



THE PEN BONNET

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



JULY 12 MEETING

BACK TO SILVER BAY SEAFOOD

Automotive Technology at Tri-County Technical College

- ⇒ **Dinner 5:30pm (optional)**
- ⇒ **Club Meeting 6:30pm**

**916 North E. Main St.
Simpsonville, SC 29681**

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President's Message

By Charlie Blakely



What are they teaching young people these days?!? About cars, I mean. Who's training our next generation of mechanics? And will they be able to work on our old, strange and temperamental British cars? And how soon will electric cars shove our old gas-powered beauties to the curb (literally)? You may get the chance to hear the answer to these questions at our next general meeting, to be held on Tuesday, July 12 at Silver Bay Seafood in Simpsonville. Our program presenter will be Bill Leverette, director of the Automotive Technology program at Tri-County Technical College.

Yes, we'll be back at Silver Bay Seafood for the July meeting. The board continues to assess our options, and for July, Silver Bay is the best choice. The meeting will begin at 6:30, but come early to eat, drink and be merry!

For those of you who were at our June meeting, you may be wondering about my wife Nancy's XKE, which was giving us trouble. I have found out that thanks to Jaguar's special engineering, the fuel pump is higher than the fuel tank, and gas can drain out of the fuel pump when the car sits too long, leaving the pump unprimed. Pressurize the tank and fuel flows into the pump and the car starts! Voila (pardon my French)!

There are many other topics I could address: a group outing to the Greenville Drive (what could be more appropriate!) on July 22, the President's Overnighter at the Switzerland Inn in Sept., possibly a couple of picnics (stay tuned), the Christmas party, etc. More details to come, possibly in emails.

I hope to see you all on Tuesday, July 12.

FBCC Baseball July 22 - Let's Enjoy The Drive!



Please contact **Charlie Blakely 864-934-1295** or **blakely.charles@gmail.com** by **July 10** to let him know if you will join members and their families at 7pm on July 22 for the game between the Greenville Drive and the Aberdeen Ironbirds.

Ticket prices are being negotiated for group seating so that the FBCC and family members can all be in one area of the stadium (hopefully in the shade).

Welcome New Members

Thomas & Lynn Mitchell
Greer, SC 29650
1951 MG TD

Bill Bowen
Greenville, SC 29609
1974 MGB

On The Cover

Safety is always first at Jack's Place. Bob Moore found the only place in the garage that was available to take a break after assisting with many member car issues during the June 18 Open Garage Session. Join us on July 16 when we are sure to have just as much fun while keepin' our LBCs safely on the road.

June 18 Open Garage: Pictures Speak Volumes



Bob Moore explains to a fascinated audience how an MGB front end works when it's set up correctly !



I don't think my Jag frame is supposed to have that hole right there, is it?



"...and I was turning off Stone Ave and the engine took off on its own—all the way to 8,000 rpms!"

Some More Auto Trivia

From Terry Jackson

Q) Who opened the first drive-in gas station?



A) Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.

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

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. Our readers love this!

FBCC Members Fix Anything Not Working!

During an FBCC drive up White Oak Mountain and once passed Shunkawachen Falls, Roy Scharwachter and a resident at the condos at the top got chatting. Next thing you know, he was fixing the guys recliner. Just another example of our unique membership!



Our UK Members: A Special Report About Our “True” Brits

By David Benson



Four of our FBCC members started out in the UK as True Brits!

The Foothills British Car Club not only has a membership of folks with a deep interest in the cars of the United Kingdom, we also have members who actually grew up there and provide us with a rich historical context for these cars. John Burton, Gerald Petter, David Wood, and Peter Robinson graciously contributed some recollections of growing up in the UK to share in this issue. You may have read about some of their early cars in previous issues and these accounts may provide a little more backstory to their childhood.

John Burton writes;

“I grew up in the North of England between Liverpool and Manchester in the village of Billinge, and like many 14-year-old boys of the time I was well onto messing about with old cars.

