

# THE BRITISH DIAMOND

October 31st, 2023

PO Box 5317, Wilmington, DE 19808

Website: www.bccdelaware.org

## **Officers**

## President

Terry Young terryyoung224@me.com

#### Secretary

Sharon Kalinowski sdkal@verizon.net

#### Treasurer/Membership

Calvin Jackson Calvin jackson@hotmail.com

## **Southern Chapter**

## President

Bill Tattersall billtattersall@gmail.com

## Treasurer

Jerry Hirst jerryhirst@comcast.net

## Secretary / Publicity

Mike Tyler

AH3000TriCarb@comcast.net

#### Volunteers

## Newsletter

Trevor Mees @outlook.com

## Historian

Martha Gimbel dediva245@verizon.net

## Lewes Car Show

Mike Tyler AH3000TriCarb@comcast.net

## **Northern Chapter Car Show**

Sharon Kalinowski sdkal@verizon.net

## Webmaster:

Terry Young terryyoung224@me.com

## Advertising:

Don McDonald mcd62218d@aol.com



Cheers, Everyone!

The past few weeks I couldn't help but notice that our members infrequently use our email service BINHOST to ask questions about car stuff, of all things. The exchanges that have appeared are very informative with many chiming in adding their two cents of useful information.

The last discussion I recall was about braking fluid. Whether to use Dot 3, 4, or 5.1, its color when still useful or not and when to change it. Then Dot 5 snuck into the thread – the purple stuff. Knowing the differences is a must and a good topic for a "Cars and Coffee" conversation. If you're like me, I must dig out the car's owner's manual. Not to worry if you can't find it. These days you can ask your question to Mr. Google and magically there's the an-

swers. Maybe we'll see another BINHOST follow-up about how to bleed breaks or how to set lash valve clearances. This brings me to my next topic. Effective verbal communication.

It seems we could all use a refresher. Consider Steven Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. Specifically, Habit 5: *Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood*. How many times do we talk over each other thinking we're not getting my idea understood. Most of us start formulating a response before the other person stops talking. When I detect this happening, I repeat back what the person just said before going any further. Then I have my say by making my point. If anything, it makes you a better listener.

People desire face to face - two-way conservations. You get instant feedback while observing individual expressions or puzzled looks - happens to me all the time. But since we use email most of the time, notwithstanding facetime, we do our best to make our point or to ask our question waiting patiently for the response. I guess I have a point somewhere in all this. Don't be afraid of asking a question. Don't let "The Critic" cut off the conservation. Be persistent! In the end you must sort out what to keep and what to discard. Just keep the conservation going.

Here we are at the end of a pretty good year. We began with an annual planning meeting at McGlynn's Dover. We looked at what we did in 2022 and gathered ideas for 2023. The planning event served to get both chapters together to talk about what we would like to do and what we could do in 2023. In fine British tradition, we figured out that we like to do the same things every year and we're not crazy!

Here are the last bits of our BCCD calendar.

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day – wear your Poppy proudly

November 15<sup>th</sup> – Northern Chapter Meeting McGlynns Peoples Plaza

November 25<sup>th</sup> – The Jaycee's of Wilmington annual Christmas Parade on Thanksgiving Saturday.

November 28<sup>th</sup> – Southern Chapter Meeting Iron Hill Brewery, Rehoboth Beach

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Lewes Chamber of Commerce's 91<sup>st</sup> Christmas Parade

December 10<sup>th</sup> – BCCD Ladies Blue Crab & Beatles lunch

December 13<sup>th</sup> – The BCCD combined Northern & Southern Chapter's Holiday Dinner Party at McGlynns Pub & Restaurant – Dover, 800 N State St, Dover, DE 19901.

Until next time.... Drive safely...

Terry & Georgia

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.

Hello Everyone,

I'd like to thank you all for your contributions to the British Diamond. Keep 'em coming. Long or short, with or without pictures - with is preferred, or just pictures.

If you are restoring your LBC or just changing the oil, these can become adventures that can be helpful to others doing the same thing. The fun way of spreading the news is in the British Diamond.

