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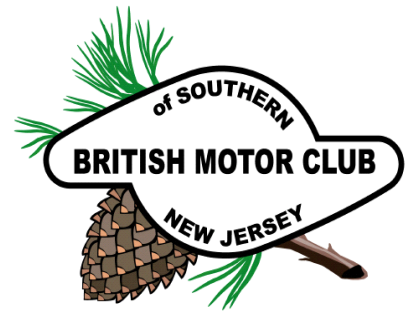
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(above) Joe Picogna's 2004 Jaguar in W'town
(below) Golden Nugget 7 car line up



(above) Ron Ralston's '48 MGTC at J. Kontes
(below) Dave Liss' '80 MGB conversion



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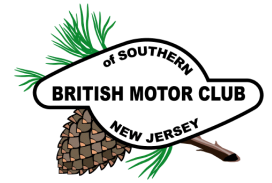


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been a couple of busy months of BMC events. The Williamstown event occurred on a day when bad weather threatened but 8 cars participated (see page 4). The Jack Kontes' event was held on a perfect day for a car gathering and the turnout was terrific (see page 5). The weather also cooperated for the Golden Nugget A/C event (see page 6). BMC member Dave Liss of Hockessin, DE was interviewed for the article on page 7 and 10 on his unique MGB repower.

I resolved the brake issues on my '71 MGB by installing new rotors, and stainless steel hoses from TRW. It stops great now. Drove it to Jack Kontes and it stopped flawlessly.

The 22nd annual Ice Cream Social will be held July 23, 6 to 8:30 PM (see top of page 11) and the Tour of South Jersey on Aug. 13 will leave Peter's Diner in Williamstown at 10 AM (rain or shine). The Delsea Drive-in event is run by the 50's and muscle car guys on Sat. Aug. 6. The drive in theater is on Delsea Dr. in Vineland. BMC doesn't have space carved out so it'll be catch as catch can on parking for those who choose to see a drive in movie on a Saturday night.

See you at the Ice Cream Social.

BILL CARROLL, BMC PRESIDENT

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Member count (6/27/16): 164

NEW MEMBERS

Chip McCullough '73 MGB Williamstown, NJ

**Bruce Aydelotte '61 Triumph TR-3A
Egg Harbor Twp., NJ**

**Tracy Westergard '66 MG Midget
Pilesgrove, NJ**

Charles Hofmann Tabernacle, NJ

**Harry Sroka '74 MG Midget
Egg Harbor Twp., NJ**

SECRETARY'S SATCHEL

As the driving season continues we have attended several Club sponsored and outside events. A big "thank you" once again to the Konte's for opening up their lovely estate for us to park, kick the tires, bench race and have 27 cars gather. Some members attended the Cars and Motorcycles of England event at Oakbourne Manor, near West Chester PA, hosted by the DVT. The combination of Triumphs, Jaguars and other British marques always makes for an enjoyable event. The Williamstown Historical Society event had a reasonable showing despite the threatening weather and getting caught in a downpour on the way home. However, we did get to visit with the Queen after she was escorted to the event in her Rolls Royce. Linda and I were not able to attend the Golden Nugget British Music event due to a fun weekend away for our 38th anniversary in Gettysburg, PA. Let us know how you enjoyed the events.

The SEMA Action Network National Collector Car Appreciation Day is July 8th this year. "The date marks the seventh consecutive commemoration in what is now an annual event to raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society.

Visit http://www.semasan.com/page.asp?content=celebrate_collectorcar_day&q=SEMAGA for events posted on SEMA." (SEMA website) Nothing in New Jersey, so let's start our own! Get out and drive, cruise to the local restaurants and enjoy the summer!

Join us on July 23rd for an evening out with cars and ice cream at the Ice Cream Social held again this year at 5 Points Custard on the crossroads of 540 & 557 in East Vineland, NJ, join in for a Drive-In Cruise night on August 6th and then our tour of South Jersey at 10 AM on August 13th starting at Pete's Diner in Williamstown. The Ice Cream Social is great fun for the whole family, we have family living in the Vineland area and they always join us to see the cars and enjoy an evening out. I particularly like the drive home at dusk in the cool air of the Pines. Bill Carroll has always provided an interesting and scenic route for the tour and we always end up at a great place for lunch. See more details in this issue of Off Side/Near Side.

Get involved, volunteer for the events and contact the coordinators to lend a hand. We move the events geographically to help everyone attend most of them but it is also great fun to drive some of the distances to get to them. Keep the petrol filled, dashpots topped and a GPS in hand ... See you on the road.

