

August, 2023 Edition

Oil Spots

A Newsletter of the Plateau British Car Club



THE PREZ SEZ

I am reaching out today to ask all to get involved with our annual show, in particular pre-registration. Currently, we have twenty three registrants and only eight of those are club members. We need more participation and pre-registering always makes everyone's day go smoother and also helps the planners compensate for needed extras.

In addition, items are needed for the silent auction contributions no matter what it is, we will use it.

Please don't hesitate to contact me about your donated items and we'll make arrangements to pick them up.

THANKS ALL - Chris

YOU NEVER REALLY LEARN TO SWEAR UNTIL YOU LEARN TO DRIVE!

Oil Spots is the official monthly publication of the **Plateau British Car Club of Tennessee**. Material is actively solicited for the newsletter and every effort will be made to use appropriate material from the membership. Unsolicited material from non-members is also encouraged. The editor reserves the right to edit for length and appropriateness. No placement of material is guaranteed. Your contributions should be submitted to: dprainey@att.net

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.

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The Membership Chair report.

The membership chairperson reports that there have been no new members added to the PBCC during the month of July. If you know someone who would like to join, please don't hesitate to encourage them to do so.

[Membership applications are available on the club website at PBCCTN.org](#)

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. 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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Treasurer's Report - Edna Horony

		PBCC	Financials			
1-Jul-23	Income	Income	Expenses	Expenses	Total	
Beginning Balance	\$994.20				\$994.20	
Membership Dues	\$100.00				\$100.00	
Traffic Cones			(\$51.34)		(\$51.34)	
Business Cards			(\$48.06)		(\$48.06)	
Caution Tape			(\$71.23)		(\$71.23)	
Member Name Tag	\$40.00				\$40.00	
Club Yard Signs			(\$32.93)		(\$32.93)	
Rugby Flyers			(\$29.96)		(\$29.96)	
Rugby Registrations	\$175.00				\$175.00	
Rugby T-shirts	\$48.00				\$48.00	
Rugby Music	\$80.00				\$80.00	
Total for Month	\$1,437.20		(\$233.52)		\$1,203.68	

For the Good of the Club

In the last issue of the “Oil Spots” newsletter, we discussed the need to build the club’s treasury. It is my hope that discussion has been taken to heart. As mentioned in that discussion, another very important element for the success of any organization is participation by its membership. This means a bit more than simply attending a meeting or two or a drive out or similar event. There are several elements to “participation” in any club, as well as many reasons to join a car club.

Joining a club like the PBCC can enhance your enjoyment of classic British cars. You'll be able to discuss your hobby with people who have a similar appreciation of our classic British vehicles.

The mission of the Plateau British Car Club is to organize activities in which members can safely participate in various driving events. We strive to build and maintain a membership of like-minded individuals focused on all makes and models of British cars. By encouraging camaraderie at our meetings and events, we are able to keep them fun and enjoyable. This is something that cannot and should not be left to the elected officers and support positions. It is a responsibility of membership.

To make good things happen related to our hobby, PARTICIPATION is a requirement. Participation comes in many forms. The two most obvious ones are attending meetings and events. There are several less obvious ways

which are no less important such as volunteering to organization a drive out or organizing and/or hosting an event or simply beating the drum for someone who steps up to organize and event or suggests doing something as a club.

We are fortunate to live in an area where there are many opportunities to do things as a club.

Let's go have some fun...ED



-The "Return of the British" registration form is now available on the club's website at PBCCTN.org

Get your registration in ASAP and often....

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It's getting increasingly difficult to come up with material to furnish a proper newsletter. I'm sure that you have read more than once my request for your experiences from the LBC world for inclusion in the club's monthly newsletter the "Oil Spots". Things like, "How did I get hooked on this hobby? What is a funny thing that has happened to me while out on a drive in my LBC" or "What surprises have I found while working on my LBC".

You get the point. There are many things to write about that could be shared with the club. Pictures are always nice, too. It seems that most people are a little reluctant to write about their experiences or opinions as what they write will have to stand up to their peers scrutiny. Believe me, that is not a real issue.

