



Central Virginia British Car Club

Official Club Newsletter July 2012



Classics on the Green Display at A Taste of New Kent Wine Festival

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Home on the Road

I hope this summer is not as earth shaking as last summer. I found myself at Mike Alexander's house last August enjoying the balmy Richmond summer day and drooling over a couple of V-8 powered behemoths formerly known as MGB's. Mike was very kind to let me get behind the wheel of his Regency Red creation and take it for a spin. What an experience. You look out over a typical MGB hood, you hold a traditional MGB steering wheel; however, when your foot hits the accelerator the experience is nothing short of heart pumping. Not exactly the same as the conventional MG acceleration experience. Mike's red MGB looks somewhat conservative, but what a hot engine lurks under the hood! So needless to say I was having a great time hanging out at the Alexander Shop.



Suddenly everything was moving under our feet. Mike's shop was surrealistically swaying in the background as the Richter scale hit 5.8. The walls of the shop gave off the same blurry image as when you shake a number 2 pencil between your thumb and forefinger. Weird moment. Mike and I looked at each other and he said, "I think we just had ourselves an earthquake!" He might have added more colorful language. I really can't remember. So what do you do when you have an earthquake in your town? You call your wife to see if she is ok. Which by the way, I did immediately. She said she was fine. A little shaken up, but fine. I remember asking, "So you are fine? Are you sure?" I got an absolute affirmative answer. So then what do you do?

Mike asked me if I wanted to drive the Yellow MGB behemoth. Five minutes after the earthquake struck I was driving with Mike over to Gary Kinney's house to visit for a while. Little did we know the rest of Richmond was in a panic of sorts. Driving V-8 powered MGB's can do that to you. You get murky about priorities. I was thoroughly enjoying myself. At least until I got home.

Ann was waiting at the door when I arrived. It seems I made a tactical error by lingering with the MG's. I learned a great lesson that day. When you have an earthquake in your hometown and your wife is home alone, and you call her and she says she is "fine" you might want to go on home and check on things anyway. And NEVER tell her that you have been out driving MG's on Earthquake Day. Even if Mike Alexander tells you it will be ok!

Enjoy the great driving weather! I will see you out there on the road!

-Randy Ashcraft, President,
Central Virginia British Car Club

By the way, Thanks to Jim Cheatham who organized a great drive on Mother's Day. Great job! We have more opportunities coming.

Show & Shine at River City Diner



The Richmond Triumph club held an All British Show & Shine cruise in at the River City Diner on Huguenot Road on Friday, June 15th. Thirty-two British cars (and one Porsche Boxter Spyder) showed up for the event on a beautiful summer evening. Austin Healey, Lotus, MG, Jaguar, and Triumph were all represented but CVBCC members Cindi and Reggie Nash's 1951 Nash Healey stole the show. The bag chairs were set up around the pop up canopy for this relaxing, no-pressure gathering of those who love the old British cars. This informal event was a lot of fun and many passers-by stopped to enjoy the cars including a family in a mid-60s Buick Electra 225 convertible. Most stayed after the event to enjoy dinner on the patio at the River City Diner. A couple in a Spitfire happened to pass by and stopped to join us for dinner as well. Thanks to Gary Kinney and the Richmond Triumph Register for inviting CVBCC to join in on the fun.



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O'Bank's Cruise In for the American Cancer Society



The Central Virginia British Car Club had a good showing at the Third Annual O'Bank's Cruise In for the American Cancer Society in Ashland on Sunday, June 10th. It was hot but seven CVBCC members showed up for this charity event at O'Bank's Grill and Irish Pub in Ashland. Jim brought his pop up canopy for shade and with a little help from Greg's duct tape it provided shelter for



the group. Ernie's and Sharon's newest green Austin Healey required a little help on the way home with Gary and Don coming to the rescue. We're not sure if duct tape was involved in that repair or not. Club President Randy Ashcraft brought his seldom seen MGA. The folks from the American Cancer Society really appreciated our support at the event that included motorcycles, trucks, muscle cars, and a little bit of everything.



