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SHOW TIME



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NEWS FLASH!

*As most of you know, Steve Ratcliffe and Madell Dobrushin are planning to move to Gainesville in North Georgia in the Fall. Also, Steve notified the club members a month ago that he will be redesigning the website on a new 'platform' due to issues with the current website host. As a result, it made sense to get a replacement Webmaster on board to be part of the transition to the new site and we heartily welcome **Cliff Berry** as Steve's replacement. Cliff is well-suited to the position as he is a computer programmer and an avid British car fan! Cliff and Steve have been working together on the new site and plan to 'launch' it this week.*

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBER UPDATES

Steve's son left on May 7 for a tour in Afghanistan. Eddie and Frances' son returned from Afghanistan. Courtney graduated from high school on June 4. She'll be attending Coastal Carolina. Bonnie, Denise and Sonya have May birthdays. The Behnings celebrated their anniversary.

British Car Show Adventures
with Jocelyn and David Davis

Dobson Car Show



We left home in Columbia, SC just after 4:30PM on Friday, April 15th, 2011, driving our Blue Rubber Bumper MGB Roadster, on our way to 'The Gathering' at Shelton Vineyards, Dobson, NC, a distance of 167 miles. The trip took 2 hours and 38 minutes. We stayed in the Hampton Inn & Suites, the host hotel. We had a top-notch suite for little money, due to being affiliated with the car show. At 7PM, there was a British parts auction in one of the Hampton Inn rooms, plus

there was pizza and soft drinks. We also picked up our registration package for the show. Saturday morning, we went to the show grounds, just 3 miles up the road. The show is sponsored by the Triumph Club of the Carolinas and held at the Shelton Vineyards, which was founded in 1999 and is the largest family-owned estate winery in NC. Located in the Yadkin Valley near Dobson and Mt Airy, the winery features a spacious visitor's center with a tasting bar and gift shop. This car show was the 25th anniversary of 'The Gathering' and the featured marque was Jaguar XKE. It had rained overnight and heavy rain and wind continued throughout the day. There were over 200 cars pre-registered, but only about 65 cars showed. We walked around with our umbrella voting on the cars. We also handed out flyers for CBC-V. The 50-50 raffle was cancelled due to the weather and everything else was also 'pushed forward'. We tried our hands at "Wrench Racing", won once, but didn't place overall. It finally stopped raining at about 1PM and awards were given out at 2PM. We didn't win anything and left at about 2:30PM. Another great adventure in the MGB!!

TRIANGLE BRITISH CLASSIC CAR SHOW

We left home in Columbia, SC just before 4PM on Friday, May 13th, driving our Blue Rubber Bumper MGB Roadster. Our destination was the EconoLodge South in Garner, NC. The journey of 223 miles took just over 3 hours.

Saturday morning, we drove 7 miles to the North Hills Shopping Center in Raleigh, NC for the 15th annual Triangle British Classic Car Show. This show was put on by the North Carolina MG Car Club. We parked with the approximately 11 other 'rubber bumper' MGs. All together, there were 122 registered cars, including a great display of MG-TFs, old Mini's, and even a Delorean. We walked around voting on cars and dropping off flyers for CBC-V. Voting closed at 1PM.

They had music, raffle prizes, and a 50-50 raffle, which we won! We also won a coupon for a meal at the Fox and Hounds and a certificate for having travelled the longest distance. The event ended at 3PM, so we took advantage of an invitation from a Raleigh club member to attend an Oyster Roast and Barbeque at his house. We stayed for about an hour and a half when the skies opened up with rain.

We had more rain on the way home and arrived at about 11PM. It was another great, memorable car show, meeting many old friends and making lots of new friends. Dave and Jocelyn Davis

BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN CLASSIC – APRIL 30, 2011

This was the first show for Broad River European Motor Club, which was formed just a year ago in Shelby, NC. They did a great job! Shelby is only 110 miles from Columbia and the drive over 'back roads' was easy and beautiful. The show was held in conjunction with a craft show and farmer's market, which added to the party atmosphere. It was a beautiful setting and attracted plenty of visitors.



There were approximately 85 British and European cars lined up on both sides of a closed, tree-lined main street in Shelby, in front of the Court House. The collection of cars ranged from a 1934 Rolls Royce roadster to a 1972 VW Camper Van pulling a 1960s camper trailer, to a 2011 Mercedes 'gullwing'.

BCCMC had three MGBs there: Jocelyn & Dave Davis with their blue '75 MGB, Madell Dobrushin & Steve Ratcliffe with the '80 MGB, and Eddie Pierce & Walt Brown with **Eddie's '69 MGB**, which took **1st Place for all MGBs**.



The BCCMC Gang!

BREAKFAST 05/07/2011

Those attending were Dave and Jeni Behning, Cliff Berry, Walt and Iris Brown, Randy Clark, Fred and Betty DeShong, Harold and Barb Ewing and guests, Ed and Kitty Farnell, Eric and Bonnie Gibeaut and Kristen, Dave Headrick, Charley and Edith Hylton, Dennis Lambries, Jack Lindler, Bill Meyers, Robert Muckenfuss, Charlie and Ann Nichols, Chris Powell, Steve Ratcliffe and Madell Dobrushin, Todd and Denise and Courtney Smith, Tony and Pat Stakis, Wally and Sonya Stewart, Ken Wells, Val Wik, David Wirth. Guests were Charles and Michaela and Todd Godby, Ashley Butler Ewing and Layton Butler. They arrived in a T-Bucket model T.



