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NEXT MEETING – 7pm August 16th (3rd Wednesday)

2023 Ohio Mini Owners show schedule

Aug 4-5 MINIs at the Mack, St. Ignace, Michigan

Aug 5 British Car Day, Eastwood Lake, Harshman Rd., Dayton

Sept 17 Concourse De Elegance, Carillon Park, Dayton

Sept 19-21 Put-In-Bay Sports Car Races, PIB Island Airport

Oct 4-7 CMU Mods & Rockers Minis, KOA Wytheville, VA

Rockabilly band with an opening 60's group

Oct 14 Performance Charity Car Show, downtown Delaware

Fall - BTM Annual Chili Cook Off and Cruise In

Article 6 of 8 - Tea at The Ritz London

by Caroline Shinkle and Carolyn Beauregard-Shinkle

Note: This is the continuation of an eight-part series chronicling the trip by Caroline Shinkle and her mother Carolyn Beauregard-Shinkle to the Coronation of King Charles III, which took place on May 6, Carolyn's birthday. Members of the British Transportation Museum, and British car enthusiasts, they are especially fond of the Aston Martin and Jaguar marques.

Whether it's high tea or a simple cup of Earl Grey, the British take their preferred beverage seriously. London is synonymous with tea and it serves up a vast array of places to enjoy the brew.

We opted for afternoon tea at The Ritz London which, always beautiful, was particularly regal during the Coronation. With 18 different types of loose-leaf tea, it is the ultimate five-star destination for the British tradition. The setting was perfect; chic clientele, a pianist serenading guests, attentive staff, and tasteful ambiance.

The Ritz London takes bar snacks to a stratospheric level.



The Ritz London is the only hotel in the United Kingdom to have a certified Tea Master.



An opulent crown of roses at The Ritz London is the perfect coronation decoration.



Every cocktail at The Ritz London is exquisite.



Tea for two!



Afternoon tea at The Ritz London is a must.



Caroline in the grand Ritz London, which opened its doors in 1906.



Article 7 of 8 - A (Birthday) Gala for the Ages

by Caroline Shinkle and Carolyn Beauregard-Shinkle

To most guests it was the coronation gala; however, we prefer to refer to it as Carolyn's coronation birthday party! Upon arrival guests were entertained by a trio as waiters floated by with an assortment of delicacies; the haggis hors d'oeuvre (a Scottish favorite) was surprisingly delightful. With men in black tie and women in evening attire both long and short, some sporting fascinators, everyone was dressed to celebrate in style.

During dinner, guests were bathed in the glow of beautiful candles surrounded by exotic flowers. As we began to dine on sumptuous courses highlighted by beyond-delicious Beef Wellington, the doors opened and a saxophonist meandered around the tables playing a medley of upbeat tunes. A champagne toast saluted the new king and queen, followed by raucous shouts of "here, here!"

With the champagne flowing freely and bartenders cheerfully mixing cocktails, guests danced into the wee hours. Most fun of all, everyone sang a thunderous "Happy Birthday" to Carolyn followed by a boisterous "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow;" truly a magical ending to a coronation birthday like no other.

A toast to former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom David Cameron.



Photo 3: Carolyn celebrates her birthday!



Caroline and Carolyn take a champagne break.



A beautiful and well-stocked bar is essential for a birthday party.



Andre, a very talented saxophonist, plays a rollicking rendition of "Happy Birthday" for Carolyn.



Article 8 of 8 - The Coronation: A Day Fit for a King

It was a day that millions had been waiting to celebrate. Despite the constant drizzle, crowds were massive and jubilant. It appeared as if the whole nation converged to salute the new king and queen. "Long Live the King" and "Long Live the Queen" echoed everywhere. A flotilla of helicopters as well as jets leaving a trail of red, white, and blue smoke gave rise to frantic flag waving and high fives.

As we departed Heathrow, it was apropos that we were served Silent Pool Gin Coronation Limited Edition and tonic... definitely a fitting finale to a wonderful and whirlwind week.

Caroline prepares for the Coronation.



A 1969 Jaguar E-Type Series 2 coupe shows its coronation spirit with a Union Jack on its roof.



Big Ben is the nickname of the Great Bell of the Great Clock of Westminster.



Not even the rain could dampen the festive mood.



King Charles and Queen Camilla are ready to reign!



