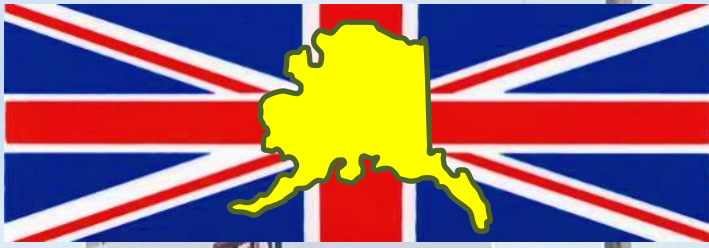


BRITISH SPORTS CARS ALASKA



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Cover: 4th of July Parade, Anchorage
Martin Walters photo

2018 Renewals Past Due

If you haven't yet renewed, please send the attached renewal form with your \$30 check to John Martin, 8004 Meadow Hills Circle, Anchorage, Alaska 99502. Your dues cover everything from printing costs to library rental fees for the concours, parade entry fees to Christmas party expenses. Thanks!

Independence Day Parade

July 4, Anchorage Story: John & Molly Martin,
Photos: Molly Martin and Martin Walters



July 4th turned out to be a very warm and sunny day. Members participating in the parade were Dean Cox, Martin Walters, James Bond, Stuart O'Malley (oops, that's Stuart Bond and James O'Malley!) plus my son Andrew and his wife Chloe driving our other Jag. The wench next to me in the car is my wife Donna. July 4th, she transformed into "Molly Martin, revolutionary lady! Molly said "I'm from another century, only visiting!"



I had requested our group to be placed closer to a band or even the bagpipes this year, but alas we were again behind the Harley group which can be very noisy at times.



Each of my sons have driven in the parade and each year want to drive the E-type, but this is Dad's. We all met at the designated place near the park strip and decorated our cars, which I thought looked very good this year.



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This event gives us maximum exposure and hopefully we can encourage more members to participate. I find this event very enjoyable with lots of comments and questions about the cars and the "Revolution". (Don't worry the Queen does not want the colonies back.)



After the parade we all agreed to go for a drink and so headed to Tastee Freez. As they were closed, we went to McDonald's and enjoyed drinks, food, and good discussions.

I especially enjoy meeting the club members and finding things we have in common, other than British cars. Our President, (our Club president, that is) can play a mean guitar, and for the Martins to listen to Martin play his Martin was music to my ears. E.C. watch out! I hope we all enjoyed the day, and Molly and I want to do the same next year.



Chugiak 4th of July Parade

Story & Photos: Dave Baldwin



We represented the BSCA in the Chugiak 4th of July parade. A couple of American hotrods, a German VW, and our British XK8 Jag in front of all the fire equipment behind us!



Bear Paw Festival Car Show July 13, Eagle River

Story & photos: Ken Morton

The weather forecast had been for sun on Friday the 13th, but the forecast was revised through the day to "chance of rain." Three BSCA members brought their sports cars out to Eagle River for the Bear Paw Show. Dean Cox drove his TR8 coupe, your editor still had the hardtop on his TR6 after the rainy Highland Games weekend, and Jay Skaggs put the top up on his MGTD. Dennis Johnson left his Sprite and MGB at home due to the threat of rain and parked his gorgeous '61 Thunderbird across the street from us.

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Jay bravely showed up with his MGTD's top folded, but soon put it up.



The owner of this Ford hot rod, built in the early '50s, stuffed shop rags in his carbs to keep the rain out.



Two Triumphs and an MG, bracketed by old Fords.



Dean Cox claimed the "Peoples' Choice award with his one-owner Triumph TR8 coupe.



Dennis' 1961 Thunderbird, beyond TR6 and MGTD

Bear Paw Festival Parade

July 14, Eagle River Story & photos: John Martin



When I left Anchorage at 9am it was raining but with the top up on the XKE it was a good drive to Eagle River. Dean Cox was there with his shiny TR8, so I parked behind him as there were many groups and cars around. I am glad we were able to listen to the bagpipes practicing before the parade; some people think they're always practicing! I really enjoy the sound as it brings back childhood memories in England at Military Tattoos, (tattoo as in parade, not ink! <https://www.edintattoo.co.uk/>)



We started the parade about 11:45 and drove through downtown Eagle River for about 45 mins, crowds were everywhere. I love the comments about the cars. One teenager asked me if the car was an MG. I almost told him it was an early Subaru but decided not to. (Editor's note: I feel your pain, John. Kids have asked me if my TR8 is a Ferrari or a Corvette.)

