



THE OPEN BONNET



*A monthly publication of the Foothills British Car Club
of South Carolina*



37 FBCC members found that a bit of British foul weather was no match for the high spirits and enjoyment obtained while socializing at the local Hilton Head Island British Open Pub!

Just a bit of a Drizzle, I say!

**DECEMBER 11
MONTHLY MEETING
is the
HOLIDAY PARTY
at
The City Range
Restaurant**

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President's Message

By Terry Jackson



Season's Greetings to all! My belief is that for this year in recap, it's been a GREAT year for our club. COVID has certainly given us challenges this year, but as a club, we have worked through this pandemic amazingly well. About 31 new members (couples), representing an increase of ~ 10+. Incredible. Monthly meetings continued without fail....we just resorted to Zoom until we could safely pick back up on in-person meetings. Programs at our monthly meetings (Zoom or in-person) have been excellent. The drives....yes the drives (!) continue to be one of the highlights this club has to offer. The monthly garage sessions continued. We even figured how to incorporate Zoom meetings into those garage sessions. How about that excellent monthly newsletter that Scott and Karen prepare with lots of input and articles from many of you members?

Your Board continued to be very active this year doing what you 'pay' us to do. Wayne and his team did awesome work to have our club very, very well represented at the Hilton Head Concours show. And last, but certainly not least....Dennis Somerville hosted an incredible Veteran's Day Drive and tribute to our Veterans, with our partner North Carolina Club. We had about 40 cars, including 26 drivers as Veterans! Later in the newsletter you'll see pictures and a write up on both of these events!

So I think we all, as a club, have a lot to be thankful for---- mostly for safety through all our various activities and for this year's active leaders, take-charge folks, and participants that keep this club very vibrant and fun. This is my final President's newsletter entry. As I wrap up my Thanksgiving period I want to thank you for letting me serve as your President this year. And as we look towards the Christmas period, please remember THE reason for Christmas. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the FBCC Holiday Party!

2022 Proposed Slate of FBCC Officers

The following nominees for the FBCC officer positions will be voted upon during the December 11 Holiday Party to be held at The City Range Restaurant.

President: Charlie Blakely

Vice President: Mark Dawley

Secretary: Nigel Brooks

Treasurer: Tom Buto

1st Year Directors: Roy Scharwachter & Mike Schindler

2nd Year Directors: Wayne Telman & Mike Barefield

Advisors: Eddie Saunders & John Sharpe

Past President: Terry Jackson

Welcome New Members

Joe & Donna Sullivan

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1961 Austin Vandenplas Princess II Limosine
And It's For Sale

Tony & Juli Bradley

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1975 TR6

On The Cover

Thanks to Forbes Kayhart for taking this great group picture on Saturday night the 6th of November after a wee bit o' rain the entire day. Undeterred, the FBCC put up a fine showing and managed to handle the British weather in stride, for the most part...

Don't Miss It!!! Saturday 12/11 Holiday Party at City Range Restaurant

By Charlie Blakely



The FBCC Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 11 at at City Range Restaurant in Greenville, 615 Haywood Rd, beginning at 6:00 pm. Attendance is limited to the first 90 people that make a reservation and pay for their meal. All payments must be received by December 1.

Pricing includes all service fees, tax and tip. Use the online form on this page to make your reservation and payment using PayPal. We prefer PayPal but payment may also be made by USPS mail using the following link to a printable form.

[Reservation Form](#)

If using the mail-in form, make your check payable to Foothills British Car Club.
Mail to: FBCC Treasurer, 103 Croft St., Greenville, SC 29609.

Make your selection from the entrées listed below. All entrées include two sides: baked potato and asparagus. Choice of Caesar salad or Crab Bisque are also included (to be selected at the restaurant.)

