

# Cape Cod Currents

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By Brian Nickerson.

In short, everyone had a great time. That was the good news. The not so good news? Well, let's wait for that. No sense in spoiling a good news story just yet.

A bunch of us headed out to Jiminy Peak in the Berkshire mountain town of Hancock, Massachusetts a day early, Thursday, August 27, 2009. Why on earth would we do that? Well, President Emeritus Kevin Thompson spoke wisdom when he emailed, "I really need to get out of Dodge!" Or was it a Plymouth? DeSoto? Regardless, the decision was a good one given the weather we had to endure on the following Saturday.

The Daleys and the Nickersons met for breakfast that Thursday morning at the

official British Legends Weekend breakfast place, Leo's in Buzzards Bay. We replenished the cholesterol and saturated fats and then pumped our cars up with premium fuel for the ride westward. Our route, led by Mike Daley, took us via I-495, I 295 and Route 146 to the town of Douglas, where we commenced our trip on back roads. Route 16 brought us to the shores of Lake Chagoggagoggmanchagagoggch abunagungamaug in Webster. Say that three times fast. Actually, I can, thanks to being married to a girl who went to high school in Webster.

We skirted around Webster and Dudley with the Nickersons in the lead now and traveled over Dresser Hill into Charlton and then through Podunk up to Route 9 where we continued westward to our planned

luncheon destination, the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield. Alas, our spirited driving got us there before 11AM and since it didn't start serving until 11:30, we decided to push further west to Amherst where we would find sustenance. We diverted our trip along the Quabbin Reservoir and stopped to overlook the former town of Cheshire, now submerged under more than a few tons of water. Onward to Belchertown and South Amherst where we passed through the Holyoke Mountain Range. OK, maybe mountain range is a little toward hyperbole, but it is an official mountain range. We entered the town where three of us went to college and bored the hell out of June with all our stories as we sipped on adult beverages and had a great meal in downtown Amherst.

Mike Daley had suggested that we take Route 116 out of Amherst and through the Berkshire Mountains. He had been on part of it before and thought it was a promising

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route. Mike hit gold on that suggestion because not only were the roads great and uncongested, but also the towns and country we passed through were fantastic. Try it some time; you will not be sorry.

Route 116 ended for us in the town of Adams. Independently, we had both plotted a route to Jiminy Peak along the south slope of Mount Greylock. Both of us had selected West Mountain Road as the road to take. It started out fine, but then turned to dirt. Remember, Mike & June were in a low-slung MG Midget; Mary and I were in a similarly low-slung Jag XJS. Mike, now in the lead, stopped before a sign that said "Road Closed". Not intimidated, he pressed forward and we followed. The road got progressively worse, but we only bottomed out (slightly) in one spot before the road improved. We arrived at Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort 15 minutes ahead of our planned time of 3:30PM

The reason we got there early was that we had tickets to the James Taylor concert that night at Tanglewood. We wanted to get there at least an hour early so we could get some good seats on the grass. Mike and June had gotten a good recommendation for a dinner place in Pittsfield and the recommendation was a great one. Well fed, we got to Tanglewood nearly an hour

and a half early. However, reviewing our initial thinking, we should have probably had to arrive sometime in 2008 to get a really good place on the grass. When we arrived, there were already thousands of people already set up, many who had probably had lunch and dinner there. We ended up at a place on the grass that was probably in New York State. Well, not really, but we had to use binoculars to see the stage and I'm not making that up. However, the sound system was great, the evening was beautiful, if a little chilly, and we had a great time.

Friday morning, past prez Mike Dallaire had put together a great event for the day before official Triathlon VIII commenced. He even made up special dash plaques for the Friday activities! With about 7 cars involved, Mike led us up Mount Greylock on a beautiful, clear day and we parked at the mountain top for photos and a hike up the tower, where we could view four states. It was a great ride up and a great ride down. Jorgen Mortenson of Rehoboth, who was one of the judges Saturday, was with us in his TVR Tuscan and had some trouble early on. Thanks to Steve Harris who doped out the problem, we got the TVR up and over the mountain.

