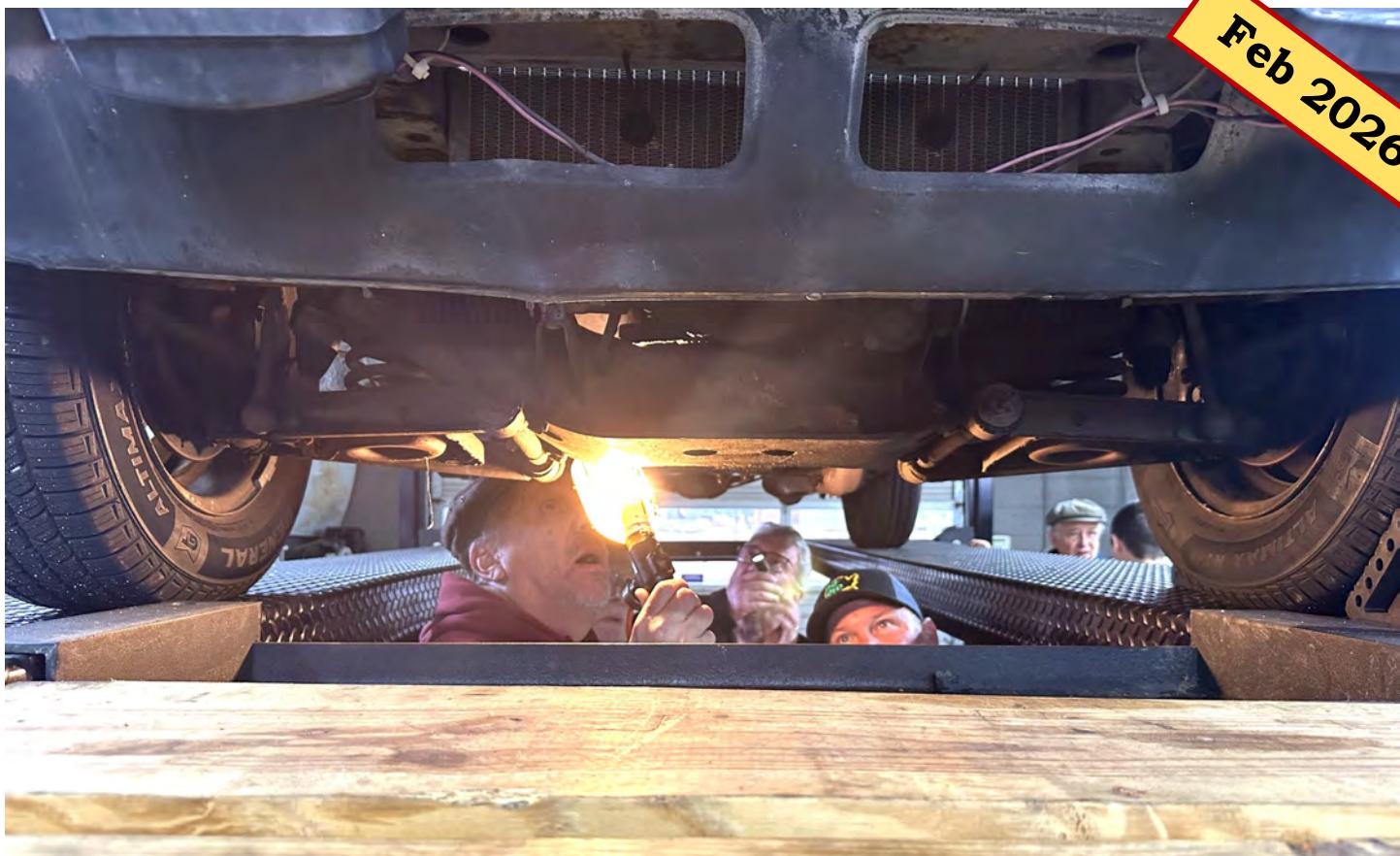




# THE OPEN BONNET

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



**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 10**

**We're Doing A TSD!**

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

Kouzina Restaurant  
1325 Miller Rd.  
Greenville, SC 29607

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## President's Message

By Paul Zimmerman



On February 10, those who own Triumphs will celebrate International Drive Your Triumph Day (IDYT). As we do every year, the FBCC will host an event that you can find in the newsletter. All are welcome, Triumph or no Triumph.

