

# The Rear View Mirror

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April 4  
NEXT MEETING  
Deer Brook Golf Course Rest.  
Shelby

April 2013

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

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## APRIL MEETING PREPARING FOR THE BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN CLASSIC IT COMES DOWN TO THE DETAILS

Join us **Thursday, April 4th at the Deer Brook Golf Course and Restaurant** off of North Post Road, Shelby for our regular monthly meeting beginning at 6:30pm in the dining room of the restaurant.

**Tom Greene** will be leading the meeting with **Wilbur** not able to attend. During the meeting, the Car Show Committee will review the status a variety of items for the show. Committee chairs for specific areas are:

**Registration -- Treasure Teague**

**Parking -- Mac McCuen**

**Awards -- Doug and Cindy Carlisle**

**Publicity & Corporate Sponsors -- Tom Greene**

**Directional Signs -- Mac McCuen / John Salazar**

**Raffle - Lundy Wright**

### E-MAIL YOUR DINNER RESERVATION

Please e-mail **Doug Carlisle**, immediate past president, that you will be attending so that he may give a count to the restaurant.  
[d\\_carlisle@bellsouth.net](mailto:d_carlisle@bellsouth.net)

### HILL CLIMBINGS UPHILL BATTLE

By **Ted Theodore**

A special Thank You to **Ted Theodore**, a member of the Board of Directors for Central Carolinas Region and serves as the **SCCA** South East Division Time Trial Program Manager and Divisional Administrator. Ted drives in hill climbs the Southeast as well as **PHA** events.

Ted, founder of the **Dragon Hill Climb** in Robbinsville, NC, shared the excitement, logistics, and issues of running a hill climb. Even with these cautions, he is actively working to re-opening two other Southern hill climb sites. He displayed programs from past **Chimney Rock Hill Climbs**.



Ted offered Club members an opportunity to try the **Dragon Hill Course** this summer. Here is his contact information to follow-up on his offer.

## BRING YOUR REGISTRATION FORM FOR BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN CLASSIC TO THE MEETING

Print Registration Form on Page 5 of the Newsletter, Fill it Out, and Bring form and a check to the April 4 meeting.

### WORDS FROM WILBUR

President's Message by Wilbur Wright

Our March Club meeting was well attended with thirty eight members present. Needless to say, this was a great turnout. However; I do encourage more of our members to find the time and desire to attend these meetings. I don't think you will be disappointed in the meeting place, food, programs or camaraderie. If it is impossible for you to attend, please keep in touch through the newsletter and website.

The highlight of the March meeting was **Ted Theodore's** excellent program on hill climb racing in the Southeast and especially on the history of our own Chimney Rock Hill Climb. **Thank you Ted** for coming and **Doug Carlisle** for arranging this program. Keep them coming.

The preparation for the **Broad River European Classic** is proceeding nicely and is on schedule as the show date draws nearer. The last two weeks before the show, the Show Committee will be meeting regularly to make final preparations for the day of the show. If you have not registered your car, I urge you to enter your car as soon as possible. I especially want to thank the **Car Show Committee** for all their hard work and the club members who have volunteered to work at the show. PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS OUR TIME TO SHINE!

**Wilbur Wright, President**

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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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If not received in a timely manner, item may not make newsletter that month. Goal is to send newsletter the Friday before our regular meeting. Let us know how you like the newsletter, e-mail **Jack** at [wseller@aol.com](mailto:wseller@aol.com)

## MARCH MEETING MINUTES

*Editor's Note: Each month we will print the Meeting Minutes in the newsletter. If you have changes, they will be discussed at the business meeting in the next month newsletter.*

### BREMC Meeting Minute March 7, 2013

Meeting was called to order by **Wilbur Wright**. He asked that everybody please remember to let him know, prior to meeting, if they will be attending the meeting so **Myra** may insure the proper amount of food will be prepared. 40 people present for tonight's meeting.

**Don Byrnes** is recovering from his recent knee replacement surgery.

**Tom Greene** is doing well following his foot surgery. Wilbur asked that we keep these members in our prayers.

Last month's minutes were printed in the newsletter. Minutes were approved as written.

**Cindy Cabaniss** gave the financial report. \$360.04 paid towards various printing, name tags, etc. \$515.00 collected from car show registration & memberships.

