

The Rear View Mirror

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

February 4th
NEXT MEETING
Deer Brook Golf Course
Shelby

February 2016

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Join us Thursday, February 4th at Deer Brook Golf Course and Restaurant off Post Road for our regular monthly meeting. We will begin planning for the Broad River European Classic show and discuss other opportunities to enjoy our cars in the months ahead.

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

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS A JAGUAR



SANTA HAS A NEW SLEIGH!

AFTER 37 YEARS OF ON AND OFF RESTORATION, THE NEW SLEIGH IS READY FOR DELIVERY. AND WHAT A RIDE SANTA WILL HAVE, SINCE NIKKI, THE GREAT DANE, WILL JOYFULLY GUIDE HIM ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

BARRY & BETTY HARMS

THE SLEIGH IS A 1959 JAGUAR XK 150s
NIKKI IS A RESCUED 16 MONTH OLD HERLE GREAT DANE



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BREMC,

What do collard greens, Panthers, snow, and European cars have in common? Please let me know. (There is an answer.)

Meanwhile.....This year has started rather crazily. I warmed up the TR250 to go to Brits and Brews on a bee-yoo-ti-ful Saturday after a week of rain only to push down on the clutch pedal and.....nothing. My slave cylinder had finally given up, even after the clutch-busy Shelby Christmas parade. Oh well, at least it was a nice afternoon for rebuilding the clutch hydraulics. Now I have a full pedal. Ahhhh.

The little bit of snowfall we had also reminded/confirmed that rear wheel drive cars "ain't no good". But... who needs to be out on a snow covered road in a European car anyway. We should sit back in front of the fire and enjoy the latest edition of "Sports and Exotic Cars". (Or Hemmings, or something else just as educational.)

Some changes are taking place. Our newly elected Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Morgan, has taken the Oath of Office and will endeavor to keep us all "Just". (pun) Many thanks to Cindy Cabaniss who has endured more than what she signed up for a couple years ago. And thanks to Renee Bumbaugh and Joanne Cox for dealing with unplanned challenges in 2015. Also, Curt Holland has taken on the role of Programs and Events as a challenge to put some opportunities in front of us this year. Thanks to Bruce Harless for a great 2015.

Opportunities abound in BREMC. I am counting on others to jump in and tame the Dragon. (another pun). Charles McCuen is deep into planning the Classic for 2016. Jump in.

Almost lastly, on a recent episode of Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives (you know, the "Guy" with the 1969 SS Camaro) the featured diner had an "old recipe" that differentiated it from the newer, more trendy establishments. Well.... he has the right idea, just the wrong car!! A Jag would be better!

As a friend of mine once said, "To end up right, you got to start out right". We are starting 2016 on a good note! Let's have some fun!

As always...
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 wseller@aol.com

BREMC OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

President – Skip Wise *
 Vice President – Charles McCuen *
 Secretary / Treasurer – Jim Morgan *
 Immediate Past President, -- Wilbur Wright *
 Car Show Director – Charles Mac McCuen
 Historian – Cindy Carlisle
 Special Events Coordinator – Bruce Harless
 Program Chair – Alan Teague
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 Publicity –
 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

BRITS & BREW CHARLOTTE Second Saturday of the Month
 Old Mecklenburg Brewery

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=brits%20and%20brews>

TABLE ROCK SPORTS

CAR CLUB

Plan Fun Drives Once a Month – Check their website

Please Keep David Deal in your thoughts and prayers. Send him a note of encouragement or just let him know you are thinking of him at ddeal203@gmail.com

WWW.TABLEROCKSPORTSCARCLUB.COM

2016 Meetings / Events Calendar

The 2016 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. Events that occur each month (Cars & Coffee or Brews & Brits are not listed. Check article in left column of newsletter)

