

# The Timing Light

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## BEHIND THE



## WINDSCREEN

*The meeting last night was great! It is always good to see faces we had not seen for a while. The thirty or so attendees got to catch up on things, talk about problems with their cars, and general socialization. Of course it is Spring and time to show off our cars. Several were in the parking lot. Charles and Perky's '52 TD was on its' maiden voyage and was looking good.*

*Rick Rader had an interesting presentation concerning antique gas powered toy cars of the 30's, 40's and 50's. Our love of cars has many forms. As my daughter often states "who knew" that there were race tracks built for the vehicles, and the popularity of the racers.*

*It's that time of year again. If you haven't made plans to "get out and go" in your LBC, then you are being left behind. Several club members are making big trips in the next few weeks. Destinations such as Key West, Pensacola, and Cherokee. I wish I was going. We expect some good reports of the adventures of driving to long away destinations.*

*The "British Fools Bash" on March 31st was great. The Plateau British Car Club did a great job hosting the picnic at Lake Fansi. There were six or seven different clubs represented. Cars came from as far away as Kingsport, Nashville, and Huntsville, Al. 50 LBCs were in the parking lot, representing about 6 or 7 different clubs. 5 LBCs from our club was present. Scott in his TF, Charles and Perky in an MGB, Paul and Irish in the TR8, Gil and Marge in the BGT. Jan and Michelle made a weekend of it in the MGB, and played a little golf. Hank in his Caddy, and Teresa and myself in a Ford, drove what ran. At the meeting Jack Morris and Debbie said they were there also. I had not seen Jack for some time and did not recognize him. Another face we were glad to see at the meeting.*

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*Jan has planned a great trip to Kennesaw on April 15th. I hope a lot of members can make it. We will meet at 1PM at the BP near the corner of Hwy 41 and 155 in Ringgold. Remember drive what will run. I did on the last drive, and had a great time, of course it would have been better in the B.*

*I realize not everyone can make these trips, but enjoy their car on a daily or weekly bases. But for those who wish to journey away from home to "short flung" destinations then here are some dates to remember.*

*April 15, club drive to Kennesaw*

*April 21 AACA show at Bradley Square Mall in Cleveland*

*April 28 Walter Mitty races at Road Atlanta*

*May 11-13 "Springtime in the Smokies", Townsend, TN*

*May 12 Berry College Show, Rome, GA*

*June 2 English Auto Society at Maryville College (European Car Show)*

*June 6-10 MGB National, Dillard, GA*

*Sept 1 Historic Rugby British Show, Rugby, TN*

*Driving what runs and having SBCC Fun*

*Mike*

## SBCC MINUTES

### APRIL 9 2012

*Meeting called to order by Mike Flood at 7:25P.M.*

*Motion by Len Gullickson to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Seconded by Hank Rippert.*

*Motion carried.*

*Barbara Dempsey gave the Treasurer's report.*

*Gil DuPre provided the pass word to access the newsletter through the clubs website. Members will still receive the newsletter as before either by email or snail mail. Discussion concerning other individuals being able to see the newsletter and finding out what is going on in the club. Gil stated that if a problem arises the pass word can be removed. Several comments approving the new look of the website.*

*Perky Long discussed the theme for the coming show in November. Gil DuPre made a motion to accept the theme of " Travel Back in Time." Cort Dondero seconded. Motion Approved.*

*Hank Rippert stated there were 44 members presently paid. He has received dues and application from individual tonight. Rick Rader asked about how that compares with the previous years. Hank stated no records had been kept concerning that, but would guess it was about the same.*

*Jan O'Shea reported on the "British Fools Bash" in Crossville at Lake Fansi. He stated there were 50 cars present and six or seven clubs present.*

#### *Old Business*

*Mike Flood discussed the club's participation at the "British Fools Bash." There were a total of 12 members and seven cars, only LBC's made the trip. Mike reminded everyone to "drive what runs", he had to when his car starting sputtering. Jim Watson stated that the Morristown and Kingsport club would jointly host next year's Bash. Jim stated they wanted to find a more central location to host the Bash. the Kingsport club had to drive four hours to get to Crossville.*

