



THE OPEN BONNET

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

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MONTHLY MEETING

February 11

Kas Kastner by Chuck Gee

⇒ Dinner 5:30pm (optional)

⇒ Club Meeting 6:30pm

TWIN PEAKS

1034 Woodruff Rd.

Greenville, SC 29607

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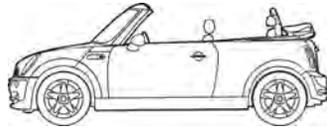
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President's Message

By Drew Steidinger



Greetings.

Your club has done a great deal of work in a short time.

Organization, communication, then repeat numerous times.

Read the Open Bonnet thoroughly and you will appreciate a huge team effort to educate and entertain the members of FBCC.

The weather is just beginning to be hospitable enough to be out and about in our LBC's. I challenge everyone to get out, in, and under their vehicles because for many of us the fun has already begun.

There is a new meeting spot for this month at Twin Peaks 1034 Woodruff Rd. We are a widespread large group and as appropriate locations are known, we will endeavor to move our meetings around occasionally.

I am already at work organizing the President's Ride in September. Many individuals are working on their fun interesting ideas and together we all believe it will be a great year.



Membership Dues Due!

From Pete Jakubek, Treasurer

Annual dues were due for this year by January 1. Currently it looks like we will lose forty members if current members do not renew by February 15. If you have already renewed, I thank you. If you do not remember if you have paid your dues, contact me at FBCCSCTREASURER@GMAIL.COM and I will let you know if you have paid or not. Dues need to be paid 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 including the monthly Open Bonnet newsletter.

We appreciate you, and with all the other FBCC members. You make this club great, whether you are highly active in all the club events or just a few. This coming year will be one of changes: new venues for the monthly meetings, more rides (if you can believe that), and new activities that are being planned. So please consider renewing your membership.

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

Payment of the dues (remaining at \$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

Dale Armbrister

Greenville, SC 29611

2007 Jaguar XKR

2009 Jaguar XJ Super V8 Portfolio

Ryan & Michelle Owens

Greenville 29617

1969 Austin Healey John Britten Arkley SS

1996 Jaguar XJS Celebration Convertible (4.0)

2012 Land Rover LR4

On The Cover

Charlie Angle captured this wonderful moment when John McKeever's 1967 green Healey 3000 drove along the Blue Ridge Parkway during the January 24 Polar Bear Drive. January 24. A few brave souls actually had their rag tops down. A wonderful drive whether the weather be cold or not! More pictures in this issue of the newsletter.

FBCC IDYTD: A Photo Op & Lunch Celebrating Sir John Black

Event Date: February 9

By Scott McCombe

The photo op is at this Silver Springs Esso station at 22589 Asheville Hwy Landrum, South Carolina, 29356.

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: NEW DATE IS SUNDAY, 2/9/25

9:15am: Leave TR Food Lion

10:00am: Assemble and configure at the site

10:30am: Individual Triumph Pics

11:30am to lunch: LBC car pics taken

12:00 Lunch at Brooks Tavern, Tryon, SC

You will see last year's pics here on the 2024 IDYTD Facebook page:

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

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.

Drew Steidinger will assist with photography.

If desired, I will assist with emailing 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.

Paul Presents the FBCC Survey Results at the January 14 Meeting

Paul Zimmerman conducted an interest survey of the FBCC membership and presented the results at the monthly meeting at Willy Taco. See the meeting minutes in this newsletter for more details. Our president and vice president are working together to accept and accommodate as many requests as possible. Keep an eye out for events and opportunities presented though the FBCC Google Group emails.



This Thursday, 2/6/25 Drive to La Strada

This is another drive planned to La Strada to support the Hurricane Helene recovery effort.

- Departure: Jud's Brown Building at 10:30 AM
- To Use Up Our Gift Cards
- A roundabout drive to get there and then have lunch
- If you didn't purchase a gift card in December or used yours up you can just buy lunch when you get there.

