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BREAKFAST 09/03/2011

Sure doesn't feel much like September, yet! Those attending were Bill and Tina Beckman, Dave and Jeni Behning, Bob Blundy, Gary Bobo, Thomas and Diane Caine, Lonnie Caughman, Tom Comerford, Steve DeGroat, Fred DeShong, Brad Fowler, Eric and Bonnie Gibeaut, Clark and Elizabeth Gregory, Dave and Millie Headrick, Charley and Edith Hylton, Gary Johnson, Ron Kuebler, Stan Lacy, Jim McCormac, Bill Meyers, Cecil and Connie Myers, Tomas and Irene Neumann, Eddie and Matthew Pearce, Chris and Brenda Powell, Tony and Pat Stakis, Wally and Sonya Stewart, Phil Wicks, Brad and Val Wiks. Nice to have Tom C bring his own mechanic Cliff Norris.

Breakfast for October and November will be at Ryan's on Bower Parkway.

Those of us doing the road trip to Asheville met under a tree in the parking lot for info updates.



Mini Max, the official Mini mascot

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBER UPDATES

Welcome to Gary and Sue Bobo. They have a 1977 MGB.

Some good news – Jim McCormac's melanomas are clean, Connie M is recovering from a bout with E-coli, Janet Cecil is going to try the chemo pill rather than the treatments.

September birthdays include Tony, Eddie, Dave and Millie and Brad Fowler.

ROAD TRIP

Departure was scheduled for 10:00 am, exit 82 on I-26. Lunch was in Hendersonville then on to the Red Roof Inn in Asheville. It was a great location, near so many restaurants and the Interstate. After everyone arrived and checked into the hotel, we drove to the Grove Park Inn. Now this is the epitome of 'RED ROOF INN'. We toured the Antique Car Collections, did a little shopping at the craft shop, viewed the mountains from the hotel (amazing view) and returned to the hotel. Dinner was at Applebee's. After Saturday breakfast across the street at Cracker Barrel, most of us left the hotel about 9:00. A few went shopping in order to help the local economy. Got to do our civic duty! The drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway started with a stop at the Artisan Building. Cliff and Donna Berry met us at the Artisan building. Cliff took lots of photos. Next, we drove to Mount Mitchell. Jackets were a requirement at the top of the mountain. More amazing views! All took photos from the mountain top. The road was a bit curvy for scenic opportunities. Lunch was at the Mt. Mitchell restaurant – great food. A few hearty souls then drove to Little Switzerland while the rest of us returned to the hotel.

Those attending were the DeShongs, Powells, Carraways, Stewarts, Speers, Berrys (stayed in Saluda at the family mountain estate), Stanfields, Edges, Stakis, Wingates, Headricks. Our little cars caused quite a stir everywhere we went.

The USC/GA game was exciting and nerve wracking but worth it at the final whistle.



Go into our web-site and check out the awesome pictures of the trip to Asheville and Mount Mitchell. We couldn't have asked for better weather, and the tour of Grove Park Inn on Friday was a treat.



EURO 2011

To read about this year's event, go to <http://euroautofestival.com/>

This site is updated periodically so you should check back often. Information concerning guest speaker will be announced next week.

2011's Marque is the **Austin-Healey Sprite/Midget**. The Honorary Marque is **Jaguar XKE**.

This year you have the ability to register on line for the car show, the tours, the tech sessions, banquet and reception.

If you prefer, you can also print out a registration form and mail it in. You will receive a confirming email after it is received. This printout is found at <http://euroautofestival.com/registration.html>

Links for the EURO Merchandise can also be found on our home page. If you want something special, be sure to preorder --- some items will NOT be available if you do not pre-order them. Merchandise includes men's and women's apparel. If you would like children's shirts, please notify us.

We expect the available registrations to fill up quickly. So, we would like to offer you the opportunity to reserve your spot at a reduced early bird rate! To RSVP, [click here](#).

We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

Registration

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"EUROS AT THE FAIR" OPEN TO ALL EUROPEAN MARQUES

Eddie took another 1st at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. He's going to need a trophy case soon.

12th Annual Buford ACE Classic Cruise-In and Show!

Saturday November 5th, 2011 - 10:00am.-2:00pm. Location is S&S ACE Hardware & Mower 3400 (swt 20) Buford Dr. (hwy20) Buford, Ga. 30518. Buford Mall Parking Lot.

Modifieds, Vintage Cars, Street Rods, Classic Drivers, Muscle Cars, *Motorcycles*, Rare Rides of all kinds! Oldies DJ Mark Joseph, Dozens of Door Prizes, Fun. \$5.00 Cruising fee.

