

The Rear View Mirror

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August 4th
NEXT MEETING
Deer Brook Golf Course
Shelby

August 2016

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

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AUGUST MEETING

Join us Thursday, August 4th at Deer Brook Golf Course and Restaurant off Post Road for our regular monthly meeting. We will discuss potential activities in August and the fall.

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

BREMC Monthly Meetings – Need You There

We have been very fortunate to have Deer Brook serve us each month during our monthly meetings. Lisa Jaynes and staff open the restaurant just for us. We are their only customers. I think everyone enjoys the time there.

It is important for us to convene each month to discuss club events and/or other issues. It is also important for as many of us as possible to attend each month. This provides a more complete representation of the membership and also makes the club's financial outcome of the buffet each month remain positive. Also, like many restaurants, we should feel free to tip the small staff appropriately as many are doing.

Summertime is particularly challenging as many of us take vacation or have other seasonal conflicts with the first Thursday of each month. For example, Lynn and I will be on vacation the first week of August and will miss the meeting. The point of this quick note is to remind us all that we have an excellent venue to take better advantage of each month. I look forward to seeing everyone each month.

Skip Wise
BREMC President

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BREMC,

July has simply been too hot to drive much in our classic cars. Who would have ever thought that it was cooler in a convertible with the top up instead of down? And the A/C only works when the speed is right – which is wide open! I did get out several mornings – typically Saturdays to Lily Bean for some coffee and conversation.

One of those Saturdays, Wally Wersching asked if I was going to the WNC Ag Center for a car show there. Why not..... I went knowing it would not be European but likely Detroit iron. There were some beautiful cars on display. They had a car corral showing cars for sale. I admired a 1932 Ford with a pearl white paint job I thought I could stick my hand into. Price? More than I could handle.

In another building was a live auction. That was interesting to watch as the auctioneer rattled along as his "help" squealed, clapped, and pointed at an interested bidder. I stayed long enough to watch 3 or 4 cars run the gauntlet. None met their reserve. On the way out, I noticed one car with a SOLD sticker on it. Mercedes 450SL. Of course!

Outside, it was getting hot, hot. I realized I was very close to the Sierra Nevada Brewing Company. So...I went there. Got a front row space in a full lot right in front of the restaurant. Nice. I watched people watch me. One lady commented that she "used to have an MG like that". Another person snapped a few pictures.

Inside and outside was packed. I slipped past the waiting line (for tables) and proceeded to the bar where I ordered a tall IPA. Delicious to a person who has been outside in the heat. After a cooling spell I went out back and watched people enjoying themselves.

Glass empty, I returned home.

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 ws Keller@aol.com

BREMC OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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**EVERY SATURDAY MORNING
 WEATHER CO-OPERATING
 COFFEE, CARS & CONVERSATION**
 BRUCE HARLESS INVITES YOU TO COME ON A
 SATURDAY MORNING TO
 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>

2016 Meetings / Events Calendar

The 2016 Calendar is updated as Events are sent to be posted
 Events that occur monthly are not listed. Check information - left column

DATE	Meeting / Event
2016	
JANUARY	
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
7-10	Pennzoil Auto Fair – Charlotte, NC http://www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets/pennzoil_autofair_52733/
9	Clifford's Army Rescue
15-17	The Gathering Shelton Vineyards http://www.triumphclub.org/Gathering/index.html
30	Broad River European Classic www.broadriveremc.com
MAY	
5	BREMC Monthly Meeting
7	Trip to Valdese and the Trail of Faith Curt Holland, Coordinator http://www.waldensiantrailoffaith.org/
20-22	The Vintage Gathering of Vintage BMW's www.atthevintage.com
28	Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club (car show Furman University in conjunction with Greenville Scottish Games http://www.sbmoc.com/great-scot/)
JUNE	
2	BREMC Monthly Meeting
15-19	Triumph Registry National Meet in Painesville, Ohio See John Long for details http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/
24-25	Rock Barn European Classic
JULY	
4	INDEPENDENCE Day Parade -- LATTIMORE
7	BREMC Monthly Meeting
AUGUST	
4	BREMC Monthly Meeting
5-7	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.
17	Steele Rubber Company Open House www.steelerubber.com
22-25	Auto Fair – Charlotte, NC http://www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets/autofair_fall/
24	Autumn in the Mountains BCCWC Hendersonville, NC http://www.autumninthemountains.org/
24	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://rollinandrocknpassthegift.com/
21	BREMC Sponsored Wine Tours part of Euro Auto Festival
22	Euro Auto Festival The Preserve at Verdae Greenville, NC http://www.euroautofestival.com/
31	Shelby Senior Center Car Show
NOVEMBER	
3	BREMC Monthly Meeting
5	Hog Happin' http://hoghappin.com/
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 JULY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: July 14, 2016

