



# THE OPEN BONNET

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

May 2025



## MONTHLY MEETING

**Sunday May 18**

**Catered Picnic**

⇒ **3 -7pm**

**Debby & Paul Novak's Home  
151 Old Locust Hill  
Road, Taylors, SC  
29687**

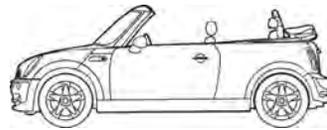
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# President's Message

By Drew Steidinger



It's May! And almost every day, the weather is crying out for an LBC drive.

Recently a group of members went to Hunter Farms Trains in Williamson, SC, for what many experience annually as a very entertaining day. There was so much to see that it was almost overwhelming. I hope many more of us will participate next year.



May includes a number of events which promise to be quite unique and enjoyable for all.

May 17 will feature Eddie Saunders discussing the art of keeping the unpleasant smoke inside an LBC wiring system. It all breaks down when you let it escape!

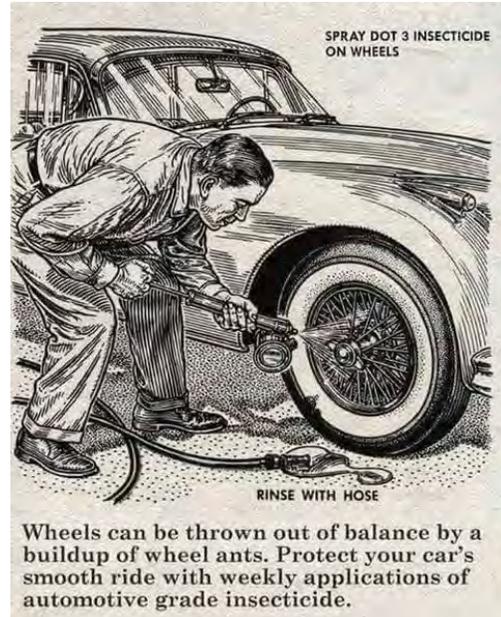
Then on Sunday, May 18. Paul and Debbie Novak have graciously invited us to their place for a picnic and monthly meeting. Party on!

Doors open at 3:00. In lieu of our normal May meeting, we will have a very brief meeting (about 20 minutes) at 3:30 to take care of club housekeeping. BBQ and refreshments (BYOB) will be served at 5:00, and the party (for those who have help defray the cost of the caterer) will last until 7. See details in this newsletter. Hope to see you there for a good time, good food, and good company!

On Memorial Day Weekend, the Greenville Scottish Games (Gallabrae) returns to Furman University with the SBMOC sponsored British Car Show on Saturday. When you attend the car show, you also get tickets to the games, which is quite the experience in and of itself.

Then the next weekend, Scott McCombe will allow our members to Swap Their Ride. Sound interesting? See the details inside this issue..

Oh, and if that's not enough activity for you, watch your FBCC Google Group emails for the many spontaneous drives that our members organize to know where. Inflate tires, check oil level, and GO!



*Sometimes the editor has to fill some space with whatever can be found!*

## Welcome New Members

**Joshua Fowler**

Greenville, SC 29617  
1971 MG Midget

**Joshua Sears**

Anderson, SC 29621  
Miata

**Lauren & Clark Tomlinson**

Greenville, SC 29602  
XJS Convertible, XKR Convertible

**Jim & Norma Wells**

Greenville, SC 29611  
1972 MGB

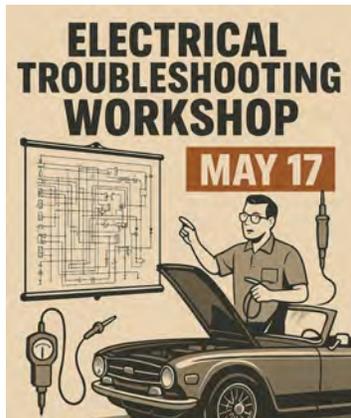
## On The Cover

Who knew that our own Jud Chapin could be a YouTube phenomenon? I guess you might say he is an Internet influencer for the FBCC. Click on the link and find out what this member really thinks of the club.