July 21 (Sat.) Sutton Valley Trash Show & Shine

There was no report of any club members attending.

Whittier!

July 28

Story & Photos: Dave Baldwin



Belinda and I drove down to Whittier in the Jaguar, not sure if all the clouds would lift out or if it may rain, even though we were starting out with blue skies in Anchorage. The weather can be totally different on the other side of the mountain once you go through the 2.7-mile shared railroad/car tunnel to Whittier. Friends from North Carolina met us in Whittier.



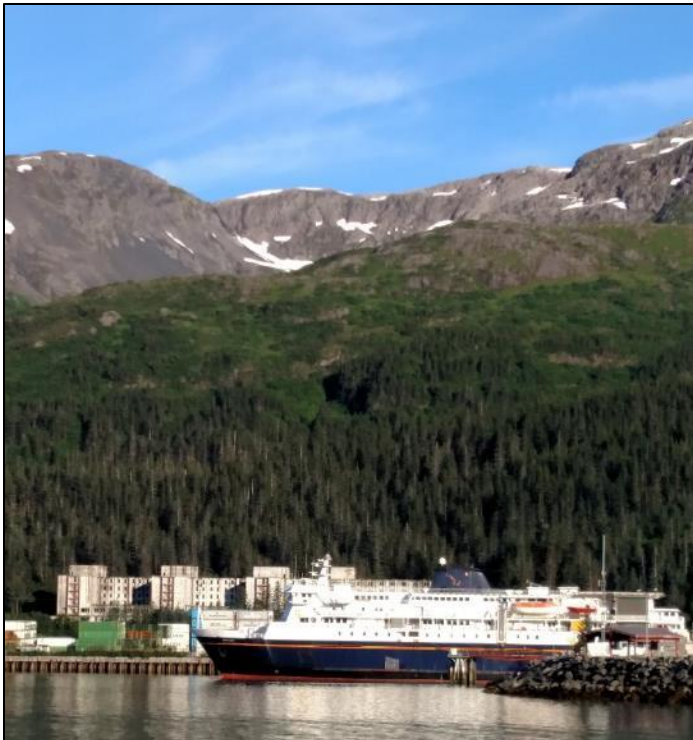
We went to the Whittier Museum to learn all about Whittier and the Whittier Tunnel's history as a Military base during WWII. It turned out to be a great ride, good fun, good company, even with rain all the way back to Chugiak. We washed, dried and put the Jag away, nice and clean again. *(continued next page)*

Veterans' Appreciation Car & Bike Show July 28

Photos: Dean Cox



Food at the Swiftwater Cafe was excellent as usual, and we got to see Margaret and Don, whom we have known long before they bought the cafe.



(Editor's note & photo: Two days later, Whittier was all blue skies and sunshine)



We received late notice of the 2nd Annual Veterans' Car & Bike Show at the VA Clinic, but Steve Rosenfield brought his Lotus Exige, and Dean Cox his TR8.



MORE 2018 BSCA Activities

August 4, Saturday PRE-Show & Shine
Martin Walters

August 5, Sunday: Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine
Martin Walters

The biggest car show in town! Always the first Sunday in August. Anchorage Park Blocks at P Street. The Show & Shine is a Midnight Sun Street Rodders event that attracts hundreds of cars & trucks. Show up early, especially if you want to be able to park with BSCA; latecomers are not guaranteed space.

<http://www.midnightsunsra.com/>

August 11, Saturday: Hot Summer Nights Palmer Dean Cox

August 18, Saturday: Knik River Run Johnson Quarles

August 25, Saturday: Eklutna Lake Rick Harding

Puzzle Last month, you were asked to find a photograph in that issue that was “not quite right.” No one noticed that Dean had a beard in the photo from the BBQ because the photo was from the previous year!

Member Notes John Martin

My aim at the beginning of this summer was to at least put 500 miles on the XKE. I have just reached that, and the car is running very well. It goes to prove that the more the cars are driven, the better they run. I know I only get about 10 miles to the gallon, in the parade its about 5 gallons to the mile, but I bought the car to drive and enjoy, which I do. To all other members out there who think about joining the events, please do, we usually have a lot of fun, stop for coffee, and get to know each other. My car is not perfect, I don't want it to be, I just enjoy driving it and supporting the club. If maintenance is required, then isn't that what winters are for?

