

The Rear View Mirror

News about BREMC Any ideas for the newsletter? Send an e-mail to Jack Weller with your suggestions.

June 4th
NEXT MEETING
Deer Brook Golf Course Shelby

June 2015

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

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MAY MEETING

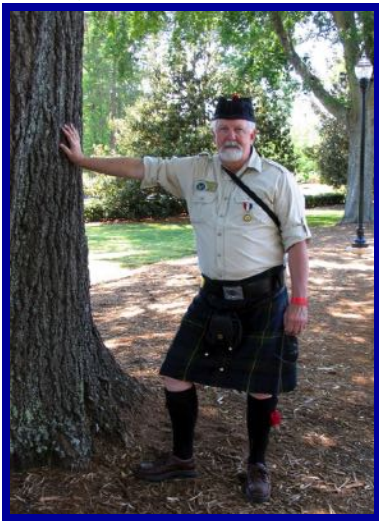
Join us Thursday, June 4th at Deer Brook Golf Course and Restaurant off Post Road for our regular monthly meeting. We will be discussing involvement in the Rock Barn European Classic Show June 26-27..

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 wise@carolina.rr.com

GREAT SCOT, MAC LEADING THE CLAN!



**Charles Mac McCune
at Great Scot Show at Furman University.**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All!

I just finished bathing the Triumph. (Bathing not washing.) Tomorrow will be a waxing day followed later by a mani- and a pedi- (i.e. scrub the tires and bristle brush the spokes). And maybe a flossing of the engine compartment.

The "golf ball magnet" needs to shine for **Great Scot!** at **Furman University** mall on Saturday. We share some members with **SBMOC** and enjoy the "network".

By newsletter time, **Great Scot!** will be another year older. The weather will have been great and the trip down and back lots of fun. Several of you responded to express

and act on interest in bunching up at **Strawberry Hill Restaurant** and traveling together to Greenville. That's how we roll sometimes. (Thanks **Tracy Davis** for the nudge.)

Car club events are more than a monthly dinner at Deer Brook.

We share a common interest with many, many people not only in our area but across the states.

We are partners with **Mercedes-Benz Club of America Carolinas** and several other clubs to support the inaugural **Rock Barn European Classic**. You will notice a link on our **BREMC** web site that will take you to a brochure about the event that we discussed last month. I am asking members of **BREMC** to support **Rock Barn European Classic** not only by registering your car(s) but also by volunteering to help. Please let me know of your interest.

See pages Four & Five for more details.

Take some time to check out the event. This regional June event would continue the momentum for European Car shows following our **BREMC** Classic in April.

As a famous person once said, "**Drive 'em. Enjoy 'em. Let the next generation restore 'em.**" (again)

Drive 'em!!

Skip Wise



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 – Jim Morgan

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

Publicity – **OPEN**

Regalia & Accessories – Alan Teague

Technical Director – Iverson Smith

Website – Don Byrnes

- Executive Committee Member

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

Fourth Saturday of the Month
Visit them on FaceBook at

<https://www.facebook.com/CarsCoffeeUpstate?fref=ts>

Cars & Coffee of the Upstate Greenville, SC

SECOND OR THIRD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH WEATHER CO-OPERATING

TABLE ROCK SPORTS CAR CLUB FUN DRIVE
BREMC MEMBERS MEET AT COURT SQUARE
AND TRAVEL AS A GROUP
TO MEET TRSCC FUN DRIVE

Check the website

www.tablerocksportscarclub.com

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://tablerocksportscarclub.com/ Carolina British Classics XI, Columbia Speedway, www.jaguarcolumbia.com/community-involvement-carolina-british-class
28	
APRIL	
2	BREMC Monthly Meeting
17	Clifford's Army Rescue
17-19	The Gathering Shelton Vineyards
25	Broad River European Classic
MAY	
7	BREMC Monthly Meeting
23	Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club (car show at Furman University in conjunction with Greenville Scottish Games The Vintage Gathering of Vintage BMW's www.atthevintage.com
22 -- 24	
JUNE	
4	BREMC Monthly Meeting
6	
16-19	Triumph Registry National Meet in Maryland See Doug Carlisle for details
26-27	Rock Barn European Classic
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
NOVEMBER	
5	BREMC Monthly Meeting
7	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 MAY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 7th, 2015

Minutes were not available at press time – will be shared at meeting on Thursday.

