

British Automobile



October 2026

A publication of the British Transportation Museum
321 Hopeland Street, Dayton, OH 45417

<https://www.britishtransportationmuseum.org>

Open Saturdays and Mondays from 10am to 4pm.

Museum tours are available by appointment.

Contact Jimmy Dean 937-313-8236

james.dean@britishtransportationmuseum.org

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.

©2021 British Transportation Museum. All Rights Reserved

Jimmy Dean, President

Joe Jefferis, Treasurer

Terry Hapensac, Secretary

(vacant), Membership (Your name here?)

Members at Large:

Paul Strieby, John Koval, Sean Hogan

Nathan Vaughn, Newsletter Editor

Have a relevant story to share? Send it over!

NathanVaughn303@gmail.com

Membership renewal reminder: Please remember to renew your membership on the website or in person if you haven't already!

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

<https://www.britishtransportationmuseum.org/memberships>

Announcements:

- Please plan to attend the membership meeting at 7PM on Wednesday October 28th. Many important issues to be discussed, including the board introduction, building issues (as always) and museum events. There is a zoom option for those of us not in Dayton. Please see the email sent out by President Jimmy Dean for the link.
- 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 museum is in the process of cleaning up the 40,000 square feet in the back that had been rented out. Without an immediate new tenant, members are invited to store their cars in the building for only \$50 a month. Contact Jimmy for more information.

Extreme weather damages roof at BTM, major repair complete.

Disappointingly, no storm chasers were in the area and nobody knows exactly what happened to the BTM roof in September. We do know it was either a tornado or microburst of some sort. Repairs are completed, at a cost of about \$20,000.



Although BTM houses some convertibles in its collection, the plan to leave the building itself as a stylish droptop was rejected on the grounds that winter sans roof would likely be a mite bit nippy. Although the main damage is repaired, other damage from the storm as well as existing damage keeps the roof as one of the most urgent and expensive BTM priorities.



Repairs underway on the roof of BTM



The completed roof repairs

Having spent \$20,000 on unexpected roof repairs, replenishing the contingency fund that was raided to fund the repairs is now a main priority for the museum.

The interesting history of early London busses and WW1 logistics.

Long before the public unification of London's public transportation system, private enterprise was pioneering ever more elaborate ways to move people around London. The iconic double decker design goes all the way back to the 1800's, back when early busses were drawn by horses.

In 1899 the first motor bus ever to operate in London was launched, although it was still somewhat experiential. It wasn't until 1909 that LCG (London general omnibus company) starting mass producing busses for it's own use that became standardized and quickly iterated to superior models.

During WW1, the British government quickly became interesting in requisitioning busses for troop transport, ambulances, and other wartime tasks. About 1000 London busses served in the war, and around a quarter of those even made it back to London to resume passenger service after the war ended. I'm attaching a few links to



View from the ground

view some of these stores on the London transportation museum website and view the pictures.

<https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/collections/stories/transport/motor-bus-revolution-1900-1914>

<https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/collections/stories/transport/london-buses-during-first-world-war>

BTM Chili cookoff makes the Dayton Daily News

As mentioned in the announcements, the Chili cookoff is this Saturday. BTM was happy to discover that our event was covered in the local paper, expanding our reach beyond existing members.

British Transportation Museum to host 10th Annual Chili Cookoff

The British Transportation Museum will host its 10th Annual Chili Cookoff from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 24, at 321 Hopeland Ave. Prizes will be awarded for best overall chili, people's choice and best vegetarian chili.

Proceeds will benefit the building fund at the only all-volunteer 501 (c)3 educational, non-profit museum in the United States dedicated to the preservation of British-built transportation vehicles. The collection includes all forms of British transportation, including cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles, and especially the British-made vehicles that have been used in the United States.

Salad, bread and cheese are included in the price of admission. Tickets are \$10. For tickets, more information, or to enter the cookoff, email BTMjed@gmail.com or call 989-255-1384. Deadline to enter is Sunday, Oct. 18.

BTM Peerless on loan to the Crawford Museum

The Crawford Museum, in Cleveland, will be displaying the BTM Peerless on loan. Both BTM and the Crawford are members of the National Association of Automotive Museums. Naturally, displaying a fine example of British transportation fits with the objectives of both Museums.



The Peerless being loaded up for a trip to Cleveland



The BTM National Association of Automotive Museums plaque

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



1976 Triumph Spitfire MK3 asking \$5000.00



1961 Humber Super Snipe asking \$5000



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



1974 MGB GT Asking \$3995.00



10th ANNUAL British Transportation Museum

CHILI COOK-OFF

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**

**British Transportation
Museum**

321 Hopeland St, Dayton, OH 45417
britishtransportationmuseum.org