Dessert is optional. You may choose between the Turtle Cheesecake or Strawberry Shortcake on the menu list below. Coffee, tea or soft drinks are included in the price of the entrée. Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase at [event.https://fbccsc.org/christmas-party-2021/](https://fbccsc.org/christmas-party-2021/)

Mystery Car: A 1953 Arnolt-Aston Martin DB2-4 Bertone Spyder

S.H. Arnolt Inc. of [Chicago](#) and [Warsaw, Indiana](#), sold four different manufacturer's cars with [Bertone](#) bodies during the period 1953 to 1968. Stanley H. "Wacky" Arnolt was a Chicago industrialist, who began importing foreign cars in the 1950s to the United States. Though sold as American cars, the cars were true hybrids, with British mechanicals, Italian bodywork, and U.S. sales and distribution, as well as in some cases final assembly and body work. S.H. Arnolt Inc. was a licensed automobile manufacturer in the State of Illinois.



A fortuitous meeting with [Bertone](#) at the [Turin](#) Auto Show in 1952 resulted in four collaborative efforts between Arnolt and Bertone, involving running gear and engines from the British car manufacturers [MG](#), [Aston Martin](#), [Bentley](#), and [Bristol](#).

An attempt to build a Bertone-bodied [Aston Martin DB2/4](#) roadster and sell it as an Arnolt-Aston was stopped by Aston Martin after three cars were built. There were three Arnolt-Astons designed by Bertone's fresh new designer - [Franco Scaglione](#) (chassis numbers LML50/502, LML 50/505 and LML 50/507). All looked very much like Scaglione's subsequent Arnolt-Bristol, having sharply creased fender lines, and were open cars without hardtops. There were four additional Bertone Astons that were commissioned at Arnolt's request and went through Arnolt's hands. These four cars are sometimes mistakenly referred to as Arnolt-Astons, but are not. These were 3 roadsters and 1 coupé. All of the seven Arnolt-Astons still exist. One article refers to a possible eighth car, perhaps destroyed in the Chicago fire at Arnolt's factory. The cars were fitted with Aston's 125 hp, 2580 cc engine.

A Special Christmas Wish to FBCC Members

Borrowed, adapted, and translated into American English from someone else who borrowed and adapted and translated, etc, etc...

From Eddie Saunders

Twas the day after Christmas and out in the shed,
Sat a tired old Triumph, it's battery dead.

Its fenders were rusted, the floor pans had holes,
The seats and carpets had been eaten by moles.

The tyres had dry rot, the fuel tank was leaking,
A turn of the steering wheel sent tie rods a-creaking.

So I put on my coat with a weight on my heart,
And went out to the shed to see if she'd start.

The engine turned over-there arose such a clatter!
I knew that familiar sound, "timing chain chatter".

From under the dash there came a bright flash,
The wiring harness had just turned to ash!

"I've had it with Triumphs!" I finally swore.
"Enough is too much! I can't take any more!"

When what to my red, teary eyes should appear,
But a little Englishman (hey, I might need a beer!)

"Good day," I heard, as he tapped on my shoulder,
"I'm Joe Lucas" he said as it continued to smolder.

"This one can be saved; there's no reason to grieve.
All you need is some faith man, you've got to believe!"

"A hammer! Some duct tape! Get me some tools!
When you work on these cars, just make up the rules!"

"We'll get her cranked over - no way that she'll stall
(But stand over there with your back to the wall)."

A cough and a splutter, the cacophony stunning,
I couldn't believe it! The damn thing was running!

The ghost winked at me and said, kicking a tyre,
"Whatever you do, DO NOT TOUCH THIS WIRE!"

The old man then vanished amid sneezes and farts,
But when the smoke cleared he had left me some parts.

So I opened the shed door and let the windows down,
Put pedal to metal and went in to town.

And I thought to myself as I crunched second gear-
Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year.

Welcoming Two New FBCC Members

By Charlie Blakely

We welcome to the FBCC Joe and Donna Sullivan, residents of Greenville. They are owners of a car unique to our club (as far as I know)--a 1961 Austin Princess II Limo. You should Google it and see this beautiful car, although Joe says that it needs a full restoration. And it's for sale in this edition of the newsletter!

