

# THE BRITISH DIAMOND

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## Presidential Musings

Spring has sprung! Get your engines started because this is the beginning of another great driving season. The first show in our itinerary is the famous "The British are Coming....Again" in Lewes. Please support our club by attending.

The Bentley has gone for its 1000 mile check up and is good to go. The shooting bake Rolls was in the garage at the time and is a wonderful example of its model. We are planning on driving the Bentley to "Britain on the Green" at Gunston Hall, Virginia on April 29 followed by our Union training in Williamsburg. I will bet that we will be the only ones to show up in a 1948 vehicle. This will be the first time we have attended this show since our friend George was around.



Alderman's has sent the Alvis' cylinder head out to be welded so things are coming together for it. I hope to be driving it very soon.

If you go to a show please mention our club shows, Lewes and Delaware City. If you would like some flyers to bring as hand outs please contact us or print them up yourself. We need all the help we can get.

Our picnic date is on hold right now. Dover Post Office has just gone through a 6 day route inspection, meaning our days off could change in the near future. All we can hope for is a fair and balanced inspection.

As we have mentioned in the past, we are in need of a webmaster. Our current website is outdated and needs to be revamped. I know there are members out there who are knowledgeable in this area. Please help your club. The webpage is what LBC owners find when they need others with like interests in their area.

Calvin has set up a PayPal account for our convenience in paying membership dues.

Hope to see you all at Lewes!

Happy Motoring,  
Don & Sue

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.

## Welcome New members

**Jeff Cordrey**, Seaford, DE—1970 MG Midget

**John Montague**, Rehoboth Beach, DE—1962 Austin Healey 3000, non-running 1960 A-H 3000 and non-running 1956 A-H 100

**Kirk Whaley**, Newark, DE—1974 Triumph TR6

**James Grogan**, Middletown, DE—1988 Land Rover Defender 90, 1966 Jaguar 3.8S (not running yet!!)

**Stuart Banta**, Lewes, DE—1995 Jaguar XJS 2+2

**Dan Roberts**, Lincoln, DE—1973 Land Rover Series 3 109, 9 p[assenger station wagon

# For Sale

My name is Barbara Weaver, daughter of Keith Weaver. My dad was a member of British Car Club of Delaware for several years prior to his passing in October 2017. He owned a 1969 MG, and we need to sell the vehicle as part of the estate as my mother has recently passed. If you could pass these information along to club members and provide them my contact information if anyone is interested. We are looking for best offers ASAP.

Barbara Weaver  
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Newark DE 19711  
302-690-2313 (cell)  
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Looking forward to hearing back. It was a special car to my dad and my sisters and I would like the MG to go to a wonderful family. (I have asked Barbara for more detail—Ed)

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The Karl Kaminsky 1979 MG Midget is still available. Here's what Hanna Alderman wrote:

As some of you may or may not know, my grandfather, George Alderman, bought Karl Kaminski's red 1979 MG Midget for me to drive. I was very excited when they first showed it to me at our shop as it would be my first car. We started on the repairs right away in the hopes that we would be able to have it finished in time for my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, and thankfully we did! But unfortunately, due to the fact that I am



only 5' tall and done growing, I am too short to drive the car even with the repairs we made :(

So with that said, our MG is available for sale!!

My dad, Paul, and I have done many quality repairs to restore the car to a safe driving condition. The seat cushions have been restored and are no longer sagging, and the clutch has been replaced so that the car drives more easily. We have also completely rebuilt the entire engine and the transmission, have cleaned



and repainted the engine compartment, and the suspension has been fixed as well.

The car comes with a tan leather interior and a black leather tauno cover that zips up in the middle. Floor mats and a spare tire are also included. The car has 86,659 miles, but is still a perfect little car to cruise to a BCCDE show in!

Contact George on his cell at (302)-373-2111, or come visit us at the machine shop (Alderman Automotive- 2317 N. DuPont Hwy, New Castle, DE 19720) if you're interested in buying or if you just want to come by and check it out!

