



THE PEN BONNET

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



**Tuesday, January 11
7pm Using Zoom!**

FBCC Reflections

**(look for the link in an
email from FBCCemail)**

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President's Message

By Charlie Blakely



Greetings and Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas season and that you begin this new year in good spirits and with a positive attitude. I look forward to the many good things that this year will bring for the FBCC, but I do so with the knowledge that we are in an uncertain time. Covid is still with us and economic and social challenges remain. The word I want to impress upon you is "flexibility." We may have to roll with some punches, but we've shown in 2021 that we are able to do that. We gained many great new members even during that difficult year, we had Zoom meetings, we had impromptu drives, Jack's Place was put to use, and we gathered for picnics and our Christmas party. Will we be able to have regular in-person meetings in 2022? We hope so, but if not, we'll try to keep you all involved through Zoom or in other ways. We will strive to be flexible to meet whatever challenges come our way.

Having said that, we have decided to make our January meeting a Zoom meeting. Covid, and especially the Omicron variant, continues to pose a threat, so we think this is the prudent course of action at this time. Plans are for Dave Benson to interview a couple of our long-time members about their experience with cars and the FBCC. You will receive an email with a link to a **Zoom meeting which will take place Tuesday, January 11 at 7 p.m.**

I want to take this opportunity to thank Terry Jackson again for his leadership last year and for the many things the board and the club accomplished under his presidency. We are certainly a better and stronger club for having had him serve as our President last year.

I also want to congratulate the winners of our annual recognitions who were honored at our Christmas party. Eddie Saunders was given the Hard Luck Award for a variety of issues that bedeviled him during 2021, including at the Concours D'Elegance. Eddie, of course, handled the problems with aplomb. The Ed Seagrave Award was bestowed upon Wayne Telman for the massive amount of work involved in preparing our club for the Hilton Head event, including putting together a comprehensive manual. The Member of the Year/

Outstanding Service award went to Jud Chapin for organizing numerous drives and for his overall enthusiasm and support for the FBCC, and also Scott McCombe for his outstanding work on the Open Bonnet and for his clothes/uniform coordination. Congratulations to all of them and thanks, guys, for your work to make the club successful.

I look forward to a great year with all of you. And remember—*flexibility!*

2022 FBCC Officers

The following individuals are your FBCC officers for 2022. Their contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.

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 Back Member

Bill & Carolyn Palmer
Salem, SC 29676
keoweegui@mac.com
1973 TR6

On The Cover

When you are on an FBCC drive, always expect the unexpected! Our members are usually able to diagnose and resolve those pesky issues that might ordinarily put a halt to the fun times. More often than not, all's well that ends well. See story on page 5.

The Open Bonnet 2021 Year in Review

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Jan. 2021

January 12 Meeting 7pm Using Zoom!

Getting to Know Your Officers

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- Our New President's Message
- Jul's 2021 Polar Bear Run
- Tom's Drive to The Farm
- BRG - Peter Robinson
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- Rethinking Lucas - Zach Merrill

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Feb. 2021

February 9 Meeting 7pm Using Zoom!

Unique Manufacturing at Auto Assembly Plants

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- Remembering Russ Czara
- Upcoming 2021 Events
- Tom's Drive to The Farm
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Mar. 2021

March 9 Meeting 7pm Using Zoom!

The Hand-Built Morgan A Tour of The Plant by Scott McCombe

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April 2021

April 13 Meeting 7pm Using Zoom!

My Archaeological Digs by Charlie Blakely

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- Palmetto Live Steamers
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- Mark Tinsley's Garage
- Hilton Head Details
- St Joseph Whitworth
- Upcoming Events

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May 2021

May 08 Meeting A Saturday Picnic!

EYO lunch to Northside Park (aka Otter Creek) starting at 11a.m.

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- President's Message
- Latest at Jack's Place
- Boring Car Trivia
- Book Reports by Roy Ivy
- Zach's Hemmings Magazine
- Summary—Upcoming Events

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June 2021

June 08 Meeting Face to Face Again!

