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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Hey, it's jacket time! Looks like we're finally getting some nice fall cool weather. It's about time! Top down cool weather suits me just fine. Now, I just have to carve out some time to drive. Of course, I need little encouragement to cruise the Delaware countryside, waving at other sports car drivers and taking in the sun. Well enough about my fall daydreams let's see what to talk about this month. Ah, yes, the Club's Annual Fall Car Show. Have I mentioned it before? Maybe... You would think that would be enough, but no. We ended the month with yet another well attended BCCD tradition - the Annual Fun Rally! To finish the year, we're planning a joint Christmas dinner party with the Brandywine Motorsports Club.

Our Annual Fall show held at The Friends of Bellanca Airport by all accounts was a pronounced success. There were 63 registered cars with an estimate of over 300 people visiting. We're pleased the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club supported our show taking several awards. Well, I can't say enough about our how hard our BCCD members worked pulling off an impressive show and within a short time. (see the car show article for more details)

The Southern Chapter's annual Fall Fun Rally traverses around southern Delaware – well mostly Lewes. This year's event hosted by Trevor and Betty where participants are given a starting time and a list of landmarks to find and record something significant about them. Not being very familiar with the Lewes area Georgia and I were lost almost the whole time. However, we did find one or two rally landmarks but that was about it. We enjoyed the drive. Betty and Trevor were right. "... a gentle cruise around East Sussex County..." and then visiting with our BCCD Southern Chapter colleagues who came out for the get-together! It was certainly a great afternoon. Oh, I almost forgot. Dana Mason took the opportunity to present Frank Jacquette, BCCD member, with a quilt on behalf of the Quilts of Valor for his Vietnam service. The first QOV was awarded in November 2003 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. QOV is a way of saying. "Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor" serving our nation in combat. Instead of Army helicopters, Frank drives a 1960 MKI Austin Healey Sprite.

Now for more good news. We've been planning a Christmas Dinner Party for December 12, 2019 at the Tilton Mansion Home to the University & Whist Club of Wilmington, 805 N. Broom St., Wilmington, DE 19806. More importantly we are joining forces with the Brandywine Motorsports Club to make it a joint event. The details have already been sent. I hope you mark it on your calendar and plan on attending. This event will be the culmination of a really great year and a reward for a job well done. It will also be a great opportunity to meet and greet the folks from the Brandywine Motorsports organization. Please plan on attending.

On that positive note please drive safely – arrive home in the same condition that you left. See you out there!

Terry



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From The Editor

Hi Everyone,

This is the first 'unlimited' edition of the newsletter. Unlimited because I am no longer mailing printed copies, limited in size to keep the postage down.

Just in time, too, because there is a lot to put in it. The car show at Bellanca, the Southern Chapter Rally were both held in September and articles and pictures are here. My thanks to all who sent me words and pictures.

I am particularly keen to receive articles about the cars you own, work you have done or are doing on them and places you have been with them.

Don't worry if your submission isn't in the newsletter straight away, I keep them all for use in later editions.

Here are some British car slogans—send me others you know of.

Add Lightness (Colin Chapman, Lotus)

Grace, Pace and Space (Sir William Lyons, Jaguar)

Safety Fast (Cecil Kimber, MG)

Trevor

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A 'Bent'ley Tragedy

Don & Sue Henderson

Fate has a strange way of teaching us what is important in life.

As many of you already know we were involved in an accident with the Bentley early September. It was just after 4PM on Rte 15 south of Smyrna, somebody decided that the stop sign was meaningless and pulled in front of us. In that "OH SHI#" moment, instead of accelerating the individual STOPPED right in our path. I was able to avoid hitting the car but in doing so ended up in a ditch.

Somehow the car ended up turned around onto the drivers side, right hand drive, I had been thrown out and the car was resting on my legs. Sue was dazed after hitting the windscreen with her head but heard me saying the car was on me and was able to climb out the passenger window and rock the car up enough for me to get out.

The neighbors assisted us in calling 911 and the Bentley is now an organ donor in a Bentley junk yard.

We are fortunate to be alive, there could have been so many other outcomes under the circumstances. This was to be our last ride before taking her to the shop for interior restorations, so I guess you could say I saved some money.

Many thanks to those of you who have expressed your concerns. Let this be a lesson, never take any day for granted, fate can be cruel. To the person who pulled out in front of us and left the scene with no regard, Karma is a bit#%.

