



# THE SPANNER

Monthly Journal of the Bluewater British Car Club

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The Spanner is the monthly newsletter of the BCC.

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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The Bluewater British Car Club promotes interest in acquiring, driving, maintaining, and restoring all makes of British, *and now European Cars.*

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in British and European cars.

Meetings are held monthly, every 2nd Wednesday, 6:00 dinner, meeting 7:30 P.M. In addition, monthly club, driving and social events are scheduled throughout the year.

**2018 Club Executive**

President: Vacant

Vice Pres: Mark Jones, [mowog73@gmail.com](mailto:mowog73@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Roy Overton, [roverton@cogeco.ca](mailto:roverton@cogeco.ca)

Secretary: Sandra Cronk,  
[cronks@soulreflections.ca](mailto:cronks@soulreflections.ca)

## *Bluewater British Car Club Minutes*

Date: **November 13, 2019.**

Number of Members present: Dinner: 13; Meeting: 15

Location: Paddy Flaherty's Irish Pub, Sarnia

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Secretary, Sandra Cronk

1. Call to order: Treasurer, Roy Overton, called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the **October 9, 2019** meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Steve Roode and seconded by Michael Cromwell. It was carried.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Roy Overton, reported  
Income: \$20.00, one membership - Janet & Michael Kurasz  
Expenses: none  
Balance: \$861.89  
Questions: none



A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Janet Kurasz, seconded by Michael Kurasz and carried.

4. Unfinished Business/Past Events:

1) **October 12th: The Fall Tour to Metamora** had a great turnout: three cars from the BBCC and three cars from the BAHC. It was a lovely day for a drive and a walk in the woods.

2) **November 2nd: Tour of the Morris Car Museum** in Thamesford. 7 cars and 13 people from the BBCC joined members of the British Sports Car Club of London for the tour.

5. New Business/Upcoming Events:

1) **November Event: Ford vs Ferrari movie** at the Cineplex in Sarnia <https://www.cineplex.com/Movie/ford-v-ferrari>. Send out an email to members and do a call-out for numbers.

2) **Sunday, December 1st: Christmas Brunch at Bridges Restaurant at noon** in the Sunbridge Hotel (former Holiday Inn), 1498 Venetian Blvd., Point Edward. A separate room would cost \$600.00 to \$700.00. The bar area is used for overflow from the restaurant so not available to us. The buffet includes dinner items, salad bar, seafood, dessert and fruit table, besides all the breakfast items.

3) **Saturday, January 11th: AGM 2:00 p.m. at the home of Judy and Chris Gardner**, 1202 Haight Lane, Sarnia. Bring a savory or a dessert, and ideas for events for next year.

4) Sandra Cronk suggested that people pick up a free copy of the "**Daytripping**" newspaper to get ideas for planning Club events and day trips.

5) Kim Rutherford suggested that members should **choose a month of the year and plan an event for that month.**

6) There was a discussion as to the **types of events** that could be planned including various car shows, RM Cars & Coffee nights, race track events, types of rallies and treasure hunts, etc.

6. Announcements: Our next gathering will be our Christmas Brunch at the Bridges Restaurant., Sunday, December 1st at noon.

7. Adjournment: Laura Rutherford moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Alan Cronk seconded the motion and it was carried.



## Calendar of Upcoming 2019 Events...

Events shown in **orange** are **non-club events**.

### DECEMBER

- 1** Sunday: Annual Christmas Brunch at **Noon, Bridges Restaurant, Sunbridge Hotel** (*formerly* the Holiday Inn), Sarnia, 12 noon. Kim Rutherford organizing. RSVP to [kimrutherford@teksavvy.com](mailto:kimrutherford@teksavvy.com) or 519 337-8586 by November 15th, please.

### JANUARY 2020

- 11** AGM at home of Chris and Judy Gardner. 2 PM. 1202 Haight Lane, Sarnia, ON  
RSVP to 519-491-1898 or [cgardner5@cogeco.ca](mailto:cgardner5@cogeco.ca) by December 28th, please.
- XX** Winter activities? Tech sessions? Garage visits? Museum visits, parties, luncheons, dinners??

### FEBRUARY 2020

- 12** Monthly Meeting at Paddy Flaherty's. 6 PM dinner, 7:30 meeting. RSVP to Sandra Cronk, 519 845-3209 or [orcronks@soulreflections.ca](mailto:orcronks@soulreflections.ca) by February 5th, please.
- XX** Winter activities? Tech sessions? Garage visits? Museum visits, parties, luncheons, dinners??

### MARCH 2020

- 11** Monthly Meeting at Paddy Flaherty's. 6 PM dinner, 7:30 meeting. RSVP to Sandra Cronk, 519 845-3209 or [cronks@soulreflections.ca](mailto:cronks@soulreflections.ca) by March 4th, please.

