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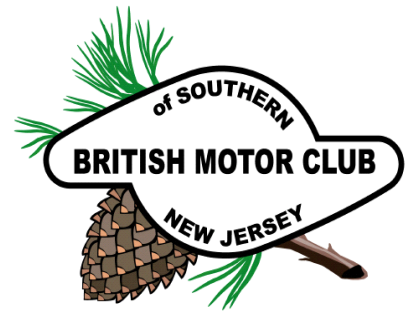
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Pumpkin Run 2016



(above) L to R Tracy & Ray Westergard's '66 MG Midget, Bruce Aydelotte's '61 Triumph TR-3A



(above) Triumph TR-6 at the Pumpkin Run



(above) MGB at the Pumpkin Run



(above) Joe Rizzo's with his '73 MGB at Fleming's Pumpkin Run

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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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OFF SIDE / NEAR SIDE is **YOUR Newsletter**.

The Editors are always looking for new material. Please submit British car related copy (or personal experiences in your LBC) for us to use in one of our six annual Newsletters. Copy should be forwarded to the Editors by the 15th of the month preceding publication. We publish in Jan, March, May, July, Sept and Nov.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ON PAGE 10

SECRETARY'S SACHEL by Tom Evans

December 20, 2016

The Triumphs are coming! The Triumphs are coming!!

The Vintage Triumph Register has announced that the VTR 2017 Convention will be held at the Princeton Forrestal Village, August 16th to August 20th in Princeton New Jersey. It will be hosted jointly by the Delaware Valley Triumph club and the New Jersey Triumph Association. Make your reservations by June 15th and receive a \$15 reduction in your entry fee. The last VTR convention in our region in 2010, hosted by DVT in Valley Forge, was a resounding success and great fun. Funkana, TSD events, Autocross, drives, drives and more drives around the Princeton/Bucks County region. Visit VTR2017.ORG for details and come out to celebrate 50 years of the GT6. We'll be there!



The annual BMCSNJ club organizational meeting was held at the Palace Diner in Berlin, NJ on November 15th at 7PM. The meeting was called to order and conducted by Bill Carroll, President, who distributed an agenda and proceeded:

- A treasurer's report was presented showing an account balance of \$4,446.40 and a Pay-Pal balance of \$546.80. 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.
- Bill explained the procedure for liquidation of the Club finances in the event of a dissolving of the Club. It was simply intended to be an explanation of our formation documents and not the intent of the leadership. The Club is healthy and intends to continue but the leadership is getting older. .
- The current board members have agreed to remain in their respective positions as follows: Bill Carroll, President/Treasurer/Membership Chair; Ed Gaubert, Vice President; Tom Evans, Secretary; Gary Warren, Harry Stridick and Jack Kontes, Directors. Contact information for each of the officers is available in each issue of Off Side/Near Side. If you wish to serve please let any of the directors or officers know.
- The 2017 event schedule was presented and discussed. The perennial events will be conducted again in the coming year with some additions and non-BMCSNJ events added. Check each issue of Off Side/Near Side for scheduled events and changes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Great things are on the way again for 2017, events, dinners and cruises. Enjoy the winter, keep the battery on "trickle" charge, oil the leather, and keep your workshop manual handy! Blwyddyn newydd dda! (Merry New Year!)

Happy Motoring

PUMPKIN RUN 2016



BMC member cars at Fleming's



Express Mail at Fleming's

On Sat. Nov. 5 longtime BMC member Sue Salsburg arranged with the Fleming's Pumpkin Run organizers to locate her travel trailer on the Fleming grounds for use by BMC Pumpkin Run attendants as a gathering spot. I was unable to attend this event due to my spine issues. Sue and BMC member Tracy Westergard took the photos you see on this page and on page 1. This event required an 8AM meet off of the Fleming's site in Egg Harbor Twp. but drew 12 BMC member cars. I was also told by those who attended this event that the parking arrangements were chaotic. Once everyone settled into their scattered parking spots they were able to hook up at Sue's trailer at some point during the day. The weather was excellent and there was about every kind of car one could imagine in attendance. The 6-71 blower equipped US mail truck was my favorite (photo on upper right).

