

Cape Cod Currents

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



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"Boot" - from the Queen "B"

Here it is March almost Spring and Ugh...another nor'easter. #3 to be exact! Boy is New England crazy sometimes!! But you know, I wouldn't live anywhere else. When spring finally gets here and the temperatures start to climb there is no better place to drive our LBCs. Whether driving through Cape Cod, the wonderful countryside of our small towns, or the mountains up North, having the wind in our hair is exhilarating!! So hang in there everyone, the good driving weather is at our door step and I think you will agree....well worth the wait!!!

As I mentioned last month our new/old website is up and running. Visit it often. Don't miss out on our upcoming events and don't miss out on hanging with a great group of people that enjoy driving our cars.

Do you have any questions, comments, concerns or a great idea for an event???

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Looking forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings and on the road!!!

Annual Meeting - by Editor Bill Scott

May will be our Annual Meeting and plans are underway with the BoG and club Officers. Plans should be on your minds as members as well. It is your club and you should be involved. Sure, there is a small group of "regulars" who attend the monthly meetings at the BBC in Sandwich and an even smaller group that plans and puts on the events that everyone can enjoy. We need YOU to join in and make this club what you would like it to be. So please step up and volunteer to place your name on the ballot for an Officer or as a BoG member. As Berta has said, Email her or me, your editor, a65jaguar@msn.com, and we will have our Nominating Committee Chairman, Nancy Ridley, put you on the ballot for election at the May Annual Meeting. Don't be bashful, we need YOU!!!

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March Motor Madness - by Jodi Fletcher photos by Bill Scott

Saturday March 10th was the TRIPLE M. That s right... March Motor Madness as it has evolved into from what was once the spring banquet. In days gone by, there were car parts auctioned off and trophies handed out to various and sundry folk for various and sundry car-related accomplishments. In its current evolution, the banquet has become a purely social event with dinner and a rousing Yankee Swap for all attendees (in particular the "long-suffering spouses" of the aforementioned various and sundry car folk.)



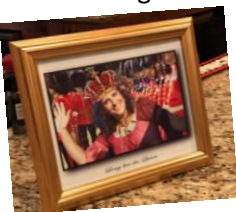
Brookside Club in Bourne has been the repeat location of this annual event for the last few years, and for good reason. The management there have been accommodating, the staff friendly and efficient, the space inviting and the food exceptional. This year was no exception.

The theme for the evening was (of all things...) BRITISH, Imagine? With Pam Dallaire in charge of the decorations and Mike Dallaire doing all the graphics, the room was transformed into a corner of London itself. The optional British attire gave the evening a real flair and the fascinators were indeed fascinating. The Clarkes, who ought to know, were prepared for the typical British weather with full rain gear, Wellies included. There were some who were SO prepared that they arrived 4 hours too early (sorry Morgan and Alison.) They looked absolutely smashing, however, and were very sporting about the whole thing.

The food choices were stellar, with something for everyone and the meal cards, expertly prepared by Mike, reflected the choices with whimsy: cows and salmon, chicken, fish, and mushrooms alike. The food was delicious and, I believe, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Donny Fletcher even got his beef rare/rare which is actually quite rare (pun intended).

Although our Queen B was unable to attend due to illness, which was indeed a shame, the turnout was quite good. We also missed our friends Bruce and Faith (hope you feel better Bruce) who enliven any gathering. There were nearly 40 guests in attendance and we were pleased to spend an enjoyable evening with all who came. It was great to see our friend Paul Hinchcliffe looking well and accompanied by the lovely MaryBeth.

After dinner, the merriment continued with the always popular Yankee Swap, wherein there is cutthroat competition for each gift that is opened (booze appearing to be the most popular). {Editor note - Our most modest of writer for this article was the star winner of the swap, being #1 to pick a gift and the last one to pick anything she wanted - of the popular type of course!}.



It should be mentioned here, on a very sad note, that we dearly missed our great friend Dennis Sokol whose witty repartee as host of the swap, will forever be a part of our memories. Dennis recently lost his battle with cancer, leaving us with a large whole in our midst. We love you Karen and are here for you .We all will miss Dennis.



