



The Terminal Post

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

Important Dates to Remember

- **August 2:** Monthly meeting at Woody's, Farmingdale
- **August 5:** PEDC autojumble car-parts flea market, Beachwood. See page 14 for details.
- **August 10:** Ice cream run to Sweet Treats, Forked River
- **August 17:** Ice cream run to Gil & Bert's, Cranbury
- **August 24:** Ice cream run to Nicholas Creamery, Rumson

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A Glorious Day to Celebrate Dads



KEN & PAT WIGNALL

WE WERE THRILLED THAT the weather was perfect for our 20th Annual PEDC Father's Day events. Our field display at the Joseph E. Robertson Park on Allaire Road in Spring Lake Heights, NJ featured 50 cars and lots of visitors. Many car discussions and visits with friends we count on seeing each year were evident. We didn't hear of any car problems, just a joyful day for a ride, the way it should be. After the show, which ran from 10 AM to 1 PM, some of us packed up and headed over to Paul & Mary Johnson's beautiful home in Wall and

enjoyed a great BBQ with a wide variety of goodies contributed by all who attended. Burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, & root beer floats – so begins the summer of 2023! ■

ABOVE: Ernie and son Ernest Caponegro with Bill Geissel and twins Ava and Will enjoy Win Miller's '77 TR6.

BELOW: Ed Kinney in his '51 MG TD with daughter Shannon navigating. See pp 2-3 for more photos.





Top: PEDC MG TDs always make a great display on the show field. **From left,** Serge Martynovych's green 1951, Charlie & Lynn Jackson's yellow 1951, and Woody & Sue Smith's red 1953.

Above: Merrill Yeager's 1964 Morgan +4 getting a lot of attention alongside an A-H Bugeye Sprite. Bruce & Regan Adams's handsome 1973/74 Morgan 4/4.

Below: Bob & Eileen Hoernlein and their 1975 Triumph TR6. **Right:** Dennis Carlson's 2009 Jaguar XKR Portfolio convertible alongside Tom Vash's 1973 TVR 2500M.



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RIGHT: Two great dads, Bob Hoernlein, *left*, and Rich Dalfonzo, *right*, and their lovely wives, Eileen Hoernlein and Denise Dalfonzo, stop for a photo op by Paul Johnson's colorful '55 MGTF. **BELOW:** Bob Arzberger and his sister, Lorraine, pose with their sweet Beagle, "Dottie," alongside Bob's '73 Triumph GT6 Mk III. A new generation of British car lover, Charlie & Lynn Jackson's 9-month-old grandson, little Charlie. **BOTTOM:** Ken & Pat Wignall brought out their stunning '56 Jaguar XK140SE, a real showstopper.





KEN KYLE, PRESIDENT

It's PEDC Election Time!

Every two years the PEDC must hold elections for our four officer positions: president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Per the club bylaws, members are limited to two consecutive terms in any one office. VP Woody Smith, Treasurer Dean LaVergne, and I have each served two consecutive terms in our current positions and are not permitted to run for reelection. Secretary Allan Wismuller has served only one term in office but has decided not to run for reelection as well. And although eligible to do so, none of us wishes to run for an office other than our current one. Therefore, all four positions are up for grabs this year.

Who's Eligible to Run?

The bylaws state that all members in good standing (meaning that their dues are paid up) are eligible to run for office provided that they have been members for at least one year on election day. For this election, that means anyone who joined the club on or before November 1, 2022 is eligible to run. Note that this includes spouses and partners. Former officers are

allowed to run, as well, for any office including ones they held previously.

The Election Process

Members who wish to run for office must self-nominate by notifying Secretary Allan of their candidacy by September 18, 2023. Third-party nominations will not be accepted, because we don't want anyone to feel that they're being forced into running by another member. Candidates for office will then be announced in the October newsletter and at the October general meeting. The October newsletter will also include a ballot that can be mailed in or scanned and emailed to the club secretary.

Primary members and spouses/partners must submit separate ballots if both wish to vote. Members may also vote in person at the November general meeting, where all votes will be counted and the winners will be announced. The election results will also be announced in an email blast. Voting is not anonymous, as the bylaws require us to verify the eligibility of each voter.

Some Important Considerations

The club cannot function without all of its officer positions filled. It is essential that members step up to fill these leadership roles. I have heard members say that being an officer looks like too much work or that they're too busy to take it on, but here are some facts to consider. My three immediate predecessors as club president – Russ Sharples, Mark Berkowsky, and Rodney Ford – all had full-time jobs when they were in office, yet each managed to do an outstanding job leading the club. Furthermore, the basic officer duties defined in the bylaws are not particularly burdensome. The president is the chief executive of the club and presides at general meetings and board of trustee meetings. The vice president fills in for the president when he or she is unavailable. The treasurer keeps track of the club's finances, and the secretary takes meeting minutes and keeps track of the club's records. Nowhere in the bylaws does it say that the president or any other officer has to write a newsletter column; in fact, you don't even have to have a newsletter. All that's required is that there be 11 monthly meetings and 4 board meetings each year.