Drive safe and defensively. Enjoy every day you have with your loved ones and your LBC.



NORTHERN CHAPTER



The September 18th meeting was held at McGlynns Pub-Pike Creek. Terry started by welcoming the 6 members and 2 additional officers who attended. With our annual show concluded, Terry jumped right in to new business.

Terry's first priority is to get our club in compliance with the State of Delaware as a non-profit organization. Sharon will contact CSC on how to proceed. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer was unable to give an up to date balance but reported a day of show sales of \$1074, a show total of \$1504. An audit of the club's financials had been performed and approved by Steve Woodman.

Car show 2020 was next, the date to be once again the Saturday before the Hagley show, date tbd. Bellanca Airport Museum has agreed to host our show and a \$200 donation was approved. Round table discussion provided the following feedback:

- Two people required to handle day of show registration
- Changes to classes will require more help parking cars
- Spectator parking vs show parking
- More canopies to accommodate the weather (sun, rain)
- Reach out to fellow clubs
- Encourage volunteers
- Promote the Bellanca Airport
- Food service a must
- Promote Bellanca regalia along with BCCD items
- Club shirts for club volunteers
- Event advertising signs for the airport and roads
- Timing-publish a schedule



Congratulations to Don Boudwin and his 1974 MGB for winning one of the awards at the Blue Earl Brewery's Beers, Rims and Notes car show

The British Car Club Annual Fall Car Show

September 14, 2019
Bellanca Airport, New Castle, DE
By, Terry Young

I'm delighted to report that our British Car Club of Delaware Annual Fall Car Show was an outstanding success. We had 63 British Cars and we estimated over 300 to 400 people roaming through The Friends of Bellanca Airport grounds, visiting the Bellanca Museum and admiring the fine beautiful British automobiles. The success was possible due to the dedication of our British Car Club of Delaware members who rolled up their sleeves working very hard to make it happen. I've mentioned these fine people many times. I can tell you; their dedication will be cited many times now and in the future. All on behalf of our club done for everyone. I'm proud to call them my friends. They are Sharon Kalinowski, Calvin Jackson, Don McDonald, Steve Woodman, Marion Woodruff, George Alderman, Jim Martin, Dave and Jeff Barlow, Bill Wilson, Bill Tattersall, and Mike Tyler. One more - but not last – accolade. An enormous *thank you* to the many British Car Club of Delaware members and British car enthusiasts who came to the show.

Reflecting back to the day of the show the weather prediction was 30 percent rain with an overcast. The day actually turned out much better – no direct sun, a slight breeze and no rain! Weather sometimes is a “hold your breath” moment when trying to figure out if your British car will be allowed to come out and play. We generally won't risk getting our “baby” wet. But for this day, no worries – not a drop... It was time to focus on the rest of the day. Let's begin by talking about a few things.

One of the better parts of holding an event in the local community is that it becomes a combined event. This day was no exception. We shared the day with the Friends of Bellanca Airport Museum. The fine volunteers of the Friends of Bellanca Airport Museum must be commended. Barbara and her small dedicated staff - who will take you on a tour at a moment's notice - nonchalantly roll facts off their heads as if they lived and knew the people personally. Their in-depth knowledge is remarkable. The historical displays and Bellanca aircraft take you back to the days when Giuseppe Mario Bellanca designs flew the Delaware skies. I must say my knowledge about Delaware aviation definitely increased. This, by far, is one of the best kept secrets in Delaware! A “must do!” Here's a question. How could the Annual Fall Show get any Better? Well, let me tell you.

This year we wanted to provide photos for the folks who registered their cars. Don McDonald arranged for Fredrick “Ninja” Hardy Photography to take pictures. He is a local shutterbug who covers many of the car shows in the Delaware Valley. He did not disappoint! He took over 350 photographs maybe more - all posted to the British Car Club of Delaware Facebook page. Ninja also publishes a mini booklet using the show's photographs and provides a CD of all the pictures. Everyone should have received an order form to purchase your copy. If not let me know. Throughout the day Melissa and Rusty Applegate's Deerhead Hot Dogs Food Truck kept the food flowing. A shout out to Liz Hanes for the connecting us with D.J. Ron “Shubie” Shubra, who added the right amount of “British” sounds for our enjoyment 'till the end of the day. Needless to say, the day was very eventful with all its moving parts. There's another part of the show that's certainly important and worth more than a quick mention. The Jaguars.