Please let Paul Zimmerman know at paulzimmermanroses@icloud.com or 864-363-2064 so he can make reservations.

**Secret Word:
Daft**

**Brit Slang for
"Mildly Silly"**



By Paul Zimmerman

Please note that we now have quite a complete listing of events both past and planned on the FBCC website at fbccsc.org/calendar/. Below is a list of some upcoming events. Our website calendar is regularly updated with upcoming events. We don't post details but you can quickly check what is planned for when. Then watch your Google Emails for details as they get closer.

Date	Event	Location or Depart Point
Feb 6, 2025	Drive to La Strada For Lunch	Jud's Brown Building
Feb 9, 2025	International Drive Your Triumph Day – new date	Travelers Rest Food Lion
Apr 12, 2025	Chili Cook Off	Charles and Nancy Blakely's House
Apr 19, 2025	Wheels For Whiskers Car Show	Landrum, SC
Apr 26, 2025	Broad River Classic	Shelby, NC
May 24, 2025	Great Scott Car Show	Furman University
May 25, 2025	Gathering For Race Day	Mark and Diane Dawley
May 31, 2025	Dark Corner Classic	Landrum, SC
Dec 13, 2025	Holiday Party	New Realm Brewery

Open Garage Day at Jack's Place 1/18



Yup! Roy was 100% correct. Kirk's TR4 needs a new choke cable and a better adjustment. Funny how it starts right up with a bit of fuel. Compression was 150, 150, 150, 135!



So what is this transmission?



As a member of the FBCC you are able to initiate an event like a drive, picnic or visit somewhere. That's one of the things our Google Groups Email is for. If you aren't sure how to do your first one and/or want to check dates feel free to reach out to me. Happy to help. Paul Zimmerman
paul@paulzimmermanroses.com.



Did someone say donuts?

THE FBCC LOVES TO DRIVE 'EM

From Tom Buto

Well it turned out that the New Year's Eve drive had to get rescheduled as a result of iffy weather on New Year's Eve. Instead, we drove the same route on January 4th.

The weather was very cold but sunny and super clear. That contributed to a number of memorable views as we twisted up Hwy215 over the Blue Ridge Parkway and down the other side to The Southern Porch in Canton, NC.

The event was well attended with 19 members in 13 mostly British cars. Jud Chapin and Paul Zimmerman were "warming up" for the annual Polar Bear Run that Jud usually holds in February. They both went topless on the drive. It only got down to 24 degrees! Jud is hoping for the teens in February.

Seated at the table you can see Paul Zimmerman, Jud Chapin, Bob Moore, Denny and Kathy Somerville, Roy and Carol Scharwachter, Chuck Gee, Connie and Tom Buto, Eddie and Raylene Saunders, John McKeever, Tom Eicher, Paul Novak, Mark Dawley and his neighbor and Soug and Mary Burdick.

Josh, our waiter did a great Job of handling our crew and the food was very good and reasonably priced.

Can't wait for the next drive.



From Paul Zimmerman

With the colder weather, we started off the month with an indoor event and lunch. 43 club members signed up for a private tour of the Benson Memory Lane Museum in Greer. This is part of Benson Automotive in Greer and contains an wonderful collection of mostly American cars and memorabilia. The club has been there before but as it had been a while and we have new members, it was time to go again. John Montgomery was our guide and was a wealth of knowledge. Lunch afterward was a Hans & Frans Biergarten in Greer and good and beer was consumed. We were even treated to a very Dutch desert of Poffertjes courtesy of owner Addy Sulley who is Dutch.

The forecast for Jan 17 was warmer and dry and that meant a quick trip up to Campfire Grill in Flat Rock for lunch. Up 25, a detour to drive around Bob's Creek and Green River Roads and we are there. After a great lunch it was back down the same route. As Jud says "it's a new road if you drive it the other way!"