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I urge each of you to read the bylaws and see this for yourself. They're in every issue of the club member directory. If you don't have the directory handy, I would be happy to email it to you.

Naturally there's more to these positions in practice, but they will be what you make them, not what your predecessors made them. I can promise you two things if you take the helm of this club: one, my fellow officers and I, along with club IT Manager Russ Sharples, will work with you to ensure a smooth transition and will be available for advice afterward, if asked; and, two, none of us will ever criticize anything you do after you assume office as long as you follow the bylaws and obey all state and federal laws.

Each group of officers puts its own stamp on the club, which is as it should be. If you're interested in running for office, I strongly suggest you get three of your friends in the club to run with you as a team so you're all on the same page once you take over.

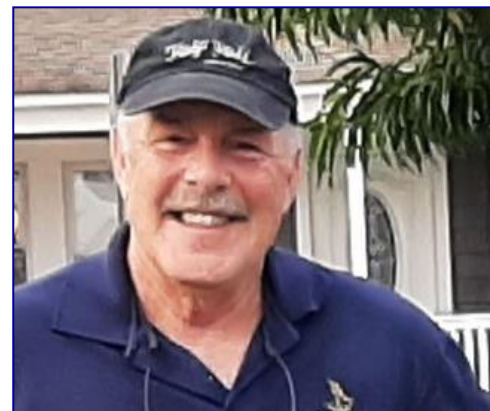
A Final Word

Of the 85 PEDC newsletter columns I've written since 2016,

ABOVE RIGHT, FROM TOP:
President Ken Kyle, VP Woody Smith, Treasurer Dean LaVergne, and Secretary Allan Wysmuller.

ABOVE LEFT, FROM TOP:
Ken's 2018 Jaguar F-type, Woody's 1954 Morgan +4, Dean's 1974 MGB, and Allan's 1968 Triumph TR 250.

this may be the most important one ever. The PEDC has been in existence since 1989, but if we don't elect four new officers this November, the PEDC Board of Trustees will have to dissolve the club, and 2023 will be our last year. Surely in a club with over 400 members there are four people willing to step up to serve and prevent this from happening. The survival of the PEDC is in your hands. ■





Our 26th Annual PEDC British Car Day – coming soon

Brits on the Beach

SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2023
10 AM – 4 PM, OCEAN GROVE, NJ

Act now!
Only 20
spaces left!

- ◆ 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 \$30 per car. **Only online registration will be accepted.** **Click here to register:** <https://pedc.org/both/>
- ◆ Silent-auction-style drawing for door prizes is open to all show registrants.
- ◆ Check in and registration is 9:30 AM – 11 AM.
- ◆ Judging of cars is by participants' choice, 12 noon to 2 PM.
- ◆ The awards ceremony starts at ~3:00 PM.
- ◆ Classes & the number of awards per class are determined by pre-registration. We expect 140 cars this year in ~20 classes.

Questions? Contact PEDC Show Chairman Bob Canfield, show@pedc.org, (732) 620-2378 mobile

This is our 14th year (since 2009) in Ocean Grove, NJ, 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 to Brits on the Beach is free for visitors and spectators. DJ extraordinaire Rich Canfield will provide live music from all eras for all ages – with plenty of British Invasion music – so bring the family for a day of fun. Even if you don't show your car, come on out and join us anyway!



IN THE SUMMER OF 2022 I was at a family get together chatting about cars with my nephew Todd Cooke. He was interested in buying one but

wanted something different. We talked about car design and reliability, cost of maintenance, gas engine efficiency, electric drivetrains, comfort, and style. He didn't want to buy a new car due to the heavy depreciation a new car experiences; he wanted something that would hold its value and be repairable, and most of all represent a classic design. The range of cars he was interested in ran from vintage Porsche 911s and BMW 3.0 CSs at the high end, through 70s and 80s Saabs and VWs, to the MGB GT. A quick search demonstrated that Porsches and BMWs were out of his \$10K price range as were decent examples of the 70s and 80s cars, but an MGB GT was feasible. The conversation up to this point had felt theoretical, but pretty quickly I was getting from Todd "how about this one" emails every couple of days.

Being in the car hobby we PEDCers know the best hunting grounds for good-value cars. Todd started with Google searches, and I was surprised at all the really poor-quality cars he turned up at high prices on sketchy sites. VIN searches confirmed some of these ads to be outright scams, where the car description and photos are lifted from a years-old classified ad and posted as a new offer. Pretty quickly we settled on running our searches on Bring a Trailer (BaT) and Hemmings, where there's a regular crop of MG options showing up every month.

