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BREAKFAST

No December breakfast but a great party!

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBER UPDATES

A quick note to let you know that Jeff Jones had out-patient surgery to remove his gall bladder. He is recovering at home and doing well. (12/02)

Marion is also making progress day by day.

Pam Jones' father passed away on Dec. 22nd in Tennessee. He was 81 years old. The funeral was Tuesday, December 27, in Virginia. Please keep Pam and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mike and Marcie Speer hosted this year's Christmas party at their home in Spring Valley. We had a big turnout and the club presented Mike and Marcie with a lovely objet d'art in appreciation of their efforts. The party brought together some members we haven't seen for a while and even Santa was there!



Some of the group!



Brits at the Plantation - November 5, 2011 - From Jocelyn Davis

On Friday the fourth of November, Dave got home from work just after 3:30 pm, changed clothes and we were off within eight minutes with Dave drinking his English tea from his travel mug and me driving our Tahiti Blue coloured Mini Cooper S. Our destination was the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Wilmington, NC, a distance of 203 miles taking 3 hours and 22 minutes, for the Brits at the Plantation car show being put on by the British Motor Club of the Cape Fear.

After a while, there was a slight drizzle of rain. Then it got heavier as we got into the journey. We were glad to get to the Fairfield where we unloaded our cases and parked the car. Luckily we had brought with us a couple of microwave meals which we heated up in the microwave in the breakfast eating area. It was raining pretty hard by then and so didn't fancy going to a restaurant to get something to eat.

The Fairfield In is a really lovely modern motel and is not yet three years old. The decor inside makes one feel so welcome. We settled down for an early night getting up just before seven o'clock the next morning. We got ready then headed down for a breakfast of cereal, toast and a bagel with cream

cheese and orange juice to drink.

We met up with Mike and Marcie and Steve and Madell from our club, the BCCMC. Then we caravanned to the Poplar Grove Plantation. Built in 1850, the plantation is on the register of historic places. It was just a ten minute drive from the Fairfield. It was a lovely venue to hold the car show there and it was the first time as it is usually held at the battleship. This is their 13th annual car show and the British Motor Club of the Cape Fear will make a significant contribution to the Poplar Grove Plantation preservation fund.

We parked our car, gave it a quick clean then went and got our reservation packet which included a free t-shirt and dash plaque. It was cold but luckily there was coffee and donuts to warm the cockles of your heart. We chatted with many friends from other clubs and at 11:30 went and voted on the cars in the different classes. There was a British section, British automobiles, German automobiles, and Japanese automobiles, 33 classes in all. Altogether there were 134 registered cars. As always, there were some real beauties, including a Rolls Royce.

There was good music, played by the resident band, the Rusty Bumpers. Once the sun got warmer it didn't feel so cold. But by then we were both wrapped up in our warm clothes. We bought some raffle tickets and winners were called throughout the show day. Dave won a lovely wicker basket filled with doggie goodies which included a dog bowl, dog blanket, dog toy and dog treats. It was a lovely gift for our Cocker Spaniel Brandon.

Then I was a winner of a water colour painting of a beach scene in Wilmington done by a local artist Getchen Murchen. She donated the painting and I got to meet her. Awards were given out about 2:30 pm and Mike won third place on his Austin Healey and Dave and I won third place on our Mini Cooper S. Also at the show were Bonne and Eric but they didn't show a car and Fred with his MGB. We left to go home about 3:30 pm arriving home about seven o'clock. It was another great show to add to our list. Jocelyn Davis.

PS – Fred blew a freeze plug in his MGB on his way home. After trying to repair it, he called Walt who kindly drove all the way to Conway, SC, where Fred was staying with his in-laws and towed Fred and his MG back to Columbia on his trailer. Fred said you couldn't ask for a nicer friend than that.

2012 Car Shows and Events

January dinner

January 7 – 9:00 breakfast at Golden Corral Forest Drive

February 4 - 9:00 breakfast at Golden Corral Forest Drive

March 3 - 9:00 breakfast at Golden Corral Forest Drive

March 31 CBC VI and Tartan Fest at the Columbia Speedway in Cayce, SC

June – MG Gathering at Dillard, Ga.



MGB Registry

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