



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

## Important Date to Remember

- **September 18:** Brits on the Beach, Ocean Grove, NJ. Mark your calendars!

PEDC 2021 events calendar (provisional) coming next month

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## Modifications to a 1967 Sunbeam Tiger Mk IA

SY BLOCK

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has very few Sunbeams, I hope this article helps familiarize club members with various features of my Tiger, which was displayed at Brits on the Beach 2019 and 2020. [Sy took 2nd in the Sunbeam class both years and won the Custom/Modified award in 2020. Ed.]

When I first bought my Tiger, so many changes had already been made that it would've been almost impossible to bring it back to stock. The most logical choice for me was to take the modifications to an extreme in an effort to create a Tiger that, except for the color, looks like it is stock (almost) from the exterior, but has such a significant amount of changes that it *almost* behaves and drives like a



modern car. It doesn't mean that all the concerns we have when we are on the road are absent; it just means that there's a little more comfort in

knowing there are a few more fuses and better wiring, a four-way flasher, LED lighting all around, and more ability to withstand New York traffic than would be the case were it stock.

I bought the Tiger in January 2014 from a woman who lived in Portland, Oregon. It was originally produced in Embassy black, but had approximately six coats of yellow paint that was in bad shape. The original 260 engine had been replaced by a 302 that had been stroked to a 331. The front end

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had been modified by Dale Akus-zewski of Southern California, who is a restorer in his own right but also an engineer and now a good friend. He has modified many parts for the Tiger. Additionally it had one of his aluminum radiators, a Holly carburetor, and a replacement distributor, coil and air cleaner, which were also not original or correct, although this is probably true of many Tigers. The seats were done in cheap black cloth, the dashboard was cracked, the electrical system was shot, and the car was just plain ugly.

The project was completed (almost) in September 2019 after four years of a complete restoration with many other modifications. Initially, there was no choice but to strip the car, put it on a rotisserie, and prep the

entire body. After sandblasting and losing most of the Vin tag, as my initial restorer forgot to cover it, a body reinforcement kit that was laser cut by another engineer from California was welded on in an effort to strengthen the over-50-year-old body.

As the car was originally painted in black, some thought was given to returning it to that rare Sunbeam color. Black was a consideration, but I felt it needed a lighter and brighter color. "O So Orange" from PPG was chosen, given that it's a pearlesized three-step paint process involving base color, pearl coat, and clear coat. The price of the paint was outrageous, and it has since been discontinued, as the mines in Japan where the pearl was retrieved had all been flooded by the tsunami from 10 years ago. The beauty of the

color is that it will change to a green or yellow tone when sitting in the sun at certain angles.

Working from front to back, the modifications essentially start with the headlight surrounds in chrome. The ones I found are from another Rootes car known as the Humber. These are about three-quarters of an inch deeper than stock. The JL tri-anchored headlamps were fitted with LED lights that are fan-cooled. The chrome surrounding the grill known in Sunbeam circles as *the eyebrow* is an original in chromed brass rather than the reproduction in stainless.

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*Photo on page 1 courtesy of Sy Block.*

*Photo below, taken at Brits on the Beach 2020 at Woody's, by Carol Kyle.*





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The center oval containing the Rootes Griffin was also NOS, but textured, which is only found in early Tigers. A badge bar was also re-chromed, and two badges have been attached. NOS Lucas fog lamps were also installed on the front bumper but were not changed to LEDs to maintain the original character. The Sunbeam script, only found on the last 536 Mk IIs, was applied to the hood. The front and rear bumpers are in reproduction stainless steel from Vietnam. I found these bumpers so well-made that I also bought them for my two Volvo 1800s. The front hood hinges as well as the trunk hinges were also chromed rather than painted the color of the car.

Behind the grill, a three-pass Fluidyne aluminum radiator custom-built for Dale is encased by two small Mishimoto electric pusher fans in the front and a large puller fan in the engine compartment.

These fans are thermostatically controlled to go on when the water temperature reaches 180°. The pusher fans also run after shut off to cool the radiator until the water temperature reaches 165°. The radiator is connected to an independent Meziere black billet aluminum water pump through aircraft-grade hoses and fittings. The front cover of the engine has been blocked off by a steel plate, as the engine-driven water pump was no longer necessary given the superior electric water pump.

The alternator is now a chromed 150 amp by Powermaster coupled to a new induction starter motor. The MSD distributor sits next to the alternator and the MSD red box is located behind the false floor of the passenger area which is fan cooled. The valve covers are Los Angeles Tiger versions that have been powder coated in orange to match the engine box color as closely as possible.

The Edelbrock manifold was



changed to an RPM Performer version to allow for greater flow, and the raised lettering on the manifold has been painted to match the car color. The carburetor has been eliminated and replaced by a FITech fuel-injection throttle body. An original air cleaner has been re-chromed, and the single master cylinder has been replaced by a dual-master cylinder that was also adapted for the Tiger by Tom Hall of California in which he also eliminated the hydraulic brake light for an electric switch. The coil is also by MSD and sits on the right by the firewall, giving it a short connection to the red box behind the false floor. All the wiring has been replaced with a new harness, and

*A peek under the hood, **above**, at Sy's pristine engine, here shown at Brits on the Beach 2019. Photo by Ken Kyle.*

most of it is encased in snakeskin to where almost everything but the spark plug wires are hidden under the far sides of the engine compartment. The engine compartment bracing and clamps for the expansion tank were powdercoated gray as were the trunk springs and trunk tools.

