

The Rear View Mirror

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DECEMBER 07
NEXT MEETING
Cleveland Country Club
Shelby, NC

December 2017

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

Volume IX Number 11

DECEMBER MEETING ON 7th

Join us at Cleveland Country Club 1360 East Marion Street Shelby for our Meeting on December 7th at 6:30pm. The Club is set-up to take cash or credit cards and a Cash Bar will be available.

E-MAIL YOUR DINNER RESERVATION

Please e-mail Jim Morgan that you will be attending to help in the planning by **TUESDAY NOON, December 5th**

Jim's e-mail address is jimmorgan1954@charlotte.twcbc.com

SHELBY CHRISTMAS PARADE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17



We will be a unit in the Shelby Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 17th. Units form on North Lafayette Street by 1:30pm and the Parade begins at 3:00pm.

If you want to be in the parade, text Jack Weller at 704-473-5282 or send him an e-mail at wsweller@aol.com

If you have lights, bows, wreaths or any other decoration for your car, have fun decorating.

The Shelby Parade does not permit throwing candy from the vehicle. If you have a young elf who would like to walk the parade with us, we could hand candy to the kids. Let Jack know if you have volunteers.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear BREMC Members and Friends,
Don't forget our Christmas Party on December 7 at the Cleveland Country Club.

This being the season for giving me gifts, I thought I'd share my BREMC wish list with you. If you use Bob & Cindy Cabaniss' VW – make sure you have room for my gift.



This is the top ten:

1. **Someone will step up and chair the Classic.**
2. **Everyone will pitch in and help that saint who has taken on No. 1.**
3. **We have at least 110 cars lining the streets of Shelby for the Classic.**
4. **Someone at Korman Autoworks in Greensboro notifies me that my car has been chosen for a complete makeover.**
5. **We have the best Classic ever.**
6. **Someone sees that chairing the Classic is a lot of work and offers to be Co-chair.**
7. **The lottery comes through for me.**
8. **We have three or more club rides during 2018.**
9. **Santa Socks.**
10. **Play-Doh Fun Factory with Car Molds.**

I look forward to seeing everyone the 7th.

Jim

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 20th 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 – *The Honorable James Morgan, presiding* *

Vice President – *Alan Teague* *

Secretary / Treasurer – *Cindy Carlisle* *

Immediate Past President, -- *Skip Wise* *

Car Show Co-Directors – *John Salazar & Bob Cabaniss*

Historian – *Cindy Carlisle*

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Newsletter – *Jack Weller*

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 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 Month Old Mecklenburg Brewery

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

2018 Meetings / Events Calendar

The 2018 Calendar is updated as Events are sent to be posted. 2017 Events are listed in yellow awaiting a 2018 event date verification.

