



THE OPEN BONNET

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

On The Way to Chattooga Belle Farms

May 2022



Picture and drive thanks to Tom Buto

MAY 10 MEETING

**Cars and Rock & Roll
Part 2**

**New Meeting Location -
The Embassy Suites Hotel
Please Sign Up!**

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President's Message

By Charlie Blakely



Happy May to you all, and happy warm weather driving! I know that many of you are more apt to get your cars out now that the temperatures are up. Some of our group, on the other hand, don't let cold weather stand in the way of a good drive.

Things are happening, and this is your opportunity to get in on the action. Our May meeting will take place at Embassy Suites on Verdae Blvd. in Greenville. I will present the program: Cars and Rock & Roll, Part II. I presented Part I in July of 2021. We will play "Name That Tune"—I will give you visual hints, and you will guess the Rock & Roll song. Brush up on your cars and your Rock & Roll! I think you'll enjoy the program.

Also in May, on the 21st, we will have a garage session especially for new members (meaning those who have become members in the last 18 months or so). New members are invited to bring their cars to get them checked out by some of our mechanically minded members. You'll also have a chance to meet other club members, some new, some not so new. Lunch will be provided.

I can't thank enough all the board members, volunteers, members, drive coordinators, garage foremen, newsletter editor and so many others who do so much, and who do it all so well, to keep our club growing, flourishing and providing a great base for those of us who have or love British cars.

Keep your eyes out for forthcoming news about the President's Overnighter (September 8-9), about a Greenville Drive baseball outing, an auto museum trip, drives, etc.,etc.,etc.

HELP NEEDED NOW!

Where Should We Be Meeting Monthly?

You can help the FBCC decide if a more central location is preferred. Please join us for our May monthly meeting at **The Embassy Suites Hotel** And show us that you prefer this location. It takes a whole lot of effort to find the "right" spot for our monthly meetings. You can help make this decision by simply joining us this month. Sign up required.

We need you to Click on the link below to sign up.

[FBCC General Membership Meeting](#)

Welcome New Members

David & Naomi Brooks

Flat Rock, NC 28731
1970 RHD Triumph Vitesse Mk2

Robert & Misty Hagan

Seneca, SC 29672
MGB

Joe & Chris Fleskoski

West Union, SC 29696
1961 TR3A

Blake & Lindsey Whitaker

Greenville, SC 29680
1975 MGB

On The Cover

Do we look cold? We actually had a beautiful view of Jocassee Lake if you ignored the few snow flakes that some of our northern members recognized. The trip to Chattooga Belle Farms Winery and Distillery was scenic and enjoyable—especially for those with electric gloves and seat heaters. More inside.

April 16 Open Garage: Yes, We Can Do That!

By **Scott McCombe**

Saturday's Open Garage events included two member's car maintenance efforts.

An initial group effort was undertaken to diagnose the cause of a non-functioning speedometer in Morris Greene's beautiful TR6. Our usual approach to this issue is fairly straightforward. 1) Disconnect the cable from the drive unit at the transmission, 2) Use a drill to spin the cable and observe the speedometer, 3) Assuming speedometer does not spin, evaluate components which may have failed leading to the speedometer.

In this case, the two transmission mounting bolts needed to be loosened and a bottle jack used to raise the transmission a quarter inch in order to remove the right angle gear at the transmission. It was immediately evident that the square drive cable had sheared off inside the right angle drive. This is a fairly common problem, but easily solved with a new replacement unit. But what caused it to shear?



Robert Dezzi discovers the sheared cable in the right angle drive unit

Upon further examination, the short stem from the right angle gear appeared to not only be sheared off, but also twisted indicating excessive force having been applied to it. As they say, "Down that rabbit hole we go". The next step would normally be to spin the speedometer cable with a drill. Prudence suggests that an attempt to spin the cable with just your fingers might be wise next step. Sure enough, the cable could not be turned at all by hand. So

where is it jammed up?

Disconnecting the cable under the dash at the speedometer revealed a perfectly good cable that had no kinks or bends and spun easily by hand. There could only be one cause for the right angle drive failure, the speedometer binding up internally.

Bottom line: Morris now knows he needs to replace the right angle drive and have the speedometer serviced which should result in a complete and long-lasting repair. Pretty soon, he'll have no excuse for being stopped doing 85 mph!

The 2nd garage task involved securing brake lines.

After Mark Riesch replaced his brake lines on his Triumph Vitesse, he decided that some fasteners should be attached to prevent them from premature wearing at various



vibration points. In no time, Mark had his car on the 4-post lift and had secured his entire set of new NiCu brake lines. A great morning at Jack's place. Hope to see you there Saturday, May 21.

