

The Rear View Mirror

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Broad River European Motor Club

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MAY MEETING REVIEW CAR SHOW AND PRESENTATION BY CURT HOLLAND

Join us **Thursday, May 2nd 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.

During the meeting, the Car Show Committee will take some time to review the events during the **Broad River European Classic**.

Club member **Curt Holland** has volunteered to make a presentation on welding technique for long weld repairs on items like the bottom of doors. If you've ever warped a panel when welding, come to this meeting and learn welding and stress relief techniques that will let you weld panels without warping them. Sounds like a Hot Topic.

E-MAIL YOUR DINNER RESERVATION

Please e-mail **Wilbur Wright**, president, that you will be attending so that he may give a count to the restaurant.

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Broad River European Classic 2012

SEE YOU AT THE BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN CLASSIC

Saturday, April 27 is less than 12 hours away. **Mac** and **Treasure** and the **Registration** and **Parking** volunteers are ready to set the field. **Lundy** has several members volunteering to create baskets to raise funds for the **Abuse Prevention Council**. Goody Bags are stuffed and we are praying to the weather gods to delay the rain until after 4:30 tomorrow afternoon.

Polish and shine your vehicle and be ready to welcome fellow car enthusiasts from all across the Southeast to Shelby.



HAGERTY JUNIOR JUDGES TO BE PART OF SHOW

We will have 11 Junior Judges who volunteered to be part of our show Saturday. We have **Taylor Cabaniss, Braxton Clifton, Ian and Georgia Greene, Austin Bolin, Grace and Katie Wilson, Jonathan Henderson, Lyric and Bridge Bonino and Katie Bridge**.

They will be working with **Watson Insurance** and use the judging criteria developed by **Hagerty Insurance** to promote youth involvement in car shows.

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 15th 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 wsweller@aol.com

APRIL 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 and updated in the next month newsletter.

BREMC Meeting Minute April 4, 2013

In the absence of our President and Vice President, **Tom Greene** called the meeting to order. We had a total of 27 present at our meeting including guests. Several of our members were absent due to their attendance at the Conclave in Amelia Island.

Guests **Jan Woods and Becky Skaggs** from **Watson Insurance Agency** representing **Hagerty Insurance** were introduced. They would speak later in meeting regarding their participation in our upcoming car show on April 27th.

The Minutes from our last meeting, which were in the newsletter, were approved.

Financial Report ending 3/31/13 was given by Cindy Cabaniss, Treasurer. Total expenses \$636.00 – reimbursement to Don Byrnes for Web-Site renewal, Speaker's dinner at last meeting. Total Deposits \$1345.00 – checks from sponsors for car show, memberships (new plus dues), car show registration. Ending balance \$3347.94.

No old business.

Jack Weller was commended on a great newsletter. Everybody reminded to please send information to be included in newsletter to **Jack** in a timely manner.

Tom gave us updates on the upcoming show. Our sponsors are in place. **The Sponsor Poster, the poster featuring Martha Moore's artwork** were passed around for everybody to admire. **Tom** mentioned the availability of posters on our website. Also contact **Tom** if more information needed for posters to display. All our sponsors have a poster on display at their business.

Only **36 cars** registered so far. All members encouraged to go ahead and register their cars tonight during meeting. Areas where more representation is needed – **VW's, Volkos, BMW's, Porsche's**.

Tom asked committee chairs to give updates.

Parking & Signage Mac McCuen:

Biggest downfall/complaint in previous years has been signage.

John Salazar, Mac & Tom have been working on resolving this problem. **Jim & Page Morgan** to donate leftover political signs. We will also be using 4 American Legion 4 x 4 signs on DeKalb Street d/t lack of street labeling. D. Campbell Graphics making these re-useable signs. Volunteers needed to help place & remove signage – **Ivars, Iverson & Jim** volunteered. **Alan Teague** is loaning his trailer for transporting signs, tables, chairs, tents, etc. from John Salazar's building. **Thanks Alan and John!!**

Parking Committee to meet this coming week. Mac to set up time.

