, PA, http://simeonemuseum.org/events.
- 9 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at The Grove, Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ, 8-10:30 AM. Classic & exotic cars. all types.
- ? Sunday, PEDC 2nd 2014 Rally. Barry Shandler, Rallymaster, <u>bshandler@comcast.net</u>, phone: 732.521.1985. Watch for details.
- 16 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at Fast Lane Motor Club, 618 Summerfield Avenue at Bond Street, Asbury Park, NJ, 8 AM 12 PM. Indoors, rain or shine. Free coffee & donuts.

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2014 Calendar of Events ~ PEDC and Beyond (Continued)

August (Continued)

- 17 Sunday, Rolling Iron Antique Auto Show, Allaire State Park, Farmingdale, NJ, 8 AM 3 PM, Registration: \$15 in advance or \$18 at the gate, http://www.allairevillage.org/index.html, \$5 per car for parking.
- 29 Friday, to Monday, September 1st, 32nd Annual Lime Rock Park Historic Festival, Lakeville, CT. **Sir Stirling Moss and Lady Suzie are the honored guests**. More than 300 vintage racing cars on display. Non-stop racing on track 9AM 6 PM Saturday and Monday. Swap meet. For more info: http://tickets.limerock.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=44.

September

- 3 Wednesday, PEDC monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, http://woodysroadside.com.
- 5 Friday, through Sunday, September 7th, **The Drive-In Watkins Glen, NY, the 17th Anniversary Gathering of the MG Drivers Club of North America**. Held in conjunction with the Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix, which is featuring the MG this year. For full details and registration call 908.713.6251 or visit this website: www.grandprixfestival.com.
- 7 Sunday, **PEDC** drive to Leeds Point, in the Pine Barrens of South Jersey. Lunch at the Oyster Creek Inn (TBD), http://oystercreekinnnj.com. Andy & Karen Moutenot, hosts. Watch for details.
- 13 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at The Grove, Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ, 8-10:30 AM. Classic & exotic cars of all types.
- 14 Sunday, Radnor-Hunt Concours d'Elegance, Malvern, PA, http://radnorconcours.org. Note: This is a 3-day event, starting Friday, September 12th. The concours is on Sunday.
- 17 Wednesday, or Thursday, 18th, PEDC Goodie-bag Stuffing Party for Brits on the Beach.
- 20 Saturday, our 17th annual **PEDC** British Car Day, known as **Brits on the Beach**, Main Avenue, Ocean Grove, NJ. See page 14 for details. This is our big event of the year! See our website, www.pedc.org, for registration form.
- 20 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at Fast Lane Motor Club, 618 Summerfield Avenue at Bond Street, Asbury Park, NJ, 8 AM 12 PM. Indoors, rain or shine. Free coffee & donuts.
- 20 Saturday, **British Motor Club of Southern Jersey Annual Car Show**, NJ Motorsports Lightning Track, Millville, NJ. For more info: http://www.bmcsnj.org.

October

- 1 Wednesday, PEDC monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, http://woodysroadside.com.
- 4 Saturday, PEDC fall foliage drive to Frenchtown, Ernie & Ida Caponegro, hosts.
- 4 Saturday, Monmouth County Concours d'Elegance, Hop Brook Farm, Holmdel, NJ. For more details: http://www.monmouthcountyconcours.com.
- 4 Saturday, **Annual Autumn Leaf Festival, an All-British Car Show** hosted by the British Car Club of the Lehigh Valley, Moravian Academy, Merle-Smith Campus, 4313 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA, 10 AM 3 PM. Pre-register for \$8; \$10 at the gate. For more information: http://www.bcclv.com/autumnleaf.html.
- 11 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at The Grove, Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ, 8-10:30 AM. Classic & exotic cars of all types.
- 11 Saturday, Brits at the Village, Peddler's Village, Lahaska, PA. Watch for details.
- 18 Saturday, PEDC Storm King drive to New York State, Russ Sharples, host. Outdoor sculpture garden. Possible overnight trip. Drive begins in Hopewell, NJ. A 3½ drive from Hopewell to destination.
- 18 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at Fast Lane Motor Club, 618 Summerfield Avenue at Bond Street, Asbury Park, NJ, 8 AM 12 PM. Indoors, rain or shine. Free coffee & donuts.
- 28 Tuesday, PEDC's 24th birthday.

November

5 Wednesday, PEDC monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, http://woodysroadside.com.

December

6 Saturday, PEDC Annual Christmas/Holiday party. Jeanne Miller, organizer. Details TBD.

COMING NEXT MONTH:



❖ The Little Morgan That Wants to Be Loved



PEDC War of the Worlds Rally

PEDC LATE-Spring Drive to Princeton, NJ

Saturday, June 7, 2014

RSVP to Ken & Carol Kyle, Hosts carolkyle4@earthlink.net

Lunch at The Witherspoon Grill *al fresco*, weather permitting. Enjoy the shops along Nassau Street & in Palmer Square. Join us for a walk around the beautiful Princeton University campus, including a visit to the university art museum and chapel.