THANKS SUE FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY AT THIS EVENT

BILL CARROLL



More BMC member cars at Fleming's Pumpkin Run

ROADKILL (internet TV series)

By BILL CARROLL

Due to the onset of bad weather, I've been spending way too much time watching TV in general and NETFLIX in particular. I came across a 55 episode internet TV series called "ROADKILL". Each episode of this series runs around 45 minutes and is hosted by two editors from HOT ROD Magazine, a "50's something" senior editor (David Freiburger) and a "30's something" writer/editor (Mike Finnegan). Episode 7 is entitled "Release the DRAGUAR, Building a Blown Jaguar".

I should back up a little bit and fill in the details of how the show works. Two Southern California hot rod guys find low priced (\$1,000 to \$ 2,500) cars and bolt on crazy "go fast" stuff and then drag race, road trip or just beat the poop out of the finished cars. In the case of this episode, they buy a '74 Jaguar XJ12 which has already been repowered with a small block (350 CID) Chevy V8. They pay \$1,000 for the car, which the sellers drove down from Washington state, in a parking lot near the San Francisco Airport.

Next comes the "go fast" part of the show. The Jaguar is then driven to the nearby retail speed shop where the hosts buy a Wieand "6-71" style blower, two 1,000 CFM Holley carbs and a bunch of other performance fixins' needed to make the car drag strip ready. Now comes the really wacky "SO-CAL" spin. The hosts then proceed to bolt on all the stuff in the parking lot of the speed shop. They then drive the car from San Francisco to Sacramento in 105 deg. heat. The show ends with the "DRAGUAR" (sans hood) on the road between Sacramento and L.A returning to Hot Rod Mag's. headquarters

Unlike other "car reality" shows (i.e. Garage Squad, Overhaulin', Gas Monkey Garage) where a group of unseen technicians do all the work off camera and the hosts step in from time to time to point out what's been done, these two guys do all the work themselves. They use tools they brought with them or have purchased from the speed shop whose parking lot they're using. The only other folks involved are 2 or 3 video techs driving a rented van or SUV. The production uses a lot of GO-PRO cameras (attached inside and outside the target car using "zip ties" and a seemingly unlimited supply of 200 MPH gaffer's tape), one shoulder held HD video camera and a drone mounted GO-PRO. Sound is done with wireless body mic.'s. Hand claps are used to sync the sound (no clapper board, no boom mic.s, no sound guy needed). The production approach is right out of Mike Rowe's "Dirty Jobs" series where everybody and everything had to fit into one rented mini van (including Rowe "the on camera talent").

These two guys get 3 to 5 days a month to make the show (usually 2 of the days are Sat. and Sun.) because they have regular jobs writing for HOT ROD Magazine. The video guys work with 2 or 3 stay in the office types needed to edit the video and audio down to a intelligible somewhat cohesive 30 to 40 minute once monthly TV show. This show was funded by HOT ROD in 2012 but within a year "Dickies" clothing signed on as a sponsor and the show is now sponsored by automaker Dodge.

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ROADKILL

See this episode by using your computer search engine, enter: ROADKILL, scroll down to ROADKILL (internet show) Wikipedia. The Wikipedia entry includes a list of all 55 episodes, scroll down to Ep. 7 and click. You'll get the "YOU TUBE" video and audio.

WARNING: if you've got a decent sized computer monitor and stereo sound, this show series can be addictive. You'll find yourself saying "I'll watch one more" 2 hours and 3 or 4 episodes later, your hooked !

