



THE PEN BONNET

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MONTHLY MEETING

January 14

FBCC 2025 Planning

- ⇒ Dinner 5:30pm (optional)
- ⇒ Club Meeting 6:30pm
Willy Taco
5051 Calhoun Memorial Hwy
Easley, SC 29640

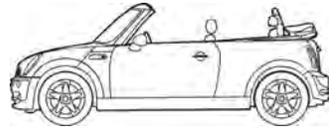
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President's Message

By Drew Steidinger



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday season.

A big thank you to Brett for his leadership and to everyone who attended the 2024 holiday party. At last count, we had 62 participants.



The 2025 board and advisors have already started planning for the many FBCC activities. Our membership historically have been avid participants. We hope this year will be rewarding and that you will offer suggestions for activities. Your ideas for drives, speakers, and restaurants are needed to make the coming months interesting for us all. FBCC has more than 165 members, meaning there likely are hundreds of ideas amongst you. Your board needs to know about them!

Frequent communication has been a key to the strength, growth, and enjoyment we've had in the past.

I ask that everyone contribute all they can to continue and build upon the wonderful success of the past.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead and hope you are doing the same.

Drew

On The Cover

The FBCC definitely knows how to party! The annual meeting and Holiday Party event at the Carson Steak Warehouse & Saloon was a huge success. Taken from two different ends of the banquet room, can you count the smiling faces? Happy New Year FBCC!

Time is Running Out! FBCC Membership 2025

From Pete Jakubek, Treasurer

Now is the time to renew your membership in FBCC. Annual dues were due for the coming year by January 1. Just over 50% of current members have renewed, I thank you. If you do not remember if you have paid your dues, please drop me an email at pajakubek@gmail.com and I will let you know if you have paid or not. It costs the club to return any duplicate payment via PayPal. Dues need to be received by February 15 to continue to have access to the club's website and to be able to use the FBCC email system to receive important FBCC communications.

This year, to ensure we have current information for all members, we are requesting all members complete the Application for Renewal on the FBCCSC.COM web site. If you are a Quarter Century Member, there are no dues are but you must inform us by completing the Renewal of Membership information form.

Payment of the dues (\$30.00 for the year) via the PayPal screen found on the FBCC website is preferable. However, if you do not wish to use PayPal, you can mail your check or make your payment at one of the club meetings. However, please fill out the form and state that payment will be via check in the mail or at a meeting. You can mail your dues to **FBCC, c/o Pete Jakubek, 106 Lyttleton Way, Anderson, SC 29621.**

Welcome New Members

David & Cheryl Styer
Simpsonville, SC 29681
1957 Morris Minor

Dan O'Shea
Greenville, 29617
1973 MG Midget

Jeffery & Joanne DeLuca
Prosperity, SC 29127
Triumph TR4A

Jeffery Wall Delk
Hartwell, GA 30643
1950 MGTD, 1954 MGTF, 1957 MGA (project)
1971 MG B

Upcoming FBCC Driving Event - January 9

by Paul Zimmerman

Benson Automotive Memory Lane

500 W Wade Hampton Blvd

Greer, SC 29650

10AM Reservation Time so Meet at the Museum (behind Alfa Store)

Lunch afterward at Hans & Franz Biergarten

Noon Reservation

3124 S Hwy 14

Greenville, SC 29615

Benson Memory Lane Museum is the private collection of Jim Benson, owner of Benson Automotive. You'll find bikes, antique pedal cars, pictures, dealership signs, and, cars mostly from the 1950s on display. I've been told the club has been here before but it was quite a while ago. Some, like myself, have never been.



They are normally only open on the first Saturday of the month but they are opening just for our group. Please arrive by 10AM for a guided tour. There is no formal drive to the site but you are welcome to form groups on your own.

Afterward we'll head down 14 across the freeway and have lunch at Hans and Frans Biergarten. Owned by Addy Sulley of Addy's Dutch Cafe fame, this is a very authentic German Biergarten with great food and yes, beer!

As this is indoors it's a rain or shine event!

Please RSVP so I can let both sites know how many we will be.

Paul



Our 2025 VP is also our chief drive organizer!

Coming Soon! Jud's Annual Polar Bear Run

By Scott McCombe

Jud tells the editor that we can look forward to another Annual Polar Bear Run later in January. Please keep an eye out for an announcement in our FBCC Google Group emails. Start putting together your warmer top-down gloves and winter outfits NOW!



1st 2025 FBCC Board Meeting January 6: Planning the year ahead

Location: Twin Peaks Restaurant, 1034 Woodruff Rd. (across from Greenville COSTCO)

Time: 12 Noon

Contact: Drew Steidinger (910-528-6939)

Jan. 18: Open Garage at Jack's Place 2025

By Tom Buto

Thanks for your support for Jack's Place in 2024. Based on the participation that we are getting every month, it seems to be a popular thing.

For January, I believe we will be doing a leak down test on Kirk Fisher's TR4 and we have a new member, Jeff DeLuca, who would like to get some feedback on his "new-to-him" TR4. I'll put out a notice on that as we get closer to January 18th.

