



# THE OPEN BONNET

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

**July 2025**



Tom Buto asked Artificial Intelligence to provide a cute graphic for advertising our June Open Garage Paint Chip Repair tech session.

The result demonstrates that so far, the artificial part is working, but the intelligence part is really pretty dumb. Look inside for a list of all the incorrect stuff we found in this picture.

## MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday, July 8  
Atty John Mobley**

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

### TWIN PEAKS

**1034 Woodruff Rd.  
Greenville, SC 29607**

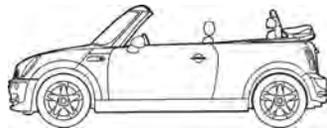
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## President's Message

By Drew Steidinger



So much of our communication has changed, and for the better. It is more comprehensive, timely, and informative. We are lucky to have so many talented and dedicated members of our club.



There is little that I can add to my monthly message that you don't already know.

The President's Overnighter Event is progressing. The participant list has almost stopped growing. It is a good group, and all should have a wonderful several day outing thanks largely to Tom Buto and Jud Chapin. They have stepped up to organize the to and from routing for Townsend, TN. If you're interested, it's not too late to join in the fun.

Here is a list of locations and presentations for the remainder of this year.

- ⇒ **July-** Attorney John Mobley will speak
- ⇒ **August-** Charlie Blakely will talk about a perennial favorite: BEER!
- ⇒ **September-** Matt Andrews will present "Art and Illustration, cars"
- ⇒ **October-** TBD
- ⇒ **November-** TBD (if anyone has an idea, please contact me)
- ⇒ **December-** FBCC holiday celebration at New Realm Brewing Co. (912 S Main St. Greenville)

## Aston Martin Featured in the July 8 Monthly Meeting

Attorney John Mobley will present something of interest regarding the Aston Martin in a James Bond film which he is sure we will find interesting followed by a discussion of an injury case he recently handled that's sure to raise some questions from our members.



## Jack's Place Saturday July 19 Open Garage

Please let Roy Scharwachter know what you might want to do at the garage since Tom Buto is off on vacation in Pennsylvania. Roy can be reached at 631-848-0377 or vargars826@gmail.com.

### A Summer 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!

### Welcome New Members

**Bill & Martine Thornton**  
Boiling Springs, SC 29316  
1979 MGB

**Jeannie & Neil Huff**  
Travelers Rest, 29690  
1977 MGB

### On The Cover

Tom Buto asked Microsoft Copilot to create a poster showing a demonstration of paint chip repair on a Triumph TR250. It came back looking like a photo, so he then asked Copilot to make it cartoonish. Then it gave him four choices, each with quite a number of errors. After about 20 to 30 different requests for specific corrections, He ended up with this compilation. Next time he says he'll try another AI program. See inside for our FBCC member critiques of the resultant cartoon.

# FBCC President's Overnighter Sept 12-14, 2025 (F-S-S)

Trip is officially two nights. September 12 & 13.  
Some are staying over an extra night September 14.  
There will be an organized drive home on Monday  
September 14 for those staying the extra night.

## General Information

The [Townsend Gateway Inn](#) in Townsend, TN will be our anchor. It is located at the approximate end of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Cades Cove.

Check out their web page as there is a lot of information provided about area activities, including biking, hiking, shopping, and zip lining!

The inn has reserved 25 rooms for us at affordable rates. You MUST call Amanda (865-238-0123) ASAP and reference "British Car Club".



The inn is fully booked now except our reserved rooms. They will release our block of rooms sometime soon, so call now.

For evenings, the Inn has a gathering place fire pit for spirited BS (BYOB). There are some chairs and

benches, but if possible bring chairs with you. My scouts and I have done some pathfinding, and we will convoy (if desired) to and from the Inn. Saturday you are free to explore the many challenging scenic roads that abound in the area.