Behind the Wheel Seals the Deal

While we were waiting for the right car to appear (not too rough, not too expensive, not too far away, well-documented) I invited Todd up to a Sunday tech day at Tom Vash's shop. There were several MGB GTs there along with a smattering of other classic British cars, so he had the opportunity to ride in one and really feel what it was like. John Sprake had come with his 1974 MGB GT and generously let me take Todd out for a drive. Todd loved it and wasn't the least concerned about a lack of air conditioning, air bags, or feeling like a tiny bug surround by SUVs. Todd was roughly familiar with how to drive a manual transmission, but we spent some time in the afternoon in my MGA letting him drive around the neighborhood so he could confirm he was comfortable with a clutch, manual steering, and manual brakes. With that test passed, the search started in earnest.



Passing Along the Love of Classic British Cars to a New Generation

PART 1 OF 4

RUSS SHARPLES



Enter Bring a Trailer (BaT)

We screened a bunch of possibilities found in various parts of the country and spent some time vetting a white 1974 MGB GT in Michigan that a friend of his happened to see on the street with a For Sale sign. It appeared to be a solid car, an authentic survivor that had been well maintained, but it was too far away to assess. While we considered how to get it checked out, the car sold locally. Just a week later though, a nearly identical white 1974 MGB GT popped up in a No Reserve auction on BaT. There were relatively few people watching and commenting on the car, and it looked pretty nice. Unfortunately it was in Kentucky so checking it out in person was impractical. It appeared to be a genuine 26K mile car that had maintenance records showing yearly maintenance up until the cylinder head was removed around 2006 for a valve job. Then the car was left in this state for 14 years until it was sold on BaT as a non-running project for \$7050 in 2020. The BaT buyer put a different cylinder head on it, got it running, and posted it in this No Reserve auction in 2022. The lack of auction watchers

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the trailer was opened, the car did not disappoint! The body was excellent and the car started right up, idled, and easily backed out of the trailer. After inspecting the car for shipping damage and signing the paperwork, I drove the car the short distance to Todd's house. Unfortunately, during that short trip (the car was probably running for a total of 10 or 15 minutes) the engine started to lose power and struggled to get up the hill of the driveway. Parking the car in the driveway in front of the garage, I found it difficult to keep the car running. It certainly needed a tune-up. We knew the interior was original with the typical signs of wear on the seats and door cards, but I also found that the seat springs were shot and the inside of the car was pretty smelly. Once I moved it into the garage, I found it had left a pretty decent puddle of oil in the driveway – a steady stream of oil was running from the tappet covers on the side of the engine.

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and interest in the comments meant this could be a real opportunity for a bargain. Just 15 minutes before the 7-day auction's end, the car was still sitting at \$5400. But as typically happens with BaT, it was the last few minutes where all the action happened. There were six bidders at the end: Todd's first bid was \$5775, and pretty quickly it was down to just Todd and one other bidder as they ratcheted the price up \$100 at a time every 2 minutes (BaT extends the auction for 2 minutes each time a new bid is put in to prevent "sniping"). Todd finally won the car for \$8200, which we felt was a bargain – it was running, with good oil pressure in the videos; there was just one small dent in the otherwise clean and well painted body; the interior looked clean and complete; and there was no evidence of rust perforation, just a few bits of surface rust.

Success! Now to Get 'er Home

At first Todd thought he might fly to Kentucky and drive it back to Pennsylvania, but the condition of the tires meant that that was a very sketchy proposition. Getting new tires installed on location was complicated. It turned out that the seller knew of an enclosed transporter that was headed east in a week and would haul the car for just \$800. We took that offer, and since Todd happened to be on a business trip when the car arrived on September 13th, I agreed to meet the transporter at Todd's house.

I was nervous that the car would not be as nice in person as it had been in the BaT photos, but when

So the car looked good, smelled bad, ran poorly, and leaked oil. Hey it's an old British car, so that's gotta be a win, right? Not quite! The devil is in the details . . . and the carburetors . . . and the suspension bushings . . . and the valvetrain . . . and the wheel cylinders . . . and the brake calipers . . .

To Be Continued

Three weeks later, the PEDC Garage Squad was able to swoop in and reveal the true depth of a 26K mile, original condition, \$8200 bargain MGB GT. More on this next month! ■



Photo on page 7 and top courtesy of Russ Sharples. Photos of Russ and Todd above and right by Carol Kyle, at Tom Vash's house, summer 2022.



Minutes of the July 5, 2023 Meeting

SUBMITTED BY ALLAN WYSMULLER, SECRETARY

PRESIDENT KEN KYLE

began the meeting at 7:30 PM. In attendance were 41 members. A motion to accept the minutes of the June 2023 meeting, as posted in the July 2023 newsletter, was made, seconded, and carried. There were no reports from our show chairman, webmaster, or Instagram manager. There were no new members, but Bill Geissel's son, Will, who was present with his dad, was acknowledged, jokingly, as a "half-member."