**Secret Word:
Codswallop**

**Brit Slang for
"Nonsense"**

The 2025 FBCC IDYTD: A Photo Op & Lunch Event February 10

By **Scott McCombe**

In 2021, the FBCC used the John Goodwin House and Table Rock venues as backdrops for pictures that were selected and posted on the Internet and on the VTR website for International Drive Your Triumph Day (IDYTD).



Then in 2023, the photo op site was the beautiful Lake Robinson venue that made for such a great morning lineup of FBCC cars. Yes, we nearly got towed out of the parking lot by a Ranger who was definitely acting "by the book".



In 2024, Scott selected the Greenville Downtown Airport and the Military History Museum as our photo op location followed by lunch at the Runway Café.



Please mark your calendars for a photo op at this Silver Springs Esso station at 22589 Asheville Hwy Landrum, South Carolina, 29356.



This is a different type of driving/parking event, so let's just enjoy the camaraderie.

The photo op will be open to all LBCs, but managed to accommodate pictures of the FBCC Triumph cars first. However, a larger FBCC LBC picture will be

taken after the Triumphs have had their opportunity.

IDYTD Timeline:

9:30am:

10:00am:

10:30am: Individual Triumph Pics

11:00am to lunch: LBC Individual car pics taken

I will send pics back to individuals who can then send them into the IDYTD website for inclusion in their 2025 posting. You will see last year's pics here on the 2024 IDYTD Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090853480071&sk=photos>

Celebrating Sir John Black's Birthday

The International Drive Your Triumph Day event is to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after WW II, and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today. Drive Your Triumph Day has gained momentum every year, and last year over 600 photos from all over the world were submitted: Scotland, Ireland, the UK, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Uruguay, Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Holland, Czech Republic, and of course all over the USA.

The photo is mainly of the car, and the owner or passenger if possible, ideally in front of a cool spot, landmark, scenic view or in your driveway. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation, or in the middle of a restoration, take a photo of it in the garage. Have fun with it.



The 2021 Benson's IDYTD TR3A look-alike attempt!

Next step is to email a high-resolution photo to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com, along with some basic information: owner's name, year and model of car, and place photo was taken (city, state, country). The photos will then be published in USA's national magazine: Vintage Triumph Registry, and on the Drive Your Triumph website identified above.

A Look Back at Past FBCC Presidents

Jim Harbison	1994
Butch White	1995
Carey Jones	1996
Elaine Galloway	1997
Mike Barefield	1998
Tim Strickland	1999
Glen Finch	2000
Ed Seagrave	2001
Bill Manning	2002
Steve Poteet	2003
Eddie Saunders	2004
Gerald Medford	2005
John Sharpe	2006
Ed Leese	2007
Hap Waldrop	2008
Tom Buto	2009
Jack Donegan	2010
Eddie Saunders	2011
Forbes Kayhart	2012
Bill Palmer	2013
Steve Chase	2014
Dennis Cox	2015
Jud Chapin	2016
David Benson	2017
David Benson	2018
Wayne Telman	2019
Curtis Orłowski	2020
Terry Jackson	2021
Charlie Blakely	2022
Mark Dawley	2023
Brett Looper	2024
Drew Steidinger	2025

FBCC at the TR Christmas Parade Saturday, December 14

Two FBCC members showed their cars at the annual Travelers rest Christmas Parade. The crowd really enjoyed the two British LBCs that weren't Model A's or Heavy Chevys! Way to go Marc & Nancy Morgan and Don and Janice Woodard!



Who's THAT Grease Monkey?



So this guy is your one and only newsletter editor, Scott McCombe. He was rebuilding Karen's Dad's '65 mustang in 1973. The beard was cut off after our first child decided it made a great grab handle. Pulled me right to the floor. Done!

**SEND THE EDITOR
YOUR MYSTERY
MEMBER PHOTO.**

FBCC ANNUAL MEETING: A Wonderful Gathering of Friends Welcoming the New 2025 Officers



Brett Looper asked for those to stand who had been involved in any of the 2024 club activities available during the year. By the time he had listed the dozens of ways our members can participate, there was a room full of standing members. Needless to say, we are a very ACTIVE LBC car club



The induction of the 2025 FBCC president was completed with the handoff of the gavel and the presidential name tag. There were no doubts about this unanimous and well managed voting process!



Pete Jakubek (last year's Ed Seagrave award winner) presented Paul Zimmerman with this prestigious award for 2024. On the back of the plaque is the list of each recipient since its inception.



President Drew Steidinger and VP Paul Zimmerman provided a quick summary of what to expect during 2025. Paul has initiated an email survey which he asks the members to complete so as to include their wishes for desired activities and upcoming drives.

The Infamous FBCC "Hard Luck Award" Given to Roy Scharwachter by Last Years Recipient, Paul Novak



It is my honor today to present the coveted 2024 FBCC "Hard Luck Award".