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March Motor Madness continues

Another successful event is in the history books and the driving season is officially kicked off, although looking out the window may convince us otherwise (with mountains of snow to behold). Happy motoring - after our 3rd and maybe yet a 4th nor'easter!



Welding Tech Session - by Bill Scott

It is always encouraged, and it is really great, when a member steps up and does an event for the club. This is Rick Poole's third installment of Weld Tech 101, and it was well attended by nineuh, mostly members. There are usually a few neighbors or friends who show up each year. This year was no different with Jack Sheehy and Rick's grandson, Keagen, who was sent by his father to learn how to weld. We got some very needed instructions, as welding is much more complicated than one might think. I know, when watching an expert, it looks easy. But trying it yourself proves otherwise. So much to learn, requiring much practice to produce a smooth, well-bonded seam.

The practice becomes especially important when you purchase a car and discover to your dismay that it needs serious structural body and chassis work, as Ray Melawson learned with his 1957 100-6 Austin Healey. Looking for a little technical advice, he brought a stout new section of frame rail to the session, one that he will have to install on his Healey. You don't want to "learn" on your prized possession. You'll want a perfect job when you are finished. So you practice on various pieces of scrap metal – many times, until you know you'll get it right when doing your classic.



Rick walked us through the different systems; MIG, TIG, Oxygen-Acetylene and more. He demonstrated how to puddle a smooth weld as well as make one deep enough to assure a strong bond. He also gave a quick lesson on brazing with an old-school torch and showed us a tool and technique that can limit the warping of the metal being welded. So much to learn! Clearly, there's plenty of

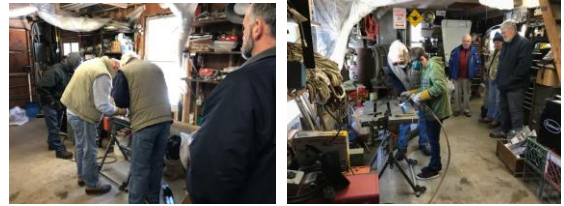
opportunity left for Rick to hold a few more sessions.



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Weld Tech continued

New members Chris Izzo, Brian O'Donnell and Ray Stafford showed up for the session, and Ray Stafford along with Ray Melawson, donned the protective goggles and tried their hands on some scrap metal with an oxy-acetylene torch. Enthusiastic grandson Keagen boldly gave it a try as well.



The class got started - let's mention the important stuff - with coffee and donuts as Rick ran an instructional video on a laptop that clearly explained the basics of MIG welding and provided a ton of useful advice and tips. Rick explained that these days you can obtain such useful teaching videos from welding equipment manufacturers and even on You-Tube. Ray Melawson said he got more out of the video than he did in a recent series of welding classes. Now before diving into his Healey frame, he's ready to practice with the brand-new MIG welder that he brought along to show the class.

Thanks, Rick, for another interesting morning in your series. Plus, it was good to see the progress on your own Healey restoration project. It is coming along quickly as you near the finish. We hope to see it on the road at one of our future events soon.



CCBCC - New Members

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| Chris & Kelly Izzo | 72, 66, & 68 MGBs, 73 Triumph TR-6, 64 Morris Panel Van, 66 Austin Mini • Hope, MA • |
| Brian O'Donnell | 76 MGB • W. Barnstable, MA • |
| William Reardon & Nancy Breadon | 58 Morgan +4 Drop Head Coupe • Middleboro, MA • |
| Jay & Kristen Savely | 59 MGA convertible • Boston, MA • |
| Jack Sheehy | 57 TR3, 65 Austin Healey BJ8 • Sterling, MA • |

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Cape Cod British Car Club - Events

April

[Regular Monthly Meeting](#)

17 April 2018 • BBC Sandwich, MA • 7:00 PM •

[Paul Hinchcliffe Safety Fast Day](#) **Please register** your attendance

28 April 2018 • Dallaire's Garage • Forestdale, MA • 9:30 AM •

May

[Brewster in Bloom](#) - **Please register on line** so we know how many are coming

06 May 2018 • BBC to the Scott's • Breakfast Social • Brewster in Bloom Parade • 9:00 AM •

[Annual Meeting](#) - **Please register on line** so we know how many are coming

19 May 2018 • Location to be at South Shore Mini • arriving at 9:30 AM with Meeting at 10:00
• Check web site for more information •