My first challenge came in the shape of a well underpowered MK2 Cortina 1300cc Automatic which my dad had essentially abandoned, in his not so wide typical British garage. Unbeknown to dad at the time, I tore into it while he was at work, eventually getting the engine out with help from a few mates, and finding a torque converter! That's as far as it got, soon after becoming part of the local scrap yard. "Breakers Yard"

It was there that I really excelled. I soon worked out that some car owners that couldn't fix their car, would rather throw them away than pay someone to fix them,, at that point the light bulb went on ! I became well known at the scrapyards, even the grumpy old dog would stop barking when it remembered that he had seen me a few times before.

I would hang around on Saturday mornings and on occasion a car owner would turn up looking for a price for his piece of junk car that was still running. If I could get to him before the scrap yard owner, I could usually get a good deal. I learnt quickly what the car was worth, as scrap, so an extra fiver, would usually do the trick.

In the UK a car without a ticket, "a Ministry of Transport certificate" was worthless, because it couldn't be insured or taxed, it was scrap. Most of the cars turning up had usually failed their MOT test.



The owners usually blurted out what it had failed on, tires, wipers, rusted floors, some even handed me the failure paperwork with the title.

With this information I could usually make a good guess as to what it would take to get a 12-month ticket on it. During those early years I ended up buying several MOT failures, that with not much effort I could resell on the open market. No internet back then, had to wait until the Friday edition of the local paper. Most, if all the parts I needed came from the scrap yard, from brake shoes, tires, suspension parts even the odd door.

So how did a young kid do all this not knowing too much about repairing cars you ask?

Well, his name was Danny, about the same age as my dad, and he lived over the road. I was always over there asking questions, and more importantly, borrowing tools. Having completed a basic engineering apprenticeship, which covered lathe and mill work, as well as fitting,, sure helped when having to build the odd cylinder head. Over the years I bought and sold many cars all to supplement

a growing family. Until we came to the USA in 93. I brought my Healey with me! No, not the one you may have seen, photos of a Healey that one day I might be able to own. I still have those dream photos,, and for the past 20 years,, the car that matches them.”

Gerald Petter has a wealth of stories from his many experiences that he has shared in past articles and presentations at monthly meetings. He also possesses a quick wit and a mischievous twinkle in his eye that dispel any notion of being old and boring. He writes;

“I was born in the hamlet of London, specifically St. Mary’s hospital Paddington (bear country) where



most royals choose to be delivered. This just outside the sound of Bow Church bells and therefore precludes being a true Cockney (or gecko). Early years were in borough of Acton, known then as ‘soapsud island’ due to huge number of laundries. Reason of course, was industry. We had Napier (ocean liner and aero engines), Wilkinson Sword (you know their razor blades), The Metal Box company (equivalent to American Can) and numerous smelly/smoky others. Five laundries on my residential street and three of them used commercial Rolls Royces for deliveries. Almost within walking distance was H J Mulliner where I used to watch Bentley Continentals being finished/ polished by apprentices on the street taking over several days. Actually, very crude operation despite lovely cars which I coveted. Claimed to be fastest sedans in the world back then.

Most cars in the 50’s were rubbish and roads were so feeble such that 40mph was typical out of town. I was very lucky to have a racing driver uncle who sorta adopted me (my parents divorced) ---he had raced MGs prewar and become successful in business. Before the motorways, there was/is a road in the county of Kent called the Thanet Way and

between roundabouts we could get up to 70-75 MPH in his Riley which was quite a thrill back then.

Time passed---a Cooper-Bristol (130-40MPH) 300SL Gullwing Merc ride around Goodwood by Italian gentleman destined to become head honcho of Maserati and numerous other rallies/hill climbs/ sprints/race experiences. I had a 1938 Ariel Red Hunter bike and funded that in petrol by: My cousin Annette dated US servicemen (eventually married one) and they got me PX cigarettes which I sold at big markups (black-market).

Meanwhile, back at the homestead...my temporarily reconciled parents opened a pub in south London and I used to cycle (before the motorbike) @ 20 miles round trip through London to school and back. Did a lot of competition velodrome/mass start stuff. My uncle had used connections for me to work at Rolls in Derby but he died racing and that fell through. He’d told me that for acceptance, I had to file a cube of steel into a perfect ball bearing—and I believed him! Choices were to be conscripted into the army (quel horreur!) become a Dharma Bum in Ireland, a S. Rhodesian plantation overseer (whip in hand), Kenyan police wallah, NZ Air Force or join RCAF.

