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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Seems like only yesterday I was working on my car. Oh wait, that was yesterday! Or was it today??? It's easy to loose track when you're wrenching on these babies everyday. British cars are a fussy lot, always needing attention... possibly more than my cat, Mitzy! Well, I guess all cats are the same... So what else new – with cats? All kidding aside, let's see what's going on with our British Car Club of Delaware.



Taking a look at our busy calendar I noticed we took a July, three-hour Choptank River lunch-cruise on a paddlewheel riverboat organized by Bill Tattersall. The cruise was well attended with many driving their British cars to Hurlock, MD, before embarking on the perfect cruise day. This journey seemed to be enough, but there's more. This month the Northern Chapter is hosting the British Car Club of Delaware's Fall Car Show in New Castle. If you're thinking this is enough there is even more... We're topping off September with the annual Southern Chapter Fall Fun Rally covering Sussex County. Although all British Car Club of Delaware events are important there is one this month that is paramount – our Fall Car Show.

If you haven't heard already our British Car Club of Delaware's annual Fall Car Show is September 14 at the Friends of Bellanca Airfield in New Castle, Delaware. The show is our club's priority just as was our Car Show held in Lewes earlier this year. I certainly hope you've been paying attention with our monthly progress. Now that we're on the home stretch it's all hands on deck. If you haven't already please get your car or cars registered. Our Northern Chapter team is currently working very hard pulling the show details together and there are so many to consider, too. My personal thanks go to the committee members who are working hard on the Car Club's behalf - they are going above and beyond. The final event for the month will be the Southern Chapter's Fall Fun Rally.

As Trevor and Betty describe it. *"Southern Chapter Fall Fun Rally is a gentle cruise around East Sussex County looking for answers to observation questions along the way." The drive should take about 1½ hours.* "LBCs preferred but you can drive anything." The invitation was sent August 7th so check your email for all the details. Should be a fun day! I hope to see everyone there!

As I close this note please drive safely – arrive home in the same condition that you left.

Terry

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 emissions.

New Members

David Barlow—Northern Chapter



I am a new member of BCCD coming out of Hockessin, DE and looking forward to participating in its various activities/sponsored programs. My daily driver is a Land Rover but my true passion is a 1961 Austin Healey 3000 MK11 BN7 with a center shift that currently is about 70% restored shown here in the attached photo. Engine with matching numbers is currently being rebuilt at a cost that exceeds my imagination but really no choice. Hoping to interact with other area Austin Healey enthusiasts throughout Delaware and neighboring regions. Looking forward to have it up and running and involved in BCCD activities by the end of the fall. Other classic British cars of interest include MG TF 1500's and Morgan +4's. Perhaps in my next life.

Edward Filkins—Northern Chapter

Ed has a 1977 MGB

Dale Schultheis—Southern Chapter

Dale has a 2007 Jaguar XK8 Convertible

Printed Edition Ending

Starting with the September / October edition of this newsletter, due to be published at the end of October, I shall be sending out The British Diamond as a .pdf via binhost, our email group. It will also be available on our website (www.bccdelaware.org). This will save the club printing and mailing costs and enable me to be more flexible as to the length of the newsletter. The .pdf will be easily printable from your own computer.

If, for any reason, you are unable to receive the newsletter this way please contact me.

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NORTHERN CHAPTER



The July 17th meeting was held at McGlynns-Pike Creek. Terry started by welcoming the 10 members and 3 officers who attended. Most of the meeting was centered around the upcoming show.

A motion was made to accept the previous month's minutes, which was accepted. After a detailed treasurers report, the end balance was reported as \$2531.80.

As a club, a few things are still needed. Decisions need to be made regarding club insurance and our standing with the State of Delaware. Whether to file as a limited liability company or nonprofit with the State needs further discussion. Calvin will check with NAMGBR concerning insurance. Steve agreed to audit our financials with Calvin, something that is overdue.

The car show will require club participation. An informational response should be sent to those who pre-register. Previous show attendees and car clubs should be contacted. Local businesses should be approached for door prizes. Dash plaques need to be designed and ordered. A layout of the grounds will be configured prior to the day of the show. A vote tally process needs to be developed.