Safer Lithium Batteries



Attendance at last month's meeting was high when Brian Moran from Soteria Battery Innovation Group provided a very informative presentation about the hazards of traditional Lithium batteries. His consortium group has developed new technologies which can make them lighter and safer. He also provided his personal outlook for the future of electric car acceptance and predominance.

Reach Out to FBCC Members - Take a Drive!

By Tom Buto

I know many of our members love to drive their British cars but sometimes conflicts in schedules for our organized drives get in the way. Well now there is a way for you to participate in a couple of drives that might interest you on your own schedule.

Did you know that details for two of the drives we have done are posted on our **"Members Only"** section of the FBCC website?

One is Chattooga Belle Farms, a good day trip that might include lunch at the Bistro and a tour of the distillery. Thirty one of our members enjoyed this drive just yesterday. It's a great drive, good food and great camaraderie if you do it with friends. It actually snowed while we were at the Farm for lunch yesterday.

Looking for an overnight trip in your British Car? Check out the Fontana Village drive. Great roads, wonderful scenery and a Village very close to the TVA Fontana Dam as well as **"The Tail of the Dragon"**



Check out both of these drives on the Members only section of your website. If you forgot your login, try your email address and your phone number for the password.

Speaking of good drives! I saw the ad for the **Circle the Smokies** event in our Open Bonnet that covers several miles over four days. The cost per vehicle is only \$399. I assume that does not include hotels and food. It looks like a great event. Unfortunately I will be in Pennsylvania during the tour and can't do it. Here is a little blurb that gives a short description. For more details, click on their link below. I wish it was later in July!

Circle The Smokies Presented By Gateway Classic Cars July 11-15, 2022
www.circlethesmokies.com

15% off to club members - use the code FBCC when signing up.

The FBCC 5-Years Ago... A Monthly Series of Reflections



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May 9 Meeting

- ⇒ Dinner 6PM (optional)
- ⇒ Open Club Meeting 7PM
- FATZ Café (reserved room)
- 5051 Calhoun Mem. Hwy.
- Easley, SC 29640
- (864) 859-9832
- www.fatz.com

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Five years ago this month, FBCC members provided many pictures from, the Shelby, NC Broad River Car Show, the Pickins, SC Wings & Wheels Car Show, and Walter Mitty Road Atlanta Races.

A couple tech tips were provided by Gerald Petter who offered his prop shaft U-joint alignment tip (both ends symmetrically aligned and Scott McCombe who learned that Morgan and TR7s require a specific tranny lube such as the pictured "AC Delco Synchronesh Fluid - Friction Modified" product.



Member Monthly Series: What have You Been Working On?

SU Carburetor Refurbishment

By **Eddie Saunders**

My buddy recently asked me to take a look at the carbs on his MGB GT. After a quick glance I determined they needed to be removed, cleaned and rebuilt. While waiting for carb kits to arrive I found the play between throttle shaft and bushings to be excessive. After removing the throttle shafts and measuring for wear I concluded that the bushings were the cause of the play.

Removing bushes from carb body involved tapping into them with the correct size tap, then drawing them out of the carb body. This task is a bit finicky but easy enough to do.



A tap is used to pull out the old bushing

And now for the rest of the story.....

Machining the bushings with near perfect dimensions (OD and ID) was going to be a challenge using my Southbend lathe. The first step was to ensure the lathe chuck had minimal "RUN OUT". Using a dial indicator gauge, the run out measured 2.2 thousandths - "NOT GOOD". Down the rabbit hole we go. After two hours of rotating the lathe chuck and fiddling with the chuck jaws, I was able to reduce the run out of my lathe to a mere 1-1.05 thousandths. Close enough!



Setting up the chuck

OD = Outside Diameter

ID = Inside Diameter

I next machined 4 bushings that fitted into the carb body with a 1 thousandths OD clearance (more on this clearance later).



Next I machined the ID of bushes to perfectly fit onto lightly oiled throttle shafts.



Now for the tricky part, I spread a thin film of red thread locker on the OD of the bushes and quickly pushed them into both sides of carb body, I then gently slid the lightly oiled throttle shaft through the bushings allowing them to self-centralize in the carb body. (Remember the 1 thousandths undersize?) I rotated the throttle shaft several times to ensure free movement. Once the thread locker set up, I tested the throttle shafts for play. Absolute perfect fit, no play at all.



Old bushes removed and ready for new ones

Love it when a plan comes together. Could have done the job quicker by ordering the bushes but seeing the perfect results of the self-made ones makes it all good!



The Finished Product!

FBCC Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022

By Nigel Brooks

Attendees: 37 were counted present (35 Adults, 2 children, 32 signed the attendance sheet).

