

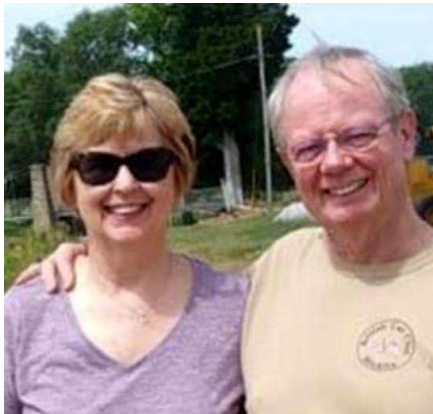
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Hello Everyone!

Once again, the weather has changed and we've had the cars

out more this month. We had a great get together at Sharon and Hank's in Yoder. Eighteen people showed up. All of the side dishes that people brought were wonderful and thanks to Hank and Collette for being Chefs for the day.

On a sad note, for those that don't know, Lew hit a deer in his pride and joy MGB. Hank, Sharon, Shirley and I went to the accident and luckily Lew wasn't hurt, but unfortunately the MGB was totaled. We all know how much he loved that car and are sad for his loss, but so very, very thankful that Lew came out of the accident physically unscathed.

Please have a safe month; you NEVER know what is going to happen
Dan and Shirley

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Tammy Smiles when you renew your 2023 BCCW MEMBERSHIPS!

Tammy Vandruff is your club's highly revered Treasurer. Send your \$10 / **year** dues to Tammy's address is in the staff box above right.



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PLAN FOR LAKE AFTON

50th Annual Car Show

Sunday **Jun 11** 11 - 4

Shine that puppy up,
Look for our BCCW
Signs and Sportscars

Bring your chair, snacks,
and sunshine lotion!

SCCA RACING SCHEDULE



**Mid-Division in Salina
June 3 & 4, 2023
June 18 Salina
That's all for June**

**LIKE JAZZ WITH YOUR COFFEE?
EVERY FRIDAY MORNING
MARTY BOWIE**

practices his keyboard arpeggios for
whoever shows up

R Coffeehouse

**1144 Bitting,
S. of 13th St in Riverside.**



Autocross Season

We have the sessions yet to go and we plan on hitting a few extra this year, out of state, and doing a little traveling with our car.

If you would like to **SEE & FEEL** what this is like, come out to one of our autocrosses and take a **RIDE**.

You won't be disappointed with your experience.

Until next time! Hank and Sharon



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IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

MAY, Hank donated **BCCW Lift Time** for oil changes, maintenance, coffee & donuts at his garage on South Laura. Wilson and Blackwell



took advantage of the opportunity to anoint their cars with some fresh virgin oils & magic crystals. Dan Johnson and RodMacLean helped Michael Wilson check the underside of the MGA for any possible surprises of loose anythings. The crowd was lighter attendance than usual. Sharon was on hand and very generously provided coffee. Blackwell's supply of donuts were overkill , but we didn't run out either. Above is a shot of Wilson's MGA next to Blackwell's MGB, which is the last time it would be seen at a BCCW function. Shortly, it would hit a deer. Details on pag 8.



Early in May, ABOVE a gathering of the club cars lined the Braum's parking lot: Dave Auk's Bugeye Sprite, Paul McNeill's Tiger, Blackwell's Stealth, Hank's Miata, Rod MacLean's SUV, and 2 others your editor failed to identify. My bad.



Mid-May, AT LEFT, the gathering finalized details for the BBQ Party in Yoder. Clockwise: Roger Pitts, Sharon Brillhart, Rod MacLean, Addalie, who is Sharon's great grand-daughter, Hank Brillhart, and legs of Michael Kephart because yer editor photog is shortsighted! Bottom photo, Dan Johnson, President, Shirley Helm, Addalie again, Roger, and Hank.



EVERY SAT NITES AT BRAUM'S 6 PM



The Liars Club Convenes
All storytellers are invited to join.
North of W. Douglas & Seneca

May BCCW BBQ Party at Sharon Covert's Farm, shown below. Early Entertainment was 2 drivers who drove past the driveway or took a wrong turn.....always a crowd-pleaser. Below only shot of Hank & Sharon at rest AFTER the party!



Above, is a split screen of Shirley & Dan, then I caught Hank, Ric, & Bob looking over Paul Briggs' very nice MGB GT. Below, Sharon and Hank stand their ground, surrounded by the Mazda Miata Fleet raced at the nearby old Navy airstrip.



