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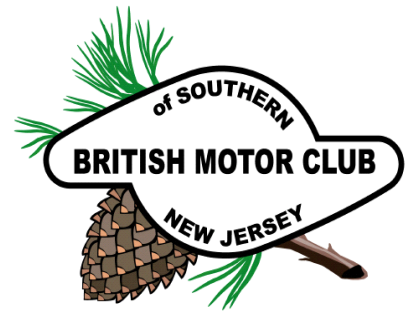
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BMC Membership Meetings are held at each of our events. Our current schedule can be seen in the “Calendar of Events” in this newsletter or at our website: BMCSNJ.org.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a couple of busy months since the last issue of OFFSIDE/NEARSIDE. A late March snow-fall didn't dampen British car owners' enthusiasm for talking tech. 30+ folks attended Pete Cosmides' Tech Session from all the Brit Car clubs in South-eastern PA. and Southern New Jersey.

Ted Lane's Early Spring Chili-fest, on Saturday April 4th, brought out 30+ BMC members, member's family and friends on a cold but clear day. The following Saturday the 11th saw warmer but windy weather at Smithville. BMC members opened their wallets (beat down the moths) and contributed \$500 to Samarian Hospice which was matched by the BMC treasury.

Coming up on Saturday May 9th will be the 2nd Annual British Car Show in Williamstown where the Monroe Twp., NJ Historical Society welcomes us in colonial garb to a nicely shaded show lot.

Subject to confirmation, BMC will return to Jack Kontes' river side ranch after a long hiatus on Saturday June 13. Watch for a confirming E-mail blast early in June.

The BMC Ice Cream Social has been confirmed for Sat. July 25 (6 PM) at the Five Points Custard Stand in East Vineland. I'm looking forward to our only evening event.

I expect our luck to hold throughout the warm months based on our rain free success with both the Ted Lane and Smithville events. I'll keep doing what I've been doing, you guys keep coming out !!!

I had to E-mail Pete Cosmides for advise on my '71 MGB. I described how the car ran fine for it's usual spring warm up run but began to misfire badly after about a 10 minute drive. Pete E-mailed back and suggested I change the ignition condenser, which I did. All the misfiring went away and the car runs as well as it ever has. THANKS PETE !!!!

Describing an ignition condenser to the 20 something auto store counter guy was an experience. He ended up bringing out the whole stock of ignition condensers on hand in the store: **ALL 4 OF THEM.** One had a bracket welded to it which wouldn't fit but I bought all 3 of those left (which were mounted using a round clamp) \$17.00. I figured 3 would keep me going for a while.

See you in Williamstown !!!

BILL CARROLL, PRESIDENT

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

MEMBER COUNT (as of 4/22/15): 161

NEW MEMBERS

Frank Cielo '78 MGB Voorhees, NJ
Nick Rago '65 A-H Sprite Egg Harbor Twp., NJ

Last year's Treasurer's Report is reprinted below:

BMCSNJ TREASURER'S REPORT – CALENDER 2014

OPENING BALANCE (1/1/14) - \$ 3,002.00

EXPENSES

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| Newsletter (print and post) | \$ 493.00 |
| Events | 1,288.00 |
| Misc. (3 grille badges) | 38.00 |
| | \$ 1,819.00 |

REVENUE

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Dues & Events * | \$ 2,267.00 |
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CLOSING BALANCE (12/31/14) - \$ 3,450.00

ADDITIONAL ASSETS (PAY-PAL BAL. - 12/31/14) \$ 330.00

*Includes \$ 450.00 transfer from Pay-Pal

Any comments or questions on the Treasurer's Report should be forwarded to Bill Carroll, BMC Treasurer

Members enjoying Ted Lane's Chili and sharing winter motoring experiences. 30+ members and friends attended this year's Chili-fest at Ted's Newfield home.



On Saturday April 4th more than 30 BMC members, friends and family gathered at Ted Lane's home to celebrate the arrival of spring. Ted had a generous supply his superb chili, with other tasty accoutrements, which was enjoyed by all in attendance. Sue Salsburg brought a generous supply of brownies and Eric Sunberg brought his '57 MGA on it's maiden voyage (photo on pg. 1 and below left).

The weather was cold and breezy resulting in a low turn out of British cars (14) but friends and family of members turned out in force. My son Matthew and I arrived in his 2014 Ford Focus "ST" and Sue Salsburg and Dave Aron drove their newly acquired Ford Fiesta hatchback complete with roll bar and other equipment needed for track and hill climb competition. The Ford Focus "ST" allows owners a wide variety of dealer and after market performance upgrades. My son's example has 10 in. wide by 18 in. diameter wheels wearing low profile Good-year "summer compound" wheelhouse filling tires which were just installed the day before. The stock wheels and tires, with all season tread, are stored away until next fall. Matt's "ST" has an after market **British made** high flow stainless steel exhaust system and a Canadian made upsized charge air cooler. The engine control module has had its software remapped to maximize the turbo output which brings engine output from the "ST" stock 245 to **295 BHP**. The car handles like it's on rails and is scary fast.