We also welcome Tony and Juli Bradley, who live in Greer. They have a 1975 Triumph TR6 and are interested in knowledge and friendship, both of which they will certainly find among our members.

Boring Car Trivia: Fuel Filler is Where?

We hope you enjoy this monthly series derived from the 2020 Sniff Petrol book entitled *A Medium-Sized Book of Boring Car Trivia*.

#16) "A car's fuel filler location is usually determined by its country of origin and the side of the road they



drive on, as a hangover from when petrol was sold at the side of the road and it made sense to have the filler kerbside."



Some Times I Just Can't Help Myself – Let's Drive!

Yep, that's me. If it ain't raining, I'm driving. My weather guesstimator says Tuesday (30 November) will be sunny and 64 degrees. We just aren't going to get that many more perfect driving days this year.

Soo, samo-samo, I'll be leaving the Brown Building at 9am and heading west on Hwy. 11. I'll pick up anybody who wants to join me from Greenville-ish at 11 and 25 (old inn and schoolhouse) at 9:30 and any westerners at 11 and 276 (Caesar's Head Road) at about 9:45. We should make Grammy's in Brevard in time for breakfast at about 10:30.

The route back after breakfast will depend on who comes along and the wishes of the gaggle - either East Fork and 178 or around the DuPont Forest and down 176 (Saluda Grade) to Tryon.

Please let me know if you plan on joining us or just show up a tad early so we don't take off without you.

Y'all come now.

Jud Chapin jchapin3@aol.com, 864-616-8079



A Discount to Attend Hilton Head 2022?

I received an email from Lindsey Harrell, President of the Hilton Head Motoring Festival. The short version is that anyone who purchased a Saturday car showcase ticket or two-day (Saturday & Sunday) ticket for 2021, will receive a 50% discount for next year. Discount code to be announced.

Regards,
Wayne Telman

Fuel In Your Muffler?

By Gerald Petter

"What I've been working on?"

Mostly taking naps. However; after removing/replacing the oil pan on Sprite engine and changing gaskets/seals to fruitlessly mitigate oil drips---this engine does not have a rear main seal---upon re-starting, I had lots of backfiring.

Oh No! I hear you cry....there cannot be a connection. Quite correct. During a previous compression test, I had not disconnected the (electric) fuel pump, thus ...gas in the muffler. Not a big deal if your neighbor is a NRA member.

24/7 Garage Access to Jack's Place!

Our garage is located at 617 North Poinsett Highway. Members may use Jack's Place if they:

- 1) Follow all Garage Policies & Procedures,
- 2) Attend a Supervisor hands-on training session
- 3) Obtain permission prior to time of use.
Contact Tom Buto at 864-915-0964 for details.



Picture from one of Mark Dawley's "Shop Socials"



Foothills British Car Club
Members Meeting Minutes 2021-11-09

Call To Order 7pm	Terry	
Board Members Present	Terry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Terry Jackson Vise President Charles Blakely Treasurer – Tom Buto Secretary Jeff Sholl 2nd year Director - Wayne Edler 2nd year Director - Dave Drum 1st year Director - Wayne Telman 1st year Director - Mike Barefield
New Members	Charlie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Wood Steve Wygand Donald Davis Pete & Pat Jakubek Keith & Diane Fallon Tim Melton Greg & Debra Bentzel Terry & Jean Carter Mark & Kathy Enslin Syd Chipman & Janet Marshall Phillip & Jill Scott
Treasurers report	Tom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance is posted in member's area of our website but it is temporarily inflated due to Christmas Party reservations.
Drives/Events	Denny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans Day Drive BCCWNC 33 participants 21 LBC's, FBCC 32 participants 18 LBCs Signed up. 5 Veteran members signed up to attend.
Open Drives Jack's Garage	Jud Tom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None scheduled – impromptu Tom and Jeff to talk about Emissions on our TR6 Nov 20th Shop day Jack's garage – safety supervisor training
Reminder Update	Charlie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Party, in lieu of regular club meeting in December Christmas at City Range December 11th, party pricing is all inclusive
Club Business	Terry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the slate of 2022 Officers and Board Members, and Membership vote. Nominations: President: Charles Blakey VP: Mark Dawley Secretary: Nigel Brooks Treasurer – Tom Buto Directors: - Roy Scharwachter, Mike Schindler, Wayne Telman, Mike Barefield Past President: Terry Jackson
Motion to Approve Slate By-Laws Special Thanks	Jud Terry Terry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve. Approval for slate unanimous Motion to approve changes to club By-Laws. Approval of revised By-Laws unanimous. Dave Benson & Tom Buto for calling on members to consider being officers for this coming year.
Presentation / Program:	Wayne Telman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal presentation / discussion on the Hilton Head Concours Show this past weekend. Sharing of pictures.
50/50 Raffle		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50/50 Total \$64.00 winner is Mike Schindler
Adjourned	Terry	

