



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**  
**of the**  
**Bluewater British Car Club**

**NOVEMBER, 2017**

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**FALL WHITE HORSE INN TOUR**

**Fall Colors as seen through the Eyes of a Conscientious Navigator...**

Florrie-the-Navigator didn't get to see the Fall color - not even the dead twigs; she was too occupied reading black print on white pages. From which, she... navigated...

Wow - look at those golden weeping willows!

"0.5 miles - Turn left onto Capac Rd".

Oh my gosh, beautiful burgundy burnished beeches and oaks too, clothed in copper!

"0.3 miles - Turn left onto Bryce Rd"

Massive multicolored maples lining the lanes of lethargic little localities - seemingly uninhabited save for the occasional proudly-decorated porch with perky pumpkins - with their cheeks all aglow.

"Calkins Rd turns slightly left and becomes Crawford Rd - 479 feet". ' Missed this one - ' busy looking at the trees!

"Continue onto E High St - Destination will be on the right. 0.3 miles." And it was!

Whitehorse Inn, the Glorious goal of our solstice sojourn was most impressive with it's beautifully inlaid intricate wood floors and colorful history. It is one of the oldest original buildings in the city. Making its debut as a general store in 1848, Lorenzo Hoard bought the building two years later and converted it into an inn, which he renamed the Hoard House. The Hoard House served as a welcoming rest stop for weary travelers, coming by stagecoach or train, where they could get a good night's sleep and a hearty dinner of boiled mutton, oyster sauce and a draft of beer for 10 cents. From 1929 to 2012, The White Horse Inn remained Michigan's oldest restaurant, but had become rundown throughout the years. Longtime Metamora residents Linda Egeland and Victor Dzenowagis purchased and rebuilt The White Horse Inn, reinvigorating the building, architecture and menu for the 21st century.

We could not have asked for better weather. Blue skies and balmy temps. Ideal for mid-October. But too many brilliantly-colored leaves covering all the precious dead twigs we had sought.

*Florrie & Allen.*





## *Bluewater British Car Club Minutes*



**Date: October 11, 2017.**

**Number of Members present:** Dinner: 8; Meeting: 11

**Location:** Stokes Bay, Sarnia, ON

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:** Secretary, Sandra Cronk

1. **Call to order:** President, Allen Bachelder, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 13, 2017 meeting.**  
Correction to the Spanner Minutes under "Announcements": next meeting will be October 11th, not November 8th.  
A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Mark Jones and seconded by Alan Cronk. It was carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Roy Overton, reported Income: none. Expenses: Donation to the Humane Society for \$35.00 on behalf of Aline and Michael Walton. Balance: \$798.17. There being no questions, the President stated that the report of the Treasurer will be filed.
4. **Past Events:** None were reported.
5. **Upcoming Events/New Business:**
  - 1) **Saturday, October 21: drive to the Whitehorse Tavern, Metamora, Michigan.** So far the Bachelders, Cronks, Jones and Gildners have indicated they plan to go. Allen will send out another notice to members in hopes more people will join us.
  - 2) **November suggestion** by Mark Jones: a drive to the Bayside Brewery Company in Erieau, ON on Lake Erie. They have a lovely pub overlooking the lake. We are tentatively looking at the hour and a half drive for Saturday, November 18th. Byron added that the owner is also a car collector and when he spoke to him, he was willing to show it to us. Mark will look into this.
  - 3) **AGM:** Mark and Judy Jones have offered to host this meeting. Tentative date is Saturday, January 20, 2018. We are encouraging members to sign up for a month, that they will plan an event for.
  - 4) **Sunday, December 3, Christmas Brunch** at the Holiday Inn, Bridges Restaurant: Kim has confirmed our reservation for noon on that date.
  - 5) Roy Overton suggested that perhaps next year we could have an event with the BAHC, like a scavenger hunt, with members of each Club sitting down together to plan it.
  - 6) Alan Cutcher suggested that we could have Rock, owner of the Atrium Restaurant in Port Huron, talk about the Fenian uprising. (Between 1866 and 1871, the **Fenian raids** of the [Fenian Brotherhood](#), an [Irish Republican](#) organization based in the [United States](#), on [British army](#) forts, customs posts and other targets in [Canada](#), were fought to bring pressure on [Britain](#) to withdraw from [Ireland](#). There were five Fenian raids of note and all of them ended in failure.) This is an event we could do in **June or July**.
  - 7) **Bill Sherk, author of Old Car Detective**, is hoping to publish stories of people's cars in 20 papers in the next year. Please consider sending your story to him.
  - 8) Member, Pauline Daugharty, has moved from Port Huron to her son, Steed Cutcher's home in Georgia. She would appreciate notes and cards. You can send them to her email address: [paulinedaugharty45@gmail.com](mailto:paulinedaugharty45@gmail.com) or to her new address: Pauline Daugharty, 502 Early St., Springfield, GA 31329
6. **Announcements:** Our next meeting will be November 8th at Stokes Bay, Sarnia, ON
7. **Adjournment:** Florrie Bachelder moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. It was seconded by Roy Overton and carried.