Don't be upset if your story doesn't appear in the next issue, I keep everything. For example I have not included the Southern Poker Rally in this edition because I am still getting feedback from people who were on it (BTW if you did participate and enjoyed it, or hated it, let me know). We tried a different format this year. Did you like it? Got any pictures? Send them to me.

BD is currently published every 2 months and I get enough to fill those issues but if you flood me with content I'll be happy to publish more often. Anything to do with British cars is acceptable, old or new. Jaguar is going all electric. What do you think about that?

Any books, videos or websites you have recently enjoyed (or hated). Let's tell the rest of the club about them. I'd like to start a page of recommendations.

Do any of you actually print the BD?

Formats I can use: DOCX (Words and pictures), JPG (pictures) and PDF or just email. I build the publication in MS Publisher.

Happy Halloween (isn't that an oxymoron?).

Trevor

Editor, British Diamond

# A Message from Brian and Joy Read

Many of you will be aware that in early July I suffered a seizure. This meant spending several days in hospital followed by ongoing PT. It also meant an automatic 3 months minimum driving ban-now reinstated.

Joy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their continuing help and support during this traumatic time. It is very much appreciated.

Many thanks

Brian and Joy Read

Thanks Brian, We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events again soon. (Ed)

# **Food and Drink**





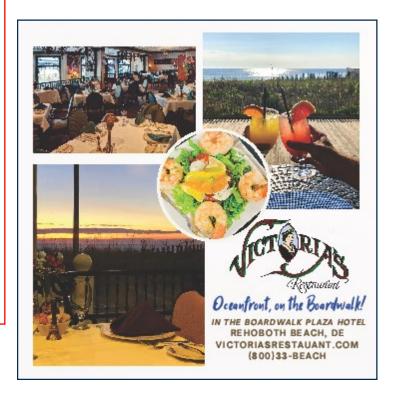


Paul's private label from Italy Roero Arnies: Piemonte White Barbera di Asti: Piemonte Red

Rockin' Rose': Nebbiolo, Barbera, Dolcetto Rosso di Toscana Montalcino Sangiovese with a kiss of cabernet

Lambrusco di Emilia: Dry, Fizzy Red from Emilia Romagna

==Now Available in Delaware++ https://www.paulcullen.rocks/home



# My British Car Journey

## Jon Taylor

My love of convertible sports cars comes from my father and his love of them. Over the years



my father had several iconic sports cars. I would spend time with him in the garage from a young age, being his helper handing him tools when requested like a surgeon in an operating room. The first of the cars from my early childhood was a 1965 and a half Ford Mustang. The interesting thing about my father was that when he bought the Mustang, he had four sons and a fifth one on the way, but that didn't stop him from buying it. My dad drove that Mustang until the floorboards rotted away.



The next Iconic car that my father picked up was a 1963 Chevy Corvette convertible in 1977. When he purchased the Vette, it was gold with a black racing-stripe down the middle from front to back and a white convertible roof. That car was the one that we worked on the most. It was also the car I proved to my dad that I could drive a standard trans on. It was so much fun working on that car with my father. I will always have memories to

look back on fondly. My father and I would travel the country in the Corvette and had great times while on the road as well. The Vette was in an accident in 1982 and needed a new nose. My Brother in-law had the nose replaced. The decision was made to paint the car Rally Red and changed to a Black convertible top and my brother in-law repainted the car. It was beautiful.



Providing my father's American sports car history does lead to a British connection. What I found out years later was that my father's first convertible sports car was a Jaguar XK140. I'm not sure exactly what year it was, but for some reason I think it was a 1956. My father loved the ride and especially the look of the Jaguar. Unfortunately, he had to sell the Jag when I was born.



To honor my father, I started my convertible sports car journey, with a 1965 Datsun 1600, which was red with a black top. I had that car for a couple of years. The Datsun resembled a MGB.

Continued on next page

# My British Car Journey (continued)

Jon Taylor



That's when I found my 2014 Jaguar F-Type. The looks, style, quality and the power met all my requirements. The Jaguar is a special sports car for me because it is my father's first sports car.