The next regular meeting will be August 21st. An additional show only meeting is set for 6:00, Wednesday, August 7th at McGlynns-Pike Creek.



Sharon, pictured with her Granddaughter Kaylee, won an award for her TR3 at the Downtown Elkton Classic Car Show Last night. Jim Martin and his Austin Healey, Steve Schultheis with his Alpine, Calvin Jackson and Terry Young in attendance.

Future members of BCCD
They can't wait to drive my custom MGB

Steve Schultheis



SOUTHERN CHAPTER



All hands on deck for an ongoing E-Type Restoration



How Many BCCD members does it take to hang an exhaust on a '64 Jaguar E-Type? Quite a few, apparently.

On Wednesday morning August 14, nine club members assembled at the home of Trevor Mees and Betty Burleigh for a morning work session.

The task list included wiring up the tail lights and fitting the exhaust system.



Wiring the tail lights in cramped quarters was clearly a solo job, but not so with the pipe set. With a seeming surplus of heads and hands, all managed to get involved in lifting, prying, banging and bolting the twin tube assembly onto the car.

Those present for various stages of the operation were Trevor Mees, Bill Tattersall, Geoff Sundstrom, Jim Collins, David Haines, Greg Eroo, Frank Jacquette, Dave Glick and Don Gaster.

Geoff Sundstrom

Mike and Pat went to the show at St. Jude's Church. Mike writes:



Did the St. Jude Church car show and it will be the last one we do there. Most cars were either corvettes or street rods. One other Brit car was a 2006 Bentley. When winners were announced they simply said Car # 1956 Chevy, no owner name or where he/she was from. Nice weather and we were next to a 1956 American La France fire engine. Ugh! See pix:





Southern Chapter Fall Fun Rally 2019

Come and enjoy a gentle cruise around eastern Sussex County, followed by lunch

LBCs preferred but any vehicle is acceptable. Each vehicle is a team regardless of the number of occupants.

This is a question and answer rally. Follow the instructions and look for the answers. The team with the most right answers will be the winner. In the event of a tie mileage driven will be used (closest to that recorded by the organizer).

Date: Saturday September 21st, 2019

Start and Finish Location: Betty & Trevor's house - 2 Country Lane, Lewes

If you are not into rallying or your car isn't, don't worry. Just come for the picnic.

If the weather intervenes and we can't hold the rally, we'll have the picnic anyway.

Schedule:

10 am Gather for coffee, doughnuts, conversation and pre-rally briefing.
10:30 am First car starts, other cars follow at 10-minute intervals
Noon – 1 pm Cars return. Appetizers are served.
1:15 pm Lunch

The Menu

Appetizers	participants
London Broil Oriental	the club
Mac and cheese	the club
Sides	participants
Dessert	participants
Bottled water	the club
tea, coffee	the club
Alcohol	BYOB please

Join Us!

Email trevormeas@outlook.com or text 302-753-5491 (Trevor) or 302-743-0939 (Betty) before September 14th to reserve your spot. Let us know whether you plan to bring an appetizer, side or dessert.

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Need some professional help with your LBC? Here is the link to a list of resources for a variety of things from general maintenance to bodywork and upholstery.

https://1drv.ms/f/s!As9TBs75qnu_hDGuKo8H0pOfxKIX



After the DeLorean Motor Company went bust, [Big Lots acquired most of what was left of DMC](#), including around 100 partially constructed DMC-12 coupes from the assembly line in Ireland. CSC had these cars shipped to Ohio where they were completed and sold.

Most of the tooling and parts from the DeLorean Motor Company were bought up and shipped to the US, where they've been used to keep DeLoreans on the road and even build new ones.

One of the most important parts of the car's tooling never made it across the pond, though. For a long time, the massive steel stamping dies for the DMC-12's famous gullwing doors [were thought to be lost](#).

It had long been suspected that the dies were sunk in the North Atlantic, due to their sheer size, but nobody had proof. That changed in June of 2000 when a man on the DeLorean Mailing List site received a note from a man in the UK who had been restoring a vintage car ferry.