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## 1978 MGB

Black label OD, new top, hood cover, full tonneau, new windshield, 15" minilites, new tires, newer dash and seats, newer rotors and brakes.

Engine reconditions with new head (big valves), new bearings and rings.



\$7,000 obo

**Juan Dominguez (mgbjuan@yahoo.com)**

# SOUTHERN NEWS

Trevor Mees' '64 E Type:

The big bits are both back in my garage. Hooray! The car came back from Sussex County Customs last month. Gary and his crew did a wonderful job of installing the front frame and painting it before moving on to remove the rear subframe, completely dismantle it



and clean and paint the bits that were going back on, then install new shocks and springs and new vented discs and widened calipers. The brakes gave him some headaches and considerable grinding was needed to fit them in. The car should stop on a dime in future.



Last week I drove up to Wilmington and collected the rebuilt engine and brand new 5-speed gearbox from Alderman's. Another great job by Paul and George. It looks brand new.



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# Cars & Motorcycles of England

AT HOPE LODGE - FT. WASHINGTON, PA



All-British Marque Judged Motorcar and Motorcycle Concours  
and A Nationally Sanctioned Jaguar Concours d'Elegance  
Field opens at 8:30am - Judging begins at 10am

Hosted by Delaware Valley Triumphs Ltd.(DVT) and The Delaware Valley Jaguar Club(DVJC)

New this year! "Ales & Petals at Hope Lodge". Check the Hope Lodge web site, [www.historichopelodge.org](http://www.historichopelodge.org) under "Events"

Visit [DVTR.org](http://DVTR.org) for more information



Follow us on facebook at "Cars and Motorcycles of England"

## Registration for Cars of England at Hope Lodge

NOTE: For JCNA Concours Registration, visit [www.jcna.com/clubs/dvjc](http://www.jcna.com/clubs/dvjc)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Register - Registration before May 25th - \$20; thereafter - \$25

Make checks payable to "DVT" Motorcycle Registration - \$15

Mail registration form and check to:

Robert De Lucia

2593 Trewigtown Road

Colmar, PA 18915-9752

To join DVT, include a separate check for \$30 payable to "DVT".

Show Info Hotline: (267)258-7071 or [yukon80@comcast.net](mailto:yukon80@comcast.net)

Hope Lodge Information: [www.historichopelodge.org](http://www.historichopelodge.org)

### SHOW CAR REGISTRATION(Non-JCNA Concours)

### CAR CORRAL & AUTOJUMBLE

Marque \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 Call Ahead Only - \$50 Day of Show

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Award Class \_\_\_\_\_

Description of car/material: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(see reverse)

## British Car events for 2018

June 2—Cars and Motorcycles of England , Hope Lodge  
(see flyer)

June 8—Britfest, Lilypons Water Gardens  
(Chesapeakechaptermgclub.com)

June 10—British Motorcar Gathering, Hellerton, PA  
(keystonemg.com)

June 24—Brits By The Bay, Harford Vinetyards  
(tracltd.com)

June 24-26—Morgan Car Club Meet, Gettysburg, PA  
(morgandc.com)

July 10—Brits Invade Gettysburg Outlets, Gettysburg, PA  
(lancomg.com)

August 4—Pennypacker Mills, Schwenksville, PA  
(dvcmg.com)

August 10-13—Austin Healey Encounter, Wilmington, DE  
(austin-healey-stc.org)

August 16—Roadster Factory Summer Party  
(the-roadster-factory.com)

August 28—Taste Of Britain—Polo Match  
(lancomg.com)

# 1936 Austin Ruby

**Mike Parrish**

I drove 1300 miles to mine the rarest and largest ruby from Western North Carolina. 1350 lbs and 10' long.

A 1936 Austin Seven Ruby. The rare LHD "Export" variety. Reasonable shape considering it is 82 years old.

