



# THE OIL SPOT

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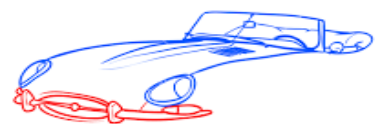
## ***President's Note***

There is good news this month: two new memberships in Northwest British Classics Car Club. We extend a hearty welcome to new members Robert and Susan Erickson in Spokane. They are the proud drivers of a 59 Austin Healey Sprite. We are getting a nice collection of Bugeyes in our club!

Also, a big welcome to new member Robert Hammett, also of Spokane. In his care is an early classic--a 59 Austin Healy BN1. The Healeys are taking over!

You each should have received the blast email from your president (me) on March 26<sup>th</sup> stating some members have not renewed their membership for this year (\$20--cheap!) There are a dozen members still unpaid and will be dropped from the roster, from Oil Spot distribution and event announcements.

We should be able to do car drives now that spring has sprung, and the roads are getting clean. It is easy to social distance in cars. The only thing holding back getting our cars on the road is ideas on where to go crusin'. So, dust off your roadmaps and draw up a route for the club so we can lay down some oil spots. There are a number of us ready to help you dry run your drive.



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## ***President's Note (cont.)***

And here is a cautionary update. Some criminal is again sending emails from a nondescript email address asking you to buy gift cards for me and signing my name. The tipoff to the scam is the email is not from my email address [which is in your roster among other places] and it asks you to buy them something [always a tip-off to a scam]. Your webmaster Greg Taylor and your editor Robert Andrews have been removing members' contact info from the website and Oil Spot, and they will insert a generic NWBC email address for visitors to use, without anyone's personal info that criminals could use. Bad actors are out there, unfortunately.

Nonetheless, read on. Good stuff in on the following pages of this Oil Spot.

Stay safe out there!

— Dave Hofstadter

## ***"MY FAVORITE CAR"***

First off ... NAME YOUR CAR.

Then send a picture of your LBC, your LBC's name, and other details to:

[advertisingproducts@spokesman.com](mailto:advertisingproducts@spokesman.com)

Then look for his/her picture in Friday Spokesman Reviews.

Note: To reflect today's social environment ... let it be known ... not all LBC's are female. YES .. there are actually some LBC's that are Male. And of course, there are some LBC's out there ... still trying to figure it out !!

### *My Favorite Car*

**1993 Jaguar XJS**



**Name: Diane B. Purchased: 2006**

I love this car because it is beautiful with graceful lines. When out on the road driving, the feeling I get is amazing! The car is a joy to drive and makes me wish it would never end. It is so responsive and so comfortable that it is like sitting in my favorite chair at home.  
The Jaguar's name is Jagluv.

Send a picture of your favorite car or truck and include the following information:  
Your name, age, car/make, model, year, when you bought it and why you love it.  
Send your submission to [advertisingproducts@spokesman.com](mailto:advertisingproducts@spokesman.com)

# **STANDARD EPISODE THREE ?**

## **"AMATURE UPHOLSTERY"**

**By Pete Yarbrough**

As those of you know who read my nonsense of the previous two Standard articles, if I am anything I follow the birds! That is, like the birds, I am frequently heard chirping CHEAP.CHEAP,CHEAP! The birds make music, I save money. My upholstery skills are not keeping any reputable upholsterers awake at night. I do think that to learn something and get better at it you have to be willing to make mistakes. To that end I let a few moths out of the wallet to purchase materials and have a go at the Standards' panels and seats.



The panels on the doors and rear areas were thin plywood. In the proper British tradition, the panels that were on the car had been host to several insect species. I was able to hold them together just long enough trace around them for new panels made from one quarter Baltic Birch and dismantle the fabric for clues on how they were put together. Clues for the Clueless.