Triumph has been around a long time and its major influence was Sir John Black who purchased the company in November 1944 out of receivership. Without Sir John doing so who knows, Triumph may have faded into history like so many other British car makers.

The British Cars we all drive, work on and love, all have a history of people like Sir John Black keeping them going. Often against all odds and logic. We are part of that legacy. When we meet at Jack's Place, go on a drive or simply gather at a member's garage, we are keepers of the flame or perhaps more aptly keepers of the oil puddle. And we certainly operate against all logic! We are in good company there.

For me owning a British Car is also about that history and I enjoy reading about it and particularly the people that formed it. When I speak to our members I hear the same as you are all quick to mention a person or several who had a major influence on the marque of car you drive and love.

When I talk about Morgans to non British Car people I also like to talk about the family that created and nurtured it for over 100 years. I find that helps bring it to life and suddenly it's not just a car. Suddenly they start to get it. All of you are amazing at talking about not only your cars but also the passion and the history. It's clubs like ours and members like you, that will make sure Sir John's Black purchase back in 1944 will never fade into those mists of history.

Happy International Drive Your Triumph Day to those who celebrate!

**Secret Words:**  
“Kerfuffle”

**Scot slang for**  
A Fuss

## LOCATION CHANGE! February 10 Monthly Meeting At Kouzina, 1325 Miller Rd. 29607

Our speaker this month, Carl Baker, will present a wonderful overview of "The Way It Was" at a new location for the FBCC. Carl will be hosting the first FBCC TSD competition to be held on April 11, 2026 and his introduction to this event is sure to be both historical and entertaining. It may even help some of us "Yanks" figure out how to use our cell phone GPS to make up for our dysfunctional speedometers. Then there's the issue of how to actually read a map while simultaneously keeping a record of time without a stop watch! Can you do all this on your cell phone and still call the guy ahead of you for instructions when you get lost? Come find out more next February 10 and bring your second rider, YOUR NAVIGATOR! For more details: <https://fbccsc.org/tsd-rally/>

### Welcome New Members

#### Carlos & Jeannie Everett

Saluda, NC 28773  
2019 Mini Countryman

#### Joey & Mary Jane Jennings

Gaffney, SC 29341  
1976 MG Midget 1500

#### Eric & Mandy Larson

Campobello, SC 29322  
1971 Triumph Spitfire

#### Daniel Elias

Greer, SC 29650  
07 jaguar xk, 06 jaguar xj Vander plas

### On The Cover

Four heads are better than one? Sometimes it just takes a closer look to find out what the issue is. What was it that was so intriguing? No one's talking, but it was sure fun looking!

Come join us any 3rd Saturday at Jack's Place located around the corner of 617 Poinsett Highway Rt. 276 29609.

# Feb. 10, International Drive Your Triumph Day to Larry Looper's Barn

By Brett Looper

Plan on meeting at Childress Garage at 9:30am at Childress Garage - 635 FARRS RD EASLEY, SC 29640. You will have time to meet the man, the myth, the legend who has taught me so much about building and restoring old tractors and cars. He has a nice collection of cars and tractors at his shop which also has a restroom.. I plan on leaving there at 10am to head to Larry Looper's barn wedding venue located at 101 Laurenwood Dr, Pickens, SC 29671



Larry Looper has agreed to let us take pictures of our cars **free of charge**. We should get there around 10:30am. Plan on helping me make of list of everyone's name and their year, make, and model of car and what town you live in. I can bring a notepad, and we can write all of that down. I will use my phone to take all the pictures of our cars. We can take individual pics of each triumph with the owner and then we can take a group Triumph picture and lastly, we can take an **FBCC photo of all of the cars and owners**. Hopefully someone's passenger can take the group pictures since I will want to be in that one

After taking pictures around 11am, I plan on heading to Spinx on 178 in Aderson (7252 Moorefield Memorial Hwy, Liberty, SC 29657) for fuel and a bathroom stop. Here is the address. There is plenty of parking to the right of Spinx in front of the waffle plant.



