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## Hello Everyone!

The weather is changing so it won't be so easy to get the cars out. Some of us have been traveling and racing so not much has been going on.

Hope all of you and yours have a safe and **Happy Thanksgiving!**

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**Saturday LIAR'S CLUB 6 PM at  
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# IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR



**THE BCCW SEPTEMBER PICNIC** was a Success at the farm in Yoder, on Sat, Sep 23, 2023! It was a good **HAIR DOWN** day ...or **UP** as Mike & Cheryl Wilson did in the photo to the right > . . . . . Your editor temporarily abandoned ship with initially cheap gasoline and drove off to poke along the East Coast for some vacation time in MA, NY, NH, with a much-needed day on Ogunquit, ME, beach.



Tide was coming in, surf was strong, gulls were hungry, and an on & off fog set a perfect mood for two horses enjoying their first time at the ocean! **Below are a couple of surprises I ran across:**

**On-&-off fog** set the perfect mood for two horses enjoying their very first time at the ocean, clomping happily around in this strange, cold & dizzying-to-watch surf.



**The other surprise** was that



**THIS MGBGT** was the **ONLY MG** that I spotted on my entire trip across the states, up into Maine and back!



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**For more of editor's mumblings: go to Page 12.**



**BCCW** had a variety of sporty sunshine cars to compete. Hank set the cones up, so HE was allowed to knock 'em down, too.

**Attendees:** Sharon & Hank Brillhart, Hosts/Cooks, Rod MacLean, Cook, Shirley Helm & Dan Johnson - BCCW President, Tammy & her Mom, Sue Richards, Annette & Harry Price, Colette & Bob Baptista, Sheryl & Mike Wilson, Larry Lingafelter, and Lew Blackwell.



**Fun & Games** was the backyard Orange Cone Racetrack outlined by BCCW's own set of orange cones culled from previous adventures.

Sharon & Hank have a good thing going here.... I'm not aware of a place in the city where we could do something like this whenever we want.

If you missed it, you missed good food, good times & good company.

*Y'all come next time, Heah?*





**GREAT food meets good appetites and makes for great conversation & good times.**

**Perfect days with a nice cloud cover are the best for wasting your time!**



# CARS and COFFEE

March  
Thru  
October



**Boyd McPherson** brought out his rare and very nice 1963 AC Cobra, and is seen at the right talking to **Jimmy & Tom Lippincott**. There were a lot of well-kept cars staged today. It was also great to hear all the rubber burn down 21st Street!



Red Lines lit up as Bumouts Began! Loud & noisy, with smoke & ash, blue fumes lined 21st Street in both directions, giving the spectators a little boost to their coffee. *Is C&C over for this warmer 2023?*

## NOTES FROM THE EDGE

**From Terry Palmer [terpalmer3@gmail.com](mailto:terpalmer3@gmail.com) -**  
Hi Lew, it's been a while. I had back surgery over a year ago. I sold my TR6 and would like to clear out some parts both new and used. I also have a **J-type overdrive transmission** that I was going to put in my TR6, it's out of a 75 TR6. It's ready to go. Could you list this in the next newsletter? I'm asking \$2,000 for the trans but cannot ship. I would make some good deals on the other parts. Thanks.  
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**From Keith Smith <[KSTRL.4488@outlook.com](mailto:KSTRL.4488@outlook.com)>**  
Well, good news! The new electric fan kecked on when I got some gas, after driving 25 miles on mixed road and in-town. Bad news: once I was east of Burma Road, it was making a real racket at 40 mph. I got home and, as I entered the shop, I smelled smoke with car rattling like crazy. I shut it off but it kept dieseling with the gas pedal locked in position. I choked it till it stopped. By now, the smoke was billowing out. I popped the bonnet and grabbed the shop fire extinguisher and shot it all into the densest smoke. I ran into the house and grabbed another extinguisher for flames that were now at the bottom of the block. I put out the flames and bailed out of the shop to avoid smoke inhalation. Fire was now out. Flames had come from around the coupler on the fuel line by the frame. I wonder if it was ever tight? Only 519 miles since it was rebuilt. I checked the oil; still clear and OK on volume. I went in and ate an entire pint of ice cream! I'll investigate once I'm over the craziness of the ordeal.