**Membership: Mac McCuen** reported on membership: We now have a total of 39 household memberships.

**Bud & Deanne Michael**, and **Bill Hall & Nancy** are our new members present. They were welcomed and they told us what type cars they owned.

**Mike Whitaker**, a previous member was recognized as a visitor. He did pay his dues at end of meeting.

Also, **Bruce & Martha Harless** are new members

**Newsletter: Jack Weller** spoke, thanking everyone who has been contributing to the newsletter. Said he would love to have pictures to publish along with the projects people are working on. He also gave a **Euro** report. They are asking for our Club to sponsor 2 wine tours this year on the Friday of **Euro**. Stated that same tour as last year with two different start times, one at 10 then another leaving hotel at 11 would be fine. Pamphlet passed around regarding **Euro**.

**Bob Cabaniss** stated he had already talked with the lady at **Euro** and their desire for 2 tours. He suggested having another tour that's different in addition to the one from last year. Club was asked to come up with possible ideas for second tour.

**Wilbur** commented on Bylaws being in the newsletter. Only some minor changes had been made to Bylaws. Having heard no objections or questions, will now go with these Bylaws.

**Wilbur** talked about the new calendar that is included in the newsletter and asked for more events to be added... especially from other types of cars besides British.

**Wilbur** gave update on upcoming Broad River European Classic Car Show. **Tom Greene** has gotten a total of 16 sponsors for the Show. There is a new poster featuring **John Salazar's Mercedes** that will list all the sponsors. The posters for car show have also been completed from the poster **Martha Moore** made for us. Applause was given for Tom's hard work.

**Treasure Teague** said 24 cars were registered for the show. Anybody that would like to register tonight, please do. Encouraged club members to please go ahead and register early. We still need volunteers for various committees for Car Show. Please help out as you can.

**Wilbur** stated inventory had been done of signage from last year's show. They had talked with **Westmoreland Printing**, about

additional signage needed - about 18 new signs to help with directions. We are hoping for better signage this year.

**Lundy Wright** discussed the Raffles for this year's show, which will be held under the club tent. Volunteers needed to "work" crowd for 50/50 raffle and volunteers to donate more baskets. **Jeff Cox** said he had notified the **Ridge Runner Miata** group of upcoming Car Show. **Bob Cabaniss** stated he had sent information to the **Porsche Club**.

Business Meeting was adjourned.

**Doug Carlisle** introduced our guest speaker, **Ted Theodore**. Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy Cabaniss, Secretary/Treasurer*

## BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN CLASSIC

**By Tom Greene, Past President**

The **Broad River European Classic** is planned for April 27th, 2013. Having been in marketing for most of my life, I am very sensitive to being sure we use the correct name of our show when we talk to others.

Our car show's name is "**Broad River European Classic**", not Broad River European Motor Club Classic Car Show and any other variation of that name. We work hard to keep that consistent message when talking to the media, other Clubs, and interested car buffs. Please be sure to use our correct name when you discuss our show.

To help promote the show and to increase sponsor recognition, **Tom** created three different posters. Below is the **Sponsor Poster** which lists all of our sponsors.



Next, he used the logos of each of our sponsors to create a Thank You Poster for our sponsors (page 6) – support those businesses that support our show.

Finally, he also re-sized an 8 ½ by 11 version of the painting created by **Martha Moore** (see page 7).

You are encouraged to reprint this page and share it as a poster to be used in the community to advertise our event.

A special **THANK YOU** to **Tom** for working closely with our sponsors, **Buffalo Creek Gallery** artists, and the other vendors to publicize the **Broad River European Classic**.

## MAY 18 SPRING PICNIC AT CURT & MISSY HOLLAND'S

**Doug Carlisle** is working with **Curt and Missy Holland** to host a picnic at their home in Beautiful Bessemer City on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Keep the date open and watch for more details in future editions of the newsletter.

### '69 MGB-GT RESTORATION

Club member **Curt Holland** is restoring his '69 MGB-GT. He started a website to share with others how he is progressing. If you are interested in learning more about his progress with this restoration,



visit his web page.