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dean LaVergne reported that the club's account balance stands at \$6,474.85. Club membership is now 227 (408 with spouses/partners). A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made, seconded, and carried.

Old Business

President Ken noted the following events held since the last meeting:

June 15: Pete & Mickey Dow hosted an ice cream run to Jeffreeze in West Creek, NJ. Fourteen people showed up in five British cars. Pete's comment: "It went well!"

June 18: Ken & Pat Wignall hosted our 20th Annual



ABOVE: A Garage Squad session July 2nd at John Quelch's house. The Squad worked on his Sunbeam Alpine. **Shown, kneeling**, is Craig Coutros. **From left** are John, Tom Vash, Lenny Giles, Bob Canfield (inside the car), Russ Sharples, Jim Lamb, Paul Johnson, and Scott Freund. *Photo by Art Becker.*

Father's Day British car show in Spring Lake Heights, NJ. A BBQ followed at the home of Paul & Mary Johnson in Wall, NJ. Fifty British cars were on the show field, and 32 people came to the BBQ, which was "great."

June 28: Tom & Laura Comer hosted an ice cream run to Four Boys Ice Cream here in Farmingdale, NJ with dinner beforehand at Woody's. Ten people got together for dinner, and another four showed up for ice cream. A total of four British cars were there.

Canceled/Postponed/Rescheduled Events

President Ken noted the following canceled events:

June 21: The PEDC ice cream run to TK's Ice Cream in Cream Ridge, NJ was canceled due to the weather and may be rescheduled.

July 20: The PEDC Garage Squad open house and BBQ at Tom & Corinne Vash's house has been canceled. They hope to host a "full moon party" on October 14th instead. Watch for details.

Non-PEDC Events Since Last Meeting

June 10: No one reported attending the New Jersey Triumph Association's

(NJTA) "A Touch of England" British car show in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ.

June 11: No one reported attending the Keystone British Car Club's 29th Annual British Motorcar Gathering in Hellertown, PA.

July 2: Joe Monreale, Steve Spataro, and John Minetti attended the Friends of Washington Crossing Park's 5th Annual Rebels & Redcoats car show at Washington Crossing Historic Park in PA. John took a first-place trophy with his Austin-Healey. Congrats!

New Business

President Ken discussed these upcoming events:

PEDC Events

July 6: Russ & Pam Sharples will host an ice cream run to Heavenly Havens Creamery in Allentown, NJ.

July 15: Carol & Ken will lead an Upper Freehold Scenic Byway drive in and around Allentown, NJ. Lunch at Ninuzzo's Trattoria in Cream Ridge, NJ afterward.

July 16: The PEDC Garage Squad will hold a tech session at Jon Radin's shop in Cream Ridge, NJ with a rain date of July 23rd. Members may sign up to

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Official PEDC Regalia for 2023 ~ Price List



CLUB APPAREL

Men's

CLUB APPAREL	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
eDenim shirt, woven, long-sleeve button-down	S-XL/XXL	\$31/\$34
eSweatshirt, long-sleeve, hooded	S-XL/XXL	\$34/\$36
Baseball hats	One size fits all	\$14

OTHER CLUB ITEMS

PRICE

Grille badge	\$25.00
Tool bag, black	\$24.95
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, (609) 276-1842. All items are supplied to us through Fourth Gear, Ltd. [Current prices.](#)

ABOVE, FROM LEFT: Russ Sharples, Linda Browne, Pat Watson, Charlie Jackson, Reg Savoy, Bob Brown, and Tom Vash in regalia.

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have their cars checked over and tweaked, as needed. Watch for details.

July 20: Ken & Carol will host an ice cream run to Belle's Ice Cream, Spring Lake, NJ.

July 27: Steve & Theresa Mundt will host an ice cream run to Halo Pub in Hamilton Square, NJ.

Other New Business

New member Michelle

Young-Conk's husband, Mike, mentioned difficulty bleeding the new clutch he recently installed in their '79 MGB. Several suggestions were made to remedy the problem.

Linda Browne announced that the September dinner-theater event she is planning will be held on September 12th at the SurfFlight Theatre in Beach Haven, NJ (LBI). The show is "Grumpy Old Men," and the cost is \$68.95 pp. Watch for details.

Rodney Ford noted that the late Pete Linzsky's rubber-bumper MGB is up for sale. No specifics were given, but further information will be forthcoming.

Brits on the Beach

President Ken, in Show Chairman Bob Canfield's absence, noted that registration for our annual show in Ocean Grove, NJ on September 23rd is now 75 percent sold out. As of July 4th, 106 of 140 spaces have been taken.

At this rate, we expect to be sold out by the end of July. Ken urged members to register their cars soon and that registration is by online only, via the PEDC website.