This car is special in so many ways. First it is the car that Jaguar calls the official successor to the Iconic Jaguar E-Type. Sadly, it is the last combustion engine sports car that Jaguar will ever make as they transition to all electric vehicles.

This story has now moved on to a third generation of Taylors. My son has a passion for cars and enjoys attending car shows and working on his car. This past Christmas my son had a painting done with my Jaguar F-Type and My fathers XK-140 and each of us standing next to our cars. It was a very touching gift to honor his father and grandfather.





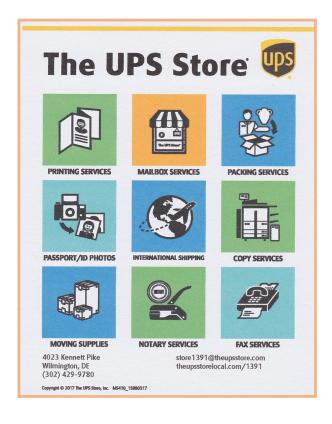
# **Shows and Show Sponsors**





# **Community and Services**







# **Southern Chapter Crabfest 2023**

**Trevor Mees** 

Instead of our usual venue for the September monthly meeting we headed south to Millville, specifically the Millville-By-The-Sea development, where we met in the "Crab Shack". The term to us implied a shanty like building and as we drove down we wondered about that, particularly as the weather was not really favourable to a semi outdoor event.

The "Shack" turned out to be a pretty opulent clubhouse with all mod cons . Relief all round.

There seemed to be an endless supply of excellent crabs for those of us picking, together with some side dishes brought by the participants.

The sound of cracking crab shells almost drowned out the "meeting" part of the meeting.



A splendid time was had by all.

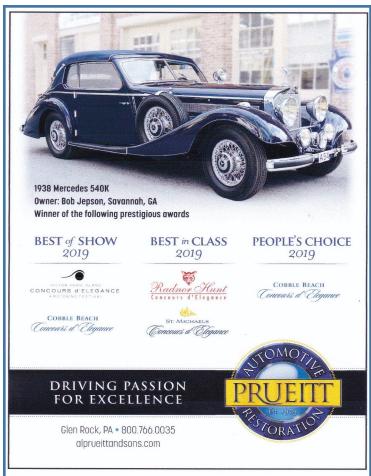




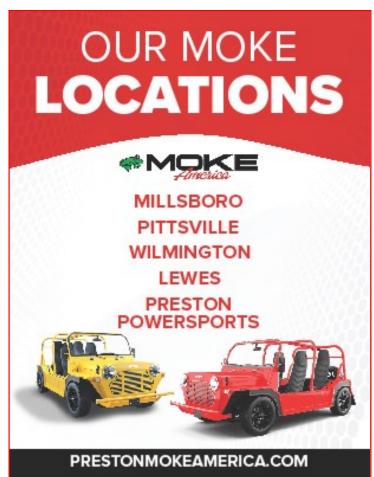








# **Automotive**



A member of the Triumph Roadster club posted this.

## The Scourge of Lucas

(Sung to the tune of "The Sounds of Silence")

Hello darkness my old friend

I've come to sit in you again

Because a wire softly loosening

Left its place while I was cruising

And my vision, that was guided by its light

Gave way to night

Thanks to the Scourge of Lucas

So many nights I've worked 'til dawn

Trying to find out what went wrong

'Neath the halo of a street lamp

I've jiggled wires 'til my fingers cramp

And my arms are scarred from the bright sparks that split the air

And singed my hair

Thanks to the Scourge of Lucas

And in the sparking light I saw

10,000 Triumphs maybe more.

Engines cranking without starting

Switches clicking without switching

People starting drives that ended in a tow

And dreams laid low

Thanks to the Scourge of Lucas.