## May 17 Open Garage: Basic LBC Electrical Troubleshooting

By Tom Buto

Join us at Jack's Place on May 17 at 9am when Eddie Saunders will conduct a workshop on electrical troubleshooting on British cars. This will be a very basic and interactive session, so bring all you questions, personal experiences, and helpful ideas along.



## Sept 6-15 UK Grand Tour of British Motorcars England

From Paul Zimmerman

This event is beginning to get booked, and it is capped at 25. If you have questions, please contact me at [paul@paulzimmermanroses.com](mailto:paul@paulzimmermanroses.com). We are aware that spouses might not want to attend every car event. Because of that we have arranged hotels where those folks can stay behind and there are plenty of things to see and do within walking distance or a short cab ride from the hotel. Here is the link for more information and to book.

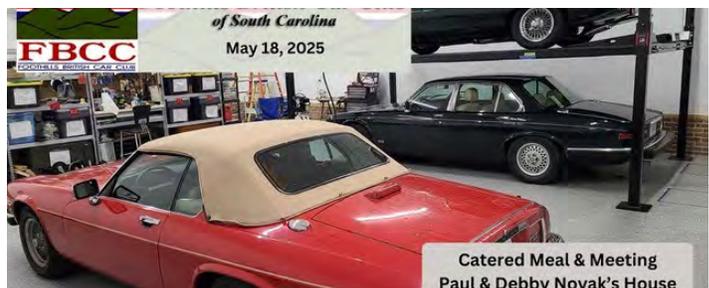
<https://www.fineandcultural.com/a-grand-tour-of-british-motorcars>



## May 18 FBCC Catered Picnic at Novak's Home

Paul Novak

Debby and I are looking forward to hosting the "FBCC Annual Picnic and May Monthly Meeting" at our home on Sunday May 18, 2025 from 3-7 PM (rain or shine). Please plan on attending the short monthly club meeting which will begin at 3:30pm, and socialize together even if not coming for the catered meal which begins at 5pm. Our Address is 151 Old Locust Hill Road, Taylors, SC 29687. Located just off of Locust Hill Road (290) about one



mile south of The Hungry Drover Restaurant.

**Appetizers Provided:** Vegetable trays, potato chips, pretzels, nuts, etc

**Beverages Provided:** Bottled water, assorted sodas, sweetened and unsweetened tea

**Adult Beverages:** BYOB if you desire to have adult beverages, no adult beverages will be provided by FBCC

**Caterer:** The Saucy Pig BBQ LLC, Travelers Rest, SC.

**Buffet Menu:** Served about 5:00 PM: BBQ Pork, Pulled Chicken, Buns, Smoked Mac N' Cheese, Sweet Potato Crumble, Banana Pudding

**Parking:** For ease of parking and overall attendee enjoyment we encourage attendees to drive their LBCs if at all possible and park on the sides of our long driveway so we can have a mini car show

**Entertainment:** Please bring any yard games that they have for all to enjoy: bean bag toss, croquet, frisbee, badminton, etc

**We look forward to seeing you and your LBCs here on 18 May. Please let us know if you have any questions about this event.**

**Paul and Debby Novak**

**(858) 342-0445**

# May 31 Swap Your Ride Event

By Scott McCombe

Have you ever wanted to try out a different LBC just for the fun of it? This may be your best ever chance to see what it's like to drive an MG-TD, a TR6, an Austin Healey, a Mini, a TR3A, an MGA, an E-Type Jag, or even Scott's hopped up TR7-V8. It all depends on who and what shows up for this event, but all these cars might be available for you to try out beginning at 9am on Saturday May 31. If you are considering selling/buying an LBC, this might be a great opportunity to compare the ride, or test one out.

**This event open to members ONLY! You do not have to provide your own car in order to ride in (or test drive) another member's offered car.**

