



May, June & July 2016

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GOF MK 99
Groton CT
June 1st-5th

Words of Wisdom
by
Steve Neal

If you change just four letters in the word "Milk" you get "Beer"

Should you change just three letters in the word "Milk" you get "Wine"

From the Editor

As I sit here at my desk I can look out at the daffodils blooming & the tulips about to burst...surely this is spring is it not? Then why does the weather call for snow this week?! Not to worry, it is but a mere fleeting moment, I've already had the TD out for spirited drives & bought new sunscreen for the season! And what a season it will be, we are just a few weeks from the Tech Session at Historic Motorsports where we will be discussing British carburetors. June brings lots of choices, GOF MK99 & British by the Sea gives you two great shows in one, while the British Motorcar Festival in Bristol RI celebrates their 2nd year with special treats like the Hidden Hundred Rally through rural Rhode Island to Sakonnet Vineyard. For the adventurous there's MG 2016 in Louisville KY, along with British Car Day at the Larz Anderson Museum...now I ask you, is that a great start to the driving season?



T-Party 2016 Calendar of Events

****T-Party Event**

NEMGTR Event

May

14th **Tech Session with BCNH ****
Historic Motor Sports
174 Candia Rd (Route 27)
Candia, NH

June

1st-5th **GOF MK99## ****
Groton, CT
<http://www.nemgtr.org/>

5th **British by the Sea ##****
Waterford, CT
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9th-12th **British Motorcar Festival****
Bristol, RI
<http://www.britishmotorcarfestival.com/>

13th-17th **MG 2016##**
Festival Plaza
Louisville, KY
<https://namgbr.org/events/all-register-mg2016>

26th **British Car Day @ Larz Anderson Museum**
Brookline, MA
<http://larzanderson.org/>

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NEMGTR Event

July

- 9th** **Castle in the Clouds Car Show**
Moultonborough, NH
<http://www.castleinthecLOUDS.org/>
- 23rd** **BCNH Show of Dreams****
Hudson, NH
<http://www.bcnh.org>

August

- 14th** **Cruisin for Crustaceans Lobster Tour****
Bob Lobster, Newbury, MA
- 20th** **MG Day @ Lars Anderson Museum**
Brookline, MA <http://larzanderson.org/>

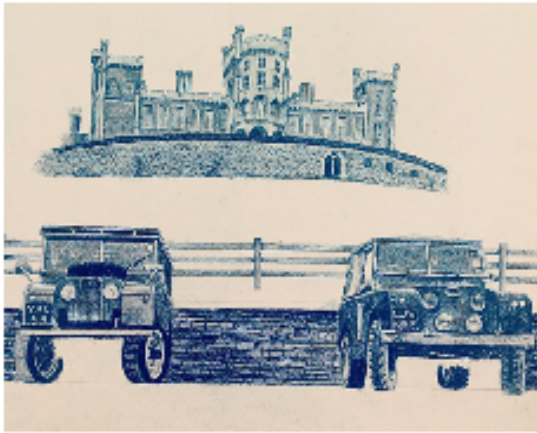
September

- 7th-11th** **GOF MK100## ****
Concord, NH <http://www.nemgtr.org/>
- 16th-18th** **British Invasion**
Stowe, VT <http://www.britishinvasion.com/>

October

- 1st-2nd** **Old Speckled Hen Run**
West Dover, VT <http://kitzhof.com>
- 15th** **Canterbury Shaker Village Car Show**
Canterbury Shaker Village, NH
<http://www.shakers.org>

Chairman's Cable



O Wherefore Art Thou My Wrenchy Petrol-Besotted Muse

Sometimes dear reader, your Chairman and thy humble servant must confess, *he doth have naught to say and finds himself at a total loss of words, nay possesseth he neither thought nor idea for your Cable*. So, he reads for inspiration the *BBC news*, *The Telegraph*, *The Mirror*, *The Globe and Mail*, and other sources from the Mother Country. From such erudite sources we learn that the month of April 2016 marked two noteworthy and



significant anniversaries that ought be celebrated by all English-speaking peoples and loyal British colonists (or at least those of us who love LBC's). First, the longest reigning monarch in British history, Her Majesty

Queen Elizabeth celebrated her 90th Birthday (b. April 21, 1926). And, April 23rd, 2016 commemorates 400 years since the death of the world famous playwright, William Shakespeare and marks his 452nd birthday (born April 23, 1564; died April 23, 1616). Why you may ask is this of *any* relevance to our little MG's and (for some of us) our obsessive love affair with British automobiles? Frankly, it's not. But here, dear audience, I ask only for that fleeting "willing suspension of disbelief,"¹ that you may better enjoy the show.