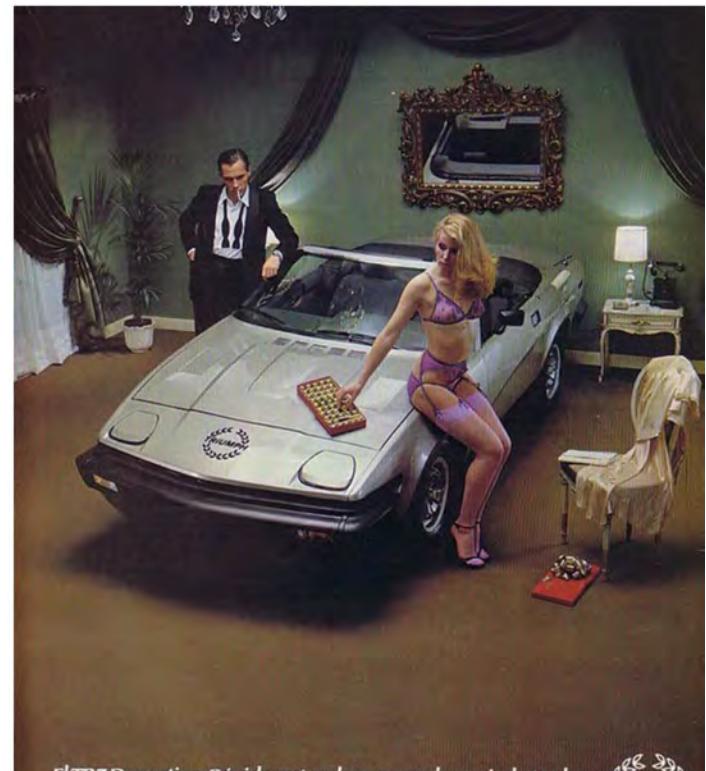
**Depart spinx at 11:30 to get to Carson's at 150 W Beltline Blvd, Anderson, SC 29625 for lunch around noon**

After lunch enjoy your ride home or join me since I plan to go home 178 from Anderson to Easley. I will probably stop at Breazeale's Grocery Bluegrass located at 5109 Liberty Hwy, Pendleton, SC 29670. It is a old historic gas station where they play music

on Saturday nights. I plan on taking a picture of my car there on my way home. Anyone else in the group is welcome to join me.



**DON'T DO IT! We'll see you when you get there!**



*El TR7 Deportivo-Rápido, antes de que sea demasiado tarde.*

Para mayor información, diríjase a Leyland España, S.A. Apdo. de Correos 14.845 - MADRID, o a cualquiera de sus concesionarios.



ALICANTE: TALLERES FELIPE, Primo de Rivera, 59 - ELCHE: -BADAJOZ: SELLER AUTOMOVILES, S.A. Ctra de la Costa, 1 - BARCELONA: BRITISH MOTORS, S.A. Pd de San Genadio, 10 - CADIZ: G. MATA, Plaza de la Conferencia, 49 Edificio Bahía - ALICANTES: J. MATEOS, S. A. Núñez de la Cierva, 2 - JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA: -GIBRALTAR: GOMAR, Ctra de la Playa, 9 Bajo - LA CORUÑA: GALIZALTO, S. L. Ronda de Utebo, 223 - GRANADA: DIGASA, Paseo de Ronda, N.º 115 - GUIPUZCOA: AZPILKUREN Y ARRIBALDE, S. A. Estación de Autobuses, 1 - HUESCA: -IBIZA: -JOAQUÍN SÁNCHEZ, S. A. Ctra. de Santander, 27 - LEÓN: AUTORECAMBIOS SIERRA, Fernández Lledó, 49 - MÁLAGA: C. DE SALAMANCA, S. A. Avenida de Cantabria, 21 - TORREMOLINOS: -MADRID: C. DE SALAMANCA, S. A. Ctra. de Madrid, 104 - MURCIA: F. J. MOLINA, PELLICER, S. A. Avenida de Cánovas, 1 - LUGO: SPORT AUTO, Avenida de La Coruña, 83 - OVIEDO: AUTOMOPT, S. A. Paseo de la Cebada, 20 - ORIHUELA: CLETA, S. A. -PONTEVEDRA: ROLCAN, S. L. Avenida del Freixo, s/n - VIGO: -SALAMANCA: FERNANDO MARTÍN DELGADO, Isidro Pérez y MATEO, S. L. Ctra. de Zaragoza, 54 - PONTEVEDRA: ROLCAN, S. L. Avenida del Freixo, s/n - VIGO: -SEVILLA: ALPINETO, S. A. Cruz del Campo, 7 - VALENCIA: IBERICA DE AUTOMOVILES, S. L. Escuder José Capuz, 46 - VALLADOLID: IMPORAUTO, S. A. Avenida de Recaredo, 15 - VIZCAYA: AUTOMOVILES VIZCAIA, S. A. Gran Vía, 90 - BILBAO: ZARAGOZA: SANAH AUTOMOVILES, Fernando el Católico, 39

