Gotta Love These Little British Cars

Carol Kyle


April 11: Ladies’ Afternoon Tea, 1:30 PM. Waiting List only. See page 13.

September 19: Our big show of the year, Brits on the Beach 2015. Mark your calendar.

WHAT DO ALL THESE LBCs shown above have in common? Marty Torbert is pushing Bob Canfield’s Spitfire atop the Spring Street parking garage in Princeton, NJ during a club drive. Bob accidentally left his lights on in the garage and ran down the battery.

Hey, it happens to the best of us. John Miller had to change a tire on his TR3 at one of our Father’s Day shows. Peter Richardson’s MGB-GT had to be towed home from The Grove in Shrewsbury, NJ during a Cars & Coffee gathering. Ernie Capnegro’s TR7 needed a jump start at Brits on the Beach. On the way to Britfest, in Succasunna, NJ, Joe Lippi’s Midget had a water pump problem and had to be towed home. During a drive to Galloway Township, NJ, Ed Kinney had to make a

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pit stop to clear a blockage in the fuel pump of his 1953 MGTD. Mark Berkowsky, Bob Canfield, and Ken Kyle gave Zig Panek’s 1948 Jaguar a push at Hoffman’s Ice Cream in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. And Gerard Moringiello of Vintage Auto Collectibles in South Amboy, NJ helped Curt and Altha Morton with a fan problem in their E-Type Jaguar at Brits on the Beach. Gerard used a paperclip to temporarily remedy the problem.

You get the picture. These classic LBCs are a labor of love. In spite of all their fits, drips, and sputtering, they have something special about them, a je ne sais quoi, something that lures us and keeps us interested, even with their sporadic faults, quirkiness, and unreliability. Perhaps we are just gluttons for punishment. Although we get angry, swear at them, and threaten to sell them to some other unsuspecting LBC lover, we revere them just the same—for their beauty, their elegance, and even their mechanical simplicity. Let’s face it, they are just fun little cars to drive, eliciting smiles and waves from onlookers everywhere they go. To bring these LBCs together on a club drive or to display them at a car show or even on an ice cream run is especially exciting. It’s as if the cars love being together with their own kind. Individually each is striking, but taken together these cars really make quite a statement—when they’re behaving themselves, that is!

In looking at Jay Helt’s beautiful 1952 Clipper Blue MGTD, it’s hard to believe that beauty dripped oil all over the Lewes, DE B&B parking lot where he and Susie stayed while attending The British Are Coming car show. Sometimes our later-model British cars have problems, too. For example, on a drive the Fords hosted to Deep Cut Gardens in Middletown, NJ, our 1995 Jaguar XJS began to stall, but somehow we managed to get to the gardens, the restaurant for lunch afterward, and home. We never did pin down what the problem was. On the way to the Radnor Hunt Concours in Malvern, PA Andy Moutenot’s 1994 Morgan +8 was having trouble. Charlie Schirm and Ken Kyle gave Andy and Karen a push to get the Mog started so that they could return home to change cars for the drive out to PA.

What’s a club outing without a little automotive mishap now and then? The stories we tell about our LBCs are all too familiar among British car enthusiasts, but one thing we can’t deny: our love for them is real.
That Smell . . . That Old Familiar Smell
Nadine Berkowsky

hen I was a child my Great Aunt Toss and Uncle Roy had a little old car (which at the time was neither little nor old) that they took out once in awhile for special occasions. They used it only when they needed to go farther than they could comfortably walk. Most of the time the car sat in a small garage behind the house at the end of their narrow driveway. Since both my grandfathers were gone, Uncle Roy was like a substitute grandfather to my brother, sister, and me. He spoiled us rotten. When we came to visit him and Aunt Toss in the late 1940s and early 50s we sometimes would get in his car and take a drive to the outskirts of town where we would have a picnic or just go on an outing to see the countryside.

I was only a kid and didn't know a thing about cars (even less than I do now, if you can imagine), but I knew that the car was special to my aunt and uncle. Uncle Roy kept it in perfect condition, polished up and ready to go.

When Mark and I got our little British car (LBC), the Spitfire, suddenly all those memories and wonderful times with my aunt and uncle came back to me. I frequently mentioned to Mark that our garage smelled just like my Uncle Roy's garage, a smell that I had forgotten since modern cars no longer had all that grease and oil that dripped and permeated the air. A closed-up garage with an LBC inside had that same old familiar smell that I remembered from so long ago.

Our LBC is special to us, too. Mark keeps it all shined up and ready to go at a moment's notice. We use it for drives out in the country when the weather is nice and for drives to meet with our friends from PEDC. And every so often we give someone a special treat . . . a ride in our cute little Spitfire!

