

The Rear View Mirror

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

APRIL 5
NEXT MEETING
Cleveland Country Club
Shelby, NC

April 2018

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

Volume X Number 02

MONTHLY MEETING APRIL 5th

Join us at Cleveland Country Club 1360 East Marion Street Shelby for our Meeting on April 5th at 6:30pm. The Club is set-up to take cash or credit cards and a Cash Bar will be available. Please be sure to pay for your meal at the Bar after the meeting.

E-MAIL YOUR DINNER RESERVATION

Please e-mail Alan Teague that you will be attending to help in the planning by **TUESDAY NOON, April 3rd**

Alan's e-mail address is alshealey@aol.com

BREMC CLASSIC FUN DRIVE SET MAY 12

There will not be a Broad River European Classic Car Show this year in Shelby. Read the letter of explanation on page 4 of the Newsletter.

Instead, Curt Holland and Jim Morgan and a few others have come up with the idea of a Classic Fun Drive on Saturday, May 12th starting in Shelby and heading west to such interesting places as the historic Washburn Hardware Store and the Tryon International Equestrian Center.

Send Curt Holand your contact information by e-mail to him at curt@imc-ma.com or text message him at (704-472-8599) with your contact information so we may share with you about the **Classic Fun Drive**. Hope to see you on the May 12th.

For more details see article on page 4 of April Edition of the Rearview Mirror

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear BREMC Members and Friends,

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Your **Broad River European Motor Club** has done it for you again. At 2:00 pm on Easter Sunday we have been invited to enjoy exclusive use of the **BMW Training Facility and Testing Grounds** in Greer, SC for the afternoon.

You may ask How is this possible?

BMW is introducing a new line of **M** models across their production spectrum (**M2, M3, M4, M5, M6, X5M and X6M**) and decided to allow a local car club to put the cars through their paces and get feedback from the participants. A **BMW** film crew as well as a writer from a German motoring magazine will be there to record the experience. You may further ask, Why **BREMC**? Just lucky I guess. Our Club name was drawn from a list of clubs who have participated in the fall **Euro Auto Fest** the past few years.



The experience will feature training from **BMW** test drivers as well as full use of the facilities and vehicles. "**Drive it like you stole it**" was how it was expressed to me. After three full hours of full throttle fun, **BMW** is having a meal catered for us that includes a variety of Bavarian dishes and beers. At the end of the meal, one lucky participant will be selected to enjoy a one-year lease of a 2019 model **X5M** (all license, registration and taxes paid). Everyone will also receive lots of **BMW** swag from the Zentrum Gift Shop as well as a personalized BMW polo shirt, commemorating the day.

To participate and get your name in the hat for that **X5M** please send in your registration form to **Jack Weller**, a copy of your driver's license, a signed liability release (will be provided by Jack) and your shirt size. The caterer would also like to be informed of any food allergies. So, don't forget to register right away and we'll see you Easter afternoon. (**That's April 1st - check for your calendars**).

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 jsweller@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*

Special Events Coordinator – *Curt Holland*

Program Chair – *Alan Teague*

Membership- *Bill Plowden*

Newsletter – *Jack Weller*

Publicity –

Regalia & Accessories – *Alan Teague*

Technical Director – *Iverson Smith*

Website – *Don Byrnes*

* Executive Committee Member

EVERY SATURDAY MORNINGWEATHER CO-OPERATING COFFEE, CARS & CONVERSATION

(l to r) Enjoy one last cup of Lily Bean coffee before heading to Missouri is *Bruce Harless* joined *John Wise & Wally Wershing*