**During the end of the Triumph era, risqué sales tactics were intended to draw customers.**

## Upcoming Events

Details at <https://fbccsc.org/calendar/>

### February 6, 2026



**February 10, 2026**  
**New Monthly Meeting Place**  
**Kouzina Greek Restaurant,**  
**1325 Miller Road, 29607**



### February 10, 2026

**International Drive Your Triumph Day**



### February 13, 2026



### February 21, 2026



### February 28, 2026



## Our Cars As Art! Matt Andrews Provides An Opportunity

Matt Andrews was the January 2026 monthly presenter at Twin Peaks. Matt loves to design, draw, sketch, and paint beautiful automobiles. His 25 years of experience makes his work truly professional. After presenting his background and works of art, Matt offered to provide a very personal piece of art work using our cars as his subject. Watch your emails for what might develop as a club related group art experience. He will also work individually with our members to produce individualized pieces as desired. Please contact him at [matt@mandraws.com](mailto:matt@mandraws.com)



## The 2026 Croquet Award

Also at Twin Peaks, Jud Chapin revealed the winner's trophy for the upcoming May 2026 croquet match: A coveted "turf-spanker" traditionally crafted with a dense hardwood head—such as Sheesham, Kikar, hickory, or maple—and a handle made of ash, often fitted with Tufnol or a brass end. plates for durability. Be forewarned, this is a serious competition now!



## FBCC To Host A Time-Speed-Distance Rally (TSD) April 11, 2026



On April 11, 2026, the FBCC will be hosting an old-fashioned Time Speed Distance road rally, think 1966, but adjusted for a 2026 reality. This event will combine a good drive in the country, with the scoring (**TIME**) at the checkpoints to the minute, not second as it was. (**SPEED**) as the rally instructions for average speed will be the same, or sometimes slower, than the posted speed limit. (**DISTANCE**) approximately 60 miles. Of course that depends on how often you miss a turn.

In the next month or so, be on the lookout for a FBCC email where you can download a copy of the General Instructions. These are not the Route Instructions. General Instructions can be considered the rules of the game. It will also include appropriate TSD tables, and instructions on how to use them, if you really want to play the game properly. In February/March, we will host a Rally School at Jud's Brown building. Everything will be fully explained, all your questions will be answered, and then there will be an escorted 10-15 mile practice rally.

This will be fun and you get to bring a friend to share in the fun.

A discussion of "The Way It Was" TSD Rally will be the program for the February meeting.

## REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE!

<https://fbccsc.org/tsd-rally/>

# GOODBYE EMAILS, THE OPEN BONNET, FUN DRIVES, SOCIALS, FREE ADS, AND MORE!

From Pete Jakubek, Treasurer

Annual dues for the coming year were due on or before January 1, 2026, and need to be received by February 15, 2026. If not received by March 15, you will be removed from the best LBC club east of the Mississippi.

So, if you have a question about whether you have paid, please check your bank or PayPal account statement first. If you still have a question, contact Pete Jakubek, Treasurer at [pajakubek@gmail.com](mailto:pajakubek@gmail.com).

This year, like last year, we are requesting all members to renew their membership using the form on the FBCC website ([https://fbccsc.org/become a member](https://fbccsc.org/become-a-member)). Please fill out the form with your CURRENT information. In the comment box, state how you will be paying your dues, PayPal or check. Once you complete the form make sure you check the Acceptance of Terms for Membership and the SUBMIT box. You'll be directed to the Payment for New Members or Renewal page. Please read all information carefully on the payment pages. Click "Add to Cart" after the Annual Membership line. At the bottom of the page will show your cart. Then click on the Checkout with PayPal.

You do not need a PayPal account; a Credit or Debit card will work. You will be asked several questions whether you are paying with your PayPal account or using your debit or credit card. If you do not wish to pay via PayPal, you can send your check to me at: FBCC, c/o Pete Jakubek, 106 Lyttleton Way, Anderson, SC 29621. Please state on your application that you are paying with a check. This year I will not be accepting cash due to security and traceability issues. Thank you in advance for your annual membership and dues renewal.