A new VIN tag was sourced and installed, while the original is safely stored in my office desk drawer. The letters and numbers are still legible,

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## Welcome New Members

The following members have joined since November 2020:

- Hank & Lisa Kiechlin, Oceanport, NJ, 1973 Triumph Spitfire
- Robert Lyttle, Holmdel, NJ, 1967 Austin-Healey 3000
- Bill & Margarita Miller, Leonardo, NJ (welcome back), 1979 MGB





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but the beating it took did not allow me to mount it on the cowl. The air intake vents were also chromed, and my restorer also inserted much smaller screens beneath the chrome fixtures so as not to allow the usual leaves and other assorted schmutz from entering the space behind the firewall.

The hood was originally a solid sheet of metal. I bought a fiberglass version of the Los Angeles Tiger hood, but my restorer felt it would never fit well enough and instead constructed the Los Angeles Tiger hood from my original stock model.

The modified front end had been improved. I sold the one that came with the car and installed the newer version along with the Wilwood front

and rear disc brake kits, QA1 shocks all around, a beefier rear-leaf-spring kit, and 15 x 6 inch Panasport wheels. The tires are by BFGoodrich and are described as an extreme summer tire that is definitely more fun to drive on a hot sticky road than in the rain. The original Ford top loader was replaced by a five-speed Tremec transmission, although the look of the original shifter has been retained.

Suffice it to say that all of the glass, rubber, and side moldings and badges were replaced with new parts. New door handles were installed as was a new windshield, which was probably the last one in America.

As noted, the interior was beyond hopeless. I went to the dealer and took pictures of the Aston Martin interiors and sent them to my upholsterer who also did my Alpine.

A close-up of the Powermaster alternator and MSD distributor. *Photo courtesy of Sy Block.*

He sent me 10 sketches, and we modified them together to come up with an entirely custom interior although we used the original black vinyl from England along with a medium gray suede cloth that is more durable than genuine suede. The floor was first lined with Kool Mat, which is often used in Jaguar restorations, and new rugs were cut from the same material as used in Jaguars. The center hump, the rear surrounding deck, and part of the door panels were covered in the original vinyl but stitched in a quilted design.

A new dashboard in dark burled wood was installed, and my restorer spent

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KEN KYLE, PRESIDENT

## Honoring Our Best

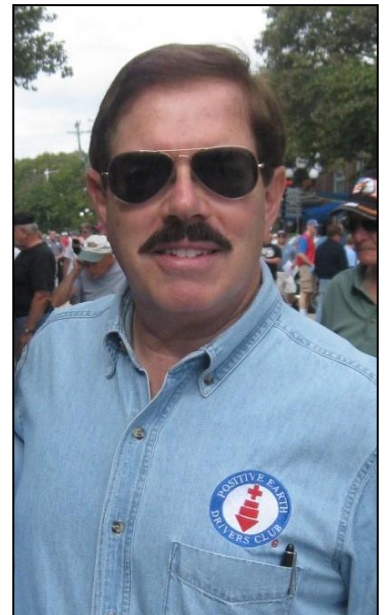
Volunteers are the heart and soul of every nonprofit organization, and the PEDC is no exception. Without individuals willing to step up and contribute their time and energy to achieving the club's goals, our organization would be little more than a list of members' names. In fact, some car clubs are pretty much like that. They don't hold regular meetings, their "calendar" lists mostly other organizations' events, and their newsletter, if they have one, is issued sporadically and consists mostly of some fluff from the president, reprints from other publications, and lots of ads. Obviously this does not describe the PEDC.

To recognize the efforts of our very best volunteers, the officers and trustees of the PEDC decided in 2016 to

revive the Clubman of the Year award. You might wonder why we chose to use the name Clubman of the Year rather than Member of the Year. It's because the term *clubman* has a special meaning in Britain, where the cars we all love come from. It refers to someone who takes a special interest in a club and is actively involved in it as a participant, not merely a spectator. And, yes, a woman can be a clubman too, so don't go looking for any kind of gender bias where none is intended!

To make the revived award extra-special, a trophy design consisting of a dome-topped piece of laser-etched glass was chosen. Each trophy depicts the honoree's British car, or their favorite if they own more than one. In 2016 the first of these trophies went

to **Martin Vickery** for his outstanding work as our webmaster, and it depicts his Caterham 7. The 2017 the *Clubmen* of the Year trophy was awarded to **Woody & Sue Smith** for propelling regalia sales to new heights, hosting several terrific club parties in their own home, and organizing two weekend drives to the Poconos in Pennsylvania. Their trophy features their Morgan Plus 4. In 2018 the award went to **John Quelch** for dedicating practically every free weekend to getting and keeping other members' LBCs on the road as a founding member of the PEDC Garage Squad. Shown on John's trophy is his Jaguar E-type Series II. And last year we honored Brits on the Beach Show Chairman **Bob Canfield**, whose tireless efforts on the PEDC's behalf – including as a driving force behind the



Garage Squad – warrant recognition every year. Naturally Bob's Triumph Spitfire graces his trophy.