### The Bluewater British Car Club

promotes interest in acquiring, driving, maintaining, and restoring all makes of **British Cars**.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in British cars. Meetings are held monthly, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, at Stokes By The Bay, 6:00 dinner, meeting 7:30 P.M. In addition, monthly club, driving and social events are scheduled throughout the year.

#### 2017 Club Executive

<b>President: Allen Bachelder</b>	<b>810 824-4188</b>
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<b>Treasurer: Roy Overton,</b>	<b>519 332-3449</b>
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### The Spanner

...is the monthly newsletter of the BBCC.

Articles, pictures, ideas, etc. are welcomed and are to be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Forward items to:

**Byron Warwick.**

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## Presidential Prattle...

By Allen Bachelder  
NOVEMBER, 2017



It's been a busy and entertaining month here at *Spring Creek Home for Wayward MGs!* So much to share and not a lot of time and space in which to do it. Our October meeting marked our annual return to Stokes on the Bay. It's sort of like migration of the birds – we've had our summer fling, now it's time to hole up somewhere where it's warm for the winter. Haven't we had a wonderful season! For every event that you supported and attended, your club cabinet is grateful. We hope you've had as much fun as we have.

And this year we have a pleasant surprise – cooked up by Mark Jones – for your mid-November pleasure. We'll leave Corunna at 10 AM on Saturday the 18th and drive to Erieau and the Bayside Brewing Company for a great lunch followed by a tour of the owner's vintage car collection. You've already had email notice from Mark and Byron. The next step is to make that commitment. Mark has invited BAHC but regrettably, this date coincides with their AGM, so we cannot look forward to their usual generous support of our events. See ya'll there, right? Right!

Speaking of BAHC, we had lots of their support for our Fall Dead Twig Tour to Metamora, Michigan, and luncheon at the White Horse Inn. We heard lots of raves about the Inn – 'Hope all enjoyed it as much as we did. Regrettably, we only had time for a sneak peek at the Seven Ponds Nature Center at Dryden. It really looks like an attractive venue for a future club event next year. Stay tuned!



While at Seven Ponds, we did capture this picture – nine cars! And where else in the US would you ever find not one, but two MGFs in the same picture? Outside of a NAMGBR convention?



In the meantime Allen's '65 MGB project got a fresh coat of paint this month, followed by an outrageously generous visit from a great MG friend from San Francisco. If you ever run across a guy who wants to fly 2000 miles just to help you work on your LBC, his name is Mike Jacobsen and he actually does what he promises. 1965 B is starting to look like a car. It has doors and now it has at least some wiring! Also, many thanks to BAHC's Rob Drope who helped me get those new doors to open *and* close. We have a going bet with Rob – which insures that we keep making progress on this car. He first saw it nearly 25 years ago just after I had completely stripped it down to the bare body shell. Then he told me that cars stripped down *that* far rarely, if ever, get put back together. So now I *have* to finish it just to prove Rob wrong. I don't know which is more difficult: finishing the car, or proving Rob wrong – about anything! My friendship with Rob is a perfect metaphor for our two clubs... Really close friends! Just as Florrie and Henny have been – since eighth grade!

‘ See you on the road...

Those attending the tour to the White Horse Inn are:

Dave Gildner, Mike Widdowson, Bruce & Dale Scott, Herb Burdett, Duane & Janet Smith, Rob & Henny Drope, Bill & Jackie Vandenheuval, Al & Sandra Cronk, Mark & Judy Jones, Allen & Florrie Bachelder.



