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Tech. Session & Smithville



(above) Pete Cosmides' Tech. Session

(below @ Smithville - L to R) Joan Ley-Byrne (BMC),
Chris Rollins (Samaritan) & Ed Gaubert (BMC)

(above) 1950 MG Y "Saloon"
at the Motorcar GarageTech. Session



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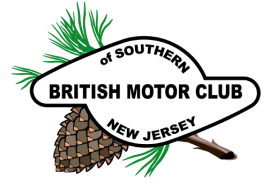
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BMC Membership Meetings are held at each of our events. Our current schedule can be seen in the “Calendar of Events” in this newsletter or at our website: BMCSNJ.org.

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PAY YOUR BMC DUES VIA PAY-PAL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This issue of Offside/Nearside reviews our 2 recent events (Tech. Session, Smithville) and previews coming events. Original content is light this issue because, even after some prompting, BMC members haven't come through with anything new. No articles on completed or on-going projects. No editorial or observational musings. I guess we've just hit a dry spell. I hope things improve soon or you'll see more issues like this one that just look back 2 months and forward 2 months.

I'm still fighting brake issues on my '71 MGB. Next comes replacing the front brake rotors and brake pads. The front calipers were changed last year with only a slight improvement in braking. I recently drove my brother's '72 MGB for comparison and found his MGB stops way better than mine. Tried to upgrade the brake hoses from rubber to stainless steel but replacements were faulty from a major British parts supplier so I'm going to try sourcing them direct from AERO-QUIP, TRW or EASTWOOD. I'll keep you posted on results.

We've got a busy warm weather driving season ahead with Williamstown (May), Jack Kontes (June), Golden Nugget A/C (June), Ice Cream Social (July), Road Tour (Aug.) then our home show in September. There are a number of non-BMC events like a PEDC event in Brick Twp. (May) and a Drive-in Theater event in Vineland (Aug.) that BMC members may find interesting. I'll E-mail details of any car shows or car events that come to my attention.

BILL CARROLL, BMC PRESIDENT

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Member count (4/27/16): 159

NEW MEMBERS

**Joel Taylor, '58 MGA Roadster, '60 MGA Roadster
Millville, NJ**

**James Kilrain, '68 Jaguar E-type, '86 Jaguar VDP, '00 Jaguar XKR
Marlton, NJ**

Tom Dintino, Ocean View, NJ

SECRETARY'S SATCHEL

"Cos I'm the tax man, ye-ah, I'm the tax ma-an" Yes, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Heath, it's that time of the year again! Although, they did extend it to the 18th, Emancipation Day is the 16th celebrated on the 15th, I guess they had the day off. Anywho, mid-April, and with the exception of snow on the day of the Smithville Gathering, the weather certainly has been LBC friendly. The tech session at Motorcar Garage was well attended and a noted success with Pete's discussion of all aspects of restoration. Smithville was rained/snowed out. Next up, Monroe Twp. Historical Society celebration is on May 21st, come greet the Queen, and Jack Konte's meet on the river will be June 11th, come out and enjoy the days with food to purchase in Williamstown and pizza provided at Jack's. Something new this year, Golden Nugget Hotel, Casino & Marina "British Music Celebration" on June 18th in Atlantic City. See all this in this issue of Off Side/Near Side for details.

Don't forget, in our effort to enhance club leadership, we are looking for volunteers to assist in the club operations with web site updates and content, board positions, newsletter and events coordination. See Bill Carroll and talk at an event or email my1971mgb@comcast.net and let him know you want to help.

I spend a reasonable amount of time on the road all across the country. I keep a running list of automotive or transportation themed museums to visit on my down time. On a recent trip to Kansas City area I drove a short distance further south and visited the sales showroom of Victoria British, LTD, the British car parts supplier. I know many of us use their parts to keep our LBCs going and I thought it would be a buzz to visit them. The showroom displays a few well maintained cars the counter staff is efficient and the warehouse is stocked full of parts for immediate dispatch. I've had success sourcing parts from all over the work and they are one of the better providers with great catalogs and quick turnaround. I recommend them.

Don't forget, anyone can contribute to your newsletter, sit down and type you thoughts, email them to Bill at my1971mgb@comcast.net, add some photos; done! Also, thank you to all who host events and those who attend, the Club strength lies with us, let's enjoy it. Keep the petrol topped, the radiator full and the leather oiled! See you on t the road.

Happy Motoring

Tom Evans

MOTORCAR GARAGE TECH. SESSION



(above) MGBGT V8 “RH steer” at the Motorcar Garage Tech. Session



(above) BMC member Pat Brennan's 1960 MGA 1600 at the Tech. Session

Photos above and at the top of page 1 provided by BMC member Ed Hilinski

MOTORCAR GARAGE TECH. SESSION - Saturday March 19

Pete Cosmides' related his experiences and insight into British car repairs and restoration gathered from his many years owning and managing Motorcar Garage. The most difficult task in making his business run every day (day after day) is managing expectations and aligning them with the customer's budget. Building a trust based relationship with each customer is essential.

The most challenging jobs are ones involving an “heirloom” car which was gifted to a customer by a family member or family friend. The customer may have fond memories they want to relive by owning and driving the car. Those emotions usually run up against the reality of a car which may not be worth saving. Spending \$15K to restore a 1972 MGB and ending up with a beautiful running and driving \$6,000 car can be difficult for the customer to comprehend.

The next problem in dealing with old British cars are those associated with the accumulation of work done improperly over many years. It can be tough to explain that expensive repairs are needed where the owner didn't even know there was a problem. This is particularly the case where safety is involved (brakes, steering etc.). Pete described these as “hidden problems” which can get pricey to make right.