There's one more thing about my uncle that I'd like to recall. It's a story that was told again and again by my family in good-natured fun. It seems Uncle Roy may not have been the best driver, and one day he drove into a ditch at the side of the road. He claimed that he wouldn't have gone into the ditch if Aunt Toss had been paying attention!

Above: Mark and Nadine in their 1979 Spitfire, PEDC Father’s Day Show, June 2014.
From the Driver’s Seat
Mark Berkowsky, President

Our club drives typically include a stop for a meal (usually lunch), so selecting a venue should be included in your plans if you decide to host a drive. Many of our drives have occurred before, and chances are one of our PEDCers can lend a hand to help you plan a driving route and sort out the details.

Our ice cream runs have become popular, and many of the ones suggested already have hosts. The ones shown below do not:

- Swal Dairy, Allentown, NJ
- The Carousel, Toms River, NJ
- Mrs. Walker’s, Lakehurst, NJ
- Sundaes, Wall Township, NJ

Hosting an ice cream run is easy. Just select a date (usually a weeknight) and suggest a venue for dinner in the area for those of us who choose to eat a meal in addition to having dessert. Some of us, at one time or another, may have even substituted ice cream for dinner . . . but I won’t mention any names.

Car show suggestions for 2015 include past venues and some new ones: our own Brits on the Beach in Ocean Grove, NJ is number one on the list. Repeats include our annual pilgrimage to The British Are Coming show in Lewes, DE and a new show, started last year, to benefit the Brick Police Athletic League (PAL) in Brick, NJ. The Shore Antique Center in Allenhurst, NJ will again host us for another visit, tentatively scheduled in April to celebrate the arrival of Britain’s Royal Baby #2. A new venue this year will be the Toms River Country Club, eager to host our LBCs. (I hope they realize there may be some oil left behind after the show.) Then there are more shows hosted by other British car clubs—too many to mention here—but they are listed in our calendar (see pages 14-17) if you’re interested in attending those.

Barry Shandler promises to host a rally this year in late spring or early summer, so stay tuned for details. We look forward to that, since the previous ones he has organized have been a lot of fun. Barry has also offered to train anyone who is interested in putting a rally together.

Some of our past events, which we would like to repeat, include opening our 2015 driving season with a brunch. Any suggested venue would be good, but one of the restaurants we visited in the past and enjoyed is The Mill in Spring Lake Heights, NJ. To host such an event, all it takes is to select a date, get a headcount, and make a reservation. We also have had a St. Patrick’s Day dinner—with a little wearin’ of the

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Welcome New Members

The following members have joined since January 2015:

- Ed & Joan Cicchi, Bradley Beach, NJ, TR6
- Gene & Brenda Huff-Fodor, South Hero, VT, MGTD
- Douglas & Sandee Higgins, Toms River, NJ, MGA, TR6
- Dean & Arlene La Vergne, Dayton, NJ, MGA

- The Finger Lakes, upstate New York
- Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Strasburg, PA

THE DRIVING SEASON IS RIGHT
around the corner. It’s time to plan for spring. To that end, in January we held our annual get together known as The Gathering. This year roughly 30 of the faithful attended to assemble a list of prospective activities for the year, including drives, ice cream runs, car shows, rallies, parties, brunches, dinners, and other events that give us an excuse to drive our little British cars (LBCs). We started by listing suggestions and selecting days to fill out our club calendar. That was the easy part. Then the more difficult part began. We need volunteers to host these events. PEDC’s success has come from the support of its members, so I am asking for your help now. Below are the suggestions for club drives that still need hosts to organize them:

- Lighthouse tour, including Sandy Hook, NJ
- New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Holmdel, NJ
- Historic Walnford Park, Allentown, NJ
- Pine Creek Railroad at Allaire State Park, Farmingdale, NJ

Two suggestions were made for longer, overnight, drives:
The Front End Shop
Like many of you, I enjoy tinkering with my cars, which is a good thing since LBCs always need some tinkering. I have often found myself involved in a project and suddenly realized I am over my head. When I was younger I would follow a Rube Goldberg methodology to get my car back on the road. Now I have a little more patience, and I try to follow my Haynes manual, but frequently I run into things that are outside my capabilities. For these times it helps to have a good shop to finish the project (and/or fix my mistakes).

Last year after I put new bushings, trunnions, and brakes on my Spitfire I needed an alignment. Most tire shops do not have a rack that will accommodate a Spitfire, so I asked around. Jack Kelly steered me to the Front End Shop in Farmingdale, NJ. Since the work was not going to take too long, I walked down the street to have a burger at Woody’s. When I came back, the technician working on the car had a few comments and questions for me. I was very impressed with his knowledge of the odd suspension on my LBC. When the work was done I took the car out for a spirited ride, and I have to say it handled better than I ever thought it could.