(Last names only): Blakely (2), Fleskoski (2), Saunders, Scharwachter (2), Smith, Telman (2), Elder (2), Ivey (2), Moore, Novak (2), Petter, Sholl, Barefield, Brooks (2), Buto, Chapin, Dawley (2), Drum, Looper (2), McCombe, Swift.

Location: Silver Bay Restaurant, Simpsonville, SC.

Opening Statement: Charlie Blakely opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

VP Statement: Two new members, guests were in attendance.

Joe & Chris Fleskoski, 1961 TR3.

Paul & Debbie Novak (didn't get LBC type).

Treasurers Report: Tom indicated we had \$6966 in the account.

Club Drive: Jud had no specific rides to announce, except maybe a Friday ride to either Campfire grill in Flat Rock or to Brevard for breakfast at Grammy's.

Board Meeting: Scheduled for 26 April 2022. Details will follow for board members.

Garage Activity: Next session will be Saturday, 16 April. A future session will be held for new members, details will follow.

Other Business: The next FBCC monthly meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites on 10 May 2022. You will need to sign up ahead of time and pay ahead of time, so that ES can set up the buffet and meeting room. Meeting will start at 6:30 PM, with social hour prior to that. An email will be sent to all members with details on how to register and pay.

Program: Dr. Brian Morin Ph.D. and CEO of Soteria Battery Innovation Group, presented a program on his company's battery development for electric cars, entitled *Inherently Safe Batteries: A New Standard for Electric Vehicles*. A summary of the program is as follows:

A 3% fire-rate on current hybrid vehicles is typical.

There is not yet enough data on pure electric vehicles to determine a fire-rate.

GE manufactures 26 electric vehicles in the 4th quarter of 2021.

The Lithium Ion (LI) battery is very susceptible to fires due to damage or design deficiencies.

A Lithium-Ion battery fire will get to a temperature of 1000 C.

The current failure rate for LI is 1/10,000,000. Fast charging puts stress on battery.

A typical Tesla Electric Vehicle has 8000 LI batteries, so about 1/1000 Tesla electric vehicles could potentially fail and ignite.

It takes about 8 hours to full charge an electric vehicle (0 to 100%) or about 30 minutes to partially charge (80%).

Hybrid vehicles are much more dangerous, highest fire rate.

Soteria is targeting high end automotive manufacturers, such as BMW, Jaguar, MB, etc.

Tesla had their first fire 2014. Over 100,000 EV's recalled for spontaneous battery fires, but manufacturers replace the batteries with the exact same battery!

The recent ship fire off the east coast was due to a spontaneous battery fire on a high end EV.

Manufacturers use titanium covers, thermal dividers & computer-controlled fault protection to safeguard against battery fires, instead of addressing the root cause.

Soteria uses just enough metal (3-micron vacuum vapor applied), and a nano-membrane/Kevlar support between anode/cathode, to address the root cause of fires. Batteries won't ignite when penetrated, and still deliver power. Charge cycle will be increased from current 2000 to 6000.

Lithium supply is not available worldwide to supply the demand for EV's. A \$20 K EV is

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By Nigel Brooks

Member Monthly Series: How/Why I Got Started With This LBC Passion?

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just not happening! EV's will be limited for a long time.

Vision for future: EV's not supply limited, 80% EV's on road, 600-mile range (only MB currently has one).

Current battery manufacturing capacity is 250 GW. We will need 16,000 GW to meet future goals.

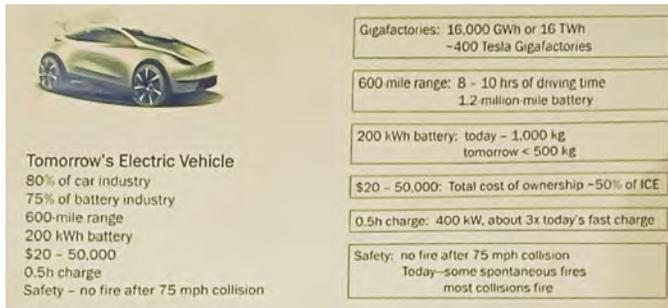
Soteria is currently in pre-production mode, not yet on market. Soteria has a 27-test protocol for batteries.

Coating is where electrical energy is stored.

Sodium Ion batteries may be the next battery.

Near future: supply limited, high prices, premium product, new entrance into EV's, opportunity for new manufacturers.