Deer Brook Golf Course & Restaurant

At 6:38 pm President **Skip** gave the invocation. Before the group made its way to the buffet line **Randy Dillingham** introduced two guests for the evening: **Chad McGinnis** and his son, **Henry**. They are from Rutherford County and have a **Porsche Cayman** and **Boxster**.

After the introduction of guests, the members were invited to the buffet prepared by Deer Brook. The members then made a mad dash for the buffet line. Fortunately there were no injuries or property damage. The meal consisted of hot dogs with chili, hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, chips, banana pudding and chocolate cake.

7:05 President Skip called the business portion of the meeting to order.

The minutes from the June meeting were corrected to reflect that it was **Austin Healeys** instead of **TR-3's** that finished 2nd and 3rd at Furman and October 31 is the date for the car show at the Senior Center. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Skip, seconded by Mac and was approved.

Treasurer report was made by Jim, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. There was discussion about the contributions we will make to various charities and Skip will form a committee to make recommendations to the club for the August meeting. Jim requested a motion to purchase a table for \$500.00 at the **Cleveland County Boys and Girls Club 50th Anniversary** dinner to be held Friday, July 22 at the LeGrand Center. The table seats 10 and any extra seats we have will be filled by teens from the Boys/Girls Club who would not otherwise be able to attend. The speaker is to be **Alvin Gentry**, NBA coach and alum of the Club. Skip made the motion to approve the table purchase, with a second by Mac. The motion was approved.

Page Morgan then made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Junior **Charity League of Shelby** for the **Clothe-A-Child program**. The JCH has a clothing room where several hundred children receive clothes and toiletry kits for the school year. They manage to provide these clothes at a per-child rate of approximately \$100.00. Bruce seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

With these two donations there will be approximately \$3500.00 remaining to distribute.

Curt and Missy Holland were recognized, with thanks, for the picnic by the pond last month. There was a good turnout and everyone ate too much.

There was a good turnout of club members at the **Rock Barn** event. **Doug Carlisle** received an award for his **Triumph** and **Jeff Dreibus** received one for his **BMW**. Jeff helped out a lot with the parking and it was reported that he looked rather athletic running up and down the fairways parking cars. (You know, they make golf carts for that sort of thing).

It was reported with sadness that David Deal, club member and Table Rock organizer passed away a few weeks ago. He was a very energetic man that was the heart and soul of the Table Rock Sports car Club.

Jeff reported that the **TRSCC Touring Joana** event will be held October 15. Cars will assemble at Catawba Meadows Park. The tour will go through four counties and will be on some fun roads. Go to exploringjoara.com for more information. He also reported that **TRSCC** has met and will continue as a club. Look for emails regarding future drives.

George Melanis with **Eurofest** was supposed to be at the meeting but something got fouled up in the planning. Skip will try to rearrange.

Curt suggests a drive scheduled for July 24. Meet at Deer Brook at 9:30, head for **Raffaldini Vineyards** for a European car show they are having then break out to tour other wineries in the area such as Piccione, Laurel Gray, Elkin Creek, Dobbins Creek, Slightly Askew, Shadow Springs, Monarch and Adagio. An email will be sent to the club.

There is a Bessemer City Cruise-In July 23, 6 pm – until.

Bruce described a drive on August 27 that would include **Tail of the Dragon**. Call Bruce for details.

We are still meeting for coffee on Saturday mornings. Maybe some short drives to follow to work off that caffeine rush.

