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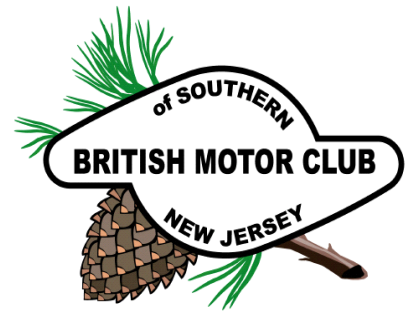
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January and February are “down” months for driving our LBC's and you may recall in the Nov./Dec. President's Message I asked for members to submit articles on their restoration projects. New BMC member Steve Rotella came through with the information and photos you see on **pages 4 & 5**.

BMC member George Lawton also contributed his observations on “driving excited” and bringing younger blood into our hobby (**page 6**).

I've also included an article on my son Matt's Ford Focus “ST”. How does information on a 2013 Ford get into our Little British Car newsletter? Read **page 7** and find out.

I'm proud to announce that long time member Gary Warren has agreed to become a BMC Board Member. Welcome aboard Gary !!!

Pages 10 & 11 are two of the best unpublished photos from 2015 BMC events. On **Pg. 10** is Fred Schuchard's '71 Morgan, Joe Marchione's '59 Lotus and Skip Lustig's Sunbeam Tiger from July's Ice Cream Social. On **Pg. 11** is an array of LBC's beside Jack Kontes' beautiful brick barn during our June event there.

I'm looking forward to 2016 in the hope our hobby will flourish and more LBC owners will join our club and participate in our events. 2015 had some bad news with the passing of dear friends and member spouses but hope springs eternal for a better year next year. When you read this Christmas will have passed but I hope you were lucky like me to be among family and friends. May the New Year bring you health and happiness !!!

I hope to see many of you Sat. Feb. 20, 11 AM at the Simeone Museum in So. Philadelphia.

BILL CARROLL, BMC PRESIDENT

NEW MEMBERS

Joe Pilato '69 MGB GT Voorhees, NJ

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Member count (12/19/15): 164

SECRETARY'S SATCHEL

The annual BMCSNJ club organizational meeting was held at the Palace Diner in Berlin, NJ on November 17th at 7PM. The meeting was called to order and conducted by Bill Carroll, President.

Bill distributed an agenda and proceeded with the first item of business.

- The 2016 event schedule was presented and discussed. The perennial events will be conducted again in the coming year; Tech Session, Smithville, Ice Cream Social, etc., with some modifications. Because of the passing of Ted Lane, it is being considered that a trip to the Simeone Museum of Racing will be substituted for the Feb./March Chili-fest. Arrangements will be published in time for the March/April Newsletter. Also, Jack Kontes has requested that we consider sharing his hosted June event with the Delaware Valley Alfa-Romeo Owners Club, Bill Carroll will contact DVAROC to discuss.
- A treasurer's report was presented showing an account balance of \$3,700.00 and a Pay-Pal balance of \$300.00. Members are encouraged to renew membership using the Pay-Pal account when due. Please keep your dues current and don't miss any activity notices.
- The current board members have agreed to remain in their respective positions as follows: Bill Carroll, President; Ed Gaubert, Vice President; Tom Evans, Secretary; Bill Carroll, Treasurer/Membership Chair.; Pete Bahr, Harry Stridick and Jack Kontes, Directors. Contact information for each of the officers is available in each issue of Off Side/Near Side. Pete Bahr has been very ill and is not able to actively participate and with the passing of Ted Lane Gary Warren has been asked, and he has accepted, filling Ted's Board position.
- Issues with the BMCSNJ.org website access are being resolved by Bill meeting with Pete Bahr soon. Additional access will be needed for the officers.
- Bill is looking into an alternate email blaster service because the existing service cannot be revised to remove lapsed members.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Great things are on the way again for 2016, events, dinners and cruises. Get out and drive in this “Spring” before the foul weather stops us all, so, keep the petrol topped, the lubricants fresh and see you on the road. I trust all had a Nadolig Llawen a blwyddyn newydd dda! (Welsh for – Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year!)

