

# The Rear View Mirror

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July 13  
NEXT MEETING  
Baker's Buffalo Creek  
Winery, Shelby

July 2017

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

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## MEETING MOVED TO JULY 13TH



Join us at  
**BAKER'S  
BUFFALO  
CREEK WINERY**

on the Waco-  
Fallston Road,  
Fallston for a  
picnic and  
friendship at the  
historic 100 year

old dairy farm now a vineyard. Here is the physical address for your GPS 3521 Fallston-Waco Rd, Lawndale, NC 28090 Phone (704) 538 – 9927

Here is their website to learn about their wines and the facility. <http://bakerbuffalocreek.com/>

## E-MAIL YOUR DINNER RESERVATION

Please e-mail **Barb Weller**, that you will be attending so that she may have Jim Morgan to get enough hot dogs and hamburgers for the meal by **TUESDAY NOON, July 11th**.

**Barb's** e-mail address is [BobbiJo822@aol.com](mailto:BobbiJo822@aol.com)

## LATTIMORE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Make Plans to Be a Part of Americana on Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Bring lots of wrapped candy to share with kids on parade route. Coming from Shelby on W Dixon Blvd., turn at Intersection of Westlee St and Dixon Blvd. a traffic signal. Turn Right onto Westlee St and Turn Right on Jones Road it is first right on Westlee St. Look for Dennis Davis' BMW or Porsche on Jones Road. Parade forms after about 8:15 – Parade starts at 9:00AM

There will be a Patriotic Program at the Community Center. TEXT DENNIS AT 704-473-8458 If you plan participate.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear BREMC Members and Friends,  
Spring has sprung, Fall has fell,  
Summer is here and it's hot as .....



I wish I had a bright, well-thought-out President's message for you but I'm headed to the Outer Banks for the Fourth of July and my brain left for trip two days ago. Enjoy the holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone at Baker's Buffalo Creek Vineyard and Winery on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Pictured is one of the dining areas in the Milking Parlor.



The Club will do and hot dogs and hamburgers and ice. We are asking members to bring the rest.

So, please bring something tasty.

As a new addition to The Rear View Mirror, we have three articles written by Wally Wersching. He has a very nice article about our show, Great Scot Show, and a potential road trip some time to the Western North Carolina Air Museum. Hope you enjoy his insights into local shows.

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wsweller@aol.com)

## BREMC REPRESENTED AT GATHERING

Each year the *Triumph Club of the Carolinas* sponsors the annual Gathering at Shelton Winery in Surry County. This year BREMC was well represented with *Curt & Missy Holland* winning first place with their MG Coupe. Wandering the grounds, we captured these pictures of Club members viewing some unusual classics.

*Lewis Freeman and Phillip Miller* examine a



Metropolitan engine and think it resembles Lewis' MGB. Hmm.



*Barb Weller* is trying to figure out where to put her groceries in this 2017

## BREMC REPRESENTED AT HIGHLANDS MOTORING FESTIVAL

By **Jeff Dreibus**

On June 10, my wife Dawn and I attended the 9th Annual Highlands Motoring Festival ("The Festival With Altitude: 4118 Feet!") held in picturesque Highlands, NC where we displayed our 1984 BMW 320i Baur. This event is open to all European and American cars 1989 and older. We have been going each year since 2012.

The weather for the show could not have been more perfect for the approximately 125 entrants and their vehicles. We loved the fact that we were parked (top-down) beneath the shade of a pine tree in Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park on Pine Street --- until we started to pack up the car after the show and found the back seat to be full of pollinating pine tree droppings! But back to the show . . .



The featured marque was Cars of Italy --- and they came out in force! Fiat, Alfa and particularly Ferrari were well-represented, and even an owner-

restored 1967 Lamborghini Miura showed up. The featured marque changes each year; sometimes it is a

single marque, sometimes (as this year) it is cars from a particular nation.



Most of the European makes were accounted for including BMW, Porsche, Mercedes, Volkswagen, Volvo, MG, Austin-Healey,

Jaguar, Morgan, Triumph and Rolls-Royce.



American cars were represented by Chevrolet, Ford, Mercury, Plymouth, Avanti and Corvette.



The ratio of European:

American vehicles on exhibit was about 80:20.

BBQ and drinks were available for lunch at the show site and many other local eateries are within an easy walk to Main Street, which is also lined with many small shops offering a variety of local crafts and other interesting goods.

