

The Rear View Mirror

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August 6th
NEXT MEETING
Deer Brook Golf Course
Shelby

August 2015

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

Volume VII Number 08

AUGUST MEETING

Join us Thursday, August 6th at Deer Brook Golf Course and Restaurant off Post Road for our regular monthly meeting. We will be discussing the upcoming Auto Lawn Show in Hickory and the Euro Auto Festival in Greer, SC. There are a number of shows coming up in the area in September through November.

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

Davis Leads Parade of European Cars

Dennis Davis' Porsche Sportser was the lead car representing the BREMC unit at the Lattimore



Independence Day Parade. Following the parade, folks heard Daren and Brook Aldridge will perform at the Community Center as part of the Lattimore Independence Day Celebration.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BREMC,

Slowly, I am removing all the "stuff" around my TR 250 broken steering column mount in order to repair it. The dash is out and all the gauges with it. Fortunately, the very detailed wiring labels I attached 20 years ago during restoration are still intact. So, that made things a bit easier.

Next will be the actual column, some heat and defrost ducting, and that should make the broken mount available. If only I knew how to weld better... It may not be pretty when I am done, but it will be strong. My goal is to have it back together before or no later than Euro in October.

Hopefully, everyone is enjoying their hobby (more than I am right now) and have some plans to participate in Euro again this year. On that topic, for several years BREMC has been in charge of the wine tours on the Friday before show day.

Again this year we plan to do that. Bob and Cindy Cabaniss have organized the event the past several years and are on break this year. It would be very much appreciated if someone will step up and volunteer to lead that. Or, several members can team up to pull it together. Let me know!

Drive 'em!
Skip Wise



TABLE ROCK SPORTS CAR CLUB

AUGUST FUN DRIVE
BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN MOTOR CLUB
MEMBERS
ENCOURAGED TO VISIT TRSCC WEBSITE
WWW.TRSCC.COM

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 jsweller@aol.com

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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

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 JULY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Thursday, July 2, 2015

29 Present for meeting.

Skip Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting tonight.

Skip gave a special welcome to **Jeff Cox** and his wife, **Joanne**. We are glad to see **Jeff** able to get out and socialize and see all his friends. Large round of Applause.

There was no Treasurer report given.

Motion made and second given to accept the July Meeting notes as published in the newsletter.

Past Events:

Picnic at the Pond June 6th

A special Thank You to **Curt and Missy Holland** for hosting our club to their place for a picnic. It was a fun event being able to enjoy the pond, fish (or attempt to fish), or just relax and get to visit with other Club members. Folks are already talking about what is the date for next year?

Skip reported on the **Rock Barn Euro Classic** held June 27. He congratulated **Iverson Smith** for winning best in his class with his **230 Mercedes Benz**. We partnered with the **Table Rock Sports Car Club**, **Porsche Club of America** and **Mercedes Benz Club of America – Carolina** region to make the show possible. **Bruce Harless**, **Jon Wise**, and **Jeff and Dawn Dreibus** volunteered to help with the event. This is their 1st show and please help make it a successful one. The venue was two of the fairways at the **Rock Barn Golf Course and Spa**. Folks were encouraged to considering visiting their restaurant or spa. Check the website at

Dennis Davis and **Jack Weller** represented the Club in the **Lattimore Independence Day Parade**. **Dennis** is doing great after his heart surgery earlier this year.

Upcoming Events:

AutoLawn Show, September 12, Hickory Museum

Euro Auto Festival October 17, Greer Embassy Suites Hotel – see letter from Euro Chairman on page 8 The Club is coordinating the **Upstate Wine Tours** again this year and we need a volunteer to

coordinate the event and get Club members to help with the wineries and at the start of the event. The tours are Friday, October 16 beginning at 8:30 and 9 AM starting at the Embassy Suites, Greenville. **Bob and Cindy Cabaninss** will help anyone who will take the lead for this event.

A special Thank You to **Bruce Harless** for his continued efforts every Saturday at **Lily Bean Coffee**. Great time to meet and chat about cars. We do not know what the August Fun Drive will be for the TRSCC at this time.

Cindy and Doug Carlisle shared about their trip to the National Triumph Registry Show in Maryland along with **Mary and John Long**. **Doug's TR3** was recognized with a 2nd Place Award at the national meet.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Cox, Secretary

A NOTE FROM JEFF COX

Hey, Jack.