Distant future: 600-mile range, charging ports



Tomorrow's Electric Vehicle
80% of car industry
75% of battery industry
600-mile range
200 kWh battery
\$20 - 50,000
0.5h charge
Safety - no fire after 75 mph collision

Gigafactories: 16,000 GWh or 16 TWh ~400 Tesla Gigafactories
600 mile range: 8 - 10 hrs of driving time 1.2 million mile battery
200 kWh battery: today - 1,000 kg tomorrow < 500 kg
\$20 - 50,000: Total cost of ownership ~50% of ICE
0.5h charge: 400 kW, about 3x today's fast charge
Safety: no fire after 75 mph collision Today—some spontaneous fires most collisions fire

everywhere, EV prices remain high, drone delivery, autonomous vehicles.

50/50 Drawing: Barbara Brooks won \$50. Hmm?

Concluding Remarks: Charlie adjourned the meeting

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

By Gerald Petter

Age 7---scrunched back of TC to coast for holiday.

Age 11--- In the Riley to Brands Hatch/Goodwood/Silverstone etc for races.

Age 14 Rallies/hill climbs/sprints etc and races in Riley automobile

Age 15 Races with Cooper-Bristol

Age 16 Races with Tojeiro-Bristol

Meeting Gonzalez/Moss/Fangio and so many others
Etc. Etc. Etc.

Gerald (Yup! even if I do like Italian cars).

FBCC Website Includes Presentations & Videos

Look for past meeting Zoom tech videos as well as meeting presentations on our website.

In January Charlie Blakely presented a program about a recent visit to the Sarasota (FL) Classic Car Museum and also a car show at the Sarasota Celtic Festival. A video of the PowerPoint program is now available on the club website. Go to FBCCSC.org, log in as a member, and go to Videos to view the presentation.

April Mystery Car: A 1960s Hillman Imp



Quite a number of FBCC members knew this car and some had personal experiences...

From Wikipedia

The **Hillman Imp** is a small economy car that was made by the Rootes Group and its successor Chrysler Europe from 1963 until 1976. It was the first British mass-produced car with the engine block and cylinder head cast in aluminium.

Being a direct competitor to the BMC's Mini, it used a space-saving rear-engine, rear-wheel-drive layout to allow as much luggage and passenger capacity as possible in both the rear and the front of the car. It used a unique opening rear hatch to allow luggage to be put into the back seat rest.

It was the first mass-produced British car with the engine in the back and the first to use a diaphragm spring clutch. The baulk-ring synchromesh unit for the transaxle compensated for the speeds of gear and shaft before engagement. It incorporated many design features which were uncommon in cars until the late 1970s, such as a folding rear bench seat, automatic choke and gauges for temperature, voltage and oil pressure.

The Imp gained a reputation as a successful rally car when Rosemary Smith won the Tulip Rally in 1965. That led the Rootes Group to produce a special rally conversion of the Imp under both the Hillman and Singer marques, known as the *Imp Rallye*. The Imp continued in production until 1976, selling just under half a million units in 13 years.

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Peter Robinson writes:

Yeh, I learned to drive in a 1963 Wolseley Hornet (my dad's super luxury Mini) and our next door neighbor had a Hillman Imp. His two boys learned to drive in that brown Imp. The 998 Hornet and Imp were equally competitive on the straight, but the Hornet was more agile on the twists and turns. (...we boys never raced). However, when it came to driving uphill in snow, the Imp would win hands down ...being careful not to understeer -with the zero weight on the front end! The other thing I remember is that the Imp was super quiet compared to the BMC set up.

May Mystery Car?



Autocar magazine described it as "masquerading as a sort of scaled down DB6 Aston Martin".

Boring Car Trivia: Wrong Camouflage!

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

#21) "During development of the XJ40, Jaguar engineers responsible for one heavily camouflaged prototype got some chrome beading from



an old Mini, bent it into the facsimile of the BMW "kidney" grille and stuck it on the front before taking it to a well-known car testing environment. Word soon came through from Munich asking them to knock it off with their nonsense. Land Rover engineers pulled a similar stunt while winter testing the second-generation Range Rover, after learning that their company had just been bought by BMW. Sometime later, as if returning these favours, German engineers were papped in prototype E46 3 Series' with Rover grilles stuck to their noses."

Annual President's Overnighter - Planned for September 8th & 9th

By Charlie Blakely

The President's Overnighter will take place Sept. 8 & 9 at the **Switzerland Inn** in Little Switzerland, N.C. The resort is adjacent to a stretch of road called the Diamondback Motorcycle and Sportscar Route. Tom Buto will be planning a drive. Many of you may remember this visit during his drive in 2020.



You may call 828-385-4500 to make your reservation. Rates are \$209 (plus 13% occupancy tax) for a non-mountain view room, \$239 (plus tax) for a mountain view room, and upwards for suites, etc. Let the resort know you are with the FBCC. Reservations will be accepted until August 8.