**YOU ARE INVITED 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 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	2018
1	BREMC New Year's Day Drive
11	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	BREMC AT BMW TEST FACILITY SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE ONE FOR MORE DETAILS
5	BREMC Monthly Meeting
	Clifford's Army Rescue
21	The Gathering Shelton Vineyards http://www.triumphclub.org/Gathering/index.html
28	NO Broad River European Classic www.broadriveremc.com
MAY	
3	BREMC Monthly Meeting
12	BREMC CLASSIC FUN DRIVE SEE LETTER ON PAGE FOUR OF NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS.
12	18th Annual British Car Show-Wrightsville Beach Park
19-21	The BMW Vintage (for specified older Bimmers) Asheville & Hot Springs, NC --- http://www.athevintage.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/treat-scol/
JUNE	
7	BREMC Monthly Meeting
3-4	VIR HSR Historic vintage race http://virnov.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/tri-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
26	Healey Club of the Carolinas Mountain Trip Contact Treasurer, Teague or Chuck Reeves for info. Classic Boat and Car Show Trump Nat'l Golf Course 10-3-Mooreville
SEPTEMBER	
6	BREMC Monthly Meeting
9	The Auto Lawn Party – Hickory http://www.theautolawn.com/ to register
21-24	Auto Fair – Charlotte, NC http://www.charlotteautofair.com/
23-24	VIR (Virginia International Raceway) Gold Cup Races http://virnov.com/events/trackcock_classes/identified_by_svr/
30	Autumn in the Mountains BCCWC Hendersonville, NC http://www.bccwc.org/instr/
30	MG's on the Green Harrisburg, NC http://www.metrolinamgcarclub.com/mgs-on-the-green.html
OCTOBER	
4	BREMC Monthly Meeting
7	Britfest at the Market Common Myrtle Beach http://www.grandstranbritshcarclub.com/
20	Euro Auto Festival The Preserve at Verdae Greenville, NC http://www.euroautofestival.com/
26	Shelby Senior Center Halloween Car Show
NOVEMBER	
1	BREMC Monthly Meeting
4-5	Hilton Head SC-Concours d'Elegance
DECEMBER	
6	BREMC Christmas Party
17	SHELBY CHRISTMAS PARADE https://ukbrenshelby.com/events/christmas-parade

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

Broad River European Motor Club

March 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes

7:10pm, our President **Jim Morgan** welcomed us to our March Meeting.

Upcoming Events were mentioned:

April 20 - Triumph Club of the Carolinas - "The Gathering" at Sheldon Winery Dobson, NC

May 12 – BREMC Classic Fun Drive Shelby, NC

May 22nd - Vintage BMW's in Hot Springs (west Asheville)

Missy Holland gave an update on her Spitfire, which can also be followed on our BREMC Facebook page. She and **Curt** picking up seats at Lail's Upholstery tomorrow. Interior should be finished next week.

Update on **Bruce Harless** - Their house is sold and they will be headed to Missouri. He's still wondering how to get his cars there! He will certainly be missed by our Club. Bruce started the Saturday 8AM Cars and Coffee at **Lily Bean Coffee Shop** on W Warren Street. **Skip Wise, Bill Plowden**, and a few other diehards hope to keep the tradition of meeting over coffee to talk cars going.

Page Morgan talked about her new addition to the family — a new Audi Q5. **Jim** said it really will move down the road! Watch out speeding tickets!!

Jim voiced concern that he had heard the Country Club may be for sale. Several members voiced what they had heard. Everyone please be thinking of another location for our monthly meetings. Feel like we will be able to meet here in April.

Jim discussed latest updates on our Show. Explained with input from **Bob Cabaniss** about discussion with the City of Shelby regarding our downtown area would be very iffy especially with all the dust and dirt. **Bob** reported the Shelby Airport will be undergoing a repaving project with a 21 day shutdown of the run-away, so they were not planning on a Fly-in this spring. **Bob** had also talked with Jennifer at the Cleveland Mall, who has gotten the OK from upper management that our show could take place on the East parking lot on May 12th. Many concerns were voiced regarding the Mall including no tie-downs for tents, etc. Central Methodist back parking lot was discussed in conjunction with either the 7th Inning Stretch Festival in August or the Livermush Festival in October. **John Salazar** said he did not feel our Sponsors would want to contribute if our event was held at the Mall.

Discussion led by **Jim** to not have our event this year due to road conditions uptown. He will draft a letter to send out to everybody including our Sponsors. This will explain how our City streets are being reworked and instead of holding the event at an inferior location, we will have a Mystery Drive on May 12th leaving from Central Methodist parking lot with donations accepted for our charities. **Curt Holland** as agreed to plan this Drive. Motion was made by **Bill Plowden** to have the Mystery Drive to show our Club is still alive, on May 12th. 2nd made by **Jeff Dreibus**. Vote was unanimous. **Jim** to draft letter. **Treasure Teague** to mail and email to past participants, etc.

Curt Holland to let us know more about the Mystery Drive as he irons out details. Drive to be 3-4 hours with a lunch stop. **Barbara Weller** mentioned possibility of lunch at Baker-Buffalo Creek Winery with possibly Raffle Baskets to be considered.