Adjournment

President Ken closed the meeting by noting the next scheduled monthly meeting is Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023. A motion to close was made, seconded, and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM. ■



FROM TOP: Bob & Eileen Hoernlein (TR6), Gary & Pat Watson (Riley 1.5), Pete & Mickey Dow (TR6), John Minetti (first time with us in his new A-H 3000 BJ8), and Mike & Linda Browne (MGB). See more photos on page 12.



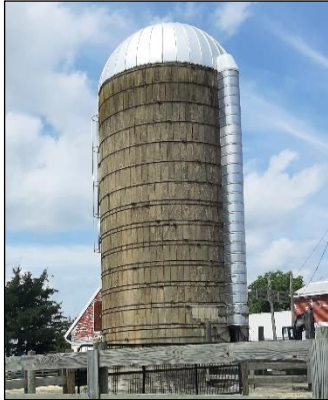
NJ Scenic Byways Drive ~ Allentown, NJ

CAROL KYLE

Extreme heat didn't deter us PEDCers on Saturday, 15 July 2023, when Ken & I led 19 members in 10 British cars on our annual 24-mile Upper Freehold Historic Farmland Scenic Byway run in western Monmouth County. We gathered at the Wawa on County Route 539 in New Egypt, NJ, not far from the Laurita Winery. Following right behind us in our F-type Jaguar were Gary & Pat Watson (Riley 1.5), Mike & Linda Browne (MGB), Tom & Trish Gutwein (MGB), John Minetti (Austin-Healey 3000 BJ8), Bob & Eileen Hoernlein (Triumph TR6), Pete & Mickey Dow (TR6), Dennis & Elsie Mosesman (Morgan +8), Rich & Denise Dalfonzo (Mini), and, bringing up the rear, Art & Joann Becker (Bentley Continental GT). A big thank you to Art & Joann for keeping our group together via walkie talkies.

We drove past the entrance to the Horse Park of NJ and found relief on lovely shady roads (some of which seemed like private driveways, especially Rues Road), and we saw some pretty farms indicative of rural America. New Jersey is, after all, the Garden State. The drive ended with lunch at Ninuzzo Trattoria, a favorite PEDC stop in Cream Ridge, NJ, where we lingered for three hours. Thank you to all who participated. It was a fun day! ■





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT – beautiful vistas and landmarks along our route, including the big chair; the horse sculpture; modern working farms; lush green plantings; shady lanes; Allentown, NJ, incorporated in 1889 with a grist mill built in 1855; a modern silo; and the Horse Park of NJ.



OUT IN THE COUNTRY

Three Dog Night, 1970

*"Whenever I need to
leave it all behind
Or feel the need to get
away-ay-ay
I find a quiet place,
far from the human race
Out in the country*

*"Before the breathin' air
is gone
Before the sun is just
a bright spot in the
night-time
Out where the rivers like
to run
I stand alone and take
back somethin' worth
rememberin'"*



Photos of the Month

BOB & EILEEN HOERNLEIN have owned their lovely 1975 Triumph TR6, *below*, for nearly its entire lifespan. They've taken lots of great photos of their car, including this one near their home at the Jersey Shore. *Photo courtesy of Bob & Eileen Hoernlein.*

JOHN GAZAREK and his Triumph motorcycle on a warm summer's night at the beach, *bottom*. *Photo courtesy of John Gazarek.*

Do **you** have a photo you'd like to share of you and your British car (or British motorcycle) at home, on the road, at a PEDC event, or at a non-PEDC event? As long as it's British-car-related (or British-motorcycle-related), send it along to carolkyle4@comcast.net, and I'll feature it in a future issue of *The Terminal Post*.

The Terminal Post

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The Terminal Post is the newsletter of the Positive Earth Drivers Club (PEDC), a nonprofit, all-marque British car club founded in 1989 and incorporated in 2010 in central New Jersey, USA. Our newsletter is published monthly, except in December. The goal of the PEDC is to preserve, restore, maintain, drive, and otherwise enjoy vintage British automobiles. Visit us on the web at <http://www.pedc.org>.

Annual club dues are \$15.00. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, except December, at Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy Street, Farmingdale, NJ 07727. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. All British car enthusiasts are welcome to attend. You don't need a British car to belong to our club, just a love of British cars.

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





Photos of Jeff in his TD by Russ Sharples. Photo of Jeff, below, by Carol Kyle.