The "belle of the ball" was, by far, Eric Sunberg's newly launched '57 MGA. The gray paint finish was still undergoing its final buffing but even at an incomplete stage, the paint looked great. A black canvas top over the gray body resting on chrome wire wheels makes this MGA a standout. I'm sure Eric will turn heads on the road and on the show field with this car.

Ted's project Austin MINI body was away at the paint shop. The rear suspension sub-frame and the front cradle with engine, transmission and suspension sat on the shop floor awaiting the return of the body. These two components were fully detailed and ready to be married to the body upon its return. There'll be photos and an update on progress from TED & GARY in the JULY/AUG newsletter

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Eric Sunberg's '57 MGA (below)



Ted Lane's '71 650CC Triumph Bonneville BOBBER



More photos from Ted Lane's Chili-fest

Chris Roberts' '68 MGC



Frank Coccolione's '61 MGA with Brooklands style windscreen



Ted Lane's '70 apple jack green Austin MINI



Gary Warren is thinking "there's something familiar about this car". Stuart Honick's '76 triumph TR-6



The "ENGINE ROOM" of Ted Lane's Austin MINI



Another view of Frank Coccolione's beautiful MGA



The Third Annual Ted Ley Memorial Gathering at Smithville to benefit Samaritan Hospice



Bill Carroll and owner Ron Ralston with his '53 MGTD

Clear skies but cool and windy weather greeted our Saturday April 11th event at Smithville. 23 cars took part in our gathering for charity, 5 of which from our northern friends of the Positive Earth Driver's Club. BMC's charity, Samaritan Hospice, provided end of life care for member Ted Ley. This was the 3rd year BMC members have gathered to memorialize Ted. Contributions from event participants and donations to Samaritan Hospice by BMC members who couldn't make it to Smithville totaled \$500. The BMC treasury matched that amount for a total gift of \$1,000.

Samaritan Hospice was represented by their Development Director Marcy DiBlasio who's husband took many of the photos featured in this article. The Smithville management only set aside 18 parking spaces for us this year which was far short of their previous allotment of 30 spaces in past years. They claimed the discrepancy was due to their set up man running out of cones. We just stacked cars into the center lane to make up the shortage.

Bill Carroll presenting BMC's gift of \$1,000 to Marcy DiBlasio of Samaritan Hospice

An Austin America 1100 at Smithville brought by a member of the Positive Earth Driver's Club



More photos from Smithville



Eddie's Restorations "LEAD SLED" '63 Jaguar E-type



Cars stacked into the center lane at Smithville (above L & R). Ron Ralston's MGTD is just out of frame behind the Jaguar and the Eddie's LEAD SLED E-type parked on the far side of the red A-H Sprite upon arrival. Smithville management didn't set enough spaces for us so made due.

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 |
|-------|------|--|--|--|
| MARCH | 21 | Motorcar Garage Tech. Session - Inspections 10 AM | 42 North Pine St. Maple Shade, NJ 08052 | Pete Cosmides 856-667-6657 |
| APRIL | 4 | Early Spring Chili Fest hosted by Ted Lane 11 AM | 1318 Columbia Ave. Newfield, NJ 08344 | Ted Lane 856-691-6631 |
| APRIL | 11 | 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 | 9 | Williamstown Show 10 AM BMC & Monroe Twp. Historical Society | 313 South Main St. Williamstown, NJ 08094 | Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 |
| JUNE | 13* | Jack Kontes River Ranch Meet * rain June 20 11 AM | 7 Eagle Beach Drive Millville, NJ 08332 | Jack Kontes 856-327-1607 |
| JULY | 25 | BMC's Ice Cream Social Maplewood Custard Stand 6 PM— 8:30 PM | 580 Tuckahoe Road Vineland, NJ 08360 | Rob Walsh robgt71@verizon.net |
| AUG. | 15 | Tour of South Jersey Leaves from Peter's Diner Williamstown, NJ 10 AM | Roadways of Gloucester, Cumberland & Salem Cty's | Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 my1971mgb@comcast.net |
| SEPT. | 19 | BMC Annual Show 10 AM | New Jersey Motorsports Lightning Track Millville, NJ | Ted Lane 856-691-6631 lanead@comcast.net |
| NOV. | 7 | Motorcar Garage Swap Meet 10 AM | 42 North Pine St. Maple Shade, NJ 08052 | Pete Cosmides 856-667-6657 |
| NOV. | 17 | BMC Annual Planning Meeting (Tues. night-6 PM) | Palace Diner 100 North Rt. 73 Berlin, NJ | Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 my1971mgb@comcast.net |
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OTHER BRITISH CAR EVENTS

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| SEPT. | 10 thru 13 | Six Pack Trials Garden State 6 PACK TR-6 & TR-250 Owner's Club | Stockton Seaview Hotel 401 S. New York Rd. Absecon, NJ | Dr. Stuart Honick 609-457-0417 drhonick@gofeet.com |
| OCT. | 10 or 17 | Brits at Peddler's Village | US Rt. 202 & PA Rt. 263 Lahaska, PA | phillymgbclub.com |