"This award is presented annually to the FBCC club member who best epitomized the trials, tribulations, excitement, and heart-breaking disappointments of owning and driving a classic British motor car during the prior year."

Before I announce our winner for 2024, here are a few of the nominations of other club members that went above and beyond the call of duty this year.

- One member had a rear wheel and axle come completely off of his TR6 during a club drive.
- One member had a wheel and tire come off of his MGBGT on the way home from a club event when all four of the lug nuts on that wheel fell off.
- One member had a collision with a deer that damaged the front end of his Jaguar XJ6.

After a thorough review of this year's nominations one member stood head and shoulders above the rest. The winner of this year's "Hard Luck Award" is Roy Scharwachter for the following:

- 1) Another member backed into Roy's MGA at Jack's Place scraping the right rear fender.
- 2) Roy and his wife Carol were stranded on the side of the road during the Strawberry Hill drive when the fuel pump died in his MGA and the car was towed home.
- 3) Roy's Fiat sustained hail damage during the club drive to Chimney Rock.
- 4) Roy's MGA had an engine fire that damaged the hood and several engine components that required a lot of work and a repaint of the hood. Roy was preparing for a photo shoot with his MGA at the time, and as a testimony to his skill and determination Roy repaired his car and it was ready for the photo shoot as scheduled.
- 5) On his next drive, Roy's MGA died again due to failed fuel pump. After it cooled down, the fuel pump ran again but when Roy started to drive home it quit again. Roy stopped at a McDonald's, bought a small coke with ice that he used to cool off the fuel pump in order to make it the rest of the way home.

I prepared a suitable trophy with a black MGA, towed by a tow truck, with a scraped right rear fender, hail damage, and with flames engulfing the front of the car. The plaque has an FBCC sticker and an engraved plate that reads "Roy Scharwachter 2024 FBCC Hard Luck Award".



December 21 Annual Meeting Minutes

By Nigel Brooks

Minutes of Monthly FBCC meeting, Christmas Party, 21 December 2024

Attendees: 65 were counted present.

(Last names only): Angle (2), Barefield, Blakely (2), Bowen, Brooks (2), Burton (2), Cash (2), Chapin (2), Cordeau (3), Dawley (2), Drum (2), Gee (3), Hansen (2), Jakubek (2), Looper (4), McCombe (2), Moore, Moran, Robert (2), Morgan (2), Novak (2), Orlovski (2), Pearce (2), Pickens (2), Morris, Saunders (2), Scharwachter (2), Shane (2), Shook (2), Steidinger (2), Telman (2), Thomas, Waldrop, Delk, Zimmerman P.

LBC's present: Green TR3, Green MGTD, Green Jaguar V12 Van der Plas, Green Morgan, Red MGA, Black MGA. MG's and Green LBC's win.

Location: Carson's Steak Warehouse & Saloon, Anderson, SC.

Opening Statements:

Brett opened the meeting at 1:30.

Brett recognized all the past officers and participants in the club, then introduced the new and returning officers for 2025.

Drew Steidinger, President, Paul Zimmerman, VP, Tonya Looper & Paul Novak as new Directors, Tom Buto & Chuck Gee as returning Directors, Pete Jakubek as returning Treasurer, Nigel Brooks as returning Secretary, Eddie Saunders & John Sharpe as returning Advisors.

Hard Luck Award:

Paul Novak presented the Hard Luck Award to Roy Scharwachter. Although there were numerous incidents during 2014, such as a TR6 rear wheel axle disengagement, an MGBGT's lug nuts coming off and a collision between a XJ6 and a deer, Roy's predicaments stood head over shoulders. (1) A member's car backing up into his MGA at Jack's place, (2) During the ride to Strawberry Field, his MGA suffered a fuel pump failure requiring a towing, (2) His Fiat has severe hail damage, (4) His MGA had an engine fire (luckily he had a fire extinguisher, and was able to put it out, or he would have lost the MGA) and (5) an MGA fuel pump failure (he use a cold coke to cool it down to get back home).

Seagrave Award:

Pete Jakubek presented the Seagrave Award. The award is a traveling trophy and represents a club member who leads drives, helps the club and club members, rebuild LBC's, brings in new members and above all supports all activities of the club. Pete presented Paul Zimmerman the recipient of the Seagrave Award.

Transfer of Presidency: Drew Steidinger received the British Union Jack jacket from Brett.

Closing statement: The meeting was adjourned at that time.

LBC Framed Pics

From Nathan Cash

I found myself tinkering the other day and realized that I have the ability to print very decent copies of any original British car advertisement found on Google that have legible text (larger text works better) on 8.5x11 glossy photo paper.



Minimalistic plastic frames with glass covers can be obtained cheaply and I think they suit the style well. In total, I can provide any requested framed prints for the grand total of \$3 for materials.

I have no interest in making money from this and I wouldn't want to risk possible copyright issues. I realize that some of the members likely do not have the computer skills to make such, and I think there might be interest in these as garage decorations. They take less than two minutes to produce; it wouldn't be an inconvenience for me.

