

Cape Cod Currents

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"Boot" - by President, Mike Dallaire

Forestdale, MA - Damnit, I'm planting my flag! I declare that it's spring. Pam's Spitfire left for the installation of a new hood so I figured since it's spring I would commission the Jaguar XJS V12. So up on the new lift, no more jack stands and creepers for me, and a call to my son-in-law, "How would my grandson like to learn some car stuff?". So on Sunday morning my daughter Samantha, her husband Andy, and Tyler, my thirteen year old grandson, arrive.

The night before I had drawn up a check off list for Tyler and me to follow. Remove the oil pan drain plug, remove the oil filter, yah ... be careful, that oily stuff can go all over the place, and it does, right on the floor. No fears - my five year old granddaughter, Addie, is there with the Speedy Dry and a broom - she, loves to sweep the garage.

Tyler and I continue to take care of the lube task - remember, don't tighten that drain plug too tight. Make sure that you put a bit of oil around the filter gasket and fill the filter before screwing it back in place, and make sure it's snug.

Ok, done with the underside, how's our check list doing? Next up, adding the 10.5 quarts of good old Castrol GRTX 20/50 weight oil. How's the oil level? Check the dip stick. Next up, transmission and power steering fluid levels. Tranny's ok, power steering needs a bit. Yah... I know you can't see the cap to the power steering, you just have to feel for it. What's next on the list? Coolant level a little low, top that off. Fan belts have the proper slack - all five of them, hoses look good, brake fluid OK. Next replace the air filters, and look for the arrow that points to the front.

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"Boot" continued - by Mike Dallaire

Back to the check list. Inspect the wheels and tires, look ok. Check each tire for inflation. Hmmm, most at 28psi, they need to be at 32psi. Fire up the compressor and get them squared away. Back to the check list, "All checked off," Tyler announces with a grin. "But there are two more items left, get in and start her up and see if anything is leaking." With a smile that would rival a 53 Buick Road Master grill on his face, Tyler turns the key and the V12 roars to life. "One more thing left, slide over so we can take her for a test drive," and off we roar away. I don't know who had more fun, myself, Tyler and even Addie, but to be able to pass on some skills that I received from my dad to a whole new generation felt fantastic. I can't wait to call Tyler when I need to replace the brake rotors and that pesky right wheel bearing. Watching a 13 year old grease packing a roller bearing with his bare hands ought to be a hoot!



Well friends, this will be my last Boot for I am not running for president again this year. We have some very qualified members who have stepped forward to fill the officer positions of the club. This is a good thing. Of course I will not be going far as I will continue to serve on the Board of Governors as the past president and look forward to assisting the new president in any way I can. Please remember this is your club and with nearly 300 members, it can be a task at times, but many hands makes the load light. In order to keep the club "fun", it does take the participation of its members. Step forward and lend a hand.

Get 'em ready, the season is here!

March Motor Madness article by Jodi Fletcher photos by Bill Scott

The month of March is known for Madness. Starting with ..."Beware the eyes of March". Come on! March doesn't have eyes! Then there is the whole "In like a Lion" thing which everyone knows is nonsense because we don't have any Lions on Cape Cod (or the rest of New England for that matter). There is also the March Madness basketball tournament. More madness because people who have not watched college basketball all year (and who does really?), bet money,... that they don't have, on teams that they have never seen and don't know anything about. They start throwing around terms like "sweet sixteen" and "Elite eight" and then there are "brackets"... OOPS, sorry, I digress... Where were we? Oh yes ... March Madness... For our purposes and to be more precise... March Motor Madness.

March Motor Madness has evolved. It was another chance for car enthusiasts (mostly guys if I'm being honest) to get together, before they are able to take their LBC's out of winter storage, to talk cars and exchange parts with food involved. The thing is... the other halves of the team (mostly the gals... sorry to say) had been cooped up for the Winter too... and needed some Madness of their own. ENTER Pam Dallaire... Pam and "the girls" one year ended up at the bar the whole night of the "banquet" while the guys were giving/listening to speeches and bidding on each other's spare parts. Needless to say that didn't end too well. Girls had a blast but guys had to drag their less than coherent counterparts home at the end of the festivities.

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March Motor Madness *Continued*

Change was in order and change was indeed what occurred. March Motor Madness is now an annual event held in the month of March which is an elegant affair that is purely social in nature. Gone are the dry speeches (sorry guys) and there is nary a dusty old part to be seen. Fast forward to this year. The Brookside Golf Club in Bourne was the sight of the new Madness which took place on March 25, 2017.

Faith Lamprey and Bruce Vile of the British Marque and the Oxford motor boys (Joe and Jared) were on hand to help with the decorations which were expertly planned and executed by Pam and Mike Dallaire. There were roses and British flags galore and the tables were adorned with glossy color photos of all things vintage and British related to cars, beautifully executed by our photo expert Mike Dallaire. Pam instructed all of the decorating minions (this writer included) on the ins and outs of all things decorating.



While the guests were arriving, there were hors d'oeuvres to munch on and the bar was open for business (of course.) One really thoughtful detail (also the brainchild of one Mike Dallaire) was the advent of Pit Passes with colorful photos of a car race that was adorned with each guest's name and what kind of car they drive hung from a lanyard around the neck. This was not only a colorful addition but a very practical one for all of us beginning to experience senior moments. Remembering the names of everyone can be a challenge for sure!



Each person was provided with little photos depicting their food choices for the evening which made for smooth service of a meal that was truly memorable for all. There was chicken, veal, fish, and a vegetarian option which gave everyone a choice that could work for them.



