

Cape Cod Currents

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"Boot" - from the Queen "B"

BLW 2018 has come and gone and WOW!!! What a phenomenal weekend it was! I think this was the best one yet!!! A BIG-HUGE shout out to all the BLW committee members and volunteers that worked so very hard planning BLW and making it happen during the weekend!!! Please know that I appreciate everything that you have done. You certainly made my job as the Queen easy.

I want to thank EVERYONE for helping to make BLW a success because if it wasn't for YOU we wouldn't be here! Now you know I'm not only referring to the members of CCBCC.... I'm thankful to ALL of YOU who joined in the fun of the weekend and those who came for the show.

And of course, to all of our wonderful sponsors:

Herb Chambers, South Shore Mini, British Beer Company, British Marque Car Club News, Donovan Motorcar, Oxford Motors, and so many more---THANK YOU!!

So, if you had a great time at BLW 2018 in gorgeous historic Sandwich... you're in for a treat again next year!! Mark your calendars NOW!! BLW 2019 will be held in Plymouth, MA, home of the first English settlers, on October 11th-13th.

You know I can't let a month go by without saying how fabulous the Cape Cod British Car Club and all the members are. These people have your back. Whether its planning a driving tour, a major event , a tech session, or just being a friend, these people are the bomb!!!

I have to say once again that I'm proud and honored to belong to such a great club.
Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours

Your Queen_B - Berta

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18th Annual British Legends Weekend - article by Marg Dennis - photos by Tom Austin, Al Roseman, Rick Poole & Bill Scott

Sandwich, Massachusetts

Day 1 Friday, October 5, 2018, British Beer Company, Sandwich, MA

Since the Middle Ages, British social centers were neighborhood places where people gathered for good food and drink, share stories and laughter. By one estimate, England and Wales had 17,000 pubs in the late 1500s.

Cape Cod has nowhere near as many pubs as England once did but on Friday night more than 130 registered guest and members of the Cape Cod British Car Club gathered at the British Beer Company in Sandwich, Massachusetts, a local pub, at the start of the 2018 British Legends weekend.

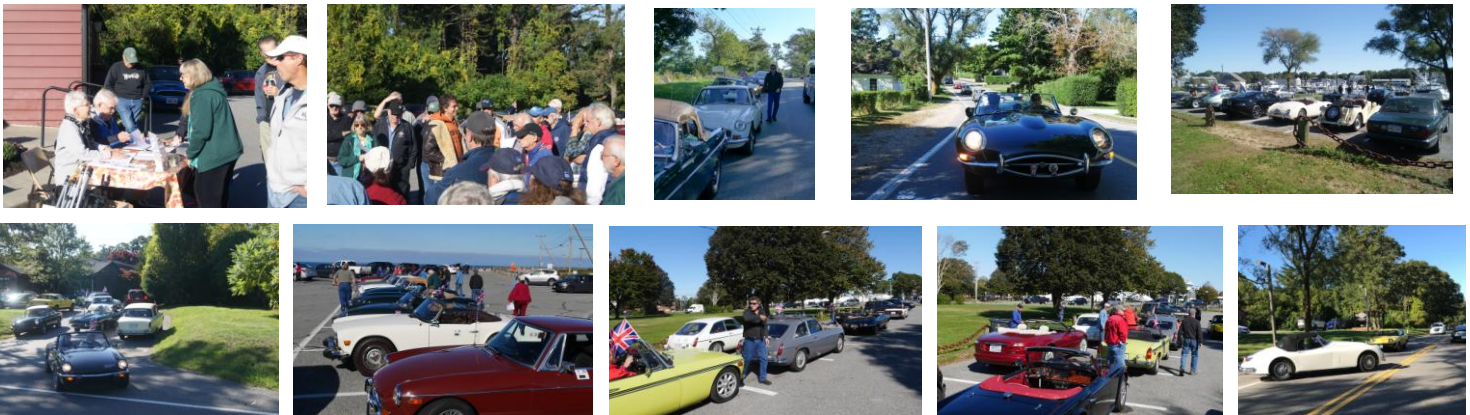
Bill Scott, a past president of the CCBCC perhaps put it best. "We are an eating and drinking club with a car problem." Founded 18 years ago, the CCBCC has a membership of around 200 + British car enthusiasts living on Cape Cod and throughout southeastern Massachusetts.

After an absence of several years, my husband and I, along with our newly-restored 1958 Jaguar 150 S, decided to participate in this year's British Legends weekend. It didn't matter that we knew no one. Soon we were eating pizza and drinking beer and wine with Linda and Peter Cornell, proud owners of an Aston Martin and, as it turned out, live near us in Cotuit. We also had the opportunity to meet the current president of the club, Berta Rousseau, "Queen B," Berta gives new meaning to the word friendly. When I asked her why she was so enthusiastic about the CCBCC, she replied, "It's the people. These people have your back, no matter what. We are not fussy car owners. We drive our cars. We enjoy them. We don't trailer them."



Day 2, Saturday, October 6, 2018 Parking Lot, British Beer Company, Sandwich, MA

The day announced itself with blue skies and sun. Over 100 people and 64 cars gathered to participate in a 60 mile run either along the coast or through historic Sandwich. Our caravan of cars left shortly after 10:00 am., the sounds of classic British car engines filling the autumn air. No matter the make or car or year, these engines sound distinctive.