Editor's Note: *At the last Open Garage at Jack's Place on November 16, consensus was that members would contact Nathan at nathancash2004@gmail.com identifying their picture interest or providing a jpg or png file to him and that \$5 would be a very wonderful offering for such a nice piece of wall art. Please contact Nathan and let's take advantage of this deal. He had sold a few of these by the time our Saturday garage session had ended. Very Cool!*

What We're Working On!

Paul Zimmerman

The three wheeler work is starting to pick up again. Two new chassis tubes were needed, they've arrived and Denny Trask will perform the needed work. After that the chassis comes back to Chris Gilman and Myself. We will start by reassembling the front end. The transmission is undergoing a bit more specialty work by Jim Perman up in CT but that will be done soon. It will come back to us and we will start reassembling that on the chassis. Once the chassis is fully assembled, we fit the wooden frame. At that point it all goes to Denny for body work and we start on the engine at Chris' garage.

Wiring is also being done. What was there was a mess and I simply pulled out all the old wires and threw them away.

There was no wiring harness. Just loose wires running all over. I have several wiring diagrams from three wheeler club in the UK to go by. But more so Eddie and John B are going to work with me on creating a new wiring harness. As I'm upgrading to a 12v alternator, negative ground, LED lights and adding things like turn indicators, we were going to have to start from scratch anyway. This time it can be done right.

I have no timeline for when it will be done. That being said it does feel like one is slowly coming into focus. Many of you have asked if I've ever driven one. The answer is no, so the first one I will ever drive is mine. That should be interesting. Might make a good club event!

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These are some pix of the alternator being fitted to the transmission. It runs off the side opposite the chain drive, it does not run off the engine.



6-Mile Museum 2024 Events Summary

By Mark Dawley

2024 was a challenging year personally as age and infirmities caught up with 6 family members which included Smoke the Shop Cat.

Project wise it was another busy year at the museum After drive "Beer & BS" (British Stuff) remained popular this year; only a few wounded classics required any post run attention.

Multiple "guest displays" came and went without anyone getting hurt, much.

As always many cases of Natty were dispensed to keep all the work well lubricated.

So what specifically happened this year?

We traded the XJS Convertible to Al Morris for his in-process TR8 project. That XJS was just too pretty for us to have as it didn't fit in well with our "scruffy driver" collection. Who knows, at some point the power steering, brakes and auto trans may make it desirable to us again.....

BTW; next time you see Al in the XJS take a look; its so clean it doesn't look like we ever owned it!

Folks have noted the absence of FrankenB on the runs this year. Something relatively catastrophic occurred in the area of the clutch throw out bearing that forced me to limp it home stuck in second gear without any clutch release..... I blame Bob as his Miata had a clutch pilot bearing go bad and FrankenB caught that disease!

The \$500 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce got a new top and probably a couple thousand miles this year as FrankenB has been outta action. So far, no issues at all. A/C repair relegated to 2025 as this one appears to be a keeper.

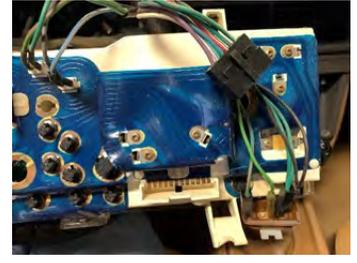
The Europa Twin Cam has had all its external lights refurbished, tested and installed back on the car and the suspension assembled well enough to be a roller at least. It is likely that it will remain in this condition whilst the TR8, FrankenB and the E-Type get the attention.

The E-Type finally assumed its place of refurbishment in the shop and with the help of Bob Moore has been disassembled to the point

where the engine & trans can be removed. The head was found to be warped in two directions and would have required mega bucks to make right. Paul Novak just happened to have a proven good late model fuel injected (larger valve) head in stock that he made us a great deal on; Thanks Paul! TR8 and FrankenB have priority in 2025 though.

Al's ex TR8 is now a driver with some personal touches done to the exterior and the flooded interior refreshed after being stripped to the sheet metal. All the electrical contacts on the switches and bulb sockets have required cleaning to work reliably due to the high moisture storage for several years.

A new top, stereo and shocks all around. Wheel adapters to use a modern common bolt pattern (4x100mm) has allowed the use of 15x6" Miata rims supplied by Bob Moore from his extensive collection of goodies at the same cost as the Weber's on the Europa (he gets to drive them whenever he wants). The repair of the power steering will wait until FrankenB lives again; its old steering wheel is now temporarily on the TR8 as it was impossible to steer with that tiny stock diameter wheel. Temporary may be permanent though. Look for it on drives regularly this spring after a new set of tires are on.



The museum's conversion of my MGA from high school days to electric is becoming common practice in the car world. Major advances in availability of do-it-yourself knowledge and components seem to happen monthly these days. By the time the other cars are all drivers, there will likely be even better methods available.

Thanks to all of those who came by to experience the museum and its exhibits in 2024!

We especially enjoyed hosting the 30th Anniversary Picnic as all we needed to do was open the doors; The Looper's did all the rest!

