During the last two weeks of May we will be celebrating British Car Week, as we have for 23 years. I'm proud to continue being a part of the ongoing quest to help keep the Lucas lights glowing brightly for many years to come.

Normally, I would be busy encouraging people to get their cars prepared so they can get them out of storage and onto the streets of their communities to help promote the classic British car hobby. As we all know by now, this year is an exception, and I have to take a break from my usual encouragements due to the pandemic on our hands.

Keeping our distance from one another is of utmost importance for us to get through these frustrating, troubling times. But that doesn't mean we can't celebrate British Car Week. We just need to use our creative energies in different

And, in other news...

New York Auto Show now Aug. 28-Sept. 6

NEW YORK, N.Y. — As a result of ongoing health concerns from the spread of the coronavirus, the 2020 New York International Auto Show has been rescheduled to August 28th to September 6th.

It will take place at the usual venue, the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

The New York Auto Show typically has a huge impact on the local and state economies, including the thousands of workers who build the Show every year and the hospitality and related services industries that depend on it — not to mention the hundreds of thousands of people who attend to help themselves decide on their next vehicle purchase.

'While the decision to move the show dates didn't come easy," said Mark Schienberg, President of the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association, which runs the Show, "our top priority remains with the health and well-being of all those involved in this historic event.

'We have already been in communication with our exhibitors and partners and are confident the new dates for the Show will make for another successful event."

[From a press release.]

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British Car Week carries on

by Scott Helms



Maybe it's time to take the time to get your LBC ready to drive again!

Marque file photo

ways this year.

It is ironic, however, that our beloved cars have already been "distancing" with every passing year since the days they were a sporty, popular choice among automobiles of the day.

Fifty years ago, on any given day you could see a British car passing by on the street. Whenever that happened, I for one couldn't help but take my eyes off of whatever I was doing to enjoy watching it drive by. I can recall the days before I owned a British car when I would wish I was that person sitting behind the wheel, enjoying the drive. I would tell myself that one day I would own one.

Even though my enthusiasm hasn't changed, the opportunity to enjoy a realtime glimpse of a classic British car driving down the road has become more rare with each passing year. And so British Car Week came into being.

Our ultimate goal, as current owners

who have an interest in sharing our love for these cars, should be to share our enthusiasm with others who might become interested in classic British cars and a most fulfilling hobby. Getting these cars out and about in our own communities is our best opportunity to do so.

With the grace of God and the citizens of our great country taking responsibility and following orders provided by the CDC, we will get through the pandemic together. While limiting exposure, illness, and loss of life, our lives will improve, and will eventually get back to normal. To all of you who have been serving while working on the front lines or helping others in need, we all thank you and appreciate you. Hopefully by the time you read this, things will have improved.

Having said all of this, there are still many ways you can do your part during British Car Week.

In my case, the weather is getting

warmer (I live in South Bend, Ind.), and I recently got my 1969 Triumph TR6 out of storage. Since my usual activities have been interrupted for the time being, I now find that I have a lot more time on my hands to do some of the things that I have been putting off.

I will be changing the oil soon, and while doing so, I plan to install an oil filter conversion kit to allow the use of a modern spin-on oil filter. I also plan to upgrade the steering components that I have been putting off. Then I'll back my Triumph out of the garage and onto the driveway to give it a good washing and waxing.

The list goes on, and my car will be better than before, and will shine brightly when I take my country drive.

I've always believed there are positive things that result from negative situations, and this is one example.

So please take good care of yourselves and your loved ones, and keep your boots and bonnets latched tightly for now. We will get through this together and will enjoy many British car activities for many years to come!

In the meantime, top-off your dashpots and keep your driving gloves handy. We hope to see you on the road soon!

[Scott founded British Car Week, an annual event celebrating its 24th run this year, after reading a column in Road & Track by Peter Egan titled "Seldom Seen Cars." Egan posed the question, "When was the last time you saw a Porsche 356 on

That was back in 1997, long after it was likely to see Triumphs, MGs, Healeys and other British sports cars in everyday traffic. Any one of them could stand in for the "Porsche 356" in that question.

It didn't take long for Scott's word to spread about having a special week devoted to classic British cars with events to help people learn more about them. Clubs near and far responded favorably, and still do. You'll see British Car Week listed in the calendars on the following pages.

It's up to you to decide how best to celebrate it in the wake of COVID-19, but visit the BCW website for ideas at www. britishcarweek.org. The dates are May 23-31. —**Exec. Ed.**]

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