A few FBCC members enjoying the view from Little Switzerland in 2020

NEW & RECENT FBCC Members: An Invite to a Special Open Garage Meet and Greet May 21

By Charlie Blakely

FBCC recent members--We would like to welcome you all to the FBCC and invite you to meet one another, attend this special welcome event, and bring your car to our garage (aka known as Jack's Place), 617 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, beginning at 9:00 on Saturday morning, May 21. Some of our wonderful mechanically minded members will be available to look at your car and advise you on what might be needed in terms of service or repairs. It will also be an opportunity to meet others who have recently joined our club as well as some of our long-term members. Lunch will be provided.



Those who are present will receive free magnetic name tags for their cars.

Please let us know if you are coming by emailing Eddie Saunders at rse32@aol.com.

Cars & Coffee April 23 Pics from Gerald Petter



1990 Nissan Pao



5-Window Hot Rod!



'81 Ferrari 308 GTS



1991 Nissan Figaro



'48 Chevy—he says!



A Nice Sunbeam



Gerald's Beauty

Chatooga Haa-Chooah

By Jud Chapin

Dashing through the snow
In a two-seat cabriolet (OK, it's a roadster but that
doesn't rhyme with anything)
O'er the hills we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bobtails ring (OK, I didn't have bells or a
bobtail but what the heck?)
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
In my two-seat cabriolet

Chitty bang, chitty bang
Chitty bang bang bang
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In my two-seat cabriolet

A week or two ago
Tom thought we'd take a ride
Chatooga Belle we'd go
As long as it don't snow
The morning chill was fierce
But the sky was pretty clear
We gathered at our favorite spot
And then we got upstot

I am dedicating the foregoing with my deepest
appreciation to Tom and Connie Buto. I don't know if
they planned it this way but I thank them
nevertheless from the bottom of my heart for
organizing and leading this year's super-duper Polar
Bear Run.

A baker's dozen or so of us gathered at the Holly
Springs store on a clear, chilly Saturday morn. Only
one intrepid soul (idiot??) was top-down but his
heater semi-worked and his electric gloves kept his
fingers from falling off.

We headed west on 11 and then north on 130 up to
a spectacular overlook. That's where we saw our
first snow flakes and the intrepid soul got his tonneau
out of the boot and covered the passenger side of his
"cabriolet." The effect was immediate and
gratifying. The heat from the semi-heater stayed
mostly in the car and he actually had to dial back the
setting on his gloves.

From the overlook Tom and Connie took us on up to
Chatooga Belle for a really good lunch. During lunch
the intrepid soul discovered that not many FBCCers
are as fond of pickled eggs as he is but that's OK –
just means more for him. The snow was pretty strong
but very dry and wind-blown. It lasted only about 20
minutes but we could all see other snow squalls off
in the mountains.

Clear skies and warmer temperatures greeted us on
the drive back home and, I hope, everybody made it
back without mishap.

Thanks Tom and Connie. You guys are the greatest
and, even though you flog a Triumph, y'all are
what *Safety Fast* and FBCCing are all about.

Great driving weather is on the way so stay tuned for
many more drives.

2022 Participants

First Name	Last Name
Marty & Patti	Shane
Tom & Connie	Buto
Pete & Pat	Jakubek
Robert & Laura	Zatz
Dennis & Patti	Cox
Judson	Chapin
Eddie & Rayleen	Saunders
Mike	Barefield
Forbes	Kayhart
Roy & Carol	Scharwachter
Jim & Mary	Dunkel
Jacqueline & Jay	Coffey
John & Ellen	Mims
Morris	Greene
Scott	McCombe
Jeff & Lynn	Sholl
Mark & Linda	Riesch
Tom & Marg	Eicher
Rick & Linda	Pitts & Crenshaw

FBCC Chattooga Belle Farms Drive Pictures

Thanks to the many who provided these great shots



Links of the Month

(send the editor your favorites)

From Gene Holtzclaw: MGB Road Trip

<https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2022/04/26/1973-mgb-road-trip-old-bmc-dealers-service-shops-chad-cansler>

From David Benson: Seven Obscure Cars

<https://apple.news/A0DL3eOXDSHmQf01SUr8s4A>

May Car Events



**HENNIE'S 27th ANNUAL
CAR
SHOW**

**May 07th
2022**

5000 OLD BUNCOMBE RD
GREENVILLE, SC 29609

Show starts at 10am
Lunch is served at 12pm
Bring a cake with, dessert,
or drinks

Donations made to
**MEALS ON
WHEELS
OF GREEN**

RSVP by April 29th
To 864-360-1640,
864-360-3815, 864-834-5804
Yvonne.jacobs43@gmail.com

FURMAN SBMOC British Car Show is BACK! May 28, 2022

Join us on the beautiful mall of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina. Please mark your calendars for an exciting and unique British Classic car show event on Memorial Weekend.