A few weeks prior to the show Steve Schultheis connected us with the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club. Immediately, I received an email from Bill Beible, their President, saying he will put the word out for the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club members to attend. And boy-oh-boy did they! My total Jag count was over 15 with the majority from DVJC. After all, Jaguar was the British Car Club of Delaware's Annual Fall Show's Marque. I knew we'd have a couple but was blown away with an entire row of 15. Of course, Jaguars were not the only British cars that made their way to New Castle. Least I forget the other British motors that came in force. MGBs, Triumphs, Austin Healeys and an Elva to name a few. I urge you to go and look at the Facebook entries to see them all.

Again, thanks to everyone for all you do on behalf of the Car Club and hope to see you next year!

Terry

The British Car Club Annual Fall Car Show

September 14, 2019
Bellanca Airport, New Castle, DE



Winners

Pre-1980

Kevin Fitzgerald - 1969 Jaguar E-Type
Bill Beiswiger - 1962 Jaguar E-Type
John Chickadel - 1965 Triumph TR4A
Bud Smart - 1958 MGB ZB
Walt Lubin - 1967 Austin Healey 3000



Post-1980

Stephen Harris - 2003 Lotus Espirit V8
Wayne Tubbs - 1987 Jaguar XJS
George Alderman - 2007 Jaguar XKR
Silven Bobev - 1995 Jaguar XJS
Trevor Mees & Betty Burleigh - 1996 Jaguar XJS



Best In Show

Paul Trout - Anthracite Pearl 2001 Jaguar XKR



SOUTHERN CHAPTER



Quilt of Valor Awarded at the Southern Chapter Rally

At part of the award ceremony at the conclusion of the Southern Division Fun Rally, a Quilt of Valor was awarded to Frank Jacquette, a Vietnam Veteran. Frank served in the United States Army as a helicopter mechanic from 1967 – 1969 with a tour of duty as part of Co. B 5th Trans Bn, 101st Airborne Division in Phu Bai.

Quilts of Valor is a national non-profit organization whose mission it is “to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Begun in 2003 by a Delawarean whose son was deployed to Iraq the organization grew at such a rapid pace that in 2007 it became applied for its national non-profit status. Since they have been keeping records of reported awards throughout the United States, we have awarded 231,218 quilts (as of 10/16/19) and 22,108 so far in 2019.



If you wish to learn more about the Quilts of Valor organization or if you wish to request a quilt for a service member or veteran, please visit – www.QOVF.org.

Dana Mason
DE State Coordinator
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The British Car Club Southern Chapter Fun Rally

September 21st, 2019

Lewes, DE

Words by Cynthia Gaster, pictures by Dave Haines and Betty Burleigh

We felt compelled to write a bit for the newsletter this month. Don and I would like to say the car Rally was the best!

Being new to the club we had never experienced a rally. This was our first time. When we arrived we thought we were not going to be able to participate, because our Jag is still being restored. Betty said, "You can still do the rally in your regular car!" We were a bit nervous, but decided to try it. It was a little warm that day, so we kinda lucked out with being in our Volvo with air conditioning!!

When we arrived at Trevor's and Betty's house we were served with hot coffee, tea, and donut holes. We all sat and chatted, as people arrived for the rally. After everyone received their name tags and bumper signs stating we were in a rally, so we would not hold any of those DE crazy drivers up, we were each assigned a time to depart.

Everyone was handed the clues for the rally— some were compelled to look ahead at the paperwork---a little anxiety you think?

It seemed we were all anxious to start. Betty told Don and I, that we would either come back not speaking to each other over arguing about the clues, or be the best as a team. All I could think of was, "Oh boy a typical road trip for us!" Me giving directions, and Don missing turns. I knew there was no getting out to ask for directions on this trip. (As Don would be adamant he knew the way on many of our road trips, and not to dare stop to ask the way). A man thing I guess.



The first clue, we past right by, about the Morton building. We discussed the fact that it looked like a Morton building, but a house too! The thing that won us over on that clue was the tractors that were mentioned. I think others stated they did the same. That made us feel better. As we got into Lewes by the dairy queen we got the clue about the Beacon motel, but circled the building twice trying to find the mural on the side, and almost colliding with another rally car in his comfortable car, that was not British either, with a Nevada tag. We just laughed at each other as we passed by twice. Then it was off to find the wheel house with the name Stephanie. There we came to find a lot more rally cars in the lot looking for the clue. As we found that one, we jumped in the car to the next. It took us a few minutes to find the clue on the windmill. Don't know why, it was big as life. I think all we could think about was, "hurry".