Fools say I do not know

How to fix a dynamo

Under the dash I can't quite reach you

Despite my cursing that I'll teach you

But my words, like burned-out lightbulbs fell

Into the hell Of Lucas

And the experts bowed and prayed

To the manuals that they'd made

And the manuals gave dire warning

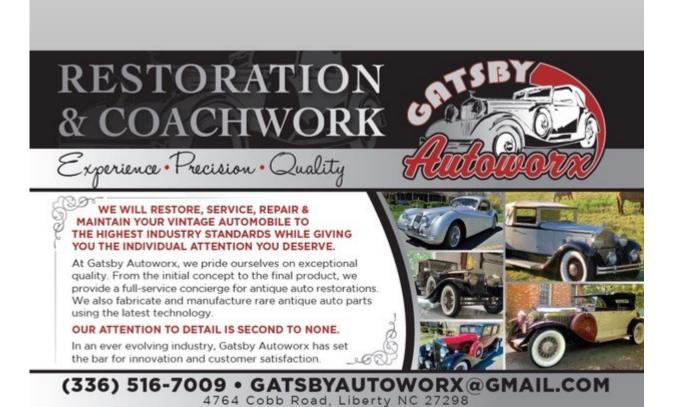
About the hazards of most everything

But the words of those prophets gave not one single clue

To what I could do

To end the Scourge of Lucas

# **Automotive**



# 2023 All British – All Years Annual Fall Car Show - October 21, 2023

## Terry Young





The 2023 All British – All Years Annual Fall Car Show was a success. We want to thank the 47 entrants that filled nine classes of British cars. Also, thanks to the estimated 300 spectators who strolled the Friends of Bellanca Airfield grounds admiring the lines of beautiful British cars who thoroughly enjoying the 70 degree, partly cloudy fall weather.



Throughout the day we were treated to southern cooking courtesy Thea and Robert's "Dixie's Down-Home Cooking" food truck. Fredric "Ninja" Hardy from "On the Street" magazine provided professional photography recording the day's activities. The winning class results, as voted by the entrants, ended by awarding the *Best in Show* accolade to Alex Cole's stunning 1938 Jaguar SS Drophead coupe. Our 2023 All British – All Years Annual Fall Car Show began a few months earlier with many organizational meetings. We started early.

The car show team began their journey with a March kick-off luncheon (seems like a long time ago). Our initial team consisted of Bob and Carol Wall, Jim Martin, Bob Turner, Don McDonald, Dave

Mitchell, Sharon Kalinowski, Calvin Jackson, Mike and Lee Salino, Steve Woodman, and Joy and Brian Read. We began by reviewing the previous year's results. We realized Immediately there was plenty of room for improvement. We set about making those changes. The first deadline to meet was taking advantage of several opportunities to communicate. The first one was the Lewes Motorcar show in May. Mike Salino volunteered to design the show's poster and Don would make certain we had enough posters for distribution during the Lewes Motorcar Show.



Then suddenly it was Friday, September 15, 2023. Bill Wilson was the first to arrive for our 2:00 PM work call opening the Bellanca Airfield hanger doors. Our show team supplemented by Chuck Ott, and Alan Hill began arriving soon thereafter. One by one we grabbed the items needed; canopies and tables etc., readying them for the next day. We also erected the 30-foot canopy. As a side note, we determined that after the show concluded the Bellanca Airport was not the best place for this sunshade. Too, much wind. Parasailing, anyone? However, the assembly and placement did serve to instill a sense of teamwork for folks who didn't know each other very well when we started. Who knew? Much of the groundwork began weeks prior. Joy and Brian then Mike and Lee preparing the swag bags plus the picture frames for the individual car class awards.



Then the big day arrived – September 16, 2023. Our show was on. Beautiful skies and the smell of rich exhaust as our 8:30 AM guests started to arrive. The equipment needed for Saturday's show was placed and put up. The most important task was to put up our two new show signs on either side of the Bellanca hanger. An integral part of our team was our consummate DJ, Mike Parrish. Mike played British invasion music entertaining everyone throughout the day. A special thanks to Carol Wall who seemed to know what to do as the day went on helping to collect the ballots and other countless undertakings. You can never thank people enough for all they do for the British Car Club of Delaware. Two such people providing the necessary year to year continuity guiding the overall activities of the fall show Sharon Kalinowski and Calvin Jackson. I would like to mention a person we sorely missed this year - Marion Woodruff. She was the mainstay of our check-in station. We hope to see you soon.