Several years back, more than I'd like to admit to, when I was the editor of an MG car club in Sacramento, I asked my niece if she would write up something that I could share

with the club in hopes of getting members to write articles for the newsletter. The following is what she wrote. It applies today as it did then. I've also included her updated vita just to prove she knows of what she speaks.

Let's Do Some Writing
By Megan Rainey

Why are people often reluctant to write? They may not be able to think of anything to write about. Or they may have ideas, but they may fear that others will find their ideas uninteresting. Or they may lack confidence in their writing skills. Time can also be a factor; they may feel that they simply don't have time to write. Of course, a person could suffer from some combination of the aforementioned "problems."

Why should people write? We should write because it is a skill that only humans have. Writing helps us define who we are and what our own existence means. Too highfalutin for an LBC newsletter? Not really. You join a club because you wish to associate with people who share an interest close to your heart. Belonging to and participating in the LBC club is one way that you define who you are what your values are. Writing about your experiences as an LBC owner and club member will help you fully participate and come closer to the ultimate goal we all have—defining and clarifying the important aspects of our lives.

To prospective writers:

--Here are some practical suggestions for getting ideas down on paper.

I'll begin with the time factor because if you cannot get past the time factor, you'll never write. We always have time for the things we care about. Even if a writer only spends 10 minutes each day writing, he will advance toward his goal and sharpen his skills. (Usually "too little time" is just our way of avoiding tasks we fear, but we don't have to fear writing. See the following points.)

Writing is an acquired skill. Good writing does not spontaneously spout from a rare gene in your DNA. So practice. Learn one new thing each week: a word, a punctuation rule, a style rule, or a technique. Then practice . . . by writing!

If you believe that writing is a skill that anyone can acquire, you will have the attitude that breaks down writer's block. Believe that you can do it, and you will.

As an interesting person, you have interesting things to write about. You may have a unique experience or thought to share, but most likely your experience or thought is similar to someone else's (perhaps many someone else's). The interesting part is your take on the experience or the thought . . . your method of describing it, connecting it, analyzing it, explaining it.

To discover things to write about, consider these techniques:

- o Keep a journal. Choose an item from the journal and elaborate (add detail, similes, explanation, etc).
- o Brainstorm. Sit down and let the thoughts fly onto the paper. Turn off the internal censor (the one that constantly questions the value of your ideas or the mechanics of your writing). Go back and look for the idea/event that is most interesting (or that perhaps is repeated—suggesting its importance).
- o Talk to people. Tell them about your ideas; ask them questions; listen.
- o Read. All writers draw from the world around them. Books, magazines, and newspapers are great resources for writing topics.

o Question. Think about what other people might like to ask you. Assume the stance of an expert. Use the reporter's questions: who, what, when, why, how, where. Then assume the position of the learner. Picture yourself posing questions to an expert. Research the answers. o Be creative. Write down the testimony you give the court, explaining why you stole that MG. Consider poetry. It doesn't have to rhyme. Poetry's magic is in capturing a sight, an experience, or a feeling in fewer words than prose, allowing the reader to paint his/her own mental picture. The point to remember is that valuable communication—in a newsletter, in a novel, in a letter, or any other writing—is authentic communication. Write honestly and you'll reach your audience. Readers are smart and will sense your authentic effort to communicate.

--Megan Rainey

Megan Rainey earned her bachelor's degree in English from UC Berkeley in 1987 and her master's degree from California State University, Sacramento in 1991. From 1992 - 2005, she worked at Cosumnes River College (Sacramento, CA) as an Associate Professor of English. During that time, she co-wrote a college writing textbook, *Connections: Writing, Reading, and Critical Thinking* (co-author, Tammy Montgomery Boeck) which is now in its second edition. She also wrote another college writing textbook, *Expressions: An Introduction to Writing, Reading, and Critical Thinking* which she revised for its second edition. She has edited two publications for the California Workforce Association (*50 Stories and Tuning In*), and has taught writing classes at Stone Lake Elementary.

More recently, Megan is the Literacy Director and the Development Director at Uncommon Good, a nonprofit located in Claremont, CA. When she is not writing to funders to highlight the great work of

Uncommon Good, she is working with a team of teachers and dyslexia specialists to help low-income children develop stronger reading and writing skills. Once also a college writing instructor and textbook author, Megan believes that even in this high-tech, visual world, writing is a powerful tool of expression and communication.