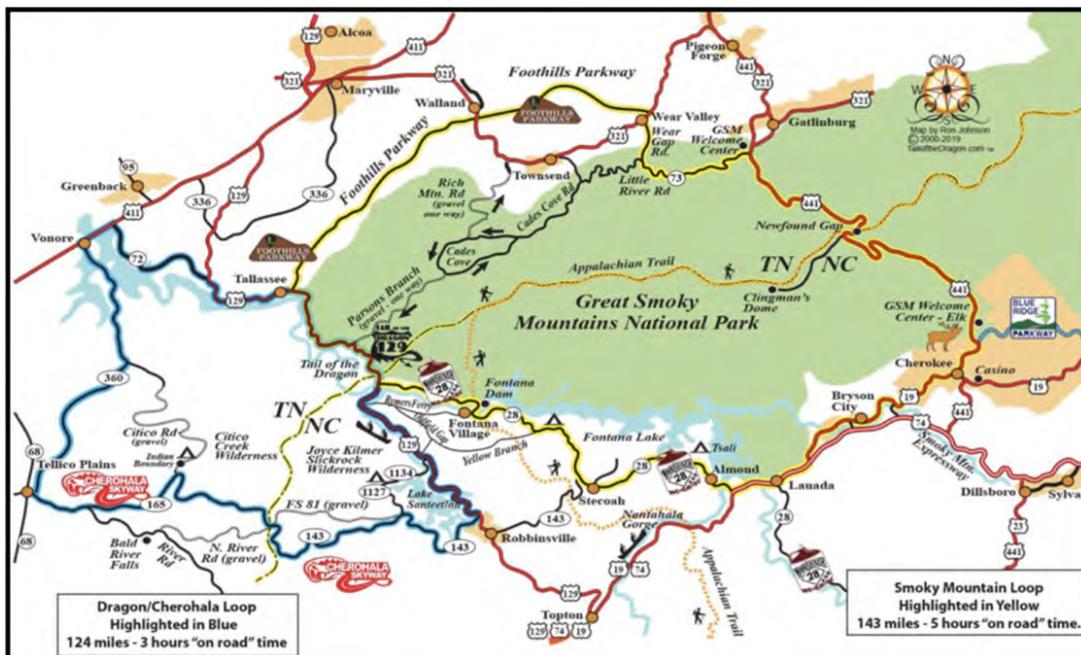
## Things To Do And See

Here is a partial list of some of the beautiful fun roads we will travel and places we can visit:

- [The Great Smokey Mountain Loop](#)
- [Whitewater Way- Hwy 281 from Sapphire to SC](#)
- [Mount Mitchell Scenic Byway Drive](#)
- [Newfound Gap Rd- between Gatlinburg and Cherokee](#)
- [Diamond Back and Devil's Whip](#)
- [Little Switzerland and Lake Tahoma](#)
- [The Rattler- NC 209](#)
- [Waterfall Byway, Rt64](#)
- [Tail of the Dragon](#)
- [Blue Ridge Parkway](#)
- [Cherochala Skyway](#)

## AND:

- [Tuckaleechee Caverns](#)
- [Titanic Museum](#)
- [Pigeon Forge](#)
- [Great Smokey Mountains Heritage Center](#)
- [The Little River Rail Road Lumber Company Museum](#)
- [Cades Cove](#)
- [Clingman's Dome](#)
- [Gatlinburg, TN](#)



## NOT SO SMART: Artificial Intelligence Regarding British LBCs

It takes a lot of effort to use AI to generate a cute graphic to advertise our open garage sessions and Tom Buto sure tried hard to do just that. Thanks to the following who sent in their observations proving once again that the FBCC has some great observational skills in the membership.

Tom Buto says he wanted a painter touching up a Triumph TR250.

What you saw in this feeble attempt by Copilot AI:

**Tom Eicher:** The license plate says TR250

**Paul Novak:** The poster says TRUMPH

**Don Woodard & Nigel Brooks:** The wheels don't include knock-offs

**Mark Dawley:** Left hand is missing a beer and what is an IIUPP on the apron?

**Bob Moore:** The crank hole is in the wrong place, he's painting the glass of the rear view mirror, a glove in the background has only 3 fingers, the colors of the spitfire roundel are totally wrong

**Editor:** The guy doesn't look anything like Tom Eicher



## Doug Hanson Asked AI To Create His Unique Triumph GTR5



## Update: Sept 2026 UK Grand Tour of British Motorcars England

From Paul Zimmerman

Just six slots remain and they will sell out so if you are on the fence get your booking in. Once we are full I will start a wait list but this is hard capped at 26 people. Details on our website.

