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Welcome To The British Transportation Museum

The BTM Charter Bus Trip to the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, MI was very successful with a full bus from Dayton.

British cars promoted were limited to Jaguar and Land Rover, MINI and Bentley.

Roads were quite good on the way to Detroit but were snowy and slippery on the way back. Our lady bus driver did an outstanding job.



Happy, but weary travelers, heading home from North American International Auto Show on the BTM bus. The bus trip was a sell-out and the show was a blast! Thanks to Bryan Johnson and the ZF Group for sponsoring the trip.



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The B.T.M. would like to acknowledge and thank
Central Ohio MG Owners for their
commitment to a BRONZE Membership, and for
all their past and present support.

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*With all due respect to the
French police?*

An English gentleman (are there others?) in France on his way back to England is totally and obviously legless when stopped by the French police.

The French policeman who stopped his car asks the gentleman to roll down his window and then asks if he has been drinking.



With considerable difficulty, the Englishman admits that he has been drinking virtually all day..... starting soon after his daughter got married in the morning to a Frenchman.

He goes on to recount that he had started out drinking quite a bit of champagne as well as a few bottles of wine at the reception, followed by several glasses of single malt thereafter, and that he was now very happily on his way home.

Visibly upset, the French policeman proceeds to alcotest (breath test) him and sees the not so good results. He then asks the Englishman if he knows why, under French Law, that he is now being arrested. After some slight hesitation and intoxicated

bewilderment the Englishman says simply: 'No actually, I have absolutely no idea'.

"But, at the same time I wonder if you know that this is a British vehicle and that my very sober wife happens to be the driver.....on the other side???"



email  box

*Triumph Commission
Number Question*

Submitted by Chuck White

On Sun, Nov 3, 2013 at 6:03 PM,
James Henningsen writes:

Does anyone know the correct size of punch set letters/numbers one would use to replicate the original commission numbers? It is a 1962 TR4 plate and they look like 1/8 inch.

I know all the questions regarding legality by states etc. Just wanted to know what the factory size is supposed to be utilized for these plates.

Thanks, Jim Henningsen, Ocala, FL.

On Mon, Nov 4, 2013 at 1:58 PM, John Macartney wrote: Jim, Sadly I can't help with sizing issues except to say

they weren't always in the same 'font.' What I can tell you is all commission plates between about 1946 and 1975 were hand stamped by a small group of five men who were given jobs at

Standard - Triumph immediately after WW2 by the then CEO.

I remember all of them (though not now by name) and they were employed because of their horrendous war injuries. Two, to my certain knowledge, got badly shot up on the beaches on D-Day (6 June 1944) and were seriously disabled, one had been an RAF fighter pilot with indescribable burns and two had had a very rough time in the POW camps in Burma.

It was an incredibly boring job but they all did it assiduously until some years past retirement age and while the spacing and positioning of the letters and numbers may not have been absolutely precise, they rarely, if ever got it wrong, Jonmac.

PS Totally useless information about the query but I thought some listers might appreciate the story that lurked behind?

*From: GeoHahn To: James Henningsen

*Sent: Monday, 4 November 2013.

*Subject: Re: **[TR] Commission NumberQuestion**

I believe 1/8" is correct – what is harder to do is match the font. In particular 3s and 4s may be hard to find in the original style. But then that is a very small detail to some.

Geo 

British automotive humor



What happens when Old Car Guys get sent to the Nursing Home



*Modified Nash Metropolitan.
The perfect car for Ohio winter?*



Minnesota out house, January-2014

*British Transportation Museum
Continued*

Treasurer's Report

As of December 31st, 2013, the Museum had cash balances of \$48,913.07 (Savings), and \$2,444.47 (Checking) for a total of \$51,357.54. During January, 2014, we had income of \$3,088.34 and expenses of \$2,530.79 for an overall net income of \$557.55. Cash balances as of January 31st, 2014, are \$49,482.41 (Savings) and \$2,432.68 (Checking) for a total of \$51,915.09.

Major Fund Raising Efforts

The End-of-Year Appeal Campaign has had overall income of \$0.00 and overall expenses of \$270.95 for a current net loss of \$270.95 as of January 31, 2014. An additional bill is outstanding.

The NAIAS Bus Trip had an overall income of \$2,806.00 and overall expenses of \$1,992.00 for a net income of \$814.00.

The 2014 British Meet at the Market Car Show for 2014 has overall income of \$100.00 and overall expenses of \$92.00 for a current net income of \$8.00 as of January 31, 2014. Additional income and expenses are expected between now and the end of May.



More wonderful Gifts donated in 2013

- Thanks to Jan Garnaes of Fairfield, Ohio for donating 3 boxes of magazines that included the "Octagon Car Club Bulletin", the "Sacred Octagon", and the "Lagonda" magazine are welcome additions to the BTM library. Jan has been restoring an MG TA over the years and hopes to put the project in high gear.
- Thanks go to Joyce Jones for two substantial donations to go towards restoration of the Morgan in BTM Hands.
- Thanks go to BTM member Charlie Avery for donation of his very nice 1967 MG Midget to the Museum. This is the second MG in the 31 car collection. The Midget is in very good shape and has been well pampered and shown by Charlie over the years

*Many thanks go to these donors
for their outstanding support!!* 

What happened on these Dates

Feb 23

1886 - Charles M. Hall completed his invention of aluminum

Feb 24

1981 - Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Britain's Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer

Feb 25

1570 - England's Queen Elizabeth I was excommunicated by Pope Pius V

Feb 26

1930 - New York City installed traffic lights.

