

The Rear View Mirror

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

March 3rd
NEXT MEETING
Deer Brook Golf Course
Shelby

March 2016

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

Volume VIII Number 03

MARCH MEETING

Join us Thursday, February 4th at Deer Brook Golf Course and Restaurant off Post Road for our regular monthly meeting. We will continue plans 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 jwise@carolina.rr.com

BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN CLASSIC SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR OUR SHOW?

One of the interesting things that happen when you sponsor a show, is that Club members are some of the last folks to register for their own show. Here is a link to our website to use the printable form or to take advantage of PayPal electronic version to register your wonderful car for this fun and exciting show.

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

Use the yellow buttons to select which format that you want to use to register your vehicles.

If you use the printable format, print it off and bring it the March meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BREMC,

Time flies and once again, Jack has reminded us that articles are due for the Rearview Mirror. I am working up this message and another story to submit. I write these comments to remind everyone, that ANYONE can submit an article for the monthly newsletter.

Some of our members have multi-citizenship by way of other clubs. Events that you participate in with others are very appropriate for the BREMC crowd to read about. Don't be shy. And...If I can write something for publication, anyone can. Being an engineer one might opine that English and writing were not my strong points.

After our Saturday drive into the beyond (another story in the column next to this) I decided it was time and weatherwise to rebuild the clutch master in the TR250. (A couple weeks ago I rebuilt the slave cylinder after it failed me one Saturday.) Fluid occasionally leaks back through the pushrod and eventually onto my shoes in the cockpit. Dawn dishwashing liquid has kept my shoes presentable but... enough.

I dug out the rebuild kit and began to remove the master cylinder. Maybe an hour's worth of work to get this thing out and back in. So... off with the cylinder, pop out the innards and, yuck, no wonder it was leaking. Even though I have been using the "good stuff" silicon brake fluid, the cylinder was very dirty and black inside. But, I can't complain. Fifteen plus years and 50,000 miles later, this 1968 vintage system had done remarkably well since my last rebuild.

After a good honing and degreasing of all parts, I began to put it back together. All went well until the piston and cup assembly slid right into the cylinder with no resistance. Surely I didn't "over hone" the cylinder!! The cup just seemed a fraction too small. Wait a minute.... I have been building up a parts inventory to restore the TR6. Time to re-read the part number on the rebuild kit. Arrghh! It was meant for the TR6 with a .70 bore. The TR250 has a .75 bore. Of course, it went together too easy.

Moral of the story? Pay attention to the details. I was proud of myself for assuring I had a rebuild kit on hand as I remembered, but I did not verify it was the right one!!

Time for a parts order while the TR250 sits resting. But... when the new parts arrive and go in quickly I will....

Drive 'em! (and fix 'em sometimes....)

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 jsweller@aol.com

BREMC OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

President – Skip Wise *
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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

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

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	
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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 The Vintage Gathering of Vintage BMW's www.atthevintage.com
20-22	
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://rollinandrocknpassgift.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: February 4, 2016

Deer Brook Country Club

Invocation was given by **Jim Morgan**. Comparisons were made to **Billy Graham**.

Buffet meal was enjoyed by the members: tossed salad with assorted dressings; collards; creamed corn; mixed vegetables; macaroni and cheese; roast pork with cherry or cranberry sauce (hell, we couldn't decide); fried chicken; yeast rolls and assorted desserts.

President Wise called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 p.m. He began the meeting by thanking Jim Morgan for introducing him to Texas Pete on collards.

Old Business:

Please pay your dues. Many members have yet to pay.

A plea was entered for someone to take duties of Publicity Chair.

Jeff Dreibus reported that he has been contacting a number of car clubs about our April show.

President Wise has turned 60 years of age. He doesn't look a day older than 59 and a three-fourths.

There was discussion of the possibility of having a pre-meeting rally when the weather turns a little better. **Bob Cabaniss** (giving the impression that he would take on the task) reported that the difficulty of the rally would depend upon his mood. Bob also mentioned a poker rally and a timed rally. He also described a "drag queen race" at Key West. Not sure if he was a participant or observer.

Bruce Harless was thanked for keeping the Saturday coffee meetings going at Lily Bean. President Wise added that Aldersgate Methodist was having a breakfast on February 6 and that members could have breakfast and then travel to Lily Bean for coffee (in our cars, of course).

There was a discussion of possible drives to take after the Saturday coffees. Feeling of the group was that planned trips were fine but we do well with impromptu trips.

