



THE OIL SPOT

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President's Note

It is with heavy heart I report the passing of Roger Potratz on September 1st. Roger and Nancy have been members of NWBC for years. Roger drove that beautiful red 1959 MG TC. It is to Roger and his son Shannon that we owe the beautiful artwork shown every year on our BritBull sweatshirts, t-shirts, and dash plaques. Further information on arrangements will be forthcoming. Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy and the Potratz family. Roger will be missed.

This month we welcome three new families into NWBC. Welcome to Corky and Judy Meyer who drive an 04 Jaguar XKR. Welcome to Steve and Baiba Eastlick who own a 63 Austin Healey 3000 BJ7 and a 61 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite. Welcome to Byron, Olga and Leilani Kreck who operate a 69 Triumph Spitfire Mk 3. We now are at 73 member families and counting. Make some copies of the club application in the Oil Spot and pass them out!

Inside this Oil Spot you will find information on our new Facebook page. A tip of the drivers hat to club treasurer Kevan McCallum for that effort. Be sure to check out the Upcoming Events page for the schedule and details on meetings, car shows, and other events. You will see the club meeting at Mirabeau on Sept 18th and the return to our breakfast meetings on Oct 9, tentatively at the Best Western Plus Coeur d'Alene Inn.

An update on your Oil Spot Editor, Robert Andrews—he is mending well from reconstructive foot surgery. He is fighting through the pain and swelling to get the annual BritBull issue out expeditiously!

I would be remiss if I did not note that there is a reminder in this Oil Spot concerning the upcoming National Name Your Car Day.

Wear your name badge!!

— Dave Hofstadter



We have a FACEBOOK GROUP !!

Club members,

The new Northwest British Classics Car Club Facebook site is live, please join the group, if you like. Hopefully it will become a great communication spot for the club, to include events, information, discussions and so on. The site should bring in more club members as the site grows. Please let me know if you have any questions or have trouble accessing it.

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

— Kevan McCallum Jr.

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

A VERY BRITISH ENCOUNTER IN IOWA

By Pete Yarbrough

Many years ago, in a land far far away (Ohio) I was heading back to Montana from Gloucester Mass. To visit friends. My steed was a very tired black 1969 TR6. Instead of adding oil I added STP! It was sometime in August, very hot! As I was coming west out of Chicago, I think I was somewhere in South Dakota or possibly Iowa as the sun finally started to set on some highway I can't name. As I passed by one of the thousands of farms that all were surrounded by corn by this time much taller than the," knee high by fourth of July" standard, I passed by a Sprite at the side of the road with a young kid, (maybe 18, I was a much older 23) looking under the hood. I drove on for a couple of miles with that scene stuck in my mind. As callous and unattached as I wanted to be I could not shake the guilt. Yeah, I went back. Iowa in the seventies, where would he be able to find someone who had a better chance to help than me. As I pulled up behind him, I could tell it was the right thing to do. I got out all hot a sweaty and offered him a Coke from the cooler in the passenger's seat. As we tried to cool off, he told me that he was headed to college by way of his grandparent's farm.

Then he told me about his Sprite. He had rebuilt it with a lot of his summer job money. It was running well right up to the point it wasn't. A story we are all familiar with. As I was touring the country in my TR6 I had a lot of tools. The fact he didn't have many tools speaks to his youth. Together we determined that his fuel pump had failed. I had one for the TR that proved not to fit.

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A VERY BRITISH ENCOUNTER IN IOWA (Continued)

Back to the drawing board. We needed to get the car to somewhere it would be safe. There was a garage a few miles up the road. In true Heath Robinson fashion, we took his windshield washer bottle, tied it to the windshield, took an old piece of vacuum hose I had, filled the bottle with gas and siphon feed the SUs. It got us to the garage. The owner, in true mid-western fashion, was happy to look after the car. I loaded up my new friend and somehow, we managed to get his stuff as well as mine in that poor old beast and off we went on to the grandparent's farm.

The drive to the farm proved a wonderful side trip. The cool evening and the rural roads through the beautiful rolling hills of green corn dotted with barns and farm homes is a scene I will never forget. It reminded me of scenes from Field of Dreams minus the baseball connection. We arrived at this beautifully maintained farm home after dark. Both grandparents rushed out no doubt sick with worry about their overdue grandson. You would think I did something special. I intended to drop him off and continue my drive through the night pulling off somewhere with my sleeping bag for a few hours of sleep as I had been doing. Not OK with them. They insisted on putting me up for the night. A hot shower felt so good!! (I must have been pretty ripe!). The next morning the smell of a great mid-western farm breakfast woke me up around 5. Eggs, bacon, toast, and hash browns all farm fresh! WOW!! What a great memory. Talked for a while, thanks all around then onward to Shelby. Hope he is having a wonderful life.

The road to Shelby was another adventure. Perhaps if anyone is interested, a story for another Oil Spot. Would love to hear some of yours!

August Minutes of NWBC

August 22, 2021 10:00 am

Mirabeau Park

We had a good turnout of 26 members present at the meeting with 10 additional members arriving late. This was again an informal meeting, held outside just prior to our annual picnic. A few members drove their LBCs even though the weather was brisk.

Dave Hofstadter call the meeting to order at 10:14am.

Dave recognized Jim Houghton for his many hours of volunteer service, including securing our meeting location at Mirabeau these last several months, organizing the picnic and coordinating Britbull – Jim received a rousing round applause.

Dave introduced NEW members: Corky and Judy Meyer, and Steve and Baiba Eastlick (our only Montana members).

We have new business cards and stickers for advertising NWBCC and a motion carried to reimburse Kevan McCallum for coordinating their printing.

