



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
of the
Bluewater British Car Club

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BRITISH CARS – Roy Overton

I have had my Mini Cooper for over four years and I have decided to pass the car over to the family. When filling out the transfer forms, I realized that for the first time in nearly 70 years, I will not have a British car (or a manual transmission) in my “stable”

My first car in England (which I exchanged for my 4th motorcycle) was a Morris E type convertible. This was followed in a few years by a Hillman Minx. When I came to Canada, my initial transportation was an Austin A 40 but it wasn't long before I had a North American car. However, as I was working shift work at the time, Margaret needed transportation and I purchased a Morris Minor for \$90 and drove it off the lot! A second Morris



followed a few years later.



My next car was a Jaguar MK II, which I thoroughly enjoyed. We replaced the Morris with a succession of 3 Austin Mini's, two being Countryman style, one a “Woody”

My next British cars were three MG B's which I had for the next 30 years. That's 13 cars, and I enjoyed everyone - many memories!

The cars below were sourced from the internet, but are typical models of Roy's cars, Ed.

Hillman Minx



Austin A 40



MGB





Bluewater British Car Club Minutes



Date: **September 12, 2018.**

Number of Members present: Dinner: 10; Meeting: 14

Location: Stokes Bay, Sarnia, Ontario.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Secretary, Sandra Cronk

1. Call to order: President, Allen Bachelder, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the **August 8, 2018** meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Alan Cutcher and seconded by Mark Jones. It was carried.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Roy Overton, reported
Income: none; Expenses: none; Balance: \$619.44; Questions: none

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Glen Carson, seconded by Alan Cutcher and carried.

4. Unfinished Business/Past Events:

1) Eric Kernohan thanked the Club for the \$30.00 gift card given to him to help with expenses when he hosted the June Monthly Meeting at his cottage. He said he likes to entertain his friends, so the remuneration was not necessary, but appreciated.

5. New Business/Upcoming Events:

1) **Saturday, October 13th Fall Tour:** The Bachelders are planning to meet and leave the Lowe's parking lot in Port Huron at 11:30 a.m., drive to Lexington for a beer and wine tasting at noon, lunch at the Windjammer Restaurant about 1 to 1:30 p.m. with shopping in town afterwards. Please let them know if you plan to go.

2) Roy Overton reported that five members have not renewed their memberships. Byron sent out notices to them and learned that Steve Roode is ill and Brian Gormley is very ill. He will continue to send the Spanner to them, but not the others.

3) **Sunday, December 2nd Christmas Brunch** is being held at "Freighter's Restaurant" (the old Thomas Edison Inn) in Port Huron.

4) Roy Overton suggested that we could hold a Monthly Meeting dinner at Purdy's Fisheries with our meeting being held in Canatara Park. There was favourable response to this idea.

5) Byron Warwick, as editor of the Spanner and events co-ordinator, expressed his extreme disappointment and frustration with the lack of interest the Club has shown toward Club functions and the monthly newsletter. He stated that our memberships have fallen from 50, to less than half that, and where there were many enthusiastic participants in the past, we have too few now to warrant his spending 24 to 25 hours a month producing the Spanner. Nevertheless, he has agreed to continue the publication for the balance of this year, with a minimum number of pages (probably 4 instead of 10), and then resign from this job which he has held for 12 to 13 years. Byron is also willing to help anybody who wishes to take over his position with the editing software that the Club has. After this presentation, Byron and Barb left the meeting.

6. Announcements: Our next meeting will be October 10th at Stokes Bay.

7. Adjournment: Mark Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. It was seconded by Eric Kernohan 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 2nd 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.

2018 Club Executive

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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 20th of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

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Presidential Prattle...



*By Allen Bachelder
October, 2018*

October already. Weren't we just getting our cars out for summer cruising? I am writing this from Blacksburg Virginia, USA, where we are spending the weekend at Virginia Tech's annual Trumpet Festival. ' Have heard the stunning Virginia Tech Jazz Ensemble and guest artists of international repute inspiring us with stunning technique, beautiful sound, and passionate artistry. All in support of a trumpet scholarship fund named in my honor back about a dozen years ago.

This Southwest Virginia landscape is the land of downshifting. Curving hilly roads abound. The Blue Ridge Parkway wends this way through the Appalachian mountains. There are no straight level roads anywhere. Our British sports cars were born for this kind of motoring.

It would be heaven to be at the wheel of any of my MGs down here right now. But alas, we had a bulky and heavy music library to tote down here and only the van was suitable. Next time it will be an MG.

Most of you know that our club is suffering through some hard times. We have some necessary administrative positions recently vacated, We need some new faces running things. Desperately! So what are *we* going to do about it? Anybody ready to step up?

Should we assign each member to plan one event for each club year? Planning an event is not difficult, you know. Just answer a few questions – for yourself as well as other club members:

-)] Where? Choose a destination. What prior arrangements/commitments must be made?
-)] When? Choose a date and time.
-)] Route? Choose a meeting place and a route. Will it be "follow the leader" or will each driver have map and/or directions, or both?
-)] How long should it take: at the destination and overall?
-)] Put out an announcement; the earlier the better, but if earlier, be sure to follow up.
-)] Arrange channels of communication as questions will come up.

There! Now that isn't hard is it? Driving a vintage British car is an adventure. If there is a screw-up on the way, that's part of the adventure, right? Nobody gets excited about it.

I mean it, folks, your club really *needs you* – it needs *all* of us. Call (810-824-4188) or email bachldrs@comcast.net to volunteer.

' See you on the road!



Calendar Of Upcoming Events



CALENDAR of EVENTS 2017

October

- 10 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
- 16 Fall Colour Drive hosted by the Bachelders, Port Huron Area

November

- 14 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

December

- 2 Christmas Brunch at the Freighter's Restaurant, (Formerly the Thomas Edison Inn), in Port Huron, MI. Hosts, Allen and Florrie

Fall Tour Saturday, October 13, 2018

Leave from the Lowes parking lot in Port Huron at 11:30 AM

Join with Allen and Florrie, "The Bachelders", on a congenial tour to a wine and beer brew pub, in the Lexington area for a beer or wine tasting at noon.

Then take the drive to the Windjammer Restaurant about 1 to 1:30 p.m. for a late lunch.

Shopping in town afterwards.

Please let them know if you plan to go.

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