Jack Weller was thanked for another excellent newsletter. Members are invited to submit stories or technical talks.

At the March meeting, **Curt Holland** will give an update on his MGB project.

April Car Show

Mac began by congratulating the room on our togetherness, fellowship, etc. President Wise was overcome with emotion and gave Mac a big hug. They shared a moment.

Treasure Teague has prepared the brochure and it is ready for printing and for online distribution.

Save-The-Date cards were passed out to the members to distribute to potential car show participants.

There was a discussion about a show eve reception or post celebration to spiff up our April show. This will be explored further before next year.

Mac needs someone(s) to assist with getting dash plaques/magnets, day-of registration, sponsor contacts, advertising, parking and trophies.

There was a discussion about a Chic Fil A platter for the volunteers to be enjoyed with Lily Bean coffee.

There was a discussion about the possibility of sponsor-vendors.

There was a discussion and encouragement to contact area clubs about bringing cars to the show. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Treasure will take care of pre-registration. Treasure is mailing brochures to prior, non-club member participants.

Mac is putting together a checklist/notebook to help with future show planning.

Lundy and Wilbur will coordinate the raffle with the baskets, etc. They've done great work in the past but need many to participate with preparing the baskets. Spare car parts can be brought to the show for sale but need to be completely marked.

John and Mary Long sent word that they wanted to help with getting out the word electronically. They will take brochures to The Gathering in April.

Mac will arrange police and insurance.

There was some discussion of having a featured marques, maybe even a non-European. Past experience is better results have come from working with region area car clubs to encourage their participation.

MAC NEEDS—WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.

Deer Brook management wanting to leave and everyone getting tired led to adjournment at 8:14

Respectfully submitted.

Jim Morgan

A SATURDAY MORNING DRIVE THROUGH THE COUNTRY

By Skip Wise

The weather for last Saturday was invitation for a drive through the county. So, Bruce Harless sent out a note to BREMC suggesting we meet at Lily Bean for coffee and planning. His friend Mike Phipps had been doing some work in the upper part of the county and told Bruce he thought it was a beautiful area and an interesting route to drive.

Myself and Lynn, along with Bruce, Mike, Mac McCuen and Jerry Bumbaugh hit the road about 10:30 am. We traveled up Hwy 226 and cut over to go through Casar. We were intending to head into the Golden Valley area via some lesser traveled roads. Mike was navigating from memory while Bruce drove his Jag and this rest of us followed.

The roads were fun to drive. After leaving 226 the roads got progressively curvy. Not sure they all had names. We made a few turn-arounds but that was okay. Travel along one road was accompanied by a cool and somewhat inviting stream. Beautiful.



We eventually got to our “destination” which was an old church at the “end of the road” – meaning the pavement became dirt and gravel. We were not interested in looking for dueling banjos so we parked and investigated the church and some old graves.

We held a tech session under the hood of Mac’s car hunting the source of the odor of gasoline. No luck. After resting and chatting, we cranked up again and eventually headed to Bostic area. We found the Washburn General Store and checked out some of the interesting items inside. That is a neat old country store worthy of another visit. And, importantly, they had a restroom (a.k.a. used coffee release room).

Thanks to Bruce for getting us off our duffs and out into a nice Saturday.

THE CURSE OF THE CHICKEN! – shared with us by John & Mary Long

This story actually started a few years back when TRA was in Fort Wayne. About 12:30 on Concours d’Elegance day, Ed and Marsh Oot and Mary and I decided we would go and get lunch. As we were leaving the field my TR stalled. I immediately restarted and moved about 50 ft., just barely having enough forward momentum to coast into a parking slot.



John & Mary’s Black TR3 at the Broad River European Classic Show with a few other TR3’s.

It turned out that my fuel pump had quit. I had a spare and had lots of help replacing it. For some reason with all that help I was the only one covered with oil and grease when the job was done. We did manage to get to lunch but also managed to miss on of the driving events. At the banquet I was awarded the Chicken for breaking down trying to leave the show field. After the show I tossed the chicken into the cuddy box and basically forgot about it.

Fast forward to this year: We drove to Solomon’s Island with Doug and Cindy Carlisle. We agreed on meeting and driving together. I picked a route by looking at a paper map and picking the roads that went the most direct but did not include Interstates or go through Richmond VA. Somewhere along this route, Mary was looking in the Cuddy box for something and saw the chain the chicken was attached too and pulled it out. “What is this”, she said. “Put it back” I

responded, but apparently it was too late. The “Curse” had been released!