WHODA THUNK IT?

By Wayne Telman

monsoon 

 Add to list

 Share

Monsoon is the term for the wind that carries heavy rains to southern Asia, and the rains themselves. During a *monsoon*, people wait indoors for it to stop.



Just a couple of quick comments on that definition. First, given the recent weather experienced on Hilton Head Island (HHI) on Saturday, 6 November 2021; I am reasonably sure that HHI will be added to the definition above. Second, there was no “waiting it out inside” option. It was sit in your car with the heater on or walk around outside and “enjoy” the cold, damp surroundings! So, who were those brave FBCC members who “toughed it out”? Let’s find out!



WHODA THUNK IT? (cont.)

By Wayne Telman

Did you pick them? Jackie Coffey's Jaguar XKE, Zack Merrill's MGB GT, Dennis Somerville's Triumph TR6, John McKeever's 67 Austin Healey 3000, Forbes Kayhart's Triumph TR4, and John Burton's Austin Healey 100-4. There were to be ten LBCs originally, but events precluded all from being on the field. You may be aware that Bruce Swift's 1947 MG TC didn't make the trip due medical reasons. Eddies Saunders' Jaguar XK 150 blew a flexible brake hose coming off the trailer – no brakes!



That leaves two. Scott McCombe's Triumph TR3A and Roy Scharwachter's MGA. Why didn't the last two make it? Brake light failure on the trailer. Or so it was thought! Roy offered his car field time and his expertise helping Scott Saturday troubleshooting and repairing the issue on the Subaru which left them without any Vespa trailer lights at all! Here is the field balance.



The long and short of it. Bad weather coupled with mechanical issues. While attendance was down and spirits dampened, FBCC members persevered!

WHODA THUNK IT? (cont.)

By Wayne Telman

AWARD WINNERS!

SUNDAY CONCOURS D' ELEGANCE – SPECIAL AWARD

BEST CAR FOR TOURING THE

LOWCOUNTRY sponsored by

Latitude Margaritaville Hilton Head

A note from the Coffeys:

What a beautiful day today, unlike Sat at HHI. The award that my car won for the Showcase on Sat was "Marque Award Best Jaguar".

For Sunday we were display only, not judged. There was no class for the Series III because we were the only applicant that had not been modified. But we were asked to show it in the Concours as a representative of the "60 years of Jaguar e-type".



1973 Jaguar E-Type Series III OTS

Jacqueline Coffey

Salem, SC

SATURDAY CAR SHOWCASE AWARDS

Best Jaguar



1973 Jaguar E-Type Series III OTS

Jacqueline Coffey

Foothills British Car Club

Order of Merit



1967 Austin-Healey 3000 BJ8

John McKeever

Foothills British Car Club

WHODA THUNK IT? (cont.)

By Wayne Telman

Crescent Award



1967 Austin-Healey 3000 BJ8

John McKeever

Foothills British Car Club

Crescent Award



1954 Austin-Healey 100

John Burton

Foothills British Car Club

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE AWARD WINNERS AND MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE THE JOURNEY! We had a lot of fun despite nature providing barriers to success.