Normally the Clubman of the Year award is announced and presented at the PEDC holiday party in December, but this year has been anything but normal and the party, of course, had to be canceled. So instead, we're announcing the winner in the newsletter first and will present the award the next time we're able to meet

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PEDC 2020 Clubman of the Year Russ Sharples, *left*.

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in person. Accordingly, I'm pleased to announce that the PEDC Board of Trustees has selected **Russ Sharples** as our 2020 Clubman of the Year. An unwritten rule prevents this award from going to a sitting officer, but now that Russ is out of office, he's fair game and I can't think of a more deserving individual. At the conclusion of his outstanding club presidency, Russ agreed to take on a new role as our first information technology (IT) manager. In this position he oversees our Dropbox account, helps club Secretary Art manage our MailChimp operations, creates our membership directories, and has implemented our online membership registration system. As I write this in late November, 58\* members have already renewed for next year, an unheard-of number at this time of year, and almost all have done so online. On top of all that, Russ is our go-to guy in the Garage Squad for electrical

problems. Congratulations, Russ. You deserve it.

The Board also voted to award two certificates of appreciation this year. One goes to **Nadine Berkowsky** for serving as our Sunshine Chair since 2012, sending the club's get-well wishes to ailing members and expressions of sympathy to those dealing with the loss of loved ones. This is a vital function that shows the PEDC cares about its members as individuals.



Also being honored this year is **Sookie McLean** for serving as regalia manager since 2019. Congratulations, Nadine and Sookie. Thank you for your volunteer service. I look forward to presenting certificates to you the next time we meet.

### **What, No Gathering?**

Unfortunately the pandemic is going to prevent us from holding our traditional January planning meeting, aka The Gathering, this year.



Instead, the other officers and I will prepare a provisional calendar based on last year's schedule of events and then contact previous hosts of these events to see if they would like to step up to host them again. Naturally if you have any new ideas for the calendar, please contact any of your club officers about them. And if we contact you about hosting an event you've hosted or wanted to host in the past, please be prepared to say yes! Remember, a club is only as good as its volunteers. Thank you. ■

\*As of 30 December 2020, a record 86 members renewed their memberships for 2021. ~Ed.

Nadine Berkowsky, *far left*, and Sookie McLean, *left*, were awarded PEDC 2020 certificates of appreciation. See page 7.





## Congratulations!

2020 Clubman of the Year Award, **right**, was awarded to Russ Sharples, and Certificates of Appreciation, **below**, were awarded to Sunshine Chairman Nadine Berkowsky and Regalia Manager Sookie McLean.



# Minutes of the November 4, 2020 Meeting

SUBMITTED BY CAROL KYLE FOR ART BECKER, SECRETARY



resident Ken Kyle began the meeting, under an outside tent at Woody's, at 7:05 PM. The meeting started early since it was dark and a bit chilly outside. Nevertheless, 19 members were present, plus another 2 who joined us at meeting's end and became new members:

Hank & Lisa Kiechlen, who own a 1973 Triumph Spitfire. A motion to accept the minutes of the 7 October 2020 meeting was made, seconded, and carried. There were no reports from our show chairman, webmaster, or sunshine manager, all of whom were not present.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dean LaVergne stated that we now have 205 memberships (not counting spouses or partners) and that the club balance is \$5,340.23. Dean also noted that we have \$120 in receivables from Cheddar Up. (See "Special Topics," below.) A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made, seconded, and carried.

## Special Topics

President Ken reported that PEDC IT Manager Russ Sharples has set up a collection page for us on the Cheddar Up platform. It enables PEDCers to digitally renew their 2021 memberships online and submit dues via major credit card. Dues remain unchanged at \$15. The cost to renew digitally is just 97 cents, a little more than the cost of postage to mail in a paper form. Online registration is expected to streamline the renewal process and eliminate problems with incomplete and illegible paper forms. For those who still need a paper membership form, these will be available at our website, [www.pedc.org](http://www.pedc.org); in our monthly newsletter, *The Terminal Post*; and at monthly membership meetings.

## Old Business

President Ken discussed October events:

**October 14th** – Mort Resnicoff & Fredda Fine led a drive to Pic-A-Lilli Inn in Shamong, NJ. Seven members in four British cars participated.

**October 17th** – Mark & Maria Wintjen hosted a drive to Fox Hollow Vineyards in Holmdel, NJ. Twenty-two members participated in 12 British cars.

**October 18th** – Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea at Ocean County Mall in Toms River, NJ invited the PEDC to its first-ever cars & coffee. Nine members in five British cars participated.

**October 25th** – Ken & Carol Kyle led a fall foliage drive to Hunterdon County, ending with lunch in Frenchtown, NJ. Twenty-four members in nine British cars participated.