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British Car Week May 26 to June 3 Memorial Day Weekend Ice Cream Run

Fifteen British roadsters including a 1924 Bentley celebrated British Car Week with a drive through the western Hanover County countryside during the Memorial Day weekend. The weather was warm but otherwise perfect for this annual event cohosted by CVBCC and the Richmond Triumph Register. We started at the Glen Allen BP station (of course as BP is short for British Petroleum) after lunch and attracted a lot of attention as we passed Sunday drivers out on the country roads. Besides the Bentley, our rally included sports cars made by Morgan, Austin Healey, Triumph, Jaguar, and MG. Gary Kinney knows the owner of the Patterson Avenue Dairy Queen and arranged for discount coupons for everyone. We found some welcome shade outside under the DQ umbrellas. The ice cream and milkshakes were cold and really hit the spot after 45 minutes out in the sun on a hot day. A small crowd gathered to look at our cars while we waited to be served ice cream and Classics on the Green flyers were distributed to a number of the observers, some of whom were former British sports car owners. The club wishes to thank Gary Kinney and Jim & Lynnette Godwin for organizing this event. For more information on national British Car Week, check out the website at www.britishcarweek.org.



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Carl's Ice Cream Run

Twelve British sports cars and 14 CVBCC members celebrated Mother's Day by making a run up to Fredericksburg for ice cream at Carl's, famous for its soft serve ice cream. Strangely, only two women elected to participate in the Mother's Day event, Linda Cox and Lynnette Godwin. Perhaps the other ladies' Mother's Day gift was an afternoon at home free of the menfolk. The group left Mechanicsville and headed up US 301 and then Route 2 on an overcast but warm day. We picked up Jim and Linda Cox along the way and received a lot of waves, thumbs ups, and warm greetings from the locals as we passed through the towns and countryside. Mike Alexander and Chris Champeau graciously conducted impromptu tech sessions for the group in Carl's parking lot and later at the WaWa gas station. At the sessions we learned that Jim Cheatham carries an extra Lucas coil with him and that it takes three CVBCC members to push start Chris' Jaguar. The large crowd at Carl's seemed to enjoy looking at and taking pictures of the rarely seen display of British machinery as they queued up to order from the takeout window. The parking lot car show featured 3 Jaguars, an Austin Healey, a Triumph, 7 MGs, and a 1970 Chevrolet Monte Carlo parked with us at Carl's. The club wishes to thank Jim Cheatham for organizing and leading this fun filled event.



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A Taste of New Kent

Cover Story



CVBCC promoted our Classics on the Green European & British Car Festival at the *A Taste of New Kent* Wine Festival on May 12th at the New Kent Winery. Chris Champeau's 1961 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud II and Jim Godwin's 1964 MGB Tourer were prominently displayed in front of the winery under a tent at the epicenter of this enormous annual wine festival that attracts thousands of wine enthusiasts. CVBCC members manned the information table and encouraged visitors to return to New Kent Winery in September to experience Classics on the Green. Our display attracted a lot of interest as people shopped and purchased regalia, and traded stories about cars they enjoyed in their youth as they enjoyed the wide variety of wine available. The tent sheltered tables and chairs where guests could sit and relax to get out of the sun. The weather was spectacular and many visitors had their pictures taken in front of the cars. Classics on the Green will feature Rolls Royce and Bentley this year with a special focus on the 50th anniversary of the launch of the MGB. The club wishes to thank Bruce Woodson for organizing and manning this promotional event.



Cars and Coffee Richmond

Cars & Coffee Richmond moved to Stony Point Fashion Mall on May 5th and a large contingent of British cars has been showing up at the new venue. Rolls Royce, Austin Healey, Bentley, Lotus, Triumph, Jaguar, Noble, and MG owners mingle with the Ferrari, Lamborghini, Subaru, Porsche, Mazda, VW, Audi, Nissan, Mercedes, BMW, and Infiniti owners admiring one another's cars. The biweekly event has benefited from great weather and cars of interest from the USA have included Cobra replicas, Pontiac GTOs and Catalinas, early Ford pickups and Model Ts along with an early Ford Fairlane, Chevilles, Corvettes, and much more. The mall's Starbucks does a brisk business inside. As many as 150 cars are present for this informal Saturday gathering. A young man who recently acquired a 1972 MGB has been present and CVBCC members have been eager to assist him with his many questions and to help sort out (big surprise) some electrical gremlins he was experiencing. To learn more, search using "Cars and Coffee Richmond" on Facebook or check the calendar at

www.carclubcouncil.com.

Checking the Mirror



From the Newsletter-November 2000

Club President, Bruce Woodson, wrote, "Wow! I feel like such a pig. Carol & I just returned from the Richmond Triumph Register's Road Rally and Pig Roast. We had a great time. Thanks to the RTR for inviting our club, and congratulations to Martin & Melanie Davenport in their Rolls Royce, and Mike and Linda Jones in their Jaguar XKE, for 3rd and 4th respectively in the rally. It was a great day. A tradition has developed in the club. It started out to be a survival of the fittest weekend but quickly turned into survival of the fittest!!! Of course, I'm talking about the snowball rally in February. Kevin Alloca has planned quite a festivity." Elsewhere in the November newsletter regarding elections "At the close of voting, all ballots will be sent to Florida for immediate (ie: in February) certification and reported to CNN, which will already have incorrectly predicted the winners. The winners will be installed in office before this takes place."