We are going to assume we will do it again in 2025; the slot car track was a hit this year and is now joined by a PS4 and 2022 F1 game station which is quite challenging.

Your continued enthusiastic support is most appreciated; especially when you bring (good; no IPA) beer!

HONEY WE NEED THIS AIR FILTER, OR THE CAR WON'T WORK



Wayne Telman provided this tip for obtaining funding to upgrade our LBCs!

THE FBCC LOVES TO DRIVE 'EM

FBCC December Drives by Paul Zimmerman

We had two planned drives in December. Both held early in the month due to the holiday season. 1st destination was Dugan's Irish Pub in Brevard. We started from Jud's little brown building, picked up some members at the other Brown Building and headed up the mountain. The weather was perfect at close to 60 and even nice up in the mountains. We headed up to Flat Rock and turned west towards Brevard but took a detour up and over Dupont Forest. All was uneventful until Chuck noticed his TR4 was making a strange noise and then overheated. Luckily we were at the top of the mountain and he was able to coast most of the way to the Cedar Mountain Cafe on Hwy 276.

After some discussion over the open hood, Peter volunteered to go back and get his trailer. As always a very kind offer and not the first time he's done this on a drive. It was decided we would venture on to lunch as the pub was waiting for us. Afterward we would double back and meet Peter, then return home over Caesar's Head. Despite the mishap it was a lovely day and a destination to return to.

Our second drive was to La Strada Restaurant at Lake Lure. We took part in their gift card matching campaign. Essentially we purchased gift cards to pay for our meal and the owners of the restaurant matched it with a separate gift card of the same amount. For example several of us purchased \$100 gift cards that we can use to pay for that lunch and future ones. Management then issued the equivalent on top of that. In my case two \$50 gift cards. Rather than take the additional ones with us, we all left them behind so they could give them to people in their local community displaced by the hurricane. We purchased a total of \$580 in gift cards and the owners issued another \$580 on top of that. A great success. Future drives to La Strada will be planned to use up the rest of our gift cards.

While some drives are planned many are not. The best way to find out about them is via our Google Email chain so pay attention. You never know when one will pop up.



***It Only Takes Two to Make "A Drive"
But, The More The Merrier!***



Not Sure Where Chuck Gee Saw This One?

A Look Back At 2024 Open Bonnets

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was the day after Christmas and out in the shed,
of a lived old Triumph, it's battery dead.
A friend was routed, the floor pans had holes,
he seats and carpets had been eaten by moles.
he types had dry rot, the fuel tank was leaking,
two of the steering wheel went to rods + everything.
I put on my coat with a weight on my heart,
I'd want out to the shed to see if she'd start.
he engine turned over three times such a clatter!
before that familiar sound, "tapping chain chatter"
ran under the dash there came a bright flash,
he wiring harness had just turned to ash!
he had it with Triumph! I finally swore
I laugh it too much! I can't take any more!

So what to my end, teary eyes should appear,
at a little Englishman (hey, I might need a beer)
last day." I bowed, as he tapped on my shoulder,
"Joe Lucas" he said as I continued to smile.

"This one can be saved, there's no
reason to grieve.
All you need is a new fifth gear, you've
got to believe!"

"A ha ha ha! Some don't tap! Get me some tools!
When you work on these cars, just make up the rules
"We'll get her cranked over - no way that she'll stall!
(But stand over there with your back to the wall!"

A rough and a rattle, the recognition streaming,
I couldn't believe it! The damn thing was running!

The ghost walked at me and said, looking a type,
"Shut your eye, DO NOT TOUCH THIS WIRE!"

The old man then vanished amid sunsets and ferns,
but when the candle sizzled he had left me some
parts.

So I repaired the shed door and let the windows down,
I'd get to work and wait in to town.

And I thought to myself as I cranked second gear:
Merry Christmas to All and Reggy New Year.



FBCC Logo Regalia Items for Sale

Logo Clothing from Lands' End

The following is a list of FBCC Regalia items available for sale at the Club Monthly Meetings or other events and via USPS mail. All items consist of the FBCC Logo as shown above. You may place your order with Tonya Looper at tonyaloooper@bellsouth.net.

FBCC 3" x 3" Stickers, \$1.00 each add \$1.00 for mail (up to 4 Stickers).

FBCC 3" x 3" Magnetic Logo, \$2.50 each add \$1.00 each for mail.

FBCC 3" x 3" Iron-on cloth Patch, \$4.00 each add \$1.00 each for mail.

FBCC Cap/Lapel Pin, \$5.00 each add \$1.00 each for mail.

FBCC Magnetic Name Tags 3" x 1.5", \$11.00 each plus \$5.00 for mail (up to 2 Tags).

FBCC Sign, 18" x 18" Logo, \$15 each (No mail). Perfect for garages or Man Cave.

FBCC Caps, Navy Blue w/FBCC Logo (one size fits all). \$18.00 plus \$5 for mail.

FBCC Grill Badges, \$20.00 each, add \$5.00 for mail.

