



The British Diamond

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From the President

Greetings BCCD members and friends,

The summer has flown by, vacations are just about over and now we look forward to our children returning to school and routines getting back to "normal"....

Several of us attended The Vintage Triumph Register Nationals show July 20th in Phoenixville PA. There were 282 Triumphs registered for the show, but over 350 attended! Needless to say it was a great show with spectacular cars, great food and many Triumph and MG friends in attendance. By the way this will be the same venue for the NAMGBR National event next summer!

The Concord Mall show, organized by George Barzcewsky went off without a hitch. Sixteen beautiful British cars were put on display Friday night in record time! Many comments were made not only about the quantity but quality of the cars on display. Many thanks go out to all the members who participated and helped with the event.

A hearty thank you goes to Bob Brumbaugh and his wife Deb for hosting our Summer Picnic. Special thanks goes out to Betty and Trevor for coordinating and catering the event. It was a beautiful afternoon to socialize and talk cars with fellow enthusiasts, and even take a dip in the pool! A thoroughly enjoyable time.

The events calendar remains full with local and distant events...

Sept 7-9, Watkins Glenn Zippo Vintage Grand Prix

Sept 8, Brits By The Bay

Sept 15, British Car Club of Delaware - Annual Car Show – Delaware City

Sept 16, Hagley Car Show

Sept 29, MG's On the Rocks

Oct 20, Frank Porter" Covered Bridges Tour (date Change)

See our website for details of these and more at www.bccdelaware.com

We need your turnout, so mark your calendars for September the 15th and register your cars with Sharon Kalinowski for our Delaware City Car Show.

The final planning is taking place for our Annual Car show in Delaware City. Last week I went over our plan with the "Canalfest" planning committee. Lets work together and make this year's event another memorable one for the club. For more Canalfest info check the web at <http://www.delawarecityevents.com/canalfest.html>

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and drive your LBC when you can.

Mike Culik, President
76 TR6 & 59 MGA

Every care was taken to insure the accuracy of the contents of this newsletter. The editor(s) accept no responsibility for any effect caused by errors or omissions.

Next Meeting: Crabby Dicks, Wednesday June 17th, 2007 ...SEE YOU THERE...

Calendar of future events

September 2007

Sept. 7 - 9

Fri - Sat

Watkins Glen Zippo
Vintage Grand Prix

www.grandprixfestival.com

Sept. 15

Saturday

BCCD 2007 Car Show * -
Delaware City

Sept. 16

Sun

Hagley Car Show

Sept. 19

Wednesday

Club Meeting - Crabby
Dicks - Delaware City *

Sept. 29

Sat

MG's on the Rocks.

October 2007

Oct. 13

Sat

BCCD fall drive - Frank
Porter Covered Bridge
Tour *
Brits At The Village -
Philadelphia MG Club

Oct. 17

Wednesday

Club Meeting - McGlynn's
Pike Creek *

Oct. 20-21

Sat & Sun

Auburn Heights - steam
museum * Yorklyn, De

November 2007

Nov. 21

Wednesday

Club Meeting - McGlynn's
Pike Creek *

December 2007

Dec. 9

Sunday

Christmas Party and
Meeting *- Stone Barn -
Karl Kaminski

Dec ?????

Christmas Parade * -
Delaware City - Details
TBA

Trevor's Page

Food (Drink?) For Thought

There's a sign on route 40 which informs us how many people have met their deaths on Delaware's roads this year and how many of those unfortunates perished in crashes where alcohol was "involved".

Last time I read it the numbers were 72 and 27 respectively.

How, do you think, we are expected to react to these figures? Probably with horror that 27 people have died this year in accidents where alcohol was "involved". Let's get these drunks off the roads! Well, the State is trying, with sobriety checks (actually non-sobriety checks) and stiff penalties. At least drunks are quite easily identified and apprehended. Regrettably, though, the number on the sign stays stubbornly the same, year after year.

But what about the 45 people who died at the hands of drivers who were apparently sober and had been deemed competent drivers by the State? That's almost twice as many as were killed by drunks.

To me the first step is to take driving tuition out of schools and put it in special driving schools where training is by instructors who have been trained and certified in how to teach driving. Then a *real* driving test for the students.

There are far too many driving distractions today. In the early days of my driving fiddling with the radio was bad enough but now we have phones, DVDs and iPods to contend with. I would like to see technology developed and installed on all cars that makes these devices inoperable if the car is moving. I know it exists because when I rent a car with a GPS (Hertz's NeverLost) the device won't let me fiddle with it if the car is moving, other than to turn it off or on.