Ballots & Trophies -- Doug Carlisle: All trophies have been ordered. We will not be having the oil can trophy this year.

Becky Skaggs with Watson Insurance was introduced by Tom. They have volunteered to handle Junior Judging this year. This has been done successfully at many car shows and they are excited to include it in our show. 15 children between ages of 7 and 14 will be judging eight or so cars. Volunteer kids (grandkids?) needed. There will be 3 adults who take 5 children each around to the various cars chosen for judging. **The children will be wearing a ball cap, t-shirt and a lanyard to help identify them.** The cars to be judged will have a sample ballot on display in their front window. A trophy, furnished by our club, will be awarded to the winning

car judged by our Junior Judges!! The goal is to help our kids become more interested in Classic Cars and maybe throw in a little education. Car owners are encouraged to be present when their car is judged to explain and show various items to the children. Special thanks to **Watson Insurance, who is one of our Sponsors**, for bringing this to our show.

Tom reminded club members of need for cleanup of area after car show. Volunteers lined up. **Mac** said his parking committee members were going to help in parking area also. Stressed that we want to leave area cleaner than it was when we arrived. **Mary Byrnes & Tom** discussed the number of trash cans that would be supplied. There will also be 2 port-a-johns – one on East Dale Street and one on South Dale Street – alley between **Arts Council and Central Methodist Church** and alley between **Victoria Stephens and Camera Shop**.

Tom asked if any interest in a get-together at his house in his backyard following the car show and clean up. Women encouraged to bring an appetizer. Interested people, please let **Tom** know.

June 21 & 22nd Hill Climb in Robbinsville, NC. We have been invited to come and join in. Question if there is a group interested. **Bob Childrez** said he has been inquiring regarding lodging and that not much is available. Roughly 3 hour drive there. This is event will run Saturday and Sunday. Anybody interested, please contact **Bob Childrez**.

Tom presented **Doug Carlisle** with a really neat replica of **Doug's TR3** that **Tom** said had found in his cereal box!! **This was for a great job done as President of BREMC. Thanks again Doug!** **Doug** announced that our speaker for May meeting will be **Curt & Missy Holland**. **Curt works at Metal America** and his main hobby is "hit & miss engines".

Doug has planned a road trip for club on **May 18th**. **Curt & Missy Holland** would like our club to come up to their property – they have a pond for fishing, check out his restoration work on his car, the hit & miss engines, whatever. Plan is to have an early breakfast somewhere, then motor together up to **Curt & Missy's place**. More details to come. Please reserve this date on your calendar!!

Doug asked if there is any interest in a road trip to **Little Switzerland**. Possibly spend Friday and Saturday night. Great curvy roads and neat shops for ladies to shop.

Bob Cabaniss updated us on **Euro's** desire for us to sponsor the **Euro Wine Tour** again this year. They would like to maybe have 2 group. He is working on another route for **Ferrari's** to take (which is featured car at **Euro** this year!). **Cindy Cabaniss** suggest maybe serving lunch at 2 vineyards this year. Last year, it was limited to 25 cars. They would like to make it 50 cars this year. Need volunteers to help make this another successful **Wine Tour**. Please let **Bob or Cindy** know of your availability to help this year. Our club had the most vehicles participate in **Euro** last year – **19 cars!!!**

Membership Drive – Mac: Welcome **Bud & Deanie Michael**, who joined last month. **Mike Whitaker** is back with us again. Also, other recent new members – **Bill & Nancy Hall, Bruce & Nancy Harless**. **Alan Roebuck** has rejoined us. **Chuck & Leslie Strickland** have joined our club. **Jose Alonso** is also a new member – he also happens to be **Myra's** brother. **Welcome!! Jim Roemer** has decided to resign from BREMC – we wish him well. Don't forget our **April 27th BIG EVENT!! Please try to remember to wear your name tags and BREMC shirts, if you have them. This is to help identify our club members.**

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Cabaniss, Secretary/Treasurer

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 18th**. Keep the date open and watch for more details in future editions of the newsletter. Curt has shared his efforts to restore his **'69 MGB-GT**. 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



Curt provides alternative options to move vehicles if needed.