You may view the show photos our website <a href="http://www.bccdelaware.org">http://www.bccdelaware.org</a>. The photos are downloadable – just open each in a separate window. Print or save as you wish.





# 2023 All British – All Years Annual Fall Car Show - October 21, 2023 Results Terry Young





<b>Best in Show</b>	Alex	Cole	1938	Jaguar	SS
Diamond in the	THOM	Cole	1700	ougum	
Rough	Michael	Salino	1977	MG	MGB
1 <sup>st</sup> Austin Healey					
	David	Haines	1960	Austin-Healey	3000 bt7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Austin Healey	Michael	Tyler	1962	Austin-Healey	3000 MK II (Tri-carb)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Austin Healey	Charles	Ott	1969	Austin Healey	Sprite
1 <sup>st</sup> Future Classics					
(<25)	Jon	Taylor	2014	Jaguar	F-Type
2 <sup>nd</sup> Future Classics		j			
(<25)	David	Prostko	1999	Jaguar	XK8
3 <sup>rd</sup> Future Classics					
(<25)	Philip	Munkacsy	2014	Jaguar	XK
1 <sup>st</sup> Jaguar	Victor	England	1960	jaguar	XK150
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jaguar			1000	Ţ	1440
18t MCD	Denise	Fry	1993	Jaguar	XJS
1 <sup>st</sup> MGB	Seth	Rochette	1979	MG	В
2 <sup>nd</sup> MGB					
2 11102	Richard	Liddick	1977	MG	В
3 <sup>rd</sup> MGB	Martin	Bollella	1968	MG	MGB
1st Other British					
Sport Cars	Vincent	Tamburo	1970	TVR	Vixen S2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Other British					
Sport Cars	Tim	Hendricks	1973	Jensen Healey	Mk-1
3 <sup>rd</sup> Other British					
Sport Cars	Alan	Hill	1967	Lotus	Elan
1 <sup>st</sup> Other British Vehicles	D 1	XX7 11	1072	T	L. M. H
1 <sup>st</sup> Other MG	Robert	Wall	1972	Jensen	Interceptor Mk III
	Benjamin	Cavileer	1949	MG	TC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Other MG	T Hugh	Jarman	1958	MG	A
3 <sup>rd</sup> Other MG					
	Josh	Gates	1954	MG	TF
1 <sup>st</sup> Triumph	Steven	Welder	1960	Triumph	TR3A
2 <sup>nd</sup> Triumph				1	-
•	Stephen	Hunter	1966	Triumph	4A
3 <sup>rd</sup> Triumph	Margo	Stitz	1972	Triumph	GT6

# **Automotive**







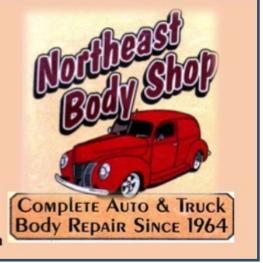
## We Repair All Make Cars

- Insurance Work
- Foreign & Domestic Car Work
- Corvette & Fiberglass
- Heavy Duty Truck Repair
- Towing Service

Phone: (302) 762-0100 FAX: (302) 762-6312

2510 Northeast Blvd. Wilmington, DE 19802

WWW.NortheastBodyShop.Com



# **Mystery Car**

The one response I got was correct. It is a Triumph Dolomite Sprint.

Built as a competitor for the BMW2002, which was faster than the Dolomite, the sprint was unveiled in June 1973. Powered by a 2 litre (1998cc) slant 4 making 127bhp DIN it sprinted to a top speed of 119 mph with 60 mph coming up at 8.4 seconds. The engine was the first multivalve (4 valves per cylinder) to be mass produced in the world.

The car has some racing history, coming 3rd in the 1974 Spa 24 hours driven by Tony Dron and Andy Rouse.



Here's a 60's car that was almost as popular as the Mini. What is it?