[www.oldengine.org/members/holland/images/MGBGT/Thumbnails.html](http://www.oldengine.org/members/holland/images/MGBGT/Thumbnails.html)

**Curt** offered that this is a labor of love. Taking a car he bought in college and drove over 100,000 miles and then to bring it back to its former glory requires patience and creativity.



Here is **Curt's** e-mail address if you want to contact him direct.  
[curt@imc-group.com](mailto:curt@imc-group.com)

Do you have a story to share about your car? If you want to share it, send information to **Jack Weller** at [wsweller@aol.com](mailto:wsweller@aol.com). He will contact you and work with you on your story. Pictures add to the excitement.

## BREMC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President -- **Wilbur Wright** \*

Vice President -- **Skip Wise** \*

Secretary / Treasurer -- **Cindy Cabaniss** \*

Immediate Past President, Special Events Coordinator and Program Chair -- **Doug Carlisle** \*

Car Show Director -- **Tom Greene with Doug Carlisle and Wilbur Wright** as event contacts.

Historian – **Cindy Carlisle**

Membership- **Charles "Mac" McCuen**

Publicity – **Tom Greene**

Newsletter -- **Jack Weller**

Regalia & Accessories – **Alan Teague**

Technical Director -- **Iverson Smith**

Website - **Don Byrnes**

\* Executive Committee Member

### Mark Your Calendar Coming Events

April 6

British Car Club of the Midland Centre – Columbia, SC

April 20

Triumph Club of the Carolinas  
The Gathering Shelton Winery

April 27

Broad River European Classic Car Show  
Shelby, NC

May 25

Scottish Games and Great Scot British Car Show  
Greeneville, SC

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR NEWS DUE BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup>

#### NEW DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTER

The Executive Board is working to be sure you get timely information about events, activities, and meetings. To support their efforts, we will try to simplify the due dates for items for the newsletter. **If information is received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, it will be part of the newsletter sent out on the Friday before our next meeting.**

For example, if you want something in the March newsletter, you need to send it to Jack Weller at [wsweller@aol.com](mailto:wsweller@aol.com) by April 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be part of the May newsletter that is sent out on May 1.

If you have questions, see one of the members of the Executive Committee for clarification.

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**If you have an item for this feature**, please send it to Jack Weller at [wsweller@aol.com](mailto:wsweller@aol.com). If you have an e-mail address or home address for cards or well wishes, these will be added.

## ADD A MAY CAR SHOW TO YOUR SPRING ITINARARY

Editor's note: *Jack and Annette Porter* have been actively involved in this show for several years. Here is a personal invitation from them to have you join them on the campus of *Furman University* May 25.

We would like to add an item to the calendar. Saturday, May 25, 2013 the ***Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club*** (SBMOC) will host an all British car show at *Furman University* in conjunction with the ***Greenville Scottish Games***. Featured marque is ***Austin Healey***.

This probably the prettiest venue of any car show around on the manicured and heavily shaded mall area at the entrance to the Furman campus. Access to all of the ***Highland Game*** activity all day long. Plenty to do. One ticket to the games included with entry and additional can be purchased upon registration or at the gate. Can access more info at the website by entering Greenville Scottish Games. The entry form will be on line shortly. Would love to see a contingent from ***BREMC*** members attend. A beautiful drive if you come across 74 to Tryon and then 11 across to 25 and down to Furman.

*Jack and Annette Porter*

## PORSCHE OWNERS HAVE OPTION OF WINE TOURS, WOODEN BOATS, AND OUR SHOW IN APRIL

Editor's note: At the March meeting, members were asked to share events from other marques than *British* options. Here is what *Porsche* owners have to look forward to in April. Thanks to *Bob Cabaniss* for these items.

**First:** A ***Drive and Wine Tour*** that has been organized by ***Don Roof*** out of the Winston-Salem area scheduled for April 20.

***Don*** is willing to arrange a "meet-up" point along the route for those that might be interested in this event. His email is on the flyer.

**Second:** Broad River European Motor Club's yearly ***Broad River European Classic*** on the Square in Shelby NC, scheduled April 27.

Area member ***Bob Cabaniss*** participates every year and is usually one of the few *Porsches* there. He says it is a great event with over 100 European cars on display.

[www.broadriveremc.com](http://www.broadriveremc.com).