## *From the President's Garage...*

*Mark Jones*

I thought I'd start my column with an excerpt from the December, 1998, President's Garage message:

When I was getting ready to write this month's front page, I was trying to think of what I was going to write about. Then all of a sudden it became easy, this is my last year as President and I started to think back to the club's inception in 1995. Four of us, Kim Rutherford, Larry Edmonds, Harry Buist and myself all sitting in Kim and Laura's front living room discussing the possibility of a truly democratic car club, one membership fee and one vote for all. An all marque club with no one marque dominant. What a novel idea!



Next month marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bluewater British Car club. It was Tuesday, January 17, 1995, when a group got together in Kim and Laura's living room to discuss the idea of a new all-marque club with no marque dominant. This past year saw us build on their idea by becoming a club that is open to all European cars, not only to build up our membership numbers but to be more inclusive. I'm really glad to see new members out to the meetings and events; it's great!

My hope for next year is that more members help us plan events and drives and come out to enjoy the events. Personally, we don't make it to every event, we do have other interests that compete for our free time, but we do enjoy getting together with the people in the club and do enjoy taking part in events.

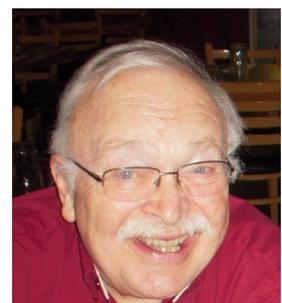
**Christmas Brunch, Sunday, December 1, Sunbridge Hotel** – I hope to see many of you at the Christmas brunch Please let Kim know if you will be attending.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas season and a happy new year!  
Sincerely, Mark

## *Clutch Chatter...*

*Allen Bachelder*

It's a dismal, dreary late afternoon here at the head offices of *The Spanner*. I'm working alone. There is one more deadline to meet. A single smudged dusty 60-watt bulb hangs by a twisted, frayed pair of ancient wires - over my my worn dirty old oak desk - piled high with old stories and pictures. The bulb hangs crooked as there is an old drop



cord hanging out the side, just above the bulb, which powers my computer - when the 15-amp fuse doesn't blow...

In the darkness above the bulb, you can barely see the twisted pair of wires disappear into the murkiness above. If you look carefully enough, you'll see where they really end: a white porcelain fixture at the stained dirty ceiling. You might even see where a number of cobwebs float around the bulb. They float but they never break. Some of them go only to my desk; some go all the way to the window. They've been there for decades.

As I work, shadows loom longer. An old flickering neon sign in the window just came on. It still reads: "*T\_e Span\_e\_*" The club bought that sign in 1947. In a moment, another year's work will be done. The last *Spanner* for the year will be history. I'll put it to bed as they say, turn off that old bulb, lock up and trudge out in the fresh snow to my BGT and drive home.

I love this old place. We've seen a lot of wonderful growth here - some just in the past year. "Come ride with me. The best is yet to be."\*

*' See you on the road...*

\* With profound apologies to Robert Browning, who said "Come grow old with me. The best is yet to be." Either way...

## ***Morris Car Collection Brings Out Surprising Participation***

*Mark Jones*

*Pictures by Mark Jones and Michael Cromwell*



We were looking for a November event for the club when I received an email from Sheldon Morris in late October, inviting us and the British Sports Car Club of London to come tour part of his and his father Robert's car collection on Saturday, November 2.

We had 13 members from our club and at least seven members from the London club at Robert's place in Thamesford to view part of his collection. The cars that were on view from his collection included a



SAAB 96, a 4-wheel Messerschmitt, Reliant Regal and Robin, TR3, Jaguar XK120 and XK140, VW Beetle, Audi Coupe, Austin 7 single seater replica, and Cushman Truckster to name just a few; a real eclectic collection.

Afterwards most of the group headed to Alberta's Restaurant in Dorchester for a lunch and more socializing. The food was *fantastic* and it was great to spend some time with members of the London club; their great people.

Overall it was a great day out: a nice, interesting car collection and a wonderful group of people. Thanks to everyone that came out. It seems everyone had a great time.





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***We hope to see all of you at our annual Christmas Brunch on Sunday. And we wish you the most blessed Christmas ever...***



**Bluewater British and European Car Club**  
**Membership Application/Annual Renewal form**

*Submit with your \$20 dues payment at AGM January 11th, 2020*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Car(s) Owned: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Restoration/mechanical interest/abilities? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Touring interest: One-day? Yes ( ) No ( ) Multi-day? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Rally interest? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Other interests? \_\_\_\_\_  
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