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# Oil Spots

*A Newsletter of the Plateau British Car Club*



# The Prez Sez

Hello all,

Almost a year ago, six or eight of us car club members took it upon ourselves to try and get the club moving again after the Covid lockdown. This effort resulted in about six meetings at various households to identify and evaluate issues. The result started with a phone survey (conducted by me), discussing what we were trying to do (web page, Facebook, dues, drives, and officers). Everyone I talked to unanimously agreed with our goals so we proceeded forward. Next, was a survey to garner ideas to increase participation which met with limited responses, but all were considered. Next, many hours were spent looking at waivers from about a dozen different clubs across the the country (large and small) until we were able to put together what fit our needs. All ideas were discussed at length and proposed for the benefit of the future of the club. All the collected ideas were put on the web and through email and an agenda was set for voting at the next meeting. Officer nominees were posted well in advance and no one else came forward, so the officers you now have are the ones that were doing this all along, so that's how we got to our current situation. I think what all members fail to realize (myself as well) is just how much time and communication it takes to keep things going as a club. Up to the time of our annual meeting, it involved about 20 hour each, some more than that, plus gas and food. To plan a drive out takes two hours of computer time and then takes two people to drive it.

Where I' m going with this is we need to have more involvement from the original 80 some members on the phone list. I don't understand how I can get pretty much total agreement on the phone and only 30 people actually paid dues and signed up. We are not asking people to join so we can give you chores, we just want you to go along for the ride and socialize and give input or opinions. Quite frankly, I would like to know why anyone did not sign up, Send me an email or call me. My contact info is on web page and this news letter. **WE NEED MEMBER INVOLVEMENT.**

Ok, so much for the membership thing. Besides Spring Time in the Smokies and Rugby we already have several drives in the planning. Details will follow. For future newsletters, wouldn't it be great to feature member bios and pics with your car(s), so we can all get to know each other, and stories. Please feel free to submit these to me or to Dennis. Tech info is also good such as "who's doing what to their cars and how". That being said, if anyone needs help getting their car up and moving please reach out. That's a great part of club membership.

Thanks - Chris

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Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month prior to publication.

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## **All British Cars/Owners Welcome**

The Plateau British Car Club was created to band together owners of the Little British Cars (LBC) to provide a way of exchanging ideas, technical data, amusing stories, and just plain fun. All LBC owners are invited to enjoy the "LBC experience" to the fullest with friends. Ownership of an British car is not required for membership, but non-British car owners are classified as Associate members and have no voting rights.

## What Membership Means

There are British Car clubs worldwide, from England to Australia, Brazil to Japan. It is truly the "Sports car that the world loved first". Belonging to the Plateau British Car Club puts you in touch with the realm of LBC. Members also get the monthly club publication, the *Oil Spots*. Whatever your LBC means to you, membership in the club will be a big plus; whether your car is a "daily driver" or a pleasant hobby, the PBCC will be a valuable resource.

## Your Next Step

Be part of this tradition and make new friends in the process. For additional information contact our Membership Chair, Tom Necktaval

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**Download a Membership form now!**

[Membership Form](#) is available from the club website at

**[PBCCTN.org](http://PBCCTN.org) or just click on the link**

Classified ads on the website are free to members in good standing of the Plateau British Car Club.

All others must pay \$10.00 (with submission of the ad) for 3 months minimum. Maximum 40 words per classified ad. Ads may run three consecutive months, and again after a two month hiatus, upon re-submission to the Editor at [dprainey@att.net](mailto:dprainey@att.net). Commercial advertising rates are based on camera-ready copy (electronic or hard copy). The rates are: Full Page- \$130/year, \$70/6 months, \$45/3 months; Half Page-\$75/year, \$45/6 months, \$24/3 months; or Quarter Page-\$45/year, \$30/6 months, \$15/3 months. Ad copy (commercial or classified) and payment must be submitted to the Editor by the 20th of the month prior to publication. All copy and advertising material is accepted and published in good faith. The Plateau British Car Club, its officers and the Editor of the Oil Spots expressly disclaim responsibility for any and all consequences that may arise from the publication and/or use of any material. Opinions expressed by contributors are their own, and not necessarily those of the Plateau British Car Club of Tennessee, its officers and/or the Editor.

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The membership Chairman reports that there are no new memberships for the month of March 2023.

Friends - please be careful.

The other day I went to a St. Patrick's day party. I had a few green beers, followed by a few cocktails, followed by a few shots..

I still had the sense to know that I was over the limit.

That's when I decided to do what I have never done before: I took a cab home.

Sure enough, there was a police road block on the way home, lookin' for inebriated leprechauns I suppose, since it was a cab, they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident. This was both a great relief and a surprise because I had never driven a cab before. I don't even know where I got it and, now that it is in my garage, I don't know what to do with it.

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From Steve Phillips, Member of PBCC and franchise owner of several area NAPA Auto Parts stores including here in Crossville and in his home town of Cookeville.