-Jim Godwin, Historian

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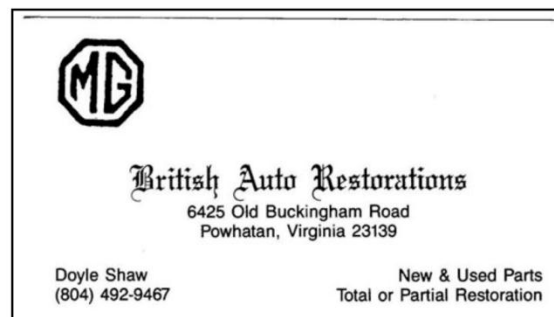
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Meeting Minutes

Central Virginia British Car Club
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2012

Members present: Harvey Fielding, Jim Godwin, Kristin Rosato, David Bradley, Jack & Doneta Bantle, Rusty Gross, Gary Kinney, Karen Preissner, Mike Johnston, Ernie & Sharon Dixon, Mike & Janice Alexander, Tom & Gloria Callahan, Fred Emig, Drew Jones, Doris Johnson, John Fransesconi, and David Crighton.

President Randy Ashcraft called the meeting to order and thanked Gloria and Tom Callahan for hosting the meeting in their home. Gary Kinney introduced his friend Susan from Florida. Doris Johnson gave the Membership report. New members include Eric Holland (1975 MG Midget) and Mike and Jennifer Vuckelich (Triumph TR6). The club has 126 member households representing 214 people. Mike Alexander gave the Tech report. He is restoring a 1969 Jaguar E type roadster. Club members are invited to contact Mike if they have any questions about their cars. Jim Godwin, Historian, reported that the newsletter will feature a photo from the 2006 Snowball Run and other news from that year. Mike Johnston passed around the New England T Register magazine for review. Rusty Gross, Events, discussed potential events including a drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Gary Kinney reported that a dozen CVBCC and Richmond Triumph Register (RTR) members participated in a swap ride where members drove one another's cars. CVBCC may consider such an event. RTR is hosting a swap meet on May 12th at Willow Lawn mall. CVBCC members are invited. Gary Kinney and Mike Alexander are going to the Carlisle, Pennsylvania import car event May 17-19. They are willing to take parts to be sold or to look for parts needed. The first weekend in June, RTR is hosting a Show and Shine at River City Diner South. CVBCC members are invited. CVBCC is hosting the annual British Car Week/Memorial Day Weekend Ice Cream Run on Sunday, May 27. Details are on the website and in the newsletter. CVBCC member Reggie Nash is featured in the month's Boomer Magazine. CVBCC members Harvey Fielding and Ken Nachman won first place in their classes at the Williamsburg British and European Car Show. CVBCC members are also attending the GT37 event in Dayton, Ohio and the Pittsburgh Vintage car races. There were no reports from the Treasurer and Classics on the Green as those members are attending an MGA event in Key West, Florida. Newsletter Editor David Bradley noted that the new newsletter was distributed earlier in the day. Members may ask Dave to be included on the e-mail distribution if desired. The newsletter is available on-line. Dave suggested that time sensitive matters be posted on the website or via the YahooGroup e-mail net and that more historical and less time sensitive matter are more appropriate for the newsletter along with photos. Dave encouraged members to submit photos and notes from events or other topics of interest to him for inclusion in the newsletter. Randy Ashcraft adjourned the meeting.



Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the May 23, 2012 Club Meeting
Home of Janice and Mike Alexander
Richmond, VA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce & Carol Woodson, Gary Kinney, Ernie & Sharon Dixon, Tom & Gloria Callahan, Jim Godwin, Randy & Ann Ashcraft, Jim Cheatham, Karen Preissner, Rusty Gross, David Glick, Dave Enghauser, Mike & Janice Alexander, Katie O'Neil, Kyle Leatherwood, Kristin Rosato, William Lamb, Pat & Wayne Stith, Jim & Suzanne Spivey, Chris & Bob Steward, Fred Emig, Mike & Linda Jones, Chuck & Pam Sexton, Mike & Rebecca Snavelly, Mike Johnston, Harvey & Carol Fielding, and Drew Jones and family.

