



# THE OIL SPOT

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## President's Note

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to ALL of the British Drivers!

This is the last Oil Spot for 2024, and then we start into 2025! I'm sure just like me, everybody is thinking Holy Cow where did the year go! We have a breakfast meeting, January 11th, at Barlow's in Liberty Lake, 0900 back conference room. We will be talking a lot about the February club dinner and gift exchange that has been one the best treats to participate in.

We will have a new Treasurer then, Greg McKinley, and Brit Bull Asst. Co-ordinator, Jeremy Staples. Thanks for stepping up and taking the reins!! Kevan may be stepping down but not leaving totally, and we all say a huge THANK YOU to him for everything he has done these past years, but of course jobs and travel for the family is still important!!

Please remember that starting in January, club dues are due at a whopping \$20.00 for 2025. Get it in early and make life easier. Give Gregg Upton an RSVP for Barlow's in January so we can keep tracking who will be there.

([WaSup@mtaonline.net](mailto:WaSup@mtaonline.net))

Have a fantastic rest of December, and a joyous January!!

Randy Staples





## Northwest British Classics

### Club Financials

November 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024

#### Income

Starting Balance 11/1/2024	\$ 6,016.39
Member Dues Income	\$ -
Future Year Member Dues	\$ -
Member Badge Income	\$ -
BritBull	\$ -
Elections Banquet	\$ -
Shirt/Hat	\$ -
BritBull Cash Return	\$ -
Bank Fee Refund	\$ 68.55
Park Fee Refund	\$ -
Donation	\$ -
Sub-Total	\$ 6,084.94

#### Expenses

Total Best Name Badges	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -
Club Picnic	\$ -
Domain Name/Hosting	\$ -
Quickbooks	\$ -
Government Fees	\$ -
Elections Banquet	\$ -
BritBull Cash	\$ -
Breakfast Refund	\$ -
Club Awards	\$ -
Park Fees	\$ -
Bank Charges	\$ -
Club Shirts	\$ -
BritBull Shirts	\$ -
BritBull Expenses	\$ -
INCCC Dues	\$ -
Highland Games Donation	\$ -
Club Supplies	\$ -
Insurance	\$ -
BritBull Awards	\$ -
BritBull Expenses	\$ -
Sub-Total	\$ -
Ending Balance 11/30/2024	\$ 6,084.94

Income: \$ 68.55  
Expenses: \$ -



# NWBCCC Meeting Minutes

Barlow's - November 9, 2024

NWBCCC Minutes: November 9, 2024

President Randy Staples opened the meeting at 9:45 am, with 30 members in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting were approved; the Treasury Report was also approved.

In honor of Veterans Day coming up on Monday, Nov. 11, Randy asked that we recognize veterans in the group. All veterans, from the Navy, Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard stood up and were recognized. Thank you for your service. And a thank you from the military to those who hadn't served, also.

There are no new members, but there is a possibility of a new member attending the meeting: Greg Bulkley who owns a XJS Jaguar convertible.

Greg McKinley and Marie Palachuk will be in the Spotlight this month. And, in good news, Greg has agreed to take over as the Treasurer of our club. Thank you, Greg.

There is a Cars and Coffee gathering at Killer Burger in Hayden, ID, next Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 pm.

The next meeting will be at Barlows again on Jan. 11. There will not be a meeting in December. Be sure to RSVP to Greg Upton if you plan to attend the January meeting.

At the January meeting we will discuss plans for the club banquet on Feb. 8 at Darcy's. The banquet will cost \$25 per person. We always have a gift exchange with an upper limit of about \$25, if you want to participate.

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Bill Heaton suggested that the Torra Tea House at 11205 E. Dishman Mica Rd has a great British vibe and might be a fun spot to end a drive or have a meeting.

Pete Yarbrough also suggested the Crown and Thistle as a fun English pub where we might want to meet sometime. They have a Beer Choir on Thursday evenings, the next two being on Nov. 21 and Dec. 23 at 7 pm.

Barb Woodall says there are 2 new businesses in the Oil Spot. If we know of other businesses who would like to advertise in the Oil Spot, let Barb know.

It was moved and seconded to close the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am.

NWBCCC Secretary,

Jim and Maddy Houghton



## NWBCCC Member Spot Light

(Carole & Greg Taylor)



We start this member profile with a big Thank You for your club support and participation. It is because of you and many like you throughout the years that have brought so much joy to our lives. We cherish all the great memories we have that all trace back to our Little British Cars and the adventures and friendships they have opened for us. We haven't been as active in the club these past few years, due to health reasons, but we so look forward to the times when we can participate.