*Hank Rippert discussed the license plate frames. He passed out a copy of the proof for members to look at. The price will be \$15.00 per frame. The frames will be black with silver lettering. Rick Rader observed that "Greater" was missing from the name of the club at the bottom of the frame. Doug Forquer made a motion to accept the proof "without greater." Jan O'Shea seconded, and the motion passed.*

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*New Business*

*Jan O'Shea discussed the April 15th drive to Kennesaw. He handed out information concerning the trip. We will meet at 1PM at the BP near exit 348 in Ringgold. The BP is near the junction of HWY 41 and 151.*

*April 21st AACA show in Cleveland at the Bradley Square mall from 9AM-1PM. No preregistration required.*

*April 28 is Walter Mitty at Road Atlanta.*

*May 11-13 is "Spring Time in the Smokies" at Townsend. Jim Watson indicated it would be the 25th show. They hope to start selling tickets for "Ilene", a 1966 Triumph Spitfire. Jim stated they needed a front bumper for the car.*

*Mike stated we would gather on Friday 11 May at 2PM at the BP station at the junction of HWY 64 and Durkee Road in Cleveland.*

*June 2 is the EAS Show at Maryville College. Mike stated this was a European car show. Judging this year would be popular vote starting at 10AM.*

*June 6-10 is MGB National in Dillard.*

*Sept 1 is the British Show in Rugby. The show supports Historic Rugby.*

*Rick Rader gave a very interesting talk concerning "tether cars" of the 1930's, 40's and 50's. Rick had some examples of the cars and handed out information concerning the cars.*

*Dough Forquer stated that Bradley County residents can now access [www.nixte.com](http://www.nixte.com) for updates when bad weather is forecast.*

*Perky made a motion to increase the number of license frames ordered from 30 to 50. Jan O'Shea seconded. Motion passed.*

*Wes Bowman made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Hank Rippert. Motion Carried.*

*TAKEN BY MARGE DENNIS*

## VICE PRESIDENTS CORNER

### SBBC APRIL 15 TRIP TO SEE THE GENERAL

*For this fun drive, we could not have asked for a prettier day. At about 1:15pm on Sunday the 15th of April, Blue Skies and white clouds beckoned us to get underway. In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the "Great Locomotive Chase", the Southern British Car Club "Raiders", consisting of 8 LBC's and one Model A Ford, plus a Pontiac Firebird, drivers, navigators and passengers, all departed Ringgold near where the great locomotive "The General" ran out of steam and was abandoned by Andrews Raiders. We were on a quest to travel South to Kennesaw where "The General" is now housed in hopes of bringing it back... or at least just see it and then us make it back.*

*As is every Little British Car outing, this was an adventure unlike no other, although we can proudly say that all of the British Autos performed very well, (minus some misc. fluids) and the only 'break down' came from the Model A...but was quickly repaired and still completed the trip. This was crucial to the success of our mission, although with downtime waiting on the repaired vehicle to catch up, a few long potty breaks, a little skirmish between the Long's and a German named Mercedes, our eta was pushed back beyond what was anticipated. Even though we saw the great locomotive, took part in the video production that recreated the historical event, and learned much we didnt already know, we did not succesfully return....with the General that is. We did however succesfully return ! And that of course means this was a great day for all of us that went, even though we returned past dark thirty and had to pull on our pullovers with passengers covering up in their blankets since most drivers steadfastly kept the tops down.... with keen eyes on the road.*

*Thanks to all that made this 200 + mile drive fun !*

VP [Ian O'Shea](#)

**PHOTOS OF KENNESAW TRIP TO SEE THE GENERAL**



**THE GENERAL**



**THE START**



**IAN'S DRIVER MEETING**



**POTTY STOP**

PHOTOS FROM 2012 APRIL FOOLS BASH LAKE JANSJ



## 2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL 21 Pensacola, British Car Show. <http://www.pbca1.com/show.htm>