Bill Puskas was introduced as the new Britbull coordinator for 2022.

Wrap-up on Britbull: we had 86 total entries, 43 pre-event and 43 on-site at the event; all shirts were SOLD OUT at the event, including not only this year, but old prior year shirts. Financially, the event was a roaring success with income of approximately \$3150 and expenses of only \$2200. Additionally, many of the expenses were for items that can be reused at multiple Britbulls, so will not be required to be expenses next year J

We are looking at the Best Western Plus Coeur d'Alene Inn for the 2nd Saturday breakfast meetings.

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August Minutes of NWBC (Cont.)

Pete Yarborough told us about a group that is meeting twice a month "Cars and Coffee". The Cars and Coffee club meets at the Culinary Stone, in Riverstone, CDA on the first and 3rd Saturday from 8am – 11am. It includes all makes of cars and runs through late October. The club suggested our presence within the club would add visibility and exposure for not only NWBCC but also knowledge and recognition of british cars in our region. Several members indicated an interest in attending the C&C gathering next time. Kevan also mentioned there is a "Cars and Coffee" club that meets every other Sunday in Spokane, but we had no further information on that group.

We also learned of a British Car Club Newspaper that Pete Y. was made aware of by a family friend in Michigan.

Kevan McCallum talked about Facebook. He is willing to manage a Facebook page for the club if we want one. It would be a good site to stay up on upcoming event, post news about the club and link to other groups, such as C&C discussed above, that might be of interest. It would also be an avenue to get our group more visible to others. The idea was accepted enthusiastically. Kevan will send members "invites" to join and will provide assistance to members who are not familiar with Facebook, but are interested in being able to access it.

Our next meeting will be Saturday – September 11 – at 8:00am at Barlows. [Update: Our next meeting is scheduled at Mirabeau Meadows on Sept. 18th.]

The "official" meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am. We then enjoyed time socializing, while the picnic grill-masters began grilling the food for the picnic. Good food, good friends, good fun.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Palachuk, secretary

NWBC Annual Picnic

August 22, 2021 10:45 am

Mirabeau Park

Not to say the monthly meeting that preceded the picnic was not fun—yes, of course it was. But the annual picnic that followed ... well ... now that was a whole bunches MORE FUN !!



Northwest British Classics

Club Financials

August 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021

Income

Starting Balance 6/1/2021	\$ 3,426.04
Member Dues Income	\$ 60.00
Member Badge Income	\$ 15.00
BritBull	\$ 1,525.00
Park Fee Refund	\$ 75.00
Donation	\$ -
Sub-Total	\$ 5,101.04

Expenses

Total Best Name Badges	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 108.32
Club Picnic	\$ 129.03
Park Fees	\$ -
BritBull	\$ 942.34
Sub-Total	\$ 1,179.69
Ending Balance 7/3/2021	\$ 3,921.35

BritBull Show

August 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021

Income

Entry Fees	895.00
Cash for Show Return	300.00
Shirts	330.00
Sub-Total	\$ 1,525.00

Expenses

Trophy	\$ 8.23
Rentals	
Tshirts	\$ 610.93
Printing	\$ 18.26
Signage	\$ 304.92
Cash for Show	
Sub-Total	\$ 942.34
Ending Balance 7/3/2021	\$ 582.66

Note from the treasurer: BritBull was a great success, Thank You to everyone that attended and helped make it a great success. I have included the totals for BritBull.

UPCOMING 2021 EVENTS



- Sep 16-19 IBCB Summer Tour—Baker City OR
*** NOTE: PLEASE SEE UPDATE ON NEXT PAGE ***
<https://www.idahobritishcars.org>
- Sep 18 11:00am-1:00pm--NWBC Picnic Lunch & Club Meeting--
Mirabeau Meadows Picnic Shelter--13068 E. Mirabeau Pkwy
Spokane Valley WA 99216
- Oct 9 8:30am-10:30am--NWBC Breakfast & Club Meeting-- Best
Western Plus, Coeur d'Alene Inn--506 W Appleway Ave,
Coeur d'Alene ID 83814

National Name
Your Car Day
is ...
October 1st.



**** UPDATE ****

Summer Tour—Baker City OR—Sep 16-19

From: Registration <registration@idahobritishcars.org>

Hello fellow British car owners...

Here is my follow-up message regarding Summer Tour 2021 with two important bits of information.

First, there was an issue with the reservations at the hotel. The general manager, Brandy, is working with us to get it right the second time. IBCC has reserved a block of 80 rooms at a per night rate of \$109. **IF YOU ARE REGISTERED FOR SUMMER TOUR, YOU SHOULD BE GETTING A CALL TO CONFIRM YOUR ROOM RESERVATION. IF YOU ARE NOT CONTACTED BY AUGUST 6, PLEASE CONTACT BRANDY AT 541-523-6444 TO CONFIRM A RESERVATION. IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED FOR SUMMER TOUR AND WANT A ROOM IN THE IBCC BLOCK, PLEASE CONTACT BRANDY AT 541-523-6444. Let them know that this is for the Idaho British Car Club Summer Tour.**

Due to the problem with the hotel reservation system, we have extended the open registration period to August 31st. **The late fee of \$10 will only apply to registrations received after August 31st.**

In closing, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any IBCC Board member to get information about our upcoming Summer Tour 2021.

Thank you.....Bill Dryden, ST 2021 Coordinator, 208-867-8670, bs2rdry@cableone.net



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

FOR SALE - 1971 Triumph TR-6 w/ factory OD, chrome wire wheels, electric fuel pump and other great features. Contact Dave Madison at 805-338-6846 or madisoncpa@earhlink.net



**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

Northwest British Classics
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Northwest British Classics Club

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