Dinner 6pm (optional) Club Meeting 7pm Silver Bay Seafood 916 North E. Main St. Simpsonville, SC 29681

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- Back to the Future
- SBMOC Cruise-In
- Amelia Island - Oh My!
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July 2021

Tuesday, July 13 Charlie Blakely Cars and Rock & Roll

Dinner 6pm (optional) Club Meeting 7pm Silver Bay Seafood 916 North E. Main St. Simpsonville, SC

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- Recent Events
- FBCC Garage Lifts
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August 2021

Tuesday, August 10 Open Discussions

Dinner 6pm (optional) Club Meeting 7pm Silver Bay Seafood 916 North E. Main St. Simpsonville, SC 29681

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- President's Message
- Ordering HR Apparel
- Drive to Nowhere
- Car Museum Visits
- 3 Pages of Car Events

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Sept 2021

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING CANCELLED

COVID BE GONE!!!

In This Issue

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- Improved FBCC Logo
- MGB Blind Restoration
- Graham Robson
- Whatcha Workin' On Showcase Wannabees
- Jack's Place Rocks

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Oct 2021

FBCC MONTHLY MEETING POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 16!

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- Pages of FBCC Events
- A poor Man's XK 120
- Where We Love to Drive
- What Ya Workin' On?
- AITM—Results & Pics

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Nov 2021

NOVEMBER 9 MONTHLY MEETING

Dinner 6pm (optional) Club Meeting 7pm Silver Bay Seafood 916 North E. Main St. Simpsonville, SC 29681

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- Hilton Head Blues
- Veterans Day Drive
- Stowe, VT - Brit Invasion
- Spy Masters, by Roy Ivy
- Dark Corner Pics
- Fall Picnic Pics

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Dec 2021

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

In This Issue

- President's Message
- Christmas Party
- An Upcoming Drive
- Who'da Think It?
- Jack's Place - 5 Years
- Veterans Day Drive
- What's Working On?

The 2021 Holiday Party



Wayne Telman Receives the 2021 Ed Seagrave Award



Charlie Blakely becomes the 2022 FBCC President

The Spirit of the FBCC The Ed Seagrave Award

When Susie Seagrave established this award, in honor of her husband, her desire was that: *"This award would be bestowed as a meaningful and fitting remembrance of Ed Seagrave to a person who has actively or privately, always displayed the spirit of the Foothills British Car Club. Willingly, unselfishly, quietly and always ready to help, Ed's presence and actions might well serve our club as an example of the true meaning of a club member. It would be my hope that his award would promote active participation in this spirit of willingness and unselfishness to serve our organization as well as to continue to learn and share our knowledge for British cars."*

Here is what the award says:

This annual award is presented to an individual who exemplifies the spirit or British Car enjoyment. On who is a driver, rebuilder and student of the hobby. One who gives of his/her time, experiences and resources to the FBCC in an effort to promote the club and entice others to join in.

The recipients since 2006 are:

<i>Marty Shane</i>	<i>2006</i>
<i>Eddie Saunders</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Jean Ashworth</i>	<i>2008</i>
<i>Gene and Betsy McOmber</i>	<i>2009</i>
<i>John & Vickie Sharpe</i>	<i>2010</i>
<i>Doug Hansen</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Bill Palmer</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Tom Buto</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>Jack Donegan</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Jud Chapin</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Scott McCombe</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>David Benson</i>	<i>2017</i>
<i>Denny Somerville</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Bob Moore</i>	<i>2019</i>
<i>Roy Scharwachter</i>	<i>2020</i>
<i>Wayne Telman</i>	<i>2021</i>

Annoying Thumps

By Gerald Petter

No flat spotted tires or squirrel nuts getting to my LBCs this winter! Don't forget the moth balls.....



Follow My Lead

By Jud Chapin

Right at the end of Mark Dawley's drive to Cashiers Pete and Pat's MGB GT started running real rough and lost most power. They were able to limp into Mark's garage and we (Bob Moore, Mark and I) took a look under the bonnet to see if we could correct the problem. Bob and Mark suspected that a spark plug lead had come off of one of the plugs. I had no idea what might be wrong but I poked around as if I knew what I was looking at.



