

# The Rear View Mirror

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Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

FEBRUARY 2  
MONTHLY MEETING  
BOB CABANISS HANGER  
SHELBY CITY AIRPORT

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## BREMC MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 2 BOB'S HANGER SHELBY AIRPORT

Our Meeting February 2nd will be at Bob's Hanger Shelby City Airport, 830 College Avenue, Shelby 28152 for your GPS. Please send Jack Weller an email [wsweller@aol.com](mailto:wsweller@aol.com) or text Jack at 704-473-5282 that you will join, **bring your meal and drink**. We will spend time talking about our show April 29 and the things that need to be done before show time. Show Director Jim Morgan wants to discuss how to share information about the show, trophies, ways to display the cars, and using a food truck for meals rather than Club doing a meal.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

## 2023 BROAD RIVER CLASSIC

Presented by The Broad River European Motor Club

### PARTICULARS:

Dog Head Farm, Twin Chimney Rd., Shelby, NC  
9:00 am to 2:00ish pm  
Food Truck to be on-site  
Possible Naked Gardening Day observance (probably not, but you never know)

Proceeds to benefit local children's charities.

For information, please call Jim Morgan 704-472-8759

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## OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year and Happy Ground Hog's Day,

Welcome to the New Year of 2,023. It is hard to understand how quickly 2022 passed, but that is also an indication of just how fast 2023 will fade into the past. So, let's make the most of it! Great meetings, wonderful times together wearing out tires on mountainous roads, sitting around the tables in fellowship and hosting another Broad River European Classic Car Show.

A special thanks to Alan and Janet Roebuck for hosting and arranging our annual Christmas Dinner. A great dinner, great fellowship and the opportunity to collect food to help supply their church's food pantry. And best of all, everyone had a wonderful time.

An incredibly special thank you to our past president, Bob Cabaniss, for his leadership the past two years. Bob effectively led us while adding two new cars to the garages of our members; Kent's Porsche 356, and Bob's own MGTC. Needless to say we also own a deep debt of gratitude to Bob's helpmate, Cindy, who has worked tirelessly for our club.

We did not have an official meeting in January as the New Year's Day drive to Lake Lure served as our meeting for January. From the Facebook video I saw of the drive, it appeared that the drive around Lake Lure was at a snail's pace.

Our next meeting will be Groundhog's Day, February 2, 2023. Details to follow.

**Bill Plowden**  
**President**

Written communications to the Club may be sent to  
John Long, Treasurer, Broad River European Motor Club  
105 Hancock Crossing Lake Wylie, SC 29710

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 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

President – *Bill Plowden* \*  
 Vice President – *Alan Roebuck* \*  
 Secretary – *Jack Weller* \*  
 Treasurer – *John Long* \*  
 Immediate Past President, -- *Bob Cabaniss* \*  
 Car Show Co-Directors – *Jim Morgan* \*  
 Historian –  
 Special Events Coordinator – *Jon Skip Wise*  
 Program Chair – *Alan Teague*  
 Membership- *Skip Wise*  
 Newsletter – *Jack Weller*  
 Social Media – *Cindy Cabaniss & Missy Holland*  
 Regalia & Accessories – *Alan Teague*  
 Technical Director – *Iverson Smith*  
 Website – *Jack Weller*

\* Executive Committee Member

**EVERY SATURDAY**  
**MORNING WEATHER CO-OPERATING**  
**COFFEE, CARS & CONVERSATION**  
**CHECK THE WEBSITE TO SEE SCHEDULE**



YOU ARE INVITED TO COME ON A SATURDAY MORNING TO



**LILY BEAN COFFEE SHOP**  
 ON THE COURT SQUARE – SHELBY, NC  
**GROUP MEETS FROM 9 AM TO 10 AM**

**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>

### IN THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Without violating some HIPA regulation, we ask that you keep in your thoughts and prayers Club members Kent Bridges and Barb Weller.

### WE ARE FIFTEEN YEARS OLD

It is hard to believe Broad River European Motor Club is starting its fifteenth year as a Club. Some may remember meeting at Tom Greene's home discussing how we would start the Club. As Bob Hope would remind us as he played his theme song, "Thanks for the Memories."

## 2023 Meetings / Events Calendar

Updating our Calendar for 2023.

If you hear of shows setting dates or events, share them with Jack and we will update our Calendar of Events