Seriously thick smog attacks London England, 1952

When a thick fog engulfed London from Thursday, December 5 to December 9, 1952, it mixed with black smoke emitted from homes and factories to create a deadly smog. This smog killed approximately 12,000 people and shocked the world into starting the environmental movement.



Insight about British Autos:

Vauxhall was founded by Alexander Wilson in 1857 as a pump and marine engine manufacturer and began manufacturing cars in 1903. It was acquired by GM in 1925. During the 1980s the Vauxhall brand was withdrawn from sale in all countries apart from the UK and its dependencies

2014 Can-Am Mini Challenge Race

We are very excited to present the official Pace Car for the 2014 Can-Am Mini Challenge Race! Museum member Paul Strieby's gorgeous 1967 Austin Cooper S will lead the field of Minis for the pace lap.



Paul purchased the car in 1995 from its original owner, and then undertook the task of restoring the car to its current gleaming condition.

The body was in good shape, and the car retains all its original panels, doors and window glass (except for the wind screen). It was repainted in its original Almond Green with Old English White top. Paul did all the mechanical restoration himself and let the pros take on the body and paint work. It remains a hydrolastic car, and the engine is a genuine 1275 S bored to 1293, with a mild cam and 4-syncro gearbox, and the original Cooper S cast 3-branch exhaust manifold paired with an RC-40 exhaust.

Both Paul and his wife have enjoyed competing in autocross events in the car, so this Mini is perfectly tuned to lead the field into the final turn before the green flag is waved. Paul has some special graphics planned for the

Cooper's Pace Car debut.



Funshine Mini Fest 2014 In Photos

Wesley Chapel, FL. Febuary 21-23



BTM booth at Funshine
Funshine Pictures & BTM Booth
by the Strobes And Mike Barton



What happened on these Dates
Feb 27

1998 - Britain's House of Lords agreed to give a monarch's first-born daughter the same claim to the throne as any first-born son. This was the end to 1,000 years of male preference



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All profits to support B.T.M



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Oldest surviving Vauxhall delivered November 1903

2014 British Car Events

Fri, Feb 21-Sun, Feb 23: Funshine

MiniFest in Wesley Chapel, FL.

All profits to benefit BTM.

Sat, April 12: The Williamsburg

British Car Club 15th Annual British and European Car Show at Chickahominy Riverfront Park 1350 John Tyler Highway(Rt5) Williamsburg, VA.
<http://www.jamestowncitycountyva.gov/recreation/parks/chickahominy-park.html>

Registration Form:

http://www.wmbgbrit.com/carshows_local_regional_images.htm

Sat, May 18: British Car Day, Columbus, OH

Sat, May 24: British car meet at the market, Dayton, OH. The British Transportation Museum will hold its 11th annual British Car Meet on Saturday May 24, 2014. The Location will be the same as last year with the Meet at the South side of the building at 32 Webster Street, home of "TOP of the Market Banquet and Event Center" in downtown Dayton. The Meet runs from 9AM to 3PM. Car registration is \$15 in advance and \$18 day of the show. Registration will be limited to the first 100 cars. Spectators are welcome free of charge. Plans are in formulation for a parts "Swap/Sale" booth. For more information, contact Harry Mague, 937-232-9310 or Pete Stroble, 937-429-0871 Registration form Available under "Event Calendar" tab at:
(britishcarmuseum@yahoo.com)

Sat, May 31- June 8: The 18th Annual British Car Week will take place May 31 through June 8, 2014. You can learn more by going to the British Car Week Events Page that is linked off of the main page.
<http://www.britishcarweek.org/> Be sure to mark your calendars and be prepared to drive your British car!!!

Wed, June 11 – Sun, June 15: The Miami Valley Triumphs Club is hosting the **TRA2014 national meeting** at Deer Creek State Park near Mt. Sterling, Ohio.
<http://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra2014/activities.html>.

Sun. June 15 – Thurs, June 19: MG 2014 is the **annual convention of the North American MGB Register** which is being jointly hosted by the Southern Indiana Region British Car Club and the Illinois Flat Land British Car Club. The location is be French Lick, Indiana and the host hotel will be the French Lick Resort in the Rolling Hills of Southern Indiana just an hour's drive from Louisville, Kentucky and a two hour drive south of Indianapolis, Indian.

Thurs, June 26 – Sun, June 29: 2014 Can-Am Mini Challenge Race at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course. Activities run from June 26th at 6PM to June 29 at 7 PM.

Sat, August: 30th Annual British Car Day, Dayton, OH, 9am to 4 pm. Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH. Popular vote car show, vendors & swap meet, full service concession stand, dash plaques to first 325 entrants, spectators admitted free, children's activities will be available.
<http://www.britishcardaydayton.com>

Sun, September 14: 2014 Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, Ohio.

Featuring: Ferrari, Corvette Stingray C2, and Aston Martin automobiles.

Weekend events include:

Saturday, Sept. 13th, Classic Road Tour & Preview Party.

Sunday, Sept. 14th, Dayton Concours d'Elegance.

Info: <http://www.daytonconcours.com/> or call 937-432-2841

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