## New Business

President Ken spoke about our upcoming events in VP & Events Coordinator Woody Smith's absence:

**November 8th** – Steve & Theresa Mundt are leading a drive to Old Hights Brewing Company in Hightstown, NJ. They are calling it their "Before We Put 'Em Away" drive. [See pp. 10-12.]



## Canceled Event: December 12 –

Unfortunately the PEDC Christmas/holiday party, which Mort Resnicoff & Fredda Fine had planned at Jumping Brook Country Club (JBCC) in Neptune, NJ, has been canceled due to a lack of interest amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Mort and Treasurer Dean LaVergne met with the JBCC point of contact, proposing that JBCC postpone our party and apply our deposit in December 2021. JBCC agreed to the proposal.

## Projects & LBC Acquisitions

**Tom Vash** is working on Bob Pense's 1954 Austin-Healey 100-4. **Treasurer Dean** had some PEDC Garage Squad work done on his MGB. **Zig Panek** had the Garage Squad repaired the clutch on his Triumph Stag, which has been out of commission for three years.

## Adjournment

President Ken adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM. He noted that we will just have to see what happens with COVID-19 as far as future meetings go. Stay tuned. ■



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hours staining and clear-coating my Moto-Lita steering wheel and the Sunbeam Walnut shift knob to match the dashboard. Sal, my upholsterer, suggested he build a console for the interior to house the radio, the fuel-injection computer display, and several switches for interior lights, fog lights, and an electric fan override switch as well as the microphone for the cellphone. A cup holder was installed in the smaller center glove box, and USB sockets were installed

in the glove box to help in charging accessory equipment. Of course, all of the interior lighting is LED.

Instrumentation was also modified and upgraded. A voltmeter was installed instead of the usual ammeter, and an electronic tachometer was recalibrated along with a 160 mph speedometer that has a digital odometer and is operated by a GPS transponder. The steering column was changed from stock to chrome, and the wheel hub is encased in chrome rather than the usual black material. At the end of the turn signal lever is a switch to go from low beam to high beam, like a modern car, which allows the floor switch to be eliminated. As noted, there is also a small pull lever to engage a four-way flasher. The gas gauge is still a little finicky, but would it be fun driving an English car without having to at least think of one potential annoyance? The heater slide controls were upgraded with stainless-steel end pieces, and a new stencil indicating the various positions was installed in a new chrome frame. The fresh air vents were completely rebuilt and are actually operative. The cigarette lighter works, and the extra hole on the dashboard is now filled with the original shift lever knob that displays the five-speed shift pattern.

The radio/CD/accessory unit is of course by Alpine. The four speaker system is by JL audio as is the 400 watt amplifier that was inserted onto the rear deck. Protruding through the front right area of the rear deck is a large plastic orange key that allows for complete electrical shutdown in case of an emergency. Lastly, three-point, over the shoulder retractable seatbelts that were sourced from England were added. The roll bar is covered in genuine Sunbeam vinyl and stitched in an orange baseball stitch. The trunk is surrounded by the gray suede cloth sewn with an orange thread in quilted diamond pattern.



Sy and the Tiger, **above**, at show's end, Brits on the Beach 2020, Woody's.

The electrical fuses and relays sit behind the front trunk curtain. The four triangles in the trunk lid have carpet inserted and the wooden trunk floor is covered with the same black carpeting as the interior.

To complete the description of the mechanical changes, it should be noted that there is an electric fuel pump in the trunk, in the well beneath the spare tire. As usual, this one is slightly noisy but does get the job done. Custom back-up lights are mounted beneath the rear bumper and fit onto the curved valance via adapters. The original headers are ceramic coated by Jet Hot from North Carolina. The exhaust system is entirely in stainless steel and has been completely revamped by a custom race-car repair shop nearby. The components are all from Vibrant Performance.

I'm sure there are other things that have been added in the process of putting this car together. Parts were sourced from a wide variety of people and places, and technical support and advice was supplied by several members of the Tigers East Alpines East club. I appreciate all of the supportive friends who helped in this crazy project I undertook in late 2015. Of course this car is not my daily driver, but it does perform and sound great. I try to keep the speed below 85, and then only briefly on a rare occasion. As the engine has been dyno-tested at over 300 hp, I don't have to question it being able to move. ■

## The Terminal Post

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## PEDC “Before We Put ‘Em Away” Drive

CAROL KYLE

STEVE & THERESA MUNDT LED THEIR first-ever PEDC drive on Sunday, November 8th. Destination: Old Hights Brewing Company, Hightstown, NJ, which opened in 2018. The Mundts ordered a gorgeous day, planned a beautiful drive, reserved tables for us in the OHBC beer garden from 12:30-2 PM, and even brought snacks for all to enjoy upon arrival.

Some of us ordered take-out from the deli next door, and others brought lunch.

One thing was certain: we all enjoyed the PEDC camaraderie while sampling some of this young brewery’s hand-crafted beers.