If ordering via e-mail make sure you provide your name, address, phone number and how you wish delivery. If ordering a Name Tag please list First Name, Last Name, & Year, Make and Model of your British Car you wish to have printed on each Name Tag. Payment for in-person delivery can be either cash or check payable to FBCC except for name tags which payment is required at time of order.

If ordering for mail delivery payment via PayPal to fbccsc01@gmail.com to identify us to PayPal. State what you ordered in the comment section (Name Tag, Sticker, etc.).

Foothills British Car Club has entered into an agreement with Lands' End Business of Dodgeville, Wisconsin to provide logo clothing and other items directly to club members. Members will be able to look through Lands' End Business offerings and choose which item of clothing and other items they wish to purchase with the club logo embroidered on them. Some items have a minimum quantity. (If you think that there is a number of members that would like an item that requires a minimum quantity, please contact Tonya Looper at tonyaloooper@bellsouth.net with your idea.

There are two ways to order from Lands' End Business. First you must go to their internet store at <https://business.landsend.com> to see the items offered and determine what you wish to purchase. You can then call them at **800-587-1541** to place your order or you can complete your order on the web-site. In either case you will need to have a Lands' End customer personal account which can be done at the time of your first order.

Once you have a personal account you will need to link the club logo to your account. You will need to enter the **logo number** and the **club account number**. Please obtain these numbers from Tonya Looper at tonyaloooper@bellsouth.net. Once the club's logo is linked to your account it will remain for any future orders. You can then place your order for the item(s) you wish and then indicate and choose the logo from your account.

Item(s) ordered will be charged directly to your credit card and delivered directly to your address. Delivery is currently estimated to be 7 to 10 working days.

If you run into problems or issues with your account or order, Lands' End Business Customer Service at 800-587-1541 will be glad to help.

FBCC Open Garage Tech Sessions at Jack's Place!!!

Does Your LBC need Some Attention?

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. Helping diagnose issues and assisting with fixes is what we love to do.

An FBCC Safety Supervisor (wearing the orange vest) is responsible for notifying the general membership and identifying specific activities that may take place on that day. Our supervisors open the shop, close it down, and make certain that the proper safety procedures are followed.

Guests are always welcome to enjoy the fun, but the FBCC must limit the use of the garage to member cars only.

Your Best Garage Time!

We really love getting together to talk shop and even address real mechanical LBC issues using our 2 and 4-post lifts at the club garage. We also can advise members about interior repairs, paint touch-ups, Lucas electrical issues, brake hydraulics, ignition issues, and more. Some of us just observe!

The FBCC meets behind the offices of Ironhorse Motorcycle Lawyers Inc. off Poinsett Highway regularly on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Check your emails for coming event details.



Monthly Safety Supervisors 2024

Jack's Place, 617 Poinsett Highway (Rt. 276) 29609

Month	Supervisor	Phone	Email
January 18, 2025	Tom Buto	864-915-0964	butot@bellsouth.net
February 15, 2025	Scott McCombe	804-519-4018	notanmg@gmail.com
March 15, 2025	Drew Steidinger	910-528-6939	astei@me.com
April 19, 2025	Bob Moore	864-380-3114	crashcogg@aol.com
May 17, 2025	Mike Schindler	864-307-7878	schindler_mike1@verizon.net
June 21, 2025	Gerald Petter	864-704-9172	gelpett@gmail.com
July 19, 2025	Roy Scharwachter	631-848-0377	vargars826@gmail.com
August 16, 2025	Paul Novak	858-342-0445	p.m.novak7@gmail.com
September 20, 2025	Mark Riesch	910-471-2606	mark.riesch@yahoo.com
October 18, 2025	Curtis Orlowski	262-684-3567	orlowcur@gmail.com
November 15, 2025	Jud Chapin	864-616-8079	ichapin3@aol.com
December 20, 2025	TBD		

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FBCC REGALIA NEWS

By Tonya Looper

I will have all regalia items at the monthly dinner meetings and will arrange for you to receive any items you may wish to purchase at the garage meetings. You can contact me via tonyaloooper@bellsouth.net.

1) FBCC Baseball Caps Long awaited FBCC Baseball caps are now available. These are navy blue with the FBCC logo embroidered on the front of the cap. Price is \$18.00 Pick yours up at the next month dinner meeting or garage day. We may have one hat left and I will be checking with the Board about ordering more in the future.

2) FBCC License Plate Frames Those of you who did not attend either the Christmas Party/ Monthly Meeting or Garage Meeting probably are not aware that the club has a gift for each member (including all new members). They are legal in any state as it does not cover any important details of the plate. Please see Tonya or Pete at a club garage day meeting or any club event to pick up your gift. If you have several LBC's or wish to have one for your every-day car, extras are available at a discounted price of \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.