Remembering Jeff Merlette ~

29 JUNE 1948 – 30 JUNE 2023

"Jeff led a remarkable life filled with passion, perseverance, and dedication to his family, work, and company. With unwavering determination and a passion for excellence, Jeff built Merlette Construction from the ground up and later established Atlantic Pile Inc. He resided in Middletown, New Jersey. Jeff had a passion for travel and a love for antique vehicles. He recently restored a 1953 MG convertible and dreamed about moving to California near his son Justin and his family." Source: <https://www.app.com/obituaries/asb295596>. Jeff is survived by his two sons, Justin and Jeffrey Merlette, two daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his devoted wife, Kathleen. Some of you may recall that Jeff wrote an 8-page article, "A Ground-up Restoration of My 1953 MGTD," which appeared in *The Terminal Post*, March 2019, Vol. 27, Issue 3. The photos of Jeff in the TD were taken at a PEDC Garage Squad session in July 2022. The photo of Jeff was taken at a 2020 PEDC meeting. RIP, friend. We'll miss you. ■

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023
10 AM – 2 PM

3rd Annual PEDC Autojumble Car-Parts Flea Market

Bring your old car parts and other car-related items to sell, trade, or just plain give away. Or just come by to hang out with your fellow members. There will be coffee & pastries in the morning, adult beverages & hot dogs in the afternoon, and a beautiful view of the Toms River.

BOB & EILEEN HOERNLEIN, HOSTS
232 Compass Avenue, Beachwood, NJ

RSVP to Bob & Eileen at bobhoernlein@gmail.com, or call 215.767.9211 if you plan to attend. Don't forget to bring your own chairs & a table for your stuff!

Jeff's 1st British Ride

Triumph TR3. Photo below courtesy of Jeff Merlette.



**The PEDC is invited to the
9th Annual
Brick Police Athletic League (PAL)
All-marque Car Show & BBQ
60 Drum Point Road, Brick, NJ 08723**



**SATURDAY, 19 AUGUST 2023
10 AM – 1:30 PM**

FOOD FOR SALE, MUSIC, AWARDS, AND A 50/50. NOTE: ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

\$15 DONATION TO BENEFIT LOCAL KIDS' PROGRAMS. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:

<https://brickpal.ticketleap.com/23carshow513/>

ARRIVE EARLY TO PARK WITH OTHER PEDC CARS!

ERNIE CAPONEGRO, PEDC POC, (732) 822-6839 OR (732) 295-5584



OUR PEDC CARS AT THE BRICK PAL 2022 SHOW ~
Above, left: Jim Lamb's 1968 MGB GT, Serge Martynovych's 1958 MGA.
Above, right: Charlie Schirm's 2019 Aston Martin DB11 Volante,
Dave Crump's 1965 Land Rover, and Ken Kyle's 2018 Jaguar F-Type.
Left: Mark Wintjen, Ken Kyle, and Mike Browne stand by Mike's 1979 MGB.
Bottom: Dennis Mosesman's 2019 Morgan and Jack Kelly's 1971 MGB GT.



A Look Back at 2020 ~ Brits on the Beach at Woody's



The Show Went On!

An unprecedented (in our life-time) viral pandemic changed the way many regional car clubs operated in 2020. Many were forced to cancel indoor meetings, car shows, and other club events; however, the PEDC carried on in spite of enormous challenges. Ocean Grove, NJ, which has staged our annual Brits on the Beach car shows since 2009, canceled our show just six weeks before our

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scheduled date, September 26, 2020. Then the private caterer in West Long Branch, NJ, Branches, which had agreed to stage our show in its parking lot, gave us just 18 days' notice before canceling. Both Ocean Grove and Branches were concerned about crowd control and public safety in the midst of a pandemic, understandably (though Ocean Grove was able to stage a fall craft show right after what would have been our annual British car show that year).

Show Chairman Bob Canfield and President Ken Kyle rallied, with support from the executive team and the board of trustees, arranging with Woody's to stage our show October 3, 2020.

All things considered, Brits on the Beach 2020 at Woody's went very well with a show field of 74 registered cars (though 94 had registered), trophies awarded in 18 classes, and 3 special awards given for best Preservation, Diamond in the Rough, and Custom/Modified. Our great team of volunteers kept things humming, DJ Rich Canfield kept the British Invasion mood alive, and we had convenient pub fare from 8 AM – 4 PM in the then-new Woody's biergarten. The weather cooperated that day, too, bringing in a decent crowd of spectators, considering we weren't in downtown Ocean Grove.

One huge change, as depicted in some of these photos, was the wearing of protective masks – even outdoors – during those most uncertain times of highly contagious viral transmission. Even our goodie bag gift was a protective mask, featuring the Union Jack and our PEDC logo.

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FROM THE TOP: Jaguars and MGAs. Tom Heckman won a well-deserved Best in Show award with his 1914 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost, which he drove all the way from his home in PA! Arlene LaVergne, Donna Huy, and door-prize-table volunteers Sookie McLean and Sue Smith.





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Above, left, are Stuart Ducker, Debra Bennett, and Mark Ingersoll, our show registration volunteers in the registration tent. Also shown is our door prize table, **left**. We had some great cars, including some surprises – Evan Broadbelt's white Gilbern, **left**, and a Jowett Jupiter, **below**.



