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**Rumblings Newsletter**  
**March 15, 2023**

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**RUMBLINGS**  
on the road again...

**President's Report...**

**Greetings MBCG Members!**

For those of you who were able to make this past month's meeting, I'm sure you were, as enamored as I, at Jay Johnson's presentation on Antarctica. Thank you Jay for sharing your experience of living at the bottom of the world --from our US perspective that is :) From flying in to Antarctica under the most adverse and unpredictable conditions and living so remotely you have my total respect. Fascinating to learn about ice core samples and the information you gather is totally amazing!! My sincere apologies in that I was so engrossed in your presentation, I was not flitting around the room taking pictures (by chance, did anyone take any pics?) if so, please email them to me.

Thanks again Jay for such an informative presentation!

A BIG warm welcome to our new MBCG members, Chris & Emily Beebe and Dave Haring! We look forward to warmer weather and having you join us on some fun group drives. Speaking of which...

As you scroll down, you will see many fun upcoming events listed. Thank you Will, Dave G. & Shirley for contributing info to all these events. This year will not disappoint with so much to do, with so little time.

Also, be thinking about some drives and destinations we can do as a group. Some possibilities...

- Taliesin
- House on the Rock
- Cambridge Winery
- Botham Winery
- Spring Green lunch
- Wollersheim Winery & Distillery
- New Glarus Brewing Co
- New Glarus Bailey's Run Vineyard
- Blue Mounds/Caves
- Waunakee Drumlin Ridge Winery

I am more familiar with Madison westside destinations so please forward some ideas in your 'neck of the woods' to explore.

### **Guest Column**

Chris Beebe has shared with us another great article, this one in racing his Lotus Seven which as you read will put you behind the wheel along side Chris racing around the track!!! Fantastic picture of Chris behind the wheel -- hard to see, but I was in the passenger seat giving Chris racing tips! LOL!!! On behalf of our group --thank you Chris!!

**MBCG Hats are in!** Some of you picked up your hats at this past month's meeting. If you prepaid your hat(s) but did not specify a color please email me your choice so I can put it aside for you.

Steve Tobin does not disappoint in 'Operation Onion Giveaway' and has once again, generously shared them with us! These are amazing onions and he will be bringing many more to our next meeting.

You have to be present to grab some of these world famous onions.

Mail order not available :))

Thank you Steve!

March has not disappointed... March came in like a lamb and is still roaring like a lion! Steve is 'itching' to get the car out and toodle around country roads. Hopefully, soon, since he is watching the weather and giving me hourly updates --he's optimistic spring is on it's way!! At the last meeting we circulated a sheet to collect birthdays. If you missed the sign up, please send me an email :)

Looking forward to seeing you at next month's MBCG meeting!

-Debbie



## Next MBCG Meeting...

Where: Breakwater Restaurant  
6308 Inland Way  
Monona

When: Wednesday, April 12th, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

\*\*If you plan on enjoying dinner, you may want to arrive early 😊

Hope to see you there!

## **Welcome New MBCG Members!**

**Chris & Emily Beebe  
Dave Harring**

Be sure to join our private MBCG facebook page!



## **MBCG Guest Speaker Schedule**

**Invite a British car enthusiast guest!**

**April 12th**

**Gene Davis & Ron Dennis**

Ron Dennis will interview Gene Davis about the history of  
Ocelot Racing.

This will cover the beginnings with Gene and Larrie Schneider  
through developments, including chassis design, various engines  
and bodies and their failures and successes.

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**May 10th**

**Ron Dennis**



Ron Dennis will cover his racing career (21 tracks, 9 cars, 5 classes) from beginnings in go-karts to a national championship in sports racing cars and beyond.  
He will concentrate on a variety of experiences and people met along the way.



## Upcoming Events...

### **Saturday, May 20th:**

Dennis & Crystal Klemm's Country House  
2702 S. Wyatt Rd  
Orfordville, WI

Details forthcoming :)

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**Shirley Smith was contacted by the MG3 club in Milwaukee**

They have invited us to some of their events...

**May 6th:**

9:30-12:30

Meet at McDonald's, 191 W. Layton Ave., Milwaukee at 9:30, leaving at 9:45.

Pit stop at McDonald's, 606 Falls Rd., Grafton for 15 minutes around 11:00.

Destination is Wayne's Drive-In, (5 corners) Cedarburg around 12:30

A parade-style drive starting in Milwaukee, along the lakefront toward Ozaukee Co. and pit stop in Grafton. The 2nd leg is onto the rustic county roads of Ozaukee and Washington Co., pulling into Wayne's Drive-In about lunchtime for the 3rd impromptu car show of the day! Dining and restrooms open at all venues. (Wayne's Drive-In has only one restroom but there is a Kwik Trip across the road.)