<https://fbccsc.org/uk-motorcar-tour-2026/> and

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



## The FBCC Loves To Drive 'Em

From Paul Zimmerman

On June 4 at the invitation of the owner, we did a drive to Victoria Valley Winery up by Table Rock. Some came from the east, some from the west and some right up the middle! It's a great location and easily accessible to all our members, several of whom had been there before.



We are planning a casual car cruise at the winery on November 1, 2025 so hold the date. Details to follow.

I was out of the country for a good part of June but Jud led a "toast not buttered and not sliced" drive up to the former Grammy's in Brevard at the end of the month. I saw the email exchanges and many of you braved the heat. You can't keep the FBCC down!

Jack's place was paint chip repair and it went great. Keep in mind Jack's Place is also a great social day. Third Saturday of every month.

Because of the heat drives in the summer tend to be more spontaneous so watch your google emails for them. If you have an idea for one feel free to initiate it. If you aren't sure how please feel free to reach out to me and I'll help you with it.

### President's Overnighter.

Our Annual President's Overnighter is scheduled for September 12-14 in Townsend, TN. Our President Drew Steidinger has put together a terrific event. In fact, so good that many of us are staying an extra night and coming back on Monday the 15th so as not to miss any fun! The hotel is still holding some rooms for us but book quickly. There is a page on our website with all the details including hotel. <https://fbccsc.org/3829-2/>

### Annual Holiday Party

Even though it's the heat of summer, the event is planned and open for registration. It's being held at New Haven Brewery in downtown Greenville during the day on December 13 from 10:30-1:30.



We are renting a large open area with seating but it's conducive to milling about and socializing. As the club VP it's my role to select the site and I wanted one that was more of a pub vibe where we could eat, drink and socialize. Food and drink orders will be by individual checks the day of, but please register so we have a head count. It's all on our website at <https://fbccsc.org/2025-holiday-party/>

## Paul Zimmerman Does 1st Time Autocross

During June, I spent a weekend attending the Washington DC Morgan Owner's Club meet in Roanoke, VA. Among many great things I got to do my first Autocross event and thoroughly enjoyed it. The SCCA was holding an event and when the Morgan Club contacted them about us joining them, they opted for a special Morgan Class regardless of our cars and ability. We all went together and was a blast. We had cars ranging from early ones like mine (1964) right up to a brand new 2025 Plus 4.



We did four runs. I walked the course three times with more experienced drivers and they all warned me it was going to be different at speed and when low to the ground. They were so right. But I managed two clean runs out of 4 and by the 4th settled into a rhythm. Something I would do again under the right circumstances.

## What We've Been Working On - Nothing To Report! It's Too Hot!

**First (and maybe last) Annual FBCC Croquet Tournament**  
**Save The Date: Saturday, October 4, 2025**

Rain Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Play Starts at 10:00 AM

Whites Optional

**BY JUD CHAPIN**



It would be my great pleasure to host the First (and maybe last) Annual FBCC Croquet Tournament. As many of you know, that place where the Wimbledon tennis games are played was originally called “The All England Croquet Club.” Tennis was a later addition. Well, I’ve tried tennis and (1) it’s too hot to play tennis, (2) I don’t have a tennis court and (3) I’m really lousy at tennis. I am, however, a fair hand at croquet.

**Here’s my plan:**

- 1) With some help in the form of a couple of you finding your old, almost abandoned croquet sets lost in your attic/basement/garage or wherever, I will set up two semi-regulation (100’X50’) courts at the Brown Building.
- 2) I’ll want eight two-person teams to compete in the First Round. We’ll hit balls and the two teams closest to the pin will play first on Court One. The second two closest to the pin will play first on Court Two. The four teams for the second First Round will be decided the same way.
- 3) The tournament will be single elimination.
- 4) Semis will be played simultaneously on Courts one and two. The finals will be played on the best court with the most shade.
- 5) The winning team will receive a stick-on FBCC badge and the applause and adoration of the multitude of fans.
- 6) Players and fans must bring their own munchies, beverages and chairs.
- 7) I will be both a competitor and the arbiter of any rules issues (Hey, somebody has to do it).
- 8) Between now and the tournament I will apply as much fire-and poison as I can afford but players and fans are responsible for spotting and avoiding the nasty creatures.