Participating in the event, besides Steve & Theresa (E-Type Jaguar), were Tom & Trish Gutwein (MGB); Chris & Linda Law (MGB); David & Debra Thomson (MGB), **shown top**;

Mort Resnicoff & Fredda Fine (MGTD), **shown above**; Tom & Laura Comer (MGA),

**shown right**; Ken & Carol Kyle (F-Type Jaguar); Paul & Marina Tamas (TR4); Gary & Pat Watson (Riley 1.5); and Howard “Howie” Katz and friend (Austin-Healey Sprite).

See more photos on pages 11-12.







**CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:** Gathering before Steve & Theresa's drive were 19 members, 1 friend, and 10 British cars (partially shown). Chris & Linda Law and their 1979 MGB. Howie Katz in his 1965 Austin-Healey Sprite with friend Tom. This was a first PEDC drive for the Laws and Howie – they picked a good one!



See one more photo on page 12.





One of our quintessential little British cars – the MGTD – on a beautiful fall day. Shown are Mort Resnicoff & Fredda Fine in their 1950 model, known affectionately as "Mobius," on our 2020 PEDC "Before We Put 'Em Away" drive. A big thank you to Steve & Theresa Mundt for planning a memorable afternoon!

## WE WANT YOUR STORIES!

- ✓ What's your favorite British marque and why?
- ✓ How'd you get interested in the British car hobby?
- ✓ Have you bought or sold any British cars lately?
- ✓ Got any British car stories to share (good, bad, or otherwise)? Everyone's got a good story!
- ✓ Got any nostalgic photos of you and your first British ride?
- ✓ Taken your British car for an interesting drive lately?
- ✓ Upgraded or restored your British car? Plan to do so? Tell us about it.
- ✓ Got a British car repair or maintenance tip worth sharing?
- ✓ Attended any British car shows in 2020? Win any awards?
- ✓ Got any suggestions for washing & polishing or storing a British car?
- ✓ Got any ideas of how we can attract younger people to the British car hobby?

Get writing! Ken and I would love to hear from you, and we know our members would too. So send us your stories & a few good photos. Send them to [carolkyle4@comcast.net](mailto:carolkyle4@comcast.net). And don't forget to send us your classified ads for British cars and British car parts & accessories. The ads run for three months and are **free** to members.

**The deadline for newsletter submissions  
is the 20th of the month.**





# Looking Back on 2020: What a Year!

CAROL KYLE



**OUR NEW OFFICERS, PRESIDENT KEN KYLE,** VP Woody Smith, Treasurer Dean LaVergne, and Secretary Art Becker hit the ground running in January 2020 with expectations for a great year and lots of exciting events planned. Then came a global pandemic in mid-March, and life would take an unprecedented turn, not only for our club, but also for all of us, everywhere, on planet Earth. But the guys didn't let the pandemic deter them. When it was safe to get the club back on track, they did just that, planning several outdoor events with small groups for short intervals of time, adhering to NJ Governor Murphy's executive orders concerning social distancing and mask wearing. Starting in July, they held five outdoor monthly meetings at Woody's, and though many of our events had to be canceled because of the pandemic, many were not, as shown on pages 14-19.





## Enjoying a Record 14 Ice Cream Runs

- June, TK's, Cream Ridge, NJ, Ken & Carol Kyle, hosts
- June, Jersey Freeze, Freehold, NJ, Ken & Carol Kyle, hosts
- June, Jeffreeze Ice Cream, West Creek, NJ, Pete Dow, host
- June, Ice Cream Shop of Manahawkin, Art Becker, host
- July, Heavenly Havens, Allentown, NJ, Russ & Pam Sharples, hosts
- July, Belle's, Spring Lake, NJ, Ken & Carol Kyle, hosts
- July, Ice Cream on 9, Howell, NJ, Rich & Donna Huy, hosts
- July, Sweet Treats, Forked River, NJ, Jack & Sookie McLean, hosts
- Aug, Evergreen Dairy, Medford, NJ, Art Becker, host
- Aug, Gill & Bert's, Cranbury, NJ, Mark & Nadine Berkowsky, hosts
- Aug, Nicholas Creamery, Fair Haven, NJ, Ken & Carol Kyle, hosts
- Sept, Halo Pub, Hamilton Township, NJ, Steve & Theresa Mundt, hosts
- Sept, Miss Mindy's, Bayville, NJ, Bob & Eileen Hoernlein, hosts
- Sept, Hoffman's, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, Ken & Carol Kyle, hosts



The ice cream runs gave us the perfect chance to continue our PEDC tradition of getting together for an hour or so outdoors over delicious ice cream and displaying our British cars too. Since most of our members live in southern Monmouth and northern Ocean counties, we chose a variety of ice cream destinations easy for many members to get to. Of the 14, 6 were new for us this year.