| DATE | Meeting / Event |
|----------------------|---|
| DECEMBER 2017 | |
| 7 | BREMC Monthly Meeting |
| 17 | Shelby Christmas Parade |
| JANUARY 2018 | |
| 1 | BREMC New Year's Day Drive |
| 4 | BREMC Monthly Meeting |
| FEBRUARY | |
| 1 | BREMC Monthly Meeting |
| MARCH | |
| 1 | BREMC Monthly Meeting |
| 25 | 11th Annual BMW/Porsche Swap Meet: Matthews, NC http://sandlapperbmw.org/?tribe_events=11th-annual-bmw-porsche-swap-meet |
| APRIL | |
| 1 | Carolina British Classics XI, Columbia Speedway, http://www.bccmc.com/Home_Page.php |
| 5 | BREMC Monthly Meeting Clifford's Army Rescue |
| 21 | The Gathering Shelton Vineyards http://www.triumphclub.org/Gathering/index.html |
| 28 | Broad River European Classic www.broadriveremc.com |
| MAY | |
| 3 | BREMC Monthly Meeting |
| 13 | 18th Annual British Car Show-Wrightsville Beach Park |
| 19-21 | The BMW Vintage (for specified older Bimmers) Asheville & Hot Springs, NC --- http://www.atthevintage.com/ |
| 19-21 | Carlisle Import Car Show/Autojumble Carlisle, PA http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/carlisle-import-and-performance-nationals/default.aspx |
| 28 | Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club (car show) Furman University in conjunction with Greenville Scottish Games http://www.sbmoc.com/great-scot/ |
| JUNE | |
| 7 | BREMC Monthly Meeting |
| 3-4 | VIR HSR Historic vintage race http://virmow.com/events/historic-sportscar-racing/ |
| 8-11 | Highlands Motoring Festival Highlands, NC http://highlandsmotoringfestival.com/ |
| 21-24 | Triumph Registry National Meet in Columbus, Indiana See John Long for details http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/ |
| JULY | |
| 4 | INDEPENDENCE Day Parade – LATTIMORE |
| 7 | Rock Barn European Classic |
| 12 | BREMC Picnic at Baker's Buffalo Creek Winery |
| AUGUST | |
| 2 | BREMC Monthly Meeting Healey Club of the Carolinas Mountain Trip Contact Treasure Teague or Chuck Reeves for info. |
| 26 | Classic Boat and Car Show Trump Nat'l Golf Course 10-3-Mooresville |
| SEPTEMBER | |
| 6 | BREMC Monthly Meeting The Auto Lunch Party - Hickory http://www.auto-lunch.com to register |
| 8 | Auto Fair - Charlotte, NC http://www.charlotteautofair.com |
| 21-24 | VIR (Virginia International Raceway) Gold Cup Races http://www.virginiainternationalraceway.com |
| 29-24 | Autumn in the Mountains BCOWW Hendersonville, NC http://www.bcoww.com |
| 30 | Mo's on the Green Hantsburg, NC http://www.mosonthegreen.com |
| OCTOBER | |
| 4 | BREMC Monthly Meeting Briffet at the Market Common |
| 7 | Myrtle Beach - Myrtle Beach Senior Center http://www.myrtlebeachseniorcenter.com |
| 21 | Auto Auto Festival The Pressure at Vedae Greenville, NC http://www.vedae.com |
| 28 | Shelby Senior Center Halloween Car Show |
| NOVEMBER | |
| 4 | BREMC Monthly Meeting |
| 15 | Hilton Head Seafood and Wine Celebration |
| DECEMBER | |
| 6 | BREMC Christmas Party |
| 17 | SHELBY CHRISTMAS PARADE http://www.shelbychristmasparade.com |

BREMC Meetings & Christmas Party will be at Cleveland Country Club, Shelby, NC, unless otherwise posted.

DECEMBER 7th MEETING AT
CLEVELAND COUNTRY CLUB
1360 EAST MARION STREET SHELBY, NC



Our regular meeting will be December 7th at the Cleveland Country Club located at 1360 East Marion Street in Shelby.

There will be a buffet set up for us.

There will be a cash bar and you can pay for your meal and drinks with cash or plastic. Please contact Jim Morgan by Tuesday noon with your reservation for the meeting.

Broad River European Motor Club

November Meeting November 2nd, 2017

The BREMC met on November 2^h, 2017, at the Shelby Country Club.

There were 23 members present.

Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report of \$2765.20 was reported in our account at this time.

Reviews were given on the Halloween Festival at the Senior Center in Shelby. Trophy winners were Curt, Doug, John S., Jeff, and Bob C.

There is a show at Tryon, NC. The Rolling Art Show from ten o'clock until 2 o'clock.

The Shelby Christmas Parade is December 17th. The lineup will be on North Lafayette Street. Once we have our unit number, the exact location will be sent to members.

Our BREMC European Classic will be April 28th, 2018, the last Saturday in April.

We need a Chairperson and volunteers to start on our show. If interested contact Jim.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas gala.

Come and join us for the festivities and the last meeting of the year 2017.

Hope to see you there.

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Carlisle,

Secretary/Treasurer

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Cindy Carlisle, Secretary/Treasurer

MGB INTERIOR AND OTHER PARTS FOR SALE

Club member Henry Weathers passed away over a year ago. His wife wants to sell these parts for an MGB. This is a complete set for the inside of an MGB 1962 to 1980. I also have a new grill, luggage rack, an original gas tank and boxes of odds and ends. Please email me at hlw219@bellsouth.net for further info.

Thank you, Jackie Weathers



DO YOU KNOW OF ANY EVENTS IN JANUARY,
FEBRUARY, MARCH, OR APRIL?

SEND INFORMATION TO JACK WELLER AT

wsweller@aol.com

FOR 2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

SHELBY CHRISTMAS PARADE

DECEMBER 17

MISSY HOLLAND'S RESTORATION

IS GOING WELL

SEE HER PROGRESS AND OTHER INTERESTING

BARN FINDS

BY VISITING & LIKING OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/151205814882>

[8961/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/151205814882)

NEW YEAR'S DAY DRIVE

BEING PLANNED BY CURT HOLLAND

DETAILS WILL FOLLOW

ENJOY THIS ARTICLE BY WALLY WERSHING.

