

The Rear View Mirror

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July 2nd
NEXT MEETING
Deer Brook Golf Course Shelby

July 2015

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

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JULY MEETING

Join us **Thursday, July 2nd at Deer Brook Golf Course and Restaurant** off Post Road for our regular monthly meeting. We will be discussing our 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 jwise@carolina.rr.com

LATTIMORE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

An International Event



Make Plans to Be a Part of Americana

Look for Dennis Davis' BMW or Corvair on Jones Road between 8:15 and the Parade starts at 9:00am Daren and Brook Aldridge will be performing at the Community Independence Day Celebration.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BREMC,

It is HOT, HOT, HOT. I hope everyone's favorite ride is as cool as it looks. Even top down is less inviting than having a "hood" over your head. That is the way of our hobby.



Thanks to **Curt and Missy Holland** for their gracious sharing of the "**Picnic on the Pond**". It was a super venue for a picnic together enjoying their estate featuring the pond (of course) and some fabulous hit and miss engines that seem to be able to run forever. A sincerely enjoyable Saturday.

Many opportunities arise this time of year to either show and/or drive our cars to fun events. By next meeting, the inaugural **Rock Barn Euro Classic** will have taken place. Some very nice people have put in a lot of work to pull it together on the 18th fairway at Rock Barn. I hope many of you took the opportunity to support Alzheimer's research with your participation in the show.

BREMC is a partner and support the effort.

Looking ahead, the summer awaits us. Be sure to communicate any opportunities to bunch up and get social with our toys. All ideas are welcome.

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/ |
| 28 | Carolina British Classics XI, Columbia Speedway, www.jaguarcolumbia.com/community-involvement-carolina-british-class |
| 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 JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 4th, 2015

39 Present for meeting.

Jim Morgan led our meeting tonight in the absence of our President and Vice President.

Jim gave a very special welcome to **Jeff Cox** and his wife, **Joanne**. **Jeff** said he was so glad to be able to get out, socialize and see all his friends. Large round of applause!!!

Treasurer report given by acting Treasurer, **Cindy Cabaniss**.

Motion made and second given to accept the April Meeting notes as published in prior newsletter. Still no May meeting notes.

Upcoming Events!

Picnic at the Pond June 6th

Curt and Missy Holland have graciously invited our club to their place for a picnic. **Curt** outlined the event would begin at 10:00am and everyone is welcome to stay as late as they want. Bring your own lunch, which would be around noon. Bring your fishing rods, beverage of choice and a lawn chair.

Several members expressed what a beautiful venue this was and for all to try to attend if possible.!

Rock Barn Euro Classic June 26-27

Bruce Harless explained this is our club in partnering with **Table Rock Sports Car Club** and several other groups. Volunteers are needed from our club to help with this event. More information will be emailed to club members and there is also more info in our newsletter.

Jeff Dreibus said he and his wife, **Dawn** will be there volunteering. **Bruce** said he has 8 x 10 decals for the dash of your car to show our Club. This is their 1st show and please help make it a successful one.

Table Rock Sports Car Club Fun Drive

Bruce Harless also said the scheduled drive on June 13th with **Table Rock Sports Car Club** will not be happening due to a "Fun Rally" that is scheduled on June 20th. **Bruce** explained this is about an 8 hour commitment. Anybody from Shelby going would have

to leave here by 8:00 to arrive in Marion by 9:00. Probably would not arrive back in Shelby until 4 or 5:00pm. If anyone is interested, please let **Bruce** know.

Jim gave a special Thank You to **Bruce** for his continued efforts every Saturday at **Lily Bean Coffee**. Great time to meet and chat about cars.

Jim also said an extra Thanks to **Jack Weller** for always publishing a great newsletter.

After some discussion, it was decided our July meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 2, 2015**.

Meeting adjourned by **Jim Morgan!**

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Cabaniss, Acting secretary



**TABLE ROCK SPORTS CAR CLUB
JULY FUN DRIVE
WITH BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN MOTOR
CLUB MEMBERS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT
WWW.TRSCC.COM**

2nd ANNUAL PICNIC AT THE POND

Saturday, June 6th was a great day to drive to Bessemer City and enjoy the Holland's Hospitality. Thanks Missy & Curt for allowing us to share your home, your beautifully landscaped yard, and the pond.

Several folks supplied pictures and suggested captions for each. However, after much deliberation and discussion by the Editorial Board of The Rearview Mirror, it has been decided to allow all members to suggest their own captions.

For the five pictures below, you may write a caption for the photograph. Print the page and bring to the meeting and we will have a few of the officers decide who wins the prizes for several categories – Most creative, Best Use of a Pun, Most Unusual Use of Vehicular Vocabulary. See you Thursday night to hear your captions.



Caption: _____



Caption _____



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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*. Here is the story of how *Citroën* got into business.

History of Citroën by Richard Griffin



Realizing that I actually knew very little about the car, my research began and 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 hydropneumatic 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.

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.

The Men Behind the Marque

Andre Citroën was an industrialist, not an automotive engineer. He didn't even like to drive. There exists only one picture of him behind the wheel of a car - every other picture shows his wife in the driver's seat. He manufactured artillery shells for the French Army but realized that once World War I was over he would have a magnificent factory with no products to make. His solution was to make cars, and in 1919 he formed the company that bears his name. By 1927, by building mostly simple, inexpensive and reliable cars, Citroën became the 4th largest car manufacturer in the world, and the largest car maker outside the US. But **Andre Citroën** wanted more, and thought the way to achieve it was to avoid the costs of changing models by building a car so advanced that it could be made for 20 years - or longer! - with minimal or no changes. The revolutionary 1934 **Traction Avant** was the fruit of those efforts, but the high costs of developing that car, and the factory to build it in, led to Citroën's bankruptcy and takeover by its largest creditor, Michelin Tires. Forced out of his company, **Andre Citroën** died a broken man less than six months later.



Two men are responsible for the engineering and design of Citroën's three greatest and most iconic cars: the **Traction Avant**, the **2CV**, and the **DS**.



After **Andre Citroën**, **André Lefèvre** may be the most important man in the company's history. Tall, dark, and elegant, he was a former grand prix driver who won the 1927 Rallye Monte Carlo. He trained as an aircraft designer and worked under aeronautical pioneer Gabriel Voisin, and later designed racing cars for Voisin when the company switched from aircraft to automobiles.

Lefèvre was Citroën's de facto, yet titleless, chief engineer from 1933 to 1958. He was given carte blanche by both André Citroën and the Michelin family, and he was regarded as the final authority on all technical matters. He worshipped novelty and functionality, took delight in flouting convention, and reportedly drank nothing but water and champagne.

The designer responsible for these remarkable vehicles, **Flaminio Bertoni**, was a tailor's son, a former coachbuilder's apprentice, a painter, an award-winning sculptor, an architect, and a witty, characteristically Italian workaholic. It has been suggested that his creative diversity led to the uniqueness of his automotive designs. He was hired by Citroën as a designer in 1925 but quit shortly thereafter, only to return in 1932. Bertoni worked in anonymity, blanketed by company-wide research and development secrecy and a ban on embellishing the achievements of individuals. When he died of a cerebral hemorrhage in 1964, at the age of sixty-one, he had spent thirty-two years of his life at Citroën, and was largely unknown in the automotive design community.

Next Month: The Final Act – Owning and Restoring a Citroën