Obviously, I didn’t do the correct Kerouac thing and seek the Bodhisattva. I think any comments re differences twixt US/ UK cars is superfluous...we all know what they are. I liked the pre-war Packards with running boards that could support three tommy gun goons (or gunsels as Bogie called them). ‘Legs’ Diamond/ ‘Pretty Boy’ Floyd and all the other miscreants of the 30’s were sorta anti-heroes over there and we yearned for the treasures advertised in ‘American.....BIG 52 Pages...comics’. Notably Tommy gun water pistols, but we had to settle for 6 shooter and MI5 replica cap guns. Well, there were some nice cars there----same as here. HRG... Invicta..Lagonda...Alvis....Riley etc. but pretty thin on the ground. I was very fortunate to be able to go to race meetings every weekend during the season. and saw many pre-war drivers and cars returning from late ‘40s into the ‘50’s. My other passion was (still is) aircraft and I faithfully went to the annual Farnborough display and was there when Geoffrey DeHavilland died in the Swallow. I’ve made or bought models of every significant Canadian air force plane and quite a few US and RAF as well. Out of sequence but my favorite cars to own back then---HRG and Goggomobil. Favorites now----- Hispano-Suiza and Lancia Aurelia.”

Our UK Members continues next month

Member Monthly Series: What have You Been Working On?

TR3A Upgrades

By Scott McCombe

You are correct! This would have been a whole lot easier if I'd done these things when involved in the initial restoration, but I had no money for the "good stuff" and yes I was a bit too eager.

So now let's do it right!

- 1) Balancing the prop shaft



- 2) Pulling out the new interior to pull out the perfectly fine 4 speed transmission so that I can add a rebuilt overdrive unit.



- 3) Replacing the starter with a high-torque unit
- 4) Replacing the generator with an alternator and swapping polarity
- 5) Replacing the standard cooling fan with the high volume "yellow fan"
- 6) Replacing the rubber temporary freeze plug in the cylinder head with a proper metal plug. That's a separate story not to be told now.

Steps 1 through 3 are underway.

The prop shaft was "clocked" correctly with the yokes in the same plane. However, if you look very closely you'll see small arrows pointing toward the junction. These two parts had been assembled 180 degrees out of sync. One arrow on this side but the other half way around on the other side. The prop shaft had been originally balanced with a large balancing weight. Having these two parts assembled incorrectly surely added to the vibration noticeable in the gear shift lever. Rebalancing the shaft should produce a significant improvement.

The tranni will be reconstructed with the overdrive unit next month so more information to follow on that. Stay tuned.

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FBCC Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2022

By Nigel Brooks

Attendees: 45 were counted present.

(Last names only): Barefield, Blakely (2), Brooks (2), Burton (2), Chapin, Dawley, Detlefsen, DiMauro (2), Phillips, Saunders (2), Cuyar, Eicher, Fallon (2), Looper, Mims, Moore, Woodall, Sholl (2), Swift, Benson (2), Mitchell (2), Converse (2), Jackson (2), Jenkinson, Novak (2), Orlowski, Riesch, Smith.

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel, Verdae Blvd.

Prior Activity: Prior to the meeting FBCC held a mini car show in a cordoned off section of the parking lot. The following British cars were shown: Red Jaguar, Red MGA, Red TR6, Green Jaguar, Red MGA, Green Jaguar, Black Jaguar, Blue MG Midget.

Winner this month is the Jaguar and the colour **RED** (Last month was a tie with TR's (8) and MG's (8), colour **RED**). Let's bring out those LBC's next month and bring the TR's over the hump.

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

VP Statement:

Two (2) guests/new members were in attendance, the Michell's & John Woodall.

Mike Barefield is selling FBCC grill badges for \$20.

Nametags (called out) for new members.

Treasurers Report: The club has \$7439 in the account.

Club Drives: Jud will be going the Granny's in Brevard some time this week and there will be a drive to Campfire Grill next week, via a very difficult hill climb.

Garage Activity: garage will be open this Saturday, 18 June, at 9 AM.