On a more recent visit to the Front End Shop to have some tires balanced, I spoke to Jason, a service advisor for over 18 years, to get some background on the company. Besides being very well organized and informed on every aspect of vehicle maintenance, he managed to find time to chat with me despite his busy schedule. As a British car club we always need to be aware of places that can provide us with reliable and professional service to help keep our classics running.

The owner, Jeff Faupel, had a background in drag racing dating back in the 1970s and worked as a chassis and frame repair specialist for various facilities. In 1979 he started the Front End Shop, located in Farmingdale in the same building the business is housed in today. At first it was a specialized shop focused on suspensions, brakes, steering, wheels, and tires. As the market changed they began handling all factory scheduled maintenance work as well as complete driveline repairs, electrical and electronic diagnostics, and HVAC work. To accommodate these changes the shop went through two expansions. It now has six bays and five technicians (as well as a nice waiting area with a Keurig® coffee maker and Wi-Fi). They also have a website that explains their services. See www.frontendshopinc.com.

The Front End Shop takes in plenty of work from area car dealers, often helping to diagnose difficult problems. They have original equipment manufacturer (OEM) testing equipment and software from the major car brands (including VW, Audi, GM, and Isuzu), and they keep up to date on the latest technology.

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“What the hell is a growler? We’re not talking about the USS Growler, a small iceberg, a four-wheeled hansom cab from England, a sexual offender, or any of the other slang phrases associated with the word . . . there are many. We’re talking about that which carries fresh beer from a brewery to your house.” Source: http://www.beeradvocate.com/articles/384.
President Mark Berkowsky called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. In attendance were 29 members plus PEDC founders Jim Lowda and Gerry Brinkman, and a newly rejoined early member who was original Earthling #5, Doug Higgins. Doug was accompanied by his wife, Sandee. A motion to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting was made, seconded, and carried.

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer Andy Moutenot reported that for the year 2014 the club took in revenues of $8,408.00, mostly from our Brits on the Beach car show registrations, membership dues, and the Christmas/holiday party. The club spent $7,061.84, resulting in a net increase in our treasury of approximately $1,400.00 over the previous year. Our end-of-the-year balance stands at $4,898.14. Andy mentioned that this balance is up about $2,500.00 from 3 years ago. A motion to accept the treasurer’s report was made, seconded, and carried.

President Mark called for spending suggestions, especially for the car show. Tom Leavy suggested buying special tools to share for commonly owned vehicles, such as MGs and Triumphs.

Newsletter
Newsletter editor Carol Kyle mentioned that the club will be looking for a new editor at year’s end. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact her or one of the officers. She made her plea for article submissions, giving ideas of what to write about, as she no longer has a backlog of material for the newsletter.

Facebook Page
Russ Sharples talked about the Facebook Group page “PEDC” that he has set up. He said that it is a private page and cannot be found by internet searches through Facebook. E-mail Russ at rpsinet-mga@yahoo.com if you want to join.

Regalia
Regalia Manager Karen Moutenot said to contact her if you want to order anything.

Old Business
Membership
Treasurer Andy reported that last year we had 152 members, down slightly from 2013. So far we have 49 renewals for 2015. He reminded everyone that he had membership forms and also encouraged everyone to get involved in the club.

Christmas/holiday Party
Ernie Caponegro reported on this annual event, which was held in December 2014 at the Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. Treasurer Andy thanked Charlie Schirm for his generous offer to pay for the shrimp cocktail hors d’oeuvres.

Late-season Drive
Pete Richardson reported on a drive hosted by Jack McLean December 27, 2014 to Smithville, NJ via back roads through the NJ Pine Barrens, ending up at Motts Creek Inn for lunch.

New Business
The Gathering
Our annual planning meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18th, at Woody’s, 4 PM. We’ll be brainstorming to fill in our 2015 club calendar.

Rally
Barry Shandler plans to run another rally in the Princeton area during late spring or the first half of the summer. He said that he would be happy to show anyone else how to run a rally.

MGA Woes
Russ Sharples shared problems he is having adjusting his MGA control box.

VTR/ABRR
Wayne Simpson stated that he had membership packages for the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR), a special of 2 years for the price of 1 ($35.00). He reminded members that PEDC is a VTC chapter. The special applies only to new members.

New Member
The aforementioned Doug Higgins, who joined at the meeting after a lengthy absence from the club, began telling us his story of the early PEDC days and meeting at The Bluffs in Bay Head, NJ. He revealed that he was one of the members who pushed to make the club larger, recruiting more members.