BELOW, AT THE BBQ PARTY:

Against a background of Miatas, Ric Wolford has his Sunbeam Tiger,



Paul McNeill has his Sunbeam Tiger,



Roger Pitts models Blackwell's Miata



Bringing our BBQ to a FEVER PITCH was our Financial Gatekeeper, the lovely and talented Tammy Vandruff, whose MGB is home sick!



Collette & Bob Baptista, recently sold their MGB but remain active in British Car Club of Wichita.



Diane & Paul Brigg's very nice 1969 MGC GT



Rod MacLean drove his Beautiful 1963 AH 3000.



Rod's AH 3000 always draws a crowd .A LOT of painstaking effort went into making each precise fitment. Ron and Emily, new members from Moundridge to BCCW, joined the crowd.



Ron and Emily Sundquist brought their very classy antique, the 1952 MGB TD. Nice.



Here are some special features on the car ~



Ron & Emily Sundquist pack it all in to make the run home in Moundridge. Thanks for coming to join the fun!



Tammy Vandruff and her Mom, **Sue Richards** are our favorite people when the club caravans on show trips.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

British Car Club of Wichita, KS

MEETING

Saturday, June 10,

**9 AM Kelley's Family Diner
2131 South Broadway in
north dining room.**

C.A.R.S. Club Car Show

EVERY 3rd SAT 9am – 2pm.

Braeburn Square 21st & Oliver

Vintage Car Cruise

& Parade 8 am

Cruise Cowley County, 6/03/2023

**DON'T FORGET
NEXT BCCW EVENT!**

Lake Afton

50th Annual Car Show

Sunday June 11 from 11-4

Blackwell's 73 MGB

hits snag with a stag

I used up a lot of lives on this one.

THE BAD NEWS. Right at sunset, I was headed west on K-96 from Rock and almost up to speed, when a deer took a leap of faith and touched down maybe a foot in front of my 55 mph bumper.

Joyland used to have a ride called The Tea Cups. You climbed in, grabbed th' wheel and HUNG ON! My ride was exactly that. NO CHOICE. After the deer thankfully flew UP and over the car instead of punching hooves thru windscreen, I spun around & off onto the shoulder....ride was about 2 1/2 seconds of instant spin, then plunged backwards 50 feet down through a steel stake fence onto a dry streambed. Fast & furious but all 4 feet stayed on the ground!

I sat still for a beat, waiting for something to hurt, but nothing did. I looked through the windshield and saw stars....the real stars....I was sitting on my rear bumper pointed up. No smoke. No noisy hiss from the engine. First worry was how I was going to fix it. Ha. In the last couple months, I had flushed hydraulic lines, flushed & refilled the radiator with new coolant, done an oil change & lube, replaced a wimpy coil, bought a set of Toyo tires, and waxed the finish...AND, last winter, I had cut templates and bought a very fancy set of coco fibre floor mats for Ruby. They should look nice on the floor of Hank's MGB....

THE GOOD NEWS. I HAD been thinking of bitng the bullet and getting cosmetic surgery & fixing all the nicks & knits in the paint. THAT would've hurt!

Lucky for me, two cars directly behind me had seen the deer go straight up in the air and saw my car lights spin & disappear into the gulley. Ellis Reel (I think) and a girl ran down to me. Car sat on its tail but didn't fall back. I was OK. Hiway Patrol was quick getting there. Hank was at the car when the patrolman looked at it and was wondering if I had actually hit a deer. Hank had him point his flashlight at the radiator covered with all that tan hair. Thanks for being there, Hank.

Took 2 wreckers to pull it up & over the steel fence teeth & culvert edge. Black night and fast

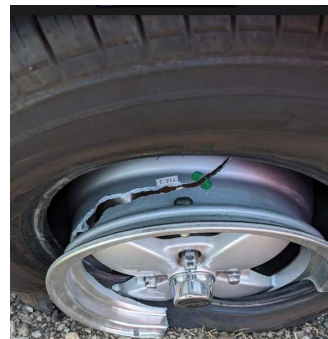
K-96 traffic made all of us nervous. We five left.

3 Things ~

1. Luckily, deer went airborne up over windshield.
2. Car spun out & down, but didn't flip backwards onto its top or it would've been Game Over.
3. Seat belts work! Mine shredded, but held tight.