MEMO FROM MAC

By **Charles Mac McCune, Membership**

Great meeting last night!

Here are new members or renewals

Alan and Janet Roebuck, 112 Chagrin Farm Rd. Shelby, 28150 704-482-6877h, 704-309-4347c
adroebuck@yahoo.com

Entering the show with **Austin Healey '67** 3000 MK III BJ8, **Ferrari '86** 328 GTS

Chuck and Leslie Strickland, 132 Norris Acres Dr., Shelby, 28150 704-312-6010h, 704-473-9167c
Tcstrickland3@carolina.rr.com

Porsche '76 912E, **BMW '88** M6, **BMW '91** M5, **BMW '99** M3 conv.

Jose L. Alonso (Myra Littman's brother) 802 Hill St., Shelby, 28152 704-473-1514h
alonsojla@bellsouth.net Nissan '76 280Z

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harless, 1506 Wesson Rd., Shelby, 28152, 757-513-6444
bharless@carolina.rr.com **Jaguar '64** XKE J-2

Bill and Nancy Hall, 3637 Linwood Rd., Gastonia, 28052, 704-864-6053h, 704-864-7777
ww.hall24@att.net

Triumph '59 & '61 TR3A, **BMW '87** 325-I, **Volvo '04** S-80

Bud and Deanie Michaels, Lincolnton
Read the story Bud submitted about **Saving Caroline** in this edition of the newsletter.

I can't tell you how happy this list makes me – all your hard work showing your cars/bikes and talking about our passion has paid off! Let's make this year and our "Classic" one for the books!

Regards, **Mac**

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

Newsletter -- Jack Weller

Publicity -- Tom Greene

Regalia & Accessories -- Alan Teague

Technical Director -- Iverson Smith

Website - Don Byrnes

** Executive Committee Member*

Mark Your Calendar Coming Events

May 18

**Broad River European Motor Club Spring Picnic
Beautiful Bessemer City, NC**

May 25

**Scottish Games and Great Scot British Car Show
Greenville, SC**

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR NEWS DUE BY THE 15TH

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 15th 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 wsweiler@aol.com by April 15th. 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 wsweiler@aol.com. If you have an e-mail address or home address for cards or well wishes, these will be added.

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	Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club (SBMOC) will host an all British car show at Furman University in conjunction with Greenville Scottish Games
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 6

By Iverson Smith, Technical Director



I had an article prepared on batteries but after talking to Terry Stokes, a

friend of Ivars, I decided to submit a follow up on the paint article I used last time. Terry has a 33 Plymouth street rod that he wanted to paint. He decided to have the car soda blasted to strip the paint. "A bad decision," so says Terry. Not only did the job take 1 ½ weeks instead of the promised weekend, not all the paint was removed. From the pictures I saw, the car looked like a mud flat with little islands of paint sticking up above the metal. After removing the rest of the paint, Terry cleaned the car with wax and grease remover and proceeded to paint the car.

I am not sure how long it took but small bubbles appeared in the paint. There was nothing to do but strip, by hand, and paint the car again. Guess what, more bubbles appeared. Again, strip the car and paint for the third time. This time, the paint stuck, and looks good.

The people who do soda blasting tell you that you do not need to remove glass and chrome etc. as it is not damaged by the soda. What they may not tell you is that the soda goes everywhere – in carpet, upholstery, instruments and in to any cavity in the car, and according to Terry is almost impossible to remove. He said he has used a vacuum cleaner, air pressure and anything else he can think of, but has not been able to remove all the soda. The bad thing is that the soda is a strong caustic and will continue to corrode some parts of the car until it is removed. Another thing is that the soda does not remove rust on iron and steel. You still have to deal with the rust if there is any in your car.