## 2013 Meetings / Events Calendar

JANUARY	Meeting / Event
3	BREMC Monthly Meeting
FEBRUARY	
7	BREMC Monthly Meeting
MARCH	
7	BREMC Monthly Meeting
7 TO 9	Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island, FL
APRIL	
4	BREMC Monthly Meeting
6	Carolina British Classics Columbia, SC
20	The Gathering Shelton Vineyards Dobson, NC
27	Broad River Classic Car Show Shelby, NC
MAY	
2	BREMC Monthly Meeting
18	BREMC Picnic at Curt and Missy Holland's Home Watch for more information about this fun event.
25	<b>Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club</b> (SBMOC) will host an all British car show at <i>Furman University</i> in conjunction with <b><i>Greenville Scottish Games</i></b>
JUNE	
6	BREMC Monthly Meeting
JULY	
4	BREMC Monthly Meeting
AUGUST	
1	BREMC Monthly Meeting
SEPTEMBER	
5	BREMC Monthly Meeting
19	Auto Fair – Charlotte, NC
21	Autumn in the Mountains Hendersonville, NC
27-29	Gold Cup Races – Virginia International Raceway Richmond, VA
OCTOBER	
3	BREMC Monthly Meeting
19	Euro Auto Festival BMW Zentrum Greer, SC
NOVEMBER	
2	Brits at the Plantation Wilmington, NC
7	BREMC Monthly Meeting
DECEMBER	
5	BREMC Christmas Party

All BREMC Meetings and Christmas Party will be at Deer Brook Golf Course Restaurant, unless otherwise posted.

## WAKING SLEEPING BEAUTY PART 5

By Iverson Smith, Technical Director

I guess it is time to get serious about working on the *Mercedes* again. I have let it slide as I did some maintenance work around the house and attended to some other matters. I have however been working two evenings a week in machine shop classes at *Cleveland Community College*, fabricating parts for the AC unit. There seems to be no end to this work. As each time I get one piece fabricated or modified I find that it affects another part and I must modify or replace that piece. Thankfully this is about complete and I will be able to concentrate on the paint work.



One of the major problems with the paint on the car is the amount of paint on the car. Someone really wanted to get a slick paint job, so they evidently sprayed on multiple layers of red oxide primer and sanded it down smooth. Then they put on the topcoat. This gives a very slick paintjob – for a while. Then the paint starts to crack. As the paint is exposed to changing temperatures, the various layers of paint will expand and contract at different rates, causing the paint to crack and craze. The only real solution for this problem is to remove the damaged paint and then repaint the car. That is where I am right now.

I toyed around with several ideas for removing the paint. One way is to use a chemical paint stripper to remove the paint. The strippers work very well but have several drawbacks. Care must be used here because some of the strippers will destroy aluminum. Since the hood, doors, deck lid and the soft top storage cover are aluminum; this is not a very good option. If strippers are used, the parts must be stripped down to the bare metal. This means the removal of any and all paints, primers and plastic fillers. Strippers are very messy and hazardous to the environment and to humans and animals. Also, all, and I mean all, of the stripper must be removed from the metal and neutralized. If there are any traces of the stripper left on the surfaces or in the cracks and crevices paint will not adhere to the surface. I just don't think this is the way I want to go.

Another way is to have the car sandblasted. Sandblasting works best when the car is completely disassembled and the different pieces blasted individually. Sandblasting and bead blasting work very well on hard parts, but not as well on wide expanses of sheet metal. Sand blasting destroys aluminum. It is almost impossible to remove all the sand from all the cracks and crevices, meaning that paint will not stick to these surfaces. One of the major

drawbacks for sandblasting is the fact that the sand beating on the metal generates a great deal of heat. This heat causes sheet metal to warp thereby generating a lot of unnecessary bodywork. Lastly, sandblasting is very hazardous to humans. Again, I decided this is not the way to go.

Several other types of blasting media (walnut shells, aluminum oxide, plastic shot and I do not know what all) are available. Each method of stripping has a purpose and works well for a particular situation. The key is to use the method that fits your situation. For instance, still another way to remove paint is to soda blast the car. I have never used this method, but I am told they use bicarbonate of soda to blast away the paint. It removes paint but does not remove rust. Supposedly, the soda does not harm glass or rubber. I am not convinced. The soda is a one time use material and is just dissipated into the environment with no apparent harm. What is left on the car can be washed off with water. I suspect a lot of the soda ends up in places it is not wanted and is hard to remove. I decided not to use this method either.

