



The Terminal Post

Newsletter of the Positive Earth Drivers Club, a nonprofit, all-marque British car club in Central New Jersey

Important PEDC dates to Remember

April 5

Membership Meeting, Woody's
Roadside Tavern, Farmingdale, NJ

April 1 Saturday,

PEDC Car Show Laurita Winery
(see ad page 6)

April 9 Sunday

PEDC Drive to State Museum
(see ad page 9)

April 15 Saturday,

PEDC First Irish Pub Run
(see ad page 9)

April 22 Saturday

PEDC Drive to Grounds for
Sculpture
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Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum Drive

By Peter Dow, photos by Ken Kyle

Nine members of the PEDC drove to Philadelphia on a cold March 4th to visit the AC Cars exhibit at the Simeone Museum. The museum, located in industrial south Philadelphia, is worth a drive on any day but for several weeks this winter the curators assembled many cars built by AC Cars Limited, a British specialist automobile manufacturer, making a visit even more worthwhile. AC first began production at works in London in 1904 as Auto Carriers Ltd. In 1911 they moved to Ferry Works, Thames Ditton, Surrey and began using the famed "AC" roundel logo.



AC Cars Limited logo

AC Cars produced many types of cars ranging from early 3 wheelers to roadsters, saloons, and performance cars. Most noted of the performance cars was the AC Ace developed in 1953. A later evolution of this car was the famous AC Cobra fitted with a high-performance Ford V8. Several versions of the AC Ace were exhibited at the museum including the 1953 Ace prototype, chassis AE 20. It was powered by the 2-liter AC straight six and had four-wheel independent suspension. It went into production in 1954 and was a huge suc-

Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum Drive

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cess. Later versions used the Bristol six-cylinder engine.



AC Ace prototype chassis AE 20



1957 AC Ace Bristol Chassis BEX 308

In 1961 the Bristol Car Company notified AC that they were discontinuing manufacture of Bristol engines. AC turned to mechanic and racing driver Ken Rudd to find alternative power for the Ace. Rudd developed a high-performance version of the 2.6-liter, six-cylinder engine used in the Ford Zephyr for the car. Only 37 such cars were built but they were an important step in the evolution of Ace into the later AC Cobra.



1962 Ruddspeed Chassis RSX 5018

In 1962, AC was approached by Carroll Shelby about using a small block Ford V8 engine in the Ace chassis, producing the AC Cobra. Shelby needed a car that could compete with the Chevrolet Corvette in US sports car racing. This was the first AC car that many Americans remember. Below is a photo of the 100th AC Cobra, built in 1963. Several other AC Cobras were also on display including a 427 version.

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1963 289 Cobra Chassis CSX 2099

Just when we thought all the cars on display were museum quality, we came across a 1957 Ace originally prepared by Ken Rudd for the 1957 LeMans. The current owner acquired it in 1963 and drove it on the street for 9 years then stored it in his basement for several decades. It is now being restored to its original LeMans configuration with its original Bristol engine.



1957 LeMans Ace Chassis AE 205

Other AC cars exhibited included an Aceca (a coupe version of the Ace first built in 1954), a prewar touring car, and a competition sports car.



1960 Aceca



1937 AC March Tourer Chassis L 550

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1937 16/80 SWB 80 HP Competition Sports Chassis L 525



We ended the trip at the Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant in Maple Shade, NJ, a brew pub highly recommended by two of Pete Cosmides' best employees



From the driver's seat

RUSS SHARPLES, PRESIDENT



April has arrived and with it our 2017 driving season here in New Jersey. I'm feeling a bit itchy right now because my 1960 MGA is still not running. In November I removed the carbs and distributor from my engine and sent them both out for a rebuild. I have received the distributor back but I am still waiting on the carbs. This means that I have now gone 5 months without driving my MGA! Wow - that hasn't happened since I bought the car in 2011. I was watching a video made by someone test driving their Triumph Spitfire and the sound of that little 4 cylinder engine running through the gears was fantastic. I really miss that sound. I have a 1993 Miata and that is a fun car to drive but the sound is not even close – way too refined. My daily driver is 2014 VW Beetle Turbo. That has over 200 horsepower and a dual clutch manual transmission. It goes like stink but sounds like nothing. The MGA is not fast, not by a long shot (zero to 60 in 14.2 seconds vs. 6.2 for the Beetle and about 9 for the Miata), but there is something about the sound of running it up through the gears, the precise feel of the shifter, and the feel of the road through the 60 year old suspen-

sion design that makes it such a wonderful experience to take it out for a spin around the neighborhood. I'm really itching to get back behind the wheel.