DATE	Meeting / Event
JANUARY	2016
7	BREMC Monthly Meeting
FEBRUARY	
4	BREMC Monthly Meeting
MARCH	
4	BREMC Monthly Meeting
APRIL	
2	Carolina British Classics XI, Columbia Speedway, http://www.bccmc.com/Home_Page.php
7	BREMC Monthly Meeting
17	Clifford's Army Rescue
15-17	The Gathering Shelton Vineyards http://www.triumphclub.org/Gathering/index.html
30	Broad River European Classic
MAY	
5	BREMC Monthly Meeting
23	Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club (car show at Furman University in conjunction with Greenville Scottish Games)
20-22	The Vintage Gathering of Vintage BMW's www.atthevintage.com
JUNE	
2	BREMC Monthly Meeting
16-19	Triumph Registry National Meet in Maryland See Doug Carlisle for details
26-27	Rock Barn European Classic
JULY	
4	INDEPENDENCE Day Parade -- LATTIMORE
7	BREMC Monthly Meeting
AUGUST	
4	BREMC Monthly Meeting
7-9	Healy Club of the Carolinas Mountain Trip Contact Treasure Teague or Chuck Reeves for info.
SEPTEMBER	
1	BREMC Monthly Meeting
10	The Auto Lawn Party – Hickory Note Date Change www.theautolawn.com to register.
24-27	Auto Fair – Charlotte, NC http://www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets/autofair_fall/
26	Autumn in the Mountains BCCWC Hendersonville, NC http://www.autumninthemountains.org/
26	MG's on the Green Harrisburg, NC http://www.metrolinamgcarclub.com/mgs-on-the-green.html
OCTOBER	
6	BREMC Monthly Meeting
9	DAVID WILSON ROLLIN' & ROCKN' PASS THE GIFT http://rollinandrockinpassthegift.com/
14	BREMC Sponsored Wine Tours part of Euro Auto Festival
15	Euro Auto Festival
31	Shelby Senior Center Car Show
NOVEMBER	
3	BREMC Monthly Meeting
7	Hog Happin'
DECEMBER	
1	BREMC Christmas Party
13	SHELBY CHRISTMAS PARADE

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

BREMC MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Thursday, January 7, 2016

Number Present: 26

Welcome & Prayer: Mac McCuen, vice president

There were 26 members attending.

The meeting was called to Order by Skip Wise, President.

Old Business:

The slate of officers for the 2016 year of BREMC were presented to the membership as follows:

President: John "Skip" Wise
Vice President: Charles "Mac" McCuen
Secretary / Treasurer: Jim Morgan

New Business

Skip extended a special Thank You to **Cindy Cabaniss** for helping transition with the Secretary/Treasurer position. There is still a need for a publicity Chairman. If anyone is interested, please contact Skip.

The new magnetic BREMC Club signs that we got for the Christmas Parades this year were great! Thank you **Iverson Smith** for taking on this project for us.

The BREMC membership dues are due for the 2016 year. Members may pay their dues with a check or cash or they may be paid online using our PayPal account. Dues are in the amount of \$25 per household. This is one vote per household.

John and Mary Long, who along with Doug and Cindy Carlisle, attended the Triumph Register of America national meet this year at Solomon's Island, Maryland. John gave us a play by play about his chicken hat and how to obtain one. Thank you John. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting adjourned.

Next month's meeting: Thursday, February 4th at Deer Brook Golf Course and Restaurant.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Carlisle delegated responsibility as Secretary*

FUN ON A SNOWY WINTER DAY

Congratulations to Broad River European Motor Car Club member **Curt Holland** for taking his LGB out for a short spin in the snow during the winter storm in January.



CLEANING STEEL & CAST IRON PARTS

By Iverson Smith, Technical Director

A big part of restoring an automobile is cleaning the parts without investing too much effort or getting involved with too many toxic chemicals. A time honored way is to use gasoline, various brushes and scrapers. This is messy, smelly, time consuming and not always effective. A lot of the other chemicals that you can buy at the parts house fall under the label of smelly and messy and I am not sure of their safety. Engine builders and others used to use a solution of caustic soda and water in a big tank. Add a little heat and the process worked great. At least it did, until the EPA stepped in and made it impractical.



Another way to clean parts is to use water, soda (a caustic) and a 12 volt power source. This process works very well with iron and steel parts but not so good with aluminum, a lesson I learned the hard way. I had an aluminum paint cup that had some paint drippings on the side. I thought I will just drop it into the caustic bath

and in the morning the paint will be gone and I will have a clean cup. Well when I checked the next morning, the paint had disappeared, but the paint can had also. That was my chemistry lesson for the day. Aluminum and caustics are not compatible.

The process is quite simple. I am going to give you the abbreviated version. If you want a more detailed description, go to *Rust Removal Using Electrolysis*, *Rick's Woodshop Creations*, or any number of other sources you can find on the internet. I did not think we had space for the full description.

To clean parts with electrolysis, you will need a brush or brushes, an electrolyte solution, a battery charger with an amp gauge, a suitable non metallic container, a piece of scrap metal to use as an anode and a part to be cleaned.

Mix up the electrolyte in the container-one table spoon of washing soda per each gallon of water. Brush off as much of the rust and corrosion as you can. Then suspend the anode in the solution and attach the red (positive) lead to the anode. Suspend the part to be cleaned in the electrolyte solution and attach the negative lead to the part. The anode and the part should not touch and neither should touch the sides of the container. Turn on the charger and be amazed at the results. A couple hours will usually clean the parts. Just watch and adjust the time as needed. The part will need some brushing to remove any residue, and some type of protective coating as the part will begin to rust again as soon as it is removed from the bath.

