

March 2024 Edition

OIL SPOTS

A Newsletter of the Plateau British Car Club



The Prez Sez

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As the new president (as a British group should that be Prime Minister?) of the Plateau British Car Club, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome everyone to the latest newsletter and to introduce myself. I realize that I have already, unofficially, done that on the club Facebook page but nothing is truly official until it appears in the newsletter, all the news that is the news.

My name is Jack Spradling and I have been a member for a couple of years now. My first British car was a 1964 Austin Healey Sprite about 50 years ago. Prior to that I rode a British Triumph Tiger Cub. I am a retired firefighter/paramedic who is enjoying retirement, especially now that I am a part of this amazing group.

I have made several good friends here and look forward to making many more as I meet and associate with you all.

I want to give a big shout out to Tim who helped us through a transition period. The whole club is certainly in his debt. I would also like to congratulate Larry McDonald, our new Vice President who will be an important part of the team.

We are planning big things in the coming months; events, drives, informal gatherings, and other little surprises that we will be discussing. Please remember, this is your group, and your input is important, your ideas are appreciated, and feedback is needed.

The most important thing is that we have fun, enjoy our LBC's, and I have found that to be much easier to do as a group.

Please bear with me for the next few weeks as I get used to my new role. I am fortunate to have assisting me some incredible people: Dennis (our newsletter editor and a true force to be reckoned with; his wife Pat (our current secretary and the force behind the force); Edna Horony (our treasurer); and her husband Alex. Such wonderful friendship and support, they have my truest gratitude.

So, I hope to see you on the road, or across the table at a breakfast or dinner, and perhaps in a friendly pub which is where all British roads seem to lead. - Jack

DID YOU KNOW

That it was General Custer who invented Arrow shirts?

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 a 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 for this issue, that we have sixteen paid members. If you know someone who would like to join, please don't hesitate to encourage them to do so.

[Membership applications for 2024 are available on the club website at PBCCTN.org](#)

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January Treasurer's Report - Edna Horony

1-31 Jan 2024	Income	Expenses	Total
Beginning Balance			\$1,119.03
Membership Dues	\$250.00		\$250.00
Name Badges	\$20.00		\$20.00
Total for Month	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$1,389.03



The Thriving Community of Car Clubs

Car clubs have been around for decades, providing enthusiasts with a shared passion for automobiles a platform to connect, share experiences, and forge lasting friendships. Beyond the gleaming metal and roaring engines, these clubs offer a unique blend of camaraderie, knowledge exchange, and a sense of belonging that goes far beyond the ordinary.

A Hub for Enthusiasts:

Car clubs act as a hub for individuals who share a common love for automobiles. Whether it's classic cars, muscle cars, sports cars, or even electric vehicles, these clubs bring together like-minded enthusiasts who appreciate the art and science of automobiles. Members often gather at regular meetings, events, or rallies to showcase their prized possessions, exchange insights, and revel in the beauty of automotive engineering.

Knowledge Exchange:

One of the most significant advantages of joining a car club is the wealth of knowledge available within the community. Seasoned veterans and novice enthusiasts alike come together to share tips on maintenance, restoration techniques, and the latest trends in the automotive world. This knowledge exchange fosters a learning environment where members can enhance their understanding of cars, from the intricacies of engine tuning to the art of detailing.

Social Connection:

Car clubs are more than just a gathering of machines; they are a community of people who share a common passion. These clubs create opportunities for social connections that extend beyond the revving of engines. Whether it's a weekend cruise, a charity event, or a simple meetup at a local cafe, car club members build lasting friendships that go beyond their shared interest in cars.

Events and Rallies:

Car clubs organize a variety of events and rallies throughout the year, providing members with exciting opportunities to showcase their vehicles, participate in friendly competitions, and explore new horizons. From scenic drives along picturesque routes to track days that test the limits of performance vehicles, these events add an extra layer of excitement to the car club experience.

Community Outreach:

Many car clubs also engage in community outreach and charity work. Whether it's organizing car shows to raise funds for local charities or participating in events that promote road safety, car clubs contribute positively to their communities. These outreach efforts demonstrate that the passion for automobiles goes hand in hand with a commitment to making a difference in the world.

Conclusion:

Car clubs are not just about the vehicles; they are about the people who share a common love for the open road and the machines that traverse it. These clubs provide a sense of

community, a platform for knowledge exchange, and a space for enthusiasts to connect on a deeper level. As the automotive landscape evolves, car clubs remain an enduring and vibrant part of the culture, bringing people together through a shared appreciation for the world of wheels and engines.