In closing, President Mark mentioned that he has membership directories left if anyone needs one. He reminded everyone that the next meeting will be Wednesday, February 4th. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:11 PM. ■
IT WAS A NICE DAY IN December, unusually mild. We met at the WaWa in Whiting, NJ, gassed up, and had a cup of coffee while we waited for everyone to arrive. We left Whiting and headed south on CR 539 for a short ride, then south on Pasadena Road out through the Pine Barrens, following the old Whiting/Chatsworth rail line. Once in Chatsworth we headed south through the cranberry bogs into Green Bank, where we crossed the Mullica River.

We continued on through the pines, passed the Renault Winery, and continued on to Smithville. We used Smithville only for a pit stop to decide where to have lunch. Everyone decided on going to Motts Creek Inn on the water in Galloway Township. We had a nice lunch, talked about cars, and enjoyed the day. Some of the drivers left to finish the day, and others visited the antique shops and Smithville. Overall, it was great to get the LBCs out for a ride in late December.

Above: Logo for sign at Motts Creek Inn in Galloway Township, NJ, featuring the dreaded greenhead fly, which inhabits coastal marshy areas in the Eastern U.S.

Right: A view from the restaurant, with a partial PEDC lineup: Sookie McLean’s MGB (Jack’s wife), Tom and Alice Albertalli’s MGB, and Peter Richardson’s MGB-GT. Not shown are Bob Canfield’s Triumph Spitfire, Mort Resnicoff’s MGTD, and Wayne Simpson’s TR7.

Photos by Bob Canfield.

"Motts Creek Inn was built around 1930 and was originally known as the Rainbow Inn. In 1946 George Wilson purchased it and changed the name to what it is today. During Mr. Wilson’s ownership, that Motts Creek Inn operated as a restaurant, bar, [and] marina." Source: https://www.facebook.com/Mottscreekinn

From the Back Seat
Barry Shandler

Here is a link to a collection of movies from The Villages Region Antique Automobile Club of America (TVRAACA). You’ll see some classic and priceless footage here. To view, scroll down and click a camera icon on the righthand side of the page: http://www.tvraaca.org/oldmovies.htm#movie.

Based on the success of our rallies in 2013 and 2014, I am organizing another one for 2015 in the Princeton area for late spring or early summer. Our rallies are limited to 30 cars, so we hope you will sign up early. Watch for details.
Top row, left: Art and Joann during an impromptu fall foliage drive to Frenchtown, NJ, October 2014.
Top row, right: They enjoy touring in their 2009 Aston Martin Vantage, shown during the Frenchtown drive. 
Middle left: Art and Joann’s son, Wes, drives Art’s 1969 TVR Tuscan V8, following Art and Joann in the AM during an ice cream run they hosted in August 2014. 
Below: Art heads home from Brits on the Beach 2013 in the TVR, which was sold in 2014.
It’s Time to Order Your Regalia for the 2015 Driving Season

Spring will be here before you know it, and we’ll be putting those tops down and driving our LBCs together. We have another full year planned of club drives, car shows, ice cream runs, rallies, and more. Order your regalia now so you’ll be ready for the driving season. Barry Shandler, left, wears our unstructured baseball cap in orange to match his MGB. Mort Resnicoff, center, shows off a great summer tan in our ever-popular white short-sleeve golf shirt, available in other colors as well. Ken Kyle, right, dons his favorite PEDC baseball cap.

Official PEDC Regalia for 2015 ~ Price List

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* Denotes special-order item. All special-order item prices may include additional shipping costs if not ordered with a bulk club order. Add $2 for club apparel in sizes larger than XL; add $10 for a 2nd logo.

Show your club spirit! To order the items above, contact Karen Moutenot, Regalia Manager, at kamouts@comcast.net or call her at 609.655.0554. All items are supplied to us through Fourth Gear, Ltd. Shown above is the current price list.
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green—at St. Stephen’s Green Publick House, in Spring Lake Heights.

We have two new events that are being scheduled. The first is the **Alphabet Challenge**. It’s similar to the Moss Motoring Challenge (see Russ Sharples’s article on pages 11-12), but it is for our members only. Russ has offered to host this season-long event. The other new suggestion is a **Christmas in July Santa Claus Run**, where we don Santa hats, jump in our LBCs, and deliver presents to children who are ill or needy or who otherwise need some cheering up. Bill Geissel has offered to plan this event.

Please review the suggested club events that still need a host and offer to be one, or suggest hosting something that isn’t on the list. We hope to fill in our calendar so that everyone can join in the fun at our annual events at one time or another this season. Coming out to club events is a great way to get to know fellow members and gives us another reason to get out and drive our LBCs. If you are interested in hosting one of the events described in this article, or if you have other ideas for club events, simply e-mail Bob Canfield, joisuzu@optonline.net, or me, mnberky@comcast.net, with your ideas, and we will start the ball rolling. For those of you who are snow birds, we hope you are enjoying the warm weather wherever you are, but when you return, we hope your name will be on one of our events as host.