Other Business:

The next meeting will be at Embassy Suites or Silver Bay (pending Board meeting next week), 14 July, with a program by Bill Leveret from the Tri-County Tech College, Automotive Technology Department.

The Board will be setting up a program committee to develop meeting programs. We will be needing volunteers or nominees to fill the committee, so consider joining so you can get programs that will interest the club.

There will be a Zoom Board meeting, 7 PM, Tuesday, June 21.

Presidents' Overnighter will be at Switzerland Inn (Little Switzerland, North Carolina?) on September 8/9. Details in the newsletter.

Nancy Blakely is having trouble getting her Jaguar started. Any help would be greatly appreciated (authors note: would she want to borrow a TR to get around?).

Program: Terry Jackson presented a program on his 4 years stay from 2003-2007 in Thailand for GM Automotive. Highlights are:

The GM Plant was located south of Bangkok, close to the Gulf of Thailand.

Climate was same as Guatemala, hot and humid and a 3rd world country.

Thailand is a democratic monarchy.

The GM plant was an open-air plant, except for the paint shop, due to climate. We used the CKE assembly method, that is brought in major assembled chunks and put together cars. The car made was an Opel, which is what we drove while over there. The grass in front of the plant was mowed using weed whackers, since labor was so cheap.

We had a driver for the entire stay due to safety and insurance issues, although a few times I did drive myself. The traffic patterns were non-existent on the roads.

Golf is the major sport, and is a mecca for foreign tourist especially from Japan. We lived for a while on a golf course. You had to have a caddy, no exception, but they were cheap.

Schools: our son went to the international school, very good school with uniforms required, lots of different nationalities, and excellent teachers. They celebrated all international holidays.

Thailand was the land of elephants. Had to be careful at outside restaurants for a trunk would come wandering onto your table.

We did not eat the street food, as that was suspect, but went to recommended restaurants. Thai restaurants were excellent, if you didn't pock your nose into the kitchen.

Outdoor markets and the river markets sold anything and everything, including bugs and animals.

The two modes of transportation were the scooter and the pick-up truck. Scooters would carry just about anything.

Our furniture was made by hand and would be copies of high-end USA furniture such as Ethan-Allen.

The annual car show in Bangkok was a selling car show.

The Bangkok airport has a golf course between the two parallel runways. We had to gage our shots with the jet blast in mind.

The Malls were huge, top end with hundreds of stores, including Ferrari, Rolls, and Bentley dealerships.

We saw the bridge over the river Qui, had some cave tours, and toured architectural ruins.

50/50 Drawing: Bob Moore won \$63.

Closing Remarks: Charlie adjourned the meeting.

Keeping Them On The Road - FBCC Lending a Helping Hand

By Jud Chapin

I took my TD to this year's show at Furman. While I was roasting in the sun an absolutely lovely couple, Thomas and Lynn Mitchell, came over and said nice things about my TD. Turns out that back in the late 60's or early 70's Lynn's Dad bought a '51 TD that she and Thomas still have. It seems that 3 or 4



years ago they got their TD running but for personal reasons they were unable to drive it at that time. As all too often happens in these cases, they put it in their barn where it sat for the next three or so years. During that time good old South Carolina heat and humidity took over so that when they recently tried to revive their TD it refused to do anything. They were seeking advice on who to get to revive their car. My advice was to join FBCC and that they would be amazed at the help and expertise that would be available to them. They followed my advice and became members a couple of months ago.

Sooo, last Monday Dave Benson, Peter DeJong and I went to their place to see what we could find

out about their TD. The first issue we faced was that the car could not be rolled out of the barn. One or more of the brakes were totally locked up. Not a huge problem since Thomas has a very nice John Deere tractor and a handy piece of rope. After a slight tug with the John Deere the brakes released and we rolled the car out into the sunshine. The next issue was that, although there was electricity at the fuel pump terminals, no pumping was happening and the carburetors were bone dry. Peter found a can of carb cleaner and squirted some into the air cleaner while I pushed the starter button and, PRESTO!!, that good old XPAG fired right up and ran beautifully.