President Randy Ashcraft thanked everyone for coming out for the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The group welcomed Mike and Midge Elliott.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim reported our balance, and collected membership dues.

REGALIA: Contact Carol for any items you would like with the show logo, club logo or your favorite marque embroidered.

MEMBERSHIP: Doris was unable to attend the meeting.

CLASSICS ON THE GREEN: Bruce said plans for the 28th annual COTG show are coming along. Jim Godwin is working on the MGB display and it is shaping up well. Gary Kinney will coordinate the Saturday drive. Greg Lucyk is doing the awards. Pat Stith is working on ads for the program book. The Callahan's will be the vendor contacts. The show will be held on a different area at the winery. Bruce and Dennis will visit the winery soon to work on the actual show field layout. A screen call for the role of Charles Sykes will be made shortly.....

NEWSLETTER: The deadline for submitting material for the newsletter is the 5th of each month, if David doesn't get it by then it won't make print. Please send him articles, stories, jokes, cartoons etc. that (is not copy written) can be put in our newsletter. Also remember, the newsletter is still available in Paper format for an additional \$10 a year, if you prefer real mail instead of e-mail, simply let David know. David could really use PICTURES and stories from the events you attend! Please send him content.

WEBSITE: The new club website looks great! Thanks, Kyle! Contact Gavin Dickie GavinDickie@verizon.net if you have any updates for the website calendar.

CAR CLUB COUNCIL: No news to report.

ACTIVITIES: A drive to Dairy Queen is planned for May 27th. Rusty has a list of upcoming events; a cruise in at River City Diner is scheduled for June 9th, the Richmond AACA show is June 16th, the Father's Day car display at Cedarfield on Three Chopt Road is June 17th. Mike Johnston jmjohnston15@yahoo.com is still in need for a few meeting locations. If interested, please let him know.

OTHER BUSINESS: Jim Godwin reported on the MGB rally through North Carolina and the Georgia regional event. Jim Godwin is open to ideas on the 'Historian' information members would like to see in the newsletter. Please contact Jim miatagodwin@comcast.net if you have any thoughts or preferences.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Carol Groom Woodson - Secretary



Triumph Spitfire 50th Birthday

Among the English two-seat cars introduced in 1962 at the London Motor Car Show was the Triumph Spitfire. Spitfire enjoyed a long history from its introduction October 1962 until August 1980 when production ceased on the entire Triumph line. A total of 314 332 were assembled; five different Marks and each invited a spirited drive both in the city and out in the country. As part of the celebration of 50 years of Classics on the Green we would like to invite as many Triumph Spitfires as possible to join the show. I would like to have at least one of each model appear they are Spitfire (Mark I) October 1962 - December 1964, Mark II December 1964 - January 1967, Mark III January 1967 - December 1970, Mark IV November 1970 - December 1974 and Triumph Spitfire 1500 December 1974 - August 1980.

I would appreciate any leads that you might be aware of as we do not have much time to prepare for the event. Please send recommendations to gkinney@aol.com or 804 334-2605.

-Gary Kinney, Event Coordinator



Classifieds

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MGB50 at Classics on the Green

50 Years of the MGB

In 1962, the popular MGA came to the end of its highly successful seven year production run with more than 100,000 cars produced in Abingdon-on-Thames. That same year, its replacement was launched to almost universal acclaim on September 20th. Even with the enormous praise and frequent predictions that the new model would be a success; no one dreamed that it would become the bestselling British sports car of all time with more than half a million units sold worldwide over an eighteen year production run. The changes made over the years contribute to creating four distinctively different MGBs in terms of exterior appearance. These include the Mark I and Mark II cars (including the MGC) of 1962 to 1969; the "Leylandized" model of 1969 to 1972; the facelift model of 1972 to 1974; and the rubber bumper cars of 1974 to 1980. The radiator grill contains clues as to which version of an MGB is in one's presence (although grill swaps are common). Early cars featured a clever modernization of the traditional MG grill with vertical bars and a thicker central divider and featured the black MG shield top and center. There were 36 or 39 bars depending on the year (fewer on early cars). Models in 1970 adopted the black recessed grill with 37 bars, often called the fish-mouth grill, with no shield but the MG octagon placed in the center. Then in 1973, there was a return to a more traditional grill with an aluminum case and center bar with a black crosshatched grill pattern and now red MGB shield was fitted. Rubber bumper cars did not have a grill at all per se, but rather a simple wire mesh set back in the air intake formed by the bumper. Many other exterior cues are present for identifying the year of the MGB including the number and color of windscreen wipers and how they park, three different kinds of bumper over-riders on the chrome bumpers and their placement, the presence or absence of reversing lamps, the presence or absence and placement of side marker lights, front turn signal colors, and Leland fender badging starting on 1970 models (except for exports to the Arab countries where an MG logo was fitted. Britain and the Arabs weren't getting along). The relative absence of decoration is undoubtedly one of the factors which make the MGB such an attractive car. For the early 1960s compared to American cars, the MGB was practically devoid of chrome with only the slightest hint of the rear fender fins so popular at that time. Look for these model year differences when you examine the MGBs at Classics on the Green in September.