First, I have to get the engine back together. Fixing the distributor had been on my to-do list for a long time. At the 2014 MGA meeting in Ottawa Canada, Bruce Woodson, an MGA expert, noted that the spring action of the distributor centrifugal advance seemed weak. The test he did was to remove the distributor cap, twist the rotor and see if it snapped back into position. It only snapped half way back. I had also noticed when trying to set the ignition timing on the car that the timing mark seemed to jump around and appear in two spots at the same time. I was suspicious that the distributor was worn out. Sending it off to Advanced Distributors for a rebuild I learned:

- it is an MGB distributor (model 25D) but that these are actually better than the ones originally provided with the car,

- the shaft bushing was worn from having the shoe of the mechanical points pushing on one side of it and that this will make the timing dwell uneven,

- that being an old MGB distributor it has a full length bushing which lasts longer than the modern replacements which just have small bushings at the top and bottom of the distributor shaft,

- that the vacuum advance mechanism leaked so it wasn't working and it was leaking air into my engine, and

- that the rebuilt advance mechanism that has been installed uses a new advance curve that should work better for ethanol fuel.

I've put 20K miles on the car since I bought it in 2011. At that time the car was so clean underneath that I can't imagine that it could have been driven much since its restoration in 2001. My guess is that the distributor was old and worn but "working" when it was put in the car during its restoration. It goes to show that we shouldn't take anything for granted with these old cars.

From the driver's seat (CONTINUED)

It is a similar story with the carbs. After a few years of sweet running, they first started leaking from worn out rubber seals on the float bowls. A quick rebuild kit solved that problem but Bruce Woodson thought the needles were gummed up when he looked at the car in Ottawa and then this past fall the front choke mechanism seized on, making the front carb run rich. I felt the carbs deserved some professional attention so I sent them off too. I hope to get them back next week which means I could be putting the car back together as soon as April 8th. I can't wait! I don't know how hard it will be to get the ignition and mixture "sorted", but that's part of the adventure. I have missed driving my car these last 5 months but I like working on it too.

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Photo by Carol Kyle

Saturday April 1, **PEDC** Car Show at Laurita Winery

New Egypt, NJ.

British cars only will be displayed from noon to 4 PM. All attendees who bring a British car will get a free wine tasting and a tour of the winemaking facilities.

Please RSVP to host Dennis Drake at musiclab@optonline.net or 732-306-0300.

(Please note that the British Invasion Years Concert at the winery that evening is now sold out.)

From the navigator's seat

KEN KYLE, VICE PRESIDENT



Another Great Club Events Season Begins

Now that spring is finally here I hope everyone will take the time to peruse the club calendar to see what's in store this year. Thanks to a very successful planning meeting in January, our calendar is nearly full with events both old and new.

By the time you read this, we'll already have three events under our belts: Peter Dow's drive to the Simeone Museum in Philly, and two new PEDC traditions, Pat Wignall's ever-popular St. Patrick's Day Dinner at St. Stephen's Green and Woody and Sue Smith's potluck dinner. Shame on you if you missed out on these terrific venues.

Looking ahead, there are six more drives planned for this year. We'll be making return visits to Grounds for Sculpture, the Pine Barrens, the Stockton Inn, and the Poconos (this year for two nights instead of just one). We've also got two new destinations on tap: the New Jersey State Museum for their Toy World exhibit in April, and an overnight drive to the National Museum of Industrial History in August. What better way to test your LBC's mettle than to take it on one or more of these excursions?

And if you like to show as well as go, our calendar offers plenty of opportunities for you to do that. We'll be back showing our cars at Laurita Winery on April 1st, followed by British Day at the Shore Antique Center at the end of the month. Then it's on to a new event, the Long Branch High School ROTC Car Show, hosted by students of the PEDC's own Colonel Jon Spare, USAF (Ret.) in May. Another new show for us comes up at the Lincroft Village Green Association's Food Truck Festival in June, and of course there's our annual Father's Day Show in June as well. In August we've been invited back to the Greenbriar Oceannaire Car Show, and then in September it's the highlight of the entire season, the 20th annual PEDC British Car Day, better known as Brits on the Beach.

Ice cream runs also figure prominently in our 2017 schedule, with no less than nine on the calendar as of now and room for more. In addition to old favorites like Jersey Freeze in Freehold and TK's in Cream Ridge, we'll also be checking out a couple of new spots, the Dairy Queen in Clarksburg and the Music Man Singing Ice Cream Shoppe in Lavallette.

Over the past few years we've been trying to expand our club activities beyond the traditional drives, shows, and ice cream runs, and that trend continues in 2017. Once again we'll be having a bus trip to the New York International Auto Show and a PEDC afternoon tea, both in April. Also in April we'll be trying out a new concept, the Irish Pub Run. (It's like an ice cream run, only with beer.) There will also be tech sessions hosted by Goodfellas Auto Repair at the Farmingdale Citgo, with the first one scheduled for May 20th. Come on out and get a look at the underside of your car on their lift; you might be surprised at what you find.