## Executing Nine Drives (7 in Just 3 Months)

- February, Simeone Museum drive, Philadelphia, PA, Pete Dow, host.
- March, Navy Lakehurst drive, Lakehurst, NJ, Gary Watson, host.
- August, NJ Scenic Byways Upper Freehold farmlands drive, NJ, (**right** and **above, right**) Ken & Carol Kyle, hosts.
- August, NJ Scenic Byways Delaware River drive to Frenchtown, NJ, Ken & Carol Kyle, hosts.
- October, Sweetwater Riverdeck drive (**above, left**), on the Mullica River, Sweetwater, NJ, Mike & Linda Browne, hosts.
- October, Pic-A-Lilli Inn drive, Shamong, NJ, Mort Resnicoff & Fredda Fine, hosts.
- October, Fox Hollow Vineyards drive, Holmdel, NJ (**below**), Mark & Maria Wintjen, hosts.
- October, Fall foliage drive (**top, right**) to Hunterdon County, NJ, ending at the Frenchtown Inn, Ken & Carol Kyle, hosts.
- November, Fall foliage drive to Old Hights Brewing Company, Hightstown, NJ (**see** pp 10-12), Steve & Theresa Mundt, hosts.







Woody's, the site of our monthly meetings for more than a decade, came through for us in the 11th hour and agreed to stage our show after Ocean Grove and Branches Catering both bailed on us just a few weeks from our show date. Show Chairman Bob Canfield and Officers Ken Kyle, Woody Smith, Dean LaVergne, and Art Becker regrouped, and we were able to stage a great show, all things considered, with 74 cars.

## Saving Brits on the Beach!







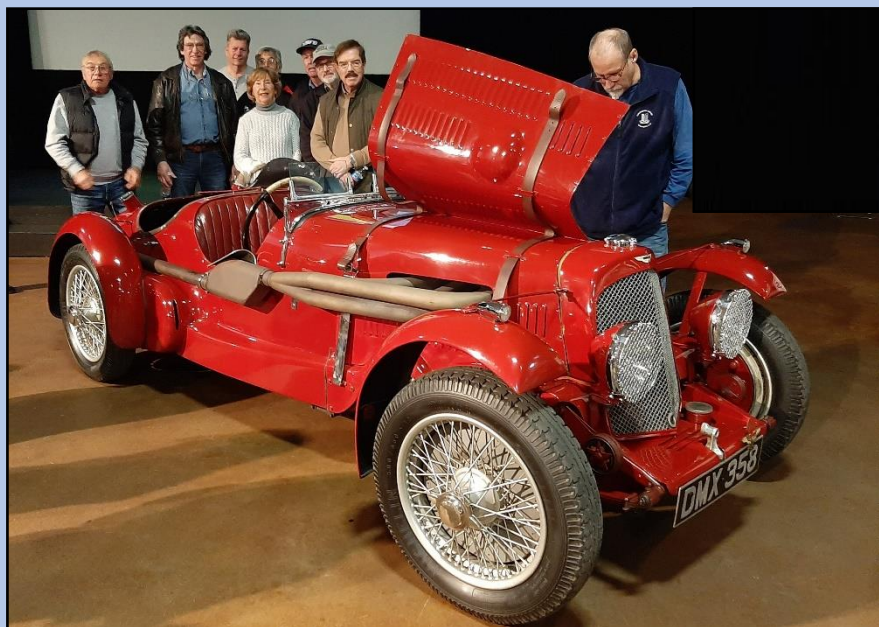
## Staging Our Father's Day Show in SLH

Pat Wignall pulled off another great show this year, adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines set forth by Spring Lake Heights, NJ, which included socially distancing not only show participants and spectators, but also the British cars themselves.

Although the after-show BBQ at the home of Paul & Mary Johnson had to be canceled this year, we still had a terrific turnout of 50+ cars.







## Hosting 4 Pre-Pandemic Events



2020 got off to a great start with three monthly meetings and one events planning meeting, "The Gathering," at Woody's. We also enjoyed two drives, our annual Irish dinner and a theater-brunch outing to Ocean Grove to hear PEDCers Curt (saxophone) and Altha (vocalist) Morton perform with their Sentimental Journey big band. Pat Wignall hosted the dinner and theater-brunch events. Pete Dow hosted his annual drive to Philly to the Simeone Museum's annual "Best of Britain" show, and Gary Watson led a drive to Navy Lakehurst for a tour of historic Hangar One, the Cathedral of the Air, and a military museum.







## Displaying Our Cars at Other Events

When COVID-19 hit us in mid-March in NJ, Governor Murphy banned large gatherings outdoors, which meant that car shows and cruise nights had to be canceled. Once summer arrived and the bans began to be lifted, many cruise-night and car-show organizers and downtowns did not want to be responsible for crowd control associated with these large outdoor gatherings, understandably, since the virial pandemic was still very much with us. By fall, the PEDC was able to participate in a couple of local car displays to which it was invited: the "Mini Meets Defender" event at Jaguar Land Rover Monmouth in Eatontown, NJ, and the first-ever Sweetwater's Coffee & Tea cars & coffee event at Ocean County Mall in Toms River, NJ.





# Minutes of the PEDC Board of Directors Meeting, 9 November 2020

SUBMITTED BY ART BECKER, SECRETARY

**Board Members Present:** Ken Kyle, Woody Smith, Dean LaVergne, Art Becker, Mike Browne, Bob Canfield, Steve Mundt, John Quelch, Mark Wintjen

(Note: The meeting was held on the Zoom video conferencing platform due to COVID-19 restrictions.)