We had a great time and would recommend this event to everyone who loves old cars, especially European cars.

Below is the HMF website. If the 2018 registration is not yet available on it, save the address and check back later as it should soon be posted. Meanwhile, enjoy the site's videos of previous events!

<https://highlandsmotoringfestival.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*

Special Events Coordinator – *Curt Holland*

Program Chair – *Alan Teague*

Membership- *Bill Plowden*

Newsletter – *Jack Weller*

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Cars & Coffee of the Upstate -- Greenville, SC

### BRITS & BREW CHARLOTTE



### Second Saturday of Month Old Mecklenburg Brewery

Club Member pictures who visited in February

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

## 2017 Meetings / Events Calendar

The 2017 Calendar is updated as Events are sent to be posted. 2016 Events are listed in yellow awaiting a 2017 event date verification.

DATE	Meeting / Event
JANUARY	2017
1	BREMC New Year's Day Drive on the Little Lizard
5	BREMC Monthly Meeting
FEBRUARY	
2	BREMC Monthly Meeting
MARCH	
2	BREMC Monthly Meeting
25	11th Annual BMW/Porsche Swap Meet: Matthews, NC <a href="http://sandlapperbmw.org/?tribe_events=11th-annual-bmw-porsche-swap-meet">http://sandlapperbmw.org/?tribe_events=11th-annual-bmw-porsche-swap-meet</a>
APRIL	
1	Carolina British Classics XI, Columbia Speedway, <a href="http://www.bccnc.com/Home_Page.php">http://www.bccnc.com/Home_Page.php</a>
6	BREMC Monthly Meeting Penzell Auto Fair – Charlotte, NC Clifford's Army Rescue
22	The Gathering Shelton Vineyards <a href="http://www.triumphclub.org/Gathering/index.html">http://www.triumphclub.org/Gathering/index.html</a>
29	Broad River European Classic <a href="http://www.broadriveremc.com">www.broadriveremc.com</a>
MAY	
4	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 --- <a href="http://www.atthevintage.com/">http://www.atthevintage.com/</a>
19-21	Carlisle Import Car Show/Autojumble Carlisle, PA <a href="http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/carlisle-import-and-performance-nationals/default.aspx">http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/carlisle-import-and-performance-nationals/default.aspx</a>
28	Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club (car show Furman University in conjunction with Greenville Scottish Games <a href="http://www.sbmoc.com/great-sco/">http://www.sbmoc.com/great-sco/</a>
JUNE	
1	BREMC Monthly Meeting
3-4	VIR HSR Historic vintage race <a href="http://virmow.com/events/historic-sportscar-racing/">http://virmow.com/events/historic-sportscar-racing/</a>
8-11	Highlands Motoring Festival Highlands, NC <a href="http://highlandsmotoringfestival.com/">http://highlandsmotoringfestival.com/</a>
21-24	Triumph Registry National Meet in Columbus, Indiana See John Long for details <a href="http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/">http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/</a>
	Rock Barn European Classic
JULY	
4	INDEPENDENCE Day Parade – LATTIMORE
13	BREMC Picnic at Baker's Buffalo Creek Winery
AUGUST	
3	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	
7	BREMC Monthly Meeting The Auto Lawn Party – Hickory <a href="http://www.theautolawn.com">www.theautolawn.com</a> to register.
	DAVID WILSON ROLLIN' & ROCKN' PASS THE GIFT <a href="http://rollinandrocknpass.thegift.com/">http://rollinandrocknpass.thegift.com/</a>
	Steele Rubber Company Open House <a href="http://www.steelerrubber.com">www.steelerrubber.com</a> Auto Fair – Charlotte, NC <a href="http://www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets/autofair_fall/">http://www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets/autofair_fall/</a>
17	Autumn in the Mountains BCCWC Hendersonville, NC <a href="http://www.autumninthemountains.org/">http://www.autumninthemountains.org/</a>
23-24	VIR (Virginia International Raceway) Gold Cup Races MG's on the Green Harrisburg, NC <a href="http://www.metrolinamcclub.com/mgs-on-the-green.html">http://www.metrolinamcclub.com/mgs-on-the-green.html</a>
OCTOBER	
5	BREMC Monthly Meeting
7	Britfest at the Market Common Myrtle Beach- <a href="http://grandstrandbritishcarclub.com/">http://grandstrandbritishcarclub.com/</a>
20	BREMC Sponsored Wine Tours part of Euro Auto Festival
21	Euro Auto Festival The Preserve at Verdae Greenville, NC Shelby Senior Center Car Show
NOVEMBER	
2	BREMC Monthly Meeting
4-5	Hilton Head SC-Concours d'elégance
DECEMBER	
7	BREMC Christmas Party SHELBY CHRISTMAS PARADE <a href="https://uptownshelby.com/events/christmas-parade">https://uptownshelby.com/events/christmas-parade</a>