Neither of these paint removal methods is an ideal solution. There is still a lot of prep work to be done after the blasting, but before the car can be painted. With any of the above stripping methods, the metal must be protected immediately to keep it from rusting. Just letting the metal sit over night or touching it with bare hands can cause the metal to start rusting.

That leaves the more labor intensive method of removing the paint with sandpaper and elbow grease. In 1967 when my car was built, *Mercedes* was doing a good job with undercoats and with paints. They also did a good job with sealing the cracks and crevices. I don't think I can get a better seal than *Mercedes* did. My plan is to remove the outer layer(s) with an aggressive cut sandpaper. When I get to the red oxide primer, I will switch to a finer grit paper like 320 or 360. Since the red oxide primer sands very easy, I can use the finer grit paper and water sand down to the original paint. This should give an excellent surface to build on. If I find that the sub-straits are not good, I will do whatever I need to do to build a good foundation. This could include, but not be limited to, sanding to bare metal, cleaning of all foreign matter, acid etching with a phosphoric acid based solution, neutralizing and painting with a good epoxy primer.

Many people do not like to water sand. They think that if the sanding process doesn't use electricity, make a lot of noise and create a lot of dust, it is not doing anything. I find that water sanding gives me the best surface to paint on and eliminates the dusts created by other sanding techniques,

I would not recommend hand sanding for paint removal in every situation. For instance, I have an old *Ford* that has been completely disassembled. In this case, I think dipping in a chemical vat is the preferred solution, along with bead blasting of some of the smaller parts. Ideally, I would like to dip the body to strip it, dip it again to neutralize the stripping chemicals, phosphate it and then prime it, but I do not know anyone who can do all this so I will probably have it dipped and then do all the prep work myself. But that is another story. The *Mercedes* comes first for now.

**PRINT THIS PAGE AND  
BRING TO THE MEETING THURSDAY  
LET'S HAVE EVERY CLUB MEMBER REGISTERED  
FOR THE SHOW BY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>**

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

*PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY*

Make checks payable to BREMC and mail to: BREMC, Treasure Teague, 4008 Brookstone Ct., Gastonia, NC 28052.  
Become a member of BREMC for the special show rate of \$15.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Car / Bike 1: Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer \_\_\_\_\_

Car / Bike 2: Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer \_\_\_\_\_

Car / Bike 3: Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT	COST	NUMBER	TOTAL COST
Car Show	\$20.00 (Early Bird Registration before April 14, postmarked by April 13)		- \$ _____
Car Show	\$25.00 (After April 14 or day of show)		- \$ _____
Each additional car / bike		\$15 X # _____	- \$ _____
Membership in BREMC (I want to become a member at the special show price of \$15)			- \$ _____
(Make check payable to BREMC)		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**CLASSES FOR BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN CLASSIC**

*There must be at least 3 cars in a class to be eligible for awards and participants must pick their own class. BREMC reserves the right to combine or add classes.*