As of June 20, I have six teams. Form your team now while there is still space. If we get more teams, we can modify the tournament somehow to accommodate all comers.

**Croquet Teams:**

**Robert and Jennifer Fleming**  
**Jud Chapin and Jo**  
**Chuck and Dee Ann Gee**  
**Tom and Connie Buto**  
**Scott and Karen McCombe**  
**Paul Zimmerman and Pam**

**Website details** <https://fbccsc.org/croquet/>

## June 21: Open Garage Paint Chip Repair, and MGB Adjustments



Belated thanks to all who loaned their expertise and skills at Jack's Place last Saturday. Tom Eicher is a wizard with paint chips and scratches.

Also, thanks to all who helped evaluate and tune my '78 MGB; adjusting valves, measuring compression, checking and adjusting the timing and adjusting the Weber DGV carburetor. There was a lot to accomplish and consult about, and the tasks were completed in a very short timeframe. Thanks especially to Roy Scharwachter, Eddie Saunders, Rich Moran, Bob Moore, Ryan Owens, Chuck Gee, Tom Buto and a host of others (even a few Triumph guys!). The result was a very sweet-running B. If any members have a B that is not quite running up to par, these guys can sort it out!

Don Woodard



## Members Making Recommendations

### 1) British Auto Salvage, LLC

One of the largest collections of Vintage British Automobile parts and parts cars in the World. They stock original, new, used, NOS, cores, and rebuilt parts for most collectible British models.  
<https://britishautosalvage.com/index.html>

### 2) Made in England Sports Car Repair

Services include Mechanical and Electrical Repairs, Maintenance, Interiors, Partial Restorations including Engine Compartments, Dashboard Replacements, Floor Panels, and more.  
<http://www.madeinenglandsportscarrepair.com/>

### 3) Brit Car Fixes

Unique and practical repair items for deficiencies that have long plagued MGB, Sprite/Midget, and Triumph.  
<https://www.britcarfixes.com/>

### 4) Pro Racing Engines

1238 Crowe Creek Rd, Six Mile, SC 29682, 864-868-3005 john@proracingproducts.com

### 5) Carolina Driveline, Inc

57-A Dexter Rd., Spartanburg, SC 29303  
<https://www.carolinadriveline.com> 864-597-1916

### 6) The MG Experience

<https://www.mgexp.com/>

### 7) GTM & Son, LLC

2719 Highway 101 South - Greer, SC 29651  
<http://gtmandson.com/> (864) 877-8111

### 8) Triumph Restorations (Doug Hansen)

[www.1147cc.com](http://www.1147cc.com)  
Spitfire4@1147cc.com 864-613-4184

### 9) Dent Wurx, LLC

Body damage, dings, dents, scratches, etc.  
Owner Todd Smith 864-706-9986

# Monthly FBCC Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2025

**Submitted by Nigel Brooks**

**Attendees:** 33 were counted present.

(Last names only): Barefield, Bowen, Brooks (N), Buto (2), Chapin, Dawley (2), de Jong, Fowler, Gee, Holcombe, Jakubek, Klug, Looper (4), McCombe, Moore, Moran, Novak (2), Owens, Petter, Scharwachter (2), Smith, W, Styer, Swift, Zimmerman (P), Baillie.

**Location:** Twin Peaks, Greenville, SC.

## **Opening Statements:**

Paul opened the meeting at 6:30 (Drew was on European trip).

One guest was present, Andrew Baillie, who will be presenting the program tonight.

One new member was present, Josh Fowler

Tom reported that garage session on 21 June will be about minor paint chip repairs, presented by Tom Eicher.

Tonya went over the club regalia.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Pete reported that the club took in more than it spent last month (\$23 + for month, \$1008 + for year). We have \$13,480 in the account, but several large bills will be due in near future.