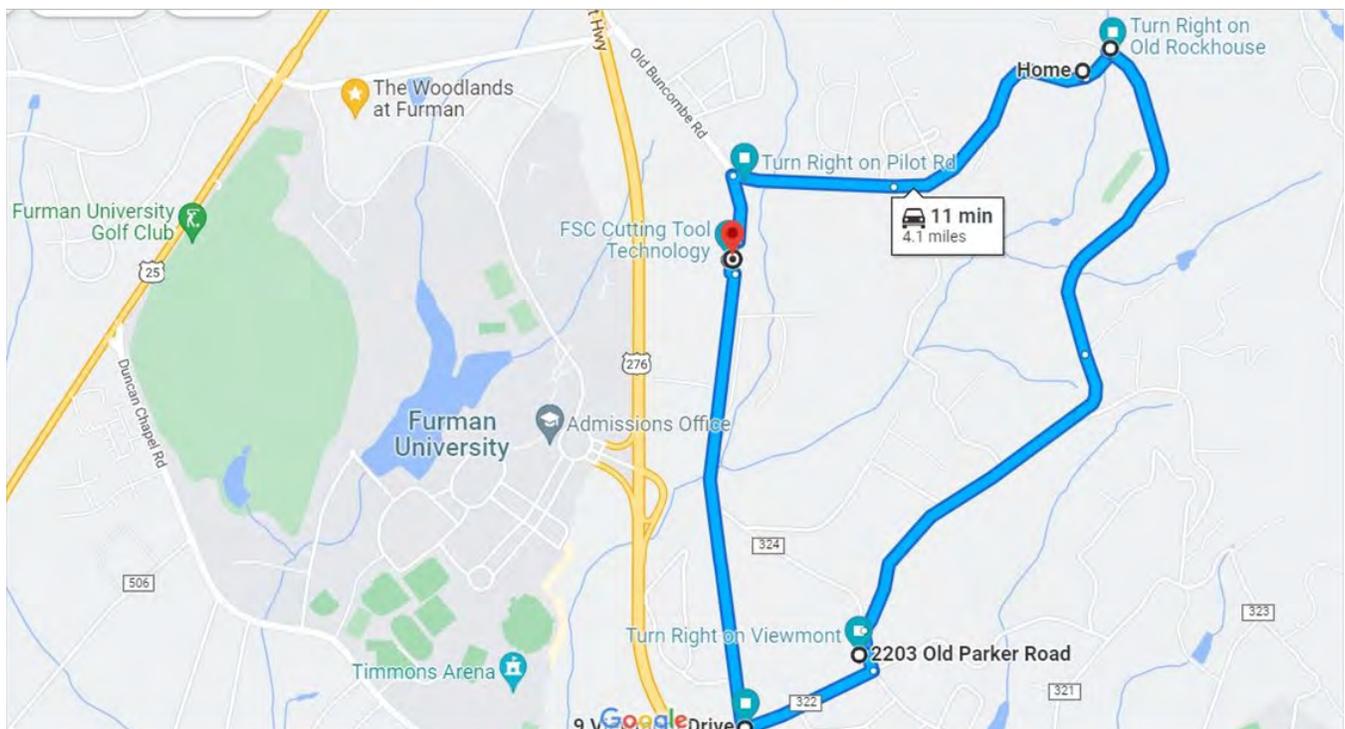
The plan will be to meet at a vacant parking lot in Travelers Rest located at FSC Cutting Tool Technology at 5909 Old Buncombe Road where the owner has given the FBCC permission to use his lot as our staging area. A 4-mile circular route that circumnavigates the Paris Mountain Country Club will allow a drive with some ups & downs and curves, as well as a short straightaway for you to experience the touch & feel of each car that you

select to drive. The owner of each car will have the option of allowing you to drive solo, or to accompany you while driving this route. This also makes the event a great way to have a car club member give you an informal assessment of its driving condition.



To keep things organized and provide maximum control and safety, cars will allow a quarter mile separation, and not vary from the prescribed route. Of course, all vehicles must be fully insured and roadworthy. Following the event, Scott hopes to have arranged seating for club members wishing to have lunch at a local Travelers Rest restaurant. Rain Date: Sunday, June 1.

Contact Scott at [notanmg@gmail.com](mailto:notanmg@gmail.com) or 804-519-4018 if you have any questions.



## Upcoming Events

From Paul Zimmerman

Here is a quick rundown for May events. For a complete calendar for the months beyond please check the calendar on our website which is being kept up to date. <https://fbccsc.org/calendar/>

**May 17 - Jack's Place.** See elsewhere in this bulletin but Eddie Saunders will be doing a session on electrical troubleshooting on British Cars.