Our next meeting will be at Woody’s as usual on February 4th. Stay warm until then! □

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Although Jeff is no longer involved in racing, he is both a supporter of the Automotive Technology Programs at Brookdale Community College and a graduate. He still maintains a strong relationship with the college.

Back in my chilly garage I will soon be replacing the kingpins on my MGB. I would have done that last year when I replaced the springs and bushings, but I did not notice they were wobbly until the Front End Shop showed me why they could not do the alignment (as Homer Simpson cries, “D’oh!”). I look forward to taking the MGB on some 2015 runs without the steering wheel jumping around above 55 mph!

**Brits on the Beach 2015**

As I finish writing this I realize I have not yet contacted the usual websites to let them know the date of our 2015 show (September 19th). I also need to update the entry form and get it up on our website, www.pedc.org. Brits on the Beach is like a big bridge... you are never really finished building it. Please feel free to offer ideas to improve the show. You can reach me at this e-mail address: joisuzu@optonline.net. □
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A group of us gathered in front of the NJ Vietnam Memorial sign, above, during a drive there in August 2012. To qualify for the 2015 Moss Challenge, however, we would have to have at least one LBC (supported by Moss parts) in the photo as well as the cover of the Challenge Guide.

Shown left to right are Rodney and Kathy Ford, Bob Canfield, Mark Berkowsky, Ken and Carol Kyle, Andy and Karen Moutenot, Nadine Berkowsky, Joe Lippi, and Mark Wintjen. Photo by Peter Richardson.

PEDC Rises to the Moss Challenge

Russ Sharples

SOME OF YOU MAY NOT be familiar with the Moss Motoring Challenge. Run by the British car parts seller Moss Motors, this contest is a scavenger hunt of sorts. Moss provides a guide of landmarks and destinations. You have to get a photo of you, your car, and the cover of the Moss Motoring Challenge Guide with as many of the landmarks as possible. Points are awarded for each landmark and some other destinations, and the participant with the most points wins! There are real prizes at stake, including a $1000 gift certificate from Moss.

There are of course a bunch of rules if you want to participate in the Moss Challenge for real, and you can read about them here: http://www.mossmotors.com/sitegraphics/MotoringChallenge/home.html. See also page 12.

This is a tough competition with a lot of competitors, so winning is hard. However, Moss’s whole point in the Challenge is to give people an excuse to get their LBCs out and drive them, and that is what the PEDC is all about. Therefore, I realized we could build a series of club drives around Challenge landmarks. The first category of landmarks involves getting a photo in a city, town, or municipality beginning with each letter of the alphabet. So although Allentown, Bordentown, and Cranbury are easy to find and get to, who knows where Quinton, NJ is? Or Zarephath? Incidentally there are no NJ towns starting with the letter X.

Another fun section of the Challenge is “Destinations.”

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which include easy ones, such as pumpkin patch, coffee shop, and Atlantic Ocean, as well as tougher ones like one lane bridge and population <100. Or tow truck. (It's really just a matter of time for each of us!)

To participate in the Challenge properly you need to register at Moss's website at some point before the end of 2015 and upload all of the Moss Challenge photos that you take. And who knows, you might win a T-shirt or more! But if you want to have fun driving around some out-of-the-way places, you can just download the scoring form, ride along, and mark off the places we hit on a drive. You don't even have to bother with photos.

Moss has designated ten categories of landmarks in the Challenge, but there are four that are real candidates for great drives: the alphabet city names, lakes and rivers; destinations; and state and national parks. A big part of the Challenge is not just finding the landmark or destination but finding a sign that marks it in a place where you can safely take a photo with it, you, and your car. If there is interest I will coordinate the development of a few drives. Please send me an e-mail at rpsinet-mga@yahoo.com and let me know if you know of some places that will satisfy the tougher landmarks on Moss's list. The complete details are at the link on page 11, and that is where you can download the Point Guide, which contains the list of landmarks.

Looking forward to seeing you in some strange-sounding places!
Annual
Motorcar Garage
Open House & Tech Session

Saturday, March 21, 2015
10 AM

Please join me and fellow area British car club members for my annual shop Open House and Tech Session. Donuts and coffee will be provided. This year's tech session will discuss common problem areas and what to look for during an inspection. Let's hope for some early nice spring weather so we'll see more British cars out for the day. I hope to see you here.

~ Pete Cosmides

42 North Pine Avenue,
Maple Shade, NJ
www.motorcar-garage.com
856.667.6657

Pedc Ladies’
Afternoon Tea

Saturday, April 11, 2015
1:30 PM
600 Main
Victorian Tea Room
Toms River, NJ

$32.00 (includes tax & gratuity)
The tea includes homemade scones, tea sandwiches, and desserts, all set in a beautiful sea captain’s mansion, the Mathis House, built in 1898.
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2015 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 (4) select events where British cars are expected to feature prominently. Please note that 2015 information for some events is not yet available.