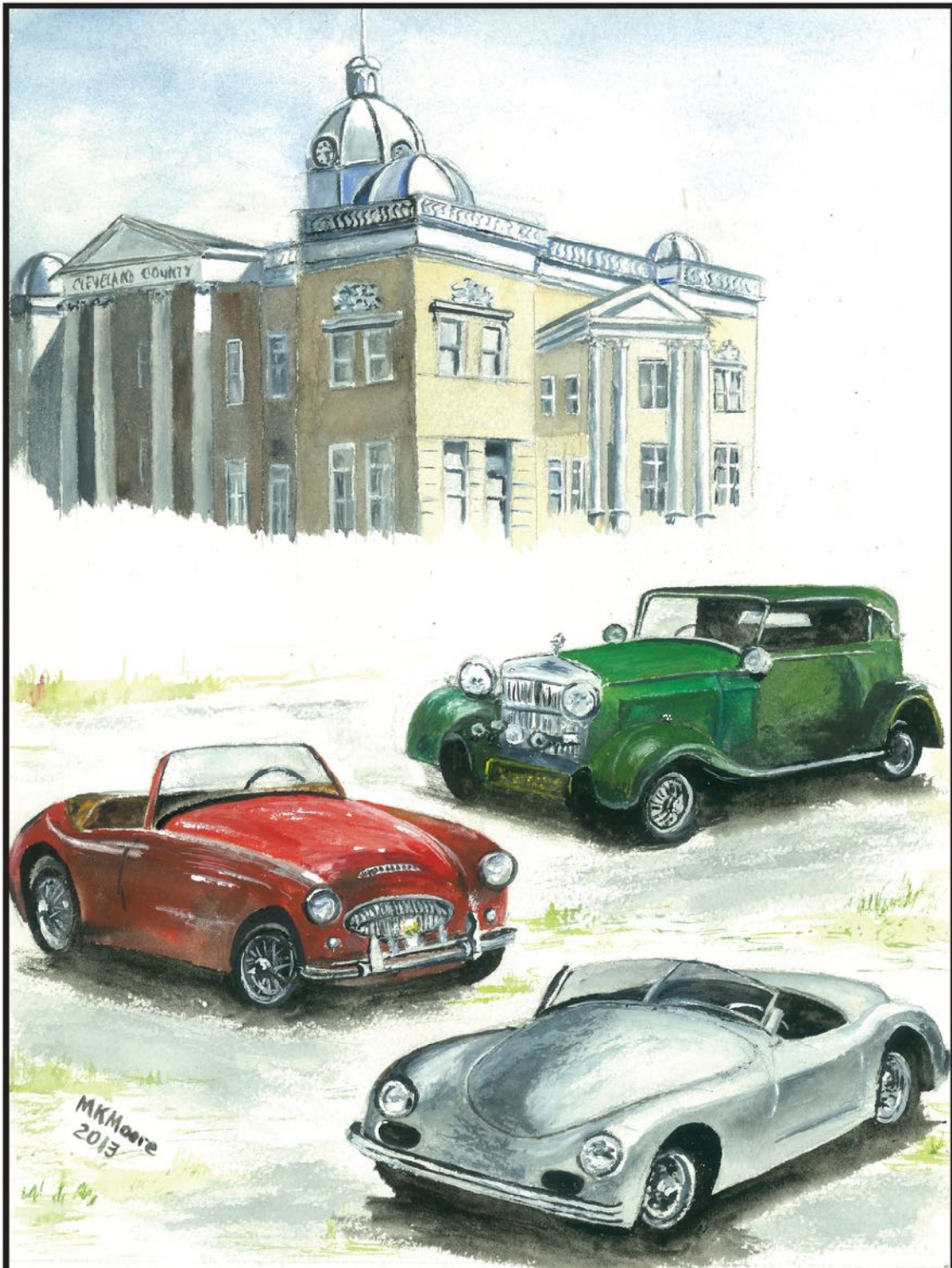
AH-1	Austin-Healey Roadster	MG-1	T-Series	P-1	Porsche
AH-2	Austin-Healey Convertible	MG-2	MGA	RRB	Rolls Royce / Bentley
AH-3	Sprite	MG-3	MGB, MGC, MGBGT, MGGGT Chrome Bumper	TR-1	TR2, TR3, TR3A, TR3B
BMW-1	BMW Sedan			TR-2	TR4, TR4A
BMW-2	BMW Sports	MG-4	MGB, MGC, MGBGT, MGGGT Rubber Bumper	TR-3	TR250, TR6
J-1	Jaguar Sedan			TR-4	TR7, TR8
J-2	Jaguar Sports	MI-1	Pre-2002 Austin, Morris Minor, Vanden Plas, Mini	VM-1	Vintage Motorcycle
MB-1	Mercedes Benz Sedans			Other	Lotus, Delorean, Pantera, Fiat, Morgan, Sunbeam, Volvo, VW, TVR, etc.
MB-2	Mercedes Benz Sports	MI-2	Post 2002 BMW Mini		

**RELEASE AND WAIVER:** I am aware of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events and specifically release and indemnify the organizers and the town of Shelby and its management collectively and separately, from any liability for personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guests, while participating in this event.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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