Rain Date is May 13th.

**June 10th:**

10:30- 3:00

Fireside dinner Theater, 1131 Janesville Ave., Fort Atkinson  
British Music Show with a tribute to legends Freddie Mercury, Adele, Rod Stewart, Elton John, and Dusty Springfield. Lunch and show.

Cost is \$95.95 per person.

**June 18th:**

10:00-2:00

British Field Days at Sussex on Father's day.

Registration information is in this document: [023BCFD\\_V2](#)

**Tom and I are planning on going to all of these events.**

**I know the MG3 club would like to know **as soon as possible** about the Dinner Show as they will have to probably make reservations.**

**Let me know as time is running out.**



### **March Birthdays**

Terry Stannard 03/07

Lynn Hudson 03/08

Joe Lacy 03/17

Dave Herring 03/17

### **April Birthdays**

Dennis Klemm 04/06

Steve Robison 04/27

**Happy Birthday!!!**

## **Madison British Car Group**

### **Meeting Minutes from March 8th, 2023**

Attention All Motorheads and Gearheads!!

The meeting was brought to order promptly at 6:30 by Pres. Deb Lea

Deb announced that Chris and Emily Beebe had joined the club. There was a thunderous round of applause, and eventually order was restored.

Deb continued to announce that Craig & Ann Hutchison were visiting guests. Furthermore, Dave Herring (52 MGTD) was also a new member. I'm just typing up my notes, that's all I have to work with. And it was also reported that it was Lynn Hudson's (3/8) and Terry Stannard's (3/07) birthdays.

## The Secretary's Report

Will reported that he was working on collecting the published schedules and notices for 2023 Vintage Car events. They are to include Car shows, Parties, Church lawn, Tavern activities, Fun drives, Vintage Racing, and Cruise-In and that sort of thing so that we could have a plethora of choices. He noted that one of our regular yearly events, a staple, is now defunct, the Botham Winery event. Apart from that, this year's calendar will be loaded with potential events, with the sudden reappearance of Cars On State to be held on June 3.

Vice Presidents Report: Deb and Dave demonstrated the new club hats. They are \$15 each, in colors that include Blue, White, Red, Black and Oyster. We had approx four of each color, and they all looked fabulous. Distribution of the hats and money collection was to be at the conclusion of the meeting.

Also, Dave is ordering name tags for our new members, and gathering their information.

Treasurers Report: Dave Nordby reported that the balance is about \$1,300.

## New Business

Shirley Smith reported on two events being hosted by the Milwaukee MG club. Her contact is Ron Wilman. The first event is the County Country Ride, starting at Mitchell Park May 6th. The second event is at the Fireside, June 10th. British Music. Talented imitators of Freddy Mercury, Rod Stewart and others. If you are interested, let Shirley know for further information. Sounds like this show would be banned in Florida with headwinds that cross dressing is receiving.

More on camshafts. Dave Nordby is looking at upgrading to a replacement camshaft that would improve the horsepower. There are a couple school of thoughts on this, as you trade in drivability for a little more grunt. There was a lively discussion on this. which included Gene Davis's comment that you could switch back and forth between the two styles with a key or by adjusting the timing. For a couple of minutes there it sounded like a real car club. Fortunately, the meeting was called back to order before Will spoke out on the obvious, that if Dave wanted more HP, he should buy a Triumph, This was left quite unsaid.

Dave Nordby was also looking for a replacement gasket for his water pump and thermostat housing. My notes say that JV8 was recommended to him, as it was good up to 15 psi.

Dennis reported that World Wide Auto Parts Peter and Jane Caldwell had 63 Spridget parts for sale at a deep discount. Come get them before they get tossed.

Announcement: Steve Tobison announced he is BACK and has more yellow onions for distribution.

Another Announcement: The American MGB Association, a national organization has shut down.

Another Announcement: Gathering of the Faithful, GOF Central 2023, is June 20-23. Its in South Bend IN, celebrating 100 years of MG's.