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# ***STANDARD EPISODE THREE ?***

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I do have skills in spraying glue! Fortunately, the panels involve a lot of gluing. The rear panels involved no sewing just spray, pray and glue! Not too bad. The door panels have two smaller panels that have tuck and roll and a pocket. Dusting off my vintage 1929 Singer commercial sewing machine, I embarked on the trials of pleating. I have found two different ways to do tuck and roll (there are probably more) you can



put the fabric over the padding and sew straight through or you can lay-out the pleats then fold the fabric back on itself and sew through the edge that is presented. The first is pretty straight forward and shows the stitching. The second hides the stitching. Apparently, this gives a directional bias to the tuck and roll that favors one direction over the other as you

slide across the seat upon entry. Must confer to the gods of upholstery more on that one. The Standard, of course uses the second harder one. The vintage Singer and its vintage operator managed to get the small area of pleats and the pockets completed to an acceptable level for Sadie the dog. Time for more trials. With my basic introduction to tuck and roll why not try the rear seat? It is only exponential-



ly larger and more complex. Approximately 32 pleats across and over thirty inches long, what could go wrong?

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# **STANDARD EPISODE THREE ?**

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A lot. I laid out the pleats, no biggy  
A long sew line takes a lot of  
thread! Bobbins are vile things!  
They wait until the least opportune  
moment to run out. They often fall  
out of the machine just after you  
think you put them in correctly. To  
put new thread on the things you  
have to unthread the machine,  
thread the bobbin on the bobbin re-  
winder and then install it in the  
holder, install that in the machine



properly, rethread the machine (a chal-  
lenge for old eyes) and move on without  
losing your place on the work. I have  
great respect for my wife the quilter!  
But I digress, I managed to get the  
pleats all sewn in a couple of days. I  
was proud! As the saying goes, it comes  
before a fall! Upon inspection I found  
that I had threaded the machine im-  
properly a couple of times and several  
of sewn lines did not have tight stitches.  
I am now pretty good at removing



stitches! I did it over! GOOD NEWS! I  
did get the rear seat done to Sadie's  
satisfaction. It will look better the more  
she sheds. Perhaps I can get her to  
shed on the front seats once I start  
them!

Would love to hear about some of the  
other projects out there!





# Membership Call



Spring is “Springing” and temperatures are rising into the 60s. If you haven’t realized the need to smell the inside of your Little British Car (LBC) ... it will happen to you very soon! At this time of year, many of us take on a DIY approach to getting our LBCs ready for the summer season.

We each have our routines in things we do and check ... and its likely not the same “check list” as others use in the club. Request you each take a few minutes and email me a short blurb (pictures are optional) on what it is you do (and/or who you take it too) to get your LBC ready for the summer driving season. I’ll put your contribution in the upcoming section called **“Still Sucking Air”**.



Many thanks to Pete Yarbrough for sharing his restoration adventure with his new Standard in this issue of the Oil Spot. For the rest of the membership, I want to remind you ... you are NOT alone in your British Car adventure. If



you wanted to be alone ... you would not have joined this club. So I’ve no doubt some of you are also eyeballs deep in some kind of LBC adventure of your own ... and we would very much like to hear about it. Send me an email about your project along with a few attached .jpg pictures, and I will do my best to get it published in the upcoming section called **“My LBC Still Likes Me”**.



Every LBC has a story. Kind of like a Birth Narrative—we each have one. And every time Dad decided to tell ours ... we would cringe up and want to just disappear ... remember ?? Ok then ... send me a picture of your LBC along with its special story on how it came to be yours, and I’ll post it in the upcoming section called **“My LBC Story”**.

You will find my email address in the club roster ... look forward to hearing from you !!

Cheers, Robert Andrews (Editor) ...