Awesome car!

PORSCHE CLUB CONCOURS and PICNIC AT PINE ISLAND CLUB SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011 – 1:00 to 5:00
HOSTED BY: SUN FUN AREA PCA



Looks like a good showing for our club.

CBC V May 21, 2010.

Another awesome event for the club! Dave Headrick did a fantastic job, both in planning and coordinating all the activities on the day of the show.

The stuff-it was May 14 at the Hyltons. Charlie Nichols cooked incredible chicken and sausages. The gates at the park opened at 8:30 on Saturday.

Eric had the dash plaques at breakfast; the featured Sunbeam on the plaques is Todd's Alpine. Saturday evening, after the car show, the Sunbeams did a cruise of Lake Murray. Everyone was

invited.

It was a very sunny and hot day – perfect for us. The picnic shelter was so nice - great location for the ballot box, silent auction, DJ, raffle tickets and items, 50/50, coffee and donuts, awards, shade and fans.

Check the website for more photos. There were about 80 cars in attendance.



The awesome shelter



Featured Marque – Sunbeams

CBC VI LOCATION

I'd like your opinion on an alternative that has presented itself this past year. When our club visited the Tartan Fest in March of this year there was some discussion of us combining our CBC event with them. It presents obvious benefits (publicity, vendors, more things to do during the day, etc.) and obvious downsides (lack of autonomy, yet another change in time and location, less picturesque environment, etc.). From what little I now have with show planning, combining it with a major local event seems to me to be the key requirement for our little show to ever go "big time". That said, I'm not sure I personally want it to go "big time". I plan to meet with the Tartan Fest officials in the coming weeks to simply gather facts for our board and membership to consider. I already know the Tartan Fest officials are very interested in us participating in their event from the short conversation I had with them in March. Your thoughts? Dave Headrick

FURMAN GAMES MAY 28

Greenville Scottish Games Car Show - May 28, 2011

What started out as a humid, foggy, cool drive to Furman University turned into a beautiful sunny day with low humidity by the time Jocelyn & Dave Davis, Cliff Berry, and Steve Ratcliffe arrived in Greenville for the annual Scottish Games Car Show. The show was held on a beautiful, tree-lined park near the arena and was very well organized. Once parked, we met up with Denise and Todd Smith, who were with the well-represented Sunbeam group. There were some very rare cars there, such as a 1936 Rialto and a 1934 Riley. Austin Healeys, Triumphs, MGs, Sunbeams, and even 'Midgets' from MG and Austin were there in volume.



It was a good day for BCCMC as the Smith's took 1st Place in Class for Sunbeams, the Davis's took 2nd Place in Class for 'chrome bumper' MGBs, and Steve Ratcliffe received 1st Place in Class for 'rubber bumper' MGBs.

British Car Day South - June 12 - Frank Liske Park, Concord, NC

www.BritishCarDaySouth.com

We hope you are polishing and tuning your British vehicle – getting ready for the summer driving season and preparing to show it off at **British Car Day South**. Our plans include a beautiful location, impressive vendors, tasty food and *lots* of British cars and cycles!

Be sure to mail in your registration (see attached registration form). For additional information go to www.BritishCarDaySouth.com or contact:

Chairman: John Jones, 704-843-5821

Registration: Ann Jones, 9913 Heritage Oaks Ln., Waxhaw, NC 28173.

Vendor information: Carl Brown, 704-633-3262

QUARTERLY DINNER

Harbor Inn, 7375 Two Notch Road, June 18 at 6:30.

RENEWAL TIME

Your 2011-12 dues are due. The form is at the bottom of the newsletter.

Send the update/change info and a check to Edith.

2011 CAR SHOWS AND EVENTS

June 4 – Breakfast at The British Bulldog Pub, Bower Parkway.

Car Club Drive to Newberry

June 12 – BCDS at Concord, NC

June 14 – Flag Day

June 18 – 6:30 Quarterly Dinner at Harbor Inn, 7375 Two Notch Road

June 19 – Fathers' Day

July 2 – Breakfast

July 4 – Independence Day

August 6 – Breakfast

September 3 – Breakfast

September 5 – Labor Day

September 24 – Hendersonville Car Show

October 1 - Breakfast

October 15 – EURO 2011?

October 29 – Charleston Show

November 5 - Breakfast

November 5 – Cape Fear Show at Poplar Grove Plantation

November 11 – AGM Office Elections

November 24 -Thanksgiving

December 3 - Breakfast

December 10 – Christmas Party



MGB Registry

Photos Jo Davis, Steve Ratcliffe

BRITISH CAR CLUB MIDLANDS CENTRE

DUES NOTICE

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Name _____

Membership ____ (\$30)

Has Anything Changed?

Address _____

Phone (____)-_____ home (____)-_____ office (____)-_____ cell

E-mail address _____

Car/s _____

Please complete the form with any changes from current information. If nothing has changed, just send name and check.

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