From North Adams, Mike led us up to Bennington Vermont where we had prearranged a visit to Hemmings Motor News (HMN) with Dave LaChance and Mark McCourt. Many of you met with Dave and





Mark last November during the Freezing for Tots run at Heritage Museum. For those of you who have not heard of it, Hemmings is a center for the collector car hobby. In addition to the flagship publication, HMN, Hemmings also publishes numerous specialty magazines, including Sports and Exotic Cars magazine which had the story about CCBC in its February 2009 edition. Dave and Mark took us for a tour of the facility, including a great working museum of old cars, mostly American, but also including a BMW Isetta, the only European car in the collection. However, out in the parking lot, was Dave's Triumph Spitfire, which he uses as a daily driver in dry summer weather. Dave and Mark came to the car show on Saturday with plans to use it for an upcoming article.

From there, we all parted toward various directions on the way back to Jiminy Peak. Mary and I went to the Clark Art Institute museum in Williamstown, Mike and June Daley visited friends in Williamstown and John & Gerry Graham walked around Bennington. Mike and Pam Dallaire stayed with Jorgen, who had purchased a replacement starter solenoid in Bennington. Jorgen and Mike worked for two hours trying to make it work. Unsuccessfully, but they were able to get the car running so they could return to Jiminy Peak. Later assessment by a variety of knowledgeable folks is that the problem went a lot further than the solenoid and

may require some rewiring or a new wiring harness. Oooohh!

The welcome dinner was Friday night where we all got to meet friends and competition. Past prez Paul Hinchcliffe was out recruiting unaffiliated teams so that we ended up with having 22 teams, the same number as the Delaware Valley Club. After dinner, we went to the Dallaire's room where Mike and Pam had arranged for special Cape Cod Flyboys T shirts, the club's theme this year. Dave MacEachern had also arranged for flight suits and other flying regalia for our theme.

The rain started to fall on late Friday and persisted through most of Saturday. The Hill Climb Event was a poker run up and over Mount Greylock. A few of us thanked our lucky stars (something we couldn't see on Saturday) that the Dallaires had taken us up and over the mountain the day before. The road was wet, but the event was not timed for speed so most of us took our time around the hairpin turns. Following the hill climb, we were sent off on a Clues Road Rally in separate teams where we drove through three states before we returned to the resort for lunch. Because of the rain, the car show was reorganized to the resort and cars were brought up individually in front of the judges along with each club's



theme activity. CCBC not only had its "Flyboys" in flight suits and leather helmets, but also our ladies were decked out in 1940s clothing and certainly caught the attention of the judges. Other teams had a 50's

dance club, a 1960s “hippy” peace and love group and another had something to do with pink flamingos. While it was different than the traditional Triathlon car show, many of us said that it might actually have some features we could use even in good weather.

OK, the not so good news, starting with some more good news. Mike and June Daley came in as one of the top 6 finishers, as they had two years ago. However, they were the only CCBC's in the top 6. As far as the group competition, the Delaware Valley Club, also with 22 teams, out-scored us by more than 300 points. So the Wiggins Teapot remains with DVC. One thing was obvious. The competition, especially at the car show, has been brought up a few – if not a lot - notches. Many more teams



had themes this year. And the quality of the themes was outstanding. People really got behind the themes and everyone played some sort of role. While we came in second to DVC, everyone I spoke to had a fantastic time and plans to do it again in two years.

The Daleys and Nickersons headed out Sunday morning after breakfast and rode north on Route 7 until we pointed the

MG and Jag east on Route 2, the Mohawk Trail. The sun came out and we dropped the tops on the cars while replenishing our coffee. We joined with two MGs from New Hampshire for about a half hour or so until they turned off in Greenfield. We continued on Route 2 to Mount Wachusett in Princeton where we drove to the top for another great panoramic view. Other than a nice scenic ride through Princeton and Sterling, the road back to Cape Cod was on interstate highways and we arrived home safe and sound mid afternoon Sunday.