Optional Judging entry fee \$15. Vendors Wanted \$55 per Parking space. Charity's \$30 per parking space.

(All Benefits the North Gwinnett Food Bank Co-op). Sponsored by S&S ACE Hardware & Mower.

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OCTOBER REMINDER

NAMBGR will be checking our club memberships in October. We need 8 members to qualify for the \$1,000,000 insurance coverage. You don't have to own an MG to belong, either. The club must have this coverage to have a car show. www.nambgr.com is the website.

BRITISH CAR DAY CHARLESTON

The British Car Club of Charleston will present our 27th Annual British Car Day this October 22nd. We hope you have enjoyed your participation in the past, and will consider joining us again this year. The venue for the show is changing this year. Instead of Patriot's Point, we will hold the show at Mt. Pleasant Memorial Waterfront Park. It is located at the foot of the Ravenel Bridge, and will provide us with a much larger area. Go to www.BritishCarClubCharleston.com for details and registration form.

From Fred:

I have blocked 10 rooms for Friday and Saturday, the 21st & 22nd at the Red Roof Inn in Mount Pleasant. The rate is \$62.99 plus tax, and the phone number is (843) 884-1411. When you call, just mention British Car Club. They are pet friendly, but if you plan to take your dog, you have to tell them when you reserve your room. We always have a good time in the Charleston area, so sign up now. We can get more rooms if they are available, but with football season in high gear, it's a good idea to book early. There was some confusion about our block of rooms, but Patricia at the Red Roof has it straight now. When you call for a reservation, tell them you are with the British Car Club in Columbia, and the code # is sub account 18.

NOVEMBER AGM

We will elect officers at this annual IMPORTANT event. It's scheduled for November 12. The location is, probably, the Flight Deck.

CAFFEINE AND OCTANE

By Cliff Berry

Atlanta, GA – The first Sunday of each month, car collector faithful around Atlanta gather for an early morning service. Caffeine and Octane is the name of the event and both are in abundance. More than 500 cars of every imaginable make and vintage are present, from pre-war Bentleys to mid-century Detroit iron to the latest exotic machinery.

When my friend John Knight, who is with the Porsche 356 Southern Owners Group, and I arrived just after 7 am on Sept. 4, the parking lot of the current venue, Northview High School in Johns Creek, already held several hundred cars, as well as a few motorcycles. We chose a slot we thought would be out of the way but when we left a few hours later, we were surrounded by participant's cars. As we walked and admired the cars, and bought more coffee and donuts, cars continued to arrive. I even had a brush with celebrity when I met Sam Memmolo of TV's 2 Guys Garage who was there to promote a raffle for a hot rod Ford Mustang V8 engine and an Easy Run engine test stand in support of the Douglas County Humane Society animal shelter.

The idea is simple – if you want to participate, just show up and park. The event is basically a cruise in as there is no registration, judging or awards. Apparently, quite a few people in Atlanta like participating. For more, information about the history of the event and the location of the venue for upcoming gatherings, visit www.caffeineandoctane.com.



2011 CAR SHOWS AND EVENTS

October 1 - 9:00AM - Breakfast at Ryan's, Bower Pkwy

Auburn at USC; CU at VTU

October 8 - Vandy at USC; BC at CU

October 15 – USC at MS State; CU at Maryland

October 15/16 - 10:00AM - Euro 2011 Greenville/Greer Car Show.

October 22 – 10:00AM - 27th Annual Charleston British Car Show

UNC at CU

October 29 - USC at TN Knoxville; CU at GT

November 5 - 9:00AM Breakfast at Ryan's, Bower Pkwy

2011 Brits at the Poplar Grove Plantation Car Show, Rt 17, Wilmington, NC

USC at Ark

November 12 – 6:00PM Annual Dinner & Officer Elections, Flight Deck, Lexington, SC

November 12 – British Invasion at Carolina Motorsports Park

FL at USC; WFU at CU

November 19 - Citadel at USC; NCS at CU

November 24 –Thanksgiving

November 26 – Clemson at USC

December 3 - 6:00PM - *No Monthly Breakfast* - Annual Christmas Dinner at Marcie and Mike Speer's, 6 Westlake Road, Columbia, SC 29223 (Spring Valley)

SEC and ACC Championship games

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April 27-29 – The Mitty, Road Atlanta, GA

May 19 – CBC-VI, Saluda Shoals, Bush River Road, Columbia SC

June – MG Gathering at Dillard, Ga.



MGB Registry

Photos from Sonya Stewart (using the Gregory's camera), Wally Stewart, Cliff Berry