Jeff cautioned the club that if there are drives on the Blue Ridge Parkway, don't go as an organized event. Apparently the park rangers object.

Mac shared a story that while he was in the Navy, he developed a fondness for the smell of Avgas (That may explain a few things). Recently he was driving on Highway 74 and began smelling Avgas, not seeing an aircraft carrier nearby he began searching and soon encountered Skip, running Avgas in his car.

Mac has the plates to be attached to the car show trophies and is in the process of distributing them. He, making an executive decision, modified the trophy for future events to allow for a single plate to be attached making it easier to purchase trophies and saving money. The club nodded in approval. Doug has created a nice envelope and thank you note to mail the plates in the future.

Thus concludes the 2016 Classic. Many, many thanks are owed to **Mac** for his hard work and his organization of the event.

Skip reminded everyone to please RSVP for each monthly meeting. Deer Brook prepared too many meals this month not knowing how many would attend and they were none too happy about it.

Skip also reminded us that it is time to start planning for officers and committee chairs for next year. Members need to step up and make themselves available to take on these positions. The more people that are involved and rotate in and out of these positions, the more vitality the club will enjoy. (unsolicited editorial comment).

Jim made a motion to adjourn because he was tired of taking notes. Bruce seconded the motion and everyone left.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Morgan, Secretary-Treasurer

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

As mentioned in the minutes, the Club sponsored a table at the Boys & Girls Club 50th Anniversary Gala. Club members were able to attend the event thanks to your support.



They helped to start the program with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Read more about the event using this link to the Shelby Star article

<http://www.shelbystar.com/news/20160730/boys-amp-girls-club-looks-at-50>



Featured speaker was Alvin Gentry, head coach of the NBA New Orleans Pelicans and an alumni of the Club and recent inductee into the Boys & Girls Club of America Alumni Hall of Fame.

Alvin is a 1973 Shelby High graduate and played college basketball at Appalachian State University.

CLUB HELPS JUNIOR CHARITY LEAGUE CLOTHE-A-CHILD

The Club made a donation of \$500.00 to the Junior **Charity League of Shelby** for the **Clothe-A-Child program**. The JCH has a clothing room where several hundred children receive clothes and toiletry kits for the school year. They manage to provide these clothes at a per-child rate of approximately \$100.00.

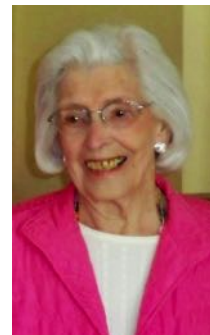
Both of these donations support our Mission of helping charities in our community.

IVERSON & LIBBY SMITH IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Iverson Smith's mother passed away July 17 at the age of 100. Here is the obituary from the Shelby Star.

HAZEL SMITH

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE-Hazel Elizabeth Wilson Smith, 100, Rutherford College, died peacefully in her sleep at Catawba Regional Hospice on Sunday, July 17, 2016.



Born on June 2, 1916, in Burke County, she was the daughter of the late Bessie Mace Wilson and Marcus Rudolph Wilson. Hazel was a longtime member of Sweetwater Presbyterian. She was a graduate of Morganton High School and worked in the hosiery industry before leaving to care for her children. In later years she was a valued employee of JCPenny. Hazel loved her family and always placed their needs above her own.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Iverson Smith; two infant siblings; brothers, James, Chester, Walter, Roy and Russell Wilson; sisters, Viola Bollinger and Agnes Johnson.

Those left behind to cherish her memories are her son, Iverson Smith and his wife Libby of Shelby; daughter, Phyllis Brown of Rutherford College; grandchildren, Rob Brown and significant other Bessie Nester of Granite Falls, Matthew Brown and wife Ashley of Valdese, Kristine Cornett and husband Eric of Davidson, Sandy Champion and husband Phil of Shelby, Sharon Wilson and husband David of Shelby; great-grandchildren, Casey Brown, Matilyn Brown, Abigail Cornett, Tyler Cornett, Will Champion, Phillip and wife Erica Champion, Gracie and Katie Wilson; brother, Clarence Wilson of Morganton.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 3 p.m., on Thursday, July 21, 2016, at Sweetwater Presbyterian Church on Sweetwater Road in Hickory.