Editor's Additions: Three British roadsters competed for space in a small covered garage space providing hotel guests with a drier venue.

Meanwhile on the Sunday Concours field, Steve Chase tried to convince judges he didn't need to be judged while Scott McCombe's Vespa tried to compete with some real motorcycles OUTSIDE the show field due to the muddy conditions on the golf course. Really???



Your Favorite Pics From Hilton Head 2021

Special Thanks to Bruce Swift & Curtis Orlowski



Jack's Place - 5 Years and Going Strong

By Tom Buto

We had a great session at Jack's Place with 20 attendees, a parking lot filled with 13 British cars, 1 British motorcycle, an MX-5 and a 1940 Chevy hot rod. Although a little chilly in the early morning, we had the heat on and warmed the place up pretty quickly.

Of the 20 participants, 10 went through the Shop Certification course and are now able to use the shop almost any time provided they are with another member and have received permission from Kirk Fisher, the owner of the building. Here is a list of the members who were certified at this session:

Shop Certification 11/20/21

Member Name	email
Rod Smith	jrodsmit22@gmail.com
Pete Jakubek	pajakubek@gmmail.com
Larry Ruggiero	lruggi2635@gmail.com
John Burton	johnkbrit@yahoo.com
Marion Jones	mnjones@charter.net
Al Converse	al.converse51@gmail.com
Matthew Newton	matthewenewton@gmail.com
John Auslund	jrauslund@gmail.com
Robert Dizzy	dezzi.robert@gmail.com
Terry Jackson	tjacksonjr2a@gmail.com
Tony Bradley	tbrad041462@aol.com

Look for a complete list of all members who are certified elsewhere in this newsletter.

Due to some technical difficulties, we only had one lift available and we made the most of it with several members getting their turn. I never knew it was so difficult to change the oil filter on an MGA! We also got our first look at the 1940 Chevy Hot Rod that



Mike Barefield built over the past several years. I think everyone who saw it would agree that it is a beauty!

Several who persevered to the end of the session ended up going to Home Place BBQ and enjoying even more camaraderie and some good food. We might have had a beer or two while we were there.

Be sure to join us for the next session at Jack's Place on Saturday, December 18th. If you have something you would like to do on one of the lifts, let me know.



FBCC and BCCWNC Joint Annual Veterans Drive and Celebration November 14, 2021

Pictures from Ellen Mims & others participating



By Tom & Connie Buto

What an incredible day Dennis and Kathy Sommerville put together to honor our veterans! Connie and I were truly moved by the ceremony recognizing what you and all of the veterans put on the line to insure the safety of all Americans. The backdrop and the music provided by John Mims and Dennis' son-in-law truly set the stage for a very heartfelt thanks to the many veterans in our clubs.

As a bonus, we had a perfect day for the drive with a clear sky, abundant sunshine and vibrant fall colors. I was not in a position to get a good picture of all of the veterans on the deck receiving their awards but here is shot I did take of the Quilt of Valor Award to you and one from the drive.





Member Monthly Series: What have You Been Working On?

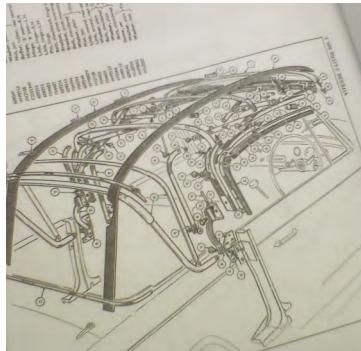
The editor wishes to thank John Burton for sharing this project in The Open Bonnet. Please continue to provide your own stories no matter how big or small to notanmg@gmail.com .

By Mark Riesch

After weeks of overlooking the obvious I finally figured out why the Vitesse soft top did not fit right.

I've included a pic from the parts manual to show just how many parts there are to the frame.