## **Rides/Events:**

During the summer months, there will always be spontaneous ride so watch your emails for these rides, especially from Judd.

There is a good general car show in Anderson the Saturday before Father's Day every year. There is usually about 400 cars of various types.

The Equestrian Center of NC has invited us back for their cruise in for march 2026, due to the huge success of this year event. It will be a multi-club cruise in on the last Saturday of march.

The Presidents overnighter will be a 3 or 4-day event held on Sept 11-14 (officially 11/12<sup>th</sup> Sept). Location will be Townsend Gateway Inn, Townsend, NC. There are still rooms available for FBCC members.

The Clubs Christmas party (luncheon) will be

Saturday, December 13, 2025, at the New Realm Brewery in downtown Greenville, starting at 10:30 AM, so keep an eye out for more details coming.

The English Tour of Motorcars is scheduled for 2026, date is September 6-15, 2026. There are 26 slots and 6 are still available. It is put on by a professional tour company, and will end at the Goodwood Estate Revival event (see program below).

Tom Buto gave an update to the passing of Mike Blair. He was a member of the club and had a TR6, along with a lifetime other exotic car like Porsche's. He enjoyed racing and fishing among other pastimes and was a real gear head. Services will be Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Program:**

Andrew Baillie gave a talk on the Goodwood Estates Revival Car Show (GWR) and races located on the south coast of England. This event is held every year in the fall, and he was asked to give his experiences attending the event multiple times. The club will be going to the Goodwood Estate during the club trip to England in 2026. Andrew is an avid car collector and has in his collection a Jaguar XK8, a Jaguar S Type and TRV (only 800 made).

GWR is a one owner estate since the 1600's and has never been sold. It is owned by the Duke of Richmond. It comprises 11,000 acres, with an automotive race track, horse race track, a hotel, a biowaste power plant and a WW2 RAF Aerodrome. They also make the world's greatest bacon rolls.

The race track is 2.14 mile long, very flat, making it hard to stay in the corners. GWR is a 3-day event with both car and bike racing. Some of the motor bikes are over 100 years old. They limit the event to 1966 and earlier year cars. Nothing newer can drive on the track. There will be some American cars there. In fact, Jimmy Johnson (NASCAR) was there one year racing an old Ford Galaxy. In addition, most attendees dress up in period clothing, and there is a contest for the best dressed.

The track record is 1:18, so these old cars are tested to the limit. There will be 3 days' worth of racing, along with special events. Last year it was the Lotus anniversary and this year it is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the VW camper van. When Queen Elizabeth passed away, they had a tribute to her favorite car, the Range Rover.

To enjoy the event to its utmost, Andrew's rules are as follows:

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- Find somewhere to stay. There will be 20,000 spectators each day, and there are not many hotels nearby. The hotel at the estate is very expensive.
- All 1966 cars and older have their own parking lot. So, either drive an old car or get coaches, taxis, or buses to bring you in. There will be vintage buses and taxis to shuttle from parking lots miles away.
- Dress for the occasion, i.e. 1960's, so that you "fit in".
- The 1966 parking lot will have over 4-5,000 old cars, so make sure you peruse that parking lot.
- Once inside, make sure you pick up a map and wear comfortable shoes.
- Track is very accessible, and there are large screen TV's all through the venue.
- There is a track side area and across a highway is the vendor/retail/entertainment/exhibition side area. Make sure you visit both. The retail area has food, vendors, entertainment, etc. Anything automotive can be had.
- The campgrounds will usually have most of the drivers and mechanics, so be sure to rub elbows with them.
- Do not miss the antique pedal car aces for the kids. They race for 2 days to determine the winner.
- The walk around the pits is free, unlike most tracks.
- Celebrity spotting is a favorite pastime. There will be lots of celebrities there.
- Do not miss the fixed aircraft fly overs. Spitfires and other WW2 aircraft will be there.
- Some lunches are up to 1000 pounds, so be careful where you eat.
- Most important: STAY HYDRATED... there will be plenty of pubs to help with that. Is there such a thing as a pub truck/lorry in England.
- FINAL RULE: do not forget to pre-book for next year.

