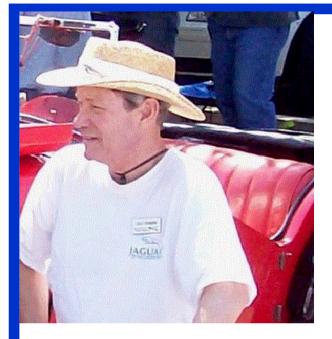


# THE OIL SPOT

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### President's Note

May is finally here and the Northwest British Classics Car Club has had its first meeting in over a year. Our last meeting was in March 2020—over a year ago. It was also the first and only meeting at our new venue, Barlow's, before they closed for Covid. A tip of the driving hat to Jim Houghton for searching out the Mirabeau Meadows "stage" area for our outdoor meeting Satur-

day May 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a pleasant spring day and we spread out on picnic tables and chairs, had picnic lunches, and got to meet some new members and their LBCs who had joined during the year. Although we had welcomed them and their LBCs in the Oil Spot, it was great to get a face to face. More is in Secretary Marie Palachuk's meeting minutes in this Oil Spot, but I would like to recognize Jim Houghton in this space for stepping up to be Coordinator for our BritBull Concours this year. Mark your calendars: it will be August 8<sup>th</sup>, again in Grant Park. Get ready to help out. Jim also is coordinating our annual picnic, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, two weeks after BritBull, as usual, at Mirabeau Meadows.

You will see in this issue pictures and the results of the Ritzville Rally where some stalwart NWBC entrants pulled down awards.



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# President's Note (cont.)

Leigh Ann Voss is planning our next drive, to Kamiak Butte, so stay tuned for announcements on that.

There is rumor that Barlow's is going to reopen in the future, but in the meantime, there was interest at the meeting to have another outdoor meeting at Mirabeau. So, our events virtuoso, Jim Houghton, has reserved Mirabeau Meadows again, and this time we have the pavilion. We can bring chairs, blankets, lunch, and spread out on the grounds again, and use the pavilion for shade or inclement weather. The date is June 5<sup>th</sup>. And he has confirmed dates for another meeting, and for BritBull and for our annual picnic. See the "Upcoming 2021 Events" page in this Oil Spot for all the details and mark your calendar!

See you on June 5<sup>th</sup>!!

Dave Hofstadter

### "MY FAVORITE CAR"

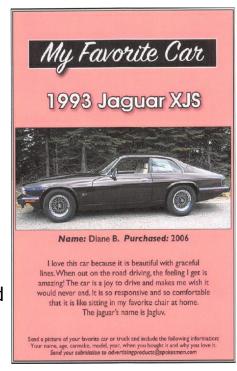
First off ... NAME YOUR CAR.

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

advertisingproducts@spokesman.com

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 !!



## **May Minutes of NWBC**

May 1, 2021 11:00am

Mirabeau Park

We had a great turnout of 28 members after over 1 year hiatus due to Covid. This was an informal meeting, held outside, with all proper Covid protocols observed.

Dave Hofstadter call the meeting to order at 11:00am.

First order of business, the minutes from our last meeting in March 2020 were approved.

Next, the treasurer's report, distributed last month in the Oil Spot, was approved.

Dave introduced our new treasurer, Kevin McCallum, who unfortunately could not be with us today.

Robert Andrews, the Oil Spot editor, was recognized for keeping us connected and updated with our monthly electronic newsletter. Greg Taylor was also recognized for his work updating our website and giving it a new look.

Dave and the Staples gave us a summary of their fun last weekend at the Ritzville Annual Gumball Rally. Four of our member vehicles participated, all finished....3 under their own power. Randy and Vicki Staples received the "Break Down" trophy for breaking down during the rally. They will now have the honor of housing the trophy until next year's Rally, when they will turn it over to the new "Break Down" honoree.

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# May Minutes of NWBC (cont.)

We hope to have a drive coordinated in the coming month. Information will go out via email. Dave will keep us posted on whether Barlow's reopens or whether we can have our monthly meetings at another open location.

Dave introduced Jim Houghton as the new coordinator of Brit Bull. Jim indicated that plans are moving along. All the paperwork is done and the permits, etc are being carried over from the last year's canceled event. The location will again be at Grant Park and Jim will be sending out calls for volunteers as needed. Our annual picnic will follow 2 weeks after Brit Bull this year.

Dave introduced new members and all were welcomed.

The "official" meeting was adjourned at 11:40am, but well all stuck around for about 30 minutes to socialize and eat our picnic lunches.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Palachuk, secretary



Jim Houghton gives an update on the upcoming August 8th BritBull Concours to the 25+ attendees.

# Ritzville Rally

Two intrepid NWBC LBCs line up at Barlow's empty parking lot on a cloudy Saturday April 24th to start a drive to the Ritzville Rally. Ready to go are Randy and Vicky Staples with their 73 MGB GT, and Leigh Ann Voss and Robert Andrews with their 60 Bugeye Sprite. Not pictured are Dave and Diane Hofstadter since their LBC is still in the shop. Their SOB (Toyota) is peeking in at the left of the photo.



Our fearless leader led the flight of three from Barlow's to Ritzville. Aside from a Yokes pit-stop with scattered rain showers, we all made the trek unscathed and no worse for wear ... and most of all, it was fun.

The day before the rally at the Broncho Inn, one of the employees was kind enough to take a group photo of us NWBCC'rs in the lounge. So here we are: The Few ... The Brave ... The Willing — YES ... willing to break over a year long hiatus from our life giving LBC activities!!



# Ritzville Rally (Cont.)

We decided to all go to Jakes Restaurant for dinner. The food, service, and of course our own wonderful company ... was fantastic!!







After a great dinner at Jakes, several of us enjoyed playing the board game "Dumb Ass" in the lounge of the Broncho Inn.