DATE	Meeting / Event
<b>JANUARY 2023</b>	
1	BREMC New Year's Day Drive & Meeting
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
2	<b>BREMC Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	
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3-6	Amelia Island Concourse d Elegance <a href="https://www.ameliaconcours.com/event">https://www.ameliaconcours.com/event</a>
<b>APRIL</b>	
1	Carolina British Classic XIV <a href="http://www.bccmc.com">http://www.bccmc.com</a>
6	<b>BREMC Monthly Meeting</b>
13-16	Auto Fair – Charlotte, NC <a href="http://www.charlotte-autofair.com/">http://www.charlotte-autofair.com/</a> The Gathering Shelton Vineyards <a href="https://triumphclub.org/wordpress/index.php/the-gathering/">https://triumphclub.org/wordpress/index.php/the-gathering/</a>
15	<a href="https://triumphclub.org/wordpress/index.php/the-gathering/">https://triumphclub.org/wordpress/index.php/the-gathering/</a>
29	<b>BREMC European Classic at Dog Head Farm</b> Shelby, NC <a href="http://www.broadriveremc.com">www.broadriveremc.com</a>
<b>MAY</b>	
4	<b>BREMC Monthly Meeting</b>
TBD	SPRING FUN DRIVE
13-14	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>
27	Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club Cruise In at Thomas Creek Brewery Greenville Scottish Games <a href="https://sbmcc.com/">https://sbmcc.com/</a>
20-24	National Triumph Registry of America National Meet <a href="https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra-2022">https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra-2022</a>
<b>JUNE</b>	
1	<b>BREMC Monthly Meeting</b>
08-11	Highlands Motoring Festival Highlands, NC NEW FORMAT <a href="https://highlandsmotoringfestival.com/">https://highlandsmotoringfestival.com/</a>
19-23	National Triumph Registry of America National Meet At Hueston Woods State Park, Ohio <a href="https://www.triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/">https://www.triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/</a>
<b>JULY</b>	
4	INDEPENDENCE Day Parade – LATTIMORE
6	<b>BREMC Picnic Baker's Buffalo Creek</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	
3	<b>BREMC Monthly Meeting</b>
TBD	SUMMER Fun Drive
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
7	<b>BREMC Monthly Meeting Moved to Saturday September 16</b>
10	AutoLawn at L P Frans Stadium Hickory, NC Registration open <a href="http://www.theautolawn.com/">http://www.theautolawn.com/</a>
16	September Meeting at Curt & Missy Hollands Catawba Valley British Car Club Invited as well. 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic by the Pond Bessemer City, NC
8-10	Auto Fair – Charlotte, NC <a href="http://www.charlotte-autofair.com/">http://www.charlotte-autofair.com/</a>
23	Autumn in the Mountains BCCWC <a href="http://www.bccwc.org/">http://www.bccwc.org/</a> Autumn in the Mountains Car Show, British Car Club of Western North Carolina
30	MGs on the Green at Frank Lisk Park Concord, NC 9 AM to 2 PM <a href="http://www.metrolinamcgarclub.com/">http://www.metrolinamcgarclub.com/</a>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
5	<b>BREMC Monthly Meeting at Baker's Buffalo Creek Winery</b> Briefest at the Market Common
1	Myrtle Beach- <a href="http://grandstandbritishcarclub.com/">http://grandstandbritishcarclub.com/</a>
?	Shelby Senior Center Halloween Car Show
?	Gardner Webb University Homecoming Parade, Boiling Springs 11:00 am form Parade at Noon
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
2	<b>BREMC Monthly Meeting</b>
3-6	Concours Elegance, Hilton Head, SC <a href="https://www.hhiconcours.com/">https://www.hhiconcours.com/</a>
TBD	BREMC FALL FUN DRIVE
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
7	<b>BREMC Christmas Party</b>
17	SHELBY CHRISTMAS PARADE <a href="https://uptownshelby.com/events/christmas-parade">https://uptownshelby.com/events/christmas-parade</a>



## **VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

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**BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN MOTOR CLUB  
FACEBOOK PAGE**

**MISSY SHARES BARN FINDS, UPCOMING FUN  
DRIVES, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES PROJECTS**

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

## **2023 BREMC CLUB DUES ARE DUE**

Dues are \$25 per couple.

Bring a check to the Meeting,

Go to the website <https://www.broadriveremc.com/>

and pay using PayPal or

Mail the check to John Long, Treasurer

Broad River European Motor Club

105 Hancock Crossing Lake Wylie, SC 29710

## **PICTURES FROM 2022 ACTIVITIES IN LAST QUARTER OF YEAR**

### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic at the Pond**



Thanks to Randy Wright for the drone pictures.

### **Neil Senior Center Car Show**



### **Christmas Party at Church of Redeemer**



Great Desserts prepared for the party.

### **New Year's Day Fun Drive to Lake Lure**



## Broad River European Motor Club New Year's Day Fun Drive

By Wally Wersching



I was invited to go with the Broad River European Motor Club (BREMC) on New Year's Day for their annual Fun Drive on some of western North Carolina's beautiful back roads to Lake Lure, NC, and the LaStrada restaurant for lunch. I'm friends with some of the members, so I thought about it, and decided to meet them at Ingles before they left on the drive. I didn't go on the drive because I

had other plans for the afternoon.

The plan for the drive from Shelby to Lake Lure was to gather at Ingles on rt74. On past Fun Drives, they would gather at Aldersgate Church but this year because it was Sunday, they decided to go somewhere else. There would be services at 10:00AM at the church, and it would be disrespectful to have a group of cars leave just when the service started.

The plan was to meet at 9:30/9:45 and depart at 10:00. They would travel rt74 west to Lattimore, and eventually stopping at The Washburn Store. There they would meet a few other drivers from the outer areas. From the store, the route led them via some back roads to the CVS in Rutherfordton where more drivers would be able to join the drive. The group would leave the CVS lot at about 11:00 and drive back roads to Lake Lure. Approximate arrival time at the LaStrada restaurant to be 11:50.



After lunch, the group could take any way they wanted to get back home. There are so many beautiful roads in that area that any way home would be enjoyable. I have driven on most of the selected roads, and they are a lot of fun.



I arrived at Ingles at about 9:30 driving my Miata with the top down. It was a little chilly with temperatures in the mid 40's but I didn't have to drive very far, and I dressed for it.

None of the other convertibles had their top down. It was good to see Jeff driving his BMW. It has been a while getting it road worthy. He needed help from other club members.

Skip passed out the detailed directions to everybody in case they got separated. Before they left, Skip got everybody to line up for a group photo.



At 10:00AM, they all lined up, and pulled out of the lot to get onto rt 74 heading west. I waved to them as they left, and then went home.

I went onto the club's Facebook page to see that they had a wonderful time. Maybe next year, I'll go on the drive with them.



Editor's Note:

**Walter Wersching** is a retired Navy veteran who spent much of his Naval career as a trainer and writer. He shares his weekly stories about his trips in the world of automobiles and motorcycles. We appreciate Walter allowing us to share his perspectives of our events.