**50/50 & Raffle:** Debby Novak won \$38, and Judd got rid of a blue tooth temperature sensor (not sure who got stuck with that one).

## Links of the Month

**(send the editor your favorites)**

**From Scott McCombe**

Watch an older Jay Leno ramble around the California coast highways in his TR6

[https://youtu.be/3KBP6R9Fp\\_U?si=Te6D6YbypjyPsERq](https://youtu.be/3KBP6R9Fp_U?si=Te6D6YbypjyPsERq)

**From David Benson**

Who has the time to research and present all of these different car headlights?

<https://youtube.com/shorts/esaxMtC4P6w?si=PnYcmxjbKdIFwXZi>

**From Bob Moore**

A 60,000 psi waterjet cuts a tranny in half

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/fitness/transmission-cut-in-half-with-60-000-psi-waterjet/vi-AA1FzTgK?ocid=winp2fptaskbarhover&cvid=58f3473c40714cf29e8a5c4d7fe60659&ei=15>

**From a Richmond Triumph Register member**

Lucas Technical Service Manual for the Electrically Controlled Overdrive

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKLbfJpzhnBtDzqtFkmCGpfXJZhibDMrBrNcnNpQnKKHLvXwhtkvLqqsqWFLzJlwHdsG?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

**From another Richmond Triumph Register member**

The history of the Rumble Seat

<https://www.hagerty.com/media/automotive-history/the-history-of-rumble-seats/>

**Secret Word:**  
**"Gormless"**

**Brit slang for**  
**Silly/Stupid**



## **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.

## **FOR SALE - 1974 TR6** **\$16,000**

I personally owned, drove, and maintained this car for over 23 years. It was originally sold by the Greenville, SC Triumph dealer.

As an active FBCC member, I have maintained and enjoyed this car not as a museum piece, but as a daily driver. Over these 23 years, I have maintained and improved it for performance and reliability.

The car today has:

1. A new Pimento Red Base Coat/Clear Coat paint job.
2. Panasport Aluminum Wheels with Michelin radial tires, 255/60R/16.
3. 1973 front and rear bumpers without the original 1974 DOT rubber bumper attachments.
4. The interior is period correct with new seat covers.
5. The steering wheel is hand built by the famous Italian manufacturer Nardi. It is wood rimmed with aluminum spokes, and engraved with Nardi's signature. It really makes a statement and looks great in a 1974 Triumph TR6!
6. The dash is Teak veneer.
7. The engine compartment has been upgraded to allow for modern performance and reliability with the following items:
  - a) A new brass radiator with electric fan and solid-state temperature sensor for reliability.
  - b) A Richard Good cold air intake system with the air filter mounted in front of the radiator and ducted to an aluminum air intake box at the carburetors.
  - c) The engine has been fitted with 3 SU-175-CD2 carbs rebuilt by Paltech Technologies, mounted on a 3-carb manifold by Richard Good.
  - d) The engine includes a new mini gear reduction starter.
  - e) The rear suspension has been rebuilt with new lever shocks and all new rubber mounting bushings.
  - f) All coil springs have been replaced by TS Imports units. Front 396#, Rear 475#.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 864-313-7377. For sale at \$16,000.



## 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 | <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>                     |
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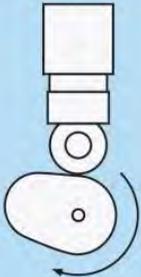
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|-------------|--|------|---|--------------|
| July 2025   |  |      |   |              |
| 8           | FBCC Monthly Mtg – Twin Peaks, Greenville            | TUES | Drew Steidinger (astei@me.com)  | 910 528-6939 |
| 12          | Cars & Coffee @ Easley (2nd Saturday of the month)   | SAT  | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/">https://www.facebook.com/CarsAndCoffeeEasley/</a> |              |
| 19          | <b>Jack's Place (9am)</b>                            | SAT  | Roy Scharwachter (vargars862@gmail.com)   | 631-848-0377 |
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| August 2025 |  |      |   |              |
| ?           | Anyone Interested in a Drive Baseball Game?          | ?    | Scott McCombe (notanmg@gmail.com)   | 804-519-4018 |
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