I have made progress over this month. I'm walking some with a cane and drove our "family car" on several short runs. Looking forward to longer trips next month, maybe in a sports car to make it more fun.



Note to Jeff -- Would you like a trip in a TR 3?

Jeff Replied That might set my progress backward. Ha! Only kidding! But, in my teens, I came close to dying in a TR3, more than once! Jeff

Photo from the Keeter Ford Car Show 2014 –Jeff's Award Winning Miata

2nd ANNUAL PICNIC AT THE POND PICTURES WITH INTERESTING CAPTIONS

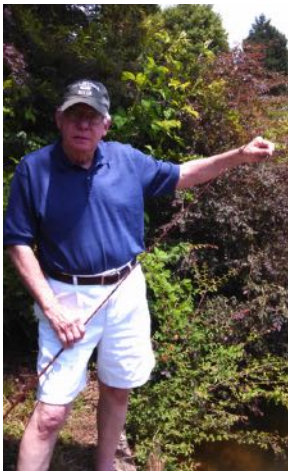
Last month, folks were asked to write captions for the pictures. Here are a few of the captions. Some of the more creative folks put an automotive twist to their efforts. Thanks to Curt Holland, Doug Carlisle, and Jerry Bumbaugh for their efforts in our captions.



Caption: An MGA with three bonnets



Caption "I've decided to throw my hat in the ring to run for President. What do you think?"



Caption: Doug showing his award winning catch of the day.



Caption: Mac sharing the advantages of Scottish flask over the boom box. It was a spirited debate.



Caption: Pausing to reflect on the many activities during the day.

WAKING SLEEPING BEAUTY PART 15

Should I Change the Brake Fluid in My Car?

Should I change the brake fluid in my car? The answer is yes, no, maybe, I don't know. It all depends on who you ask. Some manufacturers recommend you change it soon and often. Mercedes and BMW and maybe others perform the service as part of your regularly scheduled maintenance. Others do not even mention it as a recommended procedure. One source recommended changing brake fluid when your brakes require a major service like brake pads. This would be every 3 or 4 years, maybe even 5 years but definitely not much longer than that.



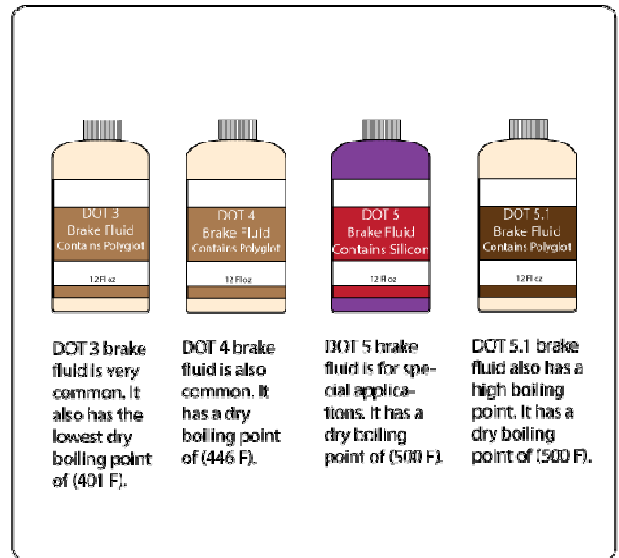
If you have ever performed a brake job you know how nasty the brake system becomes over time. It is your choice as to which recommendation you follow.

Brake fluid over time will absorb water, and you know what water does to metal. Eventually the brake cylinders and calipers will corrode and seize up, especially in cars that are used infrequently. You will notice a problem when your stopping distance is increased or when one wheel locks up and the others do not. Neither is a good situation.

Dealerships and fluid change shops will be happy to perform the fluid change for you. If you prefer to do it yourself, it is not a difficult task. Just top off the brake fluid reservoir, and then have someone pump the brake pedal while you drain the excess fluid into a container. Remember, don't let the brake reservoir run dry while you are draining out the old brake fluid.