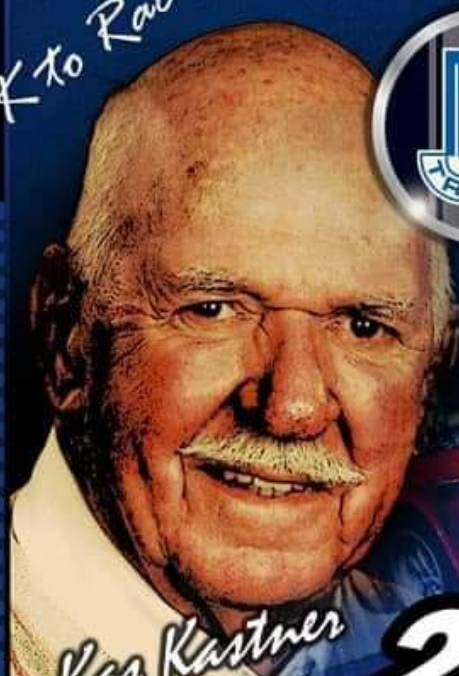


Featured Guest Speaker was Jay Johnson of TR3 fame. He talked briefly about this restoration of his Triumph, a barn find, and showed some highlights of his restoration work to date. Then onto his life in Antarctica and sometimes Greenland. He has made 15 trips to Antarctica. He was working for the US Drilling Program, funded by NSF, the National Science Foundation. They drill ice cores, and remove them in sealed tubes for analysis in Colorado. Kind of like tree rings, where there is a record of good years, bad years, and volcanic years etc. The crux of the research is based on what is trapped in the cores. The moving atmosphere carries environmental evidence to the glacier sheets. The packed snow from each successive year compacts down until it becomes ice with bubbles of the ancient atmosphere that is trapped. About two feet per year is added. Working on Western Antarctic Ice Sheet, Jay's deepest core was 2.1 miles deep, going back 86,000 year !! Dress warmly! Recommended was Merino wool and polypropylene in layers.

The following is an assortment of the schedules I had promised. I had one more, the tavern that Pete and Deb Salas frequent, but I misfiled it somewhere.



-Will Daehler



OK to Race!



*Kas Kastner*



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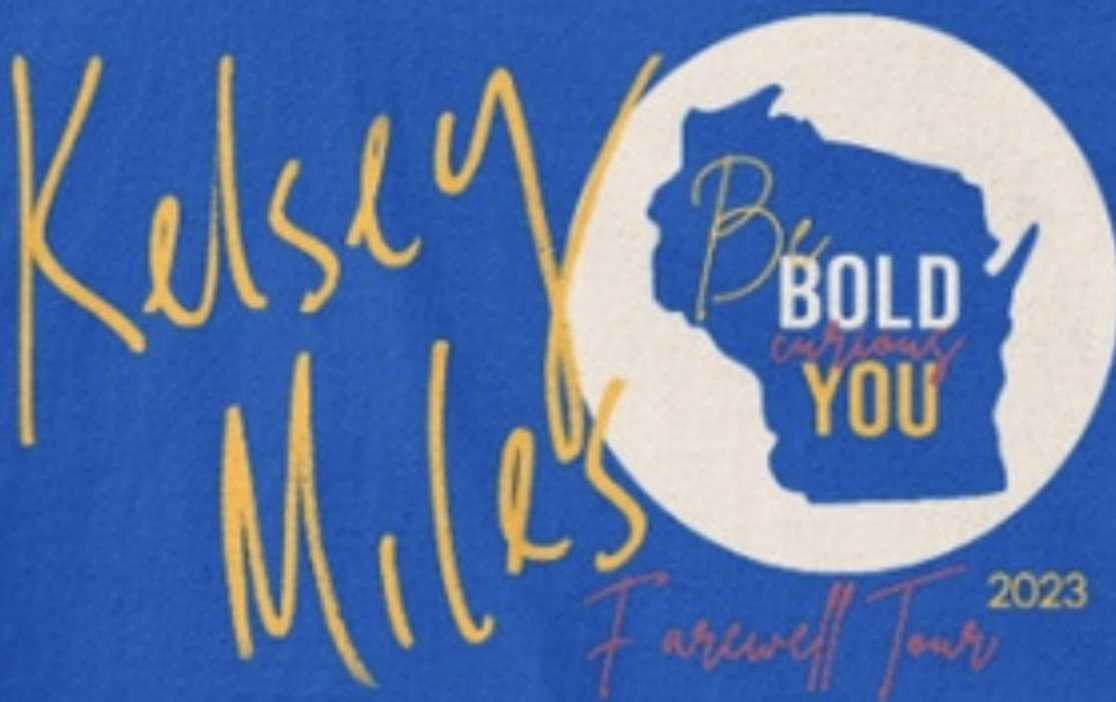
# **KASTNER CUP**