Motorcar Garage specializes in re-commissioning old British cars which have been dormant. Making these cars run and roadworthy after being in storage is a prideful experience for Pete and the Motorcar Garage crew. Anyone who has brought an old car or other machine back to life knows how exhilarating that feeling is when quoting the British stage actor **Colin Clive** in the film **Frankenstein** (1931): **“IT'S ALIVE ! IT'S ALIVE !”**.

BILL CARROLL

SMITHVILLE SHOW — April 9

The page 1 photo shows the presentation of a check from BMC to the Samaritan Hospice, Marlton NJ as a memorial to the late longtime member Ted Ley. The weather was dreadful on Saturday April 9 but one BMC member did make it to Smithville. Ted Cianfrani drove from Wildwood Crest in his pick up truck to attend the Smithville event. Thanks Ted !!!

The BMC record at Smithville has been great in the past where rain free April events have been held there for 10 years running until this year. I guess 10 out of 11 ain't bad. Every year Smithville has events booked on every Saturday April through October so a Saturday rain date was not available. Our donation to Samaritan Hospice was smaller this year than in the past due to there being no member cars at the show. We'll get 'em next year.

Photos below are from past shows where the weather co-operated.



Williamstown Show Preview (from: BMC and the Monroe Twp. Historical Society)

Saturday May 21 10 AM - 2 PM The Monroe Twp. Historical Society and BMC will hold a car show at 313 South Main St. in Williamstown, NJ. BMC member Walt Bryson serves on the Historical Society Board. The event will have the exclusive use of a tree shaded parking lot (see photo below) on the Society grounds. Society members will dress in Colonial period garb and it is hoped, as in past years, her majesty “the Queen” will grace those in attendance with her presence.



Jack Kontes River Ranch Event Preview

Saturday June 11 11 AM - Jack and Vivian Kontes welcome BMC members to their beautiful riverside property on Eagle Beach Drive (off Rt. 47, Delsea Drive) in Millville. Jack will have a large board set up in his barn for BMC members to post photos of completed or on-going car projects. This board can also be used by attendees to post questions they have on any issues involving planned or partially complete projects. If you've successfully completed work on your LBC and are available to take questions from other members who may undertake the same or a similar task, you can post that too. The board will function like a web-site forum without the need to use a computer.

Last year Jack invited members to bring special or home brewed tools used in LBC projects with the bringer explaining their development and use. Much was learned by those who participated in this activity. Jack hopes to amplify that effect this year through the use of the posting board. If I'm able to successfully complete the front brake overhaul on my '71 MGB, I'll post photos and take questions on that experience.

This will be a **RAIN or SHINE** event. If the weather is uncooperative, make the drive in your non LBC. There's lots of room in Jack's barn for us to gather, look at Jack's cars and review postings and photos on the "BIG BOARD". A great opportunity to swap stories and maybe tell a few lies.

The photo below is of Jack Kontes' barn:



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
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 MORE DETAILS in the July/Aug	2203 So. Delsea Drive Vineland, NJ 08360 BMC newsletter	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.	10 or 24	BMC Annual Show 10 AM to 2 PM	New Jersey Motorsports Lightning Track Millville, NJ	
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

MAY	14	PEDC Brick Town P.A.L Car Show 10 AM—2 PM (\$10 fee)	60 Drum Point Rd. Brick, NJ 08724	Questions: Call Ernie 732-822-6839
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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: 1960 Jaguar Mark IX (9) Saloon car (left hand steering). One of only 4,000 LHS cars built. Some went to the continent (France, Germany etc.) while a small number came to the U.S.. This is "**THE BIG JAG**" built to compete with Daimler, Bentley and Rolls-Royce. It's a running, driving, steering, stopping example with all the luxury accoutrements including rear seat folding tea table. Highly polished hardwood interior trim, supple leather upholstery and wool carpeting. Asking \$10,000 Call 609-576-5097 for more information

WANTED. Road & Track, Sports Car Graphic, Sports Car Illustrated magazines from the 1950s and 1960s. Also Hot Rod magazines from the same time periods. Ted 609-206-2224 or elizabetcianfrani@comcast.net

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. 1969 MG Midget convertible; Barn find thirty-year indoor storage, solid tub to build up; 1275cc not running, car will need mechanical and interior restoration; red, wire spoke wheels. \$1200 / offer Gary Cossaboon, Bridgeton, NJ gcssbn at aol dot com 856-455-834nine **(PHOTOS see PAGE 10)**

FOR SALE. 1966 Austin Healey Sprite motor and trans, 1098cc \$500 / offer Gary Cossaboon, Bridgeton, NJ gcssbn at aol dot com 856-455-834nine

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

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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 mertep-a@comcast.net

Photos of '69 MG MIDGET
from Gary Cosssoon's AD on page 9



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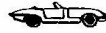
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June 18 Event REMINDER — Golden Nugget Casino

Golden Nugget Casino, Hotel & Marina has invited BMC to attend their celebration of the British Music Invasion on Saturday June 18. The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and The Who tribute bands will be performing at The Deck Bayfront Bar & Restaurant overlooking the Farley Marina. British food specialties and British beer will be served. Exclusive parking and security will be provided for member cars.

The Bayfront Bar & Restaurant is a live outdoor entertainment venue at Golden Nugget where food and beverage are served in a relaxed atmosphere. I've never been there personally but friends have and say it's an enjoyable experience particularly on summer weekends. Go to: goldennugget.com/atlanticcity, pull down the "eat" tab then "The Deck Bayfront Bar & Restaurant" tab to see scenes from the venue. If the weather is good this will be a fun event.

I've briefed the Golden Nugget folks that if the weather doesn't cooperate, our members will be reluctant to participate. Our cars were built in England which has a cool, damp climate but the reputation of British car unreliability in rainy conditions (that all of us have experienced first hand) will take precedence if it's rainy on June 18.

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