I opened up the float bowls and Thomas produced a dust buster to suck out the accumulated debris while Peter and Dave proceeded to remove the recalcitrant fuel pump. Because the fuel pump installed years back is non-standard and makes more pressure than an original pump, it had been relocated to just under and behind the rear axle. I had brought a spare fuel pump but we lacked the proper fittings to install it into the system. "No big deal" said Peter who was already busily disassembling the old pump. Took it apart, cleaned up the points and all the contacts and, to our great delight, the pump ran like new. Peter reinstalled the pump while I put the fuel lines and carb bowl innards back together and we gave it a try.

Varoom!!! It started up immediately, ran like a top and I hopped in and drove it around Thomas's field. That's when I discovered that there was almost no braking. As Ralph said, "Unsafe at any speed." Nonetheless, we were able to drive it around Thomas and Lynn's field and Peter took Lynn for her first ride in the TD for many a year.

Notwithstanding the joy of getting the TD running we decided that even driving very slowly and very carefully, the car could not be safely driven to Peter's shop. So we hopped in my car and drove back to Gowensville, got Peter's truck and trailer, drove back to the Mitchell's and I drove the TD up onto Peter's trailer. We had an uneventful drive back to Gowensville where we off-loaded the TD and put it up on Peter's lift. So far we've inspected only the right front brakes. The slave cylinders are completely frozen but probably repairable. The car is, overall, in very good condition and I believe that in fairly short order we'll (that's really mostly Peter) have it safe, reliable and ready for some good FBCC drives.

To Be Continued.

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 Sports car 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

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



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July 11 Meeting

- ≡ Dinner 6pm (optional)
- ≡ Open Club Meeting 7pm

FATZ Café (reserved room)
5051 Calhoun Mem. Hwy.

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Five years ago this month, this patriotic Amphicar was seen at the Highlands Auto Festival June 10, Scott McCombe advertised his mid July TR3A assembly party, and Gerald Petter asked movie buffs if they could identify a WW11 movie that featured a 'bouncing bomb' and cribbed ideas from 'Operation Jericho'. He asked if anyone could identify the movie and the driver of the Morgan? He offered a pint of Bass. Hmmmm, wonder if that's still up for grabs? Roy Ivey posted a great article about some gorgeous Italian sports cars.



May Mystery Car: A 1939 Jaguar 100



From Wikipedia

The **SS Jaguar 100** is a British 2-seat sports car built between 1936 and 1939 by [SS Cars Ltd](#) of Coventry, England.

The manufacturer's name 'SS Cars' used from 1934 maintained a link to the previous owner, [Swallow Sidecar](#), founded in 1922 by Walmsley and Lyons to build motorcycle sidecars. In March 1945 the S. S. Cars shareholders agreed to change the name to Jaguar Cars Limited.

In common with many products of the thirties the adoption of an animal name was deemed appropriate and the model name "Jaguar" was given to a new SS saloon car in 1935, and then to all new SS models.

The '100' was for the theoretical 100 mph maximum speed of the vehicle.

Widely considered one of the most aesthetically pleasing sporting cars of the 1930s the SS100 is also very rare, with only 198 2½-litre and 116 3½-litre models made. ...A near concours example was auctioned by Bonhams at the 2007 Goodwood Festival of Speed for £199,500. Due largely to its rarity, auction prices for the SS100 have since risen strongly.

More recently a beautifully restored former Pebble Beach concours winning 1937 S.S. Jaguar 100 3½ Litre Roadster - was sold by Gooding & Co. at their August 2010 Pebble Beach auction. It fetched a noteworthy £666,270 (\$1,045,000)

July Mystery Car? What is This?



Boring Car Trivia: Rollable DB9?

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

#23) The Aston DBS flip in Casino Royale was meant to be achieved with ramps alone, and was worked out at Dunsfold Aerodrome, home of Top Gear, using a pair of old E34 BMWs. Unfortunately, when the stunt people got hold of an actual Aston, the original DB9 manual gearbox prototype that was due for crushing, and took it to the filming location at Mill brook test track in Bedfordshire to practice, they found the centre of gravity too low to make the car roll, even when the ramp was raised 18 inches, up from the originally calculated 8 inches. The solution was to fit one of three DBS stunt cars, actually dressed up DB9 development hacks, with an air ram that punched into the road and flipped the car for the shot."