Bob and Mark confirmed that the leads were all properly attached to the plugs. Not really knowing what I was looking at, I held up the tail end of one of the leads and asked, "So what do you think this is?" Turns out one of the leads had come loose from the distributor cap. We plugged it back in and the GT purred like a kitten.

Proves that even a blind pig occasionally finds an acorn.

Happy New Year to all.

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.



These FBCC members were a bit exhausted after a full day of troubleshooting Scott's trailer lights while at Hilton Head!

The Loss of Active Members During the 2021 Year

The FBCC lost some very special friends during the year. Jim Gill and Russ Czura will certainly be missed. Please let the editor know if he has inadvertently left out any other members that we have lost.

Tires for British Cars

By **Zach Merrill**

Having worked for Michelin for 40 years, I well understand the technical side of the tire business, but I also begrudgingly understand the business side of that industry. New tire sizes are being introduced all the time. Demand for older and less popular sizes diminishes. Factories have limited resources, so old sizes are dropped to make way for newer and more profitable sizes. Older sizes are at first relegated to second and third tier manufacturers and then pushed out to their oldest least busy factories or even produced by contract manufacturers. Inevitably, demand for old sizes drops to the point that the size is discontinued altogether and the only offerings that remain are substitute sizes that are often very poorly suited to the vintage application. In time, even those substitute sizes become very hard to find and are available only from low-cost, low-quality off-shore manufacturers.

If it has been a while since you drove your LBC on tires that are really “correct” for the car, you may be surprised at how much better the car would drive and how much lighter the steering would feel if it were fitted with proper tires (and proper wheels) that were actually designed for the application.

If there is sufficient demand that a premium manufacturer can justify the expense and command a premium price for a vintage offering, one of the major manufacturers may set up one of their lesser factories for limited runs of certain “classic” tire products. It is no small task to remake obsolete tire sizes. Invariably, the original design has to be revised to be compatible with modern materials and manufacturing techniques. If those products are to be offered, they must sell those tires at premium prices and by contract, offer them exclusively through their premium classic tire dealer network. In the US, Coker Tire is one such dealer, and Lucas Classic Tires is another that has slightly different offerings. In the UK, Longstone Classic Tyre is the classic tyre source.

I recently needed to replace the “aged out” tires on both my MGB GT and my Morris Minor Traveller. Both these cars are highly modified, but each was built around a carefully chosen tire size and type that met the specific needs of each car.

For the Morris, the tire I needed is still a current production Michelin tire size but it is not offered in

the US. I could not identify a UK Michelin dealer who would ship them to me, so I used a parcel forwarding service in the UK. I bought the tires from Blackcircles (the UK equivalent of Tire Rack), then had Blackcircles send the tires to Skypax, and had Skypax forward the tires to me. It was a slow and costly process, but I eventually got my tires.

For the MG, I wanted a Michelin Primacy 3 tire that was also not available through US dealers. It was, however, in Michelin’s European Classic Tyre line, so it was available from Longstone. I ordered the tires from Longstone in the UK and they were at my door five days later! The shipping was free and there was no VAT charge! I was impressed! I was so, impressed, in fact, that I sent Longstone a note suggesting that they could/should offer a “concierge tyre acquisition service for worldwide customers”. Incredibly, they responded that they would be happy to!

Well, as luck would have it, I quickly got the opportunity to test that concept. I sent the tires I bought for the Morris to Diamondback Classic Tires to have them retrofitted with 2” wide whitewalls. Those little Michelin tires featured an asymmetric tread pattern, so there is a specific “inside sidewall” and likewise a specific “outside sidewall” on each tire. Recognizing this as a potential problem, I made a big effort to be sure Diamondback was aware of this.

They dropped the ball. They added the whitewalls to the wrong side of each tire. That was bad. The good thing, however, is that once I pointed this out, they volunteered to replace the tires and redo them correctly! I then contacted Longstone and tested their offer. Longstone went through a local UK Michelin dealer and obtained the tires and then shipped them directly to Diamondback. That whole process was about \$300 cheaper than the way I had done it a month previously. At this point, I am VERY impressed with Longstone!