Happy Motoring

TOM EVANS, BMC SECRETARY

Steve Rotella's 1973 Triumph TR-6 Restoration

Steve Rotella's TR-6 was purchased brand new in 1973 by his brother from Przywara Motors on Black Horse Pike in Runnemede, NJ. The car was primary transportation from '73 until '83 when Steve's brother purchased a new Chevrolet Corvette but kept the Triumph. Steve had a garage, which his brother did not, so Steve agreed to store the TR-6. The Triumph was periodically started throughout the '80's and 90's but was not moved due to brake issues (brake fluid leaked from the rear wheel cylinder resulting in "no pedal"). In 1998, when the Triumph turned 25 years old, the title was passed to Steve who registered the car as an antique (QQ tags).

BACK STORY: This Triumph was purchased in '73 for \$4,000 (inflation adjusted to 2015 = \$22,000). \$22K buys a new Honda Civic today while the cheapest 2 passenger 6 cylinder roadster is \$30K+ now. It didn't seem like it in '73 but a TR-6 gave a lot of bang for a buck. Steve has the original invoice from Przywara Motors along with the original sales brochure.

All restoration work was carried out by Charles Bell of Chick's Auto Restyling in Pitman, NJ including mechanical and body teardown, reassembly, paint preparation, priming, and complete repaint (inside and out) with the factory original Mamosa yellow. Steve decided to replace the original equipment painted wire wheels with chrome versions from Moss Motors. The photo on page 1 shows the finished car.

The restoration of this car took from 2013 until 2015 to complete (see photos below and on page 5)



Engine bay paint prep (above)



Engine bay repaint completed (above)



Rear deck in primer (note overspray from boot repair)



Exterior in primer (overspray from interior repair)

Steve Rotella's TR-6



Exterior repaint complete



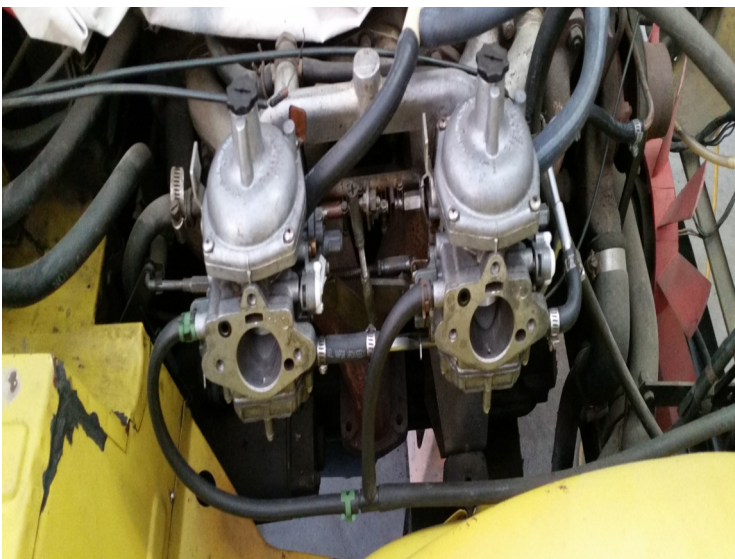
Rear valence repaint complete



Interior and dash reassembled



Untrimmed front with repaint complete



Rebuilt carburetors with all new hoses



Lots of new Brit bits ready for installation

Views on cars and excitement from an older perspective (by George Lawton)

I think I've figured out why so few younger people (gen. x'ers, millenials etc.) are drawn to the classic car hobby. They were raised in a time of political correctness and dumbed down engineering where everything must be safe. Speech in all forms must be inoffensive to even the smallest percent of people. Cars, with a few notable exceptions, have been developed/engineered to a point that driving has become (in the words of Pink Floyd) **comfortably numb**. Take a look at what you drive every day and the cars around you. What color they ? Gray (in all it's tones including silver), black or white. Occasionally a red, dark blue or a yellow, oh wait that's a taxi !!! Most cars are dull !!!

The innate dullness and sensory deprivation while driving has contributed to the whole distracted driving problem including cell phone use, texting while driving and even I-PAD face timing all from behind the steering wheel. Maybe it is best self driving cars are coming.

