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## SEPTEMBER MEETING CELEBRATE A CENTENNIAL JOIN US AT OWL'S EYE WINERY



The September meeting of the **BREMC** will be held on Thursday, September 1st starting at 6:30pm at **Owl's Eye Winery,** Metcalf Road, Shelby. We will have a meal prepared by Tom Greene. The cost of the meal will be \$7.00. Please send a response to Tom at trgeene@carolina.rr.com to let him know how many will be at the meeting.

Our program for the evening will be a discussion about the wine tour, the Boiling Springs Parade and other events planned in the future.

If the weather is nice – drive your special car.



# BOILING SPRINGS CENTENNIAL PARADE SEPT 17

September 17th Boiling Springs is having their Centennial Celebration and Parade. We will be part of the parade as a unit. We form on West College Avenue below the Post Office in Boiling Springs by 12:30pm with the parade starting at 1:00pm.

**Don Byrnes** has arranged to have our cars on display in the parking lot of First Baptist Church in Boiling Springs. Following the program to recognize the Centennial, will enjoy a picnic lunch on the church lawn. Pack your basket with your favorite items. Check the website for more details. Visit the town of Boiling Springs' website for more information on the event <u>www.boilingsprings.govoffice.com</u>

# THOUGHTS WHILE DRIVING FROM OUR PRESIDENT DOUG CARLISLE

I have often wondered if folks still like to take drives like the ones I took when I was young. Do you remember when a Sunday drive was something to look forward to even though cars weren't air conditioned and had no cup holders? It was exciting just riding to grandma's house. All you could think about was... I can't wait till I'm sixteen!



When the day finally came it was like Christmas. I think I wore out my license showing it to everybody. You looked for any and every reason to drive somewhere. It didn't matter where---just somewhere. Can I back the car out of the driveway? Do you need anything from the store? My favorite was; "Dad don't you think I should rotate the tires?" Now you would do unthinkable things---like picking up your little brother from music lessons--- even though you hated your little brother. I didn't even mind going to the dentist as long as I could drive.

I still love driving--especially the TR . I can it drive night or day, with the top up or down, spring, summer, fall or winter. I doesn't matter. I suppose you could call this the true confessions of a caraholic. It's no secret that I love sports cars. I have loved them since I was a kid. Heaven forbid that I should ever grow up! I can just sit in the TR and pretend I'm driving.

Sometimes, I pretend that I'm at LeMans traveling about 150mph down the Mulsanne Straight. Once when Cindy happened to come out in the garage I tried to get her to refuel and do a tire change. She just black flagged me and told me it was time to walk the dog. I hope I never lose that love of driving.

Oh I suppose one day when we all get old our children will take our license, and we will be resigned to the passenger seat. There may be no more spirited drives down our favorite crooked roads or hair raising trips to the grocery store; but then nobody said we couldn't sit in the car and pretend. Maybe I can get Cindy to at least clean my windshield. Well it's time to walk the dog ---but, then, I wonder if she had rather ride. -- Doug

Communications is an important part of any organization. The newsletter is published monthly to encourage and to promote events, to share activities and information, to introduce members to the love of cars, to involve you in helping others and to celebrate our successes. If you have ideas for articles or want to let us know how you like the newsletter, e-mail Jack at <u>wsweller@aol.com</u>

### CLUB OFFICERS AND CHAIR PERSON'S FOR 2011 - 2012

Doug Carlisle – President Wilbur Wright -- Vice President Cindy Carlisle -- Secretary / Treasurer Charles "Mac" Mcuen -- Membership Don Byrnes – Program Margaret Harry – Regalia and Accessories Vacant -- Technical Tom Greene – Immediate Past President & Chef Jack Weller – Newsletter

