

Cape Cod Currents

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



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"Boot" - by President, Mike Dallaire

Forestdale, MA 2017 - Well, sports fans (and LBC fans), winter keeps coming at us with teasers of spring sprinkled in about every other week. Every time I go into my garage I wish for spring. As some of you are aware, I installed an Auto Lift a few weeks ago with help from neighbors, family and, of course, a number of the CCBCC family. It is a truly a piece of art, only improved by Pam's newly claimed 76 Spitfire raised to the rafters of the garage. Ya, you know the one, the one I purchased to resell against my wife's wishes. Then it happened. You know the feeling, "I think we should register the Spitfire." says Pam, "just so we can drive it until it sells." Then the pull begins to develop, "Look, I think we could put a picnic basket on the luggage rack," and then "Look at the neat blanket I brought for the Spitfire". Each time she passed it in the garage the pull got stronger. "How come the car-cover is not on my car?" "Your car?" says I, "Yes my car," Pam responds. Then I knew another LCB lover had been born. So the little Red Spitfire sits safely on top of the new Auto Lift in the garage, with car-cover on of course, with the Jaguar tucked away in a temporary garage, hoping the snow and wind don't get too heavy. I think if you listen close-enough you can hear all 12 cylinders shivering in that cold dark place.



But with spring on my mind and looking forward to hitting the roads again, I remind all that in winter CCBCC does not hibernate. There are monthly meetings and our winter socials. The January Social was a smash with the February one promising to be as good. So if you have not signed up, do so now. Also there are several big events on the horizon: March Motor Madness on March 25th, Safety Fast Inspection, a Welding Tech Session in April, and the Annual Meeting in May to elect new officers. Get involved, it's your club... remember? Please check the club website often to see all that is going on. Remember if you need assistance with your LBC, just ask! Think Spring, get them ready to roll, be safe.

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CCBCC New Members - Welcome

Nancy Fernald

1980 MGB • Bourne, MA •

January Club Social by Jodi Fletcher

The Cape Cod British Car Club is a busy organization that truly has something for everyone, from the most avid car “geeks” to the “just want to socialize” types. It is also worth mentioning, if there is something not currently being done, that can be remedied with a suggestion. Everyone is welcome to get involved and organize or host an event, no matter how large or how small.

The addition of winter socials is meant to keep the winter doldrums at bay. It can seem quite a long time between putting the mothballs in your car for the winter and airing it out in the Spring. Voila!... Winter social: “an event taking place in the winter months of a purely social nature”.

The first of these events took place on January 21 at the Industry Ale House in Sandwich, Ma. at 4:00pm. If you haven't been there yet, it is worth checking out.

There are craft beers of every description (some of which are British) and delicious

upscale pub food as well. For a modest \$10 fee there

was a bountiful spread of appetizers which seemed never-ending. Harry was at the bar mixing libations with a liberal hand and the party was on.



Attendance was good at 34 people but there is always room for one more...YOU! The late afternoon event time is ideal because it can be used as a jumping off point for continued socializing or a stop-over if you have other plans. There were several new members who joined the fun and the relatively small gathering is the perfect opportunity to get

to know more people, old and new alike. The relaxed atmosphere lent itself to circulating and mingling, giving plenty of opportunity to meet a new friend or catch up with an old one.

If you missed this entertaining event...no worries. There is another in February. We will be gathering at 4:00pm at the Quarterdeck Pub in Falmouth on February 25. We like the idea of using the socials to check out different places around the Cape and to allow for convenience for a greater number of people.

We hope to see even more people at this next event. You can sign up on the Club website but if time gets away from you and you forget, just come along anyway.

We will always be glad to see you. Also... don't forget the March Madness event which is our annual banquet. This year the event will take place at Brookside Sunset Grill in Bourne (who have always taken good care of us) on March 25 at 6:00 pm .This event is a dinner with the added fun of a Yankee Swap which is always lively with this crowd. You can sign up on the Club Website and we hope to see you there.



Lift Tech Session - by Jodi Fletcher

As mentioned in the President's Boot, tech sessions are a big part of the CCBC. Anyone looking for parts, help or just the camaraderie of fellow car enthusiasts should consider initiating or just attending a tech session. No one ever said that working on LBCs is easy but it can be a learning experience with some laughs thrown in for good measure.

One such session took place at the home of Mike Dallaire on Sunday the 22nd of January. The goal was installing Mike's long-awaited (and much coveted) car lift in his garage. The day was unseasonably warm and the turn-out was great. At first, Mike and Don Fletcher, joined by Mike's son-in-law Andy, attempted to begin proceedings on their own but quickly discovered that more hands (and backs) were needed to pick up 1800 lbs! (no kidding). Luckily more hands arrived (along with strong backs) to really get things moving. All counted, there were about 13 sets of hands and brains put to the task, including both new and old club members, neighbors and Mike's son AND son-in-law.



Deciphering the directions was the most challenging part of the task. Once direction was clear, everyone hunkered down and put their brute strength and combined knowledge to the test. The lift went up fairly smoothly, thanks in part, to Andy Picarillo's prior experience with his own lift and the expertise of the "pulley man" Rick Poole. The only missteps were 2 caps that were on the wrong side and a couple of holes on the frame were not properly aligned. These slight errors were quickly remedied with so much expert help on hand. Mike had predicted a 2 ½ hour installation and his crew enabled the completion to be pretty much on-point with the final step being the addition of the safety wires. Safety First !!!

After a successful installation, the hungry crowd enjoyed a lunch (thanks Pam) of Chili, hotdogs and beer and a rehashing of the morning's proceedings. During lunch, Rick Poole displayed his new, lovingly restored, steering wheel and explained the lengthy project to the admiration of all present.

The session was successful from both a physical and social perspective. Mike was grateful and everyone who joined in appeared to have enjoyed their time as well.

Cape Cod British Car Club - Events

February

[Regular Monthly Meeting](#)

21 February 2017 • Two Brothers Pizza • Cranberry Plaza, Sandwich, MA •

[Club Social](#)

25 February 2017 • Quarterdeck • Falmouth, MA • 4:00 - 7:00 PM •

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Events continued**March**

11 Mar 2017 • Welding Tech Session • Rick Poole • Sandwich, MA - 09:00 AM •

[March Motor Madness](#)

25 March 2017 • Brookside Club - Sun Set Grille • Bourne, MA • 6:00 PM •

April

[Regular Monthly Meeting](#)

18 April 2017 • BBC • Sandwich, MA • 7:00 PM •

[Paul Hinchcliffe Safety-Fast Day](#)

29 April 2017 • Dallaire's new lift • Forestdale, MA • 9:30 AM •

May

[Brewster in Bloom-Social & Parade](#)

07 May 2017 • BBC to the Scott's • Brewster, MA • 9:00 AM •

[Annual Meeting](#)

20 May 2017 • Sea Crest • North Falmouth, MA • 10:00 AM • stay tuned for update •

