



THE OIL SPOT

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President's Note

We had a very enjoyable breakfast meeting on the 8th at the Best Western. Good food too. We got to meet new members John and Laura Scott (Bugeye Sprite), Jason and Jayna Huston (another Bugeye!) and Bill Hughes (Jaguar E-Type). We heard from Greg McKinley who just finished the racing season in first place with his MGB. Congrats champion Greg! Venue Coordinator Gregg Upton, with assist from Jim Houghton, has secured Darcy's again this year for our annual banquet, gift swap and election of officers.

Mark your calendar for Saturday evening, February 12, 2022. There is more. Check out the meeting minutes in this Oil Spot.

Treasurer and Webmaster Kevan McCallum proposes an upgrade to our web site. It would be a new web site. He can get us a free 30 day trial and if we decide to keep it, it would only cost \$23.88 a year and we could do unlimited updates to the site. We are limited to 1 update a month right now. It would also expand on what we could do for getting new members with an online form. We will give this a vote at the January meeting. Being able to update frequently would be a plus.

Kevan renewed our membership in the Inland Northwest Car Club Council, and I found this vital information from INCCC Car Talk editor Judy Hutchinson:

- One of the world's most loved car is the VW bug; 20 million sold
- The Toyota Corolla was the world's best-selling car in over 150 countries regions. Toyota sold a Corolla every 15 seconds--it has sold 44.1 million cars which totals 20% of their overall sales

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President's Note (Continued)

-China produces one-quarter of the world's cars

-New car smell--did you ever wonder where it comes from. It is made of various volatile organic compounds used in the manufacturing of the car

-75% of all the Rolls Royce cars ever made are still on the road

It is hard to keep up with all the laws surrounding the auto industry.
Still on the books today:

-In Denmark, you must check for people under your car before starting your engine!

-In Pennsylvania drivers on country roads must stop every mile, set off a flare and wait 10 minutes for livestock to clear the road. It would take forever to get to the Hershey Factory!

-In Memphis and New Orleans, a man with a flag must walk in front of cars with a woman driver. If women drivers were such a concern, I find it rather humorous that the law wanted a man to walk in front of the car.

-In Alabama, it is illegal to drive while blindfolded. O thank goodness for this law!

-In Alaska, it is illegal to tether a dog to the roof of your car.

-In Tennessee and California there is a law that prohibits shooting a gun from a car... unless it is at a whale. I would think that a whale sighting is pretty rare!

-In Russia, it is illegal to drive a dirty car. My tickets are piling up!

-In California, it is illegal to jump from cars traveling over 65 miles per hour. Thank goodness my high-speed exiting of cars were only at 60 miles per hour!

-In the UK you cannot pee in public unless you are relieving yourself on the right, rear tire of your car. I wonder if that law still works if you are relieving yourself on the right, rear tire of someone else's car?

Remember, no meeting in December. Next meeting is on January 8th.

Have you named your LBC?

Dave Hofstadter



November Minutes of NWBC

November 13, 2021 8:30am

Coeur d'Alene Inn

We had a good turnout of 28 members for a wonderful breakfast buffet. Lots of food and frivolity for about one hour while everyone got caught up on the early fall happenings.

Dave Hofstadter called the meeting to order at 9:29am.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously. The treasurer's report from last month was approved unanimously.

Dave introduced NEW members: Jason and Jana Huston, John and Laura Scott and Bill Hughes.

A reminder was given that there continues to be Cars and Coffee gatherings first and third Saturdays, at the Culinary Stone in Riverstone, 2129 N Main Street, Coeur d'Alene, from 8 to 11 am. Next one was to be November 20th. Look on our Facebook page for more information.

The last trophy was handed out from Britbull to Judy Harris, who's TR-6 had been mis-categorized during the event.

Greg McKinley was asked to give an update of his spectacular vintage racing season. He gave a brief description of the races and then admitted he is this year's Sovren Racing season champion for small bore vehicles. Greg received lots of accolades from the members for his achievement this year!

We briefly discussed that the annual party/meeting will be held in February at Darcy's. Election of officers will occur, all board positions are up for election. Please ponder who you would like to nominate for a board position. Further details about the annual party will be provided at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be Saturday January 8th, 2022 at 8:30am. It will again be a breakfast buffet at the Coeur d'Alene Inn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Palachuk, Secretary

“Frozen Fuel Pump in the Canadian Rockies”

By Robert Andrews

It was November, 1980. I had been out of the Navy a few months, and living in Oxnard, CA. My Dad called me up and asked if I wanted to learn how to frame a house from the hole in the ground to the roof ridge board. Not knowing what to do with my new civilian life, I said sure. He gave me an address to a small horse ranch in High River, Alberta Canada (just south of Calgary) and said: “We’ll work out the details when you get here.”

