

British Automobile



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Museum tours are available by appointment.

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The British Transportation Museum (BTM) is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity dedicated to preserving our British motoring heritage through education and vehicle preservation.

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Don't forget to check the box to get the newsletter sent to your inbox if you would like.

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Announcements:

- Meetings, previously held monthly, are temporarily on hold. Upcoming meeting likely in October, date and time TBD. New schedule forthcoming.
- The 10th annual chili cook-off is scheduled for Saturday October 24th at 4PM. Awards will be given and fun will be had! \$10 donation to attend, and please contact Jimmy Dean to enter your chili. Please see the attached fliers at the end of the newsletter for more information about this event.
- The 2026 Aubrey Rose Foundation British car day is taking place on Sunday September 13th from 9 to 4. Please see the attached flier for more information.
- The newsletter is starting a classifieds section for relevant British transportation items. Listings are free for members and \$35 for non-members. Please contact Jimmy dean for information or to place an ad.

Daimler SP-250 miniature donated to BTM

On July 30th of this year, BTM hosted the Daimler and Lanchester Owners' Club of North America (DLOC-NA).

A quick history lesson for those not aware: Not to be confused with the German Daimler, the British Daimler was founded in 1896 and was purchased by the Birmingham small arms company (BSA) in 1904. Later, in 1933, BSA also purchased Lanchester motor company. Lanchester would serve as a subsidiary of Daimler. Eventually, in 1960, BSA would sell Daimler to Jaguar, although the Lanchester name had been phased out in the mid 1950's.

While visiting, Edward Carey, a member of DLOC-NA, noticed BTM did not have a small model of a Daimler SP-250 in our collection. He generously donated his own for display. It comes complete with a custom wooden sign, handmade by a gentleman at the Amish Village in Lancaster PA.



The SP-250 stands the last car to be launched by Daimler 1959 before the sale to Jaguar in 1960.

Thanks for your beautiful donation and kind letter, Ed!

BTM acquires a forklift ramp

BTM has long needed a way to remove items from the rear of the museum via forklift.

Purchased via Facebook marketplace, this forklift ramp was delivered to the museum earlier this month. Discussions are already underway to possibly widen the ramp to be able to drive cars in and out as well.



BTM to showcase the Reliant Regal at Concours D'Elegance

An excellent showpiece will be on it's way to Carillon Park on September 20th.

Events like these are an excellent way to make people aware of the museum and get them interested in our collection and mission.

As a donated vehicle that is both functional and aesthetically pleasing, the Regal is a true testament to BTM and our volunteers. It draws attention wherever it goes.



1976 Triumph Spitfire MK3 asking \$5000.00



Reliants are often called the plastic Pig in the UK! "Plastic" because they were made of fiberglass and pig because of the Small Engine bay. They are very difficult to work on, but iconic and a great exhibit of quirky British transportation.

Cars for sale by BTM

Please contact Jimmy Dean to inquire about any vehicle listed here, or to list your own vehicle!

1986 Jaguar XJ6 series III Asking \$4500.00



1961 Humber Super Snipe asking \$5000



2005 Range Rover 4.6 HSE (lacks compression) asking \$1499



1974 MGB GT Asking \$3995.00



and **Cruise-In**

Saturday
October 24th
4 to 7 p.m.

Donation: \$10.00

 **To Enter the Cook-Off,**
please contact: Jimmy

 **Email: bmtjed@gmail.com**

 **Phone: 989-255-1384**

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Bring your best chili recipe and WIN the 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sponsored by the British Transportation Museum

Awards for:

Best Overall Chili (guest judge will select)
People's Choice
Best Vegetarian Chili

Trophies and gift baskets given to the winners.

Details and Rules:

1. Each contestant must bring a minimum of 3 quarts of each type of chili submitted in the Cook-Off. Remember, the more chili you bring, the more votes you can receive!
2. Contestants are responsible for bringing their own heat source (crock-pot, etc...) as well as any unique toppings that are *specific to your recipe*.
3. Serving spoons and ladles will be provided.
4. Set up will be from 3:30pm-4:00pm on October 24. **Event: 4-7pm.**

The primary reason for this event is to have fun and raise money for the British Transportation Museum.

To enter your **chili** in the cook-off, please contact:

Jimmy Dean
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Deadline to enter your chili is Tuesday, October 18.

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