Granted, I am very picky about the tires I use on my old cars. I know all too well that the right tire choice can make a huge difference in my satisfaction with the finished vehicle.

I know, too, that the wrong tire choice can totally spoil the outcome. I always make whatever extra effort is necessary to be sure I get a good result. I think it is worth it. Not everyone, of course, shares that opinion...

A Post Christmas Poem

By Jud Chapin

T'was two days after Christmas,
the morning dawned bright,

My TD was humming,
it sounded so right.

Our masks were all hung
on our choke knobs with care

In case Santa missed one,
we really don't care.

With Al's Bimmer Z
and my TD Green

We left the Brown Building,
we made quite a scene.

We headed due west,
our hearts were alive.

We picked up Tom Buto
at road twenty-five.

From there it was chilly
to Caesar's Head Road

Where we met up with Mark Dawley,
and Roy and Carol (so my rhyme will work,
pronounce that "Karari)

And waited for Bob Moore
to join our safari

Up, up and over
to Cedar Mountain we sped

'Cause Dave Wood was waiting
for us up ahead

OK, I'm tapped out with rhymes but, anyway, we had a great drive up to Brevard. Sadly, Grammy's was closed for the holidays but the Sunrise Café only a block away was open and doing a land office business. We all had a very good breakfast and then headed back down 276 to the East Fork turn-off. As usual, Mark invited us all over to his place for postprandial beverages. Roy and Carol had never seen Mark's toy shop so we enjoyed his tour and Dianne's hospitality.

Eight hours and 150+ miles after leaving the Brown

Building I arrived back in Gowensville ready to don my cap and settle down for a long winter's nap.

There, I finished poetically. Happy New Year to all. Many great FBCC drives are in store for 2022. Brush 'em off, tune 'em up and let's go **Safety Fast** driving.



Owners Manual Warning!

From Roy Scharwachter

If you think you are smarter than the previous generation... 50 years ago the owners manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery.

Drive Your Triumph Day February 10, 2022



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Drive Your Triumph Day 2022

Public · Hosted by [Toronto Triumph Club](#)

Boring Car Trivia: FQ Meaning How Quick?

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

#17) "When Mitsubishi UK badged versions of the Lancer Evolution VIII as 'FQ' to distinguish them from grey imports, head office in Japan asked what these letters stood for and were told it was 'Fine Quality'. This pleased them, and they never guessed that the British end actually meant FQ to stand for 'F**king Quick'."



Links of the Month

(send the editor your favorites)

From Scott McCombe - A Wild Vespa Ride

Come rain or high water, I (Gregory Peck?) was determined to drive the Vespa from the Hiton Head Concours show to the hotel. With Audrey Hepburn (Connie Buto) in tow no less!

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/M5f8yV9RJQI?rel=0>

From Tom Buto - Converting a Midget to Electric

<http://www.electrictomgidget.com/index.php/convert-your-midget-to-electric>

From David Benson - UK Inches Closer To Eliminating Private Car Ownership

Say what? I guess it's getting closer to that day, but I don't think we will have to worry about it:

<https://www.motorious.com/articles/features-3/uk-eliminating-car-ownership/>

From Scott McCombe - Fitting a 5-speed tranny to your classic European Sports Car

<https://classicmotorsports.com/articles/fitting-five-speed-transmission-your-classic-europ/>

Member Monthly Series: What have You Been Working On?

The editor wishes to thank the contributing members for sharing their ongoing projects in The Open Bonnet. Please continue to provide your own stories no matter how big or small to notanmg@gmail.com.

It Won't Budge

By Mark Riesch

A picture tells the whole story.



Now I Can Really See

By John Burton

Sometime ago Diane and I went for a drive in the Triumph we came back in the evening and it was quite obvious the headlights were just not good enough.

To solve the problem I changed the original headlights for sealed beam halogen lights and added two rectangular halogen driving lights below the bumpers.