Drop me an email to trevormees@outlook.com if you know what it is.

I came to Lewes for the car show in May, just not to the Ferry Terminal. My Interceptor died in Lewes a short distance from the show and couldn't be revived. The problem was electrical and I thought it due to the coil overheating. Replacing the coil only let it run for a couple of minutes which, to me, suggests a connection in the ignition circuit is overheating. The car has very complex wiring with lots of connections and 16 fuses in several locations.

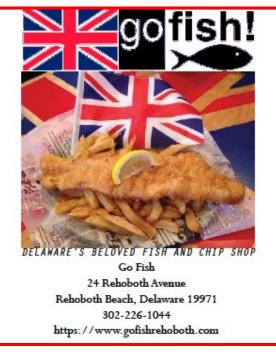
Work on it was put aside to get my Citroen running but with that achieved my neighbor and I will get back to the Jensen. Our current plan is to run a separate circuit for the ignition from the battery positive bus to a pull switch and warning

light in the center console via a push-in fuse to the coil, then go for a long drive near home.

## Mike Humphries



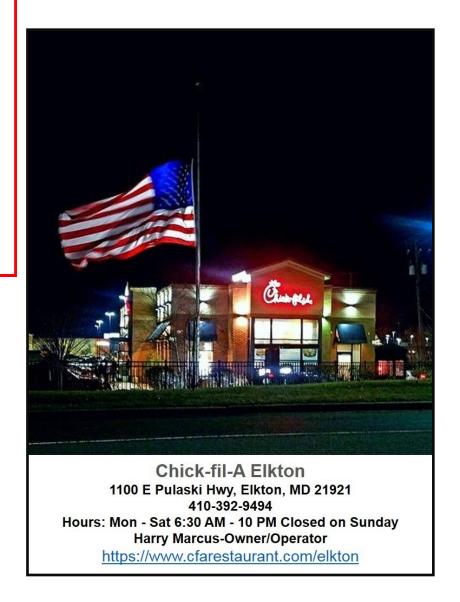






# **Food and Drink**





## **Tech Session July 2023 - Tops and Boot Covers**

Trevor Mees

Location - David Glick's garage

It was a beautiful day, perfect for installing new tops on LBCs. Sunny but not too hot or humid. David and Bev Glick's home was the perfect location too.

Skip was already there when I arrived and his new top was laid out in the sun to get it soft and pliable. Dave Crosby arrived in his MGA with the old top already removed and just the frame left. An interesting sight. Kirk arrived a bit later with his new boot cover ready to be installed.

Let the games begin.

Although no one had been asked to do anything in particular teams began to develop, with David G providing advice and tools to all. Dave Haines worked with Dave Crosby to install his white top onto his blue MGA. That would look great when it was finished. George Jorgensen worked with Skip McLaughlin on the TR6. The rest of us went where we were needed.

Bev Glick laid out lunch for us (subs and chips) and there was an endless supply of cold drinks.

I will let the pictures tell the story.

Dave 's MGA top











Kirk's MGB Boot cover









Skip's TR6 top



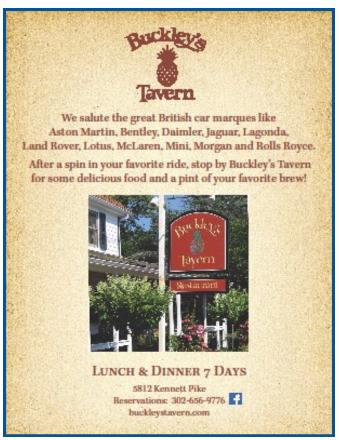








## **Food and Drink**





1203 North Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19806

Goober's Diner - Trolley Square, Wilmington, DE (goobersdiner-de.com)