## FROM LONG AGO. . . Oct 22 1895



The train wreck at Montparnasse Station in Paris, France on or near the 22nd October 1895.

**No. 56, arriving from Grandville, at 40-60 KM, was unable to stop, ploughed through the station buffers, across 30 metres (98 ft) of the concourse to the end of the platform, crashed through the 24 " thick station building façade wall, and fell nose down onto Place de Rennes, killing a newspaper seller Marie-Augustine Aguillard.**

***Checked your tires & brakes lately?***

**Bottom Line: please get yourselves SEVERAL fire extinguishers for your shop or garage!**

# HANK'S GARAGE

As luck would have it, Hank got a space open in the garage to perform a "Wellness Check" on Tammy Vandruff's MGB. Half of the BCCW Brain Trust, plus your half-brained editor, descended on Tammy's place and de-garaged her B onto Hank's trailer with lots of late-generational grunts & groans from Hank, Rod & Lewis, accompanied by cheerful encouragement from Tammy, who grabbed the opportunity to snap rear-end portrait photos of her Mighty Male Moving Masters. (A slow-motion film of action would have moved about as fast as a the still photo study shown below.)



We were fortunate to snag a break in the rain to get the MGB Beast on the trailer. We got it to and into Hank's garage without rearranging any of its body lines or mirrors.

We poked and prodded and "laid hands on" as many parts as we could reach to check for any obvious leaks or disconnects and checked the floor for any dreaded signs of age-related leaks (because Depends don't come in this car size.) Hank found several hoses that had reached their term limits. Rod pulled all the plugs and declared them ineligible for future playing seasons. Hairy, black fuzz & you're out! Original W16EX-U Denson plugs were designed specifically for running cooler in a hotter-flame chamber. Poorman's came up with a Champion specified cross-equivalent.



Rubber fuel lines and vent lines were stiff with age. The original fuel filter had a 5/16 Inlet bulge and a 1/4 outlet bulge just to make things interesting. Again, Poorman's came up with a filter that came with correct bulges on both ends. Time for lunch! Wait a minute! I needed a photo of the points that needed fixing,...sooo...they helpfully pointed!

Sharon is our 4TH Element in this scenario, bein' as how she tamed our stomach growls with a K-A pot of homemade chicken noodles. ....& tasty cake!



After lunch, we tackled the steering wheel, which required a hunt into the corners for a plastic bucket filled with all sorts of wheel pullers. Next, due to the difference in size & configuration, the perfect fit of a socket required another search through all of the



variables to find one to fit the odd-ball-sized 1977 nut holding the Steering Wheel in place. Wheel puller required 3 sets of hands to keep it on the post and it popped off! New one went on easily. We are almost done. New plug harness is next!

***Tammy's almost back on th' road!***

## For Sale

Gearbox cover, fiberglass. \$45. Came with some parts cars I bought long ago. Looks like it has been installed once and promptly pulled. One mounting tab needs repaired, otherwise in very good condition.

**Fits TR4,4a,250 & 6.** New phenolic unit from The Roadster Factory is \$110 + shipping. Pick up is best, as shipping will be a killer on something this big. Will ship, but don't recommend it. 31six 77six 00six5. **Other TR3 & 4 parts available, inquire.**

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**THANKSGIVING DAY - NOV 23, 2023**

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**PLEASE VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023!!**

## 72 MG MIDGET BODY!

*Tony Lane Has A Deal For You!*

Call Tony at **316-650-2394** or email  
[AnthonyL@sipptech.com](mailto:AnthonyL@sipptech.com)

I have a **72 MG Midget Body** with **all the body panels** if someone is looking for a parts car.

This is the car that I robbed the rear I would like to get rid of this body, and would deliver it to someone if they would like to have it for parts and references. Let me know.