Creations by Gemza Annual Open House

By Wally Wersching



Saturday December 2nd started like many other "First Saturdays". I went to the Crestview Baptist Church for their monthly breakfast (which was delicious as always) where I met a few friends. Then I drove to uptown Shelby to meet a few members of the Broad River Motor Club at LilyBean's Micro-Roasted Coffee House on the square. It's always a good way to start a day -

with friendly conversation about cars. I told them where I was headed - to Denver, NC, and "Creations by Gemza". I had to explain what it was. They don't know about Mike and his sons restoring MOPAR cars. They are all into foreign cars.



I went home to pick up Cindy, and we both left Shelby at about 9:30AM

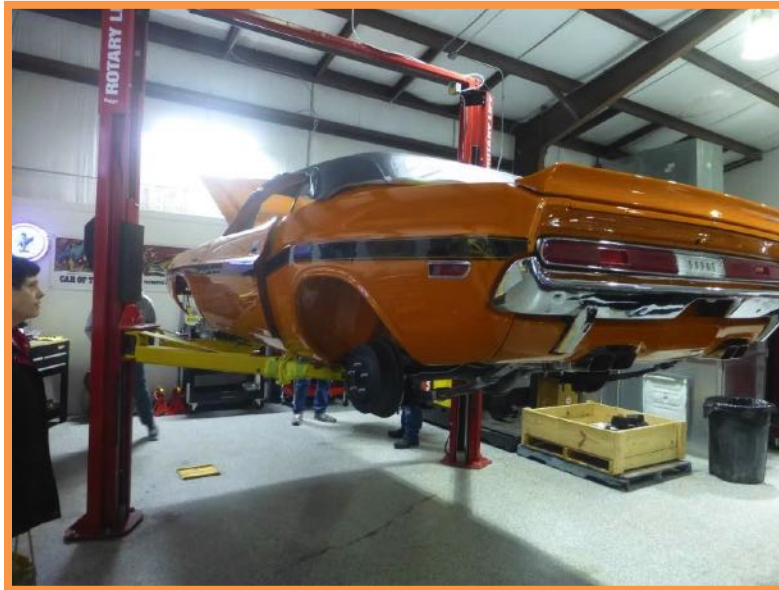


heading north on Rt 150. It was a chilly overcast morning with a few sprinkles. After going through Boger City, we went straight onto Rt 27. We turned left onto Rt 73. When Danny was younger, he and I would drive this way every Thursday evening to go to a Cruise-In at the Burger King at the intersection of Rt 73 and Rt 16. Those were good times we shared.

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We continued on Rt 73, and saw some familiar places that I remembered but then when I came to the new Rt 16 Bypass, it was all new. It was really built up with shopping centers, and such. We continued, and then turned left onto what is now Business 16. The intersection had changed too. I saw a sign that the road would be closed between 12:15 and 3:00 for the Christmas Parade. I checked



my watch, and it was only about 10:30. We should be out of there before they close the road.

We pulled into the Triangle Industrial Park, and the second or third building on the left was jammed with cars and trucks. The sign on the door said that this was "Creations by Gemza". We parked in front, and walked in the front door.

A little history - in the

late 1990's, when I was working for Copeland, I met a man who we all called "Valenite Mike". He got his name by selling Valenite tools to the manufacturing engineers in the plant. I learned that he liked old cars especially MOPAR's, but I didn't hold that against him.

I didn't see Mike for a few years, and then bumped



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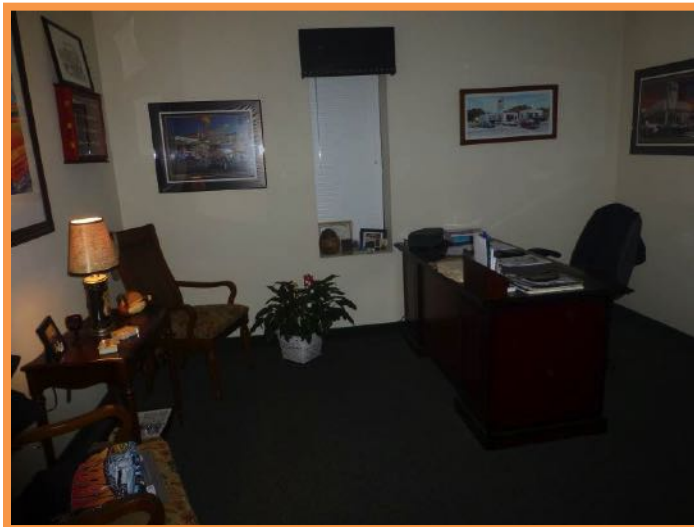


into him at a car show. He said that he was restoring cars for a living now, and I should stop by his place for a visit. When I did, it was a car restoration compound with many different buildings where different stages of the restoration were done.