**Calendar  
Of Upcoming  
Events**



**CALENDAR of EVENTS  
2017**

- November**  
 8 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay  
 Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.  
 18 Drive to Bayside Brewery, Pub and  
 Restaurant, Erieanu, ON. Mark Jones.  
**December**  
 3 Christmas Luncheon at The Holiday  
 Inn, Bridges Restaurant, Kim & Laura  
 NO MONTHLY MEETING

**2018**

- January**  
 No Monthly Meeting  
 20 **Annual General Meeting** at Mark  
 and Judy Jones, Corunna, ON  
**February**  
 14 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay  
 Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.  
**March**  
 14 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay  
 Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.  
**April**  
 11 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay  
 Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.  
 22 Ancaster British Car Flea Market and  
 Car Show  
**May**  
 9 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay  
 Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.  
 19 Drive and lunch at the King Edward.  
**June**  
 13 Monthly meeting TBA  
 Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.  
**July**  
 11 Monthly meeting at TBA  
 Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.  
 15? Hobbyfest, Sarnia  
**August**  
 8 Monthly meeting at TBA Dinner  
 at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.  
**September**  
 12 Monthly meeting at TBA Dinner  
 at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

**DRIVE AND DINE AT ERIEANU**  
 Join us for a fall drive to...



**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18TH**  
 Leaving from the No Frills parking lot  
 Lyndock Street South, Corunna  
 at 10:00 AM

*Car pooling is encouraged.*  
*Tour of the brewery is included.*  
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 by November 8th

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By David B Kelley

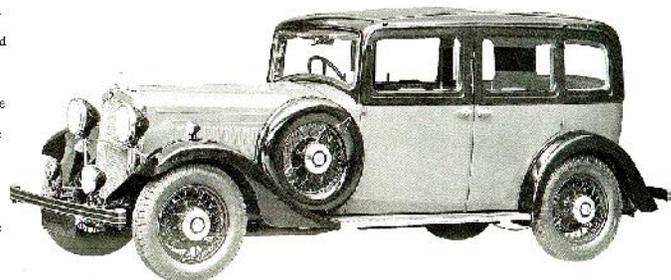
## SUNBEAM RAPIER AND ALPINE - 1967-76

Although the Sunbeam Rapier looked sporty with its pillarless coupé construction it was little more than a prettier Hillman Hunter. Later Sunbeam, had become part of Chrysler. This car looked too much like the Plymouth Barracuda. The ultimate version of the Rapier was Holbay tuned H120, a pair of twin-choke carburetors and styling changes such as Rostyle wheels and a bootlid spoiler to make it stand out. The Alpine was a more downmarket, affordable version of the Rapier it used a single carburettor engine, less equipment and lower performance. Total production: 46,204.



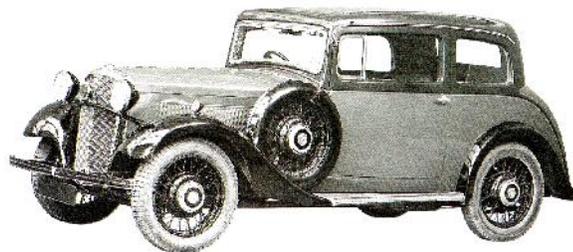
## MORRIS COWLEY - 1927-35

The Bullnose became a flatnose in 1927. This year Morris was updated with a new chassis, suspension and brakes. The mechanics remained unchanged from previous models. New bodies were introduced including all-steel ones built to an American design. In 1935 the car was also renamed the 12/4 for 2 years. There was also a six-cylinder 1938cc Cowley Six, like the four-cylinder Cowley was renamed in 1935 to 15/6. The Cowley was revived in the 1950's



## MORRIS OXFORD - 1930-35

Morris introduced its elegant six-cylinder ISIS model in 1929, with a 2468cc overhead camshaft engine and very advanced styling. The Oxford Six had a 1938cc engine and hydraulic brakes. Over 15,500 autos were sold in the first year. In 1932 a Sports Coupé joined the line up. A bigger 2062cc was adopted in 1933. Again the Oxford was changed for 1934 with new chassis and a synchromesh four-speed. In 1935 the Oxford name was retired and the renamed Morris 16. Production: 38,590.



## MORRIS MARINA - 1971-80

The Marina came as rear wheel drive and suspension based on the Minor. Two body versions were available, a saloon and a coupé. An estate appeared in 1972. The engine power was from a 2375cc, A-series unit or a 1798cc B-series version. The B-series autos were faster than an MGB, suffered from severe understeer on corners. In 1978 the Marina was reworked inside and out, but kept the same body shell. The Marina was replaced by the ITAL in 1980 and restyled by Italian designer, Giugiaro. Engine 1798cc 4 cylinder producing 95 bhp. Top speed 100 mph. Producing total: 953,576.





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