A majestic ending to a magical Coronation.



SVRA Race Minis visit BTM



The British Transportation Museum was very excited to host a visit by a group of four historic race Minis. They had raced at Indianapolis the June 17-18 weekend and were traveling to Mid-Ohio to race the next. A mid-week event between races was setup by Rachel Nelson and Dave Lindsey so that the public, and race fans, could get a close look at these well-sorted cars.



Andy and Rachel Nelson, from Canada, had recently completed the construction of a dark blue "tribute" Mini Cooper S to Appendix K spec. They own the original "129 LNP" race car that is built to a different level and wanted to preserve its heritage by building the "tribute" car back to original specifications. It was beautiful! The original "Kimes light blue" Mini was previously owned by Bob Kimes who raced it and then sold it to Tom Baggott who continued its racing history. Both Bob and Tom are from Dayton, Oh. Rachel has done a

fantastic job of researching many of the Kimes Minis and we keep encouraging her to publish a book about them.



Chris and Mike Kearney, from California, brought a restored "Team Spreen" Mini to the party. Team Spreen was a power house in the 60's and 70's sports car racing as well as a source of parts. The Kearney's are the modern equivalent with their National Champion Fortech Race Minis and Seven Ent. Parts. The race results from the two weekends prove their prowess with first place at both events. I don't recall any of the original cars looking as good as these back in the day! Mike Kearney had a surprise for us in that they have a large quantity of Seven Ent. memorabilia that needed a home. It was offered to us which we will be honored to receive, preserve, and display. The memory of George Sykes, Mike Abramson, the Kearneys, and Fortech Racing will live on.



Another Ohio connection was John and Kelly Wittenauer, from Kentucky, bringing the ex-Roger Koch (Ohio) race Mini. This was another "Kimes" Mini that Bob raced in 1969 before passing it on to Roger in 1972. Roger was always rated as the next National Champion in the 70's only to

have Lady Luck pull the plug. Tony Rutt had raced this car at Brands Hatch in 1964 so it has always been a race car. John has returned the Mini back to its blue livery even though it retains its GT4 13" wheel spec. Many might remember Roger's orange and then red paint schemes back when he was sponsored by Red Roof Inn.



The Wittenauers also brought a 1968 Unipower that was one of the original seven built for racing. Total production was only 73. This car had a single Canadian owner for 44 years and then Claude Houde of Quebec purchased it in 2012. The Wittenauers bought it in 2018. The Unipower has a Mini engine placed mid-way for excellent weight distribution. It has very little frontal area for great aerodynamics. The fiberglass body with an integrated steel frame make for a light but stiff package.

Keeping it all "A" series engines, the Rev. Steve "Gas Man" Yarbrough brought his MG Midget from Kentucky. Another beautiful race car of which I didn't get much info. It looked fast just sitting there!

It was a fun event with the grill fired up for burgers and hot dogs with Ben & Jerrys Ice Cream for desert. There was much conversation over dinner as former owners reunited with their cars and met the current owners. There was a lot of history and race stories tied up in these Minis. It was an event that the British Transportation Museum was very honored to host.

BTM Meets Price Cobb

Several BTM members attended the Packard Museum's Gala in April to support them and to hear the featured speaker, Price Cobb. Price drove for the Silk

Cut Team in their Jaguar XJR-12 which won Class C1 at the 1990 24 Hours of Le Mans. His team mates were Martin Brundle and John Nielsen. They completed 359 laps in their run to the checkered flag.

Price shared his experiences of driving at over 200 mph at night. Spooky! Overtaking slower cars with limited visibility was only for the brave. They had an excellent race car and could err on the side of caution though. Price has raced at Le Mans 7 times; 3 in a Jaguar, 2 in a Porsche, once in a Viper, and once in a Saleen Mustang.

He started his career campaigning a SCCA March Formula Ford as an amateur. Price won the 1994 Porsche World Cup amongst his many other notable achievements. He has been racing for 21 years and is currently the Manager of Moorespeed in Texas.

Price was very approachable and easily shared stories from his humble beginnings to his major wins. He graciously autographed the BTM banner joining Arie Luyendyk, Brian Redman, Joe Huffaker and many more. It was a very memorable evening!

Price Cobb autographing the BTM banner



BTM Members at Packard Gala



Another table of BTM Members at the Gala