And let's not forget the parties. This year our Christmas/holiday party will move to a larger room at the Lobster Shanty to accommodate our burgeoning membership, and at the end of October we'll be holding—what else?—a Halloween costume party. Stay tuned for details.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that the Vintage Triumph Register 2017 National Convention will be held in Princeton

From the navigator's seat (continued)

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in August. This is the first time in many years that a VTR national convention has been held anywhere near us, and its important for us to support this event as we are an official VTR chapter. You don't have to be a Triumph owner or a VTR member to volunteer, so please contact our VTR liaison, Wayne Simpson, at wayne@last-chance-garage.com or 732-477-3878 if you want to help out and join in the fun.

As full as our calendar is, there's room for more activities. (July in particular is looking a little sparse.) So if you've got an idea for an event, please get in touch with me. And remember that events need participants as well as leaders, so try to get out to as many as you can. The more events you attend, the better you'll get to know your fellow members, and the more you'll get out of your club.

Open road issues—AC problems with my Pace Arrow RV Mort Resnicoff

Back in the early 90's I had a 40 foot 1989 Pace Arrow motor home. For five years I spent more then 70% of my time crisscrossing the USA and Canada. I camped in virtually every National Park and State in the union. To facilitate more detailed explorations I towed a 1988 Bronco II. As you can tell I spent a lot of time on the road.

One day, as I was traveling through Florida, the blower from my air conditioning system stopped working. A while later it started working again. This pattern repeated itself indiscriminately, many, many times. I recall doing a lot of troubleshooting and deciding I needed a new thermostat. It is not a common item so I ordered it to be delivered at a destination further down the road. When I received the thermostat I replaced the old one and sure enough next time on the road the same thing happened. More troubleshooting. The obvious choice was the squirrel cage blower. This required removing the carpeting from the firewall in front of the passenger seat and cutting out a large square hole in the plywood and converting it into a door. This part also had to be ordered and shipped to a destination further down the road. With some concerted effort the blower was replaced. Yes, you guessed it. The next time on the road the same thing happened. I might add that all of the troubleshooting was not done by me alone. I stopped at several dealerships along the road and had mechanics look at the problem and advise.

This very annoying problem persisted for months. It also affected the heating system in the colder weather. I remember stopping at a Chevrolet dealership in St. Cloud Minnesota. Since we could not reproduce the problem while the motor home was sitting in the garage at idle we

took it for a ride. Thankfully it happened with the mechanic in the passenger seat. Back in the shop he worked on the problem for about an hour and could not fine a solution so his boss told him just stop working on it since it was not cost effective. He was so adamant about finding a solution that he went off the clock and the two of us started to work on the problem. At one point he suggested opening up the dashboard so that we could trouble-shoot each vacuum line that went to the various system controls. As I remember I was at the dashboard disconnecting one vacuum line at a time while he was under the hood checking the systems that they controlled. Quite by accident the eureka moment occurred.

The vacuum lines were a small diameter, stiff white plastic. While he was fiddling (that's an engineering term) with the vacuum lines he noticed an abrasion in one spot that had worm through and made a small hole in the vacuum tube. The abrasion came about because the vacuum tube was touching a metal strip in the structure and eventually rubbed a hole. The pressure of the vacuum tube against the strut was enough to plug the hole at idle and low speeds and the vacuum control worked normally. When conditions were just right at a particular elevated speed the wind coming through the engine compartment would blow the tube away from the strut and that control would lose its vacuum. That was the control for the blower motor.

A new tube was installed. The replacement part was probably \$.99 and I never had the problem again. The old tube with the pinhole lived in my glove box for many years until I sold the motorhome.

PEDC Bus Trip to the New York Auto Show

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Gary Watson has once again organized a trip to the New York International Auto Show at the Javits Convention Center

Meeting Place: Freehold Bus Center (in Freehold Borough). Throckmorton Street between Broad Street & West Main Street. Free parking.

Time: 9:45 AM sharp, so we can catch the 10:06 AM bus to NYC. Bus fare Roundtrip for seniors is \$7.00 and \$15.00 for under 62.

Show Tickets: Show tickets are \$17.00.

Depart Show: Leave show at 4 PM to catch dinner at John's Pizzeria on 44th Street

Please RSVP Gary Watson at gwatts56@aol.com

PEDC Drive to the Toy World Exhibit

at the NJ State Museum in Trenton

Sunday April 9th enjoy a drive organized by Bob Canfield to the Toy Exhibit. Meet at Woody's Tavern in Farmingdale at 8:30 AM for a 9AM sharp departure.