WONDER WILL 400 SHAKESPEARE

¹ The term **willing suspension of disbelief** has been defined as a willingness to suspend one's critical faculties and believe the unbelievable; sacrifice of realism and logic for the sake of enjoyment. The term was coined in 1817 by the poet and aesthetic philosopher Samuel Taylor Coleridge, who suggested that if a writer could infuse a "human interest and a semblance of truth" into a fantastic tale, the reader would suspend judgment concerning the implausibility of the narrative. The phrase "suspension of disbelief" came to be used more loosely in the later 20th century, often used to imply that the burden was on the reader, rather than the writer, to achieve it. Coleridge recalled: "... It was agreed, that my endeavours should be directed to persons and characters supernatural, or at least romantic, yet so as to transfer from our inward nature a human interest and a semblance of truth sufficient to procure for these shadows of imagination that *willing suspension of disbelief for the moment, which constitutes poetic faith*. Mr. Wordsworth on the other hand was to propose to himself as his object, to give the charm of novelty to things of every day, and to excite a feeling analogous to the supernatural, by awakening the mind's attention from the lethargy of custom, and directing it to the loveliness and the wonders of the world before us ..." [Coleridge, *Biographia Literaria*, 1817, Chapter XIV].



The Royals have enjoyed a fine collection of British cars over the years, including among others, Prince Charles' MGB GT, modern Jaguar XJ Saloons, a handsome Rover P5B, but perhaps none more so than the Queen herself and her girl-like joy of driving her Land Rovers, yes by herself, piloting those primitive agricultural trucks with their non-synchro manual transmissions, especially around the 50,000-acre estate surrounding her beloved Balmoral Castle in Scotland.



Her Royal Majesty learned to drive in 1945 as part of the Auxiliary Territorial Service when she was trained as a mechanic and military ambulance truck driver. Interestingly, the Monarch doesn't require a license.



Note the Red "L" denoting a Learner's Permit?



A fine mechanic working under the bonnet.



With her Auxiliary Territorial Service Ambulance Livery.

Here is a link to an historic video clip of the Young Queen Elizabeth as an ATS motor pool mechanic:

<https://youtu.be/R2qrMaRttws>

And yes, there is another less tenuous and famous connection between the Queen and our MG's. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, while a suitor to young Elizabeth owned and often drove a black MG TC with a green leather interior. The Queen recalled the "TC courtship" rather fondly:

"Philip enjoys driving and does it fast! He has his own tiny M.G which he is very proud of – he has taken me about in it, once up to London, which was great fun, only it was like sitting on the road, and the wheels are almost as high as one's head."



But what of, The Bard of Avon? What possible connection could the great poet have to British cars? Would he even appreciate our magical little British chariots had say, an MG TC, been available to one of his tragic or heroic characters, to zoom Hamlet's Ghost across the stage of the famous Globe Theatre, '*deus ex machina*' "god from the machine." The burden is upon you, dear reader, to achieve that "willing suspension of disbelief" and suspend judgment concerning the implausibility of the narrative.

If we imagine Shakespeare's skillful treatment of tragicomedy—as applied to our new lovable "mechanical" actors, is it too hard to imagine that the Bard's wisdom might apply directly to our beloved LBC's? To commemorate his 400th Anniversary, here for your entertainment and erudition, then, are some *re-imagined* "LBC Shakespearean Quotes." Heed his timeless wisdom in these all too familiar situations:

As a shade tree mechanic know your weaknesses/Limits:

"The fool doth think he is wise but the wise man knows himself to be a fool."

—As You Like It.

On the subject of Lucas Electrics:

"Hell is empty and all the devils are here."

—The Tempest

On attending MG Events with or without your spouse (or meeting your newsletter editor's publishing deadline for The Chairman's Cable):

"Better three hours too soon than a minute too late."

—The Merry Wives of Windsor

Be humble when: a) negotiating to buy a valuable pre-war MG from an uninformed neophyte who thinks it a mere and common TD; or, b) speaking about your MG erudition at the Kimber Festival:

"Have more than thou showest. Speak less than thou knowest."

—King Lear

Be deceived neither by that recently "restored and rust free" LBC wearing fresh paint, nor by your belief you can restore on the cheap that clapped out "Barn Find" MG project car currently in boxes:

"All that glistens is not gold."

—The Merchant of Venice

When undertaking an LBC repair or restoration project, work at your own pace and don't take on too much, lest you not like how the story will end:

"Be patient, for the World is broad and wide."

—Romeo and Juliet

On putting off LBC projects—Seize control and get started:

"Men at some time are masters of their fates. The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings."

—Julius Caesar

When your oil soaked wooden floorboards catch on fire for the second time in your ownership from the hot exhaust pipe under your seat, but the car is saved from total conflagration—Thank your luck:

"Fortune brings in some boats that are not steer'd."

—Cymbeline

And don't be a DPO (Damn Previous Owner) when selling your LBC on—Tell the Truth:

"No legacy is so rich as honesty."

—All's Well That Ends Well

The questionable wisdom of Acting on Your Lust and bringing home (another) LBC:

"I burn, I pine, I perish."

—The Taming of the Shrew

On being stranded by your British car by the roadside (again):

"I would give all my fame for a pot of ale, and safety."

—Henry V

If all else fails, bring out the BFH (Big Effing Hammer) for a love tap:

"Though this be madness, yet there is method in't."

—Hamlet

On the manifold and expected problems of LBC ownership:

"When sorrows come, they come not in single spies, but in battalions."