Another indoor event was the visit to the Upstate Historical Museum to view the White Christmas Exhibit as recommend by Paul Novak. Lunch at New Realm Brewery rounded off the day. Perfect for a chilly day. The last week of January forecast warm temperatures and so on Wednesday of that week we headed off to Jocassee Valley Brewing for a "It's Going To Be 65 Degrees and I'm Heading West Drive!!" We started at the Brown Building, went through Marietta to pick up some folks at the Ice Machine then down to Pickens to pick up some folks there and others joined us along the way. This was a new destination to me but one we will return to. Lots of fun and a chance to come to our members on the west side of Greenville.



‘Leventy-leventh - Sort’a Annual Polar Bear Run January 24, 2025

By Jud Chapin

Wow! What a day. Ten cars convened for the FBCC Annual (Sort of) Polar Bear Run. A few of us started at my Brown Building, a couple of more joined up at the Marietta ice machine and the remainder met us at the Holly Springs store. The group consisted of:

Me in my MGA, Drew Steidinger in his Mini, Charlie Angle in his TR-6 John McKeever in his Austin Healey 3000, Bob Moore in his BMW station wagon, Bill Bowen in his VW station wagon, Mark & Diane Dawley in their Mercedes SLK, Dave and Julia Benson in their Jaguar sedan, Peter DeJong and Janice in her Porsche 968 and Tom Buto in his Miata.

Driver	Car Driven	Status
Jud Chapin	MGA	Top Down
Drew Steidinger	Mini	Top Down
Charlie Angle	TR-6	wimp
John McKeever	A-H 3K	Couldn't
Bob Moore	BMW station wagon	Could have opened his sunroof
Bill Bowen	VW station wagon	Couldn't
Mark & Diane Dawley	Mercedes SLK	wimp
Dave and Julia Benson	Jag	Couldn't
Peter DeJong and Janice	Porsche 968	wimp
Tom Buto	Miata	wimp

This year’s destination was the Scotsman Public House in Waynesville. We took 178 up to Rosman, ziggled left on Highway 64 and then zagged right onto Highway 215. This took us over the BRP and almost to Canton where we turned left onto 276 for the final leg into Waynesville. We made quite a caravan. Oh! And by the way, the weather was fantastic – sunny, chilly at about 20°F and perfect top-down English roadster winter driving.



We pulled in to the Scotsman’s private parking lot at about noon-thirty and were immediately seated around our private table. The service was splendid, the food was delicious and the beer was cold. The Scotsman will definitely stay on our list of favorite destinations. I can absolutely see a spring-time return trip.



Thanks to everyone who joined up on the winter excursion. Never fear – ***The Polar Brears Will Ride Again.***

Who's THAT Grease Monkey?

Send the editor up to 3 hard copy photos to 201 Club View Drive, Greenville, SC 29609 and he'll create digital file(s) for you and return your photos and post your pic(s) in this newsletter.

So these pics are certainly classics. The member and "his girl" represent a time long past—let's say the 1960s at best.

#1: Who might this be?



#2: And who might this be?



WHOA! I Guess the TR4 was the chick magnet, or was it the studly guy?

Member Spotlight - Chuck Gee

By Scott McCombe

“You’ve been in how many vintage car races?” I asked. I was expecting him to say maybe a dozen, maybe several dozen. “Around a hundred, I guess! Yeah, I was racing 7 to 9 races a year since 1994.” My response was, “Whoa! Wait a minute! And Kas Kastner was literally a friend of yours during that time?”

His connection with cars started early while enrolled in a Vo-Tech program focused on metallurgy. We’ll forgive him for starting out with early ‘70s muscle cars; a Plymouth Cuda and Plymouth Arrow.

In 1987 at the age of 24, the LBC bug hit him hard, and he purchased a TR6. He has owned Triumphs continually ever since.

