

June 2024 Edition

OIL SPOTS

A Newsletter of the Plateau British Car Club



The Prez Sez

Another month, another newsletter. I really don't know how Dennis does it.

Well, our first big event of the season is now over. "Springtime in the Smokies" was, once again, a colossal success. We had perfect weather, beautiful cars, an incredible venue, fantastic people, and it was so very well organized. We always look forward to these events with such excitement and we are never disappointed. I am, though, always surprised at how quickly the weekend is over. Thankfully, we have others soon to come.

On June 15th, we are once again invited to "Cruising Into Summer," sponsored by the Plateau Corvette Club. There is no registration form to fill out, nor is there an entrance fee. They have requested that we give them some idea as to how many cars we will have participating, so please let Dennis or myself know if you plan to attend.

Remember, this club is for and about all of us, not just the cars but the people as well. If you have any ideas at all about drives, or gatherings, or anything else that we can do together, please let us know.

So, until we meet again, happy motoring.

- Jack

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened!!!

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.

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 no new members for this issue,

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

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April Treasurer's Report - Edna Horony

PBCC APRIL 2024 FINANCIALS



1-30 Apr 2024	Income	Expenses	Total
Beginning Balance	\$1,435.32		\$1,435.32
Membership Dues	\$100.00		\$100.00
Bits of Triumph (Hats)		-\$293.10	(\$293.10)
Hats Purchased	\$180.00		\$180.00
Tree for Charlie Bunnell		-\$62.04	(\$62.04)
Plaque for Charlie Bunnell		-\$153.65	(\$153.65)
Total for Month	\$1,715.32	-\$508.79	\$1,206.53

A Mighty Endeavor

I'm sure that I don't have to remind any one of the significance of the day/date of the 6th of June, 1944.

D-Day was the name given to that day, the invasion of the beaches at Normandy in northern France by troops from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and other countries during World War II. That was eighty years ago. France at the time was occupied by the armies of Nazi Germany, and the amphibious assault—codenamed Operation Overlord—landed some 156,000 Allied soldiers on the beaches of Normandy by the end of the day.

Despite their success, some 4,000 Allied troops were killed by German soldiers defending the beaches. At the time, the D-Day invasion was the largest naval, air and land operation in history, and within a few days about 326,000 troops, more than 50,000 vehicles and some 100,000 tons of equipment had landed. By August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and in spring of 1945 the Allies had defeated the Germans. Historians often refer to D-Day as the beginning of the end of WWII.

A big salute to all those who served, both allied and US. Their sacrifices must not be forgotten. -Ed



Springtime in the Smokies

This year marked the 40th anniversary of this event. It seems to get better with each passing year. There were 103 cars in attendance which made an impressive field. There was a lot of work involved to put this together and it showed. Kudos to the Blount British Cars, Ltd. and the English Auto Society (EAS) for another job well done. 👍

We had five of our PBCC members caravan over to Townsend on Friday the 10th to make a weekend out of it. Several other PBCC members did make it to the event the next day.





This is an event not to be missed. Mark your calendars for the next "Springtime in the Smokies"...

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Plateau British Car Club Proposed Schedule of Events - 2024

(Listed in chronological order)

- 06/01 - Breakfast gathering at Bramble Berry Cafe - Crossville
- 06/15 - Cruisin' into Summer, Hosted by the Plateau Corvette Club - See Flyer below for details. RSVP requested to Jack Spradling at **shadowfever@yahoo.com**
- 08/17 - Return of the British Car Show/Gathering. See flyer below.

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



FAIRFIELD
Glade
9th Annual

FREE
to Public

Cruisin' into Summer



PARKING
available at
The Center &
CMC Wellness Complex.








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PLATEAU
CORVETTE CLUB
NCCC

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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

something, please don't hesitate to ask. We are, after all, a driving club.



Return of the BRITISH



13th Edition of a British Car Gathering

AUGUST 16-18, 2024

Historic Rugby, TN

Cars displayed: Aug. 17 - 9 to 2:30 EDT

Awards, Silent Auction, Tea Settings & More

Come for the weekend!

VISIT HISTORICRUGBY.ORG FOR REGISTRATION

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

*Connect with old
friends and make new
ones*



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.

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.

BST - Buy, Sell or Trade

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.

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Triumph spitfire 1977 Knoxville TN

David Tindell

1977 Triumph Spitfire

For sale for \$8000 or best offer or trade for daily driver.

Contact information, please email me with any questions.

Thank you

davidtindell@gmail.com

Many more pics available. Please contact David at his email address above.