Then Mike took me for a ride to see his new acquisition. As we walked through his empty new building, he told me

what was going to be where, and how it would look. He had a dream, and in this building, he was going to fulfill it.

When Cindy and I walked through the front door, it was just the way Mike had described years ago. There's nothing but car pictures, and framed posters hanging from the walls. Everything was clean, and orderly. There was a room with food and drinks, and their



offices are ones to die for. There were many people enjoying themselves throughout the whole place. Mike and his family have a lot of good "Car Friends".

As we walked through the shop, we noticed how clean and orderly it was - like a NASCAR shop. They only use the best of everything to restore the cars. They cannot use some of the normal restoration parts we would

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use because they are reproduced in China. The quality and fit are not good enough. They have the original parts reconditioned instead of replacing them with reproductions.

There were cars in various stages of restoration a couple already had the body and paint work done - awaiting final assembly. It looks like a great place to bring your car. They will



take great care of it.

We found Mike mingling with his friends (talking about cars), and waited until he was through before we approached him. He looked well - as though he was enjoying his life. He was really living his dream. He and his sons are enjoying the good life. They have cars scheduled to be restored for the next few years. They have made a name for their company, and the car

lovers who want their cars restored properly are willing to wait for them to do it.

Their restorations have been featured in many automotive magazines along with winning prestigious awards. Their restorations are as perfect as humanly possible. Creations by Gemza - www.creationsbygemza.com



We talked with Mike for a short time. I mentioned a show on the Velocity Channel that restores MOPAR cars. Mike isn't too happy about the

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show. It's made to be entertaining not for reality. The reality of it all is that watching a man work on a car for many hours is not entertaining. It is rewarding for the man though as he watches his handiwork turn the car into something special.



I gave him a couple small Christmas presents - a 1956 issue of "Mechanix Illustrated", and a framed Chrysler Motors car ad from the 1950's. I knew he'd enjoy them, and they would find a place in his vast collection of automotive memorabilia.

We talked about his "pride and joy" 1965 Dodge Coronet that he had finished a year ago. It has all the "GO-

FAST" stuff in it, and not much else - no radio, heater, or back seat. The 426 Hemi engine had a dual quad cross-ram intake. It was backed up with a 4-speed trans, and performance rear end. The finish on the black paint was flawless. The car is perfect, and Mike was very proud of it. It's a great example of the quality of work done at his shop. There is a problem though. He only drove the car 50 miles in the year since it was finished. He even trailered it to a car show close to his shop. It's too valuable to drive on the street.



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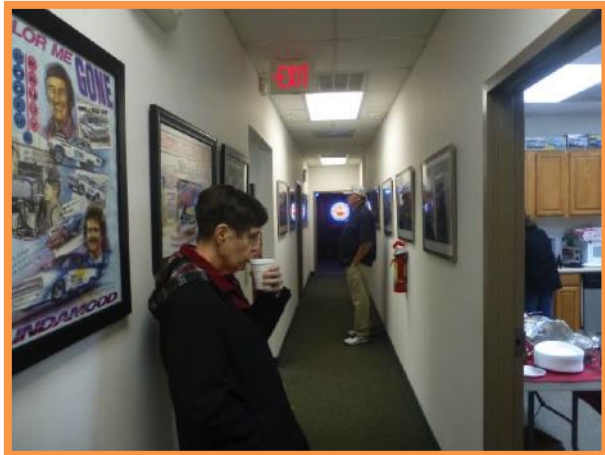


In front of Mike's Dodge was a Willys coupe gasser. With its blown engine, I'm sure that it is very fast in a straight line too.

We walked out back to see a great little car show. There were the usual MOPARs, and a few other brands, including a beautiful custom Cadillac, and even a Ferrari. Tony, Mike's son, was at the edge of the lot talking with a couple people. I wanted Cindy to meet him but

she was chilled, and went inside to get some hot coffee.

We left at about 11:15 heading back the way we had come. People were lining the street with lawn chairs getting ready for the Christmas Parade. We got out of there just in time. It's not that I don't like parades; it's just that we were going out to lunch when we got back home. If we got stuck, we'd be there for the rest of the afternoon because I'm not familiar with the back roads out of Denver.



We arrived home at about 12:15 and went to lunch at our favorite restaurant - the Italian Garden in Boiling Springs, NC. We'll definitely go back to Gemza's next year to see the progress of his beautiful creations.