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

## BREMC MAY & JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: May 4, 2017

Held at Deer Brook Golf Course and Restaurant

Meeting Date June 1, 2017

Meeting was called to order by **Alan Teague**, Vice President. Our President, **Jim Morgan**, had other plans for tonight. Alan thanked everyone for their participation in the show. Says it was the greatest show yet!!

**John Salazar** was asked to give a report regarding show. He gave special thanks to several individuals. Parking Committee great, loaders and unloaders great. Special thanks to **Jack Weller** for the 'Special Edition Newsletter' and all the time and effort he put into this. We only have two trophies left. Unsure who didn't get them.

*To aid in understanding discussion that followed, Editor created categories that were identified and comments placed in that category to capture suggestions to improve the show.*

### Day of Show Improvements:

All the neighbors in the condos need to be notified prior to show. They had no idea to not park on street. This needs to be followed thru for next year.

Also, the City did NOT cut grass around the square even tho John had called them twice.

Raffle and trophies were advertised as starting at 2pm... it was started at 1:30pm and people were upset... cannot do that again.

A sign is needed to state the time of Raffle and time of Trophies. Need participant signage to find where to register.

Didn't/couldn't get large signs. Needs to be figured out before next year.

**Skip Wise** stated he thought part of problem was from barricades - need to think about this for next show.

**Bruce Harless** said parking arrangement was great, but the perception changed this year. He would have preferred 1/2 block in all directions so prime location spots would be spread out. Maybe inside out to maximize instead of out to in.

**Jeff** said while parking cars, the cars have to travel down street, then back up with Porsche's in the middle. Danger in doing this, but don't know solution. Suggestion made to park from top down or park in other direction.

**Jeff Dreibus** mentioned Trailer Parking. This area also needs to be covered by Insurance. Contact owner of the land and also identify this area on our map.

### Setting Classes for Show:

One participant complained that his group should have been split. Stated he Always Wins... An unnamed member stated "The old rich people only ones who win".

Suggestion of rubber stamps that say Group 1, Group 2 or something similar to stamp at registration?

**Treasure Teague** talked about Classes need to be addressed before next year. She asked **Bruce** to help with Jags and asked for a volunteer to help with MG's. **John Long** explained how different classes were handled at The Gathering.

**Treasure** asked for no more than 4 classes.

**Alan** stated we all really need to push Pre-Registration.

**Missy Holland** explained while she was working Day of Show Registration, it was told to drivers that classes were determined by Pre-Registration. Everyone was encouraged to please pre-register next year and how easy it was to do so.

### Special Display and Program for Brackeen Family

**Canine Demonstration** was great. **Brackeen** group stated they collected more donations at our event than any other events!

**John** suggested we put money aside for **Canine unit** and **Brackeen** widow.

### Sponsors / Support of Sponsors / Thanking Sponsors

**John** vented that the Sponsor Poster was a pain this year. Sponsors need to pay. It was suggested a deadline for payment.

**John** said he would like **Cindy Carlisle** to send a letter of thanks to all the sponsors.

**Iverson Smith** said we really need to patronize our Sponsors. **Monroe Tires** no longer our Sponsor. Said he didn't receive any benefits or customers.

### Kudos and Accolades

**Bill Plowden** said **Treasure** did a great job.

**Alan** said - Word is out that we are the event to attend!! Also said we should put who we donate to on the sponsor letters.

**Treasure Teague** gave a very preliminary report. These amounts were questioned and we will await **Cindy Carlisle's** final results after everything is totaled.

### Charities Should be part of Advertising

**Skip** said we should discuss whether to split up donation or to give one big check this year. Wondered if small amounts really helped.