No advice about avoiding a deer hit; Just always PAY IT FORWARD and hug your family and friends hard & often.

Photos of aftermath from a 2 1/2 second spin cycle:



Footnote: **Many thanks to David Leivian at the European Car Co. at 122 N. Walnut**, for his generous help in finding a buyer and a rebuilder for my MGB Ruby. I'll miss her.



Even bigger **Thanks to Hank Brillhart** for helping me work accident paper and found me an extremely elegant 2001 Mazda...the color is coincidentally "Hunter Green".....**with a hard top.**
By Lewis Blackwell

A Little Too Much Help....?

Many of you have kids & pets.

If you work in your garage, do you find one or both of them competing for your attention?

Hank kindly offered to see what might be causing a hitch in operation with the 2001 Mazda that I bought. Driver's window would only go down just so far and snag on something. Seemed to be more physical than electrical.

Haul the car into the garage and GO for it.

Door panel came off easily. The plastic barrier sheet was annointed with nightmare black goo to make it stick to the door face and protect wiring, etc. Yes, it stays sticky for the life of the car. It also stays on your fingers, clothes, tools, the bottom of your shoes and eventually on your floor mats if you're not really, really careful. Yes, I got it on all of those places. Lacquer thinner works.

I tried to chop off Hank's fingers, and both of us snagged skin on sharp edges and were bleeding all over, Hank found the "WHAT" but not the "WHY" of the obstacle. Motor snagged on a cable. Drilled, moved motor 3/8 " over. Fixed!

The motor wasn't the only thing that paused. Hank had to pause every 10 seconds when Rowdy, the dog, alternately stood on Hank's chest and licked his face like an ice cream cone. Hard to work when Rowdy Dog is lovin' on you.



LOOKING FOR CHROME BMPR MG

Lewis: I have a friend who is looking for an MGB, chrome bumper car. I vaguely recall someone in the group having such a car for sale. Do you know who that might be?

Thanks, **Stuart Kowalski**

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Danny White and 1970 Triumph GT6+

I wanted to share a couple pictures of our 1970 Triumph GT6+ and our **rotisserie** that we delivered to our welder 2 weeks ago.



The welder, Brent Ottaway, was recommended to us by someone in BCCW. I think this is his first floor pan job. He is a real nice young man. His shop is just south & east of McConnell AFB runways.

We had to wait 9 months or so for him to get his shop built and mostly finished before we took our stuff to him. We hauled everything in a big box truck that our friend uses in his work.

We had 6 men plus Brett that did the unloading and attachment work. The front of the car is attached directly to our rotisserie; the back of the car has a 2x4 between the body and rotisserie.

Rear of car is bolted directly to the 2x4; the board was bolted to the rotisserie.



MORE EVENTS:

June 7-11

Fiat Club America Fiat FreakOut 2023
Bartlett, New Hampshire

fiatclubamerica.com

Concours, scenic drives, track day and socializing.

June 12-16

North American MGA Register NAMGAR GT-48
Memphis, Tennessee

namgar.com

The blues, Elvis, the Edge Motor Museum and MGs.

June 18-24

The Porsche Club of America Porsche Parade 2023

Palm Springs, California

porscheparade.org

The 67th annual with seemingly 67 ways to enjoy a Porsche.

June 18-23

Triumph Register of America TRA 2023

College Corner, Ohio

triumphregister.com

Drives, tours, tech and car shows in the Miami Valley.

June 19-24

Corvair Society of America International CORSA Convention

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

corvair.org

Chula Vista Resort serves as the home base for activities.

June 21-25

Alfa Romeo Owners Club Alfa del Piedmont
Concord, North Carolina

aroc-usa.org

Charlotte Motor Speedway and time at NASCAR shops.

June 21-25

American Motors Owners Association AMO Nationals 2023

Knoxville, Tennessee

amo.club

Car show, swap meet and even a baseball game.

Hi Lew,

Would you consider running a classified for me? I need to sell a car to fund my next restoration. Here it is:



1959 TRIUMPH TR3A FOR SALE

Great driver with strong engine. Shown at several KC area car shows.

Clear Missouri title in my name. Previously titled in Oklahoma.

Refurbished under previous ownership, I acquired the car in June 2018.

I replaced the top, tires, battery, fuel pump, tuning parts, carpet, stick cover, wiring harness, master brake and clutch cylinders, and interior panels.

Vinyl seat coverings are from an older restoration and show minor tears.

