

The Rear View Mirror

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March 5th
NEXT MEETING
Deer Brook Golf Course Shelby

March 2015

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Join us Thursday, March 5th at Deer Brook Golf Course and Restaurant off Post Road for our regular monthly meeting.

Jeff Dreibus, also known as The Old Carb Doctor, has volunteered to do a program on carburetors at the March BREMC monthly meeting. Jeff owns a Bauer edition BMW among other collectables that he enjoys.. Visit his website to learn more about his credentials. <http://oldcarbdoctor.com/>

We will have an update on planning for our show, the Broad River European Classic Car Show.

E-MAIL YOUR DINNER RESERVATION

Please e-mail Skip Wise, president, that you will be attending so that he may let the restaurant know how many to prepare for the meal by TUESDAY NOON. Skip's e-mail address is jwise@carolina.rr.com

SATURDAY DRIVE CANCELLED FOR FEB 28

SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 4 FOR MORE DETAILS OF NEXT FUN DRIVE MARCH 21

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN CLASSIC CAR SHOW?

Have you registered for our Show? Use this link to register for the show.

<http://www.broadriveremc.com/BREMC-Landing.html>
You have the option of printing the form and sending it in or register on line using PayPal. It helps in the planning to have an idea of the number of members who will be participating.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 2015

February has been a tough month. The weather has caused a "driving drought". I only got out a couple of times in the *Triumph* and that just didn't seem to be quite enough. And our drive to Hickory and museum visit with *TRSCC* got postponed also. We will just have to make up for February with a few extra miles in March, April, May....

Over the last couple of months, I have learned more about some of our club members and their backgrounds or experiences that help explain their interest in European cars. You are an interesting bunch! Back in "the day" I was more of a muscle car fan. Our first new family car was a 1968 *Chevelle SS 396*. That car was best driven in a straight line but I wanted to make turns. I didn't get my license until that car had been "broken in" by three older brothers. That included many runs down the strip at *Farmington Dragway*. I remained innocent except for a "comparison run" with a high school buddy who had a *GTO* with the three deuces. (He ate my lunch.) I did try to put some pep back into that car replacing a worn out cam with the 350HP version. I can't believe my mother let me do that...

A couple of my brothers ventured away from the muscle ways. My oldest brother owned a rubber bumper *MGB* for a while. But when it began to spend more time in the shop than anywhere else, he finally moved on. Another brother first owned a *VW Beetle* and then an *Austin Healey*. I kinda' liked those cars wishing, today, that they were still in the family. I got interested in most anything with a convertible top and two seats – and affordable. That covered a lot of ground. Then I had roommates in college that had *TR6's*, a *Datsun 2000*, and a *Sunbeam Alpine*. I would have enjoyed those more than my *Datsun 510* station wagon. But it performed well in the snow. My frat brothers referred to it as "the lightweight reconnaissance vehicle" due to its good mobility, secret missions, and green color.

I would really like to see more stories about Club members' past that led to what we own today. I hear of a variety of racing backgrounds and general "romance" connected to these cars and motorcycles. Please consider doing some "freelance" writing for the newsletter and sharing some of your experiences.

Lastly, on a personal note, I will have had some outpatient surgery before our March meeting. I plan to be there but likely to be sore. No "gooching". And, more importantly, be thinking of and praying for *Jeff Cox* and others who have more challenging situations to deal with. It helps.

Drive 'em!

Skip Wise, President

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



BREMC OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

- President – Skip Wise ***
Vice President – Charles McCuen *
Secretary -- Renee Bumbaugh * & Joanne Cox *
Treasurer – Joanne Cox *-- Cindy Cabaniss Acting Treasurer
Immediate Past President, -- Wilbur Wright *
Car Show Director – All Members of BREMC
Historian – Cindy Carlisle
Special Events Coordinator – Bruce Harless
Program Chair – Alan Teague
Membership- Bill Plowden
Newsletter – Jack Weller
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Regalia & Accessories – Alan Teague
Technical Director – Iverson Smith
Website – Don Byrnes
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EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

WEATHER CO-OPERATING

COFFEE, CARS & CONVERSATION
BRUCE HARLESS INVITES YOU ON SATURDAY
MORNING TO STOP INTO
LILY BEAN COFFEE SHOP
ON THE COURT SQUARE – SHELBY, NC