The trip was 650 miles each way. We encountered rain, blizzard snow, sleet, high winds and pea soup fog on the way down. Even so, we made great time at around 10 hours. Go figure? The car lived about 4 miles past the last pavement, in the hills. Google directions were spot-on.

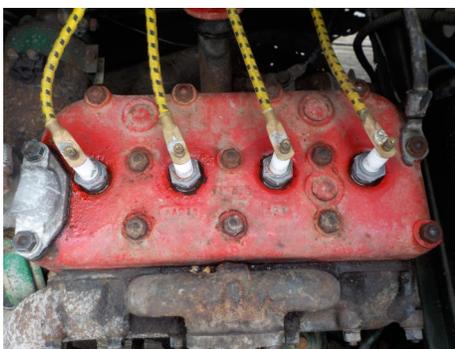


The driveway was quite a hill (had to use 4wd to back up), this worked to our advantage. The ramps were almost level and it was downhill from the garage to the trailer. Loading was easy. Off we went. The ride home was much better. Partly cloudy. We averaged almost 65 going down and 60 coming back. 4 gallons an hour and 15.5 mpg.

The Ruby is number 249558. It is 112 from the last ARQ Ruby and probably made in July of '36, before the 1937 ARR body changes.

It is an export model and, has smaller wheels (with fatter tires), a four bladed fan, an air filter and the single tail light off to one side. It has no trafficators. This Ruby is left hand drive. Kind of odd, Sevens were not actively imported here due to Austin's arrangement with American Bantam.

Also, rare as hen's teeth.



It needs love. I bought it because the opportunity arose. Not because I was particularly flush with time and money. Next project on my dance card is a barn. As such, the Ruby won't be on the road any time soon. My standby, the Herald, will be my LBC for a bit. The Minor needs brakes.

Then there is the Anglia and Midget..... C'mon Powerball!

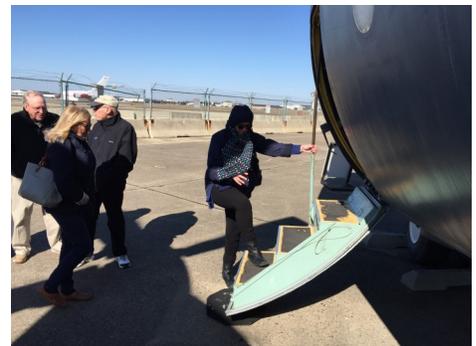
More pictures at <http://www.austinsevenfriends.co.uk/forum/showthread.php?tid=1062>

# DOVER AMC MUSEUM

Trevor Mees

Both chapters of the club got together at the Air Mobility Command museum in Dover Air Force Base, probably the best turn out of members outside a car show.

It was a bitter cold and windy day but the sky was blue and the docents were informative and entertaining, having flown some of these very aircraft.



## Members Corner

Visit to Williamsburg British and European Car Show  
by Geoff Sundstrom



Marian and I visited the annual British and European Car Show in Williamsburg, Va. the weekend of April 14. The show is sponsored by the Williamsburg British Car Club.

This was our first time at the show and it was their first time at a new location called the Shops at High Street. There is no admission charge for spectators. There were 155 cars on display in a large paved parking area. Approximately 80 percent of the vehicles we're British, with some German and Italian cars thrown in the mix. Daimler was the featured manufacturer with several examples on display. MGs dominated the field, with a fair number of Austin-Healeys and Morgans as well. Jaguar and

Triumph were not as prevalent as we had hoped.

Some standout entries for us were a Triumph Herald Estate wagon, a Bugeye Sprite and a Morgan 3 Wheeler.

The drive from Lewes down the Delmarva peninsula and across the bridge to Norfolk and Williamsburg takes about four hours and makes a pleasant trip.

More pictures from the show are posted on the BCCD Facebook page.



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**Mike Parrish's Jewel ('36 Austin Seven Ruby)**