All classic and modern British cars and motorcycles are eligible.

This year our featured marque is Jaguar, and we hope to see a great representation of these luxury and sporting vehicles on the show field.

Send questions to: britishcarshow@yahoo.com

[Click here to visit the SBMOC website!](#)



Aircraft for Animals Fly-in
Oconee County Regional Airport
Saturday - May 21, 2022
10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION

Airplane Rides,
Classic Car Displays, Food & Fun!

SOFT DROP Win up to \$1,000 bucks! Get Your Ball Today for a \$20 Donation

[CLICK HERE](#)

**25th Annual
TRIANGLE
BRITISH
CLASSIC
CAR SHOW**

**May 14th, 2022
"Rain or Shine"**

**North Hills
On Six Forks Road
Raleigh, NC**

From John Mims

"One of their big fundraisers is an Aircraft for Animals Fly In at the little airport at the Oconee County Regional Airport. It is a free event. There are some old planes that they can walk around and look at and a couple that they can purchase rides in. There are a couple of food trucks so people can buy food as well. A local classic car club also participates. Some of their members bring their cars so people can look at them as they are walking around. Due to airport expansion, there is additional space this year and they wanted to see if additional car clubs would be interested in bringing some of their cars in for show as well. I thought of you with the FBCC British Car Club. I don't know if shows are even part of what your club does. But I thought I would reach out to you to see if there is any interest in participating. Cars would need to arrive around 9:30. And we would just need to know the number of cars to plan for space. "

[CLICK HERE to go to www.oconeehumane.org](http://www.oconeehumane.org)

July 11-15: Tour the Smokies Road Rally

The FBCC has been offered a 15% discount for club members to attend..

https://www.ramblerrallies.com/_files/ugd/c2bbc3_fd0275524cab4421a45b38d7377585f2.pdf

<https://www.ramblerrallies.com/circlethesmokies>

Message: Hello!

I wanted to reach out and let you and your British car club know about our upcoming road rally through the Smoky Mountain Region in July!

Name: Graham Sauser



The Route

July 11: Concord, NC to Asheville, NC
via Blowing Rock and the Blue Ridge
Parkway

July 12: Asheville, NC to Greenville, SC

July 13: Greenville SC, to Chattanooga,
TN via winding back roads

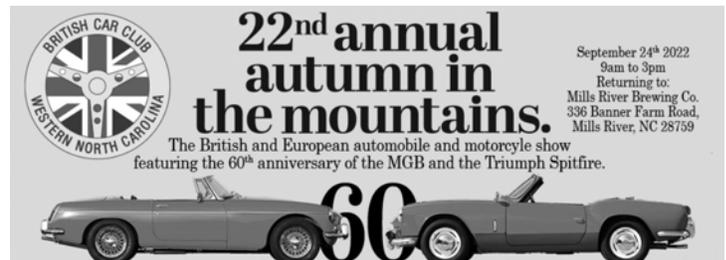
July 14: Chattanooga, TN to Sevierville,
TN via Deals Gap, Tail of The Dragon,
and more!

July 15: Sevierville, TN to Asheville, NC
via Pigeon Forge, and winding back

Phone: 8476028463

Email: graham@ramblerrallies.com

Never Too Early To Plan!



<https://www.bccwnc.org/autumn-in-the-mountains-car-show/>

See the Moss Motors Event Calendar here for a more complete listing of car events

<https://mossmotoring.com/event-calendar/>

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.

Come visit us!

We really do know how to use both our two-post and four-post lifts at the club garage. Thanks to Dennis Griffin for this "wrong-way" picture. The FBCC has a fully equipped garage with equipment for member to use with their vehicles, classic or personal. Watch Google Group emails for the next open garage.



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
April 16, 2022	David Benson	864-483-2394
May 21, 2022	Tom Buto	864-915-0964
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	

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 - 1950 MG TD, Right Hand Drive

Our TD was purchased in the late 70's from an US Airman who had brought the car back from England where he was stationed. This very early TD came off the production line in Abingdon on February 6th, 1950 and was registered in Cambridge with number BJE131.

A full ground up restoration was completed in 2002. It is in excellent condition both body and mechanically with matching numbers. Finished in Green with Biscuit Interior and Tan Soft Top with side curtains, full tonneau cover, luggage rack, dual side mirrors, wind deflectors and tools.