**May 25 - Gathering For Race Day** at Mark and Diane Daly's Place AKA "6-mile Mountain Museum of Transportation, Technology and Whatnot". The Indy 500 and Formula 1 racing will be available for viewing. Runs from 12 PM - 6PM.



**May 18 - Catered Meal** and get together hosted by Paul and Debby Novak. Details have been out in emails from Paul



**May 31 - Swap Your Ride.** Scott McCombe will once again hold this fun event where participants may choose to bring their ride to share and/or choose to drive or ride in one of the available offerings from our club members. Meet at the FSC Cutting Tool Technology building located at 5909 Old Buncombe Rd at 9am. See details in this issue of The Open Bonnet. Rain date is June 1.

**As always keep an eye out for Google Group Email with pop up events. See you at one, some, or all of them.**



**May 24 - Great Scot Car Show** hosted by SBMOC. A show we all love to attend and many will so come out for the fun. Here is the link to register [https://sbmoc.com/homepage-revised/?fbclid=IwY2xjawlwU59leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHe-n\\_ByZagPbHvoPUh4ZDAXuA5E\\_42qmNliLv-RINZZshuTu2t52sm8mQ\\_aem\\_FOAVWuaYOsXABtGzwdfMKg](https://sbmoc.com/homepage-revised/?fbclid=IwY2xjawlwU59leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHe-n_ByZagPbHvoPUh4ZDAXuA5E_42qmNliLv-RINZZshuTu2t52sm8mQ_aem_FOAVWuaYOsXABtGzwdfMKg)

**Secret Word:**  
"Flog"  
**Brit slang for**  
**To Steal**

## Who's THAT Grease Monkey?

These FBCC members haven't changed much, have they?

### #1: *Chris Gilman*



### #2: *Jane Acampora*



### #3: *Charlie & Nancy Blakely*



## And Who Might These Be?

### #1



### #2



### #3



# THE FBCC LOVES TO DRIVE 'EM

From Paul Zimmerman

During April a lot of club events and drives shifted to the weekend. The Carolina British Classic in Columbia on April 5, Euro Auto Festival and The



Chili Cookout on April 12, Wheels for Whiskers on April 19, Jack's Place on April 19 and the Broad River Classic on April 26. Most involved informal drives to get there and all were well attended.



Two drives in late April occurred on weekdays. One was a drive to Point Lookout Winery east of Hendersonville. A small, but mighty, group departed Jud's Brown Building on the morning of April 29, picked up some folks along the way and after a nice drive across North Carolina apple country arrived at the winery. Wine was purchased, picnics brought forth and both were enjoyed along with a commanding view of the hills beyond.

Jud led a "white toast not buttered and not cut" breakfast drive up to Brevard on April 30 to what is now Pescado's and Sunrise. Another good group joined him as he picked up people along the way. After a drive over Cesar's Head breakfast was enjoyed. We assume the toast was served correctly!



*Are these guys discussing the next drive?*

## Watch Jud at Wheels For Whiskers on YouTube Here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PMwyZYXAxI>



# Great Chili Cookoff A Huge Success

By Charlie Blakely

Nancy and Charlie Blakely hosted a chili cook-off for the FBCC in their backyard on Saturday, April 12. The weather turned out to be beautiful and the azaleas in the yard put on their own show. We had around 9 pots of chili of various varieties and others brought side dishes and desserts. The food was excellent! Some members of the club arrived in their LBCs and others made the wise decision not to transport pots of chili that way. Around 50+ members of the club were present. The day included a brief business meeting, in that the event constituted the April meeting of the club. The real business involved sampling the various pots of chili and voting. At the end of the day, Mike Schindler won a majority of the votes with his wonderful, spiced venison chili.



*Jo and Connie certainly had a good time!*



*Chuck Gee enjoyed the event with his cool California look*



Thanks to all who came, who brought chili or side dishes, and who made the day a fun event. And thanks also to Eddie Saunders whose suggestion it was to revive the idea of a chili cook-off, which had been done earlier in the club's history. Unfortunately, Eddie and Raylene were unable to be present, but they were remembered during the day's festivities.



