

Cape Cod Currents

the official newsletter of the Cape Cod British Car Club, Ltd



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"Boot" - from the Queen "B"

Hi everyone!! Don't you just love the fall season in New England? Perfect weather for driving our LBCs! I hope you had a chance to enjoy top down leaf peeping and the sights that make this season wonderful!! Ahhh yes....New England! O but wait...I had on a t-shirt and shorts last week (it was like 70ish*) and this weekend brrrr the frost is on the pumpkin and time to break out the warm clothes. Still nice driving weather but with the heat on!

Although I do love the fall, it means that soon our cars will be in hibernation, dreaming about all the fun they had this year and will have next year!

So while our babies are sleeping, we need to start planning for next year!! Do you have an idea for an event? Do you have beautiful roads in your area that you like to cruise on and would like others to enjoy? How about an ice cream run to your favorite creamery?

Hosting an event is not as scary as you might think...there are many members that have experience and would love to help you. Get involved!! It's a lot of fun!!

I would love to hear from you!

Email me at QUEENB_CCBCC@OUTLOOK.COM

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!

Your Queen B



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Martha's Vineyard Weekend - by Bill Scott photos by Dave Icaza, Ed Collins & Bill Scott

Twenty-six LBCs and fifty-one courageous people participated in this.....(drum roll please)... RAIN FREE event!!! Yes, not only rain free, but sunny and mild - top down all the way. The island couldn't have been prettier under fall colors with the warmth from the sun and reduced pace of November. Martha's Vineyard follows our big event on Columbus day weekend, the BLW, and is a time to just settle back, relax and enjoy life.



Some of the group actually started a day earlier and took the Friday ferry, so they had a head start on this relaxing weekend. The rest of us met at Betsy's Diner early Saturday morning for a good breakfast to start the day before a short very scenic coastal tour to the MV ferry in Woods Hole. We were last on, first off the boat heading to the Tashmoo overlook to meet the full group. Following a brief driver's meeting we began the days tour. Helped by a local officer who allowed for all twenty six cars to enter State Rd all in one group.



First stop along the north shore was Menemsha Beach. A welcome break after the much earlier coffee, and a time for chit chat and catching up, stretching a bit before heading to Gay Head and the Aquinnah Light House. While there, you look out over the cliff and water to see where the light house used to be, and looking to the right, you see the new location far back from the water's edge. Every wonderful spot like that also has it's shopping conveniences, so we waited awhile before loading up for a south coast tour.



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We cut across the island to East Chop where we drove clockwise along the coast, taking in the summer homes for the very lucky and dreaming how wonderful summers must be for them. But we are lucky to share the view if only for a brief moment as we arrive into Oak Bluffs and park all along the water's edge. There is always time for a short walk to the Off Shore Ale Co. or the Lookout Tavern for a welcomed relaxed lunch.



We gathered up and headed down shore towards Edgartown. The sun was hanging low and the warm afternoon tones spread across the long beaches and the blue water making a picturesque drive. Some broke away for a stop at Mad Martha's Brewery while the rest of us headed for the comforts of the Harbor View Hotel. Even there, the view from the veranda out towards the light house is spectacular. Take a moment and breath it all in - life is good!

Soon everyone would be gathering at the bar and the word was out that we had been upgraded to the Light House Grill room for our dinner. So not only was the room fantastic, but the food and the company for dinner could not have been better. I think everyone enjoyed the whole day and "all's well that ends well" seems very appropriate. Following dinner people went in many different directions, some to a barn dance in West Tisbury, others gathered in two different areas in the hotel - one near Henry's and the other in the front lobby while some slipped off quietly to their rooms to prepare for another day tomorrow.

Sunday morning looked very promising as the sun was shining with enough wind that the cars were dry of any dew. There were early morning treks to the light house, the Wharf Diner in town, while others stayed in the hotel for a wonderful breakfast with a view. The morning seemed pretty quiet for the most part as people wanted to take a leisurely morning and walk around Edgartown. Those who wanted took the trip to the Mytoi Gardens on Chappaquiddick Island. It is a short three car ferry ride to a very peaceful, quiet place full of fall color.



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Everyone was invited to stop at the Alpaca Farm on their way to Vineyard Haven, and most did - interesting quiet animals with a few new little ones which are always cute. Of course there is the shop for all those alpaca woolen needs that we have.



It was just a short drive on to Edgartown where there was more shopping and a variety of places for lunch. There was a crêpe shop on Main Street and the famous Black Dog Restaurant at the water near the ferry. It seemed sad to know that we were going back home and leaving this Island paradise, but we all have the memories of a good weekend, and there is always next year! Hey, it was a great British Car weekend with NO RAIN!!



Go to <http://www.mvtimes.com/> click Community -read article The British Invade Martha's Vineyard by Lara O'Brien

Freezin Fun Run 4 Kids by Mike Dallaire photos by Mike Dallaire, Bill Richardson & Bill Scott

The alarm barked at 6 AM, need to get up and prepare breakfast for our overnight guest who lodged with us for the Freezn' Run. Still dark as I stumble down the stairs to start the coffee. Checking the weather and find the temperature at 29 degrees. No rain but 29 degrees! I question should we take the Spitfire with the top down? Maybe the Jag coupe, nice and warm? How about the MINI convertible - even with the top down we would have sufficient heat. Well, if we want to keep in the spirit of the Freezn' Run, then the Spitfire it is.