Our next meeting will be April 5th with our Vice President **Alan Teague** leading the meeting in **Jim's** planned absence.

Meeting was closed with **President Jim** being thankful for a **Strong Club that does Great Things!**

Cindy Cabaniss,
Fill-in Secretary!!



Broad River European Motor Club
2018 Broad River European Classic
www.broadriveremc.com

Dear Friends of Broad River European Motor Club,

There Is No Broad River European Classic This Year

You may have wondered why you haven't heard anything about the Broad River European Classic in Shelby. We had our biggest Classic to date in 2017 and we were anticipating to an even greater Broad River European Classic this year.

Streets at Court Square Are Under Repair as Part of Major Utilities Improvement

Unfortunately, the City of Shelby is undergoing a significant street and utilities improvement project that is going to result in a more beautiful downtown area but will interfere with our use of streets for the Broad River European Classic. Rather than move the Classic to a less enjoyable location, we decided to not have the show this year and to return on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

An Alternative – May 12th We Are Offering A BREMC Classic Fun Drive for You

However, we still wish to share our Club with you this spring with a fun drive that will take place on Saturday, May 12. Initial plans are to meet between 8 and 9 am at the Central United Methodist Church parking lot (corner of East Marion and Dekalb streets) in Shelby. Depart at 9:00 to head to the historic Washburn Store in Rutherford County. After a visit there depart at 10:45 for the Tryon International Equestrian Center where we can tour the facility and have lunch. Afterward we will head to one of the area wineries to sample their wares and enjoy fellowship. Head for home when you wish.

Help Support Local Charities

There will be no cost to participate in the drive, but we would appreciate any donations you make to assist with our charitable efforts. Each year, the Broad River European Classic raised funds for several local charities. In recent years, we have made donations to the Cleveland County Boys & Girls Club, Shelby Junior Charity League Clothe A Child program, Officer Tim Brackeen Fund, Teddy Bear Ride for North Shelby Seniors and others. Your contribution will allow us to continue to support these organizations.

Most importantly, We want you to join us for the ride, donations of not.

Mark Your Calendars for

May 12 – BREMC Classic Fun Drive

April 27, 2019 for the 2019 Broad River European Classic

Please check our website, newsletter and Facebook page closer to May 12 for more details. We are really looking forward to you joining us on May 12th and looking forward even more to having you (and your car) with us at our Broad River European Classic on April 27, 2019.

Send Us Your Contact Information for the BREMC Classic Fun Drive

Send us an e-mail or text message with your contact information so we may share with you about the Classic Fun Drive. Send Your Contact Information to Be Part of BREMC Classic Fun Drive
Send us an e-mail (curt@imc-ma.com) or text message (704-472-8599) with your contact information so we may share with you about the Classic Fun Drive.

Hope to see you on the May 12th.

Jim Morgan, BREMC President

IT IS NOT GOOD BYE IT IS 'TIL WE MEET AGAIN!



More than six years ago Bruce Harless returned to Shelby with his metallic blue Jaguar E Type. As a member of BREMC he started Coffee, Cars, and Conversation at Lily Bean Coffee Shop on West Warren St in Shelby. Every

Saturday morning about eight o'clock Bruce would pull into a parking space and go in and enjoy a cup of coffee and then other European Car enthusiasts would begin to arrive and the conversation went from restoration, preservation, here is how I made that part, to "Where were you in Vietnam?"

Bruce would finish his morning of coffee by taking his Jaguar for a ride to South Carolina's Strawberry Hill for ice cream or going to Smith's Drug Store in Forest City for a grilled pimento cheese sandwich. Soon these trips became BREMC fun drives.

Working with the staff at the Senior Center, he turned their Halloween Car Show into another fun afternoon for our members. The last several years we had over fifteen different European Cars in their show.



Bruce will still get our newsletter, thanks to a current e-mail address. If you would like to stay in touch with him, send him a note to bruce@xkemail.net or by U S Mail at 1176 ShaRee Lane Bolivar. MO 65613

It is difficult to say good bye to a good friend who shared your love of cars. The German's have a phrase that is translated "Until we meet again."

Bruce, all of us wish you a fond

Auf Wiedersehen!



**VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
TAKE A MINUTE AND USE THIS LINK TO
GET TO THE BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN
MOTOR CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE
AND LIKE THE PAGE – YOU WILL GET
UPDATES AS THEY APPEAR WHEN YOU
LIKE THE PAGE
CLICK ON THE THUMBS UP SYMBOL OR
WORD LIKE TO LIKE THE PAGE**

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
MISSY HOLLAND'S
SPITFIRE PRESERVATION
AND INTERESTING BARN FINDS
BY VISITING & LIKING OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1512058148828961/>

**Missy Holland starting up the
Spitfire for the first time.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1512058148828961/>**

The Gathering

April 20-22, 2018 Dobson, NC



Featured
marque:



Photo: Brian Huneycut

The TCOC invites you to the 33rd anniversary of **The Gathering**.

With events that include a spectacular mountain tour, a car show at Shelton Vineyards, and an exciting autocross, The Gathering has something for every fan of British cars.

Schedule of Events

Directions to Shelton Vineyards

286 Cabernet Lane, Dobson, North Carolina 27017

Directions From Charlotte

Take I-77 North to Exit 93 (Dobson), then follow the signs to the vineyard. (Approx. 1 ½ hours north of Charlotte.)

Directions From Winston-Salem /Greensboro:

Take I-40 West to Highway 421 North. Take I-77 North to Exit 93 (Dobson). Follow the signs to the vineyard. We are approximately 1 hour from Winston-Salem, 1 ½ hours from Greensboro and 2 ½ hours from the Triangle area. Please note that Exit 93 is approximately 20 minutes from where Hwy 421 meets I-77.

Alternate route from Winston-Salem/ Greensboro: Take Highway 52 toward Mt. Airy. Take Pilot Mountain/Highway 268 exit and travel west on Highway 268. Approximately one mile west of intersection of Highway 268 and Highway 601 take a right onto Twin Oaks Road. Winery is approximately 5 miles.



Directions From Blue Ridge Parkway

Take Highway 52 North (near mile marker 200) 1 mile to VA Highway 148. Turn Left onto VA Highway 148. Travel 1/2 mile to I - 77 South. Take I - 77 South to NC Exit 93(Dobson). Follow the signs to the Vineyard. (Approx. 23 miles from Fancy Gap, VA.)

Call (336) 366-4724 if you need help with directions.

Friday, April 20

- 1:00 - 5:00 PM Registration at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Shelton Vineyards at Dobson
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM Blue Ridge Tour, leaving from Hampton Inn, Dobson
- 4:00 PM Wrench Wracer Tech Session
- 6:30 PM Ladies Nite Out @ Harvest Grill Restaurant, Shelton Vineyards
- 7:00 PM British parts auction at Hampton Inn with pizza & soft drinks

Saturday, April 21

- 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Registration at Shelton Vineyards
- 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Participants' Choice Car Show by 11:00 AM Bring Wrench Wracer Concours entries to bandshell
- 11:00 AM-4:00 PM Tours of Shelton Winery with wine tasting
- 12:00 PM Winery Reserve Tour and Tasting
- 12:30 PM Wrench Wracing Concours balloting ends
- 1:00 PM Wrench Wracing match races at the bandshell
- 1:00 PM Car Show balloting ends
- 2:00 PM Winery Reserve Tour and Tasting
- 3:00 PM Car Show Awards Ceremony, raffle drawing
- 4:00 PM Winery Reserve Tour and Tasting
- 6:30 PM BBQ dinner at the Hampton Inn (pre-registration required)

Sunday, April 22

- 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Autocross at Emergency Services Training Center, Surry County Community College

Directions to Surry County Community College (for Sunday's events):

From I-77—Take exit 93, go east for approximately 3 miles into Dobson. South (right) 1 mile on Main Street to SCC on right.

From US Highway 52—Take Hwy 601 South from Mt. Airy for approximately 8 miles. Turn right at sign for Surry Community College Exit. Right at stop sign. SCC is on left approximately 1/4 mile.

From Highway 601 South—Follow Hwy 601 North to sign for Dobson business district. Turn left at sign for Hwy 601 Business (Dobson business district). SCC is on left approximately 1/2 mile just past Surry Central High School.

Founded in 1999, **Shelton Vineyards** is the largest family-owned estate winery in North Carolina. Located in the Yadkin Valley near Dobson and Mt. Airy, the winery features a spacious visitor center with a tasting bar and gift shop. The vineyard grounds are beautifully landscaped and picnicking is encouraged. The vineyard is also pleased to present hayride tours of the vineyard every thirty minutes, weather permitting. Find out more at www.sheltonvineyards.com.