MEET SOME GREAT PEOPLE
TALK CARS

GROUP MEETS FROM 8AM TO 10AM

CHARLOTTE CARS & COFFEE

First Saturday of the Month
Cars & Coffee Charlotte, NC

CARS & COFFEE OF THE UPSTATE

Third Saturday of the Month
Cars & Coffee Greenville, SC

2015 Meetings / Events Calendar

The 2015 Calendar is updated as Events are sent to be posted. If you know of events and have the date, please send them to Jack Weller

DATE	Meeting / Event
JANUARY	
8	BREMC Monthly Meeting
17	Table Rock Sports Car Club Fun Drive
31	BREMC Fun Drive Leave Court Square at 10am – Weather permitting
FEBRUARY	
5	BREMC Monthly Meeting
28	TRSCC Fun Drive Cancelled
MARCH	
5	BREMC Monthly Meeting
21	TRSCC Fun Drive http://tablerocksportsclub.com/
28	Carolina British Classics XI, Columbia Speedway, Cayce, SC www.jaguarcolumbia.com/community-involvement-carolina-british-class
APRIL	
2	BREMC Monthly Meeting
5	Clifford's Army Rescue
17-19	The Gathering Shelton Vineyards Dobson, NC
25	Broad River European Classic Shelby, NC
MAY	
7	BREMC Monthly Meeting
23	Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club (SBMOC) will host an all British car show at Furman University in conjunction with Greenville Scottish Games http://www.sbmoc.com/MainNewsletterFEB2015.htm
22 -- 24	The Vintage Gathering of Vintage BMW's Winston Salem, NC www.atthevintage.com
JUNE	
4	BREMC Monthly Meeting
16-19	Triumph Registry National Meet in Maryland See Doug Carlisle for details
JULY	
2	BREMC Monthly Meeting
4	INDEPENDENCE Day Parade -- LATTIMORE
AUGUST	
6	BREMC Monthly Meeting
7-9	Healy Club of the Carolinas Mountain Trip Contact Treasure Teague or Chuck Reeves for info.
SEPTEMBER	
3	BREMC Monthly Meeting
12	The Auto Lawn Party – Hickory Note Date Change www.theautolawn.com to register.
18 -21	Auto Fair – Charlotte, NC
27	Autumn in the Mountains BCCWC Hendersonville, NC
27	MG's on the Green Harrisburg, NC
OCTOBER	
1	BREMC Monthly Meeting
4	Shelby Senior Center Car Show
11	Brits on the Beach – Wilmington, NC
16	BREMC Sponsored Wine Tours part of Euro Auto Festival
17	Euro Auto Festival BMW Zentrum Greer, SC
NOVEMBER	
5	BREMC Monthly Meeting Hog Happin'
DECEMBER	
3	BREMC Christmas Party SHELBY CHRISTMAS PARADE

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

Highlighted events need confirmed 2015 date.

BREMC FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

BREMC General Meeting Minutes February 5, 2015

Meeting called to order by our **President, Skip Wise**. 25 members were in attendance.

Minutes as read in the newsletter, were approved.

Annette Porter spoke regarding the recent passing of our Member, **Don Miller**. She and Jack attended his funeral and said it was a very memorable event. He will be missed. Please remember his family in prayers.

Update given on **Jeff Cox** and his condition. He remains in Charlotte, hopefully to start his second round of chemo on Friday. Updates on his journey are found on the *CaringBridge* site. Please remember he and JoAnne in your thoughts and prayers.

Update on **Dennis Davis**, who is home and is very weak, but continues to improve. Prayers also needed.

Kent Bridges is improving. He is working again, 3 days a week and walking daily. He also remains in our thoughts and prayers.

Jack Weller not present tonight due to teaching a class. A round of applause for his great job on our newsletter.

Thanks to **Bruce Harless** for the recent "Spirited Event" with the Burke County group. Also, a great time was had this past weekend on our drive to York with lunch at the Garden Cafe. Nice drive on several different roads thanks to **John Roberts** and **Bob Cabaniss** with no speeding tickets. Ranger was there waiting in Kings Mountain Battleground. Thanks to **Bruce** for this fun event. Our theme on these drives — "**Driving Our Cars**" — sometimes mixing it up with food, sometimes with wine, too.