Below are a few pictures of us parked along side the Ritzville park as we prepare to make what became a most excellent drive through the Washington countryside.





# Ritzville Rally (Cont.)



The drive was well planned with several great pit stops along the way. Including a great lunch break at the Cooley City Park. Gave us all opportunities to meet members from other clubs as well as reacquaint ourselves with other NWBCC members.



The Ritzville Classics Car Club provided two trailers picking up the rear on the rally to collect any classic cars that broke down. Wouldn't you know it the only car that broke down was an LBC seen here at one of the pit stops. She did finish the rally, but not under her own power.





## Ritzville Rally (Cont.)

All was not bad news. Among the awards presented annually at the end of the Rally is the Hard Luck Trophy, presented this year to Randy Staples. The rules state that he must weld, glue or attach to the trophy some piece of the part that broke on his car, and bring the trophy back next year. You can see the legacy from the past winners on the trophy. That's not all, Vickey is holding



her award, an envelope of cash for gathering in the third highest poker hand from the cards she collected at the pit stops.



Even if you don't bring a classic car you can come away with trophies. Here Dave Hofstadter holds his jar of gumballs, complete with spark plug welded to the lid, for driving the newest car—his four month old Toyota Sequoia. Diane also won a gumball jar--with spark plug--for their having driven the farthest to get to the Ritzville Gumball Rally.

# **MGB** Racing

- by Greg McKinley

We race around the NW, tracks that are about 2 miles long, Pacific Raceway in Kent WA, Portland International Raceway, and up in Canada. We normally race once a year in Spokane but that track is closed now.





The last race on 4/23/2021 is in Kent WA. We timed in second best, and in 5 races we finished 3 races in the top 3. Marie and I travel over in our RV with the two dogs. Setup in the Pits and camp out all weekend. The normal year consists of 5 or 6 races.

The club we race with is called Sovren Racing (www.sovrenracing.org) a vintage racing group. A normal weekend turnout is 120 to 180 cars. Many different types of cars from open wheel to big V8 race cars.





### **UPCOMING 2021 EVENTS**

- May 08 Depot Days Car Show—Wallace ID <a href="https://visitnorthidaho.com/event/depot-day-2/">https://visitnorthidaho.com/event/depot-day-2/</a>
- May 22 Silver Angels for the elderly Poker Run—Hayden ID <a href="https://www.silverangelsfortheelderly.com">https://www.silverangelsfortheelderly.com</a>

   See the writeup and flyer in this issue
- June 5 NWBC Club meeting 9am-2pm Mirabeau Meadows, 13068 E Mirabeau Parkway, Spokane Valley WA
- Jun 18 Car d'Lane Cruise—Downtown Coeur d'Alene—register at https://www.cdadowntown.com/cardlane/
- June 24 NWBC Club meeting 9am-2pm Mirabeau Meadows, 13068 E Mirabeau Parkway, Spokane Valley WA

- Jun 19 Car d'Alene Car Show— Downtown Coeur d'Alene—register at https://www.cdadowntown.com/cardlane/
- Aug 7 Highland Games Canceled https://www.spokanehighlandgames.net/
- Aug 8 BritBull 8am-2pm Grant Park 1015 S Arthur St, Spokane WA
- Aug 22 NWBCC Annual Picnic Mirabeau Meadows -13068 E Mirabeau Parkway, Spokane Valley WA
- Sep 16-19 IBCC Summer Tour—Baker City OR <a href="https://summertour.idahobritishcars.org/">https://summertour.idahobritishcars.org/</a>

# Silver Angels Poker Run



Back to the 50s in Sandpoint is canceled so that frees up your 5/22 for Silver Angels for the Elderly's Poker Run on 5/22 at Hayden Eagles. Registration is 1:30 – 2:15. Cars leave at 2:30 and will return to the car show around 4. We cruise by 7 assisted living facilities bringing smiles to isolated residents in the CDA/Hayden area!

We have a People's Choice Award and Resident Choice Award along with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Poker Hand Trophies. Party starts at 5 which is free for cruisers – otherwise, it's

\$10. Party has a live band, silent auctions, raffles, and games to add to the fun. I sure hope you can join us!





#### REGISTRATION OPEN



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 <u>cruisin</u>' by the lake in beautiful Coeur d'Alene Idaho!

### Membership 2nd Call

Spring is "Springing" and temperatures are rising into the high 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 the last 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 pub-

lished 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) ...



Northwest British Classics - Club Financials
April 8, 2021 to April 30, 2021
Income

**Starting Balance 3/11/2021** \$ 3,046.23

Member Dues Income \$ 60.00

Member Badge Income \$ -

Donation \$ -

**Sub-Total** \$ 3,106.23

**Expenses** 

**Total Best Name Badges** \$ 25.05

**Sub-Total \$ 25.05** 

Ending Balance 4/30/2021 \$ 3,081.18

### **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** 



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#### **ACTION APPAREL**

Want to get the car club logo on a hat, T-shirt or Jacket? Contact Greg Taylor 509-891-7850 Or Greg.A.Taylor@comcast.net

#### **CLUB NAME TAGS**

Contact Greg Taylor (509) 891-7850 Greg.A.Taylor@comcast.net

#### **SIR SPEEDY**

print/signs/marketing

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### 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

**FOR SALE** - 1980 Triumph Spitfire (Red) \$7,999 46K Miles ... Excellent Condition. Contact Jim Zimmerman at njzim@comcast.net







### NORTHWEST BRITISH CLASSICS 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.

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

Mailing Address:	80	
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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**

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BritBull Chairman: Bob Flatley

Directors: Lynn Martin, Bob Flatley, Gary High

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Car Show and Events Coordinator: Dave Hofstadter