The racing bug hit him next in 1992 when he and his dad ventured to Ohio to attend vintage sports car races. A year later, he purchased a Triumph Spitfire that became well known in the racing circuit as the one to fear. No matter where Chuck went, when his car showed up on the track, competitors groaned. When I asked Chuck how many races he had won with the Spit, he simply pointed to the dozen or so checkered flags hanging on the wall.

“Was it Chuck’s racing skill, or the special Spit, or both?” No doubt, he has a natural racing ability and the associated skill, but he also had “the car!” He kept it legal, he says, but upgraded the



“Oh No! Is Gee and that blue Spitfire racing today? I guess I’ll have to settle for maybe a second place today”



2006 Kastner Cup at Hallet Motorsports Park in Oklahoma. The first time the west and east coast Triumph racers met.

engine from 75 hp to 165 hp, and modified the transmission with better gear splits. His modified “dog box” with Hewland gear sets (Formula Ford) made all the difference. Inspections were all legitimate and his secret was maintained until he had the top of the transmission off to make an in-track repair when a fellow competitor happened to peer over his shoulder.

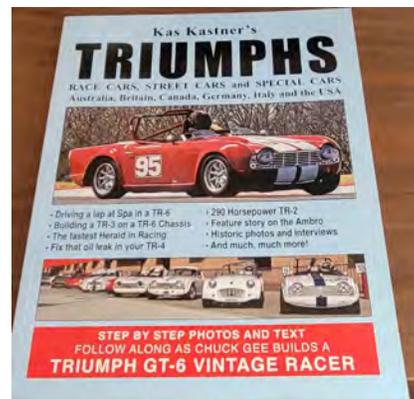
Chuck won his first race at Phoenix International Raceway in 2002 and even raced Willow Springs (the Ford v Ferrari track) and in Las Vegas watching the skunk works F117 & B2 fly directly overhead. Other tracks he has frequented include California Speedway, Buttonwillow, VIR, and Laguna Seca.

Chuck’s Triumph car ownership has been varied and notable. He bought the original Candy Box 1971 Vitesse that Kas set up for TransAm racing. (Our own Hap Waldrop worked on this car.) Additionally, Kas challenged Chuck to build a GT6 race car and agreed to document the build in one of his last books. (see picture) He even tried Formula Ford in a Lola T342 but found it a bit too frightening.

Chuck met Kas Kastner in 1997 and as an active member of FOT (Friends of Triumph), Chuck has helped keep the Kas Kastner races alive and thriving. He will talk more about this friendship during the February 11 monthly meeting at Twin Peaks.

Helping to support his racing addiction was a career that included a BS in Metallurgy from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA in 1987, six years in Aerospace Metallurgy Design and Engineering Support, receiving his MBA, managing 4 plants involved in vacuum brazing and

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Chuck's GT6 race car is featured in Kastner's book as a step-by-step build for the common enthusiast.



Kastner's pit gloves

Member Spotlight - Chuck Gee (cont.)

By Scott McCombe

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heat treating, and 12 years in sales with a chemical company.

Before Chuck and his wife Dee Ann moved to Greenville in 2022, they sold almost all their belongings, including the Vitesse and his infamous blue Spitfire race car.

Once in Greenville, the first task was to build an insulated 40 x 60 garage with 15-foot ceilings which now holds his TR4 race car, a TR4 driver, a Jag, and his daily driver truck.

The project TR3 was the only car he brought from California.

The FBCC membership welcomes Chuck and Dee Ann to the club and looks forward to following their continued interest in LBCs, and Triumphs in particular.



Chuck's current TR4 race car is in its "development phase".



The Gee daily LBC driver is yes, a Triumph, another TR4



Chuck and his TR3 project!

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!

A Spring Reminder! Jack's Place Safety During Open Garage!