Generator was upgraded to an alternator.

Tires 165/80R15 purchased in December 2019.

Brake calipers rebuilt by Apple Hydraulics.

Side curtain frames included but not covered.

VIN plate shows TS63511L and never removed.

Car is located in Mid-town Kansas City, MO at Your Classic Ride garage. Asking price \$19,000.

Contact Ed Curry at 913-205-8105
or ecurry@att.net

RICHARD PERRY shared with us a shot of an upcoming Labor Of Love.... We'll see how long this love lasts out in th' barn!

Lewis, sir - thanks for the email! I see you're a night owl like me.

I enclose a picture I'm titling "**One of the Two Best Days in a Young Man's Life.**"

They are both 1976 Midgets that I picked up on Sunday -



The front one is a donor car (locked-up engine, missing head) and the rear one is running, more or less. It seems to have been originally bought from Joe Self Chevy here in town, too, which is kind of cool.

I'm going to wind up sinking soooo much money into this. Can't wait. **Regards - Richard Perry**

(We're all behind you on this, Richard..... although, we're mostly standing just outside your barn door and watching from a distance!)

Richard Perry lives here in Wichita. Editor

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Hank & Sharon Brillhart cleaned out and tossed this midget wheel onto the junk trailer. Blackwell will put it out on his doorstep for you to pick up **FREE!**

**CALL LEW
at 990-2533.**



David Leivian has a nice MGB LTD

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Please call David at 316-734-0985 to see at
European Car Co, 122 North Walnut, in Wichita,
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HARRY PRICE IS APPEALING FOR DRIVERS!

Lost our one paying driver. Take a chance and rent a seat. You might end up with three-driver seat time for a four-driver price!

Trolling for paying chumps, ...uhhhh..... I mean ***Championship Quality Race Drivers,***

Actually, we are looking for drivers that can keep the car on the track, avoid contact, and bring the car back to the pits in one piece ready for the next driver. If you turn great lap times, wonderful. But lap times come after car preservation.

Miss Cegenation (1997 BMW M3. Ford 351W powered, five speed gearbox) is going to Hallett OK for the Champcar races. Will be class EC. (Pic of car and link

to video with Bill driving below failed in this email.)

May 20-May 21, 2023

**HALLETT MOTOR RACING CIRCUIT
8+7-Hour, Cleveland, OK**

\$1,500 & 1/4 of fuel with four drivers

\$1,400 & 1/5 of fuel with five drivers

Not really an arrive-&-drive event. You will need to help with pit stops. In the event a trip to the cold pits is needed for repairs, helping hands and eyes are gratefully accepted. Stick around Fri & Sat evenings to help prep the car for the next day, and we will feed you. Good chow, venison burgers and brats.

CONTACT: Harry Price

<xk150fhc@sbcglobal.net>

<https://youtu.be/cCI9qrdPZBM>

10/17/2021

Ozarks International Raceway



MORE EVENTS:



British Car Celebration

A Gathering of the Queen's Finest
Saturday, June 10th, 9:00am - 2:30pm
at Crown Center Square



The **Austin-Healey Club of Kansas City** and the **Heart of America Jaguar Club** are hosting a car show on the beautiful Square at Crown Center. Including cars from the **Mini Enthusiasts Club**, we will also feature cars from the **Lotus Group**, the **Rolls Royce Owners Club** and any and all examples from the wonderful world of British Motorcars.



A highlight of the show will be the **Jaguar Concours d'Elegance** with entries competing for National Points.



We hope you'll join us!!

Greetings British Car Enthusiasts,

We are pleased to announce the British Car Celebration will return to Crown Center on **June 10th, 2023**. This year's event will be **Co-Chaired by the Austin Healey Club of Kansas City and the Heart of America Jaguar Club**. In addition to the lush trees, fountains, and cafe tables with chairs and umbrellas, Crown Center offers many eateries, opportunities to visit popular attractions on the Square, and of course the **Crown Center Shops** at the **Westin Hotel**. This yearly display of the Queen's finest from England's Motorcar Industry draws an abundance of overwhelmed, appreciative spectators and British Car lovers from around the four state area.

It has been brought to our attention that Prince Charles will be crowned "King of England" previous to this event, hence should we refer to our beloved British cars as "The King's" finest? In as much as most if not all the entries were manufactured on the Queen's watch, I respectfully suggest we will be displaying the Queen's pride of England.

