

April 2024 Edition

# OIL SPOTS

*A Newsletter of the Plateau British Car Club*



# The Prez Sez

**Welcome to another edition of the PBCC newsletter.**

It has been a pretty busy month. On March 2 we had an impressive turnout for coffee, donuts, and breakfast at Bramble Berry Cafe' in Crossville. On March 17, we gathered at the Swing On Brewery on Potato Farm Rd. just outside of Crossville. Initially, it seemed to be a small intimate group, but, it didn't take long to expand to 13 participants. The atmosphere was great, the beer was incredible, and food was tasty. I can see returning here again. We are also having a drive to the Micro Car exhibit on March 22 with food and some mild imbibing to follow.

April looks to be just as busy. There is the April Fools' Bash on April 6. The flyer has been posted. Now that the weather is improving we are hoping for a couple of drive outs and get togethers. Plans are being made for the annual gathering in Rugby as well as a special event honoring Charlie Bunnell.

Don't forget to let us know if you plan to attend the annual cruise-in sponsored by the Plateau Corvette Club. They have invited us back but really need a head count (or car count).

I just want to say that I am very proud of this club and want to remind everyone that we are all important to its success. The more involved we all are, the more successful the club will be, and the more access we will give to others regarding our LBCs. Let us share our joy with the world, or at least our little section of it.

Cheers!

-Jack

## DID YOU KNOW

That in 1947, Lucas, tried to get Parliament to repeal Ohm's Law. They withdrew their efforts when they met too much resistance.

**O**il 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](mailto:dprainey@att.net)

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

### **PBCC Officers and Support Positions**

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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 nineteen 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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February Treasurer's Report - Edna Horony

1-29 Feb 2024	Income	Expenses	Total
Beginning Balance	\$1,389.03		\$1,389.03
Membership Dues	\$175.00		\$175.00
Office Supplies		(\$22.84)	(\$22.84)
Total for Month	\$1,564.03	(\$22.84)	\$1,541.19



# This is a True Story

-involving a fellow member of the Sacramento Valley MG Car Club when we lived in Sacramento. She was an older lady who attended many of the club's functions and was a very gracious person who was always kind to everybody even some who were difficult to get along with. She never really talked much about her early years but this story was often told among the club members. She never denied or confirmed any of it. She was a guest in our house on a few occasions. Her name was Pat English but was sometimes called "Patsy".

Anyway, seems she had moved from New York City to LA as she aspired to break into the entertainment business in Hollywood and as I remember she did manage to get a few minor roles in movies.

Here's where the story gets better. She had a roommate in the LA area during this time and that roommate was dating James Dean at the time. James Dean and Patsy became good friends and Dean bought her a car which was an MGTC. On one occasion, Pat drove that car from LA to New York and back for a family visit. The story does continue and I have no direct evidence of any truth in it. But, it seems that

Ms. English was also good friends with Ansel Adams, in fact she was Adams's dark room assistant. Adams was a famous American landscape photographer and environmentalist known for his black and white images of the American west, particularly Yosemite National Park. Rumor has it that they may have been a little more than just good friends.

Anyway, interesting story and a very interesting and lovely lady. -Ed.

## **2024 DUES ARE DUE**

### **LET'S KEEP THIS THING GOING**

OUR ANNUAL DUES WERE DUE BY THE END OF JANUARY 2024. SEVERAL PAST MEMBERS **HAVE NOT** RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP FOR 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. THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$25 AND THOSE DUES ARE USED TO PROMOTE EVENTS THROUGH OUT THE YEAR ARE MUCH NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

**PBCCTN.ORG.**



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**Daylight Savings Time has come around again and that has a bigger meaning to LBC friends.**

**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)

- 04/06 - April Fools' Bash - See Flyer below
- 04/08 - April Qtly. Meeting at 5:30 at Grandy's Bar & Grill  
NEW location at 445 Deer Creek Dr., Crossville, TN
- 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.

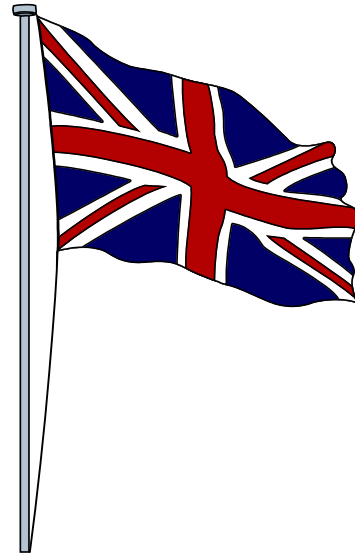
We will add to and update this schedule as and when we have additional events or changes to the schedule.