Renee Bumbaugh
Secretary, BREMC

2015 DUES ARE DUE – SEE JIM MORGAN

CARING BRIDGE POST FROM JEFF COX

Good News

By [Jeff Cox](#) — May 28, 2015 6:30pm

After quite a few trips to Charlotte over the last 2 weeks got preliminary results from yesterday's PET scan. Does not appear to be any areas indicating active lymphoma. Bone biopsy today and meeting with oncologist next week for more info. Although Jeff still has hip pain so that needs to be addressed. But your prayers have made a difference! So we fell thankful and relieved.



http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jeffcox2/journal/view/id/5567a52ca589b47361025886?utm_source=JEN&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=JEN+email&utm_content=visitsite

TABLE ROCK SPORTS CAR CLUB MAY FUN DRIVE WITH BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN MOTOR CLUB MEMBERS FROM MORGANTON TO FOREST CITY CORVETTES FOR VETS SHOW AT McNAIR FIELD



JUNE 13 FUN DRIVE
CHECK THEIR WEBSITE AT
WWW.TRSCC.COM





If ever you wanted to show your fabulous European car in a venue truly worthy of its heritage, this is it.
 The lush landscapes at Rock Barn Golf and Spa in Conover provide a gorgeous backdrop for the finest of vehicles, and Mercedes-Benz Club of America Tarheel is honored to be a sponsor with Rock Barn Golf and Spa for this inaugural Euro classic.

Saturday car show 10 a.m to 2 p.m.
People's Choice Awards in all categories

\$30 registration per vehicle



This is a charity event with proceeds supporting Alzheimer's research.

- Exhibits by:
- Mercedes-Benz of Winston-Salem**
 - Foreign Cars Italia of Greensboro**
 - Flow BMW of Winston-Salem**
 - Porsche of Hickory**
 - Airstream Interstate**
 - Shine Shop Automotive**
 - Heritage Motorwerks**
 - Master Tech Auto**
 - and more**

FREE admission for spectators
Pre-registration online:
motorsportreg.com/events/rock-barn-euro-classic-golf-spa-mbca-tarheel-759884
Questions? rockbarneuroclassic@gmail.com or 336-501-5389

PARTNERS

- Mercedes-Benz Club of America Carolinas
- Porsche Club of America Carolinas Region
- Mercedes-Benz Club of America Triangle
- Broad River European Motor Club
- Table Rock Sports Car Club

Pre-register your European classic (all year models welcome) on line at;
motorsportreg.com/events/rock-barn-euro-classic-golf-spa-mbca-tarheel-759884

We need volunteers to help on the day of the event with registration, set up, parking and all aspects of the event. If you can help drop me at ddeal203@gmail.com with your **t-shirt size** ASAP.
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Maximize your Rock Barn Euro Classic experience

Rock Barn Golf and Spa is making available to registered participants with **Rock Barn Euro Classic** several club amenities with advance reservations. Bring your clubs for a round of golf, or grab your tennis racket for a set or two at the tennis courts; perhaps take a dip in the Olympic sized pool. And, for a truly pampering experience, schedule an appointment at the Spa. Reservations required and based on availability. Fees apply for all activities.
Call Concierge Desk at 828.459.1125 for details.



Casual and fine dining choices are available in and near the club house

Sue's Grill

Rocker's Lounge

Champs Bistro (dinner)

CHECK THE MENUS at rockbarn.com/dining

Rock Barn Euro Classic Schedule

Friday, June 26

Registration open in the club house from 5 to 7 p.m.

Prime-rib buffet at Rocker's Lounge Courtyard with live music

Saturday, June 27

Registration open in the club house from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

Cars positioned between 8 and 10 a.m.

Cars show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Online registration:

motorsportreg.com/events/rock-barn-euro-classic-golf-spa-mbca-tarheel-759884

Questions? rockbarneuroclassic@gmail.com or 336-501-5389

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR PICNIC AT THE POND JUNE 6TH

2nd annual "Picnic at the Pond"

Saturday June 6th, 2015

Missy & Curt look forward to a relaxing afternoon with friends, food, fishing, and of course many beautiful European sports cars around the pond at our home in Bessemer City.

Bring your cars, your fishing rods, and your picnic lunch for a fun afternoon under the shade trees.

We'll start at 10:00 and go until.....



Address: 241 Chestnut Oaks Drive, Bessemer City, NC 28016. 704-922-8041(h), 704-472-8599(c)

Directions from Shelby: Hwy74 east, exit Hwy 161 toward Bess City. At Whiskey Mill go straight (not left). 1 block road ends, turn left onto 12th. Cross RR tracks, continue straight and out of town. Road name changes to Puetts Chapel. About 3.5 miles from BC is Chestnut Oaks subdivision on left. Once in subdivision bear right, all the way to the end, and thru the gate.