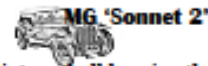
—Hamlet

On the subject of our irrational zeal and love for MG's:

"I do love nothing in the world so well as you: is not that strange?"

—Much Ado About Nothing

Well dear reader, I could go on, and here I will spare you further my further idea for re-imagined "Shakespearean Insults," but you see the point, by now. If we but suspend our disbelief, we actively choose to so view the world through the magic of a poet's eyes. With my apologies to The Bard, I give you:



MG 'Sonnet 2'

When sixty winters shall beseege thy MG prow,
And Tinworm corrodes deep, thy beauty felled,
Thy youth's proud livery,² so gazed on now,
Will be a tatter'd wreck, of small worth held:
Then being ask'd where all thy beauty lies,
Where all the treasure of thy vigorous days;³
To say, within thine own deep-sunken wings,
Were an all-consuming shame and unprofitable praise.
How much more praise deserved thy beauty's use,⁴
If thou couldst answer 'This fair machine of mine
Shall sum my count and when I am old, make excuse'
Proving its beauty by succession⁵ thine!
This were to be new made⁶ when thou art old,
And see thy blood warm when thou feel'st it cold.

—Charles

² livery: outward appearance

³ vigorous days: virile youth

⁴ use: investment

⁵ succession: new incarnation

⁶ new made: restored; born again in old age

Spring Tech Session 2016



**Saturday May 14th
10AM-2PM
Historic Motor Sports
174 Candia Rd (Route 27)
Candia, NH 03053**

Burgers & Dogs supplied. Please bring a chair & a dish to share: salads, chips, desserts or drinks.

The topic will be SU, Zenith & other British Carburetors

Directions:

From North or South via I-93 & NH 101E

I-93 until merging onto NH 101E (Exit 7, Follow signs for Portsmouth/Seacoast). Take exit 3 off of NH 101E (Candia/Deerfield). Right turn at the end of the exit onto Route 43N. Route 43N will turn left at a blinking light...**continue straight at the blinking light**. You will join route 27 after a sweeping right turn...continue east on route 27 (Raymond Rd)...you will pass Candia Courthouse & Car World on your left. Historic Motor Sports is past Car World on your left, directly opposite a Mobile Gas Station.

From the North or South via I-95 & NH 101W

I-95 to exit for NH 101W (Exit 2 Exeter/Hampton) Take exit 3 off of NH 101W (Candia/Deerfield)...follow directions above from Exit 3.

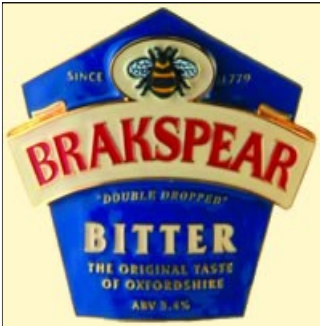
From the North via NH 4 & Route 43S

NH 4 (1st NH Turnpike) to Northwood.. Turn right (if traveling east) or left (if traveling west) at the blinking light intersection with Route 43S. Follow Route 43S through Deerfield into Candia. Route 43S intersects Route 27E at a traffic light in Candia...turn left at the light onto Route 27E. You will pass Candia Courthouse & Car World on your left. Historic Motor Sports is on the left past Car World opposite a Mobil gas Station.

The Ales of the United Kingdom

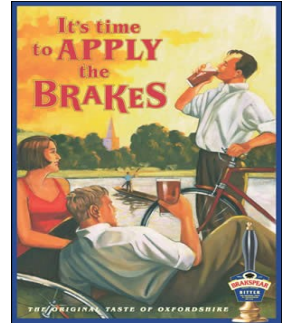
“Give my people plenty of beer, good beer & cheap beer, and you will have no revolution among them”.

Queen Victoria



Brakspear Bitter

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Double Drop fermentation makes Brakspear Bitter unique

Double Dropping, also known as the Dropping System of fermentation, was for the first half of the 20th Century the most popular method for the fermentation of traditional English Ales.

It involves starting fermentation of the wort (fermentable liquid rich in malted barley's sugars) in one vessel, followed by “dropping” this liquid under gravity into a second vessel below it, usually on the second day of fermentation. Here it continues its fermentation for two or three days. The beer is then slowly cooled over the next couple of days, during which time it matures and gains complexity.

As breweries were modernized, or taken over and closed, the Double Drop method quietly went out of fashion, almost disappearing by the end of the century.

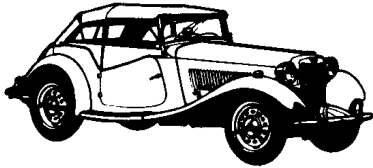
The system has two main beneficial effects:

- purifying of the partially fermented beer, by leaving behind protein deposits and spent yeasts which can cause ‘off’ flavors in the final beer.
- aeration of the wort causing a surge in yeast growth, which develops the special delicate butterscotch flavors for which Brakspear Bitter is acclaimed.

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Position Open

T-Party Classifieds

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Pens.....	\$.50

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