At the intersection of stop signs and green lights were people smiling, waving, giving us the thumbs up sign as we traveled from point to point. I can only imagine what the engineers of these classic cars would think seeing their creations of so many years ago still on the road, still enjoyed by drivers, passengers, and spectators. Our Jaguar 150 S seemed to welcome the twists and turns of the coastal route. I enjoyed passing through the towns along the route, especially Woods Hole. *continue*

18th Annual BLW *continued*

Saturday evening, October 6, 2018, Dan'l Webster Inn, Sandwich, MA

The eating and drinking club with the car problem met later that day to eat, drink and share stories. We spent the evening with Paula and Michael Aschettino, new club members. When I asked them why they decided to join the CCBCC, Michael quickly replied: "When we retired we wanted to communicate with people who loved classic British cars as much as we do." I think the Aschettinos found the right club.



Looking around the room I thought that some of us surely have more yesterdays than tomorrows. But tonight that doesn't matter. Tonight we were all twenty-five years old with the future ahead of us. And most of us filled that future with driving these beautiful and classic cars.



Day 3 Sunday, October 7, 2018 Classic Car Show & Competition, town exhibit field, Sandwich, MA

This cloudy day did not dampen the enthusiasm of the 130 or more British classic car enthusiasts who gathered to show their cars and compete for prizes in their class.

I walked a field filled with Jaguars, Austin-Healeys, MGs, Triumphs, Morgans, Minis, Rovers, Lotus cars and even a few TVR's lined up for inspection and judgment. I am familiar with most of these cars but still appreciate how well they have withstood the test of time. There were other cars in the competition that were not so familiar, including a 1955 Austin, a 1955 MGTF1500, a 1968 Morris Mini Traveler, a 1968 Rover 2000 TC and a 1929 leather bodied Rover sedan.



For me, two cars, in particular, stood out: a 1964 Land Rover splattered with mud. I imagine a car like this one in Africa but maybe the mud was just from Sandwich. The second car was a 1950 Allard, painted according to its owner, Andrew Picariello, Sky Vodka Blue! Exquisite car. Distinctive color.

I spent a part of the afternoon meeting and speaking with some of the hundreds of people who came to the car show. I was particularly impressed with the number of young people I met who asked intelligent questions and seemed to understand that these cars are both ageless and special. It is my hope, and I think the hope of all of us who own a classic British car, that in the future younger people will continue our traditions of restoring, driving and appreciating these magnificent cars.

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18th Annual BLW continued

Time to announce the winners in each class. The best in show award was given, rightly so, to the oldest car, the rare 1929 Rover, a tall and handsome right-hand drive sedan built with a leather body. Magnificent car, still impressive at 89 years old, and impeccably restored by Dirk Burrowes.



Part of this year’s competition was the Concours d’Evolution, a class of Jaguars and Land Rovers illustrating the evolution of these cars and engines. Forgive me for writing that our Jaguar 150 S was given the top award in this category. Like many of you reading this article, you have a story about your car and its restoration. We do as well, and this generous award by the judges of this competition is a nice ending to the story of our restoration. Our Jaguar travelled from garage to garage for 40-years. Finally, our old “barn find” arrived. Thank you CCBC. Not only for this award but also for your welcoming and fun weekend.



As I left the field, Berta Rousseau, asked, “When will I see you again Marguerite?” “Not until next year Berta,” I replied. “But we will be back.”

Next year,

Plymouth, Massachusetts, will host the British Legends Weekend, as it will in 2020 when the BLW will be part of the town’s giant 400th anniversary celebration of the arrival of the Mayflower in America.

my rediscovered friends in CCBC will be enjoying a full plate of fall and winter activities, starting with the Martha’s Vineyard Weekend being held November 3-4. And, of course, they’ll be hoisting a few full mugs at the monthly club meetings back at the British Beer Company on the third Tuesday of each month!



CCBCC - New Members

- Christopher O'Neill 78 Rolls Silver Shadow • Harwich, MA •
- Cliff Robbins 72 Jaguar XKE • W. Barnstable, MA •
- John & Lorraine Silva 82 Jaguar X-Type Sport, 02 Jaguar XK - 8 • Cotuit, MA •
- Charles Stevens 08 Jaguar S-Type 4.2 • Brewster, MA •
- Michael Trovato 96 Sunbeam Tiger, 60 Austin Healey Bug Eye Sprite • Provincetown, MA •
- Michael & Paula Aschettino 87 Jaguar XJS 4 seat Convertible • Eastham, MA •

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Cape Cod British Car Club - Events

October

[Regular Monthly Meeting](#)

16 October 2018 • BBC • Sandwich, MA • 7:00 PM •

[Diesel and Lulu's Opening](#)

27 October 2018 • Watch for details on the web-site • TBD •

November

[Martha's Vineyard Weekend](#)

03-04 November 2018 • Kelly House • Edgartown • MV, MA •

[Regular Monthly Meeting](#)

19 November 2018 • BBC • Sandwich, MA • 7:00 PM •