President Ken Kyle called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

## AGENDA ITEMS:

**1. Holiday Party** – President Ken and Treasurer Dean reported that party organizer Mort Resnicoff has made an agreement with the venue, Jumping Brook Country Club, to postpone the holiday party until next year. This action resulted in no financial penalty to the club for this year's event not being held. The board was very pleased with this outcome. Dean noted that JBCC told Mort and him that they will not be able to be flexible next year if we do not meet our minimum number of attendees. JBCC is supposed to send Mort a new contract.

**Action:** Dean will follow up with Mort to make sure the new contract has been received.

**2. PEDC Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Dean presented the August through October Cash Flow report and reported a net funds balance on hand as \$5290.23. The club is approximately \$1900.00 ahead of budget. This additional surplus is mostly due to the fact that all of the parties planned for this year were canceled. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mark and seconded by Woody. The motion was carried.

**3. 2020 Club Awards: Clubman of the Year** – Russ Sharples was unanimously acclaimed by the board to receive the Clubman of the Year award. Russ has provided behind-the-scenes IT services that the club can't do without. Additionally, Russ has provided significant

assistance to the Garage Squad in resolving electrical issues with members' cars.

**4. Certificates of Appreciation** – Nadine Berkowsky has done a fantastic job with the sunshine committee, and Sookie McLean has done a great job with regalia. The board unanimously agreed that Nadine and Sookie are worthy of receiving this award. Ken noted that these awards are typically presented at the annual holiday party, but since that has been canceled due to COVID-19, presentation will have to wait for a regular meeting. In the meantime, the awards will be announced in the newsletter.

**Action:** Ken will design and order the Clubman of the Year trophy along with frames for the certificates.

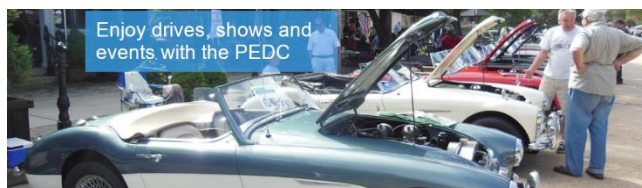
## OTHER BUSINESS:

President Ken noted that we probably won't be able to hold The Gathering planning meeting in January. He suggested instead that we lay out a provisional calendar based on last year's pre-COVID calendar and ask those members who signed up to host events last year to make a tentative commitment to hosting these events in 2021, conditions permitting, of course. We would also solicit event hosts by email blast. The board agreed with this approach.

President Ken thanked Mike & Linda Browne, Steve & Theresa Mundt, and Mark & Maria Wintjen for hosting recent drives, noting that these drives really rescued the driving season.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM. ■

*See page 21 for Cash Flow Report – Aug to Oct 2020*



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# **POSITIVE EARTH DRIVERS CLUB (PEDC)** **CASH FLOW REPORT – AUGUST TO OCTOBER 2020**

Dues		
Dues: Dues 2020	<u>165.00</u>	
TOTAL Dues		165.00
Regalia Income		253.00
BOTB Income*		
Registrations	2,003.90	
Sponsorships	<u>740.00</u>	
TOTAL BOTB Income		<u>2,743.90</u>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>		<u><b>3,161.90</b></u>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>		
BOTB Expenses		
BOTB Expenses 2020	2,386.29	
Regalia	<u>209.50</u>	
Total BOTB Expenses		2,595.79
Other Expenses		
Office Supplies	14.91	
Sunshine Expense	<u>92.60</u>	
TOTAL Other Expenses		<u>107.51</u>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>		<u><b>2,703.30</b></u>
<b>NET INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS)</b>		<u><b>458.60</b></u>

## **Notes:**

Current Bank Balance	\$5,290.23
Membership Count	204



**Right,** Sir Sean, who was born in Edinburgh, is shown in Washington, D.C. on Tartan Day, wearing the hunting tartan of his mother's McLean clan. Photo source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean\\_Connery](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Connery)

# **In Memoriam: Sir Sean Connery**

**25 August 1930 – 31 October 2020**

Award-winning Scottish actor Sean Connery, best known for portraying British secret agent James Bond, died late last year. Connery starred in seven Bond films from 1962-1983, starting with *Dr. No*. *People Magazine* voted him the Sexiest Man Alive in 1989 and the Sexiest Man of the Century in 1999. He was knighted in 2000. In 2004 Sir Sean was polled by the *Sunday Herald* as the Greatest Living Scot. SOURCE:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean\\_Connery](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Connery).



An iconic image of Connery's James Bond, **left**. Photo: source unknown.

Connery stands alongside the Aston Martin DB5, **below**, one of the British sportscars forever linked with James Bond. Photo: source unknown.