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



**The time has been set for the dedication for 1:30 pm EDT. Exact location is yet TBD but shouldn't be hard to find in Rugby. Please bring your lawn chairs and preferred drinks for socializing following a short ceremony. Area clubs are encouraged to caravan your members to Rugby.**



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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*Glade*  
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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**ZURICH**  
**HOMES**  
exceptional by design

**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



## Top of the Mornin' to Ya!

On Sunday the 17th of March, better known to all as St. Patrick's Day, thirteen PBCC members gathered at the Swing On Brewing Company and had a couple green beers and something to eat from the Irish food truck which was there. We also had some delightful conversation and I'm pretty sure I heard some LBC stories floatin' around. Below are some pics.



## **Making contributions to the *Oil Spots***

**Your stories, photos, tech tips, questions and anything LBC or PBCC related are always welcome in the *Oil Spots*. Please make your contributions to the editor by the 20th of the month preceding the issue in which you would like to see them appear. You may email them to Dennis Rainey at [dprainey@att.net](mailto:dprainey@att.net).**

The *Oil Spots* is, of course, the official news letter of the Plateau British Car Club. It is not the only form of communication that the club is using, nor should it be. Its purpose is pretty straight forward as it is intended to keep the membership abreast of what's going on within the club and to provide a measure of entertainment. Another widely used form of communication is the club's web site and its function is very similar to the news letter. It is an excellent method of checking event schedules and related information. The third method being employed by the club is the mass email announcements which you receive periodically. Once again, this method is used to alert the membership to changes in schedules and to act as reminders of events about to take place. All three methods overlap considerably, and all three have their needed place. Please make sure that you use of all three of these methods and you won't be left behind.—Thanks Ed.

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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Paying club dues typically offers several benefits, which can vary depending on the type of club or organization you're involved in. Here are some reasons why paying club dues can be worthwhile:

- **Supporting the Club:** Club dues often go towards covering various expenses such as venue rental, equipment, materials, events, cards and flowers and other operational costs. By paying dues, you directly contribute to the sustainability and functioning of the club, ensuring it can continue to provide services and activities to its members.

- **Access to Resources:** Many clubs use dues to provide resources and amenities to their members. This might include access to facilities, equipment, software, or other materials that enhance the club experience. Paying dues ensures you have access to these resources.
- **Event Participation:** Clubs often organize events, workshops, tech sessions, and outings for their members. These events may require funding for booking venues, or catering. Paying dues often grants you access to these events at reduced or no additional cost.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Being part of a club provides networking opportunities with like-minded individuals who share your interests or professional goals. Paying dues helps foster this community by supporting events and activities where members can connect and collaborate.
- **Skill Development:** Many clubs offer workshops, training sessions, or educational programs to help members develop new skills or enhance existing ones. Dues may cover the costs associated with these programs, providing you with opportunities for growth.
- **Exclusive Benefits:** In some clubs, paying dues may grant access to exclusive benefits such as newsletters, discounts on merchandise or services, or priority registration for events. These perks can add value to your membership and enhance your overall experience with the club.
- **Community Support:** By paying dues, you're contributing to the overall strength and stability of the club community. Your financial support helps ensure that the club can continue to thrive and remain a valuable resource for its members now and in the future.

Ultimately, the decision to pay club dues depends on the value you place on the benefits offered by the club and your commitment to supporting its mission and activities.

-Ed.



## COP FOOD SATURDAY

On Saturday mornin' the 2nd of March, PBCC members gathered for some cop food (coffee & donuts) at Bramble Berry Bakery/Cafe' located on the north side of I-40 across from Buc-ee'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 we'll be looking at another time & place in the near future. Stay tuned for details.

## **Funny Little Cars**

On March 22nd, though it was a little chilly, and rain had been predicted, eight members of the club met at the Cookeville History Museum to view a small collection of European micro cars loaned from Lane's Automobile Museum in Nashville. Though only six cars were on display it was a fascinating example of a little known branch of automobile evolution.

The museum itself was laid out well and presented a well organized history of Cookeville and Putnam County which we toured after spending time with the cars.

When we left the museum we gathered a couple of blocks away at Father Tom's Pub for food and light libation. It was a small but successful outing and I look

forward to more such outings in the future. It was proof that every get together doesn't have to be a big event to be enjoyed. - Jack