New members

New members this month are John and Vicki Lewis, who own a 1951 MGTD in cream and yellow; also, Steve and Suzy Jones who own a white 1967 Triumph TR4A. Please join us in welcoming them to BSCA

Member projects

Tom Walker

I finally finished the new wood dash for the Morgan. The dash is solid American walnut, the center instrument cluster is stainless steel engine turned with ceramic laser etched printing. The original walnut piece came with the car from the previous owner who owned a cabinet shop in the UK, but it was

unfinished and needed some additional work to fit and apply final finish. The center SS piece was cut for me by one the guys I worked with in Italy who also made other SS parts for the dual Weber carb conversion. Other changes made included conversion to toggle switches from rocker, conversion of hazard warning to billet aluminum, several relays added for safer operation of headlamps and turn indicators.



BSCA on Facebook

Be sure to check the BSCA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/441619005978014/> Please also note that being a member of the BSCA Facebook page is not the same as being a dues-paying member of the club.

Buy/sell/trade/etc.

1952 MGTD project for sale

Rolling chassis complete. Engine completely restored (more than \$5000 value). New crank, new pistons, balanced reconditioned rods, new valves and guides, new timing chain and sprockets, new rocker arms and pushrods. Oil pump rebuilt. New radiator. New brake master cylinder and cupronickel brake lines. New front shocks. Transmission rebuilt. Sheet metal parts sand blasted and phosphate treated or new. New timbers and sheet metal for the body tub. Lots of other parts. This car has installed an MGA rear end and MGA front suspension with new disk brake calipers, brake rotors and pads. All the parts needed
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to return to original running gear are included.
\$6000.00 Tom Arminski 744-1341 arminski@gci.net



1952 MGTD for sale



Older drivetrain modified to Mercury Capri. Runs well, fun to drive. \$12,500
Jay Skaggs (907) 223-5831 akerjs@gmail.com

Non-member car for sale:

1965 Austin Healey Sprite



I bought Chris Andersen's 1965 Austin Healey Sprite Mark II two years ago and I'm ready to sell it. If there is anyone in the club with interest, I wanted to offer it to them first. I paid \$10K, had \$3K in repairs done in December, and am asking \$10K.
Misty Ott 529-2882

Outside events:

If you've never been to a big classic car event, you should go to one this year!

Monterey Car Week & Concours d'Elegance August 18 - 26, 2018

www.seemonterey.com/events/sporting/concours/

Portland All British Field Meet

Hundreds of British cars & vintage racing too!
Portland, OR Sept 7 - 9, 2018

<http://abfm-pdx.com/2018>

Goodwood Revival, Goodwood Circuit, U.K.

Vintage racing, vintage music, vintage costumes, and much more, September 7-9, 2018

www.goodwood.com

Triumphest Sacramento, CA Sept 27-30

<http://triumphest2018.org/>

California Healey Week

October 17-21, 2018, Solvang, California. More information: <http://www.austin-healey.org>

International Jaguar Festival

October 31, 2018 – November 4, 2018, Santa Barbara, CA More : <http://www.icna.com/>

PS: Bear attacks vintage sports car in Girdwood



Tom Cotter brought his 1965 289 Shelby Cobra to Alaska for an epic road trip. In Girdwood, a bear decided to investigate some forgotten Fig Newtons inside it. Read the story at <https://www.adn.com/>

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Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)

<http://vtr.org/>

Triumph 6 PACK

<http://www.6-pack.org>

Triumph Wedge Owners Association

www.triumphwedgeowners.org

Austin Healey Club of America (AHCA)

<https://www.healeyclub.org/>

Austin Healey Club USA (AHCUS)

<http://www.healey.org/>

Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA)

<http://www.jcna.com/>

Antique Auto Musers of Alaska (AAMA)

<http://www.antiqueautomusersak.org/>

Midnight Sun Street Rod Association (MSSRA)

<http://www.midnightsunsra.com/>

49th State Street Rodders

<http://www.49thstatestreetrodders.com/id4.html>

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

<http://fairbanksaaca.org/>

British Sports Cars Alaska Membership Application & Renewal August 2018

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Thanks!