## UPCOMING 2021 EVENTS

- Apr 25 - Ritzville Annual Gumball Rally  
— See write up in this issue —
- May 08 - Depot Days Car Show—Wallace ID  
<https://visitnorthidaho.com/event/depot-day-2/>
- Jun 18 - Car d'Lane Cruise—Downtown Coeur d'Alene—register at <https://www.cdadowntown.com/cardlane/>  
See the flyer in this issue
- Jun 19 - Car d'Alene Car Show— Downtown Coeur d'Alene— register at <https://www.cdadowntown.com/cardlane/>  
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- Aug 7 - Highland Games—Spokane County Fair & Expo Center  
<https://www.spokanehighlandgames.net/>
- Sep 16-19 - IBCC Summer Tour—Baker City OR  
<https://summertour.idahobritishcars.org/>

# Ritzville Annual Gumball Rally April 25

*[Reprint from the Ritzville Journal]*

“The 13th Annual Gumball Rally and Poker Run, sponsored by the Ritzville Classic Car Club, begins from Ritzville City Park on Sunday, April 25, at 9 a.m.

The group will gather on the Columbia Street side of the park in the picnic area before leaving on the tour.

The event is open to the public, and vehicles do not have to be considered a “classic car” in order to participate.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., and all participants can register for \$10. For lunch to be included, there is an additional \$13 charge.

All vehicles must be in safe operating condition and must be insured. The tour group leaves promptly at 9 a.m.

The Gumball Rally is a guided tour of antique and collector vehicles, across scenic byways through four eastern Washington counties.

The vehicles travel at moderate speeds and always on paved roadways.

Restrooms are available at each pit stop. This year, a catered spaghetti lunch is available for interested participants.

A car trailer is also available in case of breakdown emergencies or for technical assistance.

The poker drawings will occur at departure, pit stops, lunch break and end of tour winnings with raffle prizes. There is also a quiz contest from strategic clues along the tour.

The Gumball Rally is open to all vehicles regardless of year and make, and the event is fun for the whole family.

Awards and prizes are presented at the conclusion of the tour.

For more information, contact Bob Dew at 660-0600 or Randy Flyckt at 659-0691.”



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## REGISTRATION OPEN



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Register at: <https://www.cdadowntown.com/cardlane/>

**Cruise: Friday, June 18, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Show: Saturday, June 19, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Awards: Saturday, June 19 4:00 pm at 5th & Sherman Ave**

**What Else?:** Automotive enthusiasts age 25 and younger are invited to show their automotive project in the Young Builders Alley and compete for the Young Builder Award at Car d'Lane! Vehicles of any make, model and year are welcome!

**We can't wait to see you cruisin' by the lake in beautiful Coeur d'Alene Idaho!**

## Northwest British Classics - Club Financials

March 11, 2021 to April 8, 2021

### Income

Starting Balance 3/11/2021	\$ 2,896.23
Member Dues Income	\$ 120.00
Member Badge Income	\$ 10.00
Donation	\$ 20.00
Sub-Total	\$ 3,046.23

### Expenses

Total Best Name Badges	\$ -
Sub-Total	\$ -
Ending Balance 4/8/2021	\$ 3,046.23

### Note from the Treasurer:

Thanks everyone for paying your dues and thanks to those that are catching up. Thank you Simon Thompson for the donation to the club, it is appreciated. The club did not have any expenses this month but we expect badge expense next month for new and returning members.

## CLUB DUES

Family membership for one year is \$20.00. New members pay \$25.00 for the first year which includes club name tags which are worn at club meetings and events  
Send your renewal or initial membership to:

Kevan McCallum  
11409 N McCoy Rd.  
Newman Lake WA 99025

**Dues are due January 1st every year**

# Classifieds

<p><b><u>FOREVER HEALEYS</u></b>          Lynn Martin          14709 W. Riverside Drive          Post Falls, ID          (208) 773-2001  <i>British Car Restoration</i></p>	<p><b><u>BOTZON'S AUTOMOTIVE</u></b>          221 S. Dishman Road          Spokane, WA          (509) 928-4747  <i>Getting It Fixed</i></p>
<p><b><u>ACTION APPAREL</u></b>          Want to get the car club logo on a hat,          T-shirt or Jacket?          Contact Greg Taylor 509-891-7850          Or <a href="mailto:Greg.A.Taylor@comcast.net">Greg.A.Taylor@comcast.net</a></p>	<p><b><u>CLUB NAME TAGS</u></b>          Contact Greg Taylor          (509) 891-7850  <a href="mailto:Greg.A.Taylor@comcast.net">Greg.A.Taylor@comcast.net</a></p>
<p><b><u>SIR SPEEDY</u></b>  <b>print/signs/marketing</b>          16508 E. Sprague          Spokane, WA 99037          509-535-1460</p>	<p><b><u>DITTO'S PRINT&amp;COPY CENTER</u></b>          2515 E. Sprague          Spokane,WA 99202          (509)-533-0025  <a href="http://godittos.com">godittos.com</a></p>