As for what brake fluid to use, use whatever your automobile manufacturer recommends. DOT 3 was the old standby for most of our older cars. Some newer cars require DOT 3/DOT 4. DOT 5 is a synthetic and has a higher boiling point, good for say

race cars that see heavy brake usage. Another good thing about DOT 5 is the fact that it does not strip off the paint if it is spilled on your cars paint. DOT 3 is a great paint remover.



Some people do not recommend DOT 5 for our cars, as it is not compatible with the seals in the brake system. Billy of White Post Restorations told me not to use it in my 230 SL as it would cause the seals to fail. This observation is coming from the man who beat my brake booster all to heck, and used the wrong kit to install the fluid reservoir on the master cylinder. Anyway, in spite of his sage advice, I started using DOT 5 in 2003. I am still waiting for the brake failure he promised. Really, I think the seals used today are much more compatible with the DOT 5 fluid, so this warning is not as relevant as it once was. That said, brake fluid changes are a good thing, no matter which grade of brake fluid you use. It is a matter of pay me now or pay me later, with the price going up as time passes.

Iverson Smith

Technical Advisor

CECI EST UNE CITROËN

Editor's Note: The following article is the final installment in a three part series written by Club member **Richard Griffin**. Here is the story of how his *Citroën* was restored.

Owning & Restoring a *Citroën* by Richard Griffin

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?



Now, I must make a confession: I don't really like to work on automobiles. Do you really think that laying on your back under a car, working overhead, skinning knuckles, while chunks of dirt and dried grease fall onto your face and into your mouth, is fun? Really? Sorry, I just won't buy it.

And did I have the ability to keep a Citroën in the kind of excellent shape that such a superb car deserves? I did believe I had some skills in the matter: as a young man, economic necessity meant I often repaired my own cars. But did the ability to rebuild a caliper on a Buick Wildcat qualify me to rebuild, say, a hydraulic height corrector?

So, my reality: if I bought a Citroën, it would only be because the reward of owning one was greater than the dread I faced about my desire and ability to maintain and repair one. And since I would fully expect any red-blooded Carolina auto technician to not just walk, but run away if one of these French beauties darkened his doorway, I believed that, in NC anyway, I would be on my own.

To answer my questions, I once again turned to the web, and found that Yahoo hosted several email listservs for different Citroën automobiles, and that there was an Australian forum for French cars. I quickly joined them all. Most of the time, I just lurked, trying to take in all the unfamiliar terms and details of this new-to-me technology. Over the course of a year, certain things began to sink in:

- The people on these listservs and forum are diverse, from all over the world, but they all believed that owning and driving old Citroëns was the greatest thing since bacon cheeseburgers.
- Getting and keeping old Citroëns on the road was paramount. The resourcefulness of these people, across the globe, in accomplishing that goal were incredible.

- If the owner of the car was willing to turn a wrench (or spanner, if you wish), the other Citroën owners would not let him fail in the goal of keeping his car on the road.

I slowly grew to believe that with the email help of the other Citroën owners that I, too, could own and drive one of these remarkable vehicles - especially if I followed the old adage that applies to all classic cars - buy the best car you can afford. But, which one should I buy?

For years, I had yearned for an SM, and why not? The SM was Citroën's no compromise vehicle - offering all the speed, safety, comfort and technology not available in any other car in the early 70s. When they couldn't build the technology, they bought it - the SM's Maserati engine offered a level of refinement and power that Citroën-built engines could not match.

But that refined engine had some issues of its own, issues that were not well understood until several years after the car was introduced. Today, the modifications and a maintenance schedule that can make that engine reliable are well understood, but the engine issue, along with all the other complexities that make a Citroën a Citroën, were enough to scare me off. I looked for a simpler alternative.

I found it in my 1968 ID19, the more basic version of the DS. Yes, its 1985cc engine with its 84 screaming horses means that it cannot keep up with its SM brother, but it does keep up with traffic well and can get you a speeding ticket in all 50 states. Most importantly, it is beautiful example of the car considered to be Citroën's highest achievement, and every time I drive it, it gives me the thrill that, for me, only my Citroën provides. Every morning when I walk by it to go to work, it puts a smile on my face and makes it easier to face the workday.

I did not purchase the car off Ebay, but instead from a person well known in the Citroën community, someone who I became familiar with from my participation on the listserv. We're still good friends to this day. I flew to Wisconsin to inspect it and then purchase it, and then drove it home to Charlotte. No passengers, no radio...just me and the machine. It was the ride of my life.

