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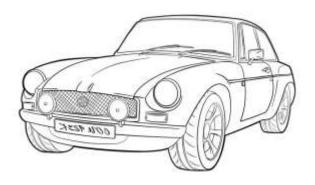
# **President's Note**

What a good turn out for our November meeting and Happy Thanksgiving to all! Thank you Veterans for your service, and thank you to the supporters of the military! The country can't be free without everybody's support and hard work! We had about 6 or 7 LBC's show up also. Great trip! Welcome to our new prospect member, Greg Bulkley, Ex Air Force and Airline Pilot, with a Jag XJS conv.

There won't be a December meeting, so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members! We will have a January 11th meeting at Barlow's again, same time, and the breakfast's are great! We will then talk about the Club Dinner / Gift Exchange, at Darcy's in Spokane Valley, 8th February, 2025! We've always, had a memorable time at the dinner!

Thank You and don't forget the renewing of your car club vows and payment coming in January. \$20.00 is still the best deal in town!

**Randy Staples** 



### Northwest British Classics



**Club Financials** 

Club Financials		
October 1, 2	02	4 to October 31, 2024
Income		
Starting Balance 10/1/2024	\$ 5 898 50	
Member Dues Income		100.00
Future Year Member Dues	10.	
Member Badge Income		15.00
BritBull		-
Elections Banquet	S	
Shirt/Hat		100.00
BritBull Cash Return	\$	-
Bank Fee Refund	\$	<b>P</b>
Park Fee Refund	\$	
Donation	\$	
Sub-Total	\$ 6	5,113.50
Expenses		
Total Best Name Badges	\$	66.24
Supplies	\$	30.87
Club Picnic		
Domain Name/Hosting	s	
Quickbooks	\$	
Government Fees	\$	*
Elections Banquet	\$	4
BritBull Cash	\$	5
Breakfast Refund	\$	2
Club Awards	\$	<b>7</b> 4
Park Fees	\$	*
Bank Charges	\$	÷.
Club Shirts	\$	*
BritBull Shirts	\$	
BritBull Expenses	\$	5
INCCC Dues	\$	*
Highland Games Donation	\$	÷ •
Club Supplies	\$	
Insurance		-
BritBull Awards		
BritBull Expenses		
Sub-Total	22.00	97.11
Ending Balance 10/31/2024	\$6	6,016.39
Income:	\$	215.00
Expenses:	1	97.11
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## **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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# **NWBCCC** Meeting Minutes

Barlow's - November 9, 2024

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**

(Greg McKinley & Marie Palachuck)

#### Hi, I'm Greg McKinley

I've been in love with cars since a very young age. You should see the HotWheels collection I had.... Um, still have I am also in love with going fast, really fast. So, from a very young age I started racing. My dad (in his late 80s now) has always been a car guy, he would race cars, motorcycles, go-carts and bicycles; consequently, so did I. As time went on though, I had to take a few years off, you know how life gets in the way, with work, getting married, having kids, etc. Then in my mid-40s, I took the plunge and put together a real race car – a late model (Nascar type of car), 550hp, 150+ mph beast.



After spending many years doing that and doing well, I got tired of always turning left and decided to migrate to road racing.

During this time, I met Marie we decided to look for a road race car. So, in 2016, I began looking and found the perfect LBC, a red 1972 MGB roadster in Pittsburg, PA. The trip to pick it up and drive it home to Spokane (in late October during a blizzard) is a story for another time.

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## **NWBCCC Member Spot Light**

(Greg McKinley & Marie Palachuck)



And there began our love of British cars. We joined the NWBCCC and I spent the next year tearing apart and rebuilding that roadster, replacing the head, adding racing brakes, and making a few modifications that made it faster.... We also made sure the car was licensed and street legal, so we could drive to and participate in NWBCCC drives and events in our LBC racer. The people of this club are great, welcoming us into the fold and always supporting and encouraging our racing of the LBC. But, alas, following a major crash during a race in 2022, that little British race car was toast, so back to the drawing board.

I found bought another 1972 MGB chassis and have built myself a new racecar. It was a year long endeavor involving machining and building the roll-cage, running the electrical, rebuilding the transmission, building the exhaust system, doing bodywork, upholstery, and finally painting the car. I am proud to say, I did it all myself and the car is complete and ready to go in Spring.

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## **NWBCCC Member Spot Light**

(Greg McKinley & Marie Palachuck)





Now, we are thinking about picking up another LBC to restore as a weekend driver ..... thus, the store continues.

Marie and I have been part of the club since about 2016. We live in Liberty Lake and are nearing retirement, but still have a few years to go. We've both held positions in the club and been active volunteers at events. We hope to continue our involvement for years to come. In the meantime, we spend time riding bikes, RV'ing and raising our two Cavalier babies who are now 2 years old.



## 2024 - 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.
- Nov 16, 2024: Cars & Coffee Gathering; Killer Burger, Hayden, Idaho; Begins at 1pm.
- 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

• 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.

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- May 03, 2025: OES Scholarship Car Show More info to come.
- June 2027: Austin Healey 75th Anniversary International Meet; see page 9.

### **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 to-gether 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.

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

#### Website: <u>Healey75.com</u>

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:

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**Classified Ads** 



NORTHWEST BRITISH CLASSICS

**FOR SALE** - 68 MGB GT. Owner no longer capable of making this MGB roadworthy. Needs a new home where someone can. Third owner car, minus the oil filter and steering wheel, that is one hundred percent original. I do have original steering wheel. Was covered last winter, but left outside. The car is too good of a specimen to be left to deteriorate in the elements. For these reasons, I will let it go to someone who will rebuild it and give the Best cash offer. Car is in Colfax, WA. See pictures on page 12. Call 509-397-2109 (John) If no answer, leave message. <u>solerlab@msn.com</u>

**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 own -er 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** - Mechanical restoration for 1958 TR3. Looking for someone in the Spokane area that could do a mechanical restoration. I had Botzon's do some work: clutch, brakes, running gear, belts and hoses, etc. I'm happy with what they did, but it needs much more. Especially electrical/ wiring harness and so on. Would just like to have a mechanically sound vehicle. tions would be greatly appreciated. Call 509-993-8465 (Dave Brucick)

Note: Adds will run for 3 months unless canceled sooner

### 1968 MGB GT





### 1960 Austin Healey Bug Eye Sprite

















### 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.

Visit us at: northwestbritishelassies.com

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

Mailing Address:				
City:	State:	Zip Code:		
Street Address (if different)				
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British Cars (Year, Make, Model,	other descriptions):			
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annually. Dues are due January	1 <sup>st</sup> ,	lub nametags. Thereafter: \$20.00 per family otal amount submitted: \$		
Mail check and completed signe	Treasurer 11409 N Mc			

Northwest British Classics PO Box 2010 Coeur D'Alene, ID 86816



## **Northwest British Classics Club**



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!





## **Northwest British Classics Club**

#### **Club Officers and other Volunteers**

President: Randy Staples (509) 217-7682 PCAT3255@gmail.com Vice President: Wayne Burley Secretary: Jim and Maddy Houghton Treasurer: Kevan McCallum Coming soon—new Treasurer: Greg McKinley Editor: Barb Woodall BritBull Chairman: Bill Puskas Directors: Bill Puskas, Greg McKinley, Dave Hofstadter