Adult admission to the museum is \$5.00 and parking is free in an adjacent lot. Lunch will follow at the Yardville Inn (<http://www.yardvilleinn.com>.)

Please RSVP Bob at joisuzu@optonline.net or 732-620-2378. Additional information about the exhibit and museum can be found at http://www.state.nj.us/state/museum/dos_museum_exhibit-toy-world.html.

First Annual PEDC "Irish Pub Run"

On Saturday April 15 at 11:45 AM we will meet for lunch at McDonagh's Pub located at 2 West Front Street in Keyport NJ. (<http://www.mcdonaghs.com/>) After lunch we will tour the shopping district.

Please RSVP host Mark Wintjen at cptwintch@comcast.net or 732-841-7808.

(Anyone wishing to meet up and drive their LBCs to the pub together is welcome to coordinate their plans through Ken Kyle, kenkyle4@comcast.net or 732-244-2045)

Minutes of the PEDC General Meeting March 1, 2017

Submitted by Carol Kyle, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Russ Sharples. In attendance were 43 members. A motion to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting was made, seconded, and carried. President Russ welcomed one new member, Ed Dzwill ('67 MGB), and one guest, the Wignalls' niece from Canada.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mort Resnicoff reported that as of this date the club balance is \$4,323.55 and 151 members have paid their 2017 dues. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made, seconded, and carried.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Editor Art Becker needs articles for upcoming issues. He would like to feature some member profiles. Art reminded members that classified ads for their British cars and British car parts run for three months only.

SUNSHINE

Nadine Berkowsky reported that she send out a card to Barbara Willis and flowers to Fredda Fine.

REGALIA

Regalia Manager Sue Smith stated that she had lots of inventory on hand, including hats, T-shirts, Izod shirts, and items for the ladies.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Directory Goes Digital.

President Russ explained that as membership grows, so too does the price of

printing the annual member directory, which is roughly \$800 a year [for 180+ members]. Russ stated that other car clubs have gone digital to save costs as well, and he listed the benefits of emailing a .pdf file rather than snail-mailing a paper copy: it can be issued more than once a year; members can choose to print it or not; and digital searches are easier than searching through a paper copy. He noted that paper copies will still be printed for members who have no email address, as we do with the monthly newsletter. Russ suggested that we put the money saved by not printing annual member directories toward an end-of-the-year party or BBQ, similar to the Father's Day BBQ, or to some other club event.

Vice President and Events Coordinator Ken Kyle discussed upcoming events for March.

March 4th. Pete Dow spoke about the 1st drive of the season he is leading to the Simeone Museum in Philadelphia. The focus is more on the Best of Britain show at the museum rather than on the drive, since it is so early in the season. The show also includes an AC retrospective, allegedly the largest collection of ACs (about 20) ever assembled.

March 15th. Pat Wignall spoke about the Irish dinner she has planned at St. Stephen's in Spring Lake Heights. Prizes will be awarded, and a pre-dinner visit to the Backdoor Garage in Sea Girt may be included. She noted that St. Stephen's has been a long-time PEDC sponsor, and she intends to ask them for another gift certificate for our 2017 show.

March 25th. Woody and Sue Smith are hosting their 2nd annual potluck dinner at their home. Sue passed

around a sign-up sheet for members to indicate which favorite dish they would like to bring along to share.

April 1st. VP Ken mentioned that Laurita Winery (new member Dennis Drake, organizer) has invited us back for another British car display. Watch for details.

[Unfortunately their British Invasion concert was sold out before we could advertise it to PEDCers.]

April 15th. Mark Wintjen is planning the first-ever PEDC Irish Pub Run to McDonagh's in Keyport. It is not a drive, but we'll gather for lunch and explore this waterfront town.

April 29th. Secretary Carol Kyle is organizing an afternoon tea in Toms River. This year some of the gents are participating. Contact Carol if interested, as there are a few seats left. Bring your LBCs for a photo op.

Sue Smith filled us in on some details of a 2-night trip she is planning to Skytop in the Poconos, October 13-15. Fall foliage should be at its peak. She has reserved a block of rooms. More details to follow, but contact Sue if interested.

OTHER BUSINESS

VP Ken related that someone in Texas phoned him to say he has for sale a large poster of the MG RV8, which Ken reported in his recent newsletter column will soon be able to be imported to the U.S. If anyone is interested in buying this poster, contact Ken for more details, kenkyle4@comcast.net.

Minutes of the PEDC General Meeting March 1, 2017

Submitted by Carol Kyle, Secretary

MISCELLANEOUS

Bill Miller told us that he and fellow PEDC'er Stephan Miranti, an auctioneer, are setting up an online monthly auction at Allaire Airport in Wall, NJ. All sorts of cars, parts, accessories, and tools will be for sale. Contact Bill if interested in participating in the auction: bmillerreoinnj@comcast.net.