February
14  Saturday, Cars & Coffee at The Grove, Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ, 8-10:30 AM. Classic & exotic cars of all types. Meets every 2nd Saturday in 2015.
28  Saturday, cut-off date for PEDC membership renewal. See last page of this newsletter (unnumbered page) for current membership form. The form is also available at our website: www.pedc.org.


March
11  Saturday, PEDC Ladies’ Victorian Tea, 600 Main, Toms River, NJ, http://www.600mainnj.com. See page 13 for details. Note: This event is sold out; there is a waiting list only.
14  Saturday, Cars & Coffee at The Grove, Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ, 8-10:30 AM. Classic & exotic cars of all types.

April
11  Saturday, Cars & Coffee at The Grove, Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ, 8-10:30 AM. Classic & exotic cars of all types.
16  Thursday, PEDC ice cream run, 1st of the season, to Gil & Bert’s, Cranbury, NJ. Mark and Nadine Berkowsky, hosts.
28  Tuesday, PEDC hotdog run to Junkyard Dogs, Mantoloking Road, Brick, NJ (and ice cream afterward). Ernie & Ida Caponegro, hosts.

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May
2 Saturday, 20th Annual Lewes British Motorcar Show, “The British Are Coming,” Lewes, Delaware, 10 AM – 3 PM, sponsored by the Lewes Chamber of Commerce and the British Car Club of Delaware (BCCD), www.bccdelaware.com. Note: The following information is from last year’s show. Show field opens 8:30 AM; no cars admitted after 10:30 AM. Prizes in six categories by year of manufacture: up to 1956, 1957-62, 1963-68, 1969-74, 1975-80, and 1981-2000. Only original British vehicles made 2000 or earlier will be accepted; replicas, kits, or reproductions will not. Awards given for Premier Class and Best in Show. Winner’s Circle parade at 3 PM. Commemorative dash plaques given out. Merchants’ sidewalk sale in town. Rain or shine. To register for the show, visit http://www.historiclewes.org/events/lewes-british-motorcar-show or e-mail inquiry@leweschamber.com. Note: 2015 information not yet available.

2 Saturday, Britfest 2015, Horseshoe Lake Park, Succasunna, NJ, sponsored by the MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre Inc., http://www.mgccnj.org. The first big British car show and vendor flea market of the new driving season in the Mid-Atlantic region. Open to all British vehicles, classic and modern. Cost: $20 [$15 if you register by to be determined (TBD)]. 9 AM – 3 PM, rain or shine. Vendors: $35 per space. Spectators: $3 For more info contact: Eliot Ganek, 973.762.8116, eiganek@yahoo.com, or Charles Tregidgo, 201.791.6675, ctregidgo@gmail.com, for more information. Note: 2015 information not yet available.

2 Saturday, Drive Your MGA Day, rain or shine, hosted by the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR). All MGA owners everywhere are called upon to drive their MGAs today, set aside by NAMGAR to promote getting these classics out on the road! For more info: http://www.namgar.com/events/article/chapter/namgar_proclamation. Date probably May 2nd.


9 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at The Grove, Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ, 8-10:30 AM. Classic & exotic cars of all types.

9 Saturday, NJ Police Athletic League (PAL) car show & BBQ, 60 Drum Point Road, Brick, NJ, 10 AM – 4 PM. Ernie Caponegro, organizer. The PEDC is invited.

13 Wednesday, PEDC ice cream run to Jersey Freeze, Freehold, NJ. Tom & Alice Albertalli, hosts.


15 Friday (runs through Sunday, 17th), Out of the Woodwork, hosted by the TVR Car Club of North America (TVRCCNA) in conjunction with Carlisle Import & Kit Nationals, Carlisle, PA. For info, call Tony Hess, 610.346.9026, aghbop@aol.com, or visit http://www.tvrccna.org/tvrccna.pl?page=woodwork2014. Note: 2015 information not yet available.

16 Saturday to Sunday, 17th, PEDC drive to the eastern shore of Maryland, Russ & Pam Sharples, hosts.

23 Saturday, Live Driving Demonstration and Racing Legends Days, “Great Drivers: Caracciola, Nuvolari, Moss!” Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum, Philadelphia, PA, http://simeonemuseum.org/events, 12 noon. “Great drivers seem to pilot great cars[;] we recognize the acknowledged leading driver from Germany, Italy, and England and their winning cars, including the1927 Mercedes Benz S-Type Sportwagen, 1934 MG K3 Magnette, and 1956 Maserati 300S.”