I now have a total of 230w of light.

To cope with this I added relays and fitted 14g wire on the main headlight circuit and 16g on the lower lights.

I had already changed the alternator out for a 100 amp unit several months ago so supplying the power wouldn't be a problem.

The upgrade cost me a total of \$150, well worth the effort.





SWAP MEET/AUTOJUMBLE JANUARY 29

First Annual All-British Swap Meet/Autojumble

Saturday, January 29, 10:30 AM-until

1758 Mitchells Chapel Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312

Questions? Email TR6driver@yahoo.com

- Bring your unwanted British car parts and accessories
- Free spaces, tables first come/first served
- All parts should be priced or free (lists ok)
- Will be held in Carstalgia, LLC shop (large 60'x40' high bay with open high-bay doors for social distancing, outside if weather permits)
- Special silent auction parts!
- FREE parts area, come and get them!
- ALL British marques welcome, **please notify other clubs!**
- Free coffee and fellowship with other British car enthusiasts!



Foothills British Car Club Members Meeting Minutes 2021-12-11

FBCC Annual Meeting (Christmas Party) MINUTES

1 message

Terry Jackson, Jr. <tjacksonjr2a@gmail.com> Sun, Dec 12, 2021 at 6:43 PM To: FBCCemail <FBCCemail@googlegroups.com>

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, 11 Dec

2021, are below. Attendance: Not taken, nor required.

Location: City Range Restaurant,

Greenville SC Terry Jackson, President,

presided over the meeting.

Items discussed:

- Thanks to those that helped prepare for the Christmas Party / Annual Meeting and for preparation of the meeting room.

- Highlights of the year---Terry. Significant items were completed this year.

- New member summary and welcome to those new members attending the party---Charlie

- Treasurer report---Tom.

- Overall strong financial standing. Some increased spending over a typical year due to a couple of one-time expenses this year mostly associated with incorporating.

- Annual award winners:

- Member of the Year / Outstanding Service: This year (2) names were awarded: 1) Jud Chapin for overall enthusiasm and organizing those many drives; 2) Scott McCombe for outstanding work on the newsletter and the clothes/uniform coordination.

- Hard Luck Award: Eddie Saunders---lots of issues!

- Ed Seagrave Award: Wayne Telman for incredible work on preparing our club for the Hilton Head Concours Show

- Members of our club that won awards at the Hilton Head Concours show were acknowledged. Those members are listed in the most recent newsletter.

- Installation of new officers. Nigel and Charlie were present for their installation. All new officers and directors were mentioned. Names were listed with the November regular meeting minutes, election results.

- Thanks to officers and directors whose terms are expiring this year and to those that continue for another year. Names were listed with the November meeting minutes.

- 50/50 winner was Mark Ibenthal. \$85.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Jackson, President, for Jeff Sholl, Secretary

Stag Hunt

By Glenn Larson (Richmond Triumph Register Editor of The Spokes Newsletter)

During a recent visit with the Larsons, Scott and Karen McCombe decided this story might appeal to our car hunters. Hope you enjoy it.

The Triumph Stag is probably the most maligned and misunderstood automobile ever produced by the British car industry. That may be why I've always wanted one. A



sleek V-8 powered grand tourer designed by Giovanni Michelotti, who also penned the Spitfire and TR4, I fell in love with Stags the first time I saw one in the mid-1990s. Over the years I've always sought them out at car shows and perused the internet for anything relating to Stags. Introduced to the US market in 1971, the Stag's run in America only lasted three years, with less than 2900 cars imported due to reliability issues, especially those relating to overheating of its, unique to the Stag, Triumph-designed single overhead cam V-8 engine. The car soon got the reputation as the "Triumph Snag," though over the years, design improvements and subsequent aftermarket add-ons have sorted out overheating problems.

Today, the Triumph Stag has what can best be described as a cult following, especially in the UK, where approximately are 6,000 still on the road. Here in the US, there are an estimated 800 road worthy Stags, and a healthy US-based Stag Owners Club. I've owned my Spitfire for almost 30 years, and while I love the car, I've run out of ways to tinker with it. Is it time for another Triumph?