**FOR TRIUMPH POWERED RACE CARS**  
**Grand Marshal - Joe Alexander**

**21st Annual Kastner Cup**  
**WeatherTech International Challenge**  
**July 13th - 16th 2023 Road America**

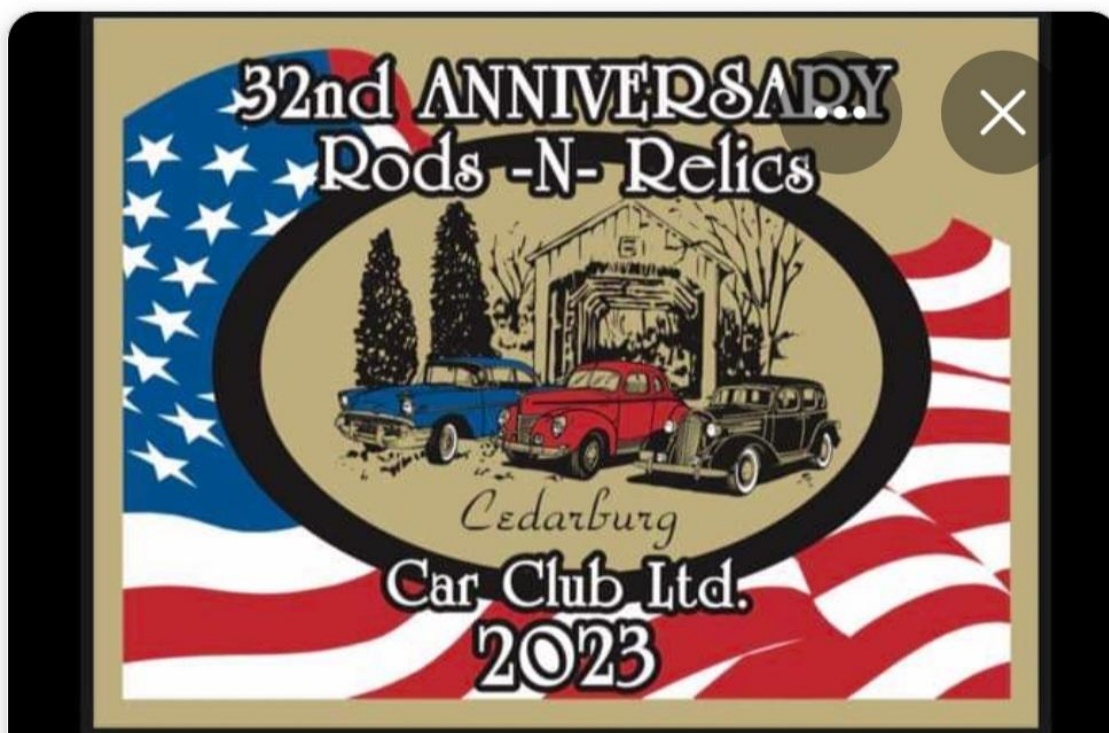
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- 03.03 MORGAN'S - Cross Plains, WI
- 03.04 THE BUR OAK - Madison, WI
- 03.05 THE SQUEAKY WHEEL - Hollandale, WI
- 03.10 LAKESIDE BAR & GRILL - Poynette, WI
- 03.11 ATTICA BAR - Albany, WI
- 03.18 ANCHOR - Edgerton, WI
- 03.22 VFW 1318 Open Jam\* - Madison, WI \*TRICIA'S COUNTRY CORNERS REUNION
- 03.23 THE LOFT at 132 - Sun Prairie, WI
- 03.24 MEMORIAL UNION - Madison, WI
- 03.25 THE RED ROOSTER\* - Madison, WI \*WITH BAND





SAT, JUN 17 AT 9 AM  
**32nd Rod-n-Relics**  
**Annual Car Show**  
Lime Kiln Park





*Grooves By*  
**HairLip Dog**

**UPCOMING GIGS**

<b>March 25</b> SATURDAY	<b>Sugar River Lanes</b> BELLEVILLE, WI	8-11pm
<b>April 21</b> FRIDAY	<b>Main St. Music</b> BROOKLYN, WI	8-11pm
<b>June 11</b> SUNDAY	<b>Attica Bar</b> ATTICA, WI	3-6pm
<b>June 24</b> SATURDAY	<b>FEST HAUS - New Glarus</b> Blues, Brews, & Food Truck Festival NEW GLARUS, WI	8-11pm
<b>July 29</b> SATURDAY	<b>Belleville Music Fest</b> BELLEVILLE, WI	TBD
<b>Aug 11</b> FRIDAY	<b>Ye Olde Shilelagh</b> MANITOWISH WATERS, WI	6-9pm
<b>Aug 13</b> SUNDAY	<b>Manitowish Waters</b> Music in the Park MANITOWISH WATERS, WI	4-6pm