30 Saturday, British Car Show (PEDC members only), Toms River Country Club (TRCC), Washington Street, Toms River, NJ. Rain date: May 31. Details forthcoming. Ken and Carol Kyle, organizers.

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June
3 Wednesday through Sunday, June 7th, New England MG T Register (NEMGTR) Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) Mk 97, Saratoga, Springs, NY. For more info: https://www.nemgtr.org, though website is not yet updated for 2015.
7 Sunday, PEDC drive to Frenchtown in Hunterdon County, NJ. Ernie & Ida Caponegro, organizers.
11 Thursday, PEDC ice cream run to Hoffman’s Ice Cream, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. Bill & Kim Geissel, hosts.
12 Friday, Lancaster County MG Club (LANCO), British Invade Gettysburg car and motorcycle show, 9 AM, Gettysburg, PA Outlet Village. For more information: http://www.lancomgclub.com/index.htm.
13 Saturday, (rain date is Sunday, the 14th). A Touch of England Vintage British Automobile & Motorcycle Show at the Hermitage Museum, 335 North Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, http://www.thehermitage.org. Sponsored by the NJ Triumph Association (NJTA), http://www.njtripiumhs.org. Note: The following information is from last year’s show. 9 AM – 3 PM. Limit to 150 cars. Questions: contact Emery Duell, 201.934.1141, emeryduell320@gmail.com, or Bill Smith, 201.825.9754, smithw1@optonline.net. Website not yet updated for 2015.
14 Sunday, 22nd Annual British Motorcar Gathering, Hellertown, PA. Sponsored by the Keystone Region MG Club, http://www.keystonemgclub.com/hellertown.html. Note: The following information is from last year’s show. An all-British car show that attracts 200+ cars from all over the Mid-Atlantic region. Car registrants vote for the top three examples of each class and model of car, with more than 50 awards given. All makes of British cars and motorcycles, old and new, are welcome. Registration is $15 at the gate ($10 if you register by TBD). The field opens at 9 AM. Judging: 11 AM – 1 PM. Activities for children and music provided all day. For more information: visit their website or contact Mike Jones, 610.865.3419, show@keystonemg.com. Website not yet updated for 2015.
21 Sunday, 14th Annual PEDC Father’s Day show, Allaire Road, Spring Lake Heights, NJ, 10 AM – 1 PM. BBQ afterward (TBD). Ken & Pat Wignall, organizers. Rain date: TBD. A wonderful car display, usually with 40-50 cars.
24 Wednesday, PEDC ice cream run to TK’s, CR 539, Cream Ridge, NJ. Ken & Carol Kyle, hosts.
28 Sunday, PEDC drive to Laurita Winery, New Egypt, NJ. Barbara Willis, organizer.

July
11 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at The Grove, Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ, 8-10:30 AM. Classic & exotic cars of all types.
15 Wednesday, PEDC ice cream run to Jake’s Cree Mee Freeze, Manalapan, NJ, Mort Resnicoff & Fredda Fine, hosts.

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July (Continued)
19 Sunday, PEDC 1st Annual Christmas in July Santa Claus Run, a drive to deliver presents to sick or needy children who need cheering up. Bill Geissel, organizer. Watch for details!


August
1 Saturday, 11th Annual Pennypacker Mills British Car Show, Pennypacker Mills historic site, Schwenksville, PA, hosted by the Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter (DVCMG), 10 AM – 3 PM (voting at 12 PM). Held in conjunction with the historic site’s In the Good Old Summertime Festival. For info: http://www.dvcmg.com/events/car-show-info.


8 Saturday, continues to Sunday, August 9th, New Hope Auto Show, New Hope-Solebury High School, Bridge Street (Route 179), New Hope, PA. 9 AM – 4 PM daily. Parade of Champions, 2:30 PM. Note: British cars are typically on display Sunday, the 9th. For more info: http://www.newhopeautoshow.com/html/dayofshow.htm.

8 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at The Grove, Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ, 8-10:30 AM. Classic & exotic cars of all types.


12 Saturday, Cars & Coffee at The Grove, Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ, 8-10:30 AM. Classic & exotic cars of all types.

12 Saturday, our 18th 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 Vice President and Show Chairman Bob Canfield has another great show planned. Mark your calendar! Watch for details. Questions? Want to volunteer? Contact Bob at joisuzu@optonline.net.


September

10 Thursday through Sunday, the 13th, Six Pack Annual Gathering, www.6pack.org, Seaview Stockton Hotel and Golf Club, Galloway Township, NJ. PEDCer Stuart Honick, Event Chairman. Six Pack is a national club for TR6s and TR250s, Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)-sponsored.