APRIL 23-27 NAMGAR KEY WEST <http://www.keywestbritishcarclub.com/>

MAY 11-13 TOWNSEND TN [www.blountbritishcars.org](http://www.blountbritishcars.org)

JUNE 6-10 NAMGBR 2012 DILLARD GA [www.MG2012.com](http://www.MG2012.com)

JULY 9- 13- NAMGAR GT37 DAYTON, OHIO [gt37.namgar.com/](http://gt37.namgar.com/)

SEPT 3 LABOR DAY RUGBY, TN

SEPT 7-9 BRITS ON SHOALS, ROGERSVILL, AL information later

NOV, 1-3 SBCC CHATTANOOGA, CHOO CHOO

*Tally ho and away we go!*

**Blount British Cars, Ltd.**

*presents*

**Springtime in the Smokies  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual British Car Gathering**

**••• Featuring Triumph Spitfire •••**

**May 11, 12 & 13, 2012  
Townsend, Tennessee**



Gathering is held on the grounds of the Talley Ho Inn.  
8314 State Hwy 73; Townsend, Tennessee 37882; 865-448-2465  
(when calling for reservations mention that you are with the car show)

We hope you will join us for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It's an opportunity for individuals who are committed to the enjoyment and preservation of British cars and bikes to relax in the beauty of the Smoky Mountains and share their passions and experiences with fellow enthusiasts.

Plan on attending Friday night hospitality – a time to mix, mingle and eat some of East Tennessee's best barbeque.

Saturday will offer a popular choice show, trophy presentation and door prizes.

New this year will be an afternoon tea for the ladies and tech sessions for the guys.

Dining together at the Carriage House Restaurant provides an opportunity to make new friends.

Vendors include the always popular, Little British Car Company and back again this year, Advance Auto-Wire.

NOTE: Each family that pre-registers by April 15<sup>th</sup> will have the option of free barbeque Friday evening.



Proceeds from "Springtime in the Smokies" will be donated to Blount County Children's Home to support their evenings and weekend learning center for children 2½ to 11 years of age.

We look forward to seeing you in May!

Once again, we offer hassle free, on-line registration at

[www.blountbritishcars.org](http://www.blountbritishcars.org)



## Schedule of Events

### Friday, May 11: Hospitality

- 5:30 – 7:30: Pick up pre-registration packets under the Big Tent
- 6:30 – 8:00: Free barbeque dinner to those that pre-registered by April 15
- 7:00: Join us for Ilene's unveiling
- 8:00 – 9:30: Gather around the fire pit for relaxing and story telling

### Saturday, May 12

- 9:00 – 11:00: Registration
- 11:00 – 2:00: Cars and bikes on display; popular choice voting (return ballots to registration tent); lunch can be purchased on the grounds
- 2:15 – 3:45: Tea for the ladies and tech sessions for the gentlemen
- 4:00 – 5:00: Trophy presentation
- 6:00 – 7:30: Dinner @ Carriage House for those who registered
- 8:00 – 9:00: Gather around the fire pit to relive the day's adventures

### Sunday, May 13

- 8:00 – 9:00: Breakfast @ Carriage House before heading home

**Check your show registration packet for more details about each activity or event.**

**Classes and awards are based on pre-registration ----- thank you for registering early!**  
**Springtime in the Smokies: 25th Annual British Car Gathering**  
**Pre-Registration Form**  
for May 11 & 12

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

car/bike: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU WANT THIS VEHICLE IN A MODIFIED CLASS?  YES  NO  
(Modified includes vehicles that have been significantly modified – engine swap, supercharger, custom body work, race cars, etc.)

