



SEPTEMBER MEETING

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AT GONDOLA ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Join us Thursday, September 6th at the *Gondola Italian Restaurant* on East Dixon Boulevard for our regular monthly meeting beginning at 6:30pm in the private dining room of the restaurant. During our meeting we will discuss having an online membership directory, and an update on *Upcountry Driving Tour* to be part of *Euro Auto Festival*.

As a reminder, we are ordering from a set menu. The choices you have for a meal are:

- Baked Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
- Chicken Parmigianna with Pasta & Marinara Sauce
- Baked Cheese Manicotti
- Traditional Red Lasagna

All entrees served with garlic bread, house salad, choice of dressing and beverage (Tea, Soft Drink, and **Coffee**.) The cost per person will be \$9.95 plus tax and gratuity for a total of \$10.62. However, the manager has offered if someone can not eat any of these items, he will be glad to work with your dietary restrictions.

They will also offer all mixed drinks for \$2.99 and domestic beer (bottles, cans or draft) for \$2.00.

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Baker's Buffalo Creek Winery would like us to spend an afternoon or evening at their winery this fall. The dates proposed in October (See the August Minutes) conflict with weddings already scheduled at the winery.

Look at your calendar again and come ready to discuss dates. **Charles** and **Anne Edwards** worked closely two years ago when we sponsored the *Wine Tours* in Cleveland County for **Euro**.

WOMAN'S VIEW OF A CAR SHOW

Thoughts from the President's Wife by Cindy Carlisle

I was very anxious about going to a *Triumph Register of America National Meet*. One reason being "I didn't know nobody" that was going to be there. The show was held in Little Switzerland, North Carolina. We drove up a couple months early to check out the site and enquire about reservations and dress codes. We took the **XK8** since it was still a little chilly for driving with the top down in the **TR3** (and no messy hair to scare people...first impressions you know). The Little Switzerland Inn was beautiful with magnificent views of the mountains and quick access to the Parkway and even better...we were really close to a **Wal-Mart** and small town gift shops. We made our reservations and headed on home.



The car show date arrived and we packed up and headed to the mountains of North Carolina. We arrived early and couldn't check in so we asked about shopping and decided on a trip to **Wal-Mart**... (Can't shop **Cindy**... this is a supply run only...emphasis on *only*).

We were returning from our trip when we were stopped and told that an "**MG**" just like *ours* had pulled over on the side of the road and it looked like trouble. We checked out the **MG** story and met some nice people. Thank goodness they didn't need us.

The first night jitters was upon me...but I acted like I was somebody and headed for the food. A buffet style dinner outside overlooking that...yes...that beautiful view again. We were invited to sit with the president of the club and his wife since we were new to the neighborhood. I was a little nervous but **Doug** was in **TR3** heaven to be able to sit and talk about **TR3's** over an entire meal with other guys who talked about **TR3's** over the entire meal. The ladies at the table mentioned this several times during our conversations when we could converse.

The meal was over and it was time to go to the lounge and talk about...you got it **TR3's**. I excused myself and headed to my room with *orders* to **Doug** that he had to stay and talk about cars. He didn't want to but I insisted.

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 please send by the third Thursday of the month. Let us know how you like the newsletter, e-mail **Jack** at wsweiler@aol.com

The next day was the show with an eight o'clock line up call. **Doug** was up early and ready for the big day.

My first view (I did make it on time) was a surprise! Out on the lawn below me were **Triumph's** every where. A rainbow of **Triumph**



colors and shapes. I thought ut-oh and wow at the same time. Ut-oh because the competition was going to be fierce and wow because there were some beauties out there. I found our little beauty and started the picture taking. I took lots and lots of pictures, met new people, and visited with those from home who drove up for the show. Show over for me...had enough...went to my room and rested up for the big bash tonight. Did I say the food was great? Trophy time! Our greatest surprise of that day is we won a trophy. We won first place in our class. What a privilege to be counted among the beauties of that car show. Party over for me...had enough...went to room and rested up for the 7 AM morning breakfast drive.

The early morning drive line up (I did make it on time) was another picture perfect moment. **Triumph's** everywhere lining up to cruise the Parkway for a breakfast rendezvous in Bakersville and shopping! Even though we had spent two days talking about **Triumph's**, my wonderful husband spent our free afternoon with me shopping. I know.....! I even made purchases! We drove back to Little Switzerland and rested up for the big auction and president's party. The auction was a blast. Everyone had a laughing good time. We enjoyed the rest of the evening talking about...you got it...**Triumphs!** We said our good-bye's to all of our new friends and **Triumph** lovers with a promise to be at the next show which will be held in Kentucky next year. Umm.....I've never been to Kentucky. I wonder if they have a **Wal-Mart there.**

Cindy Carlisle

AN ITALIAN LOVE STORY

By Jeff and Joanne Cox

Joanne and I went to the 29th annual **FIAT FREAKOUT** in early August. This year it was held at the **Wintergreen Ski Resort** near Charlottesville, VA.