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: 1977 MG Midget, 44,710 miles, refurbished engine, electrics and bumpers. All new brakes. Original jack. Engine work performed by Henk Geurds retired race mechanic for Colin Chapman (*the LOTUS Colin Chapman*). Solid body and frame. \$5,400 Call: GABE 856-264-3191

FOR SALE: Weber Carb. with auto choke \$250 will consider offers, used approx. 1,000 miles
Contact: Tom 609-408-9353

FOR SALE: British Car Magazines. A whole bunch of "MINI World" and "MINI Magazine" copies, plus "British FORD" magazines. \$2 each or make an offer on the whole box or boxes. You may have to help me dig through my storage unit to find what you like. Contact Lee: 856-495-3875 or on E-mail: leesonic@comcast.net

FOR SALE: MGB parts. Will let go cheap, come look and make an offer:

- 2 rears axles: 1 for wire wheels, 1 for bolt on wheels
- 1 motor, complete and ran when removed for V-8 swap but in my garage for 6 or so years
- 1 motor, complete but I've had it so long I can't vouch for it's ability to run
- 1 or 2 non overdrive trans.. One definitely working when it was pulled out for the V8 swap
- 4 painted wire wheels (not chromed)

Contact: Skip Fipp Northfield, NJ E-mail: Wfipp@aol.com

FOR SALE: Mk III Healy bonnet, straight, solid, surface rust but good usable piece: \$200
Triumph TR-4/4A motor, long block, in dry storage for years \$400
Good used alternator for MG Midget/Sprite, MINI \$20
New heater core for MG Midget/Sprite, MINI \$40
Original SHOP MANUALS for Jaguar, MG, MG Midget/Sprite and Triumph \$10 to \$25

Contact: Ted Lane: 609-774-2194 E-mail: lanead@comcast.net

FOR SALE: 1960 Austin Healey 3000 (model BT7 2+2). The car is a nice condition daily driver not a show car. Restored in the late 90's by the Rolls-Royce mechanic father (Tony) of race car driver Paul Tracy in Toronto, CA. The entire drive train was rebuilt during the restoration and is now set up to run on unleaded gas. Electrical system including overdrive are very sound. The car includes a new (never used in 14 years) top, side curtains and tonneau cover. New carpets throughout over a straight and solid chassis. The car has been garage kept all 14 years of my ownership. A large collection of spare parts and manuals are included. There is also a complete New Old Stock interior kit which I never found the time to install. Asking \$32,000

Contact: Richard Hall: 908-872-3018 (Flemington, NJ) E-mail: richard.j.hall@comcast.net

WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED
I am in search of a clean, well sorted Morgan 4/4, Plus 4, Plus 8 or Big Healey. Hoping for a good driver or older restoration that would be for sale locally. If you have one or know of one in our area, I'd be grateful for the connection. Contact: Chris Scarfario at 609-289-2893 or via highoctanesj@gmail.com THANKS and happy motoring

Pete Cosmides Motorcar Garage Annual TECH. SESSION: Safety & Reliability Inspections

Pete Cosmides hosted the annual multi club technical advisory session on Sat. March 21 at his Motorcar Garage in Maple Shade, NJ. 30+ individuals were present from the Positive Earth Driver's Club, Philadelphia MG Club, Delaware Valley Triumph Club, Philadelphia Jaguar Club and from the British Motor Club of Southern New Jersey. Pete reviewed methods of inspecting specific British cars to insure safety and reliability.

A number of notable projects were viewed at the Motorcar Garage. A '58 MGA "body off" restoration was on-going. The completed rolling chassis, with a beautifully applied powder coat finish, was awaiting it's marriage to an immaculately painted white body (photo on pg. 11). A red MGTD was awaiting pick up by its owner after "get ready" preparation by Pete. Also a green Triumph TR-4 was present whose owner is incrementally making it ready. If you are interested in buying this TR-4, contact Pete.

A row of 4 MGB roadster "parts cars" resides on Pete's property from which parts are available. Contact Pete, or stop by during business hours, if you have a need for used MGB parts.

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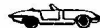
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Some of the 30+ folks attending Pete Cosmides' Motorcar Garage TECH. SESSION



BMC member Mel Baida's '58 MGA undergoing body off restoration @ Motorcar Garage

Getting an aging British car ready for a driving season of safe, trouble free operation was discussed in detail. Safety essentials: 1.) brakes 2.) fuel system 3.) steering 4.) suspension 5.) exterior lighting. Tire safety was briefly discussed but due to no expert consensus of what is a safe tire, it was left to each person to make their own judgment. Reliability essentials: 1.) charging system 2.) clutch, trans. & driveline 3.) starter 4.) ignition 5.) wheel bearings.

Thorough visual inspection and defect correction on all of the above points will result in safe, trouble free motoring however one cannot substitute any/all of the above for a fully charged cell phone and a valid triple-A card for dealing with the unexpected. More Safety & Reliability tech. info, directly from Pete, will appear in the JULY/AUG newsletter.

BILL CARROLL



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