Vitesse and its little brother Herald have a back seat which make the hood sticks far more



The hood stick closest the windscreen frame is rather puny, so in a stroke of genius I pushed up on it from the driver's seat (that being the right side) and like magic I bent it back to its original. Honestly it did not look wrong when looking at it, and when I took the whole thing apart, stripped it, replaced all the shoulder bolts, adjusted it every way possible, it finally looked correct. It still needs a little work but the frustration is over.

The aluminum piece in the pics I added to better secure the top to the frame. I have yet to install the weather strip which fits into aluminum channels which are then bolted to the frame.

I plan to try 3M super strength molding tape. I'll update how that works later.



complex.

We Didn't Get The Memo!



Black is the New Blue! Hadn't you Heard?

Secret Word:
Barney
UK Slang for Crazy

Are you a VTR Member?

By Tom Buto

For those of you who are members of VTR, you can now select FOOTHILLS BRITISH CAR CLUB from the drop down menu in your profile for club affiliation as shown below. In the past our club was not listed as a choice. Please log into your VTR account and make the change.



24/7 Garage Trained FBCC Members!

Tom Buto and Scott McCombe conducted a short garage "Policy and Procedures Training Session" on November 20, 2021. Ten additional FBCC members are now qualified to open and use Jack's Place 24/7 which is located at 617 Poinsett Hwy. Garage "certified" individuals must request garage use from Kirk Fisher and inform Tom Buto of the intended use prior to entering the facility. These qualified FBCC members must be accompanied by at least one other FBCC member when entering the facility and using the garage tools and equipment. The following are garage qualified members. Please let Tom Buto know if we accidentally left you off this list.

Trained January 2018

Wayne Telman
Tom Buto
Bob Moore
Roy Scharwachter
Eddie Saunders
Mike Barefield
Mike Blair
Gerald Petter
Jim Gill
Curtis Orlowski
Jud Chapin
Kirk Fisher
Joe Acampora
Gary O'Donnell
Mike Schindler
Scott McCombe

Trained January 2020

David Drum
Wayne Elder
Ed Holcombe
John Mims
Phillip Mitchell
Jeff Sholl
Wayne Smith
Denny Sommerville

Trained November 2021

Rod Smith
Pete Jakubek
Larry Ruggiero
John Burton
Marion Jones
Al Converse
Matthew Newton
John Auslund
Robert Dezzi
Terry Jackson
Tony Bradley

December 18: FBCC Open Garage at Jack's Place

Keep an eye out for details in emails from FBCCEmail@googlegroups.com.

Stay tuned...

FBCC Open Garage Tech Sessions

We're Back at Jack's Place!!!

Generally, the FBCC garage is open at 9am on the third Saturday of each month. If you would like to put your car on the lift, need some help with some mechanical issue, or just want to hang out, come and join us. An FBCC Safety Supervisor (wearing the orange vest) will be responsible for notifying the general membership and identifying if a specific activity will take place on that day, opening the shop and closing it down, and making certain that the proper safety procedures are followed.

The FBCC encourages its members to become garage certified so that they may take advantage of this facility 24/7 and at their own convenience. Being garage certified will not necessitate that you be responsible for open garage Saturdays. Guests are always welcome to enjoy the fun, but the FBCC must limit the garage use to member cars only.



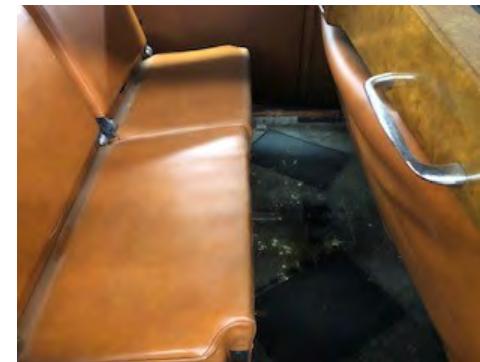
Monthly Safety Supervisors 2021

Jack's Place, 617 Poinsett Highway (Rt. 276)