It has the rare early TD non-perforated steel wheels, under the bonnet sits the original XPAG 1250 cc 4 cylinder engine, rated at 57 Horsepower and backed by a 4 speed manual transmission. It is a driver, so there are a few small nicks and scratches, but runs and drives great. After 43 years, it is time for a new owner who will drive and enjoy her. Marty and Pat Shane, 864-718-0315, alis4@yahoo.com."

For Sale - 1976 MGB

Excellent show-ready 1976 MGB Roadster with like-new convertible top and factory hardtop.

67,000 miles from new. Red with black interior, tonneau cover and carpeted boot.

Detailed engine compartment; twin SU's; overdrive. 15" wheels with recent tires.

Fully serviced. \$11,500. Call to take a test drive!

Jim Dunkel, Pendleton, SC dunkeljames@gmail.com
864-633-6470



For Sale - 2007 Jaguar XJ8 REDUCED PRICE

Excellent exterior and interior condition. White with biscuit interior. 150,000 miles.

Full service history, maintained by Jaguar mechanic. Sunroof sealed due to leak and does not open. No other defects. Great daily driver. Recently serviced. \$7900.

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For Sale - 1970 MGB Project Build

Complete nut & bolt disassembly with all parts tagged and bagged. Media stripped to bare metal ready for primer. Very impressive rust free body with new BMC floor pans installed. Very impressive inventory of new parts including bumper, lamps, top & tonneau, interior, suspension upgrades, dash panel w/rebuilt gauges, Weber conversion w/intake etc.etc. Have all parts for a complete show build. Many extra new parts included.

A very good start on a vehicle worth doing. No disappointments. Prefer to sell as a complete package \$3,000.00. - Denny @ Fine Line Auto Works, Ltd. **828-286-3348**-leave voice message and I will return your call.

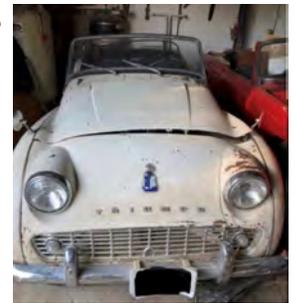
For Sale - TR3, MG Midget, 2 MGAs

The owner of these vehicles passed away and his family has finally begun the process of selling his collection. They have fresh titles in their names and a very detailed vehicle reports on all of their vehicles.



They have a Triumph TR3, an early MG Midget, two MGA's Coupe and Roadster. The MGA's are very much stripped down, the Midget is solid but needs a bonnet the TR3 is quite rusty and needs floor pans.

I have a very detailed vehicle report for all the vehicles if interested. It was done by one of the Dayton Ohio Triumph Club members. It's via an email, if anyone wants a copy just let me know.



John Burton **864-872-2424**

For Sale - MGB carburetors and parts

Pair of SU H4S, AUD465 carburetors with intake manifold, heatshield, linkages and air filters. Rebuilt recently (~4 months ago) with a rebuild kit from British Superior /Joe Curto kits. Decided to go with a different set up. Also for sale Zenith Stromberg 175 carburetor for the late model MGB with "unified" intake/exhaust manifold. Also heatshield, hoses and air filter. Sent out to a professional rebuild service about a year ago. Maybe less than 300 miles since rebuild. Decided to go with a different setup. Open to just about any offer. Would rather they go to someone to use vs getting dusty in the garage.

David. **864-384-1836**



For Sale - 1969 to 1972 Triumph TR6 Rear Bumper.

I have replaced my bumpers on my 71 TR6 and have a complete rear bumper for sale. It's not too bad, some over spray from the PO. There is a nice shine with a bit of chrome checking. Also on the right right side bumper there is a mounting bolt that needs removed. See images. Make me an offer. If you need a front bumper (has a dent) it's free. If interested contact me at: s5rus0479@gmail.com

Top rear bumper w/ holes for license plate lamp



Bottom rear bumper with over spray



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

For Sale - Shop Items - All like new

Central Machine 8" Bench Grinder Model SI-1748 on pedestal. Comes with new grinding and polishing wheels. \$65. Small Cut-off Saw, JIG 160 \$20.

Jim Dunkel, Pendleton, SC dunkeljames@gmail.com
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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

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For Sale - 1977 MGB

New Paint, New Tires, Wire Wheel Conversion, Weber DGV Carb, New 25D Distributor and Coil, New Engine Wiring Harness, Refurbished Gas Tank, Luggage Rack, Factory Hard Top, Refinished Bumpers, Nardi Wood Steering Wheel, Securon retractable Seat Belts, Overdrive Transmission, Hydraulic lifters on hood , and New 100 amp Alternator. All Smog Equipment has been removed. Car has no rust or fillers. Mileage 85,000.