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

January 14 Meeting Minutes

By Nigel Brooks

Attendees:

33 were counted present (2 did not sign in)

(Last names only): Blakely (2), Bowen, Brooks, Holcombe, Jakubek, Mitchell, Novak, Scharwachter (2), Steidinger, Swift, Thomas, Waldrop, Armbrister, Wegner, Zimmerman, Buto (2), Chapin, Gee, Looper (4), McCombe (2), Moore, Moran, Saunders (2).

LBC's present:

Green Jaguar V12 Van der Plas.

Location:

Wiley Tacos, Easley, SC.

Opening Statements:

Drew opened the meeting at 6:30.

A new member present was Dale Armbrister, owns a few Jaguars, 2007 and 2009. There were no guests present.

Drew introduced all the officers for 2025.

Tonya went through the club regalia. Scott will set up with a local embroiderer located on Pleasantburg Dr. to have patches put on members clothing. We did this as a club several years ago.

Scott requested "old" photos of club members from the 60's and 70's, i.e. grease monkey photos. Any format will do, as Scott will digitize for the newsletter.

With all the expertise the club has for LBC's Tom Buto indicated that any club member can coordinate with him if you need help repairing your car. The garage can be scheduled thru Tom, if needed, as long as it is approved by Kirk Fisher and a garage supervisor is present.

Tom's garage session (always the 3rd Saturday of the month) will be 18 January. We will be checking Kirk's TR4 that has starting problems. **Next month, we will be trying out Twin Peaks Restaurant on Woodruff Road**, across from Costco's, to see how that venue works for the club.

Next months program will be presented by Chuck

Gee on his involvement in the Triumph Competition Department racing.

Drew mentioned that he was just informed that Gerald Petters wife, Phyllis, just passed away. He has no details, but will send out an email on the funeral arrangements to the club.

Drew wanted to know whether the club wanted a lunch or dinner arrangement for the Christmas party this year. A show of hands was split, so Drew will make the decision.

Rides/Events:

Paul will have an event and drive to the Greenville Upstate Museum which has a display on the classic movie "White Christmas," this coming Thursday. Lunch will follow.

For the Benson automotive museum event held early January, we had 43 club members show up.

In two weeks, there will be a ride to the restaurant in Lake Lure, NC. Keep an eye out for emails announcing date, time, start location.

This coming Friday will be Judd's Polar Bear run, but due to the extreme cold weather it may be postponed. Again, watch for emails on that ride.

Scott will be holding the annual International drive your Triumph Day ride somewhere around February 9th or 10th. The ride will be to the old Esso Station in Landrum. Scott will send out details soon. Last year over 700 triumphs worldwide showed up. The event is in honor of John Black, founder of the Triumph Car Company. The club will have lunch at a restaurant in Landrum after the event.

Drew wanted a vote on whether the Presidents Overnighter this year be a 2-nighter or a 3-nighter. The preference was for a 2-nighter.

Treasurer's Report:

Pete indicated that dues for 2025 were due 1 January. There are still about 70 members not paid up as of today. It was mentioned that the cutoff will be mid-February, when the club roster will be "frozen."

Pete indicated that we have plenty of money for operation of the FBCC. Details are available in the members area of the FBCCSC.ORG website.

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Meeting Minutes (cont.)

By Nigel Brooks

Program:

For tonight's program, Paul Zimmerman went over the survey results that was sent out to the members last year. There were 43 responses to the survey, there is still time to respond and Paul indicated that his analysis was in no way scientific. Some highlights are as follows:

Social/Picnic events were rated #1, with drives #2 and garage sessions #3.

Social events were highly rated, to include with more picnics, swap meets and weekend activities.

A club/group tour of England was suggested (car related museums, factories, etc.).

Events like fun rallies, auto jumbo sales, more weekend events, etc. were mentioned.

Events with other regional car clubs, not necessarily LBC clubs, was high on the list.

Garage tech session: Tune up session, specialty tool session, fluid change session, safety check session, etc. were some suggestions.