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2024 DUES ARE DUE

LET'S KEEP THIS THING GOING

OUR ANNUAL DUES WERE DUE BY THE END OF JANUARY 2024. YOUR MEMBERSHIP CAN BE RENEWED BY SENDING YOUR DUES TO OUR CLUB'S TREASURER, EDNA HORONY AT 195 S. SUMMERHAVEN DR. IN CROSSVILLE, TN 38555. IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER, A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE CLUB'S WEBSITE AT PBCCTN.ORG.



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**Has anyone else noticed that the days are
gettin' longer?**

**Maybe something is trying to tell us that it's
time to dust off our cars, check the oil, and go
for a ride.**

Plateau British Car Club

Proposed Schedule of Events - 2024

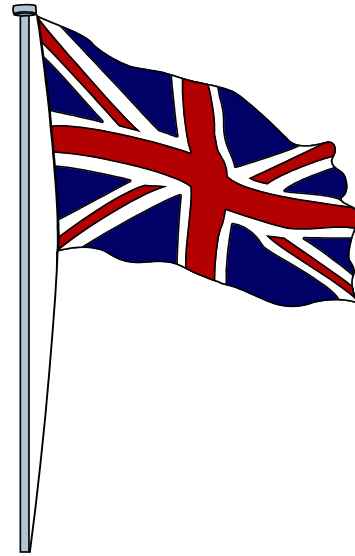
(Listed in chronological order)

- 03/02 - Gathering for coffee/donuts/breakfast at Bramble Berry's - 2446 Genesis Rd., Crossville, TN. 9 am - ???
- 03/22 - Caravan to Tiny Car Show - Cookeville, details TBD.
- 04/06 - April Fools Bash - See Flyer below
- 04/08 - April Qtly. Meeting at 5:30 at Brass Lantern
- 04/27 - Memorial Tree planting for Charlie Bunnell in Rugby - See attached Flyer for details.
- 05/11 - SpringTime in the Smokies See attached Flyer/Registration form or link.
- 06/15 - Cruisin' into Summer, Hosted by the Plateau Corvette Club - See Flyer below for details. RSVP requested.

We will add to and update this schedule as and when we have additional events or changes to the schedule.

You are encouraged to come up with your own ideas about events and outings for the club. If you need help planning something, please don't hesitate to ask. We are, after all, a driving club.

**THE 19th APRIL FOOL'S
BRITISH CAR BASH -**
**A MULTIPLE CLUB GATHERING
& JUST A GENERAL GOOD TIME**



HOST CLUBS THIS YEAR:

- APPALACHIAN BRITISH CAR SOCIETY
KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE
- EAST TENNESSEE BRITISH CAR CLUB
MORRISTOWN, TENNESSEE

WHEN: **SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024 (R1)**
WHERE: SKYRANCH AIRPORT
3535 ALCOA HIGHWAY
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37920

TIME: 11:00 AM – 3:00 P.M.
I AM SURE THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF FOOD, CONVERSATION
LITTLE BRITISH CARS & AIRPLANES TO LOOK AT

PLAN OF ACTION:

- WE WILL GRILL HAMBURGERS AND HOTDOGS. EVERYONE ELSE TO BRING THEIR FAVORITE COVERED DISH OF FOOD OR DESSERT TO COMPLIMENT THE HAMBURGERS AND HOTDOGS
- BRING YOUR FAVORITE YARD CHAIR
- YOUR BEVERAGE OF CHOICE
- BRING YOUR FAVORITE CLUB STORY FOR TELLING & SHARING & FLYERS TO TELL WHAT YOUR CLUB DOING THIS YEAR?

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PLEASE OH PLEASE - RSVP ASAP OR AT LEAST BY MARCH 30, 2024(R1)

Memorial Tree Planting for Charlie Bunnell

The Plateau British Car Club of Tennessee will be honoring Charlie as one of the club's founders and past presidents by planting a tree in Rugby, TN on the 27th of April, 2024.



Details are yet to be determined. The PBCC will update everyone when we pull it all together. We encourage other clubs to organize a drive to this event. Many Eastern TN LBC people knew and loved Charlie.



The British are coming . . .
 To Townsend, Tennessee for -
Springtime in the Smokies
 A Gathering of British
 and European Cars
 and Motorcycles



When: Saturday May 11, 2024

Where: Talley Ho Inn
 8314 SR-73
 Townsend, TN
 (865)448-2465

Time: Registration 8:30-11 AM
 Event Begins at 9 AM

\$25 Pre-Registration Fee / \$30 Day of Show

What You Can Expect

- More than 100 vintage, classic and modern automobiles
- Trophies by category and Best In Show
- Silent Auction - Bid on and win automotive themed goodies
- Light concessions (water, sodas, packaged snacks)
- A driving tour of the Great Smoky Mountains area



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9th Annual

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to Public

Cruisin' into Summer



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available at
The Center &
CMC Wellness Complex.