This year we welcome Hagerty Insurance's youth judging for our British Car entries, and the **Jaguar Club's National Concours D' Elegance** where members can earn points toward JCNA national awards. All British marques are invited to attend, the fee for the first car is **\$25.00**, and the second car will be **\$15.00**. This year we will NOT be closing Grand Boulevard, so we must limit our attendance to 80 cars. We are seeking a diverse assortment of British Motorcars, we encourage you to bring out your unique example of British ingenuity for all to enjoy. Sometimes early June events endure warmer than usual weather, so members of the Jaguar Club will be circulating a "First Aide Livery" with ice and water should anyone need a cool drink, a bandage from overzealous polishing, or even directions to the Loo.

Please find attached an event poster (above) and a registration form (below) to sign up now. We encourage you to register early, and share a jolly good time at the British Motorcar Celebration on the Square.

Questions or concerns,
CONTACTS

Mike Osipik mikeosipik@gmail.com
or **Mark Short** jagguy74@gmail.com



British Car Celebration



2023 ENTRY AND REGISTRATION FORM

Car Owner _____ Guest _____

Address _____ Best Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

Club Affiliation _____

E-mail Address _____

THE CAR SHOW WILL BE HELD ON THE SQUARE AT CROWN CENTER ON SATURDAY, June 10, 2023 FROM 9:00am until 2:30pm. PLEASE ARRIVE BETWEEN 8:30am and 10:00am FOR PARKING AND PLACEMENT OF YOUR BRITISH CAR. The address is 2450 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, MO. 64108, across the street from the Westin Hotel. The Entry Fee for each British car will be \$25.00 for your first car, and \$15.00 for the Second.

WILL YOU BRING A BRITISH CAR TO THE SHOW ON SATURDAY AT CROWN CENTER ?

YES _____ NO _____

IF "YES", WHAT YEAR AND MODEL? _____ 2nd Car _____

Please send completed form and check made out to HOAJC to Mark Short, Box 40333, Overland Park, Kansas 66204. Thank you, we look forward to seeing you in 2023.

*Questions? Mark Short at jaggy74@gmail.com
Or Mike Osipik at mikeosipik@gmail.com*

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Per Sheriff & County rules: *NO* alcohol; *NO* open fires; *NO* burnouts; golf carts *ONLY* for handicapped usage.

A Last Tribute to Ruby, Blackwell's 1973 MGB

When she was good, she was very, very good. When she was bad, she was *better!*

Ruby, my shiny, feisty MGB, always had the power to inspire others to think British MGBs. Here's one such conversation:

Greg Suter & I had been comparing notes on high school car memories....

Greg said, "As a kid, I was the 'light holder' for my father, who worked on the cars we owned because, *"I don't trust anyone to get under my hood..."* I remember back when we would get gas and they would wash the windshield and 'check under the hood', except that he would NEVER let them check under the hood...he would do any checking, if checking was needed.

I've done my time with brakes, oil changes, dropped a rear end on a corvette and re-assembled & rebuilt an engine, pulled, took to rebuilder, reinstalled in a Subaru. I was gifted as an adolescent from working with my older brother.

I can remember - really well - on a near ZERO DEGREE night in an unheated garage that I was enlisted to help my father replace a starter in his 1972 Chrysler 300 (awesome car, by the way.) That made me swear off working on cars. "I'm going to make enough money so I can pay people to fix my cars; better yet, I'll buy NEW cars that have a warranty." My father laughed, lying underneath the car and said, "Easier said than done...now



hold the light right here...and stop blinding me".

For the most part, I've held true to my pledge...new cars, under warranty...when trouble ensues, take it to someone else to repair or trade away. BUT, I still enjoy CLEANING the cars, polishing chrome, windows, etc., just so you know I'm not a lost cause. For some reason, the romance of having an old MG - inspired largely by you and your stories of rebuilding something non-stop and seeing you tool around in your shiny MG - has prompted me to be drawn into this endeavor on this little red 1964 MGB Pull handle!

(The 1964 Red MGB Pull Handle Greg referred to was a nice car in an auction in California that he was bidding on at that time when we chatted. Sadly, that MG was withdrawn from the auction.

Greg hasn't given up on finding a Little British MGB!)

Gregory Suter is the Executive Director of the Hereditary Neurological Disease Centre, specializing in Huntington Disease, at the offices: 9300 E. 29th St. North, Suite 350, in Wichita, Ks 67226
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