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BST - Buy, Sell or Trade

This section of the Oil spots can be used by our members to advertise items they may no longer need or want. If you've decided that car most go or you've decided to clean out your garage for example, here is a place you can let the rest of the world know. If you are trying to find that elusive part or car, this might be the place to find it.

In the case of cars, pictures are a must. The old saying, "If ya don't have pics, then it didn't happen" applies here.

I'll start things off by letting the readership know about a car that one of our members has **For Sale**. It's a really nice '71 MGBGT. This car is loaded with many new parts and runs great and looks good. No rust. This car is being offered at \$15K and there are some extras available at additional charge such as brand new wire wheels with brand new tires never fitted to the car. Also, there is a rebuild OD tranny by Quantum Mechanics available but not fitted. The

car is presently at Jim Watson's shop in Maryville and can be



seen by contacting Jim at 865.599.4305. More pics available.
There is a classified section on the club website as well



Membership to the Plateau British Car Club is open to anyone interested in British vehicles.

- You do not need to own an immaculately restored British vehicle to join the club.
- You do not need to drive a British vehicle to come to club events.
- You do not even need to own a British vehicle to join the club.
- You do not have to refer to hoods as "bonnets" and wrenches as "spanners".
- You do not need to drink Earl Grey tea or warm beer.
- You do need to have fun.



A REMINDER

Return of the BRITISH

12th Edition of a British Car Gathering

AUGUST 18-20, 2023

Historic Rugby, TN

Cars displayed: Aug. 19 - 9 to 2:30

EDT

*Awards, Prizes, Silent Auction, Tea
Settings & More*

Call now for Lodging: Historic Rugby at 423.628.2441 and tell them you
are with the British Car Show.

Come for the weekend!

Privately owned accommodations are also available

Alexander-Perrigo House (423.628.5562)

Gray Gables B&B (423.628.5252)

VISIT PBCCTN.ORG FOR REG. FORMS AND DETAILS

Connect with old friends and make new ones



Registration form

12th Annual Return of the British August 18-20, 2023

Name:

Street Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Contact # _____

Email: _____

Please list names in your party:

Car/Bike Club affiliation:

Make of Vehicle _____ Model _____ Year _____

Make of Vehicle _____ Model _____ Year _____

Registration Fees: British Cars & Bikes (First 50 registrants receive a free

Net Proceeds Benefit Historic Rugby, Inc.
KEEPING TENNESSEE & BRITISH HISTORY ALIVE

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First Car Registration Fee by July 31, 2023 - \$25.00 = _____

Number of additional cars x _____ \$15.00 = _____

First Motorbike registration by August 10, 2023 - \$15.00 = _____

Number of additional Motorbikes x _____ \$10.00 = _____

Display only, British cars or motorbikes \$10.00= _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES: \$ _____

Registration fees after July 31, 2023 are an additional \$5.00 in each category.

Walk of Honor signs: \$25.00 each for [name]_____

* Please complete sign information on separate WOH sign request form available at pbcctn.org \$ _____

Friday evening (7:00 p.m.) Irish Road Bowling
(teams will be limited to four participants; donations are suggested to the
Historic Rugby)

Friday evening live music fest will feature a duo from Chattanooga. The
festival will include local Morgan

County brewery offerings on a cash basis. British car/bike show
participants will be offered a reduced entrance fee
x \$20 per couple. Day of event entry to the music fest is also an option.

\$ _____

Tee Shirts (Tee shirt orders must be received by July 20, 2021)

No. of Medium _____

No. of Large _____

No. of X-Large _____

Total X \$12.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL Tee Shirts \$ _____

TOTAL CHECK: \$ _____

Please make check payable to Plateau British Car Club. Return completed form and check to: Chris Schoening President - PBCC, 244 Idlewild Dr., Sparta, TN 38583

Release & Waiver: We must have your signature to process your registration. In consideration for the right to pay the event fee and participate in the Historic Rugby Car Show, the undersigned hereby releases Plateau British Car Club, Historic Rugby, Inc., and sponsors from any and all liability for injuries or damages while traveling to/from and participating in this event.

Driver Signature:

Date:

Passenger Signature:

Date:

This form is also available and can be downloaded from PBCCTN.org