There were large tables which allowed for a good deal of mingling and the company was most excellent. We enjoyed getting to know Morgan Malone and Alison DeKleine who drive...what else?... a Morgan!!! Three of them actually. They had a visiting friend, Warren Haller, from Canada, who is also a British car enthusiast who drives a Jaguar XJ12 It was so good of Morgan and Alison to bring him along! We hope to see him again.

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March Motor Madness *Continued*

The piece de resistance of the evening was the Yankee Swap which, although contentious at times,... was enjoyed with good humor and the spirit of friendship. Berta Rousseau had the primo pick of the evening and if I'm not mistaken, ended up with "Spirits" of some sort. A word to the wise... beware of Rebecca Swiren because, she and her hubby Bruce, ended up with the MACE.



March Motor Madness *Continued*



All in all, everyone appeared to have a marvelous time and many people went on to the "Manor Home" of members Fran and Kathy Minnock to continue the festivities. They were, as usual, gracious hosts which allowed for even more fun.

MARCH MADNESS INDEED !!!! See you on the road soon !!!

CCBCC New Members Welcome

Tony & Zita Caputo	1976 MG Midget • Sandwich, MA •
Peter McDonald	1967 Morris Mini Cooper - - 1970 MGB Conv't • Abington, MA •
Ray Melanson	1969 Jaguar FHC - - 1958 Austin Healey 100-6 •
Jamie Ryan	1961 Triumph TR3a • Hudson, MA •

Annual Meeting & Elections - by Bill Scott - VP & Editor

The end of May is headed our way, or if you are reading this in The British Marque, it is just a few weeks away. This is important to **your** club because the Annual Meeting and **elections** will be held on May 20th. The location will be at South Shore MINI in Rockland which is located about 1/4 mile west at exit 14 off of US 3. It is a bit of a drive, but a nice spring drive weather permitting. SS MINI was our Gold Sponsor for our BLW event last October and they invited us to use their show room and facilities to hold our important Annual Meeting. I am certain they will be good host and plan a few treats that we will find interesting. Following the meeting, there will be a driving tour to Plymouth where we will have a late lunch at The New World Tavern on 56 Main Street, Plymouth, and perhaps a tasting with the Mayflower brewery. It always seems we have greater club interest when there is food and beverage involved!

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Annual Meeting Continued

Why, other than having a good time, should you attend the Annual Meeting? For one thing, we hold our elections for club officers and BoG (Board of Governors). All four (4) of our club officers are up for election each year while half of our BoG members are up for election. Earlier this year twenty four (24) letters were sent to members encouraging them to seriously consider running for any of the open positions and put their name on the roster. Six (6) responded, some saying no and some positive or thinking. There is still time to respond if you contact: Mike Dallaire - mdallaire1@comcast.net or 774 - 836 - 6205 - OR - e-mail Bill Scott, a65jaguar@msn.com. I will be away from my office for a while, but I will check my e-mail when I return. We will make a final roster and an official ballot for the meeting on May 20th. These elections are important to You and Your Club, so think hard about how you can contribute and get involved in **YOUR CLUB!** See you at the meeting.

A Hull of an Event by Ron Garner & Bill Scott

Saturday, June 24th, 2017, Ron & Kathi Garner, (our Morgan loving club members), have invited The Morgan $\frac{3}{4}$ Club and the CCBC to a joint social gathering and luncheon at their home overlooking Boston Light in the lovely beach town of Hull. We can relax and spend time sharing car experiences with other car minded people and enjoy a bit of whatever the grill and coolers provide. Ron promises to have a gimmick rally written up for those who want to take a short tour of the outer tip of the Hull peninsula after lunch. Prizes? Of course.

We can turn this into a morning tour opportunity; meet at the BBC at 9:00 am, leave at 9:30 for a costal back roads tour up to Hull to arrive around 11:30 AM. As the tour plans evolve, maybe we can meet those club members not living on the Cape at the Carver BBC or in Plymouth and continue on as a group to Hull. I will post directions to the Garner's for anyone who cannot join us on the drive to Hull. All LBCs are welcome.

Important: We need to know how many plan to attend this event. PLEASE register on the home page on-line or call Bill Scott 345 896 9313 or cell 248 892 2525 to register your attendance. Ron & Kathi have suggested a rain date of Sunday the 25th if weather is not in our favor on Saturday.

This is also a tour leader opportunity! An opportunity for someone other than myself, Bill Scott, who often still gets the Martha's Vineyard tour wrong even after so many years. So, Step up and lead, it is your club.

Cape Cod British Car Club - Events

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 •

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Events Continued**May**[Brewster in Bloom-Social & Parade](#)

07 May 2017 • BBC to the Scott's • Breakfast Social • Brewster in Bloom Parade • 9:00 AM • Details on line • Please Register •

[Annual Meeting](#)

20 May 2017 • South Shore MINI • Rockland, MA • 10:00 AM • Lunch - The New World Tavern, Plymouth • Details on line • Please Register •

June[Breakfast Run & Lemon Tree Village Car Show](#)

04 June 2017 • BBC Sandwich to Breakfast • Lemon Tree Village Brewster to car show • Details on line • Please Register •

[Regular Monthly Meeting & Ice Cream Run](#)

20 June 2017 • BBC • Sandwich, MA • 7:00 PM •

[A Hull of an Event! Tour to Hull and lunch with Kathi & Ron Garner and friends](#)

24 June 2017 • BBC Sandwich to Hull • 9:00AM • Lunch in Hull at the Garners & Friends • 11:30AM • Details on line • Please Register •

July[Regular Monthly Meeting & Ice Cream Run](#)

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

