



August 2013

British Car Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania



Another fun packed
MONTH! Dinner
Cruise to *Nimble
Hill*, Club Picnic
**AND WE CLOSE
ANOTHER MEETING
SITE!**



BCGNEPA NEWS

The British invade Tunkhannock! It was an eventful evening of tasting fine wine offerings from the Nimble Hill Winery and their newest adventure their "Brewery". It started out that most of the crew began the tour in the wine tasting session, but the brewery section became so roudy that quite a few from the wine tasting room made their way over to the BEER room. Darel Mathews being the assistant brew-master at the Lion in Wilkes-Barre already knew the brew master at Nimble Hill. He really took care of the beer lovers and they got to taste the best Nimble Hill has to offer. Meanwhile, over at the wine tasting area, we were all bellied up to the bar tasting an assortment of 19 different wines. We started with the dry whites

and worked our way eventually through the reds and capped it off with their dessert wine.

Then the British brigade cranked up and rumbled up route 6 and the famous Mile Hill to the Fireplace Restaurant. Of course it wasn't without challenges. Ron Rosser and Ed Ostrowsky got a quick soaking in a brief rain storm just out side of town, Many thanks to Jim Tricarico for stopping and helping put up tops. But besides getting a little wet, an awesome night.

25 cars, over 35 people!



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August 15th Meeting Minutes:

The August 15th meeting was held at Mid Town Sports Bar and Grill Restaurant in Avoca PA. We started the meeting at 6:00pm.

Attending Members:

Present at the June meeting were: Ed & Marianne Ostrowsky, David Jones, Sarah Carr, Durl Edwards, Wayne Brelsford, George Seashock, Bill Shamonsky, Bob Drago, Beth & Dave Koehler, Bill Pierce, Bob Petras, Jon Valentine, Karen Hornbeck, John Munch, Garvin & LuAnn Bixler, Wally Sickler, Ron Rosser, Darel Matthews, Jack & Joan Kinsella, John & Helen Estock, Vince & Barb Gatto, Michael Coffey, Ray & Elaine Franks, Jeff & Gayle Decker, Woody & Greg Grabiec, Nick Opshinsky, Joel & Cookie Goldman, Brian Ostrowsky & Becky Kelly. It was another awesome, standing room only turnout.

Treasurer's Report:

Joel reported that we had a great turnout with the Car

Show. Over 1500+ Spectators and over 111+ Cars.

Joel was able to give us a full accounting of the entire show. Quick view: we more than doubled (\$) any previous show the club has held. Joel also put together a spreadsheet detailing the membership levels of the last 5 yrs. This year it was noted is our lowest total membership level ever at 67 paid members. Joel has found that there are about 53-56 members that are active year over year and keep the club growing. Which it has this year by adding over 12 new members, mainly in Luzerne county. Thanks to Joel for putting together this analysis.

Remember:

IN JOEL WE TRUST!

TIDBITS...

- ⇒ Carol Shamonsky mentioned the regional rendezvous in Richmond, VA, **Sept 12 thru 15.**
- ⇒ **September 26th Meeting is at J J Bridjes in Clarkes Summit @ 6 PM Bullshit and Beer. 7:30 Meeting**
- ⇒ Last meeting Officer's Awards were given to:
 - Garvin Bixler
 - Dave Hopkins
 - Boy Scout troop 281
- ⇒ Jon Valentine was given the Al Lipperini Award for the most "Modified yet true to the Margue" car.
- ⇒ FrostBite Tour—October 27th "WebSite"

2013 Annual Club Picnic



WHAT A DAY!

We had another beautiful day for a club outing. We had a great turn out of over 60 plus members (31 cars, and a lost Italian) and their families. Fun was had by all, from the wonderful cruise to start the day to the great food and the kids fishing and having a blast in the creek. A big **Thank You** to Ken & Jenny Cooney!!



MEET A MEMBER

By Ed Ostrowsky

Since I became the President of BCCNEPA in November, you know I've always stressed the need to have the club infused with new blood. Any organization is only as good as it's membership. Hence the big push to add members from locations outside the normal club boundaries. But I wanted to start a column in the newsletter that gave us back ground on new and current members. Enjoy, Ed

If you've spent more than a month or two in our club and attended a couple of meetings, to say we have an eclectic club would be an understatement. The diversity, from age to experience, the bond that binds us is our love and fascination with these British Cars. Not being a Motor head in the truest sense of the word, I'm always intrigued when I meet one. Since I



first met Martin Fischer at a meeting earlier in the year and got a chance to talk to him, I was intrigued even more. Martin is a model for the American entrepreneur. He's both a Left Brainer and a Right Brainer, which is a true rare breed. After graduating from the Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in Graphic Arts and Printing, Martin served us in the US. Navy. **(GO NAVY, BEAT ARMY!)**. So once again, if you would indulge me, please thank Martin for his *service and our freedom*.

After graduation, Martin taught high school and college. Along the way he started, developed and sold

three different printing companies. Currently to keep his hand in the that side of life, he serves as a consultant for various companies with regard to their printing and packaging needs.

When I ask someone to fill out the form that goes with being a MEET A MEMBER subject, and they start out by saying **his house is exceeded in size by his garage and barn**, Good Pick!. Martin currently resides on over 80 acres near the Elmhurst Country Club in Moscow, he lives with an MGTD, TR4, TR6, Porsche 912 and a Super Beetle Convertible. Oh,

And Ellen his wife.

His real British car experience goes back to his mother and some friends who had an Austin Healey. Martin's own first foray into British cars was a TR3 and TR4, and then a few more 4's, an XK120, XK140. And then some he'd really rather not talk about.

Martin's other true love is motorcycles. His first being a 159 Tiger Cub, then a Norton, BSA, several Triumphs, BMW's Honda, Yamahas' etc. I think you get the picture. Martin has a motorcycle addiction issue. One I'm sure Ellen feels he should obtain counseling for. His current bike is a 1200 BMW RT.

Martin has traveled most of the US and overseas on motorcycle excursions. Over 14 times that have included most of Europe, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Costa Rica, Morocco and even Alaska. Last year he participated in the **Cannonball Run**, an event for motorcycles 1930 and earlier. It started in Newburgh, NY to San Francisco, and took over 2 weeks. Martin has already gone out west twice this year, 3 times south and once to Maine. He averages over 30,000 miles per year on his motorcycles.

What I thought was really interesting is that Martin Blogs about his experiences. You can read up on **"Where in the world is Martin Fischer"** at his website: <http://www.northeastclassicwheels.com>. And besides accomplishing all this, Ellen and Martin raised 3 kids, who all live in different states. Now you know a little about someone in the club that I was intrigued by and am really glad I took the time to get to know him. Make sure you step up and say hello to **Martin Fischer**.