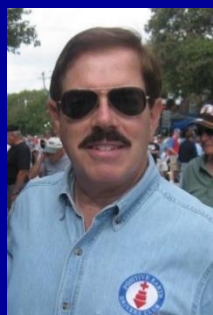
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2023 PEDC Calendar of Events ~

PEDC-sponsored events are in **bold red**. Be sure to check this calendar often, as events are subject to change.

Since many New Jersey towns & organizations host cruise-ins and car shows in conjunction with their festivals, fundraisers, and community days, it's impossible to list them all here, so we have included only the following: (1) our own **PEDC** events, (2) other British car events in New Jersey and nearby states, (3) car events to which the PEDC has been invited through a club member associated with the event, and (4) select events where British cars are expected to feature prominently.

AUGUST

2, Wednesday, PEDC monthly meeting at Woody's Roadside Tavern, 7:30 PM, <http://woodysroadside.com/>.

5, Saturday, PEDC autojumble car-parts flea market. Bring your surplus British car parts to sell or trade. Enjoy coffee & donuts in the morning, and hot dogs, beer, & wine at lunchtime at the home of Bob & Eileen Hoernlein, Beachwood, NJ, 9 AM to 1 PM (or whenever). See *also* ad on page 14.

10, Thursday, PEDC ice cream run to Sweet Treats & Ice Cream, 249 North Main Street (Route 9), Forked River, NJ 08731, <https://www.facebook.com/sweettreatsnj/?f=709704469081836>. Jack & Sookie McLean, hosts.

17, Thursday, PEDC ice cream run to Gil & Bert's ice cream, 69 North Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512, <https://www.facebook.com/GilandBertsIceCream/>. Mark & Nadine Berkowsky, hosts.

19, Saturday, the PEDC is invited to the 6th Annual Brick Police Athletic League (PAL) all-marque car show, 10 AM – 1:30 PM, 60 Drum Point Road, Brick, NJ 08723, www.brickpal.org. Proceeds from the show support local kids' programs, so the event is for a great cause! The PEDC POC is Ernie Caponegro, 732-295-5584. **NOTE: Must register in advance.** Click here to register (\$15): <https://brickpal.ticketleap.com/23carshow513/>. Music, food for sale, awards, and a 50/50. See *also* ad on page 15.

23, Wednesday, Manchester Township, NJ "British Invasion Night." Watch for details.

24, Thursday, PEDC ice cream run to Nicholas Creamery, Rumson, NJ, <https://www.nicholascreamery.com/>. Dean & Arlene LaVergne, hosts.

26, Saturday, PEDC drive to the Roebling Museum, Roebling, NJ, <https://www.roeblingmuseum.org/>. The museum tells the story of the origins and growth of Roebling, NJ, a company town built by John A. Roebling's Sons Company. Some of the most important technological achievements of the industrial age such as big bridges, telegraphs and telephones, electrification, deep mines, big ships, elevators, and airplanes as well as everyday objects were built by the Roeblings. Bob Canfield, host.

31, Thursday, PEDC drive to Sweetwater Marina & Riverdeck, Sweetwater, NJ, Mike & Linda Browne, hosts.

SEPTEMBER

6, Wednesday, PEDC monthly meeting at Woody's Roadside Tavern, 7:30 PM, <http://woodysroadside.com/>.

9, Saturday, PEDC drive to High Octane NJ Cars and Coffee, Southampton, NJ. Peter Madison & Lorraine Skidmore, hosts.

9, Saturday, New Jersey Triumph Association's (NJTA) "Britfest" British car show, Veterans Park, Randolph, NJ. Click here for more information: <https://njtriumphs.org/>.

9, Saturday, British Car Festival, sponsored by the Jaguar Touring Club at Tinicum Park Polo Club, Erwinna, For more information, contact Laura Lee, 201-415-5239, jagladylady1012@gmail.com.

12, Tuesday, PEDC dinner theater outing to Surflight Theater, <https://www.surflight.org/>, in Beach Haven (LBI), NJ. Matinee, "Grumpy Old Men," at 2 PM. Dinner afterward at 5 PM. Mike & Linda Browne, hosts.

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SEPTEMBER (CONTINUED)

14, Thursday, PEDC ice cream run to Sundae's the Ice Cream Place, South Toms River, NJ. Bob & Eileen Hoernlein, hosts.

16, Saturday, PEDC British Car Club of Delaware, Inc. (BCCD) Annual Fall Car & Motorcycle Show – all British & all years, celebrating 100 years of MG. 9 AM – 2 PM. The show will be held at the Friends of Bellanca Airfield, Route 273 & Centerpoint Boulevard, between U.S. 13 and Old New Castle, DE 19720. Must pre-register before September 16th (\$25 registration fee); otherwise, the fee is \$35 the day of the show. Click here for more info: <https://bccdelaware.org/>.

17, Sunday, PEDC "War of the Worlds" drive. Details to follow. Bob & Eileen Hoernlein, hosts.