Mac McCuen — stated his theme is "**Don't Hesitate to Innovate**". Mentioned **Doug Carlisle** recently calling

out to several guys to get together and see a movie. **Jerry and Renee' Bumbaugh** reaching out to drive up

and share some wine. Let's be diverse, more spontaneous.

Skip introduced our new member, **Bryon Gragg**, who told about his 1971 Porsche Targa. Said he really needed the support of this group because he had been considering selling his car.

Skip discussed our upcoming Car Show. He praised the ease of going to our website, registering and paying via PayPal. Asked anybody who is a member of another car club, please talk our show up... send an email out with our flyer or a link to our website. Please help spread the word. **Mac**, at the Morganton Table Rock event gave out "Save the Date" flyers and has some with him if anybody needs some to share.

Lundy Wright sent around a signup sheet for Raffle Baskets for our Car Show. This is a very popular area of our show and a healthy amount of money is raised. Value of basket should be around \$30.00. Feel free to bring your baskets to the March or April meeting or you may bring them the morning of the show. Please attach a tag to basket that describes the contents. **Doug Carlisle** mentioned the Triumph Nationals coming up in June at Soloman's Island in Maryland. He and Cindy plan on attending and would love if more of us would join them.

Doug also shared that everybody needed to go on YouTube and catch the Chimney Rock Hill Climb.

Skip sent out via email a great YouTube of a French Rally. If you haven't watched it, you need to.

Finance Report given by **Cindy Cabaniss** and also an update on the number of cars that have pre-registered via our website and PayPal.

Skip announced our new **Membership Chairman - Bill Plowden**. A round of applause was given. Thanks **Bill** for volunteering for this position

Jim Morgan passed around a paper with a possible Valentine's gift for the ladies. Vermont Teddy Bears has come out with a "50 Shades of Grey" teddy bear. Any takers?

Bruce Harless updated us on upcoming opportunity with the Table Rock group — their driving event is usually the 3rd Saturday of the month. The 21st of February any drivers interested will be meeting on Shelby Court square at 10:00 to drive up to Paramount Classic Cars in Hickory. This will be followed by lunch somewhere and return back to Shelby. Bruce explain more info about the Table Rock Group - they had one meeting and decided there would be no dues, no meetings, drives only. Just go to their website and sign up. They drive to have 25 drives a week and is Morganton based.

Iverson Smith said there is a winery in Valdese we need to check out sometime.

Bill Plowden asked if anyone would be interested in forming a Yahoo Group for easier communication. He will explore this more and get back with us.

Skip announced that at our March meeting (**March 5**), the "Old Car Doctor", Jeff Dreibus, will be presenting the program. He will be discussing carburetors, ethanol, etc.

Bruce Harless presented a slide show at tonight's meeting of photos submitted by different members of different BREMC events. Thanks **Bruce!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Cabaniss, BREMC

2015 DUES ARE DUE – SEE CINDY CABANISS

A special THANK YOU to Cindy Cabaniss for volunteering to continue to serve as Treasurer will Joanne and Jeff are focused on his health issues.

She asked that we give the following options for paying your 2015 dues.

1. If you want to save the postage, bring a check for \$25 to our next meeting and give it to Cindy Cabaniss.
2. Or if you want to send it to Cindy Cabaniss at her home:

Cindy Cabaniss
371 Magness Rd.
Shelby, NC 28150

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting and looking forward to a great 2015!

**TABLE ROCK SPORTS CAR CLUB
FUN DRIVES – VISIT THEIR WEBSITE**

www.tablerocksportscarclub.com

By Bruce Harless



Over the past two months, I have come to appreciate the members of the **Table Rock Sports Car Club**. Visit their website to learn more about this group of sports car enthusiasts who enjoy driving their cars. The second or third

Saturday of each month a trip is planned by one of the members and the group meets to coordinate the route, discuss safety issues, confirm where they will meet to have meal, and then head out to enjoy the day. April 25th they will be visiting our show in Shelby.

FEBRUARY FUN DRIVE CANCELLED

We were hoping that Saturday, February 28th we would be able to join them for our second joint event. However, the uncertainty of the weather and more brine and road salt on the highways and byways than most of us feel comfortable having on our cars resulted in the decision to cancel this Saturday's trip by the leadership of **TRSCC**.