Back in early October my friend Charlie Edmonson and I spent two days at the Hershey, PA AACA flea market. There were 3,000 vendors and 20,000 plus car enthusiasts pouring over an eclectic array of automotive "treasures." By late afternoon on our first full day there, we were bushed and decided to head back to Charlie's car. Out of the blue, waiting to cross a four-lane highway, we find ourselves standing next to a guy who, in jest, comments on my Triumph hat and Spitfire shirt. He says, "If you're a

British car guy, why don't you have oil stains on the knees of your jeans?" We laugh, and I ask if he owns any British cars. "I've got about 50 classic cars, some of which are British," he replies. I say half-jokingly, "Do you own a Stag?" "Yeah, as a matter of fact I do," says my new best friend.

Let's stop for a second. Charlie and I are at the world's largest auto jumble surrounded by more than 20,000 car fanatics and we stumble upon perhaps the only guy there who owns a Triumph Stag. OMG! His name is Rich, from New Jersey, and we spend the next 20 minutes talking about British cars by the side of the highway next to a rather fragrant row of porta potties.

Rich says, "It's a 1973 MK2 Stag with 46,000 miles on the clock. I've had it for 35 years, but it has not been driven since 2011." I guess that's to be expected from a guy who owns 50 cars. "It's black, with a black interior and hard top. It was originally British Racing Green, but a previous owner painted it. It's a four speed but does not have overdrive." "Wow. Sounds like a great car," I say. Now comes the moment of truth. "Would you be interested in selling it?" Rich thinks for a few seconds, then says, "Yeah, I think so. When you're my age and you've got 50 cars, you start thing about selling a few while you're still vertical." My new double best friend! He gives me his business card and I agree to get in touch after I get back to Richmond. I call the next week, and Rich sends me some shots of his Stag. I'm immediately hooked. Heck, I'm ready to also buy the MGB GT parked next to it! I call him back and we agree on a very reasonable price for a car that has sat for ten years.



My son Andrew is a car guy. While I tried to guide him on the path to British car addiction, his passion is now right-hand drive Japanese Domestic Market (JDM) classics. To add to the cosmic circle of coincidence in my Stag journey, Andrew had just purchased a brand-new car trailer in early October. On November 3rd, we drove with his trailer to New Jersey, right across from Philadelphia, and spent the night at a hotel. The next morning, we headed to Rich's place.

To Be Continued...

January Mystery Car

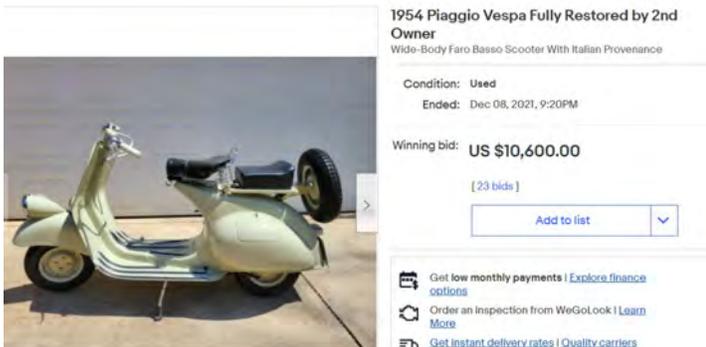


*Do you know the year, make, and model?
And yes, the top drops and the headlights
actually have eyebrows.*

Almost an eBay Sale

By Scott McCombe

Many of you must have heard about my attempt to sell my 1954 Vespa using eBay Motors auction process. So as to not be repetitious, I will simply say that it was a roller coaster ride. I entered it with a low starting bid of \$4,500 to attract bidders. A bidder immediately bid the price up to the reserve of \$7,500. By the last day it was at \$10,500. During



the last few minutes, that first bidder jumped back in with a bid of \$10,600 and I was very pleased and

thought I had “a bird in the hand”. That first and last bidder then disappeared without paying a cent. eBay says they have no “penalty” for this situation. Grrrrr! So I then contacted the previous bidder at \$10,500 and had no response...