# **UK Motorcar Trivia**

## Across

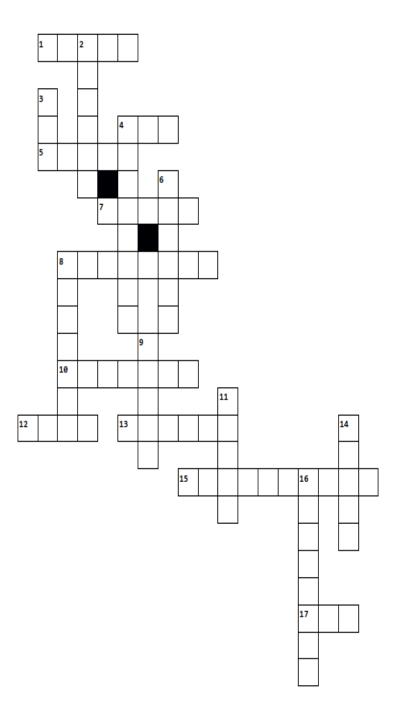
- 1. Prince of Darkness
- 4. Legendary Cosworth Formula One engine
- 5. Ancestral Home of Rolls Royce
- 7. Lots of Trouble, Usually Serious
- 8. Ancestral home of Jaguar
- 10. Home of Morgan
- 12. Iconic compact introduced by BMC in 1959
- 13. Lord Nuffield
- 15. Legendary high banked race circuit
- 17. Most famous Bond car

## Down

- 2. Ancestral home of Triumph
- 3. Royal Auto Club
- 4. Belfast Sports Car
- 6. Creator of the legendary "Seven"
- 8. Founder of Lotus
- 9. Famous rally from Lands End to John

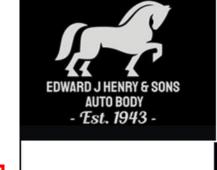
## O'Groats

- 11. \_\_\_\_\_ Martin
- 14. \_\_\_\_ Hopkirk
- 16. Ancestral home of MG



# CLOYERLEAF AUTO SERVICE, INC. 207 Pennsylvania Avenue Malvern, PA 19355 Repairs-& Restoration 610-647-5954 http://www.cloverleaf-auto.com/ Excellence through service since 1975

## **Automotive**



Auto Body Specialist and Collision Repair in Wilmington DE

Edward J. Henry & Sons Auto Body

Zach Dillard, Owner

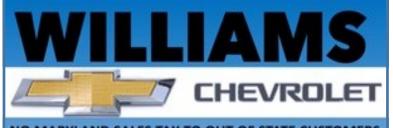
2300 W. 4th Street Wilmington, DE 19805 (302) 658-4324

http://www.henryautobody.com



Tire and Wheel Sales and Service Wire Wheel Truing and Balancing

www.hendrixwirewheel.com



## NO MARYLAND SALES TAX TO OUT OF STATE CUSTOMERS

We are a great choice for new and used Chevy vehicles near Middletown, Wilmington, & surrounding cities in Cecil County.

2 AUTOMOTIVE BLVD Rt. 40 at the MD-DE Line ELKTON MD 21921-6375 Sales (443) 406-1065 - Service (443) 406-1059

https://www.williamschev.com/

## **BEST IN SHOW!**

# **Congratulations Bill Tattersall and Dana**

### Bill writes:

On October 7, Dana and I attended the Shenandoah Valley British Sports Car Club's 41st annual car show with our 1948 Triumph 2000 Roadster in Waynesboro, VA. Several of our members have attended this show in the past and told us that it is a really worth going to. They were right.

The venue was a spacious park in downtown Waynesboro. There were about 165 cars entered but, due to the pouring rain on Saturday morning, there were a lot of no shows bringing the total to about 120.

By 10:00 the skies cleared and it turned out to be a beautiful day. Interestingly enough, they, just like our show, were rained out last year so they billed the show as the "Back to the Future Show" and had several DeLoreans on display.

We had a great time and Mr. Roadster picked up trophies for **Best in Class** and **Best in Show**.