I understand that my participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I and my heirs agree to hold the BBC, Ltd and its members harmless for any and all liability to any injuries, including death, or damage which I, or others at my hand, might sustain while participating. My car(s) and/or bike(s) is/are covered by suitable liability insurance.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Show Registration*	Quantity	Total
\$25 Pre-registration fee by April 15, 2010 - \$15 each additional entry	_____	_____
\$10 'For Sale' corral per vehicle	_____	_____
<b>Afternoon Tea</b> \$3.00 per person (limit to 40) – please indicate interest	_____	-pay at the door-
<b>Friday Night Hospitality</b> Barbeque free for those pre-registered <b>BY April 15, 2011</b>	_____	-no cost-
<b>Saturday Dinner</b> Adult @ \$20 ea Child (under 12) @ \$10 ea	_____	_____
<b>Show T-shirt</b> (limited number available day of show) S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ @ \$15 ea XXL @ \$17 ea	_____	_____
<b>BBC Membership</b> @ \$20 per family per year (optional)	_____	_____
<b>Total for registration, dinner, t-shirts and/or club membership:</b>	_____	_____

\*Day of Show registration is \$30/entry and \$20 for additional entries.

Make checks payable to Blount British Cars. Mail completed registration form and check to:

Jim and Melinda Watson : 3657 Wildwood Road : Maryville, TN 37804  
Event Questions: 865-379-5157 or [spridget@charter.net](mailto:spridget@charter.net) or [clubinfo@blountbritishcars.org](mailto:clubinfo@blountbritishcars.org)

Trophies awarded as follows: 3 registrations are required to have a 1<sup>st</sup> place award; 4 registrations are required to have 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards; and 5 registrations are required to have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards.

## AUTO JUMBLE ADS

### For Sale:

#### BRITISH CAR PARTS

Little British Car Co, Ltd. / Vintage Motors, Ltd. 29311 Aranel, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2815

1967 Morris Minor Pickup, LHD. Runs great. Original engine with 500 miles on it since rebuild. Straight body, floor pans replaced, no other rust. Undercoating sealer under chassis, in engine compartment and in bed. Registered and running for past 4 years. Documented \$12,000 investment. Accepting reasonable offers. Please contact via email for [dxturmer@verizon.net](mailto:dxturmer@verizon.net) more information or photos

**1951 MG TD.** Beautifully restored. Great condition, perfect addition to any collector's garage. Needs new battery. Includes top and side curtains. BRG with tan interior. Priced low at \$15,000. Atlanta area.  
Barbara Simmons, [blsimmons@comcast.net](mailto:blsimmons@comcast.net).  
Photos available.

### For Sale:

Refurbished 1974 MG Midget. 69,910 original miles and 2 owners from new.  
Still have the original window sticker. The following has been completed, new paint (original color bracken), rebuilt original engine new suspension/brakes/etc, new minilite wheels and tires, new top, original interior with new carpet and some new panels (seats original) bumpers, not shown, go with Midget. also have hardtop as an option if interested. In process of being restored. For pricing and any questions please call or email  
[spridget@charter.net](mailto:spridget@charter.net) or 865-599-4305  
Thank you  
Jim Watson

### FORSALE

Arkley SS project from the '80's on super clean (47k mile) 1978 Midget. Midget driveline removed. Plan was to install hot rod Ford "Kent" engine (included). Engine has upgrades from British American Transfer (BAT): "big bore" kit (1,700 cc), XR2 head, cam, intake and carburetor. Transmissions from Cortina and Pinto/Capri included (2 transmissions). Capri header and motor mounts (new). Radiator and electric cooling fan included. American Racing "Libre/LeMans" wheels (13x7) with Michelin tires, (5 wheels). (Original wheels included also.) New Bugeye Sprite brake lights and tail lights, TR6 flip top fuel cap. New Turn 6 sway bars installed front and rear. New Autopower roll bar installed.

Either continue conversion for Ford engine/transmission or install your Midget driveline (not included). Arkley SS body sections fitted to Midget body. Tilt up front section. Seats removed but included (good shape), carpet removed and discarded. New convertible top in box. Over \$5,000 invested in 1980's money. Asking \$2,500 for all or best offer. All reasonable offers considered.

Alan Clark  
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### Minor Classics

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Cleveland, Tennessee 37312  
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# MONTHLY MEETING

SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH  
6:30 PM

NEXT MEETING

May 14 2012

AT

GOLDEN CORRAL

GUNBARREL RD.