The survey indicated that the members DID NOT want to sponsor or run a major car show, but would be more interested in informal, low-keyed shows, cruise-in's, etc. One idea brought up was a spontaneous LBC gathering at Haygood Mill in Pickens County.

More destination drives and overnights were high on the list.

The survey indicated that the monthly meeting programs be more oriented to technical (car) topics, like the garage session topics or historical car topics.

Brett mentioned that there is a drive in theater in Greenwood, that may be a fun club event to schedule, or a club gathering at the monthly cars & coffee at Michelin.

50/50: Nigel Brooks won \$40

Adjourn: Drew adjourned the meeting.

Links of the Month

(send the editor your favorites)

From Zach Merrill

Bring your car club to Amelia Island Kickoff

March 7, 2025

<https://classicmotorsports.com/news/bring-your-car-club-to-the-amelia-island-kickoff/>



From Scott McCombe

Remember the TV show "To Tell The Truth?"

Can you tell the real Stirling Moss?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyMoS0HfDe0&t=4s>



To Tell the Truth - Race car driver; Rockette; PANEL: Betty White, Martin Gabel (Dec 30, 1958)

What We're Working On!

From Paul Zimmerman

Progress Is Fun!

It was a milestone day for the 34 Super Sports in January. While I've rebuilt the wooden frame, reassembling the mechanics hasn't been able to start. We've been busy with cleaning, research, sourcing parts, having parts machined and so on; but the actual reassembly hadn't started. Until now.

Chris Gilman and I (well Chris did the work and I watched and learned) started the re-assembly with the transmission. We

had all the parts and might as well start somewhere. First part in was the press fit bearing into the front of transmission case. This is where the propshaft enters the transmission. Next was the main shaft and its assorted components. Lay shaft followed by selector rods and that was a good days work. Lots of fiddling with a 91 year old transmission is needed. The selector rods allowed us to test the gears and they all work as they should. Some parts are stiff but with lubrication and a gentle breaking in period it will all settle in. The worm wheel is in and we should have the worm gear back by the time you read this. That will allow for reassembly of the cross shaft.



Main and lay shafts in place

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Rear propshaft fitted

The longitudinal tubes on the chassis were pitted with holes and Denny Trask is going to do the work of replacing them. At the advice of other three wheeler owners we are going with slightly thicker walls on the tubes to add some rigidity to the chassis. The pitting came about because in the early days the longitudinal tubes doubled as exhaust



pipes. The exhaust was fed into the front and then out the back of the tubes. Once the chassis is done it goes to Chris' workshop and we'll reassemble the chassis by putting back the transmission case, rear leaf springs, front suspension, swing arms for the rear tire, front hubs and so on. Game plan is to completely reassemble the chassis and then fit the wooden frame. Once that and the engine is on it goes to Denny for the body work.



Paul Zimmerman, Eddie Saunders, and John Burton at the Morgan Manor

Electrical layout has also begun. John Burton and Eddie Saunders stopped by Morgan Manor to help me go over all the electrical aspects, and begin to think about the layout. John ordered some parts we need through Moss Motors. Once pre-painted body work is done, all the lights etc will be fitted, holes drilled then once painting is done the electrics will be wired. Still a ways off but starting to put it back together is a great feeling.

From Scott McCombe

The TR3A was screaming at me for a bit of exercise but it's been three months since I last ran the car. I'm not sure if that is related, but half way around the block, she started sputtering on two cylinders. A quick look under the bonnet and I notice gas pouring from one of the air cleaners.

Must be a stuck needle valve in the bowl, right?

Wrong once again. Pulling the bowl cover off revealed a full bowl with a float that had lost some of its float. Pulling it out revealed that indeed, it had taken on some gasoline—meaning that it had a hole in it



Solution: Borrow a float from Kirk Fisher until a new and better nitrophenyl (plastic) one can be sourced. Solved.



FBCC Logo Regalia Items for Sale

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.).

