

BOSTON CLASSIC CAR CLUB

A BRIEF HISTORY

Back in 1981 Boston man John Simpson decided to purchase 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 some frustration for John. So he met up with a few 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.

This good level of public interest in classic cars generally and amongst owners of older vehicles in particular, prompted John and a small nucleus of fellow enthusiasts, to form a classic car section within the BM&LCC. This group organised several events for the Club including shows, road runs, etc. boosting club funds considerably. 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 encouraging response resulted in a get together with a dozen classic car enthusiasts and from those small beginnings, in 1990 the Boston Classic Car Club was formed, with John Simpson becoming founder member Number One (and subsequently President!) of the new Club.

From the outset the aims of the Club were 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 the Club boasts a membership over 270, of all ages and backgrounds and all linked by their enthusiasm for classic vehicles. 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 and whilst not all are in pristine condition, they 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 area and further afield, often also at 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 thereby setting the standard for future events! Also in 1991 the Club organised its own first, very successful, classic car show which held in a large playing field in Wrangle. After some years the popularity of the show saw a move to Graves Park in Kirton which was also outgrown and in 2020 another move followed to May's Field, Hubbert's Bridge which is larger, can accommodate public parking and offers a more family-friendly environment. It also saw a widening the range of classic vehicles on show to include motorcycles and commercial vehicles (under 7.5 tons!).