Click here for more information:

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

22nd Annual Autumn in the Mountains, September 24, 2022



22nd annual autumn in the mountains.

The British and European automobile and motorcycle show
featuring the 60th anniversary of the MGB and the Triumph Spitfire.

September 24th 2022
9:00am to 3:30pm
Returning to:
Mills River Brewing Co.
336 Banner Farm Road,
Mills River, NC 28759



Showcasing cars and motorcycle brands "manufactured" in the British Isles and Europe
and featuring the 60th Anniversary of the MGB and Triumph Spitfire!

Saturday September 24, 2022, 9:00am-3:30pm

Returning to: Mills River Brewing Co., 336 Banner Farm Rd., Mills River, NC 28759

Pre-registration opens here July 15, 2022 and closes September 9, 2022.

First car registration will be \$30, second car and more will be \$25. Motorcycles will be \$20.
You will receive 5 Raffle Tickets – for cash prizes, a Dash Plaque and a pre-printed Windscreen Placard in your pre-registration packet.

Due to the success of the 2021 show, we strongly suggest that you pre-register.

We are limiting the total number of cars in a class to 40.

Day-of-Show registration and show field parking may be limited.



**Secret Word:
Footie**

UK slang for what the
US calls Soccer

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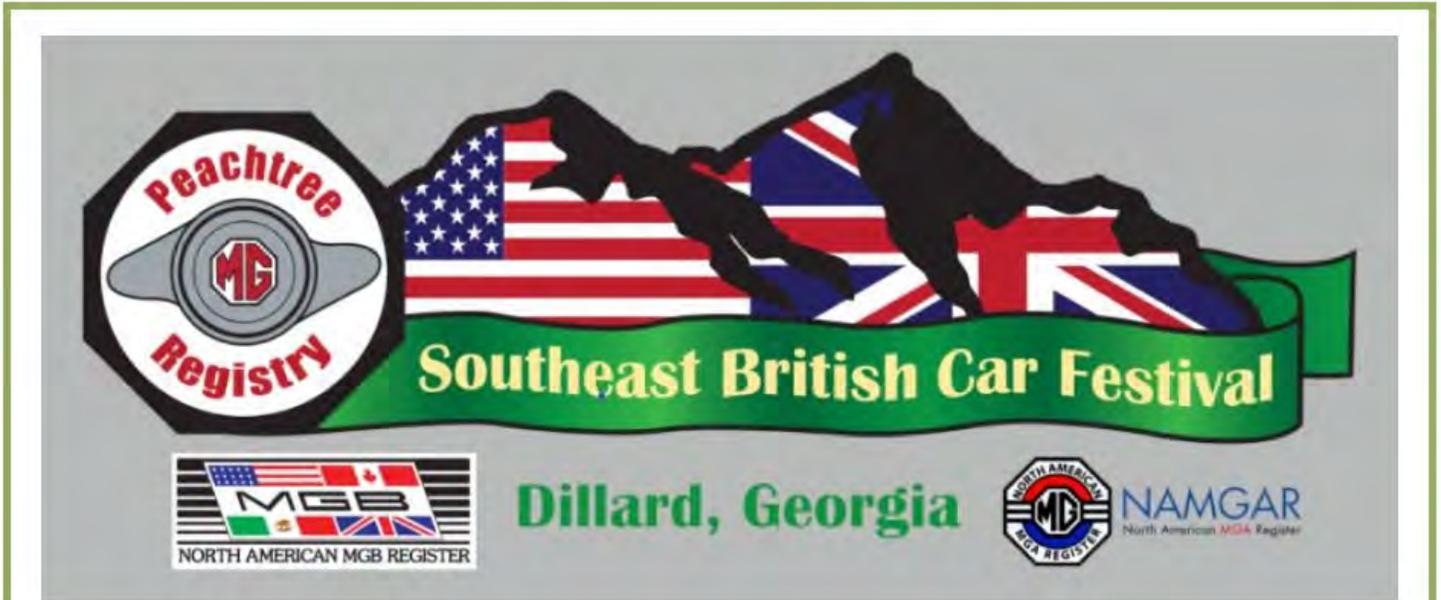
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(See Attachments below for Paper Registration form & other information.)