John Salazar uses a variation of this process to clean the inside of motorcycle gas tanks, supposedly with great success. Ivars Lilliensteins uses a 50/50 mixture of Acetone and Automatic Transmission Fluid to free up rusted parts. These are just a couple ways to clean parts. A visit to the internet will turn up quite a few others. Just choose the one you like.

Have fun.
Iverson Smith

LOVE OF A LITTLE RED CAR – A VALENTINE STORY

It is hard to believe that this issue will be the eighth year of my doing the newsletter for the Broad River European Motor Club.

I think back to a cold winter day in February, 2006, as Doug Carlisle, Tom Greene, and Evan Amaya watched with me as a 1959 TR3 was rolled off a car carrier from Hartford, CN into Evan's garage on North Washington Street. Little did I know or understand the commitments that accepting that car would have on me and my family. It is ten years since MAJ TR3 got her new home in Shelby, NC

In the fall of 2005, my niece passed away after a long battle a health issue and in a letter to her mother, she asked that Uncle Jack have the chance to buy the little red car. My sister was moving back to Pennsylvania and she wanted to honor her daughter's wish. After some interesting discussions about owning a piece of history, I became the owner of an original – not restored – 1959 TR3A that my brother-in-law had purchased in September 1959 as he started his first job with Chrysler Corporation after graduating from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. The little red car had been a part of my family history for over 45 years when she arrived in Shelby that cold, winter morning.

Evan worked on the car to be sure that it was safe to operate, fluids were correct and that it remained preserved – as my niece had started to do after her Dad passed away in 1982. 2006 was the year that Euro featured Triumph as the honored marques. Evan stayed on me until I agreed to enter the little red car into the Euro Auto Fest.

Here is a picture of Jeff Cox, Evan, and myself standing by the flagpoles at the Zentrum with the TR3 in front of us. A few minutes earlier, Paul Ianuario, head of the Zentrum Museum had wanted to look at my car to see how original it was. Evan was there to stress some of the things that he knew about the car.



Like I still have the original key to the car. The tools in the tool kit are original – even the spark plug gapping tool. Paul asked if I was going to the banquet that night. I did not even know that there was going to be a banquet.

About four o'clock folks were leaving the field and someone in a golf cart came up to me and asked "You are going to the banquet tonight, correct?" I explained I did not even know that there was going to be a banquet and was getting ready to go back to Shelby, NC. The gentleman saw Evan and asked if they could talk in private. Evan came back and explained that I need to go to the banquet. He would not tell me why but, said that Euro wanted me to be their guest. Evan lived in Greenville and

he would get the car back to Shelby on Monday. I called Barb and she wanted to know what was going on – I could truthfully say I had no idea. Evan's wife was in Shelby and they drove to Greenville together. Barb brought me a clean shirt and a sports jacket to wear.

That night I got to meet Barry Harms, Mike Fulton, Jim Philips, Kim Poole, Steve Williams, the leadership corps of Euro. We are sitting at a table with a Euro Board member who kept asking about the little red car. The program started and there on the big screen of the banquet hall is a picture of the TR3 – Paul Ianuario is describing the car as an excellent example of a vehicle that has been preserved. He calls my name and it is then that I realize that I had won The Old Timers Award for having the best preserved car in the featured marques. Those five or ten minutes were a blur. I remember the applause and folks congratulating me on the car as I walked back to the table. When I got to the table, I asked to be excused and told Barb that I wanted to call my sister in Pennsylvania.

We were in the Spartanburg Marriott and I found a quiet corner to make the phone call. Imagine, a little more than a fifteen months before Maj Britt, had been alive and caring for the car. Now, I am being recognized for her efforts to preserve the car as her Dad would have driven it. She used to say that she did not want to ever replace the leather in the car because it was like her Dad was holding her and that he was with her as she drove the car, going through the gears.

As I try to explain what happened that afternoon, my sister starts to cry and shortly after that I am having trouble talking. Somehow, we both know that this is a special event and that Maj Britt and Bill are there enjoying every minute of the recognition for the little red car. Half way through the evening, Barb and I decide we need to head back to Shelby. There was a break in the presentations and we figured it was about an hour to home. We start to head for the exit and three men, Mike Fulton, Barry Harms, and Paul came over to me and congratulated me. Their friendliness and interest in the little red car got me started working with Euro in 2007 – I still have the e-mail I wrote to Mike that evening asking if I could help with Euro next year.

Each month as I attend a meeting or go to a show, I listen to the real car enthusiasts explain how they took their find down to the bar metal and built it from the frame up. Iverson Smith shares how folks work to clean the engines or other parts in a restored vehicle. If you will share them with me, they will be an article in the newsletter.

Your love of your car is different than mine. We enjoy being part of the Club and getting to know people throughout the United States.

My love for my car is more of a Love Story about a little girl who wanted to remember her Dad and the little red car.



Happy Valentine's Day.