Happy Motoring

Tom Evans, Secretary

WILLIAMSTOWN SHOW



(above) Hank Lipson's '60 Triumph TR-3A



(above) George Seaman's '74 Triumph TR-6



(above) Walt Bryson's '60 Austin-Healey Sprite



(above) Tom Evans '97 Land Rover Discovery

Saturday May 21 dawned cloudy but rain free. The BMC Williamstown show was scheduled as a RAIN or SHINE event so I loaded a pop-up tent, table and chairs along with the BMC club banner into my SUV and set off. Arrived at the Monroe Twp. Historical Society grounds on Main St. in Williamstown at 9:30 AM and was met by BMC and Historical Society member Walt Bryson who helped me set up the tent. Tom Evans in his '97 Land Rover arrived shortly thereafter and helped hang our banner and plant the Union Jack. A total of 8 British cars arrived over the next half hour including Hank Lipson's '60 TR-3A, George Seaman's '74 TR-6, Rick Marine's '60 A-H Sprite and Jack Riley's '75 Rolls-Royce. Joe Picogna's 2004 Portfolio Edition Jaguar supercharged roadster then arrived and is noteworthy as #97 in the limited run of 100 units built.

The hardest of BMC members in attendance was Rick Marine who drove his '60 A-H Sprite from Woodbury without it's hood (convertible top). Great Union Jack "do rag" Rick !!! The rain held off until just before noon so we got almost 2 solid hours of story swappin' and lie tellin'. Those in attendance abandoned ship quickly when the rain came which was expected.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED.

BILL CARROLL, EDITOR

JACK KONTES' RIVERSIDE RANCH



Bruce Aydelotte's '61 Triumph TR-3A



Jack Kontes' '72 MGB with Rover V-8

Saturday June 11 saw 27 member LBC's at Jack Kontes' Riverside Ranch event. The weather was hot and dry and Jack and Vivian Kontes were the consummate host and hostess to 35 + BMC members, family and friends. On display at Jack's were wide array of non LBC's including Jack Jr's Porsche 911 track car, along with 2 other late model high performance Porsche's. Ken MacKenzie made a show stopping entrance with his '54 Austin-Healey on a roll back flatbed after the A-H suffered an ignition system failure en route to Jack's along Rt. 55 (photo below left). A BMC member car worthy of note at Jack's was Ron Ralston's beautifully restored '48 MGTC (photo on page 1). Ron's TC features meticulous paint work and stunning chrome bright work. The TC's 20 in. diameter wire wheels shod with 4 in. wide tires gives a glimpse into 1930's and 40's British sports car motoring. Ron describes the TC driving experience as "challenging" even on our fairly smooth American roads. I'm hoping to publish an "EXTRA" newsletter edition in mid July which will include many more photos from this event taken by Fred Schuchard, Ed Hilinski and I.

THANK-YOU Jack and Vivian Kontes' for hosting another terrific event.

BILL CARROLL, EDITOR

Ken MacKenzie and his '54 A-H 100/4

Jack K's' '68 blue MGB (L) Jack Jr.'s MGB track car (R)



GOLDEN NUGGET ATLANTIC CITY



Keith Phillips '71 Triumph TR-6



Mike Golla's '72 MGB

The weather was perfect in Atlantic City for our Golden Nugget event. Our 7 cars were included in the New Jersey Power Boat Rally's American car show and 3 of our cars took trophies. In attendance were Ron and Joan Ralston's '48 MGTC (trophy winner), Chris Robert '68 MGC, Hank and Roberta Lipson '60 Triumph TR-3A, Joe and Chris Rizzo's '73 MGB (trophy winner), Jim Wines '71 blower equipped MGB (trophy winner), Mike Golla's '72 MGB and Keith and Janice Phillips '71 Triumph TR-6. It was great to see spouses accompanying BMC members.

Co-incident with our appearance at Golden Nugget was a judged American car show sponsored by the New Jersey Power Boat Rally. NJPBR included our cars in their judging and 3 LBC's won trophies. NJPBR also ran off-shore power boat races on Fri., Sat, and Sun.. Some our members and spouses availed themselves of the free concert by British rock tribute bands at the Golden Nugget Deck venue. Those who hoped to see the rock tribute bands found the venue very crowded but at least were able to hear the performances.

Congratulations to Ron Ralston, Jim Wines and Joe Rizzo on their awards.