Concord Mall 2007

Yet another successful display at concord mall. The smallest car was George Alderman's Alexis racing car (British Racing Green, of course) and the largest was Betty Burliegh's Red Jaguar XJS convertible, which took a bit of wiggling to get into its place.

MG's were naturally well represented with Karl's midget, two T series cars, George's MGB GT and the Speakman's brought both their gorgeous MGB's and made a his and hers display outside Boscov's. I believe there was at least one MGA.

Loti were in evidence – a Europa, an Elise(?) and a Caterham (it counts as a Lotus to me).

Greg Bell's pretty blue Sunbeam made a nice splash of colour and George's new(?) Triumph TR8 showed how the TR7 should have been.

Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone.

Treasurer's Report

According to Kim Speakman the Club currently has \$2116.90 in the bank, having just paid \$350 towards the car show trophies and \$800 for the picnic. Checks are due from our T shirt sponsors and Concord Mall.



British Car Club of Delaware's 2007 Annual Car Show

is again being held in conjunction with

Delaware City's CanalFest

On September 15th (rain or shine)

Location: Battery Park, Delaware City, DE

(Directions on bottom of flyer or go to our Web Site at www.BCCDelaware.com)

Pre-Registration \$15.00 (Includes free event T-Shirt)

Day of Show \$20.00

To Pre-Register (before September 14th) complete form below

And mail with check payable to "BCCD"

(do not send cash) to the Event Registrar

Sharon Kalinowski, 800 Woodland Ave, Wilmington, DE 19808

Car Show classes determined by Pre-Registration Entries Separately Judged Premier Class

(Classified as any of last years 1st place winners from all Categories)

Cars on Display Field and Registration

8:30 A.M. until 11:00 A. M.

Popular Voting until 1:00 P.M.

Premier Class Judging 12:30 to 1:30PM

Awards presented at 3:00 P.M.

Registration form (use separate form for each vehicle)

Owner Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Vehicle make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Waiver of Liability (must be signed to enter show)

Neither I, or my heirs will hold the British Car Club of Delaware (its' officers or members), nor the town of Delaware City liable for any damage to me or my vehicle while engaged in, or traveling to, or from this event.

Signature: _____ email(optional) _____

Directions to Delaware City:

From I-95 North & South:

Take the exit for Route 1 South

Take the exit for Route 72, Delaware City and

Turn left at the light. Continue straight for

Approximately 3 miles (Rte 72 becomes Rte 9).

Turn left at light onto Clinton St. to the waterfront

Business district and Battery Park.

From Northbound State Rte. 1:

Cross SR 1 Canal Bridge. Exit at Rte. 72 (first Exit after bridge) and turn right at end of exit ramp.

Continue straight for approximately 3 miles

(Rte 72 becomes Rte 9). Turn left at light onto

Clinton St. to the waterfront Business district and

Battery Park.

Hello fellow British Car enthusiasts!

En-thu-siast (ĕn-thôh-zĕ-āst') – 1. A person who is intensely involved or preoccupied with a particular subject 2. a zealot; fanatic

I usually skip dictionary intros like this, but here's my take and why this one pertains to all of us in the British Car Club of Delaware.

Well I just received my first issue of Hemmings "Sports & Exotic Car" (July) and wouldn't you know the main cover feature is "British Invasion – 11 Cars That Stole the Hearts of America". This is only one of a half a dozen that I read (see) each month! How about you? The abundance of Manqué specific journals, club magazines and newsletters usually fills our craving for "written" information.... But every once in a while we pounce on another magazine or book with a specific article on the car we have, had or desire!

What about the Car show circuit? It's not how many car shows you go to or participate in. It's not the awards, it's the cars or is it.....? It's only natural for all of us to seek out the débating car or the newly modified or restored beauty while there.

But! The larger part is the gratification and recognition we get from all these activities..... the pride we feel from our fellow enthusiasts commenting on a nice paint job or a new set of wheels or even just our attendance!

Driving our cars, showing our cars and working on our cars, all with fellow enthusiasts is what makes The British Car Hobby such fun! Enthusiasts are all people enjoying and sharing their passion and hobby with others in ways that they are comfortable with... it's this camaraderie, the people part, which makes the true "Enthusiast".

Mike Culik