3) Name Tags All members are encouraged to wear their FBCC name tag at all club functions. This will help new members to know us and those of us who have a hard time putting a name with a face to become better at it. To help with this goal, everyone purchasing a magnetic name tag during the first three months of 2024 will be eligible to win a FBCC grill badge and other regalia items. Name tags are \$11.00 each in advance as they are custom and must be ordered from the supplier. Payment can be made via PayPal letting me know the Name (first and last) and year, make, and model of car you wish to be on the tag. I will also take orders at the meetings.

Thank you to each of the members for ordering name badges, and FBCC Regalia Merchandise to help our club.

See page 10 for all listings for sale

FOR SALE: 1972 MGB with Overdrive \$16,500

Previous Owner: fresh: paint, Minilight style knockoffs, 195/60R15 tires, Weber DGV, electronic distributor, all recent window glass & seat upholstery & top. Owned just this year. Odo 92,000 maybe?

My 2024 upgrades: Europa Sirius w/6-spks, TRW disks w/Hawk pads, rear shoes/cylinders/hard lines, Goodyear SS flex lines, TT SS Touring exhaust, rack & pinion & tie rods, Diehard Silver, Viper alarm w/ remote, LED headlights w/relay, LED running & turn-signals, Dynamat interior, ++. Reliable driver now.

FBCC member: Paul Gardner, 864-944-1570, PGardner@ISPurveyor.com, Salem, SC



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FOR SALE: 1969 MG MGC Roadster, Snowberry White

Excellent condition mechanically and cosmetically.

Stripped and completely repainted 2017

Since then, numerous repairs, improvements, and reconditioning have been done including:

- 4- 60 spoke chrome wheels and new tires.

- Spin on oil filter.

- New: battery, exhaust, wheel bearings.

- Rear end rebuilt.

- Remanufactured both carburetors.

- Rebuilt tachometer and speedometer.

- New clutch, master and slave cylinders.

- New aluminum radiator.

- New tonneau and top.

- Etc. etc. etc.

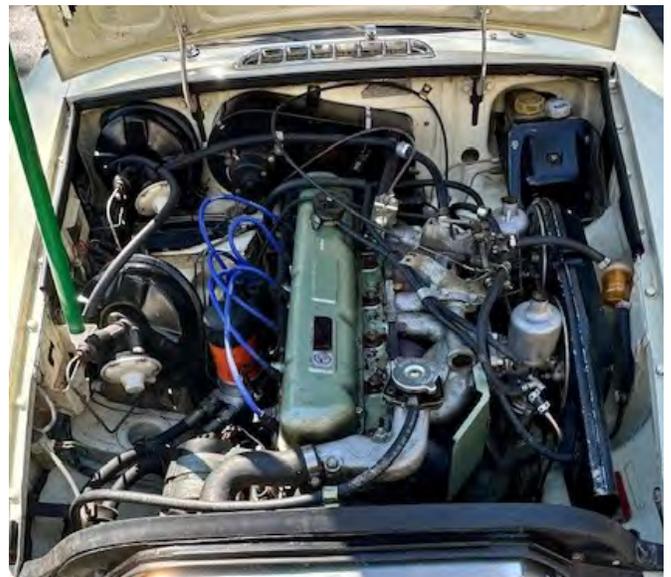
I have extensive documentation showing much more.

A rare car, well taken care of always.

Asking a very fair price of \$32,000 so someone can use and enjoy.

Drew Steidinger, 910-528-6939

astei@me.com, Greenville, SC



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FOR SALE: 1997 Mercedes Benz SL500

1997 Mercedes Benz SL500, 40th anniversary limited edition V8 rated 315HP. This car is 1 of 250 produced for the US with only 500 produced globally. The exterior color and wheels were unique to this car and were retired by Mercedes after 500 cars were produced. It has been pampered and treated to new interior upholstery and carpeting, a new soft top and comes complete with the original Mercedes hardtop. Wheels have no curb rash and tires have plenty of tread. This car looks and feels like it just came out of the factory.

Price: \$25,000 Contact: Mike Blair Text: 864-354-2239 Email: blair.chemik@gmail.com



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For Sale -1975 MGB - Make Offer Please

Original owner, great condition, overdrive. Driven regularly. All maintenance records, 132,000 miles. A somewhat historic car – bought new in London and then went across the Atlantic Ocean three times (not under its own power!) as its owner was reassigned by the US Air Force. Owner is Dave Skilling who is reluctantly downsizing. Contact Richard Kozicki at 404-754-6174. rkozicki@bellsouth.net



For Sale - 1966 MGB \$19,500

Original Owner. Odometer reading 63,918 original miles. Modifications by owner, Micky Broderick. Pertronix electronic ignition, new radiator, spinoff oil adapter, Lucas alternator with negative ground.



Contact Jeff Sholl: 864.283.9548 srus0479@gmail.com
Location: Miramar Beach, FL

Wanted - A Nice Triumph

My adopted brother in Florida is looking to purchase an LBC, preferably a Triumph TR4 or TR6 or Spitfire as a dependable driver. Please contact Scott McCombe at (804) 519-4018 or notanmg@gmail.com if interested in selling your car. He's on a pretty tight budget, so a show car is not desired.