Next Charlotte AutoFair September 8th - 10th, 2022

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

Phone: 8476028463

Email: graham@ramblerrallies.com

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

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

How do I Contact the Membership?

- As a paying member, YOU have the ability to contact everyone.
- From your membership email address send to FBCCemail@googlegroups.com and all members will receive it.
- Please take time to note when you reply that each email system is different.
- "Reply All" will send your response back to the entire membership.
- "Reply" sends to ONLY the initiator.
- If you change your email address, please let Scott McCombe know at notanmg@gmail.com so you continue to receive all club emails and The Open Bonnet.
- Secondly, email and home addresses are posted in the members only part of the FBCC website
<https://fbccsc.org/membership-login/>

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 FREE - 1969 to 1972 Triumph Front Bumper.

I have replaced my bumpers on my 71 TR6 and have a front bumper (has a dent) it's free. If interested contact me at: s5rus0479@gmail.com

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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
864-633-6470

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.

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



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

Wanted - TR6

There is a young woman in my neighborhood Mary Grisham, who is looking for a clean project TR6, if there is such a thing anymore. Mary was also asking about joining our club. Mark Riesch mark.riesch@yahoo.com

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	Bob Moore	631-848-3114
July 16, 2022	Roy Scharwachter	864-380-3114
August 20, 2022	Mike Blair	864-354-2239
September 17, 2022	Eddie Saunders	864-787-8787
October 15, 2022	Curtis Orłowski	<u>262-684-3567</u>
November 19, 2022	Jud Chapin	864-616-8079
December 17 2022	TBD	

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

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NAPA & O'Reilly's FBCC Club Discounts on Purchases

By Mike Barefield

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. The account number for NAPA is 4596, and for O'Reilly's is 3170414. This is setup for a cash or credit card charge purchase. Napa offers the discount for CORP. NAPA Stores nation wide. Napa franchise owner stores may also accept this agreement. Please contact Mike Barefield at 864-313-7377 if you have questions.



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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 _____

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Calendar of Events

July 2022				
9	Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/	
12	FBCC Monthly Mtg Silver Bay Seafood – Simpsonville, 29681 – Note New Start Time 6:30pm	TUES	Charlie Blakely	864-934-1295
16	Jack's Place (9am)	SAT	Roy Scharwachter (vargars862@gmail.com)	631-848-0377
22	Greenville Drive baseball game - 7pm	FRI	Charlie Blakely - To join us, let him know .	864-934-1295
23	Cars & Coffee @ Michelin (4th Saturday of the Month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsCoffeeUpstate/	
Aug. 2022				
13	Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/	864-634-1344
9	FBCC Monthly Mtg Silver Bay Seafood – Simpsonville, 29681 – Note New Start Time 6:30pm	TUES	Charlie Blakely	864-934-1295
20	Jack's Place Open Garage (9am)	SAT	Mike Blair (blair.chemlk@gmail.com)	864-354-2239
23	Cars & Coffee @ Michelin (4th Saturday of the Month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsCoffeeUpstate/	
Sep 2022				
8-10	AACA Fall Auto Fair, Charlotte, NC	THUR-SAT	https://www.charlotte-autofair.com/	
10	Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/	
10	Autolawn, Hickory, NC (featured - Volvo)	SAT	http://www.theautolawn.com/	
10	Atlanta British Car Fayre, Norcross, GA	SAT	https://www.atlantabritishcarfayre.com/home-1.html	
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15-18	Southeast British Car Festival, Dillard, GA	WED - SAT	Peachtree Registry https://justbritish.com/organizer/peachtree-mg-registry/	
18	FBCC Open Garage (9am) 617 Poinsett Hwy (276)	SAT	Eddie Saunders	864-787-8787
24	Autumn in the Mountains, Mills River Brewing Co. NC BCCWNC	SAT	https://www.bccwnc.org/autumn-in-the-mountains-car-show/	
24	Cars & Coffee @ Michelin (4th Saturday of the Month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsCoffeeUpstate/	