Month	Supervisor	Phone
January 16, 2021	Mike Barefield	864-313-7377
February 20, 2021	Tom Buto	864-915-0964
March 20, 2021	Scott McCombe	804-519-4018
April 17, 2021	David Benson	864-483-2394
May 22, 2021	Scott McCombe	804-519-4018
June 19, 2021	Roy Scharwachter	631-848-0377
July 17, 2021	Bob Moore	864-380-3114
August 21, 2021	Mike Blair	864-354-2239
September 18, 2021	Eddie Saunders	864-787-8787
October 16, 2021	Curtis Orlowski	262-684-3567
November 20, 2021	Jud Chapin	864-616-8079
December 18, 2021	TBD	

FOR SALE: 1961 Austin Vandenplas Princess II Limo

See pictures. This car needs restoration, but I do not have the time or energy and would like someone to have it who will keep it going. I've had it for 7 years and had it running but haven't started it in a couple of years. It can be seen at my shop on Poinsett Hwy. \$6,000 OBO Joe Sullivan 864 979 6355



FOR SALE: 1960 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite

This California car has the larger engine with a Weber carburetor, and the front brakes have been upgraded. The body is solid and seems to be rust free. The owner has not had it on the road for some years, but until several months ago it was reportedly



started regularly. The red paint is tired and faded over the original light blue. No visible dents or large dings. Tires are old. The interior is also well worn and would benefit from a good cleaning and



perhaps new carpeting. The owner has at least one replacement seat cover and some other spare parts. The car comes with an original hardtop. The owner is asking \$5000.

Please let me know if you are interested and I'll be happy to reach out to the owner. Call or txt Don Davis at 703-493-0001 or Email at donald.j.davis@gmail.com



FOR SALE: 1954 Piaggio Vespa

<http://ebay.us/3JxbKm?cmpnId=5338273189>

This 1954 Piaggio Vespa VM2T was purchased by the previous owner, Harvey A. Hughey in Naples in June of 1954. Commander Hughey was a pilot on the USS Midway aircraft carrier (CV-41) at that time and purchased this scooter while his ship was undergoing repairs. Notations on the original receipt indicate he made the conversion from Italian lira to \$257 American dollars. Perhaps he was influenced by the 1953 movie Roman Holiday which featured Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn careening through Rome on the very same model VM2T Vespa. Coincidentally, this pilot previously served on the USS Guadalcanal, an aircraft carrier that was part of the task group that assisted with the secret capture of the German U-boat U-505 which provided the USA with the critical Enigma coding machine that helped change the course of WWII.

Although very straight and clean when discovered in 2013, a complete engine and body restoration was undertaken and completed in February of 2021. This scooter was featured at the November 6, 2021 Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival Auto Italia Exhibit and November 7 Concours d'Elegance. The frame number 0128916 and the engine number 0129559 is validated by the original Italian document "CERTIFICATO D'ORIGINE No 211691".

The new paint is color matched to the original paint which can be viewed below the small carburetor. Included in the refurbishment is an overhauled 125cc two-stroke engine to include Pinasco piston and crank, Flytech 12v electronic ignition, an overhauled carburetor with a new float, a new SIP wiring harness, and new bearings and seals throughout. Although the headlight, horn, taillight, and rear seat are new replacements, most everything else is original.

The current market for these is quite strong, but all serious offers will be considered. My feeling is that this particular scooter probably belongs in a collection where it will be maintained as a unique example of the early model post-war Vespas.



CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads and posting products or services is FREE for any paid member. Advertise most anything car related within reason. Contact an FBCC officer or the newsletter editor at notanmg@gmail.com.

Stuff For Sale - OFFERS WELCOME!!!