President Russ adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

VTR 2017 Call For Volunteers

The hosting of a convention like VTR 2017 in Princeton this August is a big job involving the efforts of a great many people. Although the PEDC is not financially involved, we have committed to help out by staging a few of the events, namely the TSD and Fun Rallies, along with some of the informal events such as the Breakfast and Ice Cream Runs.

We are currently looking for volunteers to staff the TSD rally checkpoints. What's involved? Checkpoints will be set up for the rally, and staff will record the precise time and entry number of the cars as they pass through the checkpoints. Total time on site should be less than 3 hours. You do not need to be registered for the VTR convention to volunteer. You don't need to be a VTR member; you don't even need to be a Triumph person. All you need is a stopwatch, a pad and a pencil, and we'll provide those.

The TSD Rally is scheduled for Thursday, Aug 17th between 9:00 and 11:00 AM, and will be held in the Princeton area. If you'd like to help out, please contact Wayne Simpson at Wayne@last-chance-garage.com. Thank you! (see ad on Page 14)

To all my dear friends at PEDC:

Thank you for sending the very beautiful flowers. I just love them and they bring a smile to my face. You are all very special to me. The individuals and the PEDC as a whole is like a second family. I have the warmest feeling for all of you.

Losing a child is unbelievable and I am still trying to wrap my head around the fact that my youngest son is no longer alive. Your caring helps me to work towards accepting this loss. I don't know how I will ever be comfortable with the reality of him being gone but I will live one day at a time and be comforted by the love and caring from each and every one of you.

Love,

Fredda

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PEDC Drive to “Grounds for Sculpture”

Saturday April 22nd Depart from Woody's in Farmingdale at 11AM.

This drive is hosted by Russ and Pam Sharples. A drive on back roads to Allentown NJ for a noontime lunch at Woody's Towne Café, 27 South Main Street. After lunch the drive will continue for about 30 minutes to arrive at the Grounds For Sculpture around 2PM. For more information and to RSVP please contact Russ at rpsinet-mga@yahoo.com

More information on the Grounds For Sculpture is available at <http://www.groundsforsculpture.org/>. The Grounds For Sculpture is located in Hamilton, NJ

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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 the 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.

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and the 1st time for
the NJTA.



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2017 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 streamlined the newsletter calendar to include (1) our own PEDC 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 in which space has been set aside for British cars to park together, and (4) select events where British cars are expected to feature prominently. Please note that information below is subject to change.

April

- 1 Saturday, **PEDC Car Show at Laurita Winery**, New Egypt, NJ. British cars only will be displayed from noon to 4 PM. All attendees who bring a British car will get a free wine tasting and a tour of the wine-making facilities. (Please note that the British Invasion Years Concert at the winery that evening is now sold out.) Please RSVP to host Dennis Drake at musiclab@optonline.net or 732-306-0300.
- 5 Wednesday, **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, [woodyroadside.com](http://www.woodyroadside.com).
- 9 Sunday, **PEDC** drive to the **Toy World exhibit at the NJ State Museum** in Trenton, http://www.state.nj.us/state/museum/dos_museum_exhibit-toy-world.html. We'll meet at Woody's at 8:30 AM and depart at 9 AM sharp. Adult admission to the museum is \$5 and parking is free in the adjacent lot. Lunch to follow at the Yardville Inn, <http://www.yardvilleinn.com>. Please RSVP to host Bob Canfield at joisuzu@optonline.net or 732-620-2378.
- 15 Saturday, **PEDC First Annual Irish Pub Run** to McDonagh's Pub, 2 West Front Street, Keyport, NJ, <http://www.mcdonaghs.com/>. We'll meet at the pub for lunch at 11:45 AM then tour the shopping district afterwards. Please RSVP to host Mark Wintjen at cptwintch@comcast.net or 732-841-7808 by April 13th. (Anyone wishing to meet up and drive their LBCs to the pub together is welcome to coordinate their plans through Ken Kyle, kenkyle4@comcast.net or 732-244-2045.)
- 22 Saturday, **PEDC** drive to the **Grounds for Sculpture** sculpture garden, Hamilton, NJ, <http://www.groundsforsculpture.org/>. Hosted by Russ and Pam Sharples. We will depart from Woody's in Farmingdale at 11 AM and take back roads to Woody's Towne Cafe in Allentown, NJ for a noon lunch (this is just up the street from Heavenly Havens Creamery so who knows, maybe there will be ice cream involved too...). After lunch we drive 30 minutes more to arrive at Grounds For Sculpture by 2 PM. Tickets are required for entry and we are still working on the best way to get them. Please RSVP to Russ at rpsinet-mga@yahoo.com.
- 23 Sunday, **PEDC** trip to **The New York International Auto Show** at the Javits Convention Center in NYC. Organized by Gary Watson. We will meet at the Freehold Bus Center on Throckmorton St. in Freehold Borough between Broad St. and West Main St. no later than 9:45 AM to catch the 10:06 AM bus to NYC. Bus tickets are \$7 for seniors and \$15 under 62. Show tickets are \$17. We'll leave the show around 4 PM to catch dinner at John's Pizzeria on 44th Street. Please RSVP to Gary at Gwatts56@aol.com.
- 29 Saturday, **PEDC Afternoon Tea** at 600 Main in Toms River, NJ, <http://www.600mainnj.com/>. Please note: This event is now fully booked. You may contact host Carol Kyle at carolkyle4@comcast.net or 732-244-2045 to be placed on a waiting list.