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*Gerald Petter identified a Jupiter here. Looks like it could benefit from a sway bar for sure!*

## April 30-May 3, 2026 President's Overnighter: Reserve Your Room Now

By Paul Zimmerman

They are only going to hold rooms at the hotel until Mid-February so you only have two weeks to reserve one. After that they release the rooms for general booking so you take your chances on one being available.

This Overnighter features The Back of The Dragon, a drive up on a good portion of The Blue Ridge Parkway, good food, good company and possibly even a drive-in-movie! Be sure to sign up -

<https://fbccsc.org/presidents-overnights-2026/>



## **FBCC Google Groups Email Policy**

**By Scott McCombe**

Every so often, it's probably wise to review the FBCC Board-Approved Google Group policy. My goal as your Google Group administrator is to make sure all our members get the most value from this service, while ensuring a reasonable level of decorum. Please feel free to make suggestions or address any concerns with the FBCC Board of Directors who this year will be reviewing the club policies and procedures.

Remember that when you send an email to [FBCCemail@GoogleGroups.com](mailto:FBCCemail@GoogleGroups.com) it immediately shows up in most of the membership emails. All members can remove themselves from the Google Group, if they so choose to do so (see number 7).

- 1) Any member in the Google Group may send an email to the entire membership from their chosen email system/address using the TO address of [FBCCemail@GoogleGroups.com](mailto:FBCCemail@GoogleGroups.com).
- 2) FBCC emails should be sent that are club or car-related posts regarding events, outings, drives, technical issues, or car advice/assistance such as:
  - a. Anyone have a transmission jack I can borrow?
  - b. Who's going on the picnic drive Saturday?
  - c. I broke down in Hendersonville. Can anyone assist?
  - d. How do you adjust brakes on an MGTD?
  - e. I've decided to sell my TR7 and buy an MGA!

- 3) If your reply to an email that really is only important to the sender, and does not add new content, rather than "REPLY ALL", please REPLY ONLY TO THE SENDER (exclude the [FBCCemail@googlegroups.com](mailto:FBCCemail@googlegroups.com)) in the TO: or CC:

Example: "I agree." "Count me in for the drive." "So true."

As a courtesy, prior to the event, the event organizers may wish to inform the membership of those who will be participating and then send an email to the membership using the TO: address of [fbccemail@GoogleGroups.com](mailto:fbccemail@GoogleGroups.com).

- 4) Jokes may be funny to some, but offensive to others. They should not be funny due to a racial, sexual, political, or religious nature, even if car related (see my joke in item 2.e.).

5) Solicitations for the FBCC to cover expenses for any event or activity are made through a recommendation to the FBCC Board of Directors in accordance with our club Bylaws and not through an email consensus process.

6) Disagreements between members are not open to group discussion through the Google Group email system. Please use the club directory available on our website to contact an individual directly through email or phone to resolve any personal issues.

7) Any member may unsubscribe from the Google Group email distribution list by following the prompts provided at the end of every [FBCC] email

## **Mark Dawley's LBT Is Polar Bear Ready!**

Mark's Little Bitty Tractor is ready for Jud Chapin's February 13 Polar Bear Run - chains optional. If you also have a cold-weather vehicle ready for a fun drive, see the details here:

<https://fbccsc.org/calendar/>



## **FBCC Loves To Drive 'Em**

By Scott McCombe

### **4th Saturdays Kicks Off**

Chuck Gee has established a new drive and eat event every 4th Saturday of the month. This past January 24 was a wonderful trip to Barnwood Grill & Market. Keep an eye out for the next event on Saturday, February 28. Hope to see some of you there.



### **Ayres' Field of Dreams & Warder's Collection**

The ice storm did not interfere with the visit to Classic Cars of SC on January 28 which is owned by member Ron Ayers, 2424 South Frontage Rd Gray Court, SC 29645.

After this visit the group traveled The Farehouse Restaurant in Fountain Inn. Then it was off to new member Richard Warder's car collection. His garage where he keeps them is about a block from The



Farehouse. It appears that it was a fun day with plenty of socializing and checking stuff out.