Event Highlights

Blue Ridge Tour: We've mapped out a twisty route through the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The rally departs from the Hampton Inn (our host hotel) at 2:00 PM on Friday, April 20.

Auction: Vendors in the British car community always generously donate a variety of items for our live auction. This year, the auction will also include used items and memorabilia. If you bring an item to auction, the entire winning bid will accepted as a donation to the TCOC. The auction happens at the hotel on Friday night, with plenty of pizza and soft drinks included.

Ladies Nite Out: While auction takes place, the ladies have an opportunity to enjoy great friends, great food, and great wines at Shelton's Harvest Grill Restaurant. Participants can catch a ride from the Hampton Inn at 6:30 PM and then get a ride back after dinner. Seating is limited! You must register by Tuesday, April 17 by emailing Jan Cook: kbtvr@triad.rr.com.

Participants' Choice Car Show: On Saturday morning, you're invited to stroll the picturesque grounds of Shelton Vineyards as more than a dozen British marques take the show field. Balloting ends at 1:00 PM with the Awards Ceremony to follow at 3:00 PM.

Dining Options: The Harvest Grill, on the grounds of Shelton Vineyards, is an award-winning bistro with enclosed patio seating as well as an intimate dining room. For a more casual lunch, stop by *The Harvest Grill Express* to enjoy some of the restaurant's cuisine served picnic-style.

Shelton Vineyards Wine Tastings: (reservations required)

Reserve Tasting—12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm—This includes a guided tour of our 33,000 square foot winery with an overview of our winemaking process, a tasting of six reserve wines and a souvenir Riedel wine glass. **\$30 per person.**

Reserve Indulgence Tasting—12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm—Includes a guided tour of our 33,000 square foot winery with an overview of our winemaking process, a tasting of six reserve wines paired with local handmade chocolate truffles, and a souvenir Riedel wine glass. **\$35 per person.**

"It's All in the Glass"—Discover the Difference—11:00 am (one session) - A behind-the-scenes Riedel glass presentation where you will enjoy various locations in the winery while we explore the difference a Riedel glass makes in your wine. This experience includes an overview of our winemaking process, a tasting of wines in regular glasses and in our Riedel glasses. The souvenir Riedel wine glass is yours to keep. **\$20 per person.**

For reservations- Contact Danielle Davis at ddavis@sheltonvineyards.com or by phone at 336-366-4724 x 114. A 24-hour notice of cancellation is required in order not to be charged after reservations are made.

Saturday Night BBQ: Relax and trade stories after the car show with a sumptuous buffet-style BBQ dinner at the Hampton Inn, 6:30 PM on Saturday. Pre-registration is required, with a max. of 120 participants.

Sunday Autocross: April 22 sees the return of the Gathering Autocross, starting at 8:00 AM. This popular competitive event will be held at Surry County Community College on the Emergency Services Training Center driving course, 630 South Main Street, Dobson,



Early Registration: All registrations *postmarked* by March 15 receive \$10 off the weekend registration fee. The first 300 registrants will receive show dash plaques.

Car Classes: The following classes are featured in Saturday's car show.

Austin-Healey	Mini
100/4	Pre-2002
100/6, 3000 Mk I	Post-2002
3000 Mk II, Mk III	Morgan
Sprite	Morris
Bentley/Rolls-Royce	Sunbeam
Jaguar	Special Interest Sedan
XK 120, 140, 150	Special Interest Sports
E-Type	Triumph
Sedan Pre-68	TR2
Sedan Post-68	TR3/3A/3B
XJS	TR4/4A
XK, XK8, F	TR250/5
Lotus	TR6 '69-'73
MG	TR6 '74-'76
Historic MG	TR7/8
MGA	Spitfire '63-'70
MGB MGC GT Chrome	Spitfire '71-'80
MGB MGB GT Rubber	GT6
Midget	Standard/Triumph Other
	TVR

Classes beyond these will be determined by pre-registration as of March 15, 2018. At least two cars must be pre-registered in a class for a 1st-place award to be given. Awards beyond 1st place will be presented in each class depending on the number of cars in a class on the day of show.

Trailer Parking: Free trailer parking is available in a lot adjacent to the registration area. There is also trailer parking at the Hampton Inn, weather permitting.