- 30 Sunday, the PEDC is invited to **British Day at the Shore Antique Center**, 12-3 PM, 413 Allen Avenue, Allenhurst, NJ, 732.531.4466, www.shoreantiquecenter.com. A great informal car show hosted by, and right across from, the Shore Antique Center, where owners Chris and Rose Myer will offer tea and scones and all are welcome to browse, rain or shine. PEDC POC is Pat Wignall.

May

- 3 Wednesday, **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, woodysroadside.com.
- 6 Saturday, **21st Annual Lewes British Motorcar Show, "The British Are Coming,"** Lewes, Delaware, 11 AM – 3 PM, sponsored by the Lewes Chamber of Commerce and the British Car Club of Delaware (BCCD), www.bccdelaware.com.
- 13 Saturday, the PEDC is invited to the **Long Branch High School ROTC Car Show**. Details to follow. PEDC POC is Jon Spare.
- 20 Saturday, **PEDC Tech Session** at the Citgo station, 28 Main St., Farmingdale, NJ starting at 10:30 AM and running until about 2:30 PM. Organized by Zig Panek and Bob Canfield. The station lift will be available, and there will be room to display our cars and the PEDC banner. Contact Bob Canfield at joisuzu@optonline.net or 732-620-2378 if you want your car worked on or checked out.
- 21 Sunday, **PEDC** brunch at **The Mill** in Spring Lake Heights, NJ, www.themillnj.com. Details to follow. Hosted by Mark and Nadine Berkowsky.
- 25 Thursday, **PEDC** ice cream run to **Heavenly Havens Creamery**, 33 S. Main St. in Allentown, NJ. Details to follow. Hosted by Russ & Pam Sharples.

June

- 1 Thursday, **PEDC** ice cream run to **Dairy Queen**, 40 Trenton Lakewood Road (Rt. 526) in Clarksburg, NJ. Details to follow. Hosted by Gary Watson.
- 3 Saturday, **39th Annual 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 Clubs of North America (JCNA)-sanctioned concours. For info and registration forms, visit <http://www.dvtr.org/CMoE.html> for all marques and <http://www.jcna.com/users/ne33> for Jaguars.
- 4 Sunday, **22nd Annual Red Mill British Car Day**, 56 Main Street, Clinton, NJ, presented by the Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club - NJ. Limited to 100 pre-registered British vehicles. Enjoy the car show and the picturesque Victorian village of Clinton just a short walk away. For more info, see <http://www.austin-healey-stc.org/>.
- 7 Wednesday, **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, woodysroadside.com.
- 10 Saturday, **A Touch of England** Vintage British Automobile & Motorcycle Show. Sponsored by the NJ Triumph Association (NJTA), <http://www.njtriumphs.org>.
- 11 Sunday, **24th Annual British Motorcar Gathering**, Hellertown, PA, rain or shine. Sponsored by the Keystone Region MG Club, <http://www.keystonemg.com/events.html>.
- 15 Thursday, **PEDC** ice cream run to **Jersey Freeze**, Freehold, NJ. Serving great ice cream since 1952,

plus hamburgers, hot dogs, and more. Dinner at 6 PM, ice cream at 7:30 PM. Hosts: Tom & Alice Albertalli.

- 16 Friday, the PEDC is invited to show its cars at the **Lincroft Village Green Association's Food Truck Festival** held at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ. Details to follow. PEDC POC is Mort Resnicoff.
- 18 Sunday (rain date June 25th), **15th Annual PEDC Father's Day Show** in Joseph E. Robertson Park, Allaire Road, Spring Lake Heights, NJ, details to follow. Hosted by Pat Wignall.
- 24 Saturday, **PEDC Drive through the Pine Barrens**. Details to follow. Hosted by Peter Dow.
- 29 Thursday, **PEDC** ice cream run to **TK's**, CR 539, Cream Ridge, NJ, 7:30 PM. Dinner beforehand at 5:30 PM if interested at Ninuzzo's Trattoria, <http://www.ninuzzo.com/>. Please RSVP to hosts Ken & Carol Kyle at kenkyle4@comcast.net if joining us for dinner.

