

# **BOSTON CLASSIC CAR CLUB**

## **A BRIEF HISTORY**

Back in 1981 Boston man John Simpson bought a 1966 Sunbeam Alpine which was ripe for restoration. He joined the Sunbeam Alpine Owners Club shortly afterwards, which was a well-established club in the UK, as well as the Boston Motorcycle and Light Car Club. However, it soon became clear that there was little activity from the SAOC around the Boston area which became a source of frustration for John. So he met up with fellow classic car enthusiasts in the area and together they organised a classic car show within the Boston Downtown shopping complex. This proved to be very successful with 90-100 owners attending to show their cars and the public arriving in significant numbers.

Because of this good level of interest in classic cars generally and amongst owners of older vehicles in particular John, together with a small nucleus of fellow classic car enthusiasts, formed a classic car section within the BM&LCC and organised several events including shows, road runs, etc. raising significant income for the club.

Unfortunately there seemed little likelihood of furthering the interests of classic car owners within the Motorcycle and Light Car Club so it was decided that an exploratory advertisement would be placed in the Lincolnshire Standard. The response was encouraging so a get together was organised at which a dozen enthusiasts attended. From that small beginning in 1990 the Boston Classic Car Club was born, with John Simpson becoming member number 01 (and subsequently President of the Club) and today boasts a membership of over 270 members.

From the outset the aims of the Club have been to promote the restoration, use and enjoyment of classic cars by like-minded people and to encourage members to meet socially at other events as well as those associated with classic cars.

Today, there is a very wide range of cars within the Club from those designed and manufactured in the 1920's through to the early 2000's. Not all are in pristine condition but all are cherished and loved. Several members are extremely keen and the rewards for their efforts are borne out by the number of trophies won each year at local shows around the country and often also, national events.

Summer of 1991 saw members attending, for the first time as a Club, the 'Popular Classics Magazine' Show in Peterborough and winning the award for 'Best Club Stand' at the first attempt! This initial success set the standard for future events...