I believe the human species requires a lot of sensory stimulation, it's part of our survival instinct when outside our caves/homes. Also part of our human make up is to be driven to do better, reach higher, go faster out in the world. In the current human context that means younger folks play computer games to get a rush. Some are attracted to performance/sports cars but those are NOT in the context of Little British Cars. Today's sports cars start every time, are sound deadened, have "tuned" exhaust, air conditioning, stereo systems like a living room, are aerodynamic to a point where if a window is opened wind noise undoes all the high priced features.

Little British Cars have none of the above. They solve a whole range of problems. Distracted driving ? GONE !!! No time to text when both hands are occupied steering and changing gears. Both feet are busy too. There's a 3 pedals and 2 feet. Brake and throttle with one and clutch with the other. If the driver is skilled enough to heel and toe, every ounce of the LBC under powered engine can be put on the ground. Distracted driving gone !!! The top is down, the sun on your face, wind blowing, engine singing, every bump in the road is experienced through your seat. We are driving NOT being driven to distraction. Plenty of stimulation to the brain, endorphins flow, the body feels good !!!

So lets get in our Little British Cars or classic cars of all types and take a ride. Find a millennial or gen e'xer and take them along for a truly different and stimulating driving experience. It could make better drivers of us all and perpetuate the hobby at same time. **DRIVE EXCITED !!!**

editor's note: My son Matt owns a 2013 Ford Focus "ST" hatchback sedan which is his daily driver. The Focus "ST" model has extensive sound deadening in the passenger cabin so Ford added an exhaust sound attenuator (a tube which transmits the exhaust note from the exhaust manifold to the cabin) to enhance the driving experience. Matt upgraded the exhaust with a larger diameter downpipe, cat and twin exhausts so the attenuator was eliminated. The new larger exhaust system is tuned to produce increased sound at high throttle openings but at idle and low throttle setting is quieter than the factory original (as long as the attenuator is removed). The catalyzing down pipe and the "cat back" exhaust pipe sections were engineered and manufactured in the U.K..

Matt's Ford Focus "ST" has been modified to generate 300+ BHP, 370 ft. lbs. torque but short of making it impractical to use as a daily driver. When the car isn't driven hard, it gets 24 MPG. The one compromise for the enhanced performance is it has to burn 93 octane gas. Young car guys want a package that can perform when desired but is smooth, quiet and economical for daily driving. Us old guys have a separate car we use for driving excitement like a Little British Car or an American Muscle Car. I don't know which way is "better" but I'm not very objective because I'm an old guy who owns a MGB for sport and a Lexus sedan for daily driving.

Matt Carroll's 2013 Ford Focus "ST"



(photo above): Matt Carroll's 2013 Tuxedo Black Ford Focus "ST". This car is retro-fitted with a "cat back" dual exhaust made by Milltek Performance, a catalytic down pipe from Mountune and a Maxton rear aero diffuser all made in the U.K.. The front and rear suspension has been converted to fully adjustable coil over shocks from Billstein using adjustable end links from Massive Speed Systems.

We've all heard the adage that half a car's handling is in the wheels/tires. This car has ForgeStar 18"X9" wheels with Bridgestone S04 **255/35/ZR18** summer compound tires. The wheels are mounted on 48MM thick hub spacers to center the tires in the fender wells. The Billstein coil over gas charged shocks are the other half of the handling package. They are fully adjustable for jounce, rebound, travel and ride height. The car handles like it's on rails. Pulls lots of lateral G. Tough on the neck !!!

Engine modifications are all "bolt on" including an up rated charge air intercooler from Treadstone Performance, and charge air intake tube from F.S. Werks. The turbo charger is stock but has been remapped for increased performance. The engine control module (ECM) has an on board access port from Cobb Tuning that allows changes to the ECM programming. All the revised ECM tuning instructions are downloaded from Stratified Automotive Controls in Vancouver, BC. After all the aforementioned revisions, the car was run on a dynamometer where it produced 307 BHP and 370 ft. lbs. of torque on 93 octane pump gas. The car continues to meet VA state emission standards.