After a long run on the Interstates, we dropped off onto the **Blue Ridge Parkway** to complete the run to the resort. The North Carolina part of the Parkway is more scenic in our opinion, but anything is better than Interstates.

Since this was our first outing with this group, we were not sure what to expect. Everyone was very friendly, spoke more loudly and emotionally, and of course with more hand waving and gestures. We didn't take our English/Italian translator, so we only understood every other word, but they were always smiling and patting us on the back. Guess that meant they accepted us ex-Pennsylvanians into the fold.



They had a **concours** show on Saturday. I was a bit hesitant since I think cars are more for go than show, but Joanne prevailed and we cleaned and shined and put her baby in the show line. We were entered in the **500 Cabrio** class with about a dozen other sisters. The judging was by the entrants in each class and then for best of show from all entries.

Joanne took third place in class with my addition of the cold air intake and **Abarth** exhaust tilting the votes her way. A **Ferrari** took best in show!

Every evening they had a wine and cheese receptions with a big banquet on Saturday night.

There they awarded the plaques to the winners in each class and to the overall winners. **Joanne** was surprised to get some hardware at her first event.

We met some new friends and even met some folks from our alma mater. We also picked up a plaque for some folks we met who live in Franklin, NC. They have an RV--Bed and Breakfast there.

We had a boring/uneventful trip home on the Interstates, but clocked 44 MPG as we pulled into the driveway. - **Jeff and Joanne Cox**

CLUB OFFICERS CHAIR PERSON'S FOR 2011 - 2012

Doug Carlisle *-- *President*

Wilbur Wright *-- *Vice President, Regalia & Accessories*

Cindy Carlisle *-- *Secretary / Treasurer*

Charles "Mac" McCuen -- *Membership*

Don Byrnes -- *Program & Website*

Jerry & Renee Bumbaugh -- *Publicity*

Margaret Harry -- *Awards and Show Balloting*

Skip Wise & Iverson Smith -- *Technical Directors*

Tom Greene *-- *Car Show, Immediate Past President*

Jack Weller -- *Newsletter*

* *Executive Committee Member*

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Welcome to **Bud and Deanie Michael, Lincolnton**, our newest members. They have three cars to make their life interesting. The stable includes a 1971 **Jaguar XKE**; a '78 **Ferrari 308GT**; and a 1962 **MGA Mk II**. **Welcome Bud and Deanie!**

HAGARTY BRITISH CAR INSIDER NEWSLETTER LINK AN INTERESTING VIDEO ABOUT PERSERVATION

Hagerty Insurance has several newsletters that they send out each month. Here is a link to the August edition. An article featuring **McKeal Hagerty** discussing preserving a car. Also, there are articles about different products to use in restorations and unusual vehicles.



[August Edition of Hagerty's British Car Insider](#)

If other marques have newsletters or websites that we can share, I would be glad to learn about a **Porsche, Mercedes Benz, Fiat, Ferrari**, or even a **Volkswagen**. Send me the links and I will put them in the newsletter and we may be able to include them on the website

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 MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Broad River European Motor Club
Thursday August 2nd, 2012

The meeting was held at the Gondola in Shelby. Doug Carlisle, president, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 26 members present. Jerry Bumbaugh gave the invocation.

The minutes from the July meeting were printed in the newsletter. The minutes were approved as read. A financial report from December 31, 2011 thru June 30, 2012 was given out at this meeting. The financial report was approved as read.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The committee for the Euro Auto Festival Driving Tour, chairs Bob and Cindy Cabaniss, has been scheduled for Friday, October 19th, 2012. They need volunteers to act as BREMC hosts at individual wineries that are on the tour. Please contact Bob and Cindy to help out with the tour.

If anyone is interested in buying a frame for their Car Show Posters please let Tom Greene know. He can get them for about \$16.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee: Mac McCuen, Chair

The membership committee asked if they wanted to prolong the directory until after the new officer elections or continue the work already started and get the directories out as soon as possible. The majority wanted to proceed with the directory and at least get it posted on line with a password. The information on line would be email addresses only and password protected. A generic password would be used by all members. We also want a hard copy printed for new members coming in and members who wish a hard copy for themselves (especially those who do not have the technology to go online and print a copy). By unanimous agreement the directories will proceed as mentioned above for online and offline printing.