*Clearly, Wayne Telman's TR3 didn't appreciate the look-alike TR3 trailer following so closely behind it. Grrrr*



*Mike Schindler awarded best chili! Venison*

## What We've Been Working On

From Paul Zimmerman

The 1934 Morgan Super Sport

A milestone has been achieved. The wooden frame that a friend and I rebuilt has left Morgan Manor on my farm and is now at Denny Trask's for bodywork. There is much pondering, figuring and scratching of heads to be done before work commences but it is about to be underway.



The better news is the metal chassis is now back at Chris Gilman's and Chris and Paul are putting the mechanical aspects back together on the chassis. So we are in full re-assemble phase on this part of the work.



Once all aspects are back on the chassis and back together it will go to Denny's to join the frame so the true manufacturing body work can begin. The end may not yet be in sight but it's getting closer!

## Links of the Month

(send the editor your favorites)

From Scott McCombe

**The Origins of the MG Slogan "Safety Fast"**

Abingdon, England MG Car Club

<https://www.mgcarclubsc.co.za/post/the-story-behind-the-mg-slogan-safety-fast>

From Ryan Owens

**Tire Sizes and Tire Codes**

<https://tiresize.com/calculator/>

<https://www.calculator.net/tire-size-calculator.html>

From Bob Moore

**How to change the oil in a Tesla**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5YhUNX-F-M>

From friends at The Richmond Triumph Register

**Rare Cars Worth Millions Arrive at The I.C.E. St. Moritz 2025!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbjS-sUpbd0>

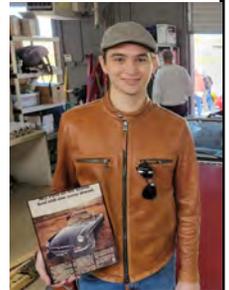
From John Sharpe

I accidentally put 5W-30 oil in my car when it takes 5W-20 by Renan Rezende

## Framed LBC Prints

I am happy to print on 8.5x11 glossy photo paper any original British car advertisement found on Google that has legible text.

I can provide any requested framed prints in minimalistic plastic frames with glass for \$3. **Contact Nathan at [nathancash2004@gmail.com](mailto:nathancash2004@gmail.com)**



## What's In A Tune-Up? Bob Moore Explained It!



*When he explains the way stuff works, it all seems pretty logical and simple. Nice job, Bob!*



*Tune Up Tools: A tune up kit, dwell meter, plug gapping tools, and a timing light*



*With some hi-tech help, Tom Buto was able to project the tune up to our garage TV.*

## Blowing Smoke?

By Scott McCombe

Bob Moran shared a chart with me at the last open garage which reminded me of some basic tech tips which I think may help with diagnosis of our older LBC engine issues. A Google AI search confirms that;

“Smoke from a classic car's tailpipe can indicate a variety of issues, from normal condensation to serious engine problems. The color and consistency of the smoke can give clues about what's going on. For example, wispy white smoke might be normal condensation, while thick, blue smoke could mean the engine is burning oil.

Here's a breakdown of what different smoke colors might mean:

### Wispy white smoke:

.This is often just condensation, especially when the engine is cold or after rain. If it persists or is thick, it could be a sign of coolant being burned.

### Blue or grey smoke:

.This usually means the engine is burning oil, which could be due to worn valve seals, piston rings, or other issues.

### Black smoke:

.This indicates an overly rich fuel-air mixture, meaning too much fuel is being burned.

### Thick white smoke:

This is a serious sign that coolant is leaking into the combustion chamber, potentially due to a blown head gasket.

**In summary:** While some smoke is normal, the color and amount can be a valuable indicator of potential engine problems in a classic car.

*Some members come to Jack's for both great tech sessions AND the donuts!*





## **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](mailto: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.**

Badges are \$11.00 to order and \$5.00 for shipping if needed to be mailed. we must have an order of 3 badge before our supplier will make any order.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Off My Rocker! (Part 1)

By David Brooks

Triumph 6 and 4 cylinder engines used in the Sports6, Herald, Vitesse, Spitfire, GT6, TR5/250 and TR6 have many common valve train components, and in particular the Rockers. The Stanpart OEM rockers for these cars did not use rocker bushes unlike those used in the earlier 4 cylinder 2 and 2.2 litre engines.

Both the rockers and the rocker shaft are available from many of the purveyors of Triumph spares for around \$20 per rocker (and I needed 12) however the quality of the replacement rockers on offer has been questioned by UK Triumph club members. Rocker shafts are readily available included hardened tuftrided shafts from various suppliers.