The next morning, I gathered up all my worldly possessions and stuffed them into the back of my all stock English White 1960 Bug Eye Sprite.



Heading north out of Oxnard California on the PCH, the weather and the scenery was fantastic. And the Bug Eye was running like it was born to do this. Through Seattle and over to Vancouver, I turned East on the Queens Highway — Canada Hwy #1.

As I climbed in altitude, it started snowing. Soon the snow was coming down hard. I managed to get behind a snow plow which I happily and safely drafted behind. Life was good ... I was going to make it !!

The sun had gone down, and the road kept climbing higher and higher into the mountains. The snow was filling my head light beams making barely acceptable visibility through the slow sweep of my not-so-awesome British wiper blades. When out of no where, the motor quit. I coasted to the side of the highway coming to rest alongside a snow bank twice the height of my Bug Eye. Did I mention my Bug Eye was Old English White ?? ... yeh think I did. Needless to say, it all but disappeared. Keeping the lights on, I hoped the small white Bug Eye would be seen by on coming traffic. I got out, raised the bonnet, and watched a few cars go by wondering what was going to happen next — as only a stupid young man could do in a situation like this.

“Frozen Fuel Pump in the Canadian Rockies”

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To my luck and surprise, a large oil rig truck pulled over and offered to help. Turns out we were only eight miles west of Lake Louise, Alberta. The truck driver had a tow chain with six inch links and we hooked it up to the Bug Eye, and off we went through the snow toward civilization. Here's a picture I took out the windscreen (with one of those Kodak box cameras) while I was riding the Bug Eye brakes and watching the seismic truck's tail lights to keep the chain tight ... check out the size of that tow chain !!



We rolled into Lake Louise as a flight of two. The truck driver kindly dropped me off at a gas station with an empty maintenance bay. While the little Bug Eye was warming up, the attendant and I went to work trouble shooting. Turned out the

fuel pump had stopped working. Likely there was moisture in the gas and the flappers inside the mechanical fuel pump had frozen up. We poured a can of “Heat” into the gas tank and waited.

After a few hours in the warmth of the gas station garage, I turned the key. The little 948 cc motor popped off like there was nothing wrong at all ... the nerve !! With the moisture-in-the-gas problem under control, and the fuel pump working, I continued on into Calgary and then south to High River. The Bug Eye promptly went into the barn where it stayed until February, which is when a whole new “Bug Eye” memory was soon to be launched ... maybe next time.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Dec, 2021 NO MEETING IN DECEMBER
- Jan 8, 2022 NWBC Breakfast meeting (\$25 per person at the door)
8:30, Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn
- Feb 12, 2022 NWBC Annual Banquet
Darcy's Restaurant - Details forthcoming

We have a FACEBOOK GROUP !!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/603518397696284>

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

Northwest British Classics

Club Financials

October 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021

Income

Starting Balance 10/1/2021	\$	3,407.17
Member Dues Income	\$	20.00
Member Badge Income	\$	5.00
BritBull	\$	20.00
Club Breakfast	\$	675.00
Park Fee Refund	\$	75.00
Donation	\$	-
Sub-Total	\$	4,202.17

Expenses

Total Best Name Badges	\$	16.70
Supplies	\$	-
Club Picnic	\$	-
Club Breakfast	\$	628.43
Breakfast Refund	\$	75.00
Park Fees	\$	-
Insurance	\$	-
BritBull	\$	12.63
Sub-Total	\$	732.76
Ending Balance 10/31/2021	\$	3,469.41



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

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

FOR SALE - Assorted Sprite/Midget parts. Contact: Don Beyer at 541-405-9502



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**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME!**

Our focus is on
British automobiles
of all makes,
models, years
and, yes, condition.

**NORTHWEST BRITISH CLASSICS
CAR CLUB**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

We meet 2nd 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

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

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Street Address (if different) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Preferred Phone #: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____

E**M**ail for announcements & newsletter: _____

British Cars (Year, Make, Model, other descriptions): _____

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 1st.

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

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Northwest British Classics Club

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