I've learned that the slogan “BUYER BEWARE” works both ways on the eBay. It's SELLER BEWARE of what appears to be a sure thing. Now trying a down payment approach using “Buy It Now” More to follow...

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 Orłowski
Jud Chapin
Kirk Fisher
Joe Acampora
Gary O'Donnel
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

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.



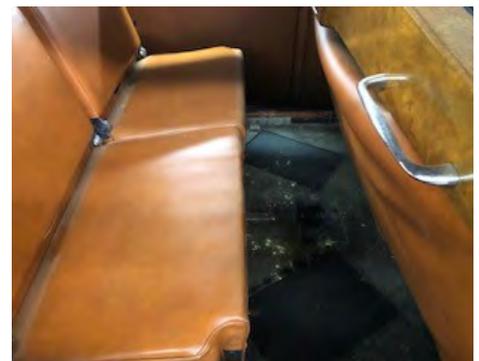
Monthly Safety Supervisors 2021

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

Month	Supervisor	Phone
January 15, 2022	Mike Barefield	864-313-7377
February 19, 2022	Tom Buto	864-915-0964
March 19, 2022	Scott McCombe	804-519-4018
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May 21, 2022	Scott McCombe	804-519-4018
June 18, 2022	Roy Scharwachter	631-848-0377
July 16, 2022	Bob Moore	864-380-3114
August 20, 2022	Mike Blair	864-354-2239
September 17, 2022	Eddie Saunders	864-787-8787
October 15, 2022	Curtis Orłowski	262-684-3567
November 19, 2022	Jud Chapin	864-616-8079
December 17 2022	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



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.

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 Sale - MGB Engine, Tranni, & Parts

As I am going to go the electric route with our MGA, I have some excess inventory to be rid of.

Early 5 main B engine with sidedraft Weber 40DCOE, non air injection head running well when removed from FrankenB but had a major thirst for oil..... \$500 obo.

OD late B trans from a wrecked car 25 years ago, unknown condition \$200 obo.

Unknown condition late B standard transmission \$50 obo.

Contact Mark Dawley at thedawleys@yahoo.com



For Sale - 89 Jaguar V-12

This engine has 80k miles logged on it. \$800 obo
Contact Mark Dawley at thedawleys@yahoo.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

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

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

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

Advertisements for Product or Services in The Open Bonnet are free for current members. There is no charge for vendor advertisements when special discounts and offerings are applied to club member purchases. Contact an FBCC officer or the newsletter editor at notanmg@gmail.com.

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Brad Penn Oil available at discounted price to FBCC

"In order to get FBCC pricing on Penn Grade Oil, make sure you identify yourself as an FBCC member when you call Shawn"



G.A.S. Racing Inc. - Shawn Morrow
(864) 958-1640 gasracinginc@gmail.com

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

2022 FBCC Officers

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Advisor	John Sharpe	864-934-6436
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Garage Foreman	Tom Buto	864-915-0964
Website Manager	Al Converse	585-739-1035
Communications Coordinator	Scott McCombe	804-519-4018



Calendar of Events

Jan. 22				
11	FBCC Monthly Mtng – Zoom Session 7pm	TUES	Charlie Blakely	864-934-1295
15	Open Garage (9am)	SAT	Tom Buto (butot@bellsouth.net)	864-915-0964
??	FBCC Board Meeting		Charlie Blakely	864-934-1295
??	Seventh Annual Polar Bear Run - TBD		Jud Chapin	864-616-8079
29	All British Swap Meet – Pittsboro, NC	SAT	Tródriver@yahoo.com	
Feb. 22				
9	FBCC Mtg Silver Bay Seafood – Simpsonville, 29681	TUES	Charlie Blakely	864-934-1295
10	International Drive your Triumph Day	THURS	https://www.facebook.com/events/d41d8cd9/drive-your-triumph-day-2022/3089964997957681/	
19	Open Garage (9am)	SAT	Tom Buto (butot@bellsouth.net)	864-915-0964