Wanted - TR6 Wheels

I am looking for 4 reasonably priced TR6 bolt on wheels for my electric MGA project. If they have tires that hold air even better! Mark Dawley 864-723-2238 Leave a message if no answer.



For Sale - 1974 TR6 - \$9000

I am selling my 74 TR6. Over all good condition, minor surface rust on boot lip, needs new linkage installed (I have) between dual carbs. The tires and I have aged out. I did find out the car was originally a TR blue, now white. Contact me for further info. [864-934-4469](tel:864-934-4469) Steve Chasteen

For Sale - MGB misc. Used Parts

Gas tank, seats, windshield with frame, screws, grommets, rubber parts, rear lowering kit, rear springs, front rotors, loads of small parts you might need, make an offer on each part, all or groups. No reasonable offer refused! I am downsizing and I hate to trash what might be of use to someone in the club. Steve Chasteen. [864-934-4469](tel:864-934-4469)

For Sale - 1965 Jaguar 3.8S

I'm selling 1965 Jaguar 3.8S for sale. Also I have a Jaguar XKE Triple SU carbs for sale. Price on request. Peter Morton peter@nobudgetracing.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

For Sale - TR6 Parts

TR6 parts, rebuilt engine, trans, windshield, plethora of small parts, some NOS, All fair offers accepted, Need to clean this stuff out for downsizing. Steve Chasteen [864-934-4469](tel:864-934-4469)

For Sale - Kaufman Open Trailer - \$2500

The same model sells for \$3399. I've used it maybe 5-6 times for hauling to the races. I just need floor space more than the trailer. Here's what I have.

I thought I would offer it here first to see if anyone here was needing such a thing. It is a 16" open, very well made, it has pull out ramps that will support a low slung race car.

hapwaldrop@acmespeedshop.com

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PRODUCTS & SERVICES

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

This "Garage Discount" will allow FBCC members to receive the same discount as a commercial garages. The amount of the discount is based on the item purchased. Tell the counter person you are with Foothills British Car Club. This is for cash or credit card purchases. Napa offers the discount for CORP. NAPA Stores nationwide. Napa franchise owner stores may accept this agreement. The account numbers for NAPA and for O'Reilly's may be obtained from Mike Barefield. Please contact Mike Barefield at 864-313-7377 if you have questions.

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"



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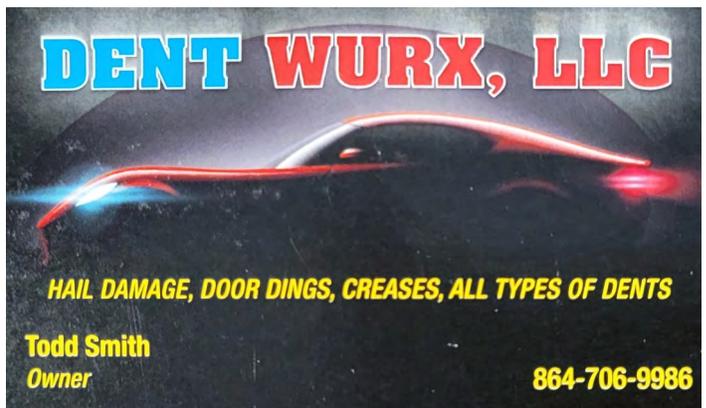
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Raffle Tickets

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 Pete Jakubek, Treasurer
106 Lyttleton Way
Anderson, SC 29621

Jack's Place Safety!

- 1) **Required:** No flip flops or open-toed sandals will be worn inside the garage!
- 2) **Required:** Use the provided safety glasses when using tools or under a car!

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 a directory in the members only part of the FBCC website
<https://fbccsc.org/membership-login/>

FBCC Google Group Tip

New SPAM email policies seem to be biting some member systems so that emails are not going to in boxes. Please add fbccemail@googlegroups.com (and fbccboard@googlegroups.com if a Board member) to your email contact list.

2024 FBCC Officers

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

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Calendar of Events

January 2025				
6	FBCC Board Mtng -12pm Twin Peaks Restaurant	MON	Drew Steidinger (astei@me.com)	910 528-6939
9	Benson's Automotive – 500 W. Wade Hampton	THU	Paul Zimmerman paulzimmermanroses@icloud.com	864-363-2064
11	Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/	
14	FBCC Monthly Mtg – Willy Taco @ Easley	TUES	Drew Steidinger (astei@me.com)	910 528-6939
18	Open Garage (9am) Jack's Place	SAT	Tom Buto (butot@bellsouth.net)	864-915-0964
?	Annual BCCWNC & FBCC Polar Bear Run– Watch your emails for details to meet and drive		Jud Chapin	864-616-8079
25	Cars & Coffee @ Michelin (4th Saturday of the Month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsCoffeeUpstate/	
February 2025				
8	Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/	
10	International Drive your Triumph Day – 9:30am Silver Spring Esso, 22589 Asheville Hwy Landrum, South Carolina, 29356	SAT	Scott McCombe (notanmg@gmail.com)	804-519-4018
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