 @hairlipdogband 

# SVRA Vintage Festival

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## **Weekend**

Friday, May 19, 2023 at  
8:00 AM

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## **WeatherTech International Challenge with Brian Redman**

Thursday, July 13, 2023 at  
9:00 AM

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## **The 21st Annual Kastner Cup at Road America**

Friday, July 14, 2023 at  
6:00 AM



**New Glarus**  
**BLUES, BREWS &**  
*Food Truck*  
**FESTIVAL**

**JUNE 24TH**  
**2023**

**STEPHEN HULL**  
**EXPERIENCE**

**TOM HOLLAND & THE**  
**SHUFFLE KINGS**

**RAY FULLER & THE**  
**BLUESROCKERS**

**JOHN PRIMER & THE**  
**REAL DEAL BLUES BAND**

**THE JIMMYS PRE-PARTY**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD**  
**AT TOFFLERS PUB & GRILL**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FEST HAUS**  
**AFTER-PARTY**  
**SATURDAY, WITH**  
**HAIRLIP DOG**

**FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT [WWW.SWISSTOWN.COM](http://WWW.SWISSTOWN.COM)**



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# 2023 Feature Night Schedule

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| <b>5/02</b> Kick Off                             | <b>7/18</b> Mustang Night                          |
| <b>5/09</b> Truck Night                          | <b>7/25</b> Porsche Night                          |
| <b>5/16</b> Ford Night                           | <b>8/01</b> Exotic Night featuring Italian Cars    |
| <b>5/23</b> Featuring - EVERYONE!                | <b>8/08</b> British Night                          |
| <b>5/30</b> Corvette Night #1                    | <b>8/15</b> BMW/Mini Night featuring Badger Bimr   |
| <b>6/06</b> German Night                         | <b>8/22</b> Hot Rods featuring Rods-N-Relics       |
| <b>6/13</b> Swedish + Saab Club of North America | <b>8/29</b> Pop-Up headlights featuring Mazda Miat |
| <b>6/20</b> General Motors Night                 | <b>9/05</b> Muscle, Pony, & Track Car Night        |
| <b>6/27</b> MOPAR + AMC Night                    | <b>9/12</b> "Orphan" Night                         |
| <b>7/04</b> HOLIDAY - NO SHOW                    | <b>9/19</b> Modern Muscle Night                    |
| <b>7/11</b> All-American Night                   | <b>9/26</b> Corvette Night #2                      |
|  | <b>10/03</b> Season Finale!                        |

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**Chicago's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual  
All Sports Car**

# Swap Meet and Autojumble



sponsored by the Chicagoland MG Club

**Sunday, March 26, 2023 8:00am - 2:00pm**

at the DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton IL  
( ½ mile north of IL Rt 38 on County Farm Rd at Manchester Rd)

**General Admission: \$7.00**

**Free Parking      All Vendors Indoors**

Check the Swap Meet website at **[www.britishcarswap.info](http://www.britishcarswap.info)**

Check the Chicago area **Craigslist**  
For Swap Meet vendor postings under '**Auto Parts**'.

**Hosted By:**

Chicagoland MG Club, PO Box 455, Addison IL 60101  
Info: Jim Evans 630-858-8192 or Victor L'Heureux 847-533-3916

## **CARS ON STATE**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM DAVE GRIFFITH...**

Today I received notice that cars on state is back this year.

This is an event that I have been the lead on in the past. I have been a friend of one of the organizers and have been able to arrange for the group to park together so that you can tour the event knowing that someone is around to watch your car while you are gone.

The event coincides with the farmers market, and cows on the concourse. All that being said it runs from 10am to 3pm and all parking is on state street.

If you are interested, be sure to indicate on your entry form that you are a member of our club.

Please let me know also that you have sent in an entry form so I have a head count so that I can work to get us parked together.