The only good thing is it takes a while for the “Curse” to gather its strength. The remainder of the trip was basically uneventful as long as you don’t count getting caught in a thunder storm 6 blocks from the Hotel on the first night. The roads were smooth, curvy and enjoyable for Triumphs. Doug thinks I have a magic formula for picking roads. The cars ran well and we only got lost once on the second day. I don’t feel too bad about that, because talking with Ed Oot, he got lost at the same spot on the same road the day before. We arrived at the Holiday Inn in Solomon’s after 535 miles in two days. We went to dinner with the Mason Dixon group and then drove back to the Hotel and parked. The next morning, expecting to be driving quite a bit on the Poker Run, I left and went in search of gas. I found an Exxon station 3.5 miles up the road and drove back to the hotel. About half way back, I noticed a strange sound. Sort of a BRRRR, BRRRR, coming from the car. Not all the time but it had not been there before. Being a true Triumph mechanic, and hoping that my hearing aids were acting up; I went and got Mary so we could do the Poker Run. After all, every Triumph has strange sounds that come and go. Don’t they?

Mary and I climbed in the TR, started it up and begin to leave the lot. BRRR, BRRR. OK, it didn’t go away so I guess I really should check it out. I complete my transit of the lot and got back into the same parking spot. We climbed out and I do what any self-respecting Triumph mechanic would do. I hand my keys to Jeff Zimmerman and asked him to drive my car and tell me how bad it is. His circuit of the parking lot was shorter than mine was. His comment was, “I have heard that sound before, and it is usually not good”. He thought it might be a universal joint or my rear end.

I removed the drive shaft and sure enough one of the arms of the universal joint was a little bit loose. Ed Oot said he had one in his drive away kit and went to get it. Jack Schmeliun (sp) and I went cross the river and a fine fellow replaced the old one with the new. I’ll let Jack talk about his shop and methods. ☺ With only a little bit of trouble I soon had the drive shaft back in the car and got cleaned up enough to take a test drive. BRRR, BRRR! Back into the parking spot.

By this time it was time to go on the supper run. Thanks again to Jack we were able to go along as he loaned me his pickup truck. A delicious meal and a fine evening was enjoyed by all.

Jeff’s suggestion now was to drain the oil, remove the rear cover and inspect the gears. He thought I might have dropped a tooth on one of the gears. I was afraid of that too. By this time, Mary was already trying to figure out where we could rent a trailer and something to tow it back to SC.

With the oil drained out, the cover came off and low and behold, the gears looked great. However, the 10 bolts that hold the planetary gear onto the casing were loose. Most of them were backed out about 3/8”. I was able to turn all of them with my fingers and one was broken off with about 3/16” of bolt still in the planetary gear. It seems that the shop that rebuilt the rear end for me about 10 or 12 years ago forgot to replace the tab lock devices that Standard Motors used on their cars. In fact the only washers on the bolts were flat washers.

I removed the broken bolt and torqued the other 9 down. I figured if it had carried me for 10 years it would hold together for another 600 miles. Form-a Gasket on the cover eliminated the leaks I had around the cover and new oil allowed me to get home.

Carol Schmeliun (sp) awarded me with another Chicken at the Banquet. Now I have to come up with a way to keep Mary from ever touching either of them again. I use my new chicken now, only when I need some inspiration.

Follow Up: Once I got it home I removed the rear end and took it to a local restoration place that had worked on rear ends before. The gears looked fine under a magnifying glass. The bolts apparently had been beating against the bearing race and the bearings were starting to show heat problems. New bearings, seals, star lock washers and shims and it is ready to go back into the car. See you at the National Triumph Show in Painesville , Ohio in 2016.



Help us Celebrate our 10th Anniversary with a

NEW FRIDAY EVENT FOR 2016

As part of the CAROLINA BRITISH CLASSICS-X we are offering a NEW EVENT in cooperation with the LAKE MURRAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE RAMBLING OF THE TARTANS

The plan is a Fun Rally on Friday April 1st around Lake Murray with some interesting stops along the way. We will Rally at the host hotel The Wingate at US 378 and I-20 mid morning and head out on a fun route around the Lake. Cars will be organized by year and model and travel in small groups with a well planed, easy to follow two hour route. As the drive is nearing the end we will cross over the Lake Murray Dam which is over One Mile Long. This is a breath taking experience for those who have never done it.

At the end of the drive we will gather at the hotel for refreshments and a planned drive to the Historic Columbia Speedway which is the site of the Tartan Day South event and the Carolina British Classics. A Grande Entrance is prepared for our arrival.