Directions from Gastonia: Hwy 321 north. 275/279 exit toward Cherryville. Stay straight on 279 toward Cherryville. About 4 miles is stop light at Puett United Methodist Church. Turn left onto Puetts Chapel Rd. About 2 miles is Chestnut Oaks subdivision on right. Once in subdivision bear right, all the way to the end, and thru the gate.

Curt & Missy Holland

curt@imc-ma.com

CECI EST UNE CITROËN

Editor's Note: The following article is in three parts. **Richard Griffin** owns a *Citroën* and was the winner in the specialty sedan class of the *Broad River European Classic*. We asked Richard to share his story. Here is the first installment. Thank you Richard, for a wonderful article that will share how you got started, the history of *Citroën* and the restoration of your award winning vehicle.

This is a Citroën by Richard Griffin

The first time I saw it, I stopped in my tracks so suddenly the lady walking behind me bumped into me.

"It" was a *Citroën SM*, and what a beauty it was. Larger than a sports car, it was long and low, with all clean lines. Its dual exhausts jutted out its rear corners at 45° angles, and its glassed-in front with its six headlights gave it a decidedly high tech look back at a time when "high tech" would have been considered an engineering term only. SMs were rare, even in Europe, so I didn't see them often, but after several sightings, I swore to myself I would someday own one.



However, I'm sure many of you can identify with what happened next. Wife, kids, work, mortgage, college, and all the other things involved in being a member of a

family took precedence over my ownership of an SM.

I was so involved with my family that my wife sometimes wondered out loud about what I would do with my time when we became empty nesters. I never answered her, as I was too busy living and loving the life of a husband and father. But eventually the kids did leave, and then my thoughts began to return to that *Citroën*.

Learning More About the History of Citroën

Realizing that I actually knew very little about the car, my research began. I learned that, as stylish as they were, *Citroëns* were about much more than that. This was a company that was all about building the best vehicles in the world, as defined by excelling in the task of transporting people quickly, safely, and comfortably. In the matter of the design and execution of their automobiles, they didn't do surveys or opinion polls to find out what the public was asking for -- they handed the "keys" over to their engineers, so to speak, and gave them a degree of freedom in automotive design and engineering like no other company, before or since.

Here is a partial listing of *Citroën* firsts and advancements:

- First all steel body in Europe in 1924.
- First mass produced, commercially successful application of front wheel drive in 1934.
- Unit body construction, independent torsion bar suspension and aerodynamic coachwork in 1934.
- Rack and pinion steering in 1935.
- Self leveling, variable rate hydro-pneumatic suspension in 1955. Each wheel rode on a bubble of nitrogen and the car had three ride heights.
- First plastic dashboard and radiator fan in 1955.
- Front crumple zone and collapsible steering wheel in 1955.
- First mass-produced application of disc brakes in 1955.
- Self leveling headlights that turned with the steering in 1967.
- First application of variable assist, speed sensitive power steering in 1970.
- Rain sensing wipers and composite wheels, 1970.
- Even the smallest matters were carefully considered: in 1955 Citroën was the first automaker to provide an ignition key that could be inserted into its switch either side up.
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In my opinion, during the period from 1934, when the Traction Avant was launched, through 1989, the last year of the CX, *Citroën* made the greatest cars in the world. If anyone would care to discuss that with me over a cup of coffee, please consider this an invitation to do so.

But regardless of Citroën's ranking in automotive hierarchy, I think you can see my personal die was cast: if I was going to buy a classic car, it was surely going to be a Citroën! But now the larger question loomed: Should I buy a classic Citroën at all? And, the secondary one: was an SM still the best Citroën for me?



Next Month Learn about Richard's Restoration and the history of *Citroën Motors*.

FOR SALE 1953 MG-TD

Curt Holland is helping a friend to sell this 1953 **MG TD**.

If you are interested in learning more about the car, **Curt** has looked it over and would be willing to answer any questions. Give him a call at 704-472-8599

The lady selling the car is **Edlin Ray in Charlotte. 704-399-1740**
You may contact her direct or call Curt to discuss the car before calling the owner.

Photos of partially restored 1953 MG TD.

Front View



*Side View
Rear View*



TRIUMPH TR6 FOR SALE

Barry Harms shared the following e-mail:

Gents, I am in possession of a **1973 Triumph TR6**, that has been in storage since 1991. I have cleaned it up somewhat. Does not run, no brakes. \$2500 as is.

Solid rust free car. Please pass this on at the meeting, Betty & I have Italian lessons for next 9 weeks!

Call me about this. Thanks