#### MEMBERSHIP NEWS A Note from Mac



Just a note from the Membership Committee for the newsletter: As a reminder to all members out there, our year runs from July 1st to June 30th of each year. Cindy will be accepting dues for 2012 at our

meeting at Owl's Eye Thursday night. It is still \$25.00 per member or family unit. Also, we are hoping to have membership cards ready to be handed out to show renewal. We just added Chuck Reeves from Columbus, NC as a new member. Please welcome him and his '67 Healey and 1984 Jag when you see him, hopefully Thursday night. Also, we may have some new prospects coming. Be sure to welcome them too! We will have cards and brochures for those that are getting low." -- Mac

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR AS ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE JUST ABOUT ANY WEEKEND

Don Byrnes, Program Chairman, has identified several opportunities for folks to enjoy their cars over the next several weeks as the weather becomes cooler and more enjoyable.

September 10<sup>th</sup> - Euro Classica @ Old Salem in Winston Salem

September 17<sup>th</sup> - Boiling Springs Parade & BREMC Picnic – See story on page 1.

September 30<sup>th</sup> - British Car Festival @ Waynesville, Va.

September 30th - Touring Joara @ Little Switzerland

October 15<sup>th</sup> Euro Auto Festival in Greer, SC register at <u>www.euroautofestival.com</u> We are coordinating the Wine Tour on Friday, October 14.

October 29<sup>th</sup> - BREMC Fall Drive

### WEBSITE - OUR WINDOW TO CYBER WORLD

If you want to know what is happening between newsletters or meetings, visit our website <a href="http://broadriveremc.coml">http://broadriveremc.coml</a>

If you have something you would like to share, a glamour shot of your car or information you want to share about a show or event, send it to **Doug Carlisle** or **Don Byrnes** at. <u>d\_carlisle@bellsouth.net</u> or <u>dkb143@msn.com</u>,

Broad River European Motor Club Mission Statement The purpose of the Broad River European Motor Club is To encourage and promote the preservation and enjoyment of European cars, To conduct educational and social events, and To involve the group In community, civic, and charitable events.

# BREMC SPONSORED WINE TOUR TO BE PART OF EURO AUTO FEST

We have been asked to sponsor this year's *Wine Tour* for the *2011 Euro Auto Festival* on *Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>*. <u>www.euroautofest.com</u>

*Euro Auto Festival* host hotel is the *Embassy Suites*, Greenville. <u>www.greenvilleembassysuites1.hilton.com</u>.

Although the route has not been finalized, it is not too early to consider volunteering. Last year was really a lot of fun just meeting the folks who were driving the tour. We will talk more about it on Thursday at the meeting. There is a page on our website you may want to check. www.broadriveremc.com

## A SPECIAL CAR FOR A SPECIAL DAY

In the September edition of the Triumphant Tribune, the newsletter of the Triumph Club of the Carolinas, *Steve Ward*, the president of TCOC shared a story about a father who contacted him asking for help to surprise his daughter on her wedding day. He asked if any one would allow his daughter to have her wedding pictures taken in a TR3. He explained his daughter had a picture of he and his wife on their wedding day in a recently restored TR3. The wife had passed away in the 1980's and he sold the car in 1990. His daughter had always said that she wanted to be able to have her picture taken in a TR3 so she would start her married life the same as her parents.

Steve writes, "To get a TR3 to the church on time was our challenge as a thunderstorm was going through the area. A Club member had allowed me to borrow his recently restored TR3 for the photo opportunity. We arrived at the church after the ceremony had started and my wife let the wedding director know we were outside waiting. You can imagine the surprise, joy, and tears from the bride when she came out of the church after the ceremony to see a TR3 waiting for her. Her Dad was quick to explain that the car was for pictures and not her wedding gift. Sarah Shaffner Crossan now has a photo with her new husband sitting in a TR-3 to hang beside the one of her parents in a TR-3 on their wedding day! As I reflect over the last 12 years of my involvement in the Club, I think this may be one of the more memorable events for me. And I know that for the next 60 years or so, at least one young lady will have a special place in her heart for Triumphs!" For more information contact

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