8:30 AM: time to depart the house for the Sagamore Inn, our starting place. Pull the choke, give the Spit a little gas and the engine groans. It seems to sound as if it's telling me it's too cold - after several more times the engine fires with obvious protest and we start off. Now a balmy 37 degrees!

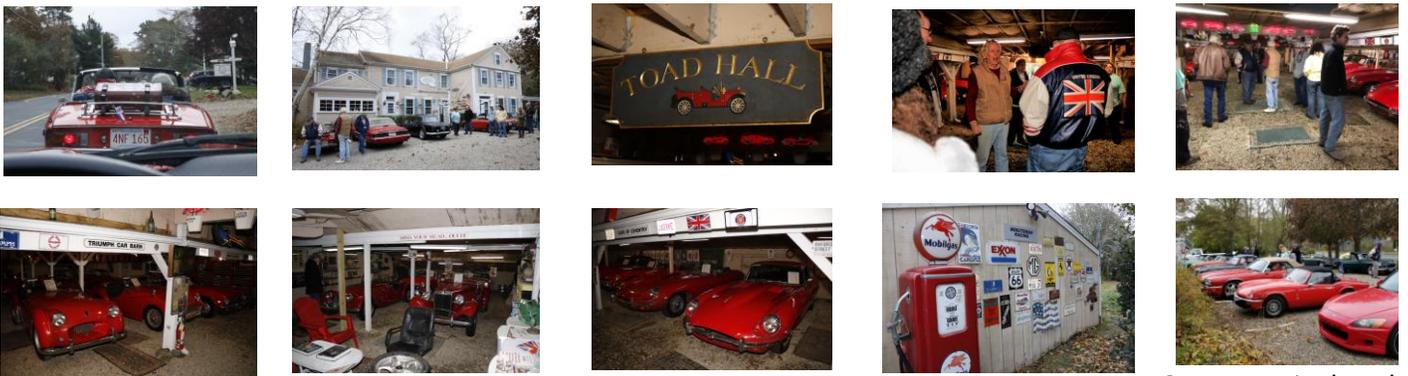
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FFR4Ks continued - by Mike Dallaire photos by Mike Dallair, Bill Richardson & Bill Scott

Co-rally master, Larry Donnelly, and I were pleased to see over twenty cars show up for the event many with their tops down.



After checking in, which required a gift card donation for Independence House, our roll off started around 9:40 AM. A tour around the Sandwich marina with a photo OP, then onto back roads to arrive at Toad Hall in Hyannisport. Toald Hall is operated by club member Bill Putnam, who graciously gave us free access to his collection of sports cars which are all painted red! Bill is currently downsizing his car and memorabilia collection and many on the tour had an opportunity to purchase books and other related items. And of course, mother nature noticed that several of our cars were open topped and decided to offer a small rain shower! All but three brave souls put their tops up for the return run. After about an hour of looking, peeking and buying stuff, the second leg of the tour took off! Some more back road and beach side roads led us back to the Sagamore Inn.



On our arrival at the Sagamore Inn, a special room was set up for the twenty six plus participants for lunch and the silent auction. Auction items were numerous with lots of gift cards, select spirits, motor oil, a US flag which was flown over the US capital along with homemade items and such. Bidding was fast and furious for about an hour or so. When the dust settled sales totaled \$862.00, So with the auction sales combined with the gift card entry fees totaling \$700.00, CCBC was able to present Donna Giberti from Independence House a total donation of \$1,562.00.



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Donna had an opportunity to speak to our group on the many programs offered by her organization and made us aware that they serve over 9000 cases yearly and how our yearly fund raiser helps so many of their clients.

A good time was had by all, and thanks to all who attended this important event that we host each year. See you all next year!



SIDE NOTE - FFR4K by editor

Paul Hinchcliff, an early club member who initiated the Freezin Fun Run 4 Kids about fifteen years ago, and who was along for the event this year, gave us a quick reminder of how it all began. The first one was on January 1st with the requirements being there were no coupes or closed vehicles allowed. It had to be an open tour. Many questions surfaced from the seven members who turned out for the "frigid" event; why January 1st and why no closed vehicles allowed?

As you can see, the event has survived with a few little changes. Even a Jaguar Saloon lead one of the groups this year, and with twenty cars, we needed to break it into two separate groups. Freezin Fun Run 4 Kids is still alive and well.

Cape Cod British Car Club - Events

November

[Regular Monthly Meeting](#)

21 November 2017 • BBC • Sandwich, MA • 7:00 PM •

December

[Dallaire's Holiday Open House](#)

16 December • Forestdale, MA • 4:00 PM til ? •

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON & HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

Watch for the regular monthly meetings in January & February 2018