# ***Classified Ads***

**FOR SALE** - 1969 MGB GT - contact Mike Murphy at 509-992-4882

**FOR SALE** - 1962 Triumph Herald 1200 convertible ... contact Jim or Marilyn at 509-979-6824

**FREE** to a good home. Spare 1972 MGB 1800 Engine disassembled and stored for over 30 years - short block - no cyl. Head. Available in Kettle Falls. Mickey Hartnett (605) 721-8088

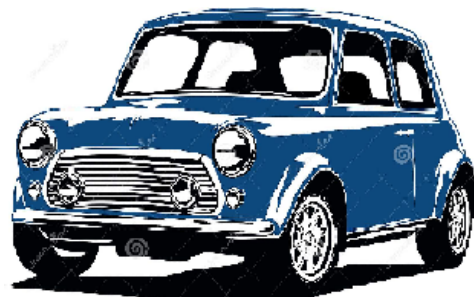
**1970 Spitfire** - engine block, stock rebuilt non-overdrive transmission, and original differential. Contact: Rich Thomas at 509-998-0785

**1966 Healey MK II BJ** parts looking to find a home. Have rear fender and other small parts. Contact: 208-755-3341

**1955 MG TF**—Available in California. Not restored but complete and drivable. Owner from 60 years ago and never driven much. Contact Wayne at 509-999-9910

**FOR SALE** - Jaguar XJS Convertible  
Contact Wayne at 509-999-9910

**FOR SALE** - 1098 Engine Blocks.  
Contact Wayne at 509-999-9910





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British automobiles  
of all makes,  
models, years  
and, yes, condition.

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CAR CLUB**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

We meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every month, except Feb, Aug,  
& Dec, Breakfast meetings are at 8:30am; Meetings  
are on hold until restaurants reopen.

Visit us at: [northwestbritishclassics.com](http://northwestbritishclassics.com)

Name(s) (include spouse/significant other/family members, etc.):

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMail for announcements & newsletter: \_\_\_\_\_

British Cars (Year, Make, Model, other descriptions): \_\_\_\_\_

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**WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY**

I am aware of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events and specifically release and do indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors the NORTHWEST BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB, collectively and separately from any and all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guests while participating in any NORTHWEST BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB meeting or event. Applications that include minors will be accepted only with a parent's signature and should be signed by the minor also. I have read and agree to this release.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial Dues: \$25.00 per family. Includes two club nametags: Call Greg Taylor (509-891-7850) with names & car types for each nametag. Thereafter: \$20.00 per family annually. Dues are due January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Make checks payable to: NORTHWEST BRITISH CLASSICS Total amount submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check and completed signed application to: Kevan McCallum  
Treasurer  
11409 N McCoy Rd.  
Newman Lake, WA 99025

Northwest British Classics  
PO Box 2010  
Coeur D'Alene, ID 86816



## Northwest British Classics Club

### Club Officers and other Volunteers

**President:** Dave Hofstadter (405) 826-4405 [davehofstadter@verizon.net](mailto:davehofstadter@verizon.net)

**Vice President:** Wayne Burley

**Secretary:** Marie Palachuk

**Treasurer:** Kevan McCallum

**Editor:** Robert Andrews

**BritBull Chairman:** Bob Flatley

**Directors:** Lynn Martin, Bob Flatley, Gary High

**Web Master:** Greg Taylor

**Car Show and Events Coordinator:** Dave Hofstadter