This photo shows the not atypical scoring that may be found on one or more of the rockers – often at the front of the engine furthest away from the rocker shaft oil feed.

Bushing the rockers back to the nominal size should not be a difficult task if a suitable bush were available.

Looking at the rockers, the shaft hole on some rockers may not be in the center of the casting, the wall thickness is then significantly thinner on one side.

Given the above, the ideal bush would have a 5/8 inch outer diameter, 3/4 inch long with a 9/16 inner diameter and so that we leave plenty of “meat” on the rocker casting. This would mean a bush with a wall thickness of 0.031 inches.

The best compromise bush found had a 5/8 inch outer and a 1/2 inch inner which equates to a wall thickness of 0.0625 inches. Oilite bushes with these dimensions can easily be obtained from McMaster Carr or similar stores at a reasonable cost, but some extra machining will be needed.

- The title is a play on an English colloquialism, “off your rocker” meaning mad or crazy.

The process used to bush these rockers requires access to a mill.

The first requirement is to make jig so that the rocker remains in the same position throughout the process. Fortunately, each rocker (left or right-handed) has a flat machined surface on one side which can be used as the reference.

I used a 1/2 inch thick piece of aluminum plate as the

base drilled and tapped to accept the threaded rods. The remaining parts came from a standard mill clamp set such as those sold by Harbor Freight. The stepped wedges are carefully positioned so that there is sufficient room to create the 5/8 center hole + a little clearance, and are then stuck down with double sided tape. This gives the maximum grip area between the holding arms and the rocker; the nuts are then tightened to hold the rocker tightly in place. In addition, a dowel pin was set into the base to prevent the rocker from rotating.

Having created this jig, the first rocker was inserted and the hole in the rocker centered on the mill, I used an axial micrometer as shown above. Make sure to firmly lock the mill bed in this position before proceeding.



The first step is to create a hole exactly 0.625 inches in diameter as the bush is 1 to 3 thou oversize. This done by drilling out the hole using a 39/64 inch drill followed by a 5/8 inch reamer. Drill and ream all the way through the aluminum plate, as reamers are slightly tapered at the start. I suggest using a

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## Off My Rocker! (cont.)

By David Brooks

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standard tool lubrication / cooling agent to ensure the holes are both perfectly round and smooth.

The bush was then pushed in using the mill. Not perhaps an approved method, but this avoids taking the rocker out of the jig and having to realign the hole center.

The bush was also given a very light bead of red / permanent threadlock to ensure that it will never rotate inside the rocker arm.

The next step is return the rocker hole dimension back to 9/16 inch.



This is achieved by using a 35/64 inch drill followed by a 9/16 inch reamer. To prevent the Oilite bush from absorbing "foreign" lubricating / cooling liquid, a standard 20/50 motor oil was used during this

process.

Conventional wisdom is that Oilite bushes should not be machined as the Oilite material is designed to hold oil in its sintered structure, and machining may fill the crevices that hold the oil. Using sharp tools minimizes this issue and in this case the bushes will be oiled when moving via the rocker shaft oil feed so this is acceptable IMO.

Once reamed to 9/16 inch, the rocker can be removed from the jig. With the 9/16 inch 6 flute reamer still in the mill, use this to align the next rocker in the jig. I checked this with the axial micrometer, and found that the maximum error using this method was less than 4 thousandths of an inch, which I suspect is a tighter tolerance than from the factory.

The next step is to clean up the ends of the bushes – a small pedestal is required to do this. One side fits into the 5/8 inch reamed hole in the base of the jig, while the other end is machined to 9/16 inch to fit inside the rocker. This allows the rocker to be turned over so that both ends of the bush can be countersunk while ensuring that the countersink tool remains on center.



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## Off My Rocker! (cont.)

By David Brooks

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The final step is to reopen the two lubrication holes in the rocker. The one to lubricate the pushrod cup needs a #48 drill whereas the one used to drip oil along the rocker to the top of the valve stem uses a #53 drill. I found it easiest to do this by hand using my trusty old battery powered drill.

The final result is a rocker with an accurately aligned bronze / oilite bush of the correct size which fits on a new rocker shaft, rotates smoothly but with no side-to-side lash.

