

# Cape Cod Currents

the official newsletter of the Cape Cod British Car Club, Ltd



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### President's "Boot" - from the Queen "B"

Hey everyone!!

I trust you all survived our crazy hazy, hot, humid summer?!? Aaahhh summer in New England! Well, I have to tell ya....I am glad its September. This upcoming season is THE best time to drive our LBC's!!!! I love fall!!! Warm days, cool nights and no overheating (people and cars alike!!) Let's all get out and enjoy this weather!!

You wanna know what else I love about this coming season???.....British Legends Weekend!!! October 5, 6, and 7<sup>th</sup> - Its gonna be a great year for BLW!! What can be better than spending 3 fabulous days in Historic Sandwich and its beautiful area. It all starts on Friday night at the British Beer Company where they host the Meet and Greet for all of us to enjoy. There will be two driving tours of beautiful Cape Cod on Saturday morning, one a historic Town of Sandwich tour and the other is a coastal tour of the Sandwich area. Saturday activities end with dinner at the famous Dan'l Webster Inn right in the heart of old Sandwich.

Then, the reason we all come together for the weekend...the 18th annual BLW car show on Sunday! This year we will have a large grass show field with food trucks and tastings on the Oakcrest Cove Field located on Quaker Meeting House Road. The field is owned and operated by the town of Sandwich, and It is on the east side just south of Cotuit Road. Tell all your friends and come and join us! Check out our website for all the details! I promise you won't be disappointed!!!!

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## CCBCC at the Marion Band British Music Concert by Ken Stone

photos by James Mahaney, Fairhaven & Ken Stone

Great cars, great roads, great weather, great music and great company. What more could you wish for! For the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the CCBCC was invited to bring our cars down and park alongside the Bandstand for a Friday evening summer concert by the shore. This year, the musical theme was "The British Invasion" featuring classical British marching tunes, folk songs and of course, rock / pop music of the 60's; a time when many of our vehicles were new.



The heat and humidity in Massachusetts has been oppressive (at least by New England standards). Indeed unless you relish feeling like you're in driving in a convection oven, often it has felt too hot during the day to take the LBCs out. But leaving from Plymouth in the early evening, the temperatures appeared to drop some and the breeze as speed felt cooling versus baking. We began by cruising through the mostly empty, twisty roads running through Myles Standish State Forest (the largest State forest in Massachusetts) with only the sweet sound of our exhausts breaking the silence. And as an added bonus, all the roads in the forest had been repaved last year – silky smooth and invigorating as we traveled along at a "brisk" pace.

Coming out the other side of the woods, we then cruised through miles of cranberry country before rolling into the small seaside town of Marion. We parked on the grass in an area designated for us, set up our chairs and pulled out the beverages and food. Morgan's seemed to dominate the evening. Ron and Kathi Garner in their '67 Plus 4, Jamie and Paula Goodson in their '89 Plus 8, Bill and Nancy Reardon in their Drophead '58 Plus 4 and Morgan and Alison Malone-Dekleine in their '80 4/4. Jack and Sandi Rosen were there with their 2003 XK8, Charlie Frink in his 1980 TR8 (one of a number of Wedge cars he owns) as were Tony and Zita Caputo in the '76 midget Tony did so much to bring back to life. And then yours truly along with his wife Linda in our '66 TR4A. (note the photos by professional photographer James Mahaney of Fairhaven who was at the concert and nice enough to send them along to the club free of charge).



As the locals filled in around us, the music started around 7PM, the children began to play on the field before us, and good conversations and laughter characterized the night. As the sun set, the lights over the stage came on and the band played until 8:30 when we all then said our goodbyes. Heading home with hoods down, the evening remained pleasant and clear of showers. A wonderful night for all. Don't miss year 9 when we head back again.



