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## President's Message



Happy Holidays Everyone,

This time of year, the Holiday season could be a bit more joyous. But no! COVID-19 is still with us and is not quite gone. There is hope. The vaccine is really around the corner. Months if not weeks before we'll gettin' in line for our shot! But... there is always a but. We still have to play it safe until we get the notice our Doctor has the goods. So, until then keep your trips to the store to a minimum and stay busy at home. After all, you own a British car that probably needs attention. You should have plenty to do to get it ready for spring.

We were saddened to learn of Steve DeVeber's passing on December 13th. Steve was a longtime member of our club and owned a 1974 Triumph TR6 and a 2007 Jaguar S-type. He passed at his home as per his strong wishes to do so supported by his wife and daughters, aided by Seasons Hospice.

Again, we are making an appeal for a volunteer to take over the British Car Club of Delaware's website. So, if you're interested contact Geoff or me. Don't worry, you'll have plenty of help.

We had our Holiday Dinner Party at Rehoboth Beach Country Club. Great job by Geoff Sandstrom and Bill Tattersall leading the way. Considering the Coronavirus issues there were 18 BCCD members and guests attending. Spending quality time with fellow British auto enthusiasts was the perfect way to end our club's year.

And yet there was room for one more event. The annual Poplar Hall Christmas Market held at Pel Gardens, Chesapeake City, MD. Although postponed a week a couple of brave BCCD members drove through the morning fog to finally enjoy an unseasonably warm 65-degree day. The Pell Gardens in Chesapeake City was named in honor of the Rev. Walden Pell, II, who was a longtime town resident who contributed greatly to community efforts in the county. The yearly European style Christmas Market really gets you in the mood for the holiday season while palling around with my wife and George Alterman strolling through the gardens while enjoying the holiday décor and sampling the unique vendor products.

In closing, Georgia and I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Till' next time, please drive safe and observe the COVID-19 protocols!! The vaccine is in sight!

Terry

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# Mystery Car.

Yes, It was an Austin A40 Farina. I'd have accepted Austin A40.



The A40 designation goes back to 1947 when 5 models were introduced, two were named for counties in South West England - the 2 door Dorset (my home county) and the 4 door Devon saloons. There were also a 2 door wagon (Countryman), a van and a pickup. They were powered by a 1200cc OHV 4 cylinder engine (40hp) and a 4 speed manual gearbox.



From 1950 to 1953 a convertible was produced with an aluminium body and twin carburetors, which boosted the hp to 50.

In 1952 the Dorset and Devon were both replaced by the Somerset (another SW England county).



In 1954 the Cambridge (a county in Eastern England) replaced the Somerset with a different body style. The Countryman, Van and Pickup soldiered on until 1956.

In 1958 the Farina came along and lasted until 1967. It had an 1100cc engine producing 50hp. Top speed was an eye watering 76 mph!

I learned to drive and passed my driving test in one in 1963. It was even this colour. I well remember stalling the car halfway across an intersection shortly after the test began. "That's it", I thought, "I've failed", and sort of relaxed in that knowledge. I was surprised at the end of the test when the tester said "Well done, you've passed".



The Farina model was the last A40. It was succeeded by the front wheel drive Austin 1100 which eventually came to the US as the Austin America. But that's another story.

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So what's this one.....?

The make will be enough though I'm sure the radiator shape gives it away.





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**Healeys at Buckley's**

Centerville, Delaware December 12, 2020: Don McDonald's 1962 Old English White Austin Healey MK3000 and Jim Deese's 1963 Blue and White Austin Healey MK3000.

British Car Club of Delaware members stopping at Buckley's Tavern for a cold brew on a warm Delaware 60+ day in December.

Don McDonald

## Winterizeing your LBC David Glick

Winterizing your little British sports car these days is often a simple task. Just fill up the tank, add some fuel preservative, make sure there is windshield washer fluid/antifreeze rather than water (assuming you have a windshield washer), pull it into the garage and cover until spring. Some of us like to put a little extra air in the tires as well.