20, Wednesday, PEDC annual Brits on the Beach goodie-bag stuffing party, 6-9 PM, Brick, NJ. Rodney & Kathy Ford, hosts.

23, Saturday, PEDC 26th Annual British Car Day, known since 2009 as "Brits on the Beach," Main Avenue, Ocean Grove, NJ. Our big event of the year! Show Chairman Bob Canfield has another great event planned. Contact Bob for more information, for questions, or if you want to serve as a volunteer on show day, joisuzu@optonline.net. See also page 6 for details.

25, Monday, PEDC is invited to the annual Greenbriar all-marque car show, Greenbriar Oceannaire, Waretown, NJ. Contact Mike Browne, captain61ny@aol.com. PEDC cars park together. Rain date: October 9th.

27, Wednesday, PEDC ice cream run to Ice Cream on 9, Route 9, Howell, NJ, <http://www.icecreamon9.com/>. Dinner beforehand at Seasons Coal Fired Bistro, <https://seasonscoalfiredbistro.net/>. Rich & Donna Huy, hosts.

30, Saturday, PEDC drive to Fox Hollow Vineyards, Holmdel, NJ, Mark & Maria Wintjen, hosts.

OCTOBER

4, Wednesday, PEDC monthly meeting at Woody's Roadside Tavern, 7:30 PM, <http://woodysroadside.com/>.

8, Sunday, PEDC drive to Old Hights Brewing Company, Hightstown, NJ, Steve & Theresa Mundt, hosts.

14, Saturday, PEDC "Full Moon Party" at Tom & Corinne Vash's house, Clarksburg, NJ. Watch for details.

29, Sunday, PEDC fall foliage drive to Hunterdon County. Ken & Carol Kyle, hosts.

NOVEMBER

1, Wednesday, PEDC monthly meeting at Woody's Roadside Tavern, 7:30 PM, <http://woodysroadside.com/>.

NOTE: Election of club officers for 2024-25 will take place.

5, Sunday, PEDC fall rally. Barry Shandler, rallymaster. Watch for details.

DECEMBER

2, Saturday, PEDC annual Christmas/holiday party, Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune, NJ. Ken & Carol Kyle, organizers. Contact Ken to RSVP or with any questions: kenkyle4@comcast.net. DJ Rich Canfield, buffet dinner, cash bar. Don't miss it!

14, Thursday, PEDC dinner theater outing to Surfflight Theater in Beach Haven, NJ (LBI) to see "A Christmas Story." Mike & Linda Browne, hosts. Watch for details.

2023 PEDC Calendar of Events (Concluded)



SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2023

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PEDC CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY

JUMPING BROOK COUNTRY CLUB, NEPTUNE, NJ

7-11 PM

KEN & CAROL KYLE, HOSTS

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For Sale: 1967 Austin-Healey MK3 3000 BJ8

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British Cars, British Car Parts, and British Car-related Items

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Stored indoors. Last ran about 27 years ago.

Same owners for 45 years. Black with tan interior.

Disc wheels. Odometer reads 57,768 miles.

Body and frame appear solid, but floors need replacement and there's a dent in the nose.

Car is complete but will require a full restoration, including an engine rebuild. Clean New Jersey title.

Asking \$6,000. Contact Joann Parker, 609-713-6996.

Photo courtesy of the seller.



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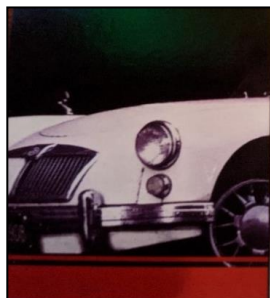
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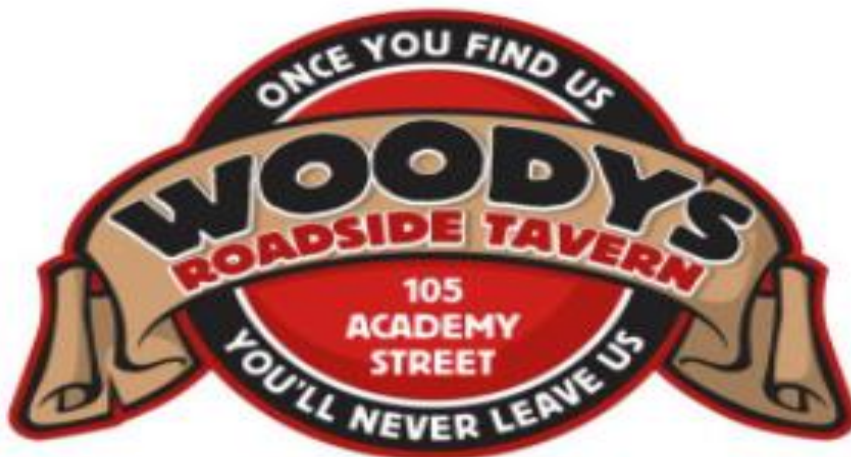
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