Tents and Awnings: No individual tents and awnings are allowed on the site during the show. Club tents are allowed within a designated area. If your club wants to set up a tent, contact Steve Ward by April 4th: SteveWardatty@gmail.com, 704-553-0135

The Terrain: You may be parking your car on a slope during the car show, so having a set of wheel chocks on hand is a good idea.

Registration Form

(Save \$—get your registration postmarked by March 15th)

TCOC use only



Name(s) : _____

Car 1: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Car 2: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Autocross driver(s) : _____

Autocross car: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____

Registration (includes Blue Ridge Tour, auction, car show, autocross)

(postmarked by 3/15/18) (per car) _____ @\$25 = _____

(postmarked after 3/15/18) (per car) _____ @\$35 = _____

Saturday BBQ Dinner (Limited to 120)

(register for dinner on this form—no sales on day of show) _____ @\$25 = _____

Gathering T-Shirts (men's)

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ @\$20 = _____

Gathering T-Shirts (women's)

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ @\$20 = _____

Wrench Wracer Kit _____ @\$5 = _____

TOTAL = _____

*Make checks payable to **Triumph Club of the Carolinas** and send to*

Ralph and Janet Jannelli

3901 Davis Drive

Charlotte, NC 28270

Hotel Information
Hampton Inn & Suites
Shelton Vineyards at Dobson
150 Charlestowne Dr.
Dobson, NC 27017
(Exit 93 on I-77)
Phone: 1-336-353-9400
Rate: \$114 plus tax (AAA/AARP rate)

Hampton Inn—Mt. Airy, NC
2029 Rockford St.
Mt. Airy, NC 27030
Phone: 1-336-789-5999
Rate: \$109 plus tax (AAA/AARP rate)

- Security will be provided for the parking lot at each hotel on Friday and Saturday from 11 PM to 6 AM.
- To get the special rate, contact either hotel and ask for the *Triumph Car Club* rate no later than 03-15-2018

You MUST sign the following waiver to participate in The Gathering

The show is limited to British automobiles. All commercial displays will only be allowed in the vendor area. Proof of insurance is required to participate in any driving event. Tech and safety inspections are required for participation in driving events. Any car can be disqualified for safety reasons at the discretion of the Technical Inspector. I am aware of the hazards associated with motor vehicle events and specifically release and do indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, site owners, and the Triumph Club of the Carolinas, collectively and separately, from any and all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guests while participating in this event. I have read, understand, and agree to the terms of this release.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Crestview, Lillybean Coffee House, and the Swofford Car Show

By Wally Wersching

On Saturday March 3rd, I awoke about 7:00AM. It was a beautiful (but chilly) morning. The roofs were white with frost, and the grass had what looked like little diamonds when the sun reflected off the ice crystals. The sky was a beautiful Carolina Blue with no clouds in sight. It



was going to be a great day!

At about 7:30AM, I drove the GTO to the Crestview Baptist Church. They had their monthly breakfast - all you can eat for \$6.00. It was crowded as always. I talked with some friends like Doug (who is in charge of making the grits), and passed out a few

magazines. Doug's son, Paul, was my English professor when I went to Cleveland Community College a few years ago. Then, I had some scrambled eggs, my monthly one piece of bacon, and a biscuit. I topped it all off with a glass of iced tea. It was a great meal for the money.

At about 8:00AM, I headed toward Shelby, to the Lillybean Coffee House. When I arrived, I noticed that I was early. Nobody was there. I sat in the car, read a magazine, and waited for a few minutes. Just as I was leaving, Jerry drove up in his Miata. Bill and Skip came later. We had a pleasant conversation as usual.



I stayed for about 45 minutes, and told them about the Swofford Car Show. I had been looking forward to the show for quite some time. I went home to talk with Cindy, and then left home about 10:00AM heading west on Rt 150. I followed it until I turned left onto Rt 221A. After a few miles, I turned right onto Rt 11.

I followed Rt 11 west (just

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past Fingerville, SC) until I came to the Swofford Career Center where high school students from the surrounding counties learn a trade - anything from auto mechanics, cosmetology, and even the culinary arts. For more info, go to: www.swoffordcareercenter.org.