Call Tony at **316-650-2394**

## FOR SALE!

**MIKE GREENO** has a 1972 MGB Roadster that is For sale. It was being restored but the owner has had a heart bypass procedure and unable to complete the restoration. STATUS:

Body work done & primed to paint.  
Engine was rebuilt & ready to go!  
Seats newly recovered in Biscuit color.  
New S.S. muffler system was installed.  
Tranny inspected by Fisher: Good Condition.

Another fine opportunity to put together a fun car that doesn't have to be plugged in and recharged!

Contact Mike at : [mgreeno@att.net](mailto:mgreeno@att.net)

## HIGH SECURITY STORAGE

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**210-6365** [w-bruce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:w-bruce@sbcglobal.net)

**Hank & Sharon** say they still have shirts & caps left \$5 Apiece. 4 Med, 1 Sm Wh Shirts, 1 X-Large Tan, and 1 Hat.  
**Sharon 620-200-4959 Hank 316-204-2596**

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**Drop In & See What's Up.**



**FOR SALE Chrome Bumper Brown 1972 MGB, WITH Tan Interior, comes with an extra transmission - \$4,600**

**ALSO: FOR SALE Red 1973 Austin Healy (Bottom Right) No title. Xtra Tran \$600. GREAT candidate for a rebuilder!**

**Contact Rick Rager 619-9203 [rick.rager@yahoo.com](mailto:rick.rager@yahoo.com)**



## WANTED OR NOT, HERE'S MY TRIP REPORT FOR YOUR DISTRACTION!

Your Editor took off in his substitute MGB (a 2001 Mazda Miata MX-5, 6-spd with slotted rotors) on a badly-needed driving adventure to MA, CT, NH, and ME. Trip-ometers for Google maps suggest it's about 1,529 Miles. Out & back, I put 3,287 mostly because fambly put me up and drove me around to places like Ogunquit , Maine, a FREE beach. You can walk miles on



the beach with the incoming tide and VERY attentive sea

gulls that scrutinize you for any signs of food. I saw happy horses enjoying their VERY FIRST time at the ocean, prancing back & forth between the sand and roiling surf. Cool!

Hilly roads, smoky streams, morning light filled my windscreen. Below is a spot near my sister Bunny's place in NH. A farmer put a bench for her to enjoy the view. She's an organist for nearby churches, but this view without all the key ranks is likely pretty nice, too!



I like going through the small towns and seeing scenes from my childhood that were filled with the old-style coastal designs. Just as interesting are



some town signs that remind you that you are here in the summer months and that a different season can bring unimagined changes! When I spotted this mountainside house, I could not resist stopping to take a shot and wonder what six-to-twelve inches of snow might be like up there.

I suspect they either keep snow mobiles... or become Florida snowbirds?



This church, in Squaniscook, NH, has a high belfry that seems to allow the church bells to reach out to summon all of the area and possibly invite spectators to visit its fenced "widow's walk".



In MA, the apple trees were much heavier with larger fruit than usual, and were ready for the seasonal help to descend on the orchards to pick ship.



Squaniscook Hook & Ladder Company is a very stately Fire Station that makes you glad you have your camera! Ancient structures like this hide everywhere.



Old, **OLD** farm barns are my favorite subjects and I've enjoyed seeing these friends over the years for as long as I can remember. They can't last forever, I'm sure, but, .....neither can I!

Smart leaf peepers will go off the beaten path to drive through small towns to see the old money, stately residences gathered around a town's grassy center decorated with picturesque plantings and a central bandstand that always stood ready for the holiday concerts and festivals.



In Fall, even the dreaded bushes of poison ivy can bloom out in surprises of color!

(Pretty, but don't pick these little itch-monsters for decorations!)



I started back on **October 6**. Remember that date. The colors got stronger in Western New York but Pennsylvania color was **INTENSE!** My car "test drive" was smooth, pure pleasure!  
***I AM ready to do it all over again! Your Editor***

**IT'S HALLOWE'EN! WATCH FOR KIDS!**