

The Rear View Mirror

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July 11
NEXT MEETING
Deer Brook Golf Course Rest.
Shelby

July 2013

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

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JULY MEETING MOVED TO JULY 11

Join us **Thursday, July 11th 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. We moved

We hope to have the Speed Channel Program which featured **Dennis Gage** at the **2012 Euro Auto Festival**.



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.

BE A PART OF A HOMETOWN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Jack Weller, Doug Carlisle, and Jeff Cox prepare for the parade

Thursday, July 4th forming on Jones Road Call Dennis Davis 704-473-8458 to get an idea of where we are in the line-up

The **Honor Guard** will be provided by the **Foothills Detachment, Marine Corps League**. **Bring Candy to share with the kids along the two mile route.**

CABANISS & SALAZAR TO LEAD 2014 BROAD RIVER CLASSIC

I am happy to report that two brave and courageous souls, **Bob Cabaniss** and **John Salazar** have volunteered to be co-chairs for the **2014 Broad River European Classic Car Show**. Thank you gentlemen for stepping up to the plate in our time of need.

Conducting a successful car show requires a great deal of planning, organizing, hard work and full support of the club; therefore, it is now time for us to step up and give Bob and John our full support and all the help they need as we work together as a club team. I have no doubt that our next show will be exciting, fun and very successful.

A special thanks goes out to Tom Greene for a job very well done as chairman of our clubs first three car shows.

Remember, it's all about fun and enjoyment!

Wilbur Wright, President

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FLY OUR FLAG ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

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

JUNE 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 Car Club Meeting Minutes for 6/6/13

Welcome to everybody in attendance by **President, Wilbur Wright**. A special thank you for the excellent attendance (34 + 1 guest).

ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Prior to the business part of meeting, **Jerry Reed, Abuse Prevention Council** gave a short presentation about what the Abuse Prevention Council does in Cleveland County including plans for the new shelter. Question & answer session after the presentation.

Jerry Reed was then presented with our donation of **\$1,000.00** to **Abuse Prevention Council** by **Tom Greene**.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made to approve the minutes which were in the June newsletter and this was seconded.

Finance Report was given by **Cindy Cabaniss, Secretary/Treasurer**. This included expenses/profit from our recent Car Show. **Wilbur Wright** explained we are trying to figure out our working budget for the year.

Our **July Meeting** will be held on **July 11th** at **Deerbrook** due to conflict with 4th of July.

Wilbur Wright asked for a short meeting with Executive committee to brain-storm some upcoming issues, such as Chairperson and Registration Chairperson for next year's car show.

Barry Harms said he was proud to be a member of this club and couldn't believe how it had grown. He stated that this is the best club he goes to and he is a member of many. He also gave some updates on the upcoming **Euro Car Show**. He had brochures for all club members. Explained there were 2 brochures this year because they couldn't decide which picture they liked the best, so they used both! **Ferrari** is the featured car this year and they are expecting at least 50. There will also be a cap of 400 car entries this year, so register early if you plan on attending. The party on Friday night will be in downtown Charlotte. Anybody interested in helping with parking this year, let Euro know. Also, the Car Show Director Position is open. He complimented **Bob & Cindy Cabaniss** for great job last year on Wine Tour for Euro and that he was looking forward to participating in the tour this year.

Lundy Wright said thanks for all the thoughts, prayers and cards received after her recent loss of her Mother.

NEW BUSINESS:

Happy Birthday sang to **Jack Porter** in honor of his Birthday. "My Classic Car" TV show recently aired featuring last year's Euro Car Show, which contained footage of our club at Euro.

Barry Harms stated that he had heard DVD's would be available and would let us know.

Jack Weller asked who would be participating in **Lattimore July 4th Parade**. Need to arrive between 8-8:30am on Jones Road and the parade ends at the Community Center. Parade starts at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cabaniss, Secretary/Treasurer

2013 Meetings / Events Calendar

MEETING / EVENT	DATE
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	LATTIMORE INDEPENDENCE PARADE
11	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.

MAKING YOUR CAR MORE DEPENDABLE

By Iverson Smith, Technical Director

I am going to change gears and write about something other than a *Mercedes* this time around.

I am sure that at least some of you have gone out to whatever special interest car you have and discovered that the battery is dead, especially after letting it sit for an extended period of time. If yours is a traditional lead acid battery, the battery is probably past saving and is good only for use as a core to trade in on a new battery. The battery usually has a white powder surrounding the battery posts and sometimes the powder has spilled down onto the battery box and other parts of the engine compartment. As you probably know, this white stuff is corrosive to paint, metal and especially cotton clothing. Repairs to battery boxes and other metal parts destroyed by leaking battery acid have always been just an accepted fact of working on an old car.

Fortunately there are batteries on the market that minimize the corrosive characteristics of the traditional lead acid batteries. One of these is the *Absorbed Gas Mat (AGM)* battery manufactured by *Optima*. There are others but this is the one I am most familiar with. A disclaimer—I do not have any connection with *Optima*, and do not stand to profit from the sale of any *Optima* batteries. I just know that they work. I have one in each of my vehicles.

Some of the reasons I like *Optima* batteries is they can be mounted in almost any position, even upside down and will not spill. They are maintenance free, much more vibration resistant than normal lead acid batteries and offer a stronger initial starting burst and have a longer lifespan. They are offered in a variety of side post and top post configurations. I find that these batteries do not bleed down as fast as some other batteries, and under the right circumstances can be brought back from discharge situations that would kill other batteries. I have one battery that has been killed twice, once for two weeks. I was prepared to buy another battery but decided to just try to charge the old one, not really expecting to succeed. I charged it using the technique described below and it will still start my truck.

Charging a depleted AGM battery can be somewhat tricky. **A regular off the shelf charger just will not work.** The best way is to use a charger especially designed for this type battery. *Optima* offers one for about \$100.00 and another for about \$200.00. Other manufacturers have comparable chargers and maintainers. I think either one would work for most of us. They will also charge conventional batteries. An alternative way to charge an *AGM* battery is to charge a regular lead acid battery to full charge. Then hook up the regular battery and the *AGM* battery in parallel. Next attach the battery charger (again in parallel with the two batteries) and charge the two batteries, on low, for about an hour, or until the *AGM* battery has at least 10

volts. Disconnect the regular battery and continue to charge the *AGM* battery until it is fully charged.

As with anything there is a price to pay for all this goodness in *AGM* batteries. A normal *Optima* starting battery will cost in the neighborhood of \$200.00. A deep cycle battery will run a bit more. I think they are worth the money.

A good way to purchase an *Optima* battery is to order the battery and a charger directly from *Optima*. If I read their website right, they will pay the freight and you do not have to pay any sales tax on the purchase. Of course, that means you would not be supporting your local merchants or your state. But on the other hand, the merchant may not be local. They just have a physical presence here to siphon off money to another location.

Of course an *AGM* battery is probably not correct for most of our cars and would lose points in a judged event. If however you want to make your weekend cruiser more reliable, an *AGM* battery may be the way to go.

Iverson Smith

Technical Advisor

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 -- Bob Cabaniss and John Salazar

(See President's Message).

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*

**INFORMATION FOR NEWSLETTER IS
DUE TO EDITOR BY THE 15TH**

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

If you have an item for this feature, please send it to Jack Weller at wseller@aol.com. If you have an e-mail address or home address for cards or well wishes, these will be added.