-Jim Godwin



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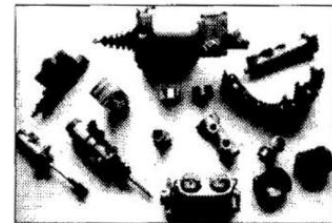
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Coming Events

Central Virginia British Car Club ó **Classics on the Green** ó September 15-16, 2012;
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MGs of Baltimore - **33rd Annual MGs On The Rocks**; September 29, 2012;
Rocks State Park, Maryland; www.mgsofbaltimore.com

Shenandoah Valley British Car Club - **31st British Car Festival** - October 5-7, 2012;
Waynesboro, Virginia www.svbcc.net

MG Car Club of Washington ó **17th Annual Hunt Country Classic** ó October 7, 2012;
Middleburg, Virginia www.mgcarclubdc.com

British Motor Club of the Cape Fear ó **Brits at the Plantation Car Show** ó November 3, 2012;
Poplar Grove Plantation, Wilmington, North Carolina; www.bmccf.org

July Club Meeting

July Club Meeting ó Wednesday July 25th

6:30 – 8:30 PM

(special time)

Mike and Carla Hatch are hosting us for a special dinner meeting at the Brandermill Country Club located at 3700 Brandermill Parkway, Midlothian, Virginia, 23112

The Hatches are providing a keg of beer for the meeting. Members will order dinner off the menu and we will meet in an air conditioned private room. Most food items range from \$6.95 to \$9.95. Members will also be able to purchase additional drinks if desired.

Mike will be out front directing the cars for parking. We hope to have them all displayed at the front of the clubhouse.

If you have questions members phone Mike on his cell phone at (804) 363-9888 or email him at gm@brandermill.cc.

Prize drawing for those who wear their name tags



Classics on the Green News

In just two short months, the 2012 Classics on the Green Festival will take place at New Kent Winery. A lot of planning has already gone into this year's show, and some exciting changes are in store!

First and foremost, the 2012 show grounds will be on the newly finished lawn surrounding the winery. Additionally, food, fine arts and crafts, and other vendors will be on the lawn adjacent to the show cars. Wineries representing the Colonial Wine Trail will be a part of the festivities as well. Dennis Urick is coordinating the Show Car display and Tom Callahan is our Vendor Coordinator.

Our host hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn, with excellent rates for show participants. This worked great last year, and is only minutes from New Kent Winery.

Tony Herbert is heading up the Featured Marqueé Rolls Royce and Bentley. Building upon the success of last year's Healey presentation, I know the 2012 feature will be amazing!!

Jim Godwin and Gary Kinney are planning a special celebration for two of Britain's favorite sports cars of all time! No not the Jensen Healey! The MGB and the Triumph Spitfire! Be sure to enter you B or Spitfire to be a part of a very special 50th anniversary celebration!

David Bradley has hit another home run with this year's cover design! David Glick and Dave McCann have worked hard on preparing the registration forms. The printed version will hit mailboxes later this month. The online version works great and is available now. I invite you to sign up at www.classicsonthegreen.com.

Activities will begin on Saturday, September 15th right from the New Kent Winery. Participate in the 2nd annual Driving Tour of Historic New Kent. This year will take us to a behind the scenes tour of Colonial Downs, and other fascinating destinations throughout New Kent County.

Our Saturday evening party will also be held on the grounds of Viniterra. Carol Woodson has secured a fantastic caterer who will provide grilled New York Strip or chicken and some mouth-watering sides and specialty deserts!!

The Show will take place on Sunday, September 16th. The show officially runs from 11:00am to 4:00pm. However, we will get started a lot earlier in the day. Assistance will be needed for show car parking, registration, ballot counting, and in our host tent for regalia sales and auction. Please volunteer to help when our coordinators post their schedules.

For twenty-seven years, this club has been host to one of the finest shows in the area. With your continued support and enthusiasm, we will certainly carry on the tradition in 2012.

Bruce Woodson
Classics on the Green Chairman



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