*For additional photos by Brian Nickerson and June Daley from the Triathlon - [click here!](#)*

*For videos by Mike Daley from the Triathlon - [click here!](#) & [here](#)*





August 31, 2009  
To Bob Vogel  
President of CCBCC

On Friday August 28, during the Triathlon Event, I had the pleasure of taking part in a planned ride to Mt. Greylock along with some of your club's members. We had just turn onto Rt.43 when I saw smoke coming from under my hood. I stopped as soon as I could safely do so (my car is made of fiberglass) and everyone else in the procession stopped & came to my assistance. With help from Steve Harris, Mike Dallaire and others we were able to get the car started & proceeded to Mt. Greylock. The view helped ease the frustrations of the breakdown and we then proceeded to the Hemmings Motor facility in Bennington, Vermont.

After some troubleshooting discussions, we decided to replace the starter solenoid we all felt was the problem. You would think it would be a no brainer but it wasn't that simple. It took Mike and me almost 3 1/2hrs to get to the point where we could start the TVR and return to the hotel. Steve offered to try to pinpoint the problem, and after 1 hr. of mind cramps, in the rain I may add, we identified the problem, but could not locate the root cause. Again, relentless Steve came through and after he hotwired the car I would be able to drive home. (I don't know if that talent came from his younger days).

The friendship and the care that was shown by your members was unbelievable and I would be lax if I didn't mention Mike's wife Pam, who sat patiently in the Jaguar while this misadventure took place. Under that circumstance most people would have bailed but she remained steadfast. Again,  
Thanks Pam.

You have a First class car club with fantastic dedicated members and I can't thank them all enough...

Yours truly,  
JORGEN MORTENSEN



MOM NEEDS A CAR...

*I received this letter from someone looking for some help from the club. Please read below and if you think you could be of some assistance please contact Arlene at the email address below. Hey, it will make a nice story*

*for a future newsletter! I will repost this again as the date gets close if we have not come up with anyone.*  
-ed.

I have been doing a lot of reading online regarding the CBCC

today. Since you are the newsletter editor, I thought I should speak with you first and perhaps you could take the time to direct me to the correct source.

My daughter is getting married next June 20th, 2010. Unfortunately I am not one of the wealthy on Cape Cod and both my daughter and her fiancé are both recent graduates of Chiropractic school in Florida and as a result, in school loan debt for hundreds of thousands each. So even as they are working in Florida now as Doctors, we have to work on a very tight budget for their wedding. I am hoping that some kind soul who is the proud owner of a white (or silver) 4 seat classic would be willing to help us out.

Would you be willing to post our plea for help in your newsletter as soon as possible? We would need the person to drive just the bride and groom from Corpus Christi Church in E. Sandwich to the Harbor Point in Cummaquid for the reception. They could make it a fun time since the wedding isn't till 4pm and they would still be paid for their help, although I can't afford to pay much. I have no idea what anyone would charge me.

Please contact me to let me know what you think the possibility is for posting and responses. The photos of some of the cars are just beautiful. George Wood's Bentley is wonderful but obviously I don't know if he even lives on Cape. (I know his car is not white but it would work beautifully. My email is [mammam943@hotmail.com](mailto:mammam943@hotmail.com).

Sincerely with appreciation,  
Arlene  
Mother of the Bride

**BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS**

For the club newsletter that we maintain on line and, occasionally, have available at meetings, we will be including a listing of members who have businesses or professions to serve the British automobile owner. Listings will be kept simple and will be in order of the member's club number. If you have a business that relates to British automobiles, please send an email to [cbobm@mac.com](mailto:cbobm@mac.com).

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