BILL CARROLL, EDITOR

Joe Rizzo's '73 MGB with NJPBA car show trophy

Ron & Joan Ralston with NJPBR car show judge



Dave Liss's '80 MGB conversion to V-6 Chevy power

BMC member Dave Liss of Hockessin, DE wanted more power for his '80 MGB but rather than convert from the stock 4 cylinder 1.8 L engine to the Rover V-8, Dave chose a different path. After much research Dave opted to convert his MGB to a Chevrolet 3.4 L V-6 (L-32) power plant used in '93 to '95 Chevy Camaros. This selection was made based on the extremely narrow dimensions of the Chevy engine which uses a 60 degree V. This type of conversion is heavily documented in the MG Engine Swaps forum on the MG Experience website (<http://www.mgexp.com/phorum/list.php?40>). This V-6 also is shorter than a Rover V-8 which made it a "drop in" conversion. No need to modify the front inner fenders to accommodate exhaust headers. Another bonus, with this engine's compact size, is there's no need to modify the stock Chevy oil pan or change away from the stock '80 MGB radiator. Dave did upgrade engine cooling by changing to one high capacity fan unit but the L-32 Chevy engine generates only slightly more reject heat than the stock MGB 4 cylinder engine so the increased fan capacity keeps the engine cool.

The Borg-Warner T5 5 speed transmission Dave selected also came from a Chevy Camaro but from a V-8 model. The 5th gear ratio is .63 overdrive which makes highway running very easy on the ears and REV counter. The trans. and V-8 bell housing bolts right up the back of the L-32 cylinder block. This configuration uses an aftermarket hydraulic throw out bearing (HTOB) sized to work with the stock MG clutch master cylinder. No mechanical clutch linkage is required just a hydraulic hose from the clutch master cylinder to the HTOB. A custom length drive shaft connects the Chevy gearbox to the stock MG differential.

The Chevy engine uses electronic coil pack ignition and multi-port electronic fuel injection. Engine management and control uses a standard SAE OBD 1.5 interface which allows some level of tuning. cont'd pg. 10



2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- The information shown below is the most complete available as this newsletter is printed, and will be entered as space allows.
- **Bill Carroll is keeper of BMC event schedules**, you can contact Bill at my1971mgb@comcast.net
- Priority will be given to British Car events which do not conflict with events sponsored by BMC or neighboring clubs..

MONTH	DATE	BMC EVENT (events in bold are confirmed)	LOCATION	POINT OF CONTACT
FEB.	20	Simeone Foundation Museum Tour 11 AM	6825 Norwitch Drive Philadelphia., PA 19153	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676
MARCH	19	Motorcar Garage Tech. Session - Repair & Resto. Pitfalls 10 AM	42 North Pine St. Maple Shade, NJ 08052	Pete Cosmides 856-867-6657
APRIL	9	Ted Ley Memorial Gathering to benefit Samaritan Hospice 10 AM	Historic Smithville U.S. Rt. 9 & Moss Mill Rd. Galloway Twp., NJ 08205	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 my1971mgb@comcast.net
MAY	21	Williamstown Show 10 AM BMC & Monroe Twp. History Society	313 South Main St. Williamstown, NJ 08094	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676
JUNE	11	Jack Kontes River Ranch Meet 11 AM	7 Eagle Beach Drive Millville, NJ 08332	Jack Kontes 856-327-1607
JUNE	18	Golden Nugget Hotel, Casino & Marina British Music Celebration 1 PM until ???	Brigantine Blvd. & Huron Atlantic City, NJ 08401	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 Andy Schlee GNAC
JULY	23	BMC's Ice Cream Social 5 Points Custard 6 PM to DUSK	580 Tuckahoe Road Vineland, NJ 08360	Rob Walsh robgt71@verizon.net
AUG.	6	Classic Car Cruise to Delsea Drive-in Theater, Vineland Gates open 3 PM	2203 So. Delsea Drive Vineland, NJ 08360	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 my1971mgb@comcast.net
AUG.	13	Tour of South Jersey Leaves from Peter's Diner Williamstown, NJ 10 AM	Roadways of Gloucester & Atlantic Counties	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 my1971mgb@comcast.net
SEPT.	17	BMC Annual Show 10 AM to 2 PM (\$15 entry fee at track gate)	New Jersey Motorsports Lightning Track Millville, NJ	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676
NOV.	15	BMC Annual Planning Meeting (Tues. night-6 PM)	Palace Diner 100 North Rt. 73 Berlin, NJ	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 my1971mgb@comcast.net

OTHER BRITISH CAR EVENTS

YOUR AD COULD APPEAR HERE Find a home for those extra parts or that car that you will never get around to restoring. Raise some cash to buy more extra parts or projects that you do not need!!

