

Cape Cod Currents

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"Boot" - by President, Mike Dallaire

Greeting from Forestdale, MA - Fall...leaves are changing, sun is getting low, as are the temperatures, especially for top down touring. Signs of an end to another great LBC driving season. It's been a great season this year. Events were well attended, great connections were made with friends and other LBC owners, good-byes were shared with old friends and a welcome extended to new ones to the club.

CCBCC continues to grow and evolve. With a new group of members, many who are first time LBC owners, a new breath of excitement has returned to our events and meetings. Even more important, some of our newer members have begun to step forward to become more involved with the club's operations, a welcome change! Although there is not a large field of members interested in the officer positions or presidency, I am hopeful that someone will take over the reins of the club. Many of us have belonged to or know of clubs that have become stagnant due to lack of change and or leadership, and eventually the club fails a slow death. I do not wish that to become the fate of the CCBCC. I can't count the times that I have heard from some of our older members, "As Bob Greene said, "When it stops being fun then I'm outa here!" Well that's fine and dandy, but if you don't participate in the clubs operations then the fun does go away, especially for the few members who organize all the events. I often hear, "Why don't we do this or that?", and if I respond with, "Why don't you organize the event?", I get a look of a deer caught in the headlights.

In the beginning of the CCBCC, the five or so founding fathers would get together for lunch or a drive and it was somewhat easy and FUN! Four or five LBCs could pull into almost any establishment's parking lot and cause a minor stir and could easily find a seat for lunch. Try doing a FUN ride while addressing nearly 300 members! Try to find a lunch spot that, at a moment's notice, can accommodate 60 or so people. So spontaneous events are usually restricted to ice cream runs after membership meetings. Very little planning is involved and they are fun. Planning events like the MV tour or Freezin' Run are labor intensive for a sole planner as well as our destination hosts. I guess the bottom line is that I want it to be FUN as well, but I want it to be FUN for me and my board members. That takes commitment, not from just a few, but many.

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In closing, my point is that myself and the others who keep stepping up to the plate to keep the club active are getting tired. They all would like to sit back a bit and have some "FUN"! New blood is desperately needed to keep CCBCC alive.

Martha's Vineyard Weekend - by Bill Scott Photos by Alan Roseman

Our club closes the driving season with three events; Our signature BLW event held on Columbus Day weekend, the Martha's Vineyard trip always scheduled on the first Weekend in November and the Freezin' Fun Run 4 Kids held in Mid November. So far, we have had two for two. Friday for each of the first two events were great, sunny and warm, perfect! Saturday for each of these events were wonderful. You read about the BLW's Friday night Meet & Greet and Saturday Coastal Tour followed by the BBQ in the last issue and you will read here that the folks who came to Martha's Vineyard early on Friday had a great time with perfect weather and a relaxing enjoyable day.



Saturday on the Vineyard was beautiful too. A scenic drive around the island and everyone enjoyed the dinner at the hotel prepared by the chief at Henry's. Great day and a great evening. Both the BLW and the MV trip broke attendance records. We have never had 25 cars and 46 people on the island tour, just like records were broken on this year's BLW. Then came Sunday for each event. The heavy rain started early in the morning for the BLW and lasted for the entire day, even for the ride back home. Sunday morning on the island had a light rain before I went out into the parking lot to switch from Tonneau cover to full hood up. It rained about every 20 or 30 minutes off and on all day, even while waiting for the ferry and for the long ride home. As I am writing this, I can't help but wonder what is in store for the FFR4K's in two weeks? Three out of three, or will we break the spell? We want to have a great start and a record attendance, but can we wish for good weather all day. Sunshine to drive home so that I won't have to hang up my floor mats to drip dry.



The driving tour for the Vineyard starts at the Tashmoo overlook where we all gather, those who arrived a day early and the rest of us who take the Saturday morning ferry. I attempt to have a well defined tour route to hand out in case the cars get separated and someone becomes the new leader, they would have a map and directions. Sitting at a desk in Brewster and pouring over maps (remember those?), Researching both Mapquest and Google Maps on line become a confusing task as they all are different, showing roads that are not roads or at least roads that were once there, and certainly names of roads which vary from town to town. So, I confess that the first two directions were "confusing", as the first five or six car who could see me, turned onto Lamberts Cove Rd and the rest of the pack headed straight for Menemsha. They arrived substantially before we did. You

can imagine everyone looking at their watches and pointing, ...the humiliation! Well, some of us saw Lamberts Cove Rd, there was a big sign!!

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We all made it to Aquinnah, stretched, shopped and took a quick look at where the light used to be. In the interest of time (and lunch) we headed out towards Oak Bluffs using as many different roads as possible, not to just retrace our steps. So we used Moshup Trail and South Rd through Chilmark up to West Tisbury with a little jog to Old Country Rd. After about a mile, I slowed down to look for Fisher Rd., a road that was clearly on the map... just opposite the Tisbury school which we could clearly see, but no Fisher Rd. A quick review of the map, a real paper map, helped develop an alternate plan for getting to East Chop without missing a beat. We drove by those wonderful old beach houses on the way down to Oak Bluffs, did a "U"e and parked by the water on Lake Ave.



The Off Shore Ale House was pretty full, so many of us walked to the Over Look which has tables that "overlook" the water, brilliant! One more stop on the way to the Harbor View hotel was Bad Martha's Farmer's Brewery where one could sample some local craft beer following a long hard days driving. It was only a short trip to the hotel from there and a little time to check in and relax a bit before the 7:30 dinner in the Menemsha Room. I think everyone enjoyed the food and conversations with friends and amenities of the hotel. A very pleasant evening.



Surprisingly, Sunday morning was a little damp with reoccurring showers. My weather app had shown only a 10% chance of rain. Being a glass half full type of guy, I read that as 90% chance of no rain. But, carrying on, plans had been made for two different tours, The Mytoi Gardens and to Prospect Point. A few new plans were made by some, to stay in and enjoy the hotel brunch for some and others dashed to the Diner down by the ferry. Some members actually drove to one or the other of the tours as planned. I went to the Gardens on Chappaquiddick mostly as I think the short ferry ride is fun and interesting. I think almost everyone stopped at the Alpca Farm on their way back to Vineyard Haven and the ferry home.



All in all, I think most everyone had a great time with plans for returning next year. It is the same small island each year, but it is really peaceful and beautiful in the fall. The other nice thing is to have time with our more distant members and friends who come from all over Massachusetts, from Connecticut and Rhode Island to enjoy and make this such a wonderful weekend. Come join us next year.

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Cape Cod British Car Club - Events

November

[Regular Monthly Meeting](#)

15 November 2016 • BBC Sandwich, MA • 7:00 PM •

[Freezing Fun Run For Kids](#)

19 November 2016 - BBC Sandwich to Hyannis Yacht Club • Hyannis, MA •

December

[Holiday Party - Stay tuned](#) - Enjoy the Holidays

TBD December 2016 -

The End