Don't give up on the idea of a fun Saturday morning drive. Check their website at www.tablerocksportscarclub.com

At the March meeting we can discuss arrangements for the March 21 Fun Drive scheduled for the TRSCC. If you are interested, send me an e-mail at bharless@carolina.rr.com.

Reminder that the Saturday morning gathering at Lily Bean offers an avenue to rub elbows with each other and throw your ideas in the ring for other activities. As we move into spring, we will start doing more Saturday drives as long as participation happens.

**SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER
UPCOMING SHOWS – MARCH, APRIL & MAY**

MARCH 28

Carolina British Classics XI, Columbia
Speedway, Cayce, SC

www.jaguarcolumbia.com/community-involvement-carolina-british-class

APRIL 18

Triumph Club of the Carolinas
The Gathering
Shelton Vineyards
Dobson, NC

www.triumphclub.org

APRIL 25

Broad River European Classic
Shelby, NC

<http://www.broadriveremc.com/BREMC-Landing.html>

MAY 23

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

<http://www.sbmoc.com/MainNewsletterFEB2015.htm>

MAY 22 – 24



The Vintage Gathering of Vintage BMW's
Winston Salem, NC

www.atthevintage.com

JUNE 16-19

Triumph Registry of America
National Meet
Solomon's Island, Maryland
See Doug Carlisle for details



<https://www.facebook.com/TRA2015>

The Broad River European Classic Car Show Planning Update

Planning Is in Process

By Skip Wise



The 5th annual Broad River European Classic Car Show planning is well underway. It will be different this year in that we are not designating a “Director” as the single point of contact. The

Classic is built by a group of dedicated club members and that is what it takes. As a default, I have volunteered as that contact if/as needed.

INITIAL PLANNING MEETING – ABLE TO HAVE 150 CARS AT COURT SQUARE

On Wednesday evening January 21, a planning meeting was hosted by **Mac McCuen** in his offices at Wells Fargo Advisors. Mac is in charge of parking and so far has **Bruce Harless** and **Jerry Bumbaugh** as volunteers to assist. More volunteers are welcome. We will have more room this year now that we are also permitted to use Washington Street from Marion to Warren (in front of the Arts Council). We are allowing for up to 150 cars.

REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE

Treasure Teague is preparing the 2015 Registration brochure, getting it out to last year’s entrants, and managing pre-registration. Our website now has the convenience of payment via PayPal. I am hoping that **BREMC** members will be the first entrants on the list! **Cindy Cabaniss** has worked to get the registration online and connected to our PayPal account.

TRY TO REGISTER ONLINE

Use this link to register for the show.
<http://www.broadriveremc.com/BREMC-Landing.html> You have the option of printing the form and sending it in or register on line using PayPal.

DAY OF REGISTRATION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Doug and Cindy Carlisle are in charge of Registration on the day of the Classic. A big and important job that I am sure could use more volunteers. (My apologies if I missed anyone who has already volunteered.)

RAFFLE BASKETS NEEDED FOR SHOW

Wilbur and Lundy Wright will, once again, be in charge of the baskets/raffles. I am sure that they will need volunteers to “build” some baskets for the raffle. The more we have, the more fun and funds raised.

BALLOT TABULATOR READY TO GO

Bob Cabaniss has volunteered to count ballots. That doesn’t mean **Cindy** won’t be in the middle of it, but he could use some help. More to come.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsors are being sought. **Renee Bumbaugh** will pursue folks that the **Bumbaugh’s** know as well as most all others in attendance Wednesday. Thank you!

We are in good shape with good people working on the Classic. More help is always appreciated. In fact, if anyone else can pursue a sponsor please let it be known.

SHARE SHOW INFORMATION WITH YOUR CLUB

Lastly, an idea emerged to have club members who are also members of other clubs, to communicate in those gatherings what is being planned for April 25th. The idea centered around having marques owners in our club be that link to the other clubs.

This already happens, for example, with our **Austin Healey** members who are also members of the **Austin Healey Club**. We always have a great turnout of Healeys at the **Broad River European Classic Car Show**. It works. We are looking for members who can do something similar, if not already, for our other European marques.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR SHOW

Point Person: Skip Wise
Registration: Alan and Treasure Teague
Day of Event Registration: Doug & Cindy Carlisle
Raffles: Wilbur & Lundy Wright
Parking: Mac McCuen