Following the Grande Entrance all of the Carolina British Classics X registered guests are invited to the car show tent

where complimentary food and beverage will be served. We will have "goodie bags" and registration packets for pickup to save time on Saturday.

After the reception you are invited to take a short walk to the Tartan Day South area of the Speedway and enjoy a free concert of Scottish Music.

Attached to this letter are the Registration Forms, Marque Form and additional information about events the day of the show. We look forward to these special events to celebrate our 10th Anniversary.

Stay up to date by looking at our Web Site www.bccmc.com to see the latest show information. You may also email questions to me at bartolehman@aol.com or phone 803-237-7754. Thank you for your interest in our show.

Bart Lehman, Show Chairman

Roland Griffin, Co-Chairman

Carolina British Classics X



April 2, 2016

Exit 115 on I-26, 2001 Charleston Highway, Cayce 29170

Columbia Speedway

The Speedway is an historic "vintage" track from the early days of NASCAR racing. This year we will again be merging our event with the popular **Tartan Day South Festival**. There will be lots of interesting and entertaining diversions throughout the day and a variety of merchandise and food vendors.

Registration form must be completed and properly signed by driver and passengers.

Parking for show from 8:30 am to 11 am April 2, 2015

A portion of the proceeds to benefit this year's charity:

Pawmetto Lifeline (No Kill Animal Shelter)

Marque Classes

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| 01 – Austin Healey 100 series | 19 – MGC Roadster and GT |
| 02 – Austin Healey 3000 (side curtains) | 20 – Mini Cooper-Classical (pre-2000) |
| 03 – Austin Healey 3000 (roll up windows) | 21 – Mini Cooper (post-2000) |
| 04 – Austin Healey Sprite (Bugeye) | 22 – Morgan |
| 05 – Austin Healey Sprite – Sq body/Midget | 23 – Rover |
| 06 – Austin/Morris/Riley/MG Magnet | 24 – Rolls Royce/Bentley |
| 07 – Jaguar XK-120/140/150 & earlier | 25 – Sunbeam Alpine |
| 08 – Jaguar E-type Roadster/Coupe/2+2 | 26 – Sunbeam Tiger |
| 09 Jaguar Sedans/Coupes pre 1969 | 27 – Sunbeam (other) |
| 10 – Jaguar XL6/XJ12/XJ8 | 28 – Triumph TR2/3 |
| 11 – Jaguar XJS Coupe/Roadster | 29 – Triumph TR4/250 |
| 12 – Jaguar XK8/XKR/Roadster/Coupe | 30 – Triumph TR6 |
| 13 – Lotus | 31 – Triumph TR7/8 |
| 14 – MG T-Series (TA,B,C,D,F) | 32 – Triumph Spitfire |
| 15 – MGA Roadster/Coupe | 33 – Triumph (other) |
| 16 – MGB Roadster (chrome bumper) | 34 – Aston Martin |
| 17 – MGB Roadster (rubber bumper) | 35 – Special Interest (incl. modified) |
| 18 – MGBGT (all years) | 36 – British Motorcycles |

(\$30 pre-registered & post marked by March 18, 2016; \$35 after March 18th, 2016)

Pre-registration also entitles you to the British Car Club Midland Centre Reception and Tartan Day South festivities taking place at the Columbia Speedway Friday night, April 1st.

Questions – Contact Barto Lehman at bartolehman@netscape.net



Schedule of events

Friday, April 1st 2016

12:00 Rambling of the Tartans (time may be adjusted)

4:00 After Lake Murray rally at the Wingate Hotel for drive to Speedway

6:00 Car Show Reception at Club Tent (Hot Food & Beverages)

7:00 Scottish Concert at Tartan Day South

Saturday, April 2, 2016

8:30 Registration Opens

9:00 Silent Auction Opens

11:00

Registration Closes

ELEVENSES Ladies Tea

Ballots placed in Cars

1: 00

Balloting Closes

Silent Auction Closes

2:30 Awards Ceremony

Thank you for coming to the Carolina British Classics Car Show. Be sure to Tartan Day South Festival for many fun events. Hope to see you next year!



Hosted by
Triumph Club of the Carolinas
**Something special is happening
in the Carolinas this Spring.**
The Gathering
at Shelton Vineyards
April 15-17, 2016

We have two ways to register for the 2016 Gathering Event

Link for [Printable Form](#)

and the new

Link for [Online Gathering Registration](#)

**(includes small cost adder to cover credit card processing fees
associated with online registration only)**