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Classified Ads

Want to advertise your British car, or British car parts or accessories, in the PEDC newsletter? If so, e-mail your ad, and photo, to carolkyle4@earthlink.net. Classified ads are free to PEDC members and run for three months. We'll run the ads free for another three months, but only if we hear from you. Please let us know if you've sold what you were selling so the ads don't run needlessly. NOTE: Neither the PEDC nor the newsletter editors are responsible for the content of these classifieds.





1968 Riley Elf Mk III, "Olive," is reluctantly for sale. For someone who wants something . . . a little different. Too many cars. This is the one I use the least. A New Zealand car that was basically rust-free. Restored to its original build specs. Completed less than one year ago. I have the complete history of the car, which had two owners in New Zealand. The first had her from 1967 to 2001. The second bought her for his wife in 2001 and owned it until 2010. That owner accompanied Sir Edmund Hillary on his expedition to the summit of Mount Everest. When his wife died he sold it to a Mini importer in South Carolina. Since 2010 the car has changed hands three times, including me. Olive was the recipient of the coveted "Brian Owens Award" at Mini Meet East in Kingston, NY last summer. It is awarded to the Mini that is the most loyally restored to its original condition. That award is displayed in the British Transportation Museum in Dayton, OH. Olive was invited to participate at the Radnor Hunt Concours last summer in Malvern, PA. She has won numerous best of show awards. Having owned a number of Minis and having attended Mini events, I have occasionally seen a Riley Elf, but never one that was restored. They were either "drivers" or had Honda V-Tek engines put in them. They are difficult to restore as parts specific to the Elf have to be imported from the UK, Australia, or New Zealand . . . and all parts are used parts, which have to be restored, refurbished, rechromed, etc. NOTE: This work is completed, and underneath is a Mini. All engine, suspension, brake parts, etc., are readily available right here in the USA. She's a unique, interesting car. It is estimated that fewer than 900 are left on the road in the world. Olive brings smiles wherever I take her. Linda and I want to see her go to a good home. Asking \$19,000. Much more than that was invested in the restoration. Call Mike, 609.618.7559.





1951 MG TD.

I have owned and upgraded this TD for the last 20 years. Located in Little Silver, NJ for inspection. \$15,800. Contact Martin Torbert, 732.492.8132. Photos courtesy of seller.

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Classified Ads (Continued)



1971 MG Midget.

59,900 miles. Located in Point Pleasant, NJ. This MG has been in my family since it was purchased new, and it was maintained by my late father, a true enthusiast. The car has never needed restoration. Runs great—tuned and ready to go. New tires. \$5000 or best reasonable offer. Call or text Rich Leonard at (mobile) 703.888.6912. Photo courtesy of seller.

2 Cars, 1 Price: 1976 TR6 w/ Title + 1974 TR6 w/o Title. Both cars offered together for \$3,000. Both stored indoors for several years and have been partially dismantled. Some parts missing. What you see is what you get. Many duplicate parts to sell or save for other TR6 projects. Both cars have rust issues. Both engines turn by hand, 4-speed trans. These cars could be the basis of a complete TR6 restoration or good parts cars. Stored in South Amboy, NJ. Selling strictly AS-IS. Make all offers known. Seller needs space for other projects, so these cars need to go to new homes now. Seller will consider selling separately. Call Bill Miller, 732.778.3274, to make an appointment, ask questions, or request photos. *Photos courtesy of seller*.





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More Scenes from the Lewes Parade: Top row middle: Triumph 2000 Roadster with dickie seat; Second row right: Best in Show winner, a lovely TR3. Third row middle: 1934 Rolls Royce Phantom II town car retired from competition at this show for having won numerous awards. Fourth row: MG Magnette. Bottom row middle & right: 1949 Triumph Mayflower; aluminum-bodied Austin-Healey 3000 racer.









"The British Are Coming" Motorcar Show (Concluded) saturday, may 3, 2014







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From the Back Seat

Ralph Knutsen

Some interesting news from Jaguar, who aims to build the missing six "Lightweight" E-types that were never built from the intended 18-car series in 1963. Look for them later this summer; read about it here: http://newsroom.jaguarlandrover.com/en-in/jaguar/news/2014/05/jag_lightweight_e-type_release_140514/.



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The Last Word: Get Out and Drive 'Em!



Jim Spring joined us at Shore Antique Center in Allenhurst, NJ in his lovely 1960 DHC Morgan.