Burial will follow at Catawba Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Catawba Regional Hospice, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658 or Sweetwater Presbyterian Church, 500 21st St. SE, Hickory, NC 28601. Online condolences may be made at www.catawbamemorialpark.com. - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/shelbystar/obituary.aspx?pid=180723596#sthash.XPQ6dzwo.dpuf>

Mark Your Calendar for September 17

Steele Rubber also has an Open House every year in September when they open their doors, and show how all the different parts are made. I always try to attend. It's a great time. This year's Open House is on September 17th. Mark your calendar.



The National Collector Car Appreciation Day was initiated by a couple of congressmen in 2010 as a way to show the importance of the automobile in the American history, and everyday life - how the automobile influences our music, fashion, photography, movies, and so many other ways. In association with SEMA (Specialty Equipment Marketing Association), and other smaller organizations, the National Collector Car Appreciation Day is growing throughout the nation.

In order to celebrate the occasion, many Cruise-Ins, open houses, and other events are scheduled. This year the date for the celebration was July 8th. One of the local events was the Cruise-In at Steele Rubber Products in

Denver, NC. Steele Rubber Products makes weather-stripping, and other rubber parts for collector and classic cars.

Steele Rubber Products is one of those companies that actually started in the owner's garage. Lynn Steele couldn't find all the parts he needed to restore his 1931 Cadillac so he started to make them in his garage. They were so good, and he was so talented that word got out, and in 1954, the company was formed. The rest (as they say) is history. When you order rubber parts from a restoration catalog, they are most likely made by Steel Rubber Products. Go to www.steelerubber.com for more info.

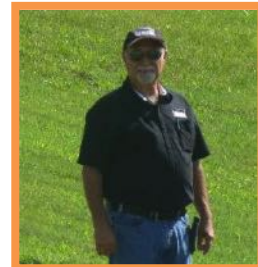
The Steele Rubber Products Company is staffed by



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car enthusiasts, and it shows. The people parking, cooking, and serving us had already put in a hard day's work in the factory. I thanked them for their time, and their never ending smiles.

Steele Rubber also has an Open House every year in made. I 17th. Mark



The Cruise-In was supposed to start at 5:00PM, so I left home at about 3:00 heading north on Rt 150. Friday evening traffic was heavy. I just took my time driving the El Camino. It was a hot drive with temps in the 90's, and not a cloud in the sky.

I arrived at the factory about 4:15PM. I was directed to park in front between a Camaro, and a Mazda RX7. I made sure that I wouldn't get blocked in.

I found Matt, the manager of the plant. He's on my email list, and gets all my stories. He is a real

enthusiast, and brought his great looking 1961 Corvette to the event. He didn't bring his Cadillac this year. He left it parked in the warehouse because it needs some work to get it back on the road.

It was hot in the sun on the paved parking lot. I walked over to the drinks looking a little parched, and one of the Steele employees gave me an ice cold Coke. They said that everything was free. I had a couple hot dogs later. They were delicious, and free too. They really go out of their way to put on the best Cruise-In they can.



I sat in the shade of the tents as I ate my hot dogs. After taking pictures of many of the beautiful cars and trucks along with talking with a lot of the owners, I decided to leave about 5:45PM.

I was on my way out when I saw a beautiful MOPAR pull in. Behind the wheel was Mike Gemza of "Creations by Gemza". I've known Mike for many years, and was glad to see him with his wife. The car that pulled in after him had two of his sons in it. They both were pristine MOPARs.



When they got out of their cars, they were surrounded by other MOPAR enthusiasts. Their shop is one of the top shops in the country because the cars they restore are as close to perfect as humanly possible.

When I drove back through Lincolnton, I stopped at the Driven by Grace meeting to visit with some friends. I shared a few copies of Full Throttle with them. It's always good to see old friends. I wish they lived closer to home. I didn't stay very long. They were getting ready to eat. I was still full of those two earlier hot dogs.



I made it home in time to walk the dog. It was a fun way to spend a Friday evening.