My (Greg's) LBC journey started back in the Spring of '77 when I was turned down for my high school prom. To console himself, I went car shopping and came home with a '74 Triumph Spitfire. This led to several adventures with the Tri-Cities' Sand and Sage Sports car club. This also led to me learning how to work on cars by trial and error, lots of errors. The Spit found a new home in the fall of 78 when I replaced it with an RX7.

Our joint life journey started in September of '78 and the first thing Carole said about the RX was how impractical it was. So at least I knew she wasn't marrying me for my car. And marry we did, in March of '79 and the RX left shortly thereafter.

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A year later (and with our first child on the way) Carole encouraged me to scratch my LBC itch when I found a '59 TR 3a for the hefty sum of \$1500. It was white (with a bit of rust) at the time. We named her Rita. Rita served us well as a second car and my daily driver. Of course, it gave me many more opportunities to learn more about fixing cars.

The next decade brought another child, several local moves and then a big promotion at work which required our move to Edmonds, WA in '86. Our faithful Rita moved with us, though I did have to drive her over the pass in the dead of winter without a heater.

It was during our time in Edmonds that saw both of us finish our BA & BS degrees, Carole's in Education, and mine in Business. We added an Alfa Graduate for Carole, an '84 Jag XJ6 (Victoria) and a '71 Stag (Arthur) for family outings. Unfortunately, it was also during this time that we learned that Carole had MS. Among many other changes, it also led to the Alfa finding a new home due to its lack of power steering. On a positive note, it was in Edmonds where we joined the local Triumph club (Tyee), met a lot of fine folks, had a lot of great adventures, and where I first served as a President in a Car club. I say I, but it was really both of us that served because I couldn't have done it without Carole's help and support.

Our next big move prompted by my company came in '96 to Long Beach, California. What a fantastic change after ten years of drizzle. We lived 5 miles from the beach, 10 for Disney, and about an hour from the San Gabriel Mountains. And even better, we joined the Southern California Triumph Owners Association. As our kids were both in high school by this time, it afforded us many more opportunities to be involved with the club. We served as newsletter editor, president, and then finally as the Triumphfest coordinator / host. (Triumphfest is a 3-day gathering of Triumph owners from California and Arizona. Each of the 5 regional clubs would take turns hosting the event.)

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It was also during this time that our trusty Rita received a much-needed rolling refurbishment, taking this opportunity to return her to her original powder blue. Once completed we took her on a grand adventure along highway 1 and 101 up to Vancouver, B.C. and back for the 2001 All Triumph Drive In. We refer to this adventure as our fire and ice trip. Freezing on the northern California coast and getting roasted almost everywhere else. Without ever a complaint from Rita.



It was in California that we added a '70 GT 6+ (Rocky) and an '80 TR 7 convertible (Trouble) to the fleet. I used Rocky to Autocross, and Trouble as a door stop. I spent more time working on Trouble than driving, so it left us withing a few months.

The late '90s early 2000's brought a lot of changes, mostly good. The kids graduated and began their own lives. Our son took Rocky and joined the Navy, found his life partner and blessed us with grandchildren. They now reside in Maryland. Our daughter went to Berkeley & Columbia, to become a Historical Preservationist in San Fransico. To say the least, we are very proud of them. Unfortinaly, this period also saw Carole's MS grow to the point that she was forced to take medical retirement. It was really hard leaving a career that was much more of a calling than it was a job. My career was also winding down.

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(Carole & Greg Taylor)

The company had been bought and our way of doing things (taking good care of the customer) was being shut down. Fortunately, I was approaching my 30 years with the company, so I could also retire. I was able to do my work from anywhere in the country, so we were able to move up here that we all know is to God's country in '04 and work from CDA as my base for my last two years with the company. (This period also saw Victoria and Arthur find new homes.)

We found a very welcoming group of folks in the NWBC club, which made moving here so much easier and pleasant. While here we have been very happy to serve the club as newsletter editor ('06 – '10), president ('11 – '16), president of vice ('17) and Brit Bull chairperson ('12 – '16). We have also added to the fleet four new members: '73 Stag (Harry, as in *The Trouble With Harry*), '98 XK8 (Kate), '04 X-Type (Furgie), and '08 MINI Cooper S (Sting). They have all allowed us to experience the great NW and the family we call the club.

Again, thank you one and all for this grand tour of club life and LBC ownership.