July

- 5 Wednesday, **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, woodysroadside.com.
- 12 Wednesday, **PEDC** ice cream run to **Jake's Cree-Mee Freeze**, Manalapan, NJ, details to follow. Hosted by Mort Resnicoff & Fredda Fine Resnicoff.
- 27 Thursday, **PEDC** ice cream run to **Jeffreeze Old Fashioned Ice Cream**, 381 Main St. (Route 9), West Creek, NJ, details to follow. Hosted by Pete Dow.

August

- 2 Wednesday, **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, woodysroadside.com.
- 7 Monday, **Car Show and Music by the Pool** at Greenbriar Oceanaire, Waretown, NJ, presented by the Greenbriar Oceanaire Classic Car Club. Open to all PEDC members. Details to follow. PEDC members will park together, and food will be available on site. Please RSVP to Mike Browne, cap-tain61ny@aol.com or 609-618-7559, if interested in attending.
- 9 Wednesday, through Saturday the 12th, **Encounter 40, the Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club National Meet** in Princeton, NJ. See <http://www.austin-healey-stc.org/general-events/encounter-2017> for details.
- 10 Thursday, **PEDC** ice cream run to **Gil & Bert's**, 69 N. Main St., Cranbury, NJ, 7 PM. Details to follow. Hosted by Mark & Nadine Berkowsky.
- 12 Saturday, through Sunday the 13th, **PEDC** overnight drive to the **National Museum of Industrial History** in Bethlehem, PA, <http://www.nmih.org/>. Stops are planned at the America on Wheels Museum in Allentown, PA, <http://americaonwheels.org/> and the Ship Inn English pub in Milford, NJ, <http://www.shipinn.com/> as well. Details to follow. Hosted by Mort Resnicoff and Bob Canfield.
- 12 Saturday, and Sunday the 13th, **New Hope Auto Show** at the New Hope-Solebury High School in New Hope, PA. See <http://www.newhopeautoshow.com/> for details.
- 15 Tuesday, through Sunday the 20th, **Vintage Triumph Register 2017 National Convention** in Princeton, NJ. See <http://vtr2017.org/> for details.
- 23 Wednesday, **PEDC** ice cream run to **Candiqueen's**, 237 S. Main St. (RT. 9), Barnegat, NJ, details to

follow. Hosted by Mike & Linda Browne.

September

- 6 Wednesday, **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, woodysroadside.com.
- 7 Thursday, **PEDC** ice cream run to **The Music Man Singing Ice Cream Shoppe** in Lavallette, NJ, details to follow. Hosted by Ken & Carol Kyle.
- 10 Sunday, **PEDC Drive to the Stockton Inn**, 1 Main Street, Stockton, NJ, <http://stocktoninn.com>. Join us for a gourmet dining experience at this historic country inn. Details to be provided. Hosted by Ken & Carol Kyle.
- 13 Wednesday, **PEDC** Brits on the Beach Goodie-bag Stuffing Party. Details to follow.
- 16 Saturday, our 20th annual **PEDC** British Car Day, known since 2009 as **Brits on the Beach**, Main Avenue, Ocean Grove, NJ. This is our big event of the year, and Show Chairman Bob Canfield has another great show planned. Questions? Want to volunteer? Contact Bob at joisuzu@optonline.net.
- 22 Friday, through Sunday the 24th, **America's British Reliability Run**. See <http://www.britishreliability.org/> for details.

October

- 4 Wednesday, **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, woodysroadside.com. Wear your club regalia to celebrate the PEDC's 28th birthday!
- 13 Friday, through Sunday the 15th, **PEDC Pocono Drive**, details to be provided. Hosts: Woody & Sue Smith.
- 14 Saturday, **20th Annual Brits at the Village**, Peddler's Village, Lahaska, PA. Hosted by the Philadelphia MG Club, <http://www.phillymgclub.com/index.php/brits-at-the-village>. **(Tentative)**
- 28 Saturday, **PEDC Halloween Costume Party**, details to be provided. Hosted by Woody & Sue Smith.

November

- 1 Wednesday, **PEDC** monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale, NJ, 7:30 PM, <http://www.woodysroadside.com>.

December

- 9 Saturday, **PEDC Christmas/Holiday Party**. Details to follow. Organized by Fredda Fine.