Events Committee, Don Byrnes, Chair

The dates for a fall outing has been scheduled for October 6th, 2012, at Baker Buffalo Vineyard and Winery. This outing will take the place of our regular October Thursday night meeting. We will send out times and meal information by email as soon as possible.

There were no other committee reports at this time.

EVENTS IN THE AREA COMING UP

Autumn in the Mountains will be held on September 22nd, 2012, in Hendersonville, N.C.

The **Euro Classica** will be held on September 28th, 2012, in Winston Salem, N.C.

These events have been posted on our web site.

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Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Carlisle, Secretary/Treasurer

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EURO CLASSICA

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EURO AUTO FESTIVAL OCTOBER 19 & 20

Good News! EURO 2012 Registration is now open. Go to

<http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1062703> to begin registration process.

We have made a few changes this year:

1) If you registered last year, your personal information will be auto filled. Make sure the information is up to date.

2) The registration fee this year is \$35. The registration fee covers the cost of showing one car, admission to all technical sessions and use of the hospitality center at the hotel.

Dennis Cage from “*My Classic Car*” and his movie crew will be present. You may sign up to have **Dinner with Dennis** on **Friday Oct. 19th**. He will also be the guest speaker at the closing banquet on **Saturday Oct. 20th**. There will be limited seating at both events.

Mercedes-Benz is the feature marquee.

Embassy Suites in Greenville is the host hotel.

We are expecting to have an exciting event. For more details about this year's event go to <http://euroautofestival.com/>

BREMC SPONSORING UPCOUNTRY DRIVING TOUR

Bob and Cindy Cabaniss, chairs for the **Euro Fest Upcountry Driving Tour**, are looking for volunteers to help at each of the four wineries on the tour on Friday, October 19th.

Below is the event description from the Euro web site.

Upcountry Driving Tour

Take a leisurely drive in your classic car over the rolling scenic terrain of the upstate South Carolina. Leaving from the **Embassy Suites**, you will travel the less traveled route past beautiful estates, horse farms, and fall colored foothill mountain views to a few local wineries where a restful tasting and lunch will be served. Maps will be provided.

A CLASSIC COLLECTOR

Jeff Trepel recently joined **BREMC**. We asked if he would share information about his car. Found out he is a real collector of some classic automobiles. Here is Jeff's story.

Cars that **Jeff** currently owns:

1950 **Bentley Mk. VI Saloon** (Chassis No. B198HR)

1967 **Mercedes-Benz 250SL** (co-owned with my brother)

1967 **NSU Sport Prinz**

1993 **Bentley Brooklands**

“Like many teenagers of the time, my first car was a **VW Beetle**, in this case a 1965 model purchased in 1969. It was probably the only unreliable **VW Beetle** ever built, so I kept it for only a year. My first collector car was a 1964 **Mercedes-Benz 220SE** coupe (W111) which I picked up at an auction in Charlotte in the late 1980's for a song. Probably because the rocker panels had extensive semi-hidden rust (poor due diligence on my part). But I enjoyed driving it (slowly) for a couple of years before selling it for the same price I paid for it.

In 1993 I became interested in **Rolls-Royces** and **Bentleys** after attending the **Rolls-Royce Owners' Club (RROC) National Meet** which was held at the **Biltmore Estate** that year. I was fascinated with the astonishing variety of cars built by **Rolls-Royce/Bentley** over the years. As many people know, prior to World War II all **Rolls-Royce** and **Bentley** bodies were coach built -- there were no standard production bodies until 1946. So every car built prior to 1946 and many after are individual cars built to order.



Many of the **RROC**

members seemed like real individuals too! I resolved to get my own **Rolls** or **Bentley**, and I focused on early postwar models (i.e., **pre-Silver Cloud**) which had vintage looks but seemed quite usable on modern roads, and many still had manual transmissions. In those pre-Internet days I traveled to New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and California looking at various cars for sale, mostly **Bentley Mk. VI's** which were built from 1946 until 1952 (followed by the similar **Bentley R-Type** and **Rolls-Royce Silver Dawn** through 1954). After all that traveling I found a rather patinated but solid and well-running 1950 **Bentley Mk. VI Saloon** (Chassis No. **B198HR**) in Charlotte just three miles from my office. The previous owner had purchased it in London in 1970, used it as a daily driver,



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