Logo Clothing from Lands' End

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

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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.

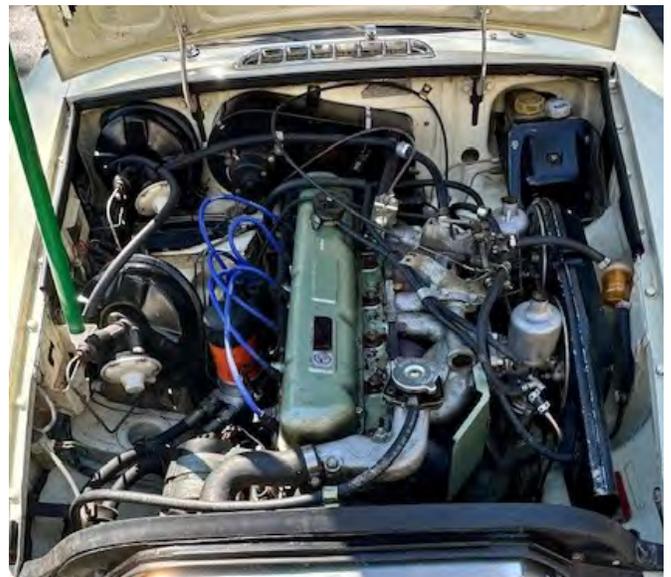
I have extensive documentation showing much more.

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: John Burton's 1971 TR6

I'm selling my daily driver which I've had for almost 10 years. It had a frame off restoration about 20 years ago but never got completed. It included a powder coated frame and all new suspension.

I completed the restoration over the first two years I owned the car. I tore the engine down and rebuilt it and fitted a Ford T5 transmission as well as A/C.

I fitted new after market seats and a new top.

There's plenty of scratches and dings, but it's a sold reliable driver. The body is solid with no rust underneath but has knocks and minor damage on most panels.

If your interested call me for more details.

John Burton 864-872-2424



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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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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 -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 s5rus0479@gmail.com
Location: Miramar Beach, FL

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)

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.



PRODUCTS & SERVICES

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

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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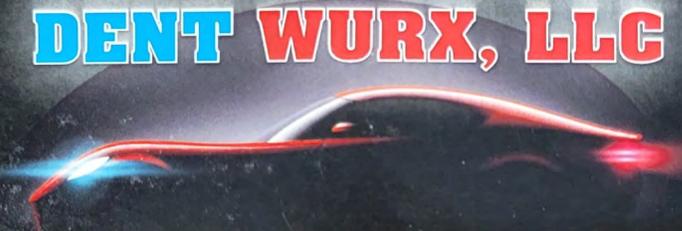
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Raffle Tickets

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

February 2025				
6	La Strada Drive	THU	Paul Zimmerman paulzimmermanroses@icloud.com	864-363-2064
8	Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/	
9	International Drive your Triumph Day – 9:30am Silver Spring Esso, 22589 Asheville Hwy	SAT	Scott McCombe (notanmg@gmail.com)	804-519-4018
11	FBCC Monthly Mtg – Twin Peaks, Greenville	TUES	Drew Steidinger (astei@me.com)	910 528-6939
15	Open Garage (9am) Jack's Place	SAT	Scott McCombe (notanmg@gmail.com)	804-519-4018
22	Cars & Coffee @ Michelin (4th Saturday of the month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsCoffeeUpstate/	
March 2025				
6-9	Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance	SUN	https://www.ameliaconcours.com/	
8	Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/	
11	FBCC Monthly Mtg – Twin Peaks, Greenville	TUES	Drew Steidinger (astei@me.com)	910 528-6939
15	Open Garage (9am) Jack's Place	SAT	Drew Steidinger (astei@me.com)	910 528-6939
23	Cars & Coffee @ Michelin (4th Saturday of the month)	SAT	https://www.facebook.com/CarsCoffeeUpstate/	