Looking For **A set of seats for a '78 MGB.**

Please Contact Eric Ritzman at eric.ritzman@gmail.com

Put A Lid On It (or a Hat)

My fellow PBCCers, There are still some of these beautiful hats available. This item is designed to provide protection from the harsh sun rays while putting on display your proud membership in our club. If you should be so inclined to break loose of the paltry sum of just \$20 USD, then you'll look good anywhere you go. These great hats can be purchased thru our club's treasurer, Edna Horony, by sending her a check made out to PBCC. Edna's snail mail address is 195 S. Summerhaven Dr. Crossville, TN 38555. Edna then will bring your hat/s to the next gathering. She also makes several trips to town during the week and can meet you in town to make an exchange.





History of British Sports Cars in America

The history of British sports cars in America is marked by their significant influence on the American automotive scene, especially in the post-World War II era. Here's a detailed overview:

Early Beginnings (1920s - 1940s)

Before World War II, British sports cars were relatively rare in America. The American automotive market was dominated by large, luxurious cars, and there was little demand for the small, performance-oriented vehicles that were popular in Europe.

Post-War Influx (1940s - 1950s)

After World War II, American soldiers stationed in Europe were exposed to British sports cars, which were compact, lightweight, and fun to drive. They brought back these cars and a passion for the driving experience they offered.

Key Models:

- MG TC (1945): One of the first British sports cars to gain popularity in America. It was simple, reliable, and affordable, quickly becoming a favorite among American enthusiasts.
- Jaguar XK120 (1948): Known for its stunning design and performance, it set new standards and captivated American sports car enthusiasts.

The Golden Era (1950s - 1960s)

During the 1950s and 1960s, British sports cars experienced a golden era in America. They became symbols of style and performance, contrasting with the larger, more powerful American muscle cars.

Key Models:

- Austin-Healey 100 (1953): Offered a blend of performance and style that appealed to American buyers.
- Triumph TR2 (1953) and TR3 (1955): Known for their robust performance and affordability, they were popular choices for amateur racers and sports car enthusiasts.
- Aston Martin DB4 (1958): Brought luxury and high performance together, making it a desirable car among the affluent.
- Lotus Elan (1962): Renowned for its handling and lightweight design, it became a favorite among driving purists.

Challenges and Competition (1970s - 1980s)

The 1970s brought new challenges, including stricter emission regulations and increased competition from both European and

Japanese manufacturers. However, British sports cars continued to maintain a loyal following.

Key Models:

- Jaguar E-Type (1961-1975): Widely regarded as one of the most beautiful cars ever made, it offered exceptional performance and became an icon in America.
- MG MGB (1962-1980): Affordable and fun to drive, it was one of the best-selling British sports cars in America.
- Triumph Spitfire (1962-1980): Known for its simplicity and affordability, it was popular among young drivers and sports car enthusiasts.

Modern Era (1990s - Present)

In recent decades, British sports cars have continued to evolve, blending modern technology with classic design elements. They have maintained a presence in the American market, often positioned as luxury and performance vehicles.

Key Models:

- Lotus Elise (1996-present): Known for its exceptional handling and lightweight construction, it remains popular among enthusiasts.
- Aston Martin DB9 (2004-2016): A combination of luxury, performance, and timeless design has made it a desirable sports car.
- Jaguar F-Type (2013-present): A modern sports car that pays homage to the classic E-Type, offering a blend of performance and luxury.

Cultural Impact

British sports cars have had a significant cultural impact in America, featuring prominently in movies, TV shows, and automotive media. They are often associated with sophistication, performance, and the classic motoring experience.

Conclusion

The history of British sports cars in America is a testament to their lasting appeal and influence. From the post-war influx that introduced Americans to a new style of driving to the modern era where they continue to be symbols of luxury and performance, British sports cars have carved out a significant niche in the American automotive landscape. Their blend of design, performance, and heritage continues to captivate American enthusiasts and collectors alike.

-Ed

MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING FOR CHARLIE BUNNELL

ON SATURDAY, THE 27TH OF APRIL, THE PBCC HELD A TREE PLANTING IN RUGBY, TN. IN HONOR OF OUR PAST PRESIDENT AND CO-FOUNDER CHARLIE BUNNELL. ABOUT FIFTY PEOPLE ATTENDED FROM A WIDE AREA INCLUDING PAT BUNNELL AND THEIR SON CHUCK WHO HAD DRIVEN FROM SOUTH

CAROLINA. HE BROUGHT WITH HIM CHARLIE'S BELOVED MGTD TO MARK THE OCCASION. CHARLIE'S SON-IN-LAW, JEFF DROVE DOWN FROM OHIO WITH PAT.

SEVERAL FRIENDS GOT UP AND TOLD THEIR OWN STORIES ABOUT CHARLIE. CHARLIE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ENGLISH AUTO SOCIETY (EAS) OF KNOXVILLE AND THE BLOUNT BRITISH CARS CAR CLUBS. THERE ALSO WERE MANY LBCS IN ATTENDANCE. -ED