From living here we have a personal relationship with the stick people. That clue was easy. (Note: they are dressed in their Halloween costumes now).

Don and I somehow got the clues in Milton by the seat of our pants. Even though we missed a turn and it's our home town!

Don was really tempted to get a 60 minute at the brewery ---for some thinking power he said, but did not want drive under the influence, so that was not an option. (Good thing we did not hit Dogfish as Don already had to visit the porta potty by the pond in Milton).

Arriving back at Trevor's and Betty's we could not wait for a glass of wine since we passed on the brewery. Everyone came back happy as could be. This was the best fun us old heads had in a long time. (Please don't take offense). The best thing was we did not have any F U arguments.

We really would like to say, "thank you" to all the members who were a part of the Rally set up. Especially Trevor and Betty for taking their time to prepare the rally clues, and for hosting the after party.



It was a great day sitting around getting acquainted with all the members and looking out over the beautiful garden. All the food was fabulous as were the desserts!



Thanks again for everything-

Editor's Note: Of the 12 teams in the rally Don and Cynthia were the winners and have the dubious honour of hosting the 2020 version. 2 teams tied for second place one point behind and 4 teams for third, one more point behind. 5 points covered the first 9 teams.



Poplar Hall Christmas Market December 7th 2019

The British Car Club of Delaware has been invited to the Poplar Hall Christmas Market to display our British cars.

This year the event will be held December 7, 2019 at Pell Gardens in Chesapeake City, DE.

The deadline to sign-up is November 1. There is room for 15 cars so sign up early to hold your place.

- 4-5 cars parked in Pell Gardens (smallest cars)
- 10 cars along Bohemia avenue

If you would like to go respond to Greg Shelton (cc'ed on this message) or me.

We must be in place when the market opens at 10:00 AM. It ends at 7:00 PM.
Sorry no late arrivals or early departure.

The cars will be displayed as a formal representation of British/European Transportational Culture and elegance.

Bring folding chairs but no tents or canopies.

If you have a British flag that you could fly by your car that would be a plus. I have two drive on poles and flags.

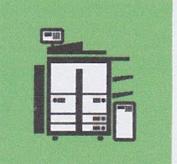
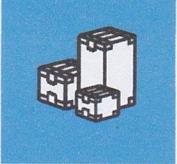
Since this a Christmas Event you're encouraged to decorate your car with holiday wreaths and natural festive elements.

This will be a wonderful event to start the holiday season and a good opportunity to get started on that holiday shopping. And great exposure for the British Car Club of Delaware.

See their website for last years Poplar Hall Christmas Market. www.poplarhall.us

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Here's a little ditty I received from Don McDonald

“Forever Young”

My mirror's lately been unkind,
Exposing all those lumps and lines.

Is that receding hairline mine?
When I was thirty, it looked just fine!

Those baggy eyes 'neath brows so white,
Just yesterday were firm and tight.

To hell with this! I'll take a drive!
The Healey will, my youth, revive!

All right, it's awkward getting in,
And climbing out is hard as sin.

I'm not as limber as I was,
My belly flat and chin with fuzz.

I pull the choke. I turn the key,
And push the starter anxiously.

She stutters, then she catches hold,
And suddenly, I don't feel old.

No aches, no pains- sheer joy instead
The open road lies just ahead!

Beneath a cloudless, sunny sky,
The verdant scenery flashes by.

I downshift through a hairpin turn
Then wind her out without concern.

But all too soon the time has come,
When I must steer the Healey home.

I check the mirror changing lanes,
And notice something rather strange.

I have to do a second take,
Before I set the parking brake,

For in that looking glass I see,
The kid, I once was, smile at me!





You are Cordially invited to
The Brandywine Motorsport Club and
The British Car Club of Delaware's combined
Holiday Dinner Party

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University And Whist Club

The Wilmington Whist Club and the University Club of Wilmington began as separate clubs who were friendly; when either one needed anything the other was always willing to help. In the late 1950s, as the population shifted to the suburbs, the lack of food service at the Whist Club made it difficult to attract members. The suburbanites were reluctant to go home for dinner and return to the city for socializing and games. In 1957, representatives of both boards met to discuss a closer liaison. On April 14, 1958 the two organizations formally decided to merge into a single, large, diversified body. It was agreed the University Club housed in the Tilton Mansion at 805 North Broom Street would be the headquarters of the combined membership. In the years that followed the merger, the University and Whist Club of Wilmington flourished.