**Cindy Cabaniss** said that **Teddy Bear & Friends** appreciated the donation given to them and any amount was welcomed.

**APPLAUSE** given for a great **BREMC CLASSIC!**

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Phyllis Plowden** mentioned the upcoming cruise some of the ladies are taking in September and asked if there was another lady that would like to go. She needs a roommate.

**Derek & Melanie Graham** were new members present at meeting and were welcomed.

**Jack Porter** discussed the upcoming British Car Show at Furman University which is part of the Greenville Scottish Games. Featured cars this year are Rolls and Bentley. Also stated the entrance has been improved.

**Barbara Weller** is to check with **Baker-Buffalo Winery** regarding a date for our July meeting. Considering the 13th. **Jack Weller** told the history of the winery.

Meeting was adjourned by **Alan Teague, Vice President.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cabaniss, fill-in Secretary!

### HOLLANDS ON THEIR CANADIAN TOUR STOPPED ALONG THE WAY



Saw this nice MB and these planes at the Reynolds Alberta Museum in Wetaskwin, Alberta, Canada. See more at Canadian Air Hall of Fame <http://www.history.alberta.ca/reynolds/>

### JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Broad River European Motor Club  
Meeting Minutes June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

The Broad River European Motor Club met on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at Deer Brook Country Club.

President Morgan called the meeting to order. Page Morgan gave our blessing.

The minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$ 5620.03.

The next meeting will be July 13<sup>th</sup> at Baker Buffalo Winery. The final arrangements will be made and we will be informed of the time. The Club will provide the grill, ice, burgers and dogs. Bring your chairs and come prepared to have an enjoyable time.

Jack reminded us of the Fourth of July parades. Information will be forthcoming.

Other shows and outings were discussed with dates and times if interested.

Dawn Dreibus has helped to create a Club FaceBook page. It is a closed group, but if you ask to join she will authorize you as a member. Please post your pictures to the FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1512058148828961/>.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Carlisle,  
Secretary/Treasurer



Curt and Missy enjoyed a trip through the Northwest and into Canada. Here are a few pictures to share.

## **JULY 13 MEETING AT BAKER BUFFALO CREEK WINERY**



**WHO: BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN  
MOTOR CLUB**

**WHAT: PICNIC**

**WHEN: THURSDAY, JULY 13**

**STARTING AFTER 5:00PM**

**WHERE: BAKER'S BUFFALO  
CREEK WINERY AND VINEYARD**

**Address to put into your GPS:**

3521 Fallston-Waco Rd, Lawndale, NC 28090

Phone (704) 538 – 9927

Here is their website to learn about their wines and the facility. <http://bakerbuffalocreek.com/>

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AFTER THE MEAL.**

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AVAILABLE TO US TO ENJOY.**

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# 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Broad River European Motor Club Car Show

By Wally Wersching



The Broad River European Motor Club was formed in 2008 by a small group of car enthusiasts. They are all very friendly, and because of that, the club has grown to about 85 members. For the past few years, they have held their car show in the center of Shelby in conjunction with



the Arts on the Square Festival - on the same weekend as the Foothills Merry-go-Round Festival in the Shelby City Park. People come from all around to be part of the festivals, and see the great cars.

The only thing that keeps people away from Shelby during the festivals is the weather. Last year, it was chilly and misty during the car show, and there were only a

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few cars entered. This year, the weather was great. No rain in the forecast all day. They had over 100 cars entered - biggest ever!

Cindy and I went again this year. We left home about 12:00 noon, and drove to town. The sidewalks and grass around the old courthouse were crowded with the many booths from the festival, and the streets were blocked off to accommodate the car show. The air was



full of the scent of food cooking. It smelled delicious.

As I walked around the cars, Cindy went to look at the crafts for sale in the booths. It's always good to have something for the women to do besides looking at the cars.

I talked with Skip,

the ex-president of the club. I've known Skip for almost 20 years ever since I coached his two sons in soccer. His Triumph TR250 is one of the nicest around. He does all the work himself in his garage at home.

Some of the other members were walking around making sure that everything went OK. The car show takes



the whole club to be a success. Everybody has a job to do from contacting the sponsors, and getting the permit from the city to parking the cars, and handing out the trophies. It's all important.