Dave Griffith's email: [trgriff105@gmail.com](mailto:trgriff105@gmail.com)

### **SEE ENTRY FORM BELOW...**

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## Greater State Street Business Association

**CARS ON STATE****CLASSIC CAR SHOW**

(Accepting Classic Cars and Classic Trucks)

**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023****State Street, Madison, WI****10 AM to 3 PM****REGISTRATION FORM**

OWNER NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 VEHICLE MANUFACTURER \_\_\_\_\_  
 VEHICLE MODEL \_\_\_\_\_  
 VEHICLE YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ ENGINE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DOES YOUR VEHICLE HAVE A UNIQUE STORY OR HISTORY? \_\_\_\_\_

**\$25** Registration Fee for Cars & Trucks (Includes dash plate).

Checks or Money Orders should be made out to "GSSBA"  
 Visit [carsonstate.com](http://carsonstate.com) for all information.

First time applicants **MUST** include a photo of vehicle. If your vehicle has been in the show previously we only need a completed registration form submitted to us with payment. Cars and trucks must be a minimum of 20 years old. Registration forms submitted without payment cannot be accepted.  
 All applications must be received by Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Return application to: Cars on State C/O The University Book Store 711 State St Madison WI 53711

Contact: Cas Salas (608) 347-4035 or [cassalas56@gmail.com](mailto:cassalas56@gmail.com)  
 Andrew Beauchamp (608) 575-1830 or [abeauchamp@uwbookstore.com](mailto:abeauchamp@uwbookstore.com)

Approximately two weeks before show you will receive a packet with directions and schedule of events.

**Please Note: Any vehicle displaying a "For Sale" sign during the show will be evicted from the show.****Liability Clause**

I, the undersigned, acknowledge and agree as follows:

To the best of my knowledge, all of my statements in this document are true; I own and am duly authorized to register this car for the Cars on State Show, and have secured all necessary rights and permissions for the car to be entered into the show. I hold the Cars on State, GSSBA and its agents harmless from any damage, injury or loss to me, the car or my property en route to/from or on the premises of the show or from damage or loss that may result from failure to secure authorization to register this car for the show. I authorize any photographs/images provided by me or taken at the show to be used for publicity purposes and have secured necessary rights and permissions for use of such photos.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# DIRTY DOG TAPHAUS

<sup>x</sup>March 4 Highway 151 3-6  
<sup>x</sup>March 18 Dawg Bones 3-6  
<sup>x</sup>March 26 Bill Rients 3-6  
<sup>x</sup>April 15 Two County Lines 3-6  
<sup>x</sup>April 21 Frank Busch & The Names 7-10  
<sup>x</sup>April 29 Johnny T. Bird 3-6

Nothing better...

Live Music &

**BEER.**



**42nd Annual British Car Field Day**  
**Sussex, Wisconsin - Sunday June 18, 2023**



**WHERE:** Sussex Village Park, in Sussex, Wisconsin (directions on back of this form)  
**WHEN:** Show from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, rain or shine  
**NEW!:** Visit the BCFD Website at [www.britishcarfieldday.org](http://www.britishcarfieldday.org)

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** Pre-registrations post marked on or before June 9th are \$15 for the first vehicle and \$10 for each additional vehicle under the same registrant. If you have more than two vehicles, please use a copy of this form or register on-line. Registrations after the deadline and on the day of the event increase to \$20 for each vehicle.

You may register, purchase BCFD gear and pay on-line using a credit card (convenience fee will be included) by going to:

**British Car Field Day 2023 Pre-Registration**  
<https://bcfd-2023.eventbrite.com>

Awards for each class and Diamond in the Rough will be based on popular vote from registered participants. People's Choice is selected from the balloting of public viewers. Best of Show will be determined by the BCFD Committee.

Refreshments will be available on the grounds and benefit The Boy Scouts of America.

Dash plaques provided for the first 250 registrants.

THIS EVENT BENEFITS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF MILWAUKEE AND THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

For additional information Call: (262) 521-1072 (John) or (414) 687-8447 (Bernie) or Email: [BritishCarFieldDay@gmail.com](mailto:BritishCarFieldDay@gmail.com)

**British Car Field Day—2023 Registration Form (Please print clearly or use a label)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tele# (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Waiver of Liability denoted on the back of this form and agree with the terms of the waiver.

Signature X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

1st Car or Cycle Marque \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Car or Cycle Marque \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \$15 for the first vehicle and \$10 each additional (Post Marked on or before June 9th) - after June 9th \$20 each.  
 Registrations with logo wear orders must be post marked on or before May 10th to ensure order can be filled!  
 BCFD logo gear orders after May 10th will be filled on a first-come, first serve basis from available stock.