Today, the Tilton Mansion, home to the University and Whist Club, continues to fulfill its mission; to provide superior food, beverage and service to our members. As one of Delaware's premier fine dining clubs, the University and Whist Club offers an exceptional environment for members, their families and their guests to meet, socialize and entertain in a unique setting.



Wilmington Whist Club

It was late in the nineteenth century when a group of Wilmington business and professional men with an interest in the card game known as "whist" founded the Wilmington Whist Club. The Club was organized December 7, 1891, and incorporated in 1895. The rules were eminently uncomplicated; no drinking or gambling was permitted in the clubhouse and no women. The first clubhouse was located at 1103 Gilpin Avenue; it was rented for \$37.50 per month. In March of 1892 the Club moved and rented 1305 West Thirteenth Street. On July 15, 1895 the Wilmington Whist Club entered a new phase of development when it purchased the building at 1303 West Thirteenth Street, providing a permanent home and a base upon which a viable membership could be built.

Membership grew to 145 in 1906, 150 in 1907, and 175 in 1909. Whist was a four-player game, cards were dealt one at a time with the last card to the dealer, being turned to determine trump. One point was scored for each trick in excess of six, and sometimes additional points were given for the ace, king, queen and jack of trumps. Shortly after its formation, the Wilmington Whist Club joined the American Whist League and members entered area tournaments.

The era of whist was passing, however, as auction bridge captured the interest of increasing numbers of players and this led to the Wilmington Whist Club resigning from the American Whist League in 1906. In 1927 a liaison of sorts was formed with the University Club of Wilmington when the Whist Club steward contracted scarlet fever. The clubhouse was closed and fumigated, and the Whist Club accepted the University Club's offer to use their meeting facilities. In 1929, the Wilmington Whist Club acquired a new clubhouse, the former residence of its first president, William H. Swift, at 1309 Delaware Avenue. This location had a billiard room and two bowling lanes along with facilities for a new game called contract bridge. Bridge came onto the American scene early in the 1890s and eventually led to the decline and fall of whist.

In 1925, Harold S. Vanderbilt, American multi-millionaire and three-time America's Cup winner, changed the course of bridge while on a cruise. He suggested that only tricks bid and made count toward game, with extra tricks counted as bonuses. These revised rules turned auction bridge into contract bridge. He succeeded so well that his game of contract bridge became the staple diet of card players everywhere. Bridge continues to occupy a position of great prestige, and is more comprehensively organized than any other card game.

University Club Of Wilmington

The University Club of Wilmington was incorporated on April 12, 1924 by a group of male college graduates who decided to join together "to promote friendship among college men, and to advance the interests of a liberal education." A clubhouse was established at 1311 Market Street, known as the Old Gibbons House, and was formally opened on July 1, 1924. At the outset, the Club comprised 250 members. When membership growth dictated larger quarters, the University Club moved to 1301 Market Street, holding an official house warming on September 13, 1927. In the mid-1930s, Francis V. du Pont, Jr. acquired the 805 North Broom Street property from the estate of J. Danforth Bush and leased it to the University Club. The Club moved into its new quarters on November 30, 1935 with a formal opening on December 11. During World War II, the clubhouse was filled to capacity with occupants - 25 to 35 residents, for the most part housed two to a room in the main building, and up to four in the carriage house.

During the 1950s, the University Club was the center of activity for young singles of Wilmington. Anne Rudquist explained why: "We had lived through the depression and through the deprivations of war when everything was rationed. When World War II ended, the men went back to college and, in the late 1940s and early 1950s, were graduating. Finally things were back to normal, people had money again, and we just had fun." Many residents of the Club were young professionals in Wilmington, men like the late William V. Roth, Jr., who became the senior United States Senator from Delaware. Another young professional at the time who frequented the Club was Charles Todderud. "One thing that impressed me was the intellectual level of the conversations at dinner," he recalled. "There would be Charles W. Todd, director of biochemical research at the du Pont Experimental Station, and Roger Horton, a patent attorney, and Joe Coughlin, an engineer who had worked on the atomic bomb project when they developed the first radioactive pile. These guys had a wealth of information. They would talk about Einstein's Theory of Relativity and apparently understood what they were talking about. It probably was the high point of my life in exposure to intelligent conversation." It was a meeting place, an entertaining place, a respite after growing up in a stressed world.

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