Am I off my rocker? I had the tools to hand and it was too cold to be outside this winter up in the Blue Ridge mountains. Hopefully it makes an interesting article, as well as costing me much less the buying new rockers of potentially dubious quality.

Part 2 will deal with how to “manicure” the area of contact between the rocker arm “finger” and the valve head.

David Brooks – March 11, 2025

## Just in: MGA 1600 parts for sale

Rich Moran 864-430-8840



## 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!

## Remember Putting Wires on this Beautiful Black MGA at Jacks?

My past delight and club-known 1957 'A' is up for sale from the person that I sold it to a couple of years back. It's only been driven a few times within this span and garaged all the while.



It was taken apart and restored from frame to engine in the 90s and is a specimen, all things considered.

I know it'll be well cared for by a member of the FBCC. My gut tells me it'll land around the \$25k range for anyone interested. Contact Matthew Newton at 864-423-0941.

## 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.



<b>Monthly Safety Supervisors 2024</b>
<b>Jack's Place, 617 Poinsett Highway (Rt. 276) 29609</b>

Month	Supervisor	Phone	Email
January 18, 2025	Tom Buto	864-915-0964	<a href="mailto:butot@bellsouth.net">butot@bellsouth.net</a>
February 15, 2025	Scott McCombe	804-519-4018	<a href="mailto:notanmg@gmail.com">notanmg@gmail.com</a>
March 15, 2025	Drew Steidinger	910-528-6939	<a href="mailto:astei@me.com">astei@me.com</a>
April 19, 2025	Bob Moore	864-380-3114	<a href="mailto:crashcogg@aol.com">crashcogg@aol.com</a>
May 17, 2025	Mike Schindler	864-307-7878	<a href="mailto:schindler_mike1@verizon.net">schindler_mike1@verizon.net</a>
June 21, 2025	Gerald Petter	864-704-9172	<a href="mailto:gelpett@gmail.com">gelpett@gmail.com</a>
July 19, 2025	Roy Scharwachter	631-848-0377	<a href="mailto:vargars826@gmail.com">vargars826@gmail.com</a>
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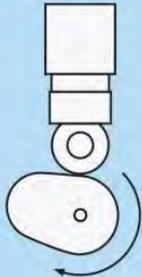
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- From your membership email address send to [FBCCemail@googlegroups.com](mailto:FBCCemail@googlegroups.com) and all members will receive it.
- Please take time to note when you reply that each email system is different.
- "Reply All" will send your 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](mailto: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  
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Month	Date	Event	Day	Contact	Phone
May 2025					
	3	Palmetto Live Steamers Event, Williamston, SC	SAT		
	10	Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)	SAT	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/">https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/</a>	
	17	<b>FBCC Open Garage at Jack's Place</b>	SAT	Mike Schindler (Schindler_Mike1@verizon.com)	864-307-7878
	18	<b>FBCC Annual Picnic – Novak's Home, 151 Old Locust Hill Road, Taylors, SC 29687</b>	SUN	Paul Novak (p.m.novak7@gmail.com)	858-342-0445
	24	SBMOC Great Scot/Gallabrae British Car Show-Furman	SAT	<a href="https://greenillescottishgames.redpodium.com/2025-great-scot-british-car-show">https://greenillescottishgames.redpodium.com/2025-great-scot-british-car-show</a>	
	25	<b>Indy 500 &amp; Formula 1 – Dawley's Place</b>	SAT	Mark Dawley (thedawleys@yahoo.com)	864-723-2238
	31	Swap Your Ride Event-5909 Old Buncombe (rain date June 1)	SAT	Scott McCombe (notanmg@gmail.com)	804-519-4018
June 2025					
	12-15	Highlands Motoring Festival, Highlands, NC	SAT	<a href="https://highlandsmotoringfestival.com/">https://highlandsmotoringfestival.com/</a>	
	10	<b>FBCC Monthly Mtg – Twin Peaks, Greenville</b>	TUES	Drew Steidinger (astei@me.com)	910 528-6939
	14	Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)	SAT	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/">https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/</a>	
	21	<b>FBCC Open Garage at Jack's Place</b>	SAT	Gerald Petter	864-704-9172
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