October
3 Saturday, Monmouth County Concours, http://www.monmouthcountyconcours.com, Hop Brook Farm, Holmdel, NJ


November

December
Saturday, PEDC Annual Christmas/holiday party (to be determined), in lieu of monthly meeting. Watch for details.
Classified Ads

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

1949 MGTC. Beautifully restored example with original 1250 cc engine. Chrome wire wheels. Very nice tan carpets, interior, tonneau, soft-top, and side curtains. $39,999. Call Linda at 732.505.0570 or email her at maslss75@gmail.com. Photo courtesy of seller.

1952 MGTD. $15,000 for the car or $19,000 for the car and trailer. Contact Pelle Gaglione, 845.368.1188 (mobile) or glass57@aol.com. Photo courtesy of Mort Resnicoff.
1958 MGA Coupe. One of the best examples you will find anywhere. Car received a total ground-up restoration, fully documented. Speedometer does not work. Has less than 50,000 original miles. Lots of extra parts. Complete new interior. Asking $20,000. Contact Paul, jspmkaa@aol.com. Photos by Carol Kyle.

1979 MGB. Fully restored, rust-free, fresh Brooklands Green paint, refinished Rostyle wheels, refinished bumpers, rebuilt engine (currently less than 300 miles, driven regularly), 2 brand-new SU HS4 carbs, polished stainless exhaust, new brakes with drilled & slotted front rotors, new suspension bushings, lowering springs in front, lowering blocks in rear, new steering rack, powder-coated front cross-member, new black perforated vinyl seats, new interior panels, and new carpet. As nice underneath as it is on top. You could not build this car for the asking price of $15,000. All receipts and invoices available. Call Bill Miller, 732.778.3274, with any questions, and then come see this beautiful car while you can! Photos courtesy of Bill Miller.
1966 Triumph TR4-A. Solid axle, electric overdrive installed by Quantum motor works. Motor rebuilt with mild cam, S/U carbs rebuilt, chrome headers, Abarth exhaust, Lucas flame throwers, new starter, alternator, regulator, electronic ignition, spin-on oil filter, electric fan, front shocks, front anti-sway bar, tires, factory AM radio works, FM/CD remotely installed. Dash hand-rubbed lacquer. Lots of extra parts, extra set of doors, windshield frame, steering rack, etc., etc. The car is a multiple show winner, placer. She is not a trailer queen but a very nice driver. I have had multiple British sports cars in one state of disrepair or another since I was 16. This TR I have had for 8 years and done most of the work to it myself. Moving on to other projects and do not have room for her anymore. Price: $22,500.00. Contact: Scott Erichsen, 732.770.2639, josco@optonline.net. Photos courtesy of Scott Erichsen.
PEDC 2014
Christmas/Holiday Party Photos

Top row: Fredda Fine is decked out in Union Jack ornaments, won during the pirate game. Photo by Maria Laudisi. Jack Kelly and his friend and dance partner. Photo by Ernie Caponegro.

Middle row: Ken and Carol Kyle. Joe and Maria Laudisi. Photos courtesy of Maria Laudisi.


Thanks, Jeanne and John Miller, for planning another great party!
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The Last Word: Get Out and Drive ‘Em

After our spring brunch at The Mill in Spring Lake Heights, NJ, April 2014, Ken Wignall gave Kim Geissel, above, and Bill Geissel, right, rides in his 1962 Austin-Healey 3000 Mk II. The following month Ken sold the car to someone in England, after having owned it for 7 years and logging only 1,500 miles on the car.
2015 MEMBER REGISTRATION/RENEWAL FORM

Monthly newsletter and membership dues are $15 per year per family and are due by February 28, 2015.

1. Please fill out this form even if you have made no changes since last year.
2. Make $15 check payable to: PEDC.
3. Mail check and membership form to: Positive Earth Drivers Club (PEDC), P.O. Box 325, Cranbury, NJ 08512. An alternative is to simply bring the filled-out form and your check to our next monthly meeting at Woody’s.

Check One: ______ New Member ______ Renewing Member

NOTES: (1) For membership renewal, please update this form with current information (especially your e-mail address) for club records. (2) *Blue fields are required information. (3) Providing your cell phone number is very handy for contacting you on club drives.

*Name: ____________________________________ *Phone Number: ( _______ ) __________________________

Spouse/Partner: ___________________________ Cell Phone Number: ( _______ ) __________________________

*Street Address: ____________________________________________________________

*City: ___________________________ *State: _________ *Zip Code: __________________________

*E-mail: ________________________________________________

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Other Club Affiliations (VTR, NAMGB, etc.) __________________________________________________________

BRITISH VEHICLE INFORMATION:

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Reminder: The club meets on the first Wednesday of the month (except December) at Woody’s Roadhouse Tavern, 105 Academy Street, Farmingdale, NJ 07727, Phone: 732.938.6404. Meetings start at 7:30 PM, but come early for dinner or bring your British car and talk shop in the parking lot.