After talking with Terry, I am even more convinced that soda blasting is not anything I want to be a part of. Soda blasting is a good tool - in the right places, just not on anything I own.

CLUB MEMBERS WINNERS AT OTHER SHOWS

The month of April had two shows featuring British Cars. The first was in Columbia, South Carolina sponsored by the Midland British Car Club.



Doug and Cindy Carlisle received a **First In Class** and **Richard and Lynn Coombs** got a **First In Class** as well as **Best of Show**.



Royal Treatment for a Classic Couple and Car.

April 20th, the **Triumph Club of the Carolinas** sponsored **The Gathering** at **Shelton Vineyards** with 295 British cars on display. **Steve Ward**, president of the Club announced that the event will be the second week in April in 2014.

Quite a few members from the Club were at the show and took away prizes for their class. Congratulations to **Chuck Reeves**, **Jack Weller**, and **Richard Coombs** for winning awards. **Richard** won **Best of Show** with his 1934 **Rolls Royce**. Other Club members at the show included **Treasure and Alan Teague** and **Kent and Linda Bridges**,

Next year's **Gathering** will be one week earlier on April 11 – 13.

Saving Caroline

Bud Michael

Forlorn, she sat waiting. Blue. In better days she was, well yes, a bit demanding. But in her own mind no less demanding than any elegant English princess deserving attention. In time, hooked on a jolt of ether to get going, sometimes failing even that, she became a little too unreliable to go anywhere in public. Finally her owner in frustration banished her to a dank lockup. Rain water drip dripped on her rump feeding the rust scabs eating away at her curves, her shine, her dignity. Seasons stretched to years of indifference.

Twelve years ago the owner revealed her presence in the lockup, offering brief glimpse. But no offer to sell, give, trade transfer. She was



still paying penitence. Then in December, 2011 came that long awaited for call: "I know you've always loved her. And now that I'm past seventy," she said, "I realize the only way I'll ever see Caroline back on the road is for you to take her." Extracting a promise to fast track the restoration, the owner passed her precious but derelict 1970 Jaguar XKE coupe to number one son, Andy. It was the last of her five car collection and the one most difficult to let go. A week later, we topped up the tires, rolled her onto the trailer at sunset and brought her home. "I expect you to drive her back for a visit next year," she declared.



Physically, she was a beauty on the right side but a pitiful sight on the left. Rust holes ate at the bottoms and edges. The rear wheel arch was a mess and the lower hatch corner

little more than the remains of brittle rubber barely defining the curve.

We eagerly jumped right in, dismantling, cutting away rot, assessing, photographing, and scraping away the faded blue paint with razor blades. While the cylinders soaked in red oil, we cleaned the fuel system and carbs

and replaced the fuel tank. The good news was mechanically, she was pretty good. Andy traced and resolved electrical problems, replaced the alternator and ballast resistor and made her crank and run again without old demon ether. With valves adjusted and timing chain tensioned, rough running gave way to a smooth rumble. Elation set in. We drove up and down the driveway, taking our time turning around at the road displaying for gawkers. As if they cared!



While the doors and hatch, then the bonnet took turns in the body shop over the course of six months (our

body man works best when not interrupted or hurried (harried)), we sourced needed panels, cut away and installed the floors, shaped and formed the new hatch curves, gently eased out the interior for preservation, and polished the chrome. We drove her to the body shop. It was a big day.

By late summer, Caroline was getting her groove back. New rubber seals and gaskets set us back a week's pay, but she wears it well. Now, 15 months later, she's again the English princess—beautiful yet powerful, delicate but demanding, and a real head-turner in silver blue.

De-chromed and powder coated wire wheels with correct Vredesteins hint at her serious side. She still shows her attitude as we sort her out with frequent short trips often followed by some unexpected surprise. Bumps, thumps and rattles required new rubber parts in the various suspension and mounting areas. Hub



bearings, and soon, coil-overs should improve handling. Six new U-joints are on the way to kill the clank. We're working on tighter steering. But, she's back. **Caroline's** back. With attitude.