GT & CAT



# 2025 - 2027 UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Every Saturday of every month during season:** Cars & Coffee; 8-11am; Church of the Nazarene Parking Lot; 4000 N. 4th St., Coeur d'Alene, ID ; (4th St and Katheen)
- **Last Sunday of every month during season:** Manito Park Cars and Coffee; at Park Bench - 9:00 am until everyone leaves.
- **Jan 11, 2025:** NWBCCC Monthly Meeting; Breakfast at Barlow's, Liberty Lake; Begins at 9am. Reservations required as room size is limited.  
Contact Gregg Upton - [WASup@mtaonline.net](mailto:WASup@mtaonline.net)
- **Feb 8, 2025:** NWBCCC Banquet; Dinner & Gift Exchange at Darcy's, Spokane Valley; Cost \$25 per person; Reservations required; for those wishing to participate in gift exchange - upper limit of \$25.  
Contact Gregg Upton - [WASup@mtaonline.net](mailto:WASup@mtaonline.net)
- **May 03, 2025:** OES Scholarship Car Show - More info to come.
- **June 2027:** Austin Healey 75th Anniversary International Meet; see page 10.

# Austin Healey 75th Anniversary International Meet

(June 2027)

2027 will be Austin Healey's 75th Anniversary, and to commemorate, the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club, the Austin Healey Association of Southern California and the Austin Healey Club of America are co-sponsoring an **International Meet to be held at Lake Tahoe**, June 7-11, 2027.

Lake Tahoe was the location of perhaps the largest ever gathering of Austin Healeys (over 600) for the 50th Anniversary in 2002 and the 75th Anniversary will be a major draw. The co-sponsors are planning Welcome and Awards Banquets, nightly Happy Hours, a popular choice Car Show, informative Tech Sessions, Celebrity guests and cars, special Ladies events, Concours judging, Gymkhana (subject to minimum participation) and local Scenic Drives with Lake Tahoe and the Sierra Nevada Mountains as the backdrop.

Very attractive hotel room rates have been negotiated at the **Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino** and the Lake Tahoe area is full of gourmet restaurants, entertainment, shopping, gaming and nature. The co-sponsors are working together to plan and execute a spectacular event at a spectacular location and look forward to the International Austin Healey community's full support.

We want to be sure that all interested Healey owners are aware of this upcoming event, and to that end, we are asking you and your Club to help publicize it via **"Save the Date"** announcements on your website and in your newsletter.

Please go to the website, click on the **Media Tab** and download ready-made "Save the Date" ads which are perfect for insertion in your newsletter or website.

Website: [Healey75.com](http://Healey75.com)

Further details will be publicized on the event website as they become available. Be sure to Click on the **"Add Me to the Email List"** button on the website to be the first to be notified as more information becomes available. Registration will begin in early 2026.

Please direct any questions to any of the Committee Members:

Steve Kirby, AHASC, [sackirby@pacbell.net](mailto:sackirby@pacbell.net), Co-Chairman

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## Classified Ads



**FOR SALE** - TR6 replacement foam. Recently purchased 1973 Triumph Spitfire 1500. Seats needed to be redone. Ordered wrong foam from Rimmer Brothers, U.K. Ordered TR6 replacement foam Instead of foam for Spitfire. Happy to make someone an amazing deal. Trade for some English beer maybe? Pictures available. Call 509-869-4972 (David Radford)

**FOR SALE** - 1960 Austin Healy Bug Eye Sprite. 948cc motor - the engine has been completely rebuilt with newly rebuilt twin carbs. Don't have the time to use it any longer. We are the third owner. My father-in-law purchased it quite some years ago from the owner of Jaremko Motors, who we understood raced it all over the US. I still have the original roll bar. It doesn't have a top, but I do have the side window frames. There is a tonneau cover. Asking \$14,000 OBO See pictures on page 13. Call 509-999-1071 (Dell & Della Schmitt)

**WANTED** - Looking for a 1098 or 1275 engine to pick up at a Reasonable price, if you have one available to sell. Call 208-981-8142 (Ralph Shaver)  
[carguyshaver1952@gmail.com](mailto:carguyshaver1952@gmail.com)

**Note: Adds will run for 3 months unless canceled sooner**



## 1960 Austin Healey Bug Eye Sprite







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# NORTHWEST BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Meetings are every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, except Feb, Aug, & Dec. Location and times announced by the club president each month. Summer meetings are outdoors and winter meetings are indoors.

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

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

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

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

E-Mail 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 first year, which includes two club nametags. 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 Club

### 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:

Greg McKinley  
24163 E. Dreamwood cir  
Liberty Lake WA 99019

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

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NWBCCC**

Thank you!

If you are interested in being featured in Oil Spot - monthly 'Member Spot Light', please let Randy Staples or Barb Woodall know. We would like a picture of you & your car and a short bio of you & your car. Thank you for volunteering!

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## Northwest British Classics Club

### Club Officers and other Volunteers

**President:** Randy Staples (509) 217-7682  
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