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## **The little Red Smokehouse Adventure** Article by Bill Scott photos by Bill Scott & Mike Dallaire

I use the word "Adventure" for several reasons, let me explain. Rick Poole lead a tour to the Annual Meeting in Rockland at South Shore MINI with plans to take a tour following the meeting and have lunch at the Little Red Smoke House in Carver. Well, ...communications not always being as clear as they should be, other plans had been made to return to the New World Tavern in Plymouth with reservations to that effect. Rick Poole deferred to the Plymouth plans, but we said that a trip to the smoke house sounded like a great tour on its own. Rick said he would plan it for another time.



The new date was set for Saturday July 21, there was another small glitch that didn't get the event up as early as it could have, so registration was small at four attendees, three couples, Don & Jodi Fletcher, Pam & Mike Dallaire, Bill & Mary Scott, Rick Poole and Bob Frye, eight total. Arriving at the BBC's parking lot, we didn't see Rick's Austin Healy or his MGB, but there was his pickup truck? It seemed that the Healey had a flat tire that had swallowed a valve stem - a job to be fixed later. He then attempted to start the Chevy powered MGB that his son Ben was going to drive on the tour, and it wouldn't start. So Ben stayed home and Rick came in the pickup.

Shortly, Don and Jodi arrived in the Triumph with an unusual clicking sound at a slow speed. After a couple of drive bys in the parking lot, it was determined that it would show prudence and good judgment to not take the tour, but get it to Mike's house and on a lift - another job for later! Mike lent Don his Jag to drive on the tour, so they both arrived back in the parking lot with Mike driving Pam's MINI convertible and Don in the Jag. A bit later than the planned starting time, but Rick said it would be OK as we still had time for a four car tour around the back roads to Carver and the Smoke House to arrive around "Noonish".

So off we went on a beautiful sunny, mild temperature day on a lovely tour past cranberry bogs and pine forest. we drove through Marion, Lakeville and Rochester and the Miles Standish State Forest, and lots of curvy driving on State Rd 105. Then we arrived....Oops, we past it. Rick was able to get all four cars to do a "U" turn and then we pulled into the Little Red Smoke House where Bob Frye was waiting for us. Bob works in Plymouth/Carver at the airport, so he just met us there for lunch.

Lunch was GOOD! Well, probably not good for you, but what the hay, you only live once and when you're in a BBQ place you have and enjoy BBQ. I mean you get into it, cheeks, chin down your arms, but it is yummy - um um good! So was the lunch time conversation with friends. We probably out stayed are time at the restaurant, but it was a good break before the ride back to the Cape. Bob went back to work, and the rest of us headed for the Cape. I know that Jodi and Don were going back to the Dallairs to return their Jag, and to have a look at what needed to be done with the Triumph. It was determined right away that it was in need of a new wheel bearing, so Mike put out a request to the membership to see if anyone had those parts available. A past President who still reads the messages from the club, Robert "Doc" Dunkley not only had a set, but they were parts directly from England. I think they started the repair on Sunday, so that Don and Jodi had a running Triumph once again.

So you see, you might not want to miss the next opportunity to go on a spur of the minute club run to some eating establishment or for an ice cream - whatever. You just don't know all the excitement that you might miss. See you next time!

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## CCBCC New Members - Welcome

Steve Appell                      Wanting TR 6 • Long Grove, IL •

Douglas Holmes                      1967 Austin Healey 3000 mk3 • Quincy, MA •

Don McKennitt                      1974 MGB Roadster • 1966 BMW Z3 • E Sandwich, MA •

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## Cape Cod British Car Club - Events

### August

#### [MG Day](#)

18 Aug 2018 • Larz Anderson Automobile Museum • Brookline, MA •

#### [Regular Monthly Meeting](#)

21 Aug 2018 • British Beer Company • 46 Rte 6A, Sandwich, MA • 7:00 PM •

### September

#### [British Invasion](#)

14-16 Sept 2018 • Stowe, VT •

#### [Hemmings Concours d'Elegance](#)

14 Sept 2018 • Hemmings Concours d'Elegance • Lake George, NY • PM •

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### October

#### [British Legends Weekend](#)

05-07 Oct 2018 • Sandwich, MA • Register now •