BCFD Long-Sleeve Henley, Ashe 100% cotton, embroidered BCFD logo	\$37.00 S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____	\$39.00 XXL ____ XXXL ____
BCFD Short-Sleeve T-Shirt, Old English White 100% cotton, embroidered BCFD logo	\$22.00 S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____	\$24.00 XXL ____ XXXL ____
BCFD Short-Sleeve Polo Shirt, Roadster Red 100% cotton, embroidered BCFD logo	\$29.00 S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____	\$32.00 XXL ____ XXXL ____
BCFD Baseball Cap, one-size fits all	\$20.00 Red ____ White ____ Khaki ____	
BCFD Stainless Steel Travel Mug	\$4.00 Qty ____	

Total Merchandise Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Car/Cycle Registration Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: British Car Field Day

**PRIOR to May 15,** Mail to: BCFD  
 2400 Cardwell Way  
 Sarasota, FL 34231

**AFTER May 15,** Mail to: BCFD  
 6245 S. Linnie Lac Pl  
 New Berlin, WI 53146

**GUEST COLUMN...**



## Another great story from Chris Beebe...

The Lotus Seven has been one of the few vehicles that raced through four classes in SCCA, maybe MWSCC (Midwestern Council of Sports Car Clubs) as well. I used to wear a t-shirt that read, "**Lotus Seven, too fast to race**". It was a protest shirt as some event in Europe had confronted a Seven in a race because it was simply too light a car compared to the others it raced against. For that it was disqualified from the event. The Seven has always been maligned and ridiculed in racing circles by those not driving one.

When the Lotus Seven first arrived to the US the race classes were developed via speed or lap-time capable, and the tiny-but-capable Super Seven was placed with much larger, more powerful and heavier company.

Some of these competitors complained, being beaten by such a 'formula-looking' vehicle, a chassis built in a race car manner, not like the 'pressed-steel, uni-bodied' cars everyone else promotes. It is such a small/low car, some claim they were unable to see it when it was near or along side.

So it was moved from B-Production and placed in C-Prod for some years. The same complaints arose and the little rig was then moved into D-Prod where the complaints continued. No one enjoyed being beaten by the odd, outdated production car, it was still smaller and lighter than all others, and the claims endured, claims of it having an "unfair advantage." It was always said it was too light for the horse power produced. My Super Seven is 970 lbs and 170 hp.

So, weight was added to the car over the seasons and through the class changes, induction reduction thrown in as an equalizer. It came to the US wearing twin-choked 40 DCOE Weber carburetors. Trying to keep all cars competitive and closer to equal, they legislated reducing the carb throat size, declared air-dams were not allowed claiming the car's body shape is not conducive, eventually the all-consuming roll-over cage was required, one carb removed and even **more** weight added when placed in E-Prod. Then moved into F-Prod, restricted even more and carrying more weight, and that's where the racing Seven in SCCA sits these days.

It's a difficult chassis to easily/safely add weight to, the tubular-steel frame has sheet-aluminum attached to it by rivets, so placing and attaching hefty plates of lead is worrisome.

I was in a national SCCA event at Blackhawk Farms years back, a home track for me. Tire choice was a constant problem/cost for me, known as El Cheepo by my friends. The race took place with me using some discarded tires off of the front of a formula C car, and I knew they were going to require more sliding and abusive warm-up tactics to get them up to temps before and after the green-flag drops and the race begins. I also knew they were a tad narrower, resulting in them being lighter than a correct size set I might have to purchase, and that was something El Cheepo did only when the race and finishing position mattered **a lot** ! This event was seemingly not as important for gaining the needed seasonal points to get a free ride to the sought-after, year's end, Run-Offs held in Georgia.

So, the capable car and I qualified on the pole position, the pace-lap following the slowed pace-car, there to contain the adrenalin and hair-trigger reactions of the over-heated and prepped drivers. We are allowed to weave back-and-forth in an attempt to bring friction-produced heat into the tires. This sliding the cold and slippery tires across the hot pavement transfers heat into the rubber, the compound suited to each and every car/driver's personal choices. I had someone else's choice to deal with, but was accustomed to that.

So, being in the front, I had the freedom to see-saw at the wheel, having the nifty little car sliding back-and-forth from edge-of-track to the other edge-of-track. I could also fall back a bit, then accelerate hard and heavily apply the brakes to offer heat into the engine, transmission and rear axles, and brake pads, attempting to bring them up to usefulness when needed. The pace car, used to the folly behind them, kept our overall speed in cheque. It might look like a steadfast mother tramping along a path, and her 30 teen-aged children frolicking, lurking, charging and ducking/darting here-and-there behind her.