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I took a lot of pictures as I walked around. There were the usual Porsches, MG's, Triumphs, Jaguars, Mercedes, Morgans, and Austin Healeys. There were some pretty rare cars at the show too. My favorite one was a 1963 Jaguar MK2. It wasn't as sporty as the XK series but it had so much class with its wooden dash, leather seats, and perfect paint on a



beautifully shaped body. It reminded me of the car that Inspector Morse drove in the classic PBS/BBC series which was a 1960 Jaguar MK2.

There were a couple motorcycles at the show. One was very interesting - a four cylinder Nimbus with a sidecar from Denmark. It was supposed to have been owned by Steve McQueen. I would have loved to see it roll in

earlier

with the

eight exposed valve springs moving up and down.

Another interesting car was the BMW Isetta. With only its front opening door, it was a "death trap" if it ever rear-ended another car. The driver would be pinned in the car.

Skip told me to check out the black Porsche prototype with its flared rear fenders



to accommodate the wider rear tires. It looked like a 914 on steroids - probably a lot of fun to drive.

Cindy found me talking with Skip, and said that she was ready to go to lunch. We completed my walk around the cars, and then went to lunch at the Italian Garden Restaurant in Boiling Springs, NC. Afterwards, I worked around the house. It was another pleasant Saturday.



# Furman University All-British Car Show

By Wally Wersching



On Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>, Furman University, Greenville Scottish Games, and the Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club sponsored the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual All-British Car Show that went on during the "Gallabrae" Greenville Scottish Games at Furman University. Rolls Royce and Bentley were the featured marques. The university is located in Greenville, SC.

I decided to go this year after going

to the Cars and Coffee at the Michelin headquarters. I found my way to I385, and exited at Rt 276. I followed Rt 276 all the way to Furman University where I exited to the right to go to the school on the left. The exit went under Rt 276 to get to the school.

I paid the \$5.00 to park "Miss Vickie", and went around the round-



about to the left. There was a large tree lined field that had old British cars parked under the trees. The whole university was beautifully landscaped. It looked like a very serene place to spend four years getting a degree.

I walked onto the grass, and the first car I noticed was a 1934 Roll-Royce Model 20/25, Chassis No. GYD44 with an all-aluminum 2

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door Coupe' body by Freestone and Webb. It was parked on one of the brick cross walks in the field. It was beautiful - like it just rolled off the assembly line in England in 1934. It's called the "Green Goddess", and was completely restored in 1983. It was



Rolls-Royce 40/50 Springfield Silver Ghost owned by Doug and Mary from Winston-Salem, NC. It was a very unusual car for a number of reasons. The chassis was made in England but the body was made in Springfield Massachusetts by an American coach builder. It only had rear drum brakes. The transmission was not fully synchronized so the



imported to the US in 2001. The present owners have driven it about 10,000 miles to go to Roll-Royce shows on the east coast.

I continued to walk by the Rolls-Royces, and was amazed by what I saw. There were many older cars in the group. The oldest one I saw was a 1926



driver needed to double-clutch on every shift. There were some very unique luxury items like ivory door pulls, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  sized side windows. Mary and Doug bought the car in 1980, and have driven it over 60,000 miles to: California, Canada, Scotland, and the western Alps.

I started talking with Mary. She was very knowledgeable about the old Rolls. I commented on the brakes and she said

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that it was an adventure stopping the 6,000 pound car. The engine did a lot of the braking so the driver had to plan the stops well in advance. She said that after traveling all those miles, they never had an accident. We talked for quite a while about their adventures with the car. She was a pleasure to talk with.

I continued to walk around looking at the many cars rolling in. I was waiting



for Skip and the other members of the Broad River European Motor Club to arrive. They stopped for breakfast at Strawberry Hill USA near Chesnee, SC, and then drove on Rt 11 until turning left onto Rt 276. It's a much slower route but more suited to their cars.

It was interesting to watch the organizers get the cars onto the lawn. The curb was high - especially for the low slung sports cars. They made a set of ramps, and then the cars would drive up the ramp onto the lawn under the



trees. That was good for getting up the curb. I can just imagine how it was to get all the cars back down to the street after the show with everybody leaving at the same time.

Skip and the group finally arrived. I followed him to his parking spot. After he went up the ramps, we talked for a while. He and his wife were going to the Scottish Games later. They went last

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year and enjoyed it. I then said good-bye and headed back.