I parked in the fenced off



driveway near a beautiful black 1940 Ford four-door. They don't have a designated parking area for visitors. The car show consisted of almost 200 cars and trucks. The weather was perfect for a car show in the mid 50's, and the cars looked great as they shined in the sun. Some of the cars I recognized but many of them were new to me. The entrance fee for a car in the show was \$20.00, and for spectators, it

was \$2.00. All proceeds go to the Swofford Scholarship Fund.

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As I walked along the fence on my way to the main gate, I noticed an unusual site. It looked like a little plastic tent with someone sitting inside. I learned that is was an "Under-The-Weather" pod specially designed to keep people comfortable while sitting in their lawn chairs. I wish that we would have had one when I coached my son's soccer team. My wife, Cindy, could have stayed warm, and out of the weather during those cold, windy, and rainy soccer games. For more info, go to: <https://undertheweatherpods.com/>. They sell for \$100.00 on up - depending on the add-ons.



After I paid the two dollars, I walked around to the left along the side of the school building. There was a very diverse group of cars. A few late 60's MOPARs were parked next to a couple of new Mustangs. There were also many street rods - some way out, and others slightly modified. They were all unique in their own way.

The first car that caught my eye as an unusual one was a 1954 Plymouth Belvedere Suburban two-door station wagon. These are not popular cars. They really scream the 1950's with the styling, and their image of the average family travelling on vacation through the U.S. on the new highway system.



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The next car was a 1933 Chevy four-door parked near the Plymouth. I talked with the owner. He acquired it last December by doing a little "Horse Trading". This was the first time he had it at a show. He also got a 1933 South Carolina License plate. After he restores the tag, he'll get it registered to his car so he

can display it as the actual license plate for the car. He was excited about doing that.

On my way back to the front of the school, I saw something that I had never seen before. It was a 1957 Canadian Mercury Monarch Lucerne two-door hardtop with "Cruiser Skirts",



and a continental kit on the back. It looked like a 1957 Ford and a 1957 Mercury got together, and had a baby. There were areas of the car that looked like both the Ford and Mercury. It was very interesting but a little strange. It appeared that the owner added a couple futuristic brake lights on top of the rear fenders. The



pictures on-line didn't have those lights.

I walked around front to the other side of the school. It was a great car show (as always) with low-riders to high four-wheel drive trucks. It keeps getting bigger every year.



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Parked in the middle of the show was a beautiful bright orange 1972 GTO 2-door hardtop. I had seen the car before at the Forest City "Hot Nights and Cool Cars" show a few years ago, and talked with the young man who owns it. I looked for him to talk with him again but he was out and about - not near his car. His car is one of the

nicest GTO's I have even seen. He takes great care of it.



I walked around the building to the back row of derelict cars. There was a Corvair, mid-60's Pontiac Tempest four-door, and a mid-50's Studebaker coupe. The Corvair looked complete but the other cars had been stripped of any usable parts. I wonder if these are the cars that the students work on as they learn about automotive mechanics.



There were only two motorcycles in the show this year. Maybe it was because of the chilly temps. A temperature in the mid 50's is great for walking around in the sun but it's still pretty chilly on a motorcycle. One was a classic 1934 Indian Chief, and the other was a newer Honda Gold Wing.

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Camios in the show. They were both in the mid 80's, and looked great. My El Camino is a 1978, and the same body style. Maybe one day, I'll rework it, and make it look like a show car. Right now though, I use it to haul stuff - mulch, bark chips, and things I donate to the local thrift store.



One thing I noticed was that the satin paint finish that had been always black is now in many other colors. There was a 1940 Ford Pick-up truck painted a satin tan color. An old Ford coupe was painted a satin green. I'm not sure if I like that, but it is different. I wonder how hard it is to maintain looking

good. I really like the satin black though.

As I was walking back to my GTO, an interesting car was driving in. It was what they call a "Rat Rod". It was really set low to the ground with almost no suspension. It was flying a large American flag and had a mock machine gun mounted in the bed with the barrel



over the cab.

At a little after noon, I headed back home. I backtracked on Rt 11 where I saw many peach blossoms in full bloom. That's pretty, but not very good for the peach farmers. If they freeze, there will be no peaches this summer. I turned left onto Rt 221A (north), and drove through

Boiling Springs on the way home.

When I got home, Cindy and I went out to eat at the Italian Garden Restaurant in Boiling Springs, NC. We had a delicious meal. It was a great way to spend an early spring Saturday morning.