Technically that is no fun. My first car was a 1974 MG Midget. It got me through high school and college. It was not a summer toy, rather it was the only means of transposition I had, regardless of the weather. When it rained you got wet. You were hot in the summer and often cold in the winter. I remember even loving to drive the Midget in the snow, that is as long as the snow was not more than 3" deep, at which point the bottom of the car would sit on top of the snow and technically lift the wheels off the ground. Plowed roads were great. Tracks in the snow from other cars and vehicles that were deeper than 3", not so much.

At one point when attending college, living in Elizabeth, New Jersey. I would keep the car behind the house parked alongside a fence. Came out one morning to see the entire car covered by a snow drift, with the only visible part of the car being the antenna. Wish I had a camera to memorialize that sight. These days our cars are more likely to be toys that we cherish rather than drive out of necessity. We tend to want to protect them from the typical winter fears of salt, and icy roads. We may have also become quite comfortable with anti-lock brakes, and traction control, as opposed to one rear wheel drive with a normal differential. While all my little British sports cars have functioning heaters, let us just say they may not be that effective (*especially defrosters...*). Back in the day, my feet would be nice and toasty warm, but my left ear would get cold thanks to the well-engineered placement of gap in the bottom of the top just behind the driver's door window of the Midget. I am sure many of you also dressed warm with gloves, scarf, earmuffs, and hat, the prerequisites to put the top down on a cold and windy, albeit sunny, day.

Being older and wiser, I might not be eager to replicate my ears freezing any longer, nor attempting to drive somewhere through a blizzard in an MG, that does not mean I do not still enjoy taking the cars out for a spin on a nice sunny winter day. That would make me the last person to put my car completely away for the winter. As a matter of fact, I think it would be great to go for an evening drive to tour the Christmas lights of area homes and businesses (think [LewesLights.org](http://LewesLights.org)). Yes, it will likely be top up, heater on, and maybe a scarf and gloves.

So, for me, filling the tires with air to account for the colder temperatures, checking windshield washer fluid, putting some more fresh gas in the tank (with fuel preservative), even checking to make sure the coolant/antifreeze is clean and at the proper level are still on my list. Storing the cars until spring, not really.

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Northern Chapter Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Southern Chapter Meetings Last Tuesday of the month

## January

20<sup>th</sup> Northern Chapter Meeting, McGlynns Pub, 8 Polly Drummond Shopping Center, 270 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark, DE 19711

26<sup>th</sup> Southern Chapter Meeting, JD Shuckers, 21710 Roth Ave, Georgetown, DE 19947

## February

12<sup>th</sup> Northern Breakfast Meeting 10:00 AM, Bridgeway Family Restaurant, 15 E Glenwood Ave, Smyrna, DE 19977 – in lieu of regular meeting

19<sup>th</sup> Southern Breakfast Meeting 10:00 AM, Cottage Café 33034 Coastal Hwy, Bethany Beach, DE 19930 – in lieu of regular meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> Newsletter Deadline

## March

17<sup>th</sup> Northern Chapter Meeting, McGlynns Pub, 8 Polly Drummond Shopping Center, 270 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark, DE 19711

30<sup>st</sup> Southern Chapter Meeting, JD Shuckers, 21710 Roth Ave, Georgetown, DE 19947

## April

21<sup>st</sup> Northern Chapter Meeting, McGlynns Pub, 8 Polly Drummond Shopping Center, 270 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark, DE 19711

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27<sup>th</sup> Southern Chapter Meeting, JD Shuckers, 21710 Roth Ave, Georgetown, DE 19947

## May

1<sup>st</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Annual BCCD Lewes Car Show, Lewes Terminal, 43 Cape Henlopen Dr., Lewes, DE 19958

19<sup>th</sup> Northern Chapter Meeting, McGlynns Pub, 8 Polly Drummond Shopping Center, 270 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark, DE 19711

25<sup>th</sup> Southern Chapter Meeting, JD Shuckers, 21710 Roth Ave, Georgetown, DE 19947