So - knowing what I know now, if I were to do it again, would I have bought that SM rather than my ID? Perhaps...I do have much more confidence in myself about diagnosing and fixing the problems that have occurred, and after several years of doing it myself, I have found someone who knows Citroëns and helps me when I need a hand. On the other hand, owning my ID has been a remarkable experience - indeed, it puts so many smiles on the faces of onlookers every time I drive it that it feels like a public service when I do. It would be more than tough to imagine not having my ID around.

I still harbor a very small, indeed a shrinking, fear that, while on my watch, something on my Citroën will break, or there will be an accident, and I won't be able to fix it. The car will then sit unused, rotting away, and the world will have lost another example of something very special, something that will never be made again. But that would be a failure on my part, not the car's. The bottom line: owning my ID has been an absolute, unbridled joy. I get a chill every time I insert the ignition key (either way!), start it up, feel the car rise, and then drive.

Richard Griffin
Proud Citroën Owner

20TH ANNIVERSARY EURO AUTO FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND UPDATE



The vacation season is coming to a close and its time to think about what you are doing this fall. The folks at EURO have been very busy planning

the best event yet with many changes to celebrate our 20th anniversary.

Registration has been open for just over a month with terrific response from last year's feature – Porsche and this year's feature BMW! With over 350 cars registered already, please check your calendar, your garage, and your checkbook (or credit card) to [register](#) before the end of July. We are looking especially for a diverse field of cars which will delight the spectators and expand their automotive knowledge.

For those of you that are already registered and accepted, the Embassy Suites host hotel is completely booked but there are a few hotels near the event that are available. We have contracted with **Homewood Suites by Hilton located at 102 Carolina Point Pkwy, Greenville, SC 29607**. This hotel is located less than a mile from the Embassy Suites, Show field, and Friday and Saturday event sites. The road to get there is quiet and private and will provide a safe and comfortable accommodations. Ask for the EURO group rate and you will also receive free breakfast.

The **apparel** link is now ready for your orders (<http://www.euroautofestival.com/merchandise/>), please take advantage of the great selections we have made including the limited edition 20th Anniversary logo wear and the new French flag included EURO logo – update your car clothing today. Special orders need to be in by September 1st for pick up at the show.

Upcountry Driving & Wine Tour—you won't want to miss this leisurely drive in your classic car over the rolling scenic terrain of upstate South Carolina. Leaving from Embassy Suites Greenville, you will travel the less traveled route past beautiful estates, horse farms, and fall colored foothill mountain views to a local winery where a restful tasting and lunch will be served. There are only a few spots remaining.

Everyone that attended last year's **Friday gala** will be happy to know that EURO has made special arrangements to celebrate BMW at the Terrace of Embassy Suites with lawn displays of special BMW cars, music, food, and drinks. This is a great opportunity to meet everyone and unwind before the big show.

Saturday night's gala and awards program will be the signature event of EURO 2015. Celebrating our 20th Anniversary and honoring the beautiful cars of France; you don't want to miss this magical evening under the stars at the Clemson International Center for Automotive Research located on the backside of our new show field.

French music will fill the air as we recognize our corporate and show car winners. Jeff Lane from the Lane Motor Museum will officiate. Make sure to make reservations as we only have a few tickets left and you may be one of the lucky award recipients.

New this year, we are working with the BMWCCA Foundation, Street Survivor program and Michelin to develop a teen driver education program for Sunday's activity. Stay tuned to the web site for more information on how to register and location details.



Summarizing,

- 1) Register now if you have not already done so;
- 2) Order your EURO apparel to take advantage of special apparel deals;
- 3) Upcountry Driving Tour only has a few spots left
- 4) Friday's event honors BMW and is selling out fast;
- 5) Saturday night's Anniversary gala and awards event is not to be missed and is selling out fast;
- 6) The Street Survivor program is in development for Sunday please email us if you are interested.

If you are already registered but would like to add something to your registration (Wine Tour, Friday or Saturday night gala's), please contact Vickie (vickie@euroautofestival.com) and she can add that to your registration while openings are still available.

Happy motoring,

George Melanis
Chairman, EURO 2015