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NEXT MEETING – 7pm July 19 (3rd Wednesday)

2023 Ohio Mini Owners show schedule

June 30-July 3 Mini Meet East, ROC City MINI, Rochester, NY

July 13-16 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, Schenley Park,
Pittsburgh 9am-5pm \$20

July 15 MINIs at the Glen, Watkins Glen, NY

July 20-22 Arthritis Foundation Classic Car Show
Metro Park, Dublin

July 22 MINIs Take Geneva on the Lake, Lake Erie, Ohio

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 2 of 8 - The Coronation: Driving British

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.

There's just something inexplicable about driving British and Aston is at the top of our list. The sleek, minimalist showroom at the Aston Martin dealership in Mayfair is the perfect setting for the

marque. Iconic, luxurious, and fit for a king, it is known to be King Charles III's favorite brand. He owns a 1994 V8 Vantage Volante and a 1969 MKii DB6 Volante.

Steve Waddingham, our tour guide from a previous trip to Gaydon (Aston headquarters) happened to be in the showroom along with a delightful group of Aston owners preparing for their drive later in the week to Marrakesh. With their Astons loaded for the trip, they would take a ferry from England and continue to Africa via a stop in Spain. Next year, some of them are shipping their Astons to Japan for a jaunt around the island.



Sir Sean Connery, aka 007, is synonymous with the Aston brand.



Aston aficionados, one and all.



Checking out the Aston dealership in Mayfair.



Shopping, Aston style!



A blue convertible Vantage was featured in the Aston dealership in Mayfair.



Rearview shot of the Vantage being showcased in the Aston dealership in Mayfair.



Article 3 of 8 - A Marvelous Martini at Dukes

Aston Martin aficionados can frequently be found at Dukes Bar in the quaint Dukes Hotel. A haunt of James Bond author Sir Ian Fleming, Dukes, as legend has it, inspired the classic line, "shaken, not stirred."

The watering hole, as The New York Times attests, "concocts one of the world's best martinis." We concur with the assessment having enjoyed its Vesper martini, Fleming's favorite. The Vesper, prepared tableside by a master mixologist, is definitely an acquired taste; potent and made with Potocki (Polish

vodka) in honor of a real-life World War II hero. The finishing touch, an expertly carved lemon twist, adds a certain je ne sais quois to the beverage. Caroline and Carolyn enjoy the best martinis in the world!



Tucked on a cobblestone alley in St. James, Dukes was beloved by Princess Diana.



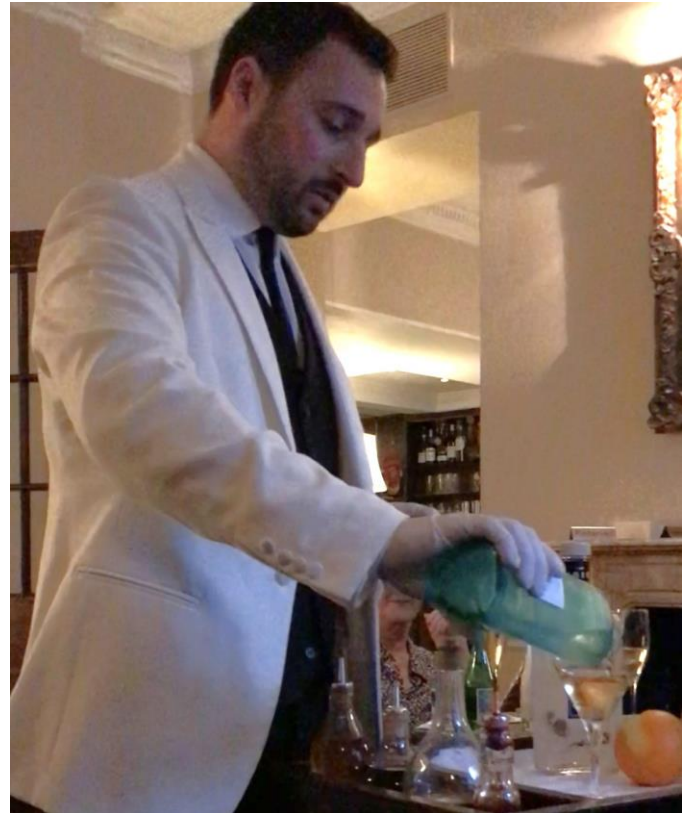
The Vesper is featured in the movie Casino Royale.



Carolyn savors her Vesper.



Make mine "shaken, not stirred."



Article 4 of 8 - Cars, Bars, and More in a Royal Setting

The Royal Automobile Club (RAC) was our home away from home during the Coronation. The Pall Mall location of the private club is an oasis of elegance not far from Buckingham Palace. A bastion of sophistication, its members have an affinity for cars, as its name implies.