This man reached out and confirmed that not only was it true that the stamping dies had been sunk into the sea, but that they had been found and were in use as anchors for boundary nets for a fish farm in Ard Bay, County Galway, in western Ireland. The photographic proof was sent to this ferry restorer by a former captain of the Severn Princess who transported the dies and sent them overboard.

Upcoming Car Events

September 7th —Cripple Creek Car Show - Dagsboro, DE

September 8th (rain September 15th) —Wheels and Wine—Felton, DE

September 14th —BCCD Northern Chapter Car Show—Bellanca Airfield, New Castle, DE

September 15th—Hagley Car Show—Hagley, DE

September 21st —BCCD Southern Chapter Fun Rally—Lewes, DE

September 28th—Classic Car Museum Autofest—St. Michaels, MD

October 5th —Wings and Wheels—Georgetown, DE

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British Car Club of Delaware
Annual Fall Car Show, September 14, 2019
The Friends of Bellanca Airfield

September 1, 2019

British Car Club of Delaware members the time is near – less than 14 days - to our annual fall show held The Friends of Bellanca Airfield Museum in New Castle, Delaware. The new location, originally pitched by Bill Wilson, was quickly accepted for several reasons.

The site is centrally located in New Castle County and boasts parking for well over 100 car-show participants, their many guests and visitors. Further, you'll be able to take a journey through Delaware's aviation history and witness Bellanca's contribution to our nations aviation history by touring The Friends of Bellanca Airfield museum.

You'll be able to see first-hand aircraft restorations, replicas and historical documentation of the late 1920's to present day aircraft that flew the Delaware skies. Giuseppe Mario Bellanca, for whom the Bellanca Air Field is named, immigrated from Italy in 1911 continuing his passion for aircraft design here in the United States. His aircraft achieved numerous endurance and efficiency records. It began in 1928 when Bellanca and Henry B. duPont built an airfield, aircraft plant, and service hangar in New Castle, Delaware. In 1931, Bellanca's *Miss Veedol* plane was the first to fly non-stop across the Pacific from Japan to Washington State. The plant produced approximately 3000 aircraft before closing in 1954.

Our British Car Club of Delaware Fall Car Show committee has been working hard to make the show a success. I would be remiss if I didn't thank a few of the core folks for their hard work so far; Sharon Kalinowski, Calvin Jackson, Don McDonald, Steve Woodman, Marion Woodruff, George Alderman, and Jim Martin. The best is yet to come. Currently we are tasking out the many duties in preparation for the show. I would also thanks Dana Mason for providing the invaluable car show task list! And of course Bill Tattersall and Mike Tyler for their continuous council. This year we're incorporating photos of the cars by Ninja Photography and invited the Deerhead Food Truck.

As we countdown to September 14th please register you car – the sooner the better. In anticipation, we look forward to seeing you to admire your beautiful British car as it sits on the grounds of The Friends of Bellanca Airfield. Additionally, our British car show provides the opportunity for our fellow club members and British car enthusiasts to get reacquainted to talk about their cars, what it took to get them on the road and the future improvement plans.

Come and join the fun!

You can find all the British Car Club Fall Show information on our Facebook Page and website. Hope to see you there!

Terry

BRITISH CAR CLUB DELAWARE

BRITS AT FRIENDS OF BELLANCA AIRFIELD

SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

- 10AM-3PM, field opens at 9:30AM
- \$15 pre-registered by 9/8/2019, \$20 day of
- Awards at 2:30
- More Car Show Information contact Sharon Kalinowski, (302) 999-7613, email sdka1@verizon.net
- Visit www.bccdelaaware.org
- Located at Friends of Bellanca Airfield, 2 Centerpoint Blvd, New Castle, DE 19720
- Dash plaque to first 75 entrants
- Awards for Best in Show; Top 5 Pre-1980 and Top 5 Post-1981 by popular choice.
- Open to all years, makes, models British autos and motorbikes.

SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO BCCD To: British Car Club Delaware September Car Show, C/O Sharon Kalinowski 800 Woodland Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19808 or P.O. Box 5317, Wilmington, DE 19808.

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I have read, understand, and agree to this release. No refunds. No rain date.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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MGs at the Kutztown Maurer Picnic (pic: Liz Haines)