## June

16<sup>th</sup> Northern Chapter Meeting, McGlynns Pub, 8 Polly Drummond Shopping Center, 270 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark, DE 19711

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29<sup>th</sup> Southern Chapter Meeting, JD Shuckers, 21710 Roth Ave, Georgetown, DE 19947

## July

21<sup>st</sup> Northern Chapter Meeting, McGlynns Pub, 8 Polly Drummond Shopping Center, 270 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark, DE 19711

27<sup>th</sup> Southern Chapter Meeting, JD Shuckers, 21710 Roth Ave, Georgetown, DE 19947

## August

18<sup>th</sup> Northern Chapter Meeting, McGlynns Pub, 8 Polly Drummond Shopping Center, 270 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark, DE 19711

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31<sup>th</sup> Southern Chapter Meeting, JD Shuckers, 21710 Roth Ave, Georgetown, DE 19947

## September

15<sup>th</sup> BCCD Annual Fall Car Show, Bellanca Airport, New Castle, DE

21<sup>st</sup> Northern Chapter Meeting, McGlynns Pub, 8 Polly Drummond Shopping Center, 270 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark, DE 19711

28<sup>th</sup> Southern Chapter Meeting, JD Shuckers, 21710 Roth Ave, Georgetown, DE 19947

## October

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## November

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28<sup>th</sup> The Wilmington JC's Annual Holiday Parade

30<sup>th</sup> Southern Chapter Meeting, JD Shuckers, 21710 Roth Ave, Georgetown, DE 19947

## December

TBA Lewes Christmas Parade

TBA BCCD Holiday Dinner Party

TBA Poplar European Christmas Market

TBA The Cristfield, MD, Chamber Commerce Holiday Parade

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# Chapter Four MGTC By Terry Young October 12, 2020

## The Radiator and Grill

Where was I? Oh yes, the dash. Well, forget that.

I got a little side-tracked and took off the radiator along with its chrome cover. The chrome radiator cover is the most distinctive aspect of the MG T Series cars along with the unique octangle MG emblem, is recognizable from miles away.

When I first saw the car, I wondered if the chrome would polish out or if it would have to be re-chromed. Considering my budget, I thought I would give polishing a try. Researching the internet, I found several instructional videos on how to bring back the chrome finish. One in particular impressed me since the chrome being brought back to life was in pretty bad shape. Not so dissimilar to mine. Purchasing the products used in the video and set about buffing. The results were very good.



Front Chrome and slats



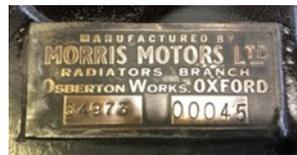
Polishing results



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Once the chrome was as clean as possible it was time to get after the radiator itself. As all the TC parts there was a layer of road dirt (actually more than one) and bit of surface rust. After scraping, sanding and cleaning it was ready for primer and paint.

Somewhere along the line I discovered two of the 23 plus data plates and number stamps found throughout the TC. I knew about the VIN plate, engine, valve cover, windshield and a couple other obvious data plates, but the two radiator plates were a surprise. It will be a fun quest to find them all.



Original Condition of the TC's radiator

I found a couple of brass fittings. One for the cooling adapter and the drain tap. Both brass pieces polished quite nicely. Another feature that was a surprise.



Painted radiator connections to the engine.

Attached to the radiator was a couple of cast iron fittings that directs the cooling fluids to and from the engine. As I removed the parts I found some pretty old antifreeze. Needless to say, these parts cleaned up and looked pretty good after painting. Let's say, I have a lot to do – it's not overwhelming... yet!

Now to get back to the dash...