- ⇒ New windshield for Series 2 Sprite, (Moss catalog # 459-900, listed at \$170). Never used. Still in original carton. \$135.
 - ⇒ Auto Rotisserie, ¾ complete; 13.5' side bars; one half of support will have to be fabricated. \$75.
 - ⇒ 8" Bench Grinder on stand with stone & polishing wheels \$85.
 - ⇒ 2 Hanging fluorescent shop lights \$10.00
 - ⇒ Parts washer, free standing; like new with fluid & pump \$95.
 - ⇒ Chicago Electric Plasma cutter, as new \$185.
 - ⇒ Lincoln Arc Welder with rods. Model AC225-5, 220 Heavy Duty \$95
 - ⇒ Assorted tools and Plastic shelves.
 - ⇒ Offers welcome. Call (leave message), text or email for pictures!
- Jim Dunkel, Pendleton, SC, 864-633-6470
dunkeljames@gmail.com

For Sale - Lotus Europa, Midget, and XJ6 Parts

If anyone is looking for parts for a Jag XJ6C or Mk2 I am going to be parting out a couple of cars. I also have some Lotus Europa S2 parts and MG midget parts. Peter Morton peter@nobudgetracing.com

Wanted - TR3 Seats

I'm looking for a set of seats and other parts for my 57' TR3 project. I'm fine if they are something that need to be rebuilt.
Peter Morton peter@nobudgetracing.com

For Sale - 1986 Panther Kallister

Original US specification car, 2nd owner.
All original documentation, manuals etc. Ford Mustang 4 cylinder engine and auto transmission. 24,000 miles. Some damage to driver's door as shown in photos. Cars runs well.
Bob Rees 864-630-3569 for Lisa Harrison-Barry



PRODUCTS & SERVICES

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John's British Classics
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FBCC – NAPA Club Discount

By Mike Barefield

We have finally completed setting up a Club Discount for FBCC with NAPA.

This discount is called a “Garage Discount.” It will allow FBCC members to receive the same discount as a commercial garage receives. The amount of the discount will be based on the item purchased. All you need to do is tell the counter person you are with Foothills British Car Club or FBCC and our account number is 4596. This is setup as a cash or credit card charge. This discount is offered for CORP. NAPA Stores. Napa should honor this discount Nation Wide. Napa also has franchise owner Stores in some locations and it is up to these locations to accept this agreement or not.



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Raffle Tickets

During our Monthly Meeting you could be the next lucky 50/50 raffle winner. Tickets are \$1.00 but you can receive an additional FREE TICKETS when you:

- 1) Wear your Name Tag,
- 2) Drive a British Car, or
- 3) Know The Open Bonnet Secret Word

Join the Foothills British Car Club

It's easy. Fill out a membership form found at www.fbccsc.org and submit electronically, or mail to the address below. Members receive this monthly newsletter and club emails through the FBCC Google Group, advertise car stuff for free, and have access to a well-furnished 2-bay service station garage affectionately called "Jack's Place". All this for an annual fee of \$30.

FBCC
c/o Tom Buto, Treasurer
103 Croft Street
Greenville, SC 29609

Order Your FBCC Personal Name Tag(s)

The FBCC has a strong commitment to knowing the names of its members. You may order an engraved magnetic name tag for \$11 each. Send forms to the Tom Buto at butot@bellsouth.net or mail to 103 Croft St. Greenville, SC 29609. Since these do not use pins, they are suitable for casual and formal wear. Printed nametags and lanyards are available at no charge should that be your preference.



FBCC Nametag Order Form

Nametags cost \$11 each and are 1 1/2 inches x 3 inches

20 Characters total max per tag

First Nametag

Line One _____

Line Two _____

Line Three _____

Second Nametag

Line One _____

Line Two _____

Line Three _____

Paid: \$_____ Check \$_____ Cash

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Calendar of Events

Dec 21					
	Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/		
11	FBCC Holiday Party	SAT	.Charlie Blakely		248-880-9573
	Cars & Coffee @ Michelin (4th Saturday of the Month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsCoffeeUpstate/		
Jan. 22					
11	FBCC Mtg Silver Bay Seafood – Simpsonville, 29681	TUES	.Charlie Blakely		248-880-9573
??	Seventh Annual Polar Bear Run - TBD		Jud Chapin		864-616-8079
15	Open Garage (9am)	SAT	Tom Buto (butot@bellsouth.net)		864-915-0964
??	FBCC Board Meeting		.Charlie Blakely		248-880-9573