David Freiburger is older than he looks on TV (late 40's early 50's). He's been with HOT ROD Magazine for 25 years, first as a writer then up the ladder as an editor, senior editor, editorial director now as Senior VP, Content for both HOT ROD and MOTOR TREND magazines. He has 1.2 million Facebook followers and almost as many on Twitter. He uses a locator app. while on the road so he can reach out for help anywhere in the U.S.. On one show they travelled north through Canada then back into the U.S. in Alaska. At the U.S. border the guard had been watching their progress on that app.. The HOT ROD Magazine Ford "Ranchero" had no trouble entering the U.S that night.

Mike Finnegan, Freiburger's co host, is in his mid 30's and is a very talented auto tech.. He and Freiburger both have great TV personalities. Over the course of 4 years and 55 TV episodes these two haven't changed one bit. Freiburger is still the flip/flop wearing SO-CAL motor head geek he was when the show started. Finnegan facial hair increases/decreases then increases again, but he still has an "aw shucks" ease on camera that can't be faked.

The thing I really like about this show is how the two hosts interact and their attitudes toward the big budget cable auto centric "reality" shows. They particularly enjoy busting on "The Fuel Simians" and how they are such big time posers. Freiburger refers to Richard Rawlings, the host of Gas Monkey Garage (GMG), as a slick haired, jewelry wearing bozo. Freiburger's enmity toward Rawlings goes back to 2015 event in Pontiac, Mich. where Hot Rod/Motor Trend and Dodge worked out a deal to construct an 1/8 mile dragstrip on the grounds of the old Silverdome just off Woodward Ave.

10,000 fans came out for the Saturday night drags. ROADKILL had their '68 Dodge Charger while Rawlings brought the GMG '72 Dodge Dart. The ROADKILL car lined up against the Gas Monkey Garage car for the single pass race. ROADKILL won the but Rawlings influenced Dodge to restrict ROADKILL from ever using any video tape from the race. ROADKILL is sponsored by Dodge as well so Freiburger and Finnegan relented knowing their relationship with Dodge was much more valuable than busting GMG's Rawlings publically. Freiburger is still restricted by Dodge from referring to Rawlings (slick hair) and Gas Monkey (fuel simian) by name as long as ROADKILL has Dodge sponsorship. Freiburger gets his digs in anyway, without running afoul of Dodge, which you can see on ROADKILL Episode 43.

Great show, check it out if you can.

Photo of Roadkill Draguar page 8

2017 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..

FEB.	25	BMC to Simeone Museum in Phila. DEMO DAY—British Beauty Contest, Sat. 11 AM Adm. fee: \$12	6825 Norwitch Drive Philadelphia, PA 19153	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 my1971mgb@comcast.net
MAR.	18	Motorcar Garage Tech. Session 10 AM Topic: TBA	42 No. Pine Street Maple Shade, NJ	Pete Cosmides 856-667-6657
APR.	22	Ted Ley Memorial Gathering @ Smithville 10 AM	US Rt.9 & CR 561 Galloway, NJ	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 my1971mgb@comcast.net
MAY	20	Monroe Twp. Historical Society British Car Show 10AM	Main Street Williamstown, NJ 08094	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676
JUNE	10 or 17	Jack Kontes' River Ranch Meet 10 AM	7 Eagle Beach Dr. Millville, NJ 08332	Jack Kontes 856-327-1607
JULY	22	Ice Cream Social @ Five Points Custard 4PM to DUSK	580 Tuckahoe Rd. East Vineland, NJ 08360	Rob Walsh robgt71@verizon.net
AUG.	19	Tour of South Jersey departs 10 AM travels to Green- wich on Delaware Bay	Meet at Peter's Diner Black Horse Pike US322 Williamstown, NJ 08094	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 my1971mgb@comcast.net
SEPT.	23	BMCSNJ Annual Show @ The Cumberland County Historical Society Craft Faire	Along Greate Street in Greenwich, NJ 08323	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676
NOV.	Tues. 14	Annual Planning Meeting Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM	Palace Diner NJ Rt. 73 Berlin, NJ 08009	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676
ITEMS IN	BOLD PRINT	ARE CONFIRMED AND HELD ON SATURDAYS UNLESS OTHER- WISE NOTED		

ITEMS BELOW ARE EVENTS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO BMC MEMBERS:

AUG.	16—20	Vintage Triumph Register National Convention	Princeton Forrestal Village Princeton, NJ 08540	Tom Evans tricar@verizon.net
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ROADKILL DRAGUAR



Freiburger and Finnegan repeated drove this car (with the hood in place) through gas station car washes to cool it down during the trip from San Francisco Airport to Sacramento and the drag strip. The hood of the Jaguar was strapped to the roof to reduce overheating on the trip home from Sacramento to the Hot Rod Mag's. L.A.. Office.