PEDC Welcomes New Members

Ed & Nancy Dzwili	Morganville NJ	1967 MG MGB
John & Bernadette Giunta	Red Bank NJ	1969 Triumph Spitfire
Thomas & Trish Gutwein	Tuckerton NJ	1980 MG MGB, 2015 Range Rover Evoque
George H. List Sr & Laura MacCollum	Englishtown NJ	1958 Triumph TR3A, 1972 Triumph TR6

Tech Time—Modifying a new part to fit properly on my Austin Healy

Frank Muratore

I purchased a 1966 Austin Healey BJ8 last spring and one of the first things I noticed was the adjustable steering wheel would not adjust. After disassembling the steering wheel and pulling the stator tube out of the column the problem was obvious: the stator tube was bent where it enters the trafficator and jammed together. I ordered a new stator from Moss Motors but it would not fit into its counterpart on the trafficator. After doing some micro measurements the problem was that the new stator tube had an outside diameter of 9.26mm and the old stator tube was 9.24mm. It appeared that the wall of the new tube was actually .01mm thicker than the old one resulting in the .02 difference.

I called John Nikas at Moss to ask his advice; he offered to try to locate a “skinny” stator tube from Moss’ inventory (assuming there was some variation in sizes). Unfortunately none could be located. I spoke to club member and Austin Healey 3000 aficionado Ray Carbone. Ray suggested I could put the slotted end of the tube in a vice and gently squeeze or file down the outside of the tube. That sounded a little challenging as the fit is pretty precise and not much room for error. I again called Moss; John did not suggest the “squeezing method” but suggested filing or sanding method instead. What did I have to lose?...besides the \$59.00 the tube costs!! So I carefully clamped the tube to the end of my work bench and with 220 grit paper began to “mill” the tube. I used a long sheet of sand paper and a buffing action (like shining shoes) careful not to put grooves in the tube. Stopping several times to check the fit, to my pleasant surprise, this was actually working. I proceeded to use 400 and then 1000 grit paper to get a mirror smooth finish. I also lightly filed and sanded the groove that the trafficator slides on to be sure there was sufficient clearance. The whole job took less than an hour.

I am anxious to install the new stator tube and Moto-Lita wheel and return an adjustable steering column to my BJ8.



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1979 Triumph Spitfire parts car or serious restoration project, NJ Title in hand. Driver's Floor is rusted away, Rocker Panels are bad, Rear Suspension Trailing Arm Mounts also bad, Engine is free and I did get it to start with auxiliary fuel source. A mostly complete car that has been off the road for several years. I would offer the entire car for \$900 As-Is but I'm also considering parting it out piece by piece. If you need any late Spitfire Parts please let me know. Nice Black Vinyl seats, all gauges, wood dash panels, running engine with Weber DGV and Header, 4 speed trans, front and rear suspensions, all lights, good doors with glass and handles, decent bonnet, top frame and patched Convertible top, 5 original wheels with Zero mile but dated Radial Tires, wiring harness, wind-

shield, Frame is solid but has some bent sections and more. Call Bill Miller Car Finder LLC, 732-778-3274. Apr 17

If you have any interest in the MGB below please call Bill Miller Car Finder LLC or email, bmillerreinnj@comcast.net. I am glad to answer any questions and eager to schedule an inspection and test drive of this car. Thanks for looking.



1977 MGB Roadster

1977 MGB Fully restored by me with help from a few real Pros. Bare metal repaint in original color, new floors, dog legs and front fenders, rebuilt de-smogged engine, 2 new SU HS4 carbs with pre-75 exhaust manifold, new TT polished stainless exhaust, resealed 4 speed trans, recovered seats, new door panels, carpet and top, new brakes, fuel tank and pump, lowered suspension, new bushings, all receipts and many photos. I have put about 1000 miles on this car since Spring 2016 and it is ready for a new owner. Asking \$14500. Apr 17

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Location: Woodcliff Lake, NJ Price \$19,500 thanks Bill Georgia Apr 17



Parting out 1972 Spitfire. Many good parts, running engine and trans. call Carlos after 6pm. 973-223-2491. Apr 17

A VERY GREEN NIGHT AT ST. STEPHENS GREEN PUBLIC HOUSE

SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS, MARCH 15TH By Pat Wignall Photos by Carol Kyle

Eighteen PEDC'ers broke out after the Nor'easter storm to don their green and enjoy Irish food specialties and club friendship in the warm and welcoming St. Stephen's Green Publick House in Spring Lake Heights.

Hosts Ken and Pat Wignall who live nearby have organized this event annually awarding green gifts to all lucky attendees!

This year fell the day after the threatening Nor'easter storm that shut down many places, keeping us homebound. All enjoyed the night out and were thrilled to have Altha Morton sing a few Irish songs with audience participation. And St. Stephens management once again donated a gift certificate to the upcoming Brits on the Beach event as their thank you and support of PEDC.



Kathy & Rodney Ford



Pat & Ken Wignall with niece Andrea



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Paul & Mary Johnson



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The price is \$46 per person.

With our growing membership, the demand for seats will be great.

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