Prominently positioned in the rotunda is an evolving display of rare vehicles. During the Coronation, HRH Prince Philip's beloved Alvis TD21 and King Charles III's MGC GT took center stage.

Caroline with HRH Prince Philip's Alvis TD21.



King Charles III's MGC GT (in background) is another example of the royal family's passion for cars.



A gift to King Charles in 1955, the "Imperial 1" mini racing car is a scale replica of an American Midget race car.



We loved the Coronation Luncheon in the impressive Great Gallery. Each perfectly presented course was delicious, showcasing the best of British-inspired cuisine. Everything was perfection... from the plump Carlingford oysters to the decadent chocolate orange mousse—needless to say the meal was fit for a king (and queen)!

Each bar in the club has a unique personality, all stunning and special. Especially charming is the Cocktail Bar, our favorite. Its carefully crafted cocktails are works of art, all painstakingly researched by the staff and tested to perfection before added to the menu. The Coronation Bouquet, concocted as an homage to King Charles III, hit all the right notes. Refreshing, and with just the right amount of sweetness, it became our go-to beverage.

A merry mood permeated the bar in the early evening after the Coronation. It was fitting that as we sipped our Coronation Bouquets, the Speaker of the House of Commons was seated to our right, still dressed in the finery that he wore to the ceremony at Westminster Abbey that morning.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons, left, joins Carolyn's birthday celebration with Professor Ginny Greiman, right, at the RAC.



Our Coronation Luncheon dessert...decadent, delicious, and almost too pretty to consume.



Known for their tear-drop shape, Carlingford oysters have a unique sweet taste.



The Coronation Bouquet is accompanied by homemade Limecello topped with English sparkling wine.



Article 5 of 8 - The Coronation: Stores Galore

During the Coronation, the image of King Charles III was ubiquitous; it was featured on a massive amount of commemorative items throughout London. Souvenir shops surrounding Piccadilly Circus were brimming with inexpensive trinkets. Key chains, tee-shirts, flags, bags, and coffee mugs flew off shelves as salespeople frantically tried to keep pace. Those who missed the Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II (June 5, 2022), could still load up on mementos with the late monarch's likeness.

A trip to London is not complete without visiting Harrods, the venerable department store whose motto is "all things for all people, everywhere." During the Coronation, the store lived up to its hype as a one-stop luxury shopping nirvana and the world's leading luxury department store (apologies to American counterparts Bergdorf Goodman, Saks, and Neiman Marcus). As veteran shoppers know, it's where a Cartier Tank, Vuitton trunk, and the latest must-haves from Chanel can all be purchased under the store's ornate roof.

Harrods dedicated a huge space to honor the new monarch with its tasteful, perfectly edited selection. After braving the too-long checkout queue, we ventured through the cavernous store's boutiques that feature seemingly every designer on planet earth, Food Halls (Harrods patrician version of the food court), and the Tiffany Blue Box Café, which would make Holly Golightly proud, and where everything is Tiffany Blue, the brand's signature hue.

Truman Capote would definitely approve... whether for breakfast or, if not a morning person, for Tiffany Tea.



We are in love with the fabulous Fortnum & Mason (F&M), a veritable out-of-body shopping experience. The store, founded in 1707, is quintessentially British. Beyond gorgeous with an elaborate and gigantic (more than 20 feet) peacock

draping its façade, and with impeccable customer service, it is our customer-is-always-right kind of place. It overflowed with coronation merchandise; a veritable tsunami of perfectly packaged goods in a trademarked shade reminiscent of Tiffany blue, with a hint of turquoise and seafoam.

F&M is the epitome of style and sophistication.



Beyond coronation merchandise, every floor of the store deserves a visit. Although best known for its extraordinary selection of food, no one should ever depart F&M without venturing into its gorgeous perfume department; a treasure trove of fragrances, including those that are vintage and almost impossible to find.

The F&M epicurean experience.



Articles 6, 7, and 8 of this series on the Coronation will be included in a future issue of *British Automobile*, coming to a mailbox near you soon.

A bestseller at F&M is Time for Tea, written by Queen Camilla's son, Tom Parker Bowles.



Anyone remotely interested in the Aston Martin brand knows that a stop at Hackett is a requirement. With stores worldwide (sadly, none in the U.S.), Hackett offers a sophisticated collection for the Aston devotee. And, the flagship Burberry (world's largest) was the place to purchase elegant and understated silk scarves designed specifically for the Coronation. There is no such thing as too much Burberry!



Sadly, the Burberry tent is not for sale.