Contact Ed Gaubert: mgarage@comcast.net

Ads will appear for two (2) issues , as space allows



FOR SALE. 1975 TR6 - Nice - Any Reasonable Offer. Call Frank: 609-927-1038.

FREE. Have a 70 spitfire windshield assembly with glass also top dash pad free 609 698 5414 or email grunt3333@comcast.net

FOR SALE. 1956-60 MGA parts, by the piece or lot. Please email your needs. Gary Cossaboon, Bridgeton, NJ. gcssbn at aol dot com 856-455-834nine

FREE. Sold my '77 MGB and have 2 4 speed working transmissions and a disassembled engine free to a good home. Hugh Connelly hugh@connellys.org

FOR SALE. 1968 MGB manual convertible in British Racing Green with black top with wire wheels. Great condition, runs great and is well maintained. The engine is mostly original with only 56K miles and new carbs, fuel pump, and radiator. \$9,000 or best offer. Contact Ken at 609-792-7114 or ken.wilson.nj@gmail.com.

FREE STUFF. Still available.... older TR3 block minus pistons, sleeves, front plate. If you want it, it's yours. Any token trade will be appreciated. Joe Kumpel 856-812-1881

**FOR SALE. Hardtop for Austin Healey 3000. British racing green. \$500
Tom Fanelle 609-922-5372**

FOR SALE.: Set of five wire wheels for MGB. Possibly original paint. 4 are very nice, 1 not so much. Make offer: healeydan12@gmail.com

FOR SALE. Beautiful 1963 MGB roadster, chrome bumper, leather interior. Just repainted (in original color) after body work to remove rust. All quarter panels injected with WAXOLY. All original car, one of the early MGBs made. Very good interior. Runs strong. Wire wheels. \$10,950. Call Gabe (856) 264 3191 Gdetolla@hotmail.com

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**FOR SALE; 1967 MGB Brooklands style. Great looking reliable driver. Was asking \$12k, will take \$10k as I have found something else to buy. Call for details.
Paul Merten 609 567 0557 or mertemp-a@comcast.net**

Dave Liss's MGB Engine Conversion

Interface takes place through the standard OBD system port. The electrical integration for the conversion was achieved using a complete electrical conversion harness from **bmcautos.com** in Isanti, Minn. Brian McCullough is the owner of **bmcautos.com** and he can provide knowledge and parts such as motor mounts, exhaust headers, wiring harnesses, specialized fittings, a drive shaft and pretty much anything else you'll need to complete this conversion. The fuel system consists of a high pressure external fuel pump feeding from the stock MG fuel tank through a new larger diameter supply and return line (fuel injection engines require both supply and return lines). Dave got his engine and trans. from an auto recycler in Maryland served up a wood pallet. He had the engine rebuilt by Alderman Machine in New Castle, DE.

I met with Dave Liss at his home in Hockessin, DE to gather details for this article and after the interview we took a ride in his MGB. The car started and ran smoothly immediately thanks to the electronic ignition and fuel injection. No bad idling until the engine warmed up like every other MGB with carburetors. The car performed flawlessly "right out of the box". Dave upgraded both front and rear suspension and installed wider low profile tires so the car handles like it's on rails but those upgrades can take place over time. An MGB with stock tires and suspension can accept the V-6 conversion without further changes and you'll have a running, driving car. A "scary fast" running and driving MGB but a complete car.

If I were going to upgrade the engine in my MGB, I would go the same way as Dave Liss. Rather than use a Rover V-8, I'd opt for the narrow Chevy Camaro V-6. The results are OUTSTANDING.

BILL CARROLL, EDITOR



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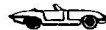
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**BRITISH CAR OWNERS' ICE CREAM SOCIAL 22nd ANNUAL
SATURDAY JULY 23rd 6 PM - 8:30PM**

Lucas don't fail me now !! Get your British car to start and head to 5 Point Custard the evening of July 23rd for a casual gathering of British cars and their owners. The evening's agenda:



Take the field and display your British car, free admission, door prizes, no judging, no rain date. Delaware Valley and Central NJ British car owners join BMC for the event and we get a variety of marquis with some rare and unique cars on display.

Plenty of ice cream and conversation for an enjoyable evening with new and old friends.

5 Points Restaurant next door for your dining pleasure.

Info: www.bmcsnj.org Location: RT540 (Landis Ave) & RT 557 (SAT NAV address: 580 Tuckahoe Rd., Vineland, NJ 08360)

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