Terry Jackson reports, "Believe original miles on the engine. Car spent most of its life in GA. Solid frame and floorboard with no signs of rust anywhere. \$5,500 firm. The car is in Anderson. If interested please contact me at tjacksonjr2a@gmail.com



Ashworth “Barn Find” MGAs Offered to FBCC

By Tom Buto

Recently, Scott McCombe, Roy Scharwachter, Tim Strickland and I had an opportunity to visit with Jean Ashworth. Jean is one of the longest standing members of FBCC and was instrumental for much of the early growth of FBCC. Jean ran the Euro Autofestival Merchandise Program for FBCC for many years. Her husband, Pete, who passed last year, was a real MG fan. Jean still has a beautiful MG-TF that she drives on good weather days. Hopefully Jean will join us on one of our organized club drives sometime soon.

SOLD

someone to build one nice driver quality MGA. One of the bodies appears to be very solid in spite of the fact that it has been sitting outside for quite some time. A close look showed that it had been painted quite well with an epoxy primer that kept it sealed from the ravages of the weather.

Another MGA was stored in a shed that had lost its roof at some time. It appeared to have a frame that had been stripped and painted and is holding up quite well. That body and frame



Where’s Waldo? He’s in the MGA!

The visit ended up being somewhat of a field trip for us car guys. Kind of like “barn find” experience without the barn. We had the opportunity to look at three MGA’s and many MGA parts located in three different locations around Anderson. None of the MGA’s are running cars but we thought the combination of the three along with all of the parts and some dedication might be a good start for



Well preserved epoxy-resin coated body



Frame seems to be quite sound

had multiple covers over it. In the corner of the shed there were multiple fenders, hoods and deck lids. We could not get close enough to see them very well as you can see from the pictures. There was also an engine sitting next to the body. The transmission was still in the car.

The third was stored in a shed outside of what used to



A good chance there are usable parts

be a plastic injection molding factory. We were told that the factory made the lids for the small salt shakers that you would take on picnics. I have not seen one of those recently. The body looked pretty rough on this MGA but there might be some salvageable parts on it.

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

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"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

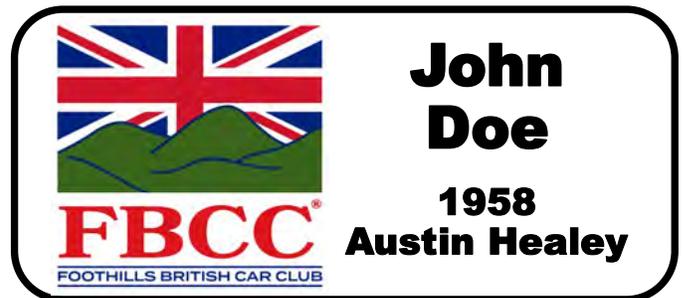
It's easy. Fill out a membership form found at www.fbccsc.org and submit electronically, or mail to the address below. Members receive this monthly newsletter and club emails through the FBCC Google Group, advertise car stuff for free, and have access to a well-furnished 2-bay service station garage 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

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Calendar of Events

May 2022				
06-14	Joe Nall R/C Fly-In Event, Triple Tree Woodruff	FRI	Jud Chapin???	864-616-8079
7	Hennie Jacobs Open House Party, Travelers Rest, SC	SAT	yvonne.jacobs43@gmail.com	864-360-1640
10	FBCC Monthly Mtg Silver Bay Seafood – Simpsonville, 29681 – Note New Start Time 6:30pm	TUES	Charlie Blakely	864-934-1295
14	Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/	
14	Triangle British Classic Car Show, North Hills, NC	SAT	http://www.ncmgcarclub.org/	
21	FBCC Open Garage at Jack's Place – New Members	SAT	Tom Buto (butot@bellsouth.net)	
22	British Motorcar Day, Suwanee, GA	SUN	http://www.atlantabritishmotorcarday.org	
28	SBMOC Great Scot/Gallabrae British Car Show-Furman	SAT	https://gallabrae.com/events/british-car-show/	
28-30	Sandhills Motoring Festival, Pinehurst, NC		https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/	
28	Cars & Coffee @ Michelin (4th Saturday of the Month)		https://www.facebook.com/CarsCoffeeUpstate/	
28-05	British Car Week		https://justbritish.com/event/25th-annual-british-car-week/	
June 2022				
9-12	Highlands Motoring Festival, Highlands, NC	SAT	https://highlandsmotoringfestival.com/	
11	Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/	
14	FBCC Mtg. Location TBD	TUES	Charlie Blakely	864-934-1295
18	Jack's Place (9am)	SAT	Roy Scharwachter (vargars862@gmail.com)	631-848-0377
19	Father's Day Anderson Car Show	SUN		
25	Cars & Coffee @ Michelin (4th Saturday of the Month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsCoffeeUpstate/	