The pace car pulled off when needed and the race began when the green flag was shown. Being in the pole position, no one is allowed to pass the pole-positioned car until the race starts, so I was able to hold my car and everyone else behind me. I was also able to select a speed

perfect for my engine, taking advantage by choosing the perfect gear and engine RPM to benefit from this 'launching speed'.

The green flag was waved and the race ensued, the noise level became horrific and speeds increased incredibly. As usual, I had to hold off the crowd of racers directly behind me, able to out-accelerate them, but because MUCH more heat was needed for the tires and brakes to begin working better, I was in their way and all over the pavement, sliding much more than they were when trying to slow approaching the corners, and difficult-to-control, excessive drifting in the corners.

Once the tires got up to heat, I could finally pull away from them, and ended up crossing the finish line in front of everyone else by the end of the race. The crew and I were delighted !

In the back of my mind, I was worried I might find the car's weight was too low, these tires were that much lighter. I hadn't weighed them but felt the difference when swapping them out, another project I had done myself. I was one of those who had kept the race car close to minimum allowed weight. So, here I was on the "cool-off lap" and I coasted as far and as often as I could in an attempt to save fuel at 7 pounds per gallon. I also chose to not take the offered 'victory' lap, saving even more fuel/weight.

Rolling into the paddock area, then to the scales, I intentionally drove across the less-traveled areas in hopes to pick up as many rocks as possible, as they stick to the now-hot tires.

Due to my lax cool-off lap, I was not first in the row of cars awaiting to be weighed. To be found legal, each vehicle with-driver was weighed, making certain they were in compliance with the rules.

Worried I was light, I asked my crew, at-the-ready, alongside, pushing me when space allowed, I asked for two cool-off drinks of water, "as large as you can get. And be quick !" When I had the chance, I poured one large cup of water down my neck, front and back to cool my torso and add weight. I began drinking the second cup.

My turn came up and we pushed the bumpy-with-rock-imbedded tires rolling onto the scales. As always, the front-two wheels were weighed

first. I drank, leaned forward a bit and held the container of water as far forward as I could reach under the dash. The weight was written down and we pushed the car's rear wheels onto the same scales. I held the water on my lap. I knew there had to be no jouncing or disturbance while measurements took place. I sat quietly, but worried. I don't think my crew knew of my concerns, as one was plucking the biggest stones from the sticky tires when we were awaiting our turn, and I snapped at him, "to leave them be." That was surprising as I almost never snap at anyone, AND know how difficult it is to remove any stones once the tires cool.

Heads came together as those operating the weighing-in process compared the weights found on the front-then-rear of my car, looking at the sheet showing the legal weight limit.

There was unusual chatting and looking at charts, re-viewing their math adding the two weights.

One came over to me, saying, "the car is showing to be underweight, not by much, but underweight." By how much? I asked. "About a quarter of a pound." I inquired, "When were these scales last calibrated?" They had to look, they conferred more as their heads closed rank. "They are within-regulation and are declared legally authorized for the remainder of this event." I asked, hoping for a miracle, "Could we weigh it again?" I knew they would be watching my every move, so I drank ALL of the water but knew I can't shift it.

It weighed-in "underweight" again and I was legally disqualified from the race.

Well, I deserved that result, I said to myself. That's what I get when not second-guessing my gut feelings.

While we were loading up the little racer onto its trailer, a fellow racer approached me. He held out his hand to shake mine. He was the driver of the 911 Porsche who was declared the winner of our race. He was holding the 1<sup>st</sup> place plaque given him for winning. I congratulated him. He said he'd always wanted to meet me, said how often he watched my driving and enjoyed reading the stuff I was involved in. He then held the plaque out as an offering. I told him I was found illegally underweight, and couldn't accept this. He said, you could have been

300 pounds **overweight** and I couldn't have caught you!

We chatted at length, found Chuck to be a fine fellow. At the end, he re-offered, and I begrudgedly accepted the offered plaque. All of these years later, I know where that trophy is, look at it fondly and remember clearly everything and everyone behind it, ... who I scavenged the used-up and discarded tires from, my reliable pit crew, the scrutineers operating the scales, and of course, Chuck.

I must have learned **something** that day, and can apply it without waver ... to continue racing like El Cheepo or bite the bitter bullet of delving out more wasteful money, joining the ol' racer-saying, ... "Hard to compete against cubic money." Instead, I'll consider getting some of those hefty ankle-weights I see used at St Vinnies, strap those on before every race. Maybe a heavier battery would be smarter. I couldn't 'scamper' to the restroom for that last visit before the race wearing 4 additional pounds on my ankles.

-Chris Beebe





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