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All Makes & Models Welcome -- NO Entry Fee!

Saturday,
June 15, 2024
12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
at the
Square in
Fairfield Glade, TN
(Intersection of
Peavine Rd & Stonehenge Drv)

<https://plateaucorvetteclub.com/>

Peoples Choice Trophy
Participant Trophies (new this year)

- Best GM (non-Corvettes)**
- Best Ford**
- Best Mopar**
- Best Import**
- Best Corvette**

Numerous Raffle Drawings (proceeds to charity)

Music - Food - Cars - Bake Sale (including K9 treats)

Fairfield Glade Info - 931-484-3722

PBCC Activities is the hallmark of who we are. We will be attempting to organize more activities for this coming year but your help is needed. Number one, to attend these events and number two, to help by coming up with some ideas and planning some events. It's not all that difficult. The hardest part is gettin' people to show up. Let's all make the effort to participate more this year and see what happens.

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 must 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. If you are successful using this section for selling, please let the editor know that your ad can be removed.

It has been suggested that we have a "Letter to the Editor" section in our club's newsletter. This will be your opportunity to say what's on your mind. Just submit your comments to the editor and they will be published here.

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VINTAGE CARS ARE
SURVIVORS OF A KINDER,
SIMPLER, LESS LITIGIOUS
TIME. THERE'S SOMETHING
ABOUT AN OLD CAR THAT
EVOKES AN EMOTIONAL
RESPONSE FROM NEARLY
EVERYONE WHO SEES IT.

The Endearing Charm of Little British Cars

Little British cars, with their compact size and iconic designs, have left an indelible mark on the automotive landscape. These diminutive vehicles, often characterized by their charming aesthetics and remarkable engineering, hold a special place in the hearts of automotive enthusiasts worldwide. From the classic Mini to the sprightly MG Midget, these small wonders have captivated generations with their unique blend of style, innovation, and driving pleasure.

The roots of little British cars trace back to the post-war era when economic constraints and fuel shortages necessitated a shift towards smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles. The iconic Mini, introduced by British Motor Corporation (BMC) in 1959, became a revolutionary symbol of this movement. Designed by Sir Alec Issigonis, the Mini showcased a transverse engine layout, front-wheel drive, and a compact footprint, setting new standards for efficiency and urban mobility.

What little British cars lack in size, they make up for in innovation and engineering prowess. Despite their modest dimensions, these vehicles often boast cutting-edge technology and clever design features. The lightweight construction, nimble handling, and peppy engines contribute to an exhilarating driving experience. British manufacturers embraced the challenge of creating agile, responsive cars that could navigate narrow city streets while delivering an enjoyable ride.

Several models have become synonymous with the concept of little British cars. The Austin-Healey Sprite, affectionately known as the "Frogeye Sprite" due to its distinctive front-end appearance, and the MG Midget, with its timeless roadster design, exemplify the charm and simplicity that define these vehicles. The Triumph Spitfire, another beloved classic, offered a blend of style and performance that endeared it to enthusiasts worldwide.

Little British cars have not only left an indelible mark on the automotive industry, but have also become cultural icons. The Mini, in particular, transcended its role as a mere mode of transportation to become a symbol of British pop culture. Featured in movies, television shows, and embraced by celebrities, the Mini became a style statement and a representation of British coolness.

Despite the evolution of the automotive industry and changing consumer preferences, little British cars continue to hold a special place in the hearts of enthusiasts. The appeal of these vehicles lies not only in their compact size and distinctive designs but also in the joy they bring to driving. Their enduring legacy is evident in the numerous enthusiasts' clubs, rallies, and events dedicated to celebrating these charming automobiles.

Little British cars have etched a delightful chapter in automotive history, embodying a perfect blend of innovation, style, and driving pleasure. Their compact size, iconic designs, and cultural significance continue to captivate admirers worldwide. Whether zipping through city streets or gracing the pages of history, these small wonders stand as a testament to the enduring charm of British automotive craftsmanship.

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COP FOOD SATURDAY

On Saturday mornin' the 3rd of February, PBCC members gathered for some cop food (coffee & donuts) at Bramble Berry Bakery/Cafe' located on the north side of I-40 across from Bucee's. Thirteen attended and a lot of pleasant conversation was exchanged and a couple of funny stories were shared. It was agreed that maybe we should do this again so another one was set for the 2nd of March on the same time, same station. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us again. There is an announcement on the PBCC Facebook page for the details. The details are also listed in the Schedule of Events in this edition of the Oil Spots.