I was thinking of taking Rt 276 to Rt 11 for a nice relaxing scenic ride home but the exit going north was blocked, I had to head back to Greenville and I385. Traffic



was horrible. It seemed like everybody woke up, and started driving around. Many of the stoplights took about five minutes to go through with all the left turn signals and such. I finally made it

back to I385, then I85, and home.

I was worn out from riding through the heavy traffic. I'm not used to it anymore. It was like being back in Chicago again.

After I made it home, I talked Cindy into going to the Italian Garden Restaurant in Boiling Springs, NC for lunch. It was a very enjoyable way to spend a Saturday morning.



# Western North Carolina Air Museum's Air Fair

By Wally Wersching



On June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, The Western North Carolina Air Museum held its annual Air Fair at the Hendersonville, NC air field. The WNC Air Museum was founded in 1989, and opened to the public in the present hangar in 1993. They have

also doubled the size of the hangar a few years ago. It's a free small museum with a lot of aircraft on display. Also whenever I have visited it with my family, there has been a friendly volunteer that knew everything about the



displays to show us around.

This year I went on Sunday morning. I took the Miata because it was a genuine "Top Down" day. It was cool with very little traffic.

I got there about 10:15AM, I walked to the museum. I heard that the Stearman biplane was up taking someone for a flight. I'll check it

out later.

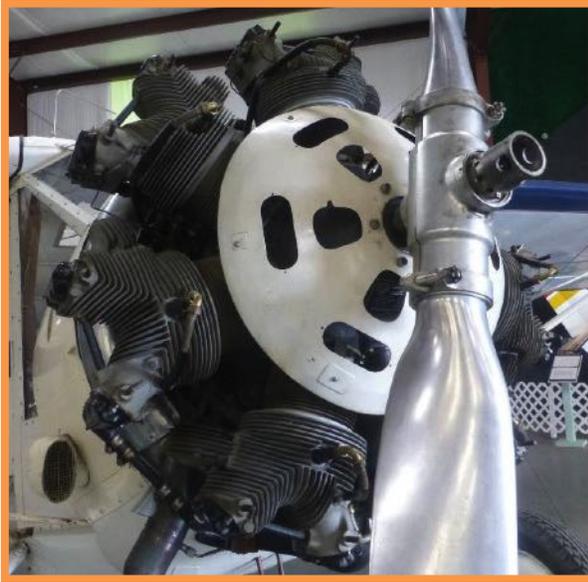
The rest of the fair was slowly getting started. Only two cars came for the car show portion of the fair. I'm sure that it would get in full swing after people got out of church.

There were a few planes parked in front of the museum. The museum itself was crammed with planes, and other



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memorabilia. They even have a replica of the Wright Brothers 1903 flyer. It's amazing that it actually flew, and is the beginning of air travel in the world.

When walking around the museum, don't forget to look up. They have many planes hanging from the ceiling.

After walking around the museum, I walked back to the runway to see if the Stearman had returned - not yet. It was due any minute. This model 75 Stearman was made in the 30's and 40's as a military trainer with the student in front

of the instructor. Now the pilot sits in the rear seat while the passenger sits in front. The radial engine is under the cowl. Radial engines are one of the very unique piston engines ever made. It looks so intricate.



Finally, the Stearman was sighted making his approach to land. Everybody was getting excited. There was an elderly man who was more excited than most because his wife was in the plane.

I watched as a white haired lady was the first passenger of the day. She was all smiles as she made her way off the plane. Maybe one day, I'll spring for the \$100.00, and take a ride. It would be a very exciting

experience. Now, just seeing the plane take off and land will have to do.

While the lady was getting off the plane and her husband was getting on, the pilot kept the engine running. The sound of the engine idling was music to my ears.

# Western North Carolina Air Museum's Air Fair

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It's hard to explain but the sound of the engine loping was so beautiful - similar to a racing engine with a blower on it.

After the man was strapped in with his headset on, the pilot maneuvered the plane to the runway and with a roar of the engine, proceeded down the runway gaining speed until the wheels lifted off the ground. Within seconds it was climbing in the air.

There were a couple other small



planes taking people up for a flight but none as classy as the Stearman.

I left about 11:00AM, and headed back to Shelby. It was a great way to spend a Sunday morning but maybe next year Cindy and I will go on Saturday, and make a day of it, and spend the afternoon in Hendersonville.