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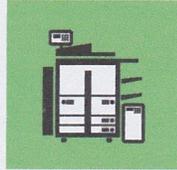
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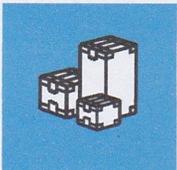
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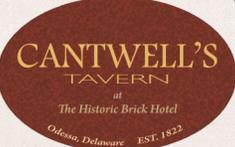
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## BCCD Christmas Dinner 2020

The British Car Club of Delaware, Inc., held its annual Holiday Dinner Party at Rehoboth Beach County Club, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware organized by the Southern Chapter's Geoff Sundstrom. We were treated to a superb dinner served by the club's excellent staff prepared by Daniel Reilly their Executive Chef. Everyone, without exception, came away with nothing but compliments! A high point of the dinner, but not the only one, was the dessert to die for - the Apple Tart with a Caramel and Vanilla sauce.

The other memorable part of the evening was the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation for three outstanding BCCD members recognized for their volunteerism given to Dr. David Glick, for his October 10th Tech Session, Geoff Sundstrom for being BCCD webmaster/Facebook administrator and Trevor Mees, the British Diamond newsletter editor and publisher. Thank you all for an outstanding job.



Additionally, we want to thank our gracious host, the Rehoboth Beach Country Club management and employees for providing a pleasing holiday atmosphere with all the necessary social spacing and other Covid-19 protocols.



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Since then the car has been carefully driven locally, and maintained with only practical updates to keep originality preserved. Mechanically the car is in good working order. It has won several car show popular vote class awards at local car shows.

Glacier White with Autumn Leaf Interior. Current mileage is just over 100K. This car is available for view by appointment only  
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If anyone in your club would be interested in seeing what we have, they are welcome to call me at **410 660 9387**. Thanks!  
**Louis Melton**

I bought this car from the original owner about 5-6 years ago. It has 46k original miles now and I have every receipt and record form when it was new. It has never had any body damage and is in over all very good to almost excellent condition. The paint is very nice with only the roof having some mild crazing if you look up close. Everything is in working order and it has 4 brand new tires. It runs and drives beautifully. The interior is also in good shape with no tears or separated seams. The dash is in good condition with only some minor cracks in the clear coat. The wood on the ski-slope is cracked but this can be easily replaced for about \$180 I just haven't had time to do it. It is a great driver but could easily double as a show car. Last year of the true XJ 6. I would like to see it go to a Jaguar or British car enthusiast. Price is \$5000 to the right home

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# Steve DeVeber

## 1933—2020



Wilmington - Steve passed away December 13, 2020, at his home as per his strong wishes to do so supported by his wife and daughters, aided by Seasons Hospice. He was born "at home" in 1933 in Belmont, Massachusetts to Lawrence DeVeber and Eulalia Englund DeVeber. He spent his childhood in Belmont with summers in Scarborough, Maine on the Nonesuch River. He graduated from Belmont High School, having a year or two at Bridgeton Academy. He left Belmont to serve three years in the U.S. Army, mostly in D.C., as an instructor in military map making.

He graduated from Drexel University in 1962. Steve worked for DuPont for 31 years, in seven different jobs, including two and a half years in Toronto where he established a new distribution center for Photo Products of Canada. He retired in 1993 as Director of Logistical Operations for the US and Canada.

In retirement, Steve spent 20 years with SCORE, of that, two years as Chapter Chair for Delaware. During this time, he also volunteered at Hagley Museum as a machine shop interpreter and was involved in Hagley's membership drives, their January Invention Convention and the Hagley summer hiking/biking program along the Brandywine. He enjoyed many years attending Ollie classes and serving as a Membership Chairman on Council with Linda Kellogg as Co-chair for several years. He taught boating classes and participated in the Coast Guard Safe Boating inspections. He also earned his Captain's license in 2006.

Steve loved sailing, skiing, and old British cars. He restored and showed his various cars for a number of years winning multiple "Peoples Choice" awards. He continued these activities until his health issues required his "second retirement".

Steve is survived by his wife of 56 years, Andy; his daughters, Lauren DeVeber and Susan Heitz; two grandsons; one granddaughter; two great grandchildren; older brother, Dave DeVeber of New Hampshire and his two daughters and lastly, his buddy Dexter the cat.

(He attended many of our car shows with his Triumph. He will be missed.)



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