THE PHOTO BELOW IS THE CLOSEST THESE TWO GUYS COME TO A PUBLICITY SHOT

David Freiburger (on left) dressed for ROADKILL in flip flops, shorts and curved brim hat.



Mike Finnegan (on right) In skinny leg jeans, hipster sneakers and flat brimmed hat

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

SWAP MEET

FOR SALE. This one is not British, but it is offered by a long time BMC member who owns and appreciates a variety of British cars, so there it must have some British character:

2001 VW Beetle Turbo S. This model was made for only one year and includes a 6 speed transmission, leather interior, sunroof, and current inspection. About 85,000 miles, in good overall condition. See the photo at bottom of this page. It would make a good commuter car, or first car for your child or grandchild who you don't want driving your classic just yet. Contact Gary Warren 609-247-3499 or garswc@yahoo.com

FOR SALE. MGA parts, new and used. 1955 through 1961 including 1500, 1600 and MkII. Located in Bridgeton. Contact Gary. Gcssbn at aol dot com or 856-455-eight34nine

FOR SALE. 1976 MGB with just over 21,000 miles... (**that is NOT a typo!!**). Stored mostly inside, forever. It appears that both rear quarters, probably the whole car, was repainted some time ago. I only wiped the hood, trunk and top of the fenders off with a damp cloth. This will polish up much nicer. The engine compartment has not been touched. Slight scrape, left, lower, quarter while in storage. See photo at the top of page 11 of this newsletter.

She's super solid and straight, with a little surface rust. A weber downdraft and header conversion was installed years ago. Aftermarket hardtop, new master cylinder and brake work, clutch needs hydraulics checked. New side chrome and mirrors included. Has the jack, tonneau and boot covers. No convertible top, but it has a nice top frame.

She needs a good weekend and a few new interior bits to make her outstanding. The tires are dry rotted and not safe from sitting all of those years. \$6,000 Contact Joe 609-518-0878 or j.chilbert@verizon.net

FOR SALE. 1976 TR6. Mimosa Yellow with 23,000 miles on a rebuilt engine. All systems work perfectly. Just about every component has been replaced or rebuilt including new wiring harness, stainless steel exhaust, rebuilt carburetors, rebuilt distributor, new water pump and alternator, and rebuilt transmission with overdrive. Brand new Michelin redline tires with less than 200 miles use. Award winner at both the local and national level. Asking \$21,000.

Contact Stuart at 609-457-0417 or drstuart@comcast.net

FOR RENT— COMDOMINIUM: Two bedroom, two complete bath, washer and dryer. Located in Voorhees Town Center area. CALL STEVE POSET 856-767-9551.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Jan./Feb. issue is always difficult to fill with relevant BMC content. This issue is no exception so you'll see things here which are not directly related to BMC events. This issue will be a milestone of sorts because it'll be last Jan./Feb. issue I'll edit. Starting in 2018 there will be no Jan./Feb. issue. Instead, there will be a July issue and a separate August issue rather than the combined July/Aug. issue we've published in the past. This change results in the same number of issues per year (6) but with different publishing dates.

BILL CARROLL, BMC PRESIDENT

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Member count (12/23/16): 158

NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Bares, '55 MGTF 1500, Cape May, NJ

Martha Stem, '78 Triumph Spitfire, Cherry Hill, NJ



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PHOTO OF '76 MGB FROM AD ON PAGE 9



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