"I'm glad to offer a 10% discount for any NAPA-source parts to PBCC members. My Cookeville store does have an account with Moss Motors. If you are at a different location than Cookeville just ask the store manager to work with you."

## PBCC Treasurer's Report Edna Horony

		PBCC	Financials		
March 1, 2023 Beginning Balance	Income	Donations	Non-Cash Donations	Expenses	Total
\$1,235.28					\$1,235.28
Membership Dues					
Office Supplies					
Flowers/Cards					
Printing Flyers for Rugby				\$19.21	\$19.21
Annual Web Page				\$166.87	\$166.87
Total for Month					\$1,049.20

In 1934, Clyde Barrow wrote to Henry Ford saying, "I have  
drove fords exclusively when I could get away with one.  
It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business  
hasn't been strictly legal  
it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine  
car you got in the V-8".



## Ed's Exhaust Note...

To the readership - It is difficult to come up with enough material to fill out a reasonably sized newsletter to which I believe everyone deserves. Therefore, I plead with the membership to submit more articles of interest for inclusion. I know there are several great stories out there such as, "How I found my car?", "The best LBC trip I've taken, "Problems I've encountered and solved, or "The history of my car(s)".

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There is an endless wealth of printable material within our own membership. I know that it's there because I've heard some of the stories and I'm certain that others would enjoy them, too. So, think about something that you can write about and submit it for publishing. You don't need to worry about spelling, grammar, or punctuation; that is my job as editor.

Thanks —Ed.



**Grab ahold of something, because here comes some Editor's humor!**

**For some of you who don't know, I really am an engineer. I spent several years as an engineer with Mattel Toys in Los Angeles and YES, I did play with Barbie. She was one of my products as a manufacturing engineer. The last few years that I was with Mattel I worked out of my home in Kansas City as a field engineer. The following are some engineer jokes that I hope will tickle ya a little.**

To the optimist, the glass is half full.

To the pessimist, the glass is half empty.

To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

What's the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers? Mechanical engineers build weapons while civil engineers build targets.

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.

A priest, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning to play a round of golf and there was a particularly slow group of golfers ahead of them. The engineer fumed, "What's wrong with those blokes? We've been waiting for fifteen minutes!"

The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!"

The priest said, "Here comes the greenskeeper. Let's have a word with him."

He said, "Hello, George! What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The greenskeeper replied. “Oh, yes. That’s a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight saving our club house from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime.”

The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, “That’s so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight.”

The Doctor said, “Good idea. I’m going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there’s anything he can do for them.”

The engineer said, “Why don’t they play at night?”

The graduate student with a science degree asks, “Why does it work?”

The graduate with an engineering degree asks, “How does it work?”

The graduate student with an accounting degree ask, “How much will it cost?”

The graduate student with an liberal arts degree asks, “Do you want fries with that?”

Two engineering students met on campus; one asked, “Where did you get that great bike?”

The second student replied. “Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, tore off her clothes and said, “Take what you want.’

The first engineering student nodded approvingly and said, “Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn’t have fit you anyway.”

**Maybe now you’ll submit something, huh!! - Ed.**

# April Fools Bash

The annual area LBC gathering to officially welcome the spring to Tennessee and a great excuse to dust off those LBCs and go for a ride, link up with old friends, and make a few new ones took place this past Saturday the 25th of March at Harrison Bay State Park near Chattanooga. This event was hosted by the Southern British Car Club.

We had a caravan of PBCC members drive down to join in the fun. The host club furnished ham for the main course and members of all the area clubs brought side dishes. I want to say, there are some great cooks who also drive British cars. The venue was a great place for an event of this type and the weather was ordered to perfection. I'm not sure of how many vehicles attended overall but we almost filled up the parking lot.

Next year's April Fool's bash will be co-hosted by the Morristown and Kingsport clubs. Details will follow.

## **PENETRATING OILS COMPARED**

Machinist's Workshop magazine actually tested penetrates for break out torque on rusted nuts. With significant results! They arranged a subjective test of all the popular penetrates with the control being the torque required to remove the nut from a "scientifically rusted" environment.

Penetrating oil	Average load
None.....	516 pounds
WD-40.....	238 pounds
PB Blaster.....	214 pounds
Liquid Wrench.....	127 pounds
Kano Kroil.....	106 pounds
ATF-Acetone mix.....	53 pounds

The ATF-Acetone mix was a "home brew" mix of 50-50 automatic transmission fluid and acetone.

Note: The "home brew" was better than any commercial product in this particular test. A local machinist group mixed up a batch and now all use it with equally good results. Also note, that "liquid Wrench" is about as effective as "Kroil" for about 20% of the price.

Submitted by Charlie Bunnell

**MY DOCTOR SAID TO GET HEALTHIER:  
USE A BICYCLE AND CUT CARBS...**



**I SAID: HOLD MY BEER**