**Bottom:** One of the DB5s used in the Bond movie *Skyfall*. Photo source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aston\\_Martin\\_DB5](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aston_Martin_DB5)



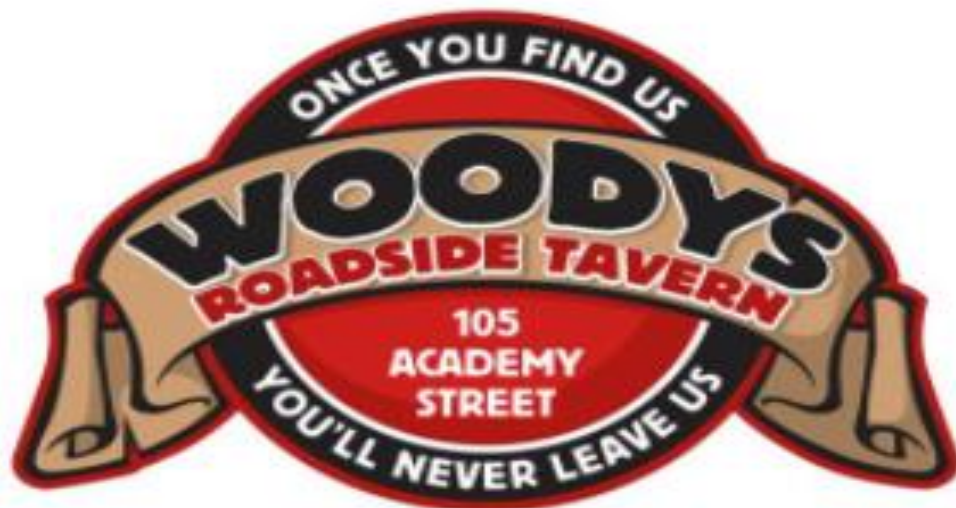


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Interested in becoming a show sponsor? Contact Show Chairman Bob Canfield, [joisuzu@optonline.net](mailto:joisuzu@optonline.net).

Bob Canfield's "Volney" stalking Ken & Carol's F-Type in Wall, NJ, November 2020!



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## Looking Back at Brits on the Beach 2018

Joe & Donna Pilato entering Ocean Grove in their beautiful 1969 MGB GT. Lookin' good, Joe!



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## Official PEDC Regalia for 2021 ~ Price List



### CLUB APPAREL

#### Men's

	SIZE	PRICE
T-shirt, short-sleeve crew neck	S-XL/XXL	\$17/\$19
T-shirt, short-sleeve crew neck with pocket	S-XL/XXL	\$19/\$21
T-shirt, long-sleeve crew neck	S-XL/XXL	\$19/\$21
Izod short-sleeve, silk-wash golf shirt	S-XL/XXL	\$34/\$36
Denim shirt, woven, short-sleeve button-down	S-XL/XXL	\$31/\$34
Denim shirt, woven, long-sleeve button-down	S-XL/XXL	\$31/\$34
Sweatshirt, long-sleeve crewneck	S-XL/XXL	\$26/\$29
Baseball hats	One size fits all	\$14

#### Women's

T-shirt, short-sleeve crew neck	S-XL/XXL	\$17/\$19
Izod short-sleeve, silk-wash golf shirt	S-XL/XXL	\$26/\$28
Denim shirt, woven, short-sleeve button-down	S-XL/XXL	\$31/\$34
Denim shirt, woven, long-sleeve button-down	S-XL/XXL	\$31/\$34
Sweatshirt, long-sleeve, hooded	S-XL/XXL	\$34/\$36
Baseball hats	One size fits all	\$14

### OTHER CLUB ITEMS

	PRICE
Tool bag, black	\$24.95
Grill badge	\$25.00
PEDC logo patch	\$6.00
Marque patch	\$5.00
Lapel/hat pin	\$4.00
Windshield sticker	\$2.00

**Show your club spirit!** To order the items listed here, contact Regalia Manager Sookie McLean, [corina458@comcast.net](mailto:corina458@comcast.net), (609) 276-1842. All items are supplied to us through Fourth Gear, Ltd. Shown above are current prices.

Modeling one of our most popular PEDC regalia items – the Izod short-sleeve, silk-wash golf shirt – are, **from left**, Lynn Jackson, Tom & Trish Gutwein, and Nadine Berkowsky.





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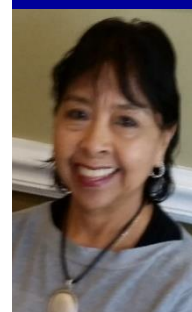
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### PEDC Garage Squad Update 2021

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## Reminiscing

MICHAEL FERGUSON

In 2014 I was on a business trip in Japan. On a Sunday walk after church I spied these cars down the street on the outskirts of Tokyo. RHD too. Gave me a smile for the day! *Photo by Michael Ferguson.*





## The Last Word: Get Out and Drive 'Em!



Mark & Maria Wintjen led a group of 11 cars from Woody's in Farmingdale, NJ to Fox Hollow Vineyards in Holmdel, NJ on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in mid-October, meeting a 12th car there. **Above:** Arriving at the vineyard are Steve & Theresa Mundt in their Jaguar E-Type, Ed & Jennifer Scully in their Triumph Spitfire, Phil Licetti driving Bob Canfield's MGB, and Jim & Aileen Lamb in Jim's MGB GT.





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### NOTES:

- (1) For membership renewal, please update this form with current information (especially your e-mail address) for club records.  
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