# **Automotive**





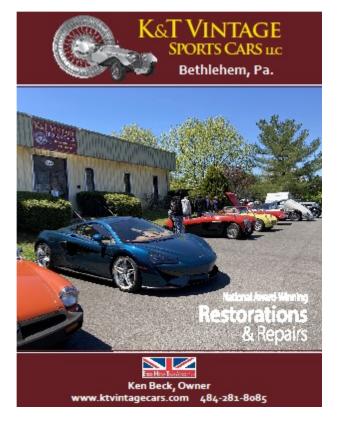






# **Automotive**







## **Member Shorties**



John Hohman (1961 Morgan Plus 4) "I finally got my new leather interior from the Morgan factory. Will hopefully get it in over the winter along with a few smaller projects. "

Ed Lavelle: "I went to take my grandchildren for a ride in my 73 TR 6 and the clutch would not engage. Guess I haven't been keeping up on my maintenance! Will put it on stands this week and address that issue. Also, will change oil, filter and grease everything.

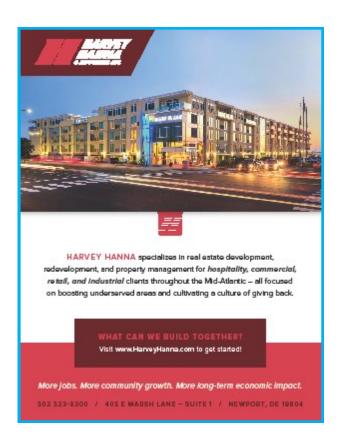
I have a bid on a 73 MBG, If I get it, looks like I will have a new project".

\_\_\_\_\_\_

Don McDonald: "4 Austin Healey Models from 1962 to 1967 pictured - MK3000 BT7 to the BJ8. Austin Healey Roadsters were manufactured from the BN 1 to the BJ8.

The Sprite quickly became affectionately known as the bug eye in US and frogeye in the UK. The headlights were prominently mounted on the top, thus the nickname."





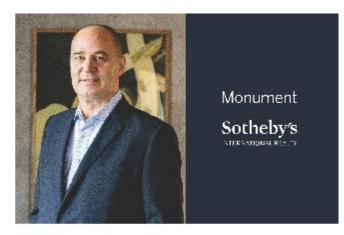


Gary M. Betty | 62 Rockford Road Suite 10 | Wilmington, DE 19806 (302) 658-7789 | CELL (302) 598-1280 | DIRECT (302) 691-7830

garymbetty@msn.com

Gary is a member of both the CIRC and the ICSC, serving the Tri State Area for over 37 years in all facets of Commercial/Industrial Sales and Leasing. with an emphasis on land sales for retail, office, industrial and residential development. If you are looking for a reliable Real Estate Agent with experience to assist you with proper advice, resources and direction. Gary can find you the right property. Please give him a call. He is looking forward to serving your Real Estate Needs.

# **Community and Services**



## **GEORGE HOBBS**

Broker Licensed in DE, PA and MD

(c) 302.545.5263 (o) 302.654.6500 george.hobbs@sothebysrealty.com Brandywine Valley Office 5701 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, Delaware 19807

Each office is independently award and operated.



# Advertising in The British Diamond and Sponsoring The British Car Club of Delaware

"We would like to have local businesses advertise in the "British Diamond" newsletter. Please contact Don McDonald (mcd62218d@aol.com) for details on pricing.

**Current Sponsors:** 

Paul & George Alderman
Charles A. Allen, Jr.
Ken Beck
Gary M Betty
Alison Blyth
Charles Burton
Anthony & Paul Campanella
Paul Cullen
Chris Cuthbert
Coley DuPont
Josh & Jim Grundy
Thomas (Thom) E. Harvey III
Allen Hendrix
George Hobbs
Charlie Kerbeck
Frank Kerbeck
Vance Kershner

Harry Marcus
Frank McMahon
Luke Phipps
David Prueitt
Christopher Riofski
Ken Rudy
The Scala Family
Tim Southerst
Ralph Steinberg
Andrea Stock
Jon Talkington
Sandy Thomson
Jim Ursomarso
JR Walker
Ludie & Eben Warner
Frank Williams
Tom Williams
Peter Wolff
Jennifer Zerby

**Brandywine Motor Sport Club** 

**Chesapeake Bay Motoring Festival** 

**Kent Island Yacht Club**