This car is a daily driver which carries Matt throughout Washinton, DC, Virginia and Maryland on week-day business. On weekends, it frequently travels to Skyline Drive on tours with the Washington DC Ford "ST" Club (14 members) and to Cars and Coffee meets at Fort Mead, VA.

The summer compound tires aren't practical (probably downright dangerous) for winter driving in and around Washington, so Matt has a set of the original equipment Ford "ST" 18"X8" wheels and Dunlop **235/40/18** winter sport tires. The ride height is increased for winter driving conditions and for the change in tire geometry.

How does an American built Ford performance sedan Ford relate to Little British Cars? Easy, the whole "**hot hatch**" and performance sedan culture started the UK. Ford, VW, Hyundai, BMW etc. introduce factory high performance cars in the UK **FIRST** (the Ford Focus and Fiesta "ST's" were sold in Britain 2 whole model years before they were built and sold in the U. S.

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. Historical 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
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.	13	Tour of South Jersey Leaves from Peter's Diner Williamstown, NJ 10 AM	Roadways of Gloucester & Atlantic Counties, NJ	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 my1971mgb@comcast.net
SEPT.	17	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

SWAP MEET

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; 2003 Car Trailer. 14' bed length by 6'6" width bed. Used to haul small sports cars. Dual axle with dual surge brakes (no electric controller needed). In very good shape, ready for any tow road trip.

Within the past year, I have replaced the tires, brakes, wheel bearings, and lights. Comes with a full size winch and marine battery and a small aluminum diamond plate tool box. Rear ramps slide out from underneath. Needs nothing, ready for many more years of service. \$2,100. Contact Pete 856 667 6657

FOR SALE. TR6 original steel hardtop, \$300. Like new, Moto-lita steering wheel, \$300. Bargain combo price \$500 for both. Frank 609-927-1038 anglobikes@gmail.com

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 Mertens 609 567 0557

FOR SALE: parts. I will let these go cheap, come look, and make an offer:

2 rears, 1 for wire wheels, one for bolt on wheels

1 motor, complete and worked fine when I swapped it out for a V8, been in my garage in storage for 6 or 8 years

1 motor, complete but I have had it so long I can't vouch for it working, probably not.

One or two 4 speed transmissions, non overdrive. I know one works. It came out of my 74 1/2 BGT when I pulled the motor/tranny swap for V8 swap mentioned earlier.

4 spoke wheels, good shape but painted, not chrome.

Skip Fipp Northfield NJ Wfipp@aol.com

FOR SALE. Nice cloth interior for MGB GT, but most of it will work in a roadster as well. Removed from my 73 GT. Professionally done, not exactly original but the condition makes up for it if you are not hung up on concours. You can buy all or part

2 blue cloth front seats,	\$125
1 blue back seat (both pieces),	\$ 50
2 blue door panels, 2 each of the other side panels.	\$ 50
2 blue door cappings	\$ 40

Excellent condition, only removed because I wanted an early style leather interior. The color is a very dark blue that British Leyland used in the early 70's instead of black with many colors. Ed Gaubert mgarage@comcast.net.

FOR SALE. MGA bonnet, good used condition \$300. 1956-1958 MGA 1500 transmission, splined output shaft. Used condition, inspection welcomed in Bridgeton NJ. \$100. Gary Cossaboon 856-455-8349 gcssbn@aol.com

FOR SALE. 1970 MGB roadster. Full restoration in 2005 including new paint, rebuilt engine bored .20 over with 1/4 race cam, Weber carb and Peco racing exhaust. New clutch, brakes, suspension with updated SPAX shocks, 60 spoke chrome wire wheels. Soft top in great condition, new tonneau cover. New interior panels and carpet. Garage kept, driven only 3800 miles since restoration. \$11,200 or best offer. Eric Sundberg 609-476-4239 efsun@verizon.net

WANTED. For 1974 MGB Roadster: Hardtop, soft top, roll bar, original radio. Might also be interested in other parts as well. Email with what you have and prices to Roger Leonard please: ralsr@msn.com

WANTED TIG welding outfit. Please leave message if nobody answers. Tony Delia 856-881-9638. tdelia@comcast.net

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2016 BMC Event Photo Highlights



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