Rich Moran writes, "My thanks goes out today to Ron Ayers letting us see his Field of Dreams and my favorite car was the MG TC with red wire wheels. And I was all struck with getting to see Richard Warder's car collection as well. Best of show was the 1990 Morgan and the XKE with three SU carburetors. Happy motoring!"





### January 17 - Nathan Cash Demonstrates a Dent Removal Process

From Tom Buto

We had a great tech session at Jack's Place on January 17th. In spite of the overnight and early morning rain, 21 members showed up to learn from Nathan Cash how paintless dent removal is done .

Nathan did a great job demonstrating how it is done on his Mini Cooper. He sourced a basic kit from Harbor Freight and added an infrared thermometer and a heat gun to his kit. We learned that the temperature of the metal is critical in this process to assure the stud sticks to the car.

Many thanks to Nathan for sharing his expertise on this process.



### What We've Been Working On

#### From Mark Riesch

My TR6 is done! Yippee! Unfortunately my phone service was wonky on Friday, so I missed their call.



## What We've Been Working On

### From Scott McCombe

This all started with a wonderful trip to Black Mountain back in the Fall when I lost half my TR7 braking power. NO! This started much earlier when I should have flushed out the fifteen-year-old brake fluid but didn't! That fluid loves water as most of you know, and water leads to rusting in very bad places.

Fifteen years ago when building the black TR7v8, I purchased the Rimmer Brothers "Big Brake Kit". It is a pair of Lockheed 4-piston calipers with vented discs used in several Rover models. The kit came with the two calipers, new brake lines, two vented discs, new brake pads, spreaders and holding pins, and even the mounting bolts for \$265. Today, that same kit is over \$1,300 plus shipping, plus the tariff tax. Yikes.

So that led me to conclude that it would be wiser (and educational) to refurbish them myself. Rebuilding old Rover front brake calipers should be easy, right? Wrong. To make things really fun, Rimmer had painted these calipers with a very durable exterior paint which made a complete mess when I used paint stripper and steel wool. Why was I doing that? To paint them red for better braking power, right? Where have you seen that line before?

As for the stuck pistons, fortunately Roy Scharwachter hadn't left his piston puller in New York when he moved to Greenville. That special tool worked great to remove them.

Then came the caliper disassembly. The two halves came apart easily, but there are spacers between the halves to compensate for the thicker vented discs. And here's the rub. The brake fluid passes through these spacers where odd sized rubber O-rings and washers seal the two halves and spacer together. Google says



you should use EPDM rubber when in contact with brake fluid. Grrrr. Where do I get that? The search for these O-rings included Lockheed, Rover, Rimmer Brothers, Summit Racing, etc, etc. Yup, still searching.

Meanwhile, the pistons in one of the calipers showed that indeed, 15 years is way too long to allow brake fluid to sit in a system. A very distinct groove had eaten through the nickel coating revealing the wonderful brass color underneath. Not good. Flushing earlier would have removed the offending water!

Rimmer Sold me the seals and new brake pads, and would gladly sell 4 of these new pistons to me for only \$138.44 plus shipping and tariff tax. Fortunately, a search revealed that Rovers North could supply after market ones for \$15 each.

So where am I now? I'm ready to put everything back together once I source some rather odd thickness 1/2 inch and 9/16 diameter thick EPDM O-Rings. Any suggestions?



## FLUSH IT! February 21 at Jack's Place

### By Scott McCombe

After reading my "Working On" story above, I feel it only appropriate to offer brake system flushing using our club pneumatic brake bleeding system. We'll offer a demo of how this works on YOUR car(s). Don't wait like did!

If interested, please write an email to both [butot@bellsouth.net](mailto:butot@bellsouth.net) and [notanmg@gmail.com](mailto:notanmg@gmail.com) expressing interest in having this done. We ask that you bring enough of the correct brake fluid to ensure we can complete the job even with some spillage. Most of our cars use a DOT 3/4 but please verify that you aren't using a different/special blend. Bring an extra large container and a additional can to return if you don't need it.



# January 13 - FBCC Meeting Minutes

By Nigel Brooks

**Attendees:** 43 were counted present.

(Last names only): Andrews, Blakely, Bowen, Buto, Chapin, Cordeau (2), Dawley, Fallon (2), Fowler, Gee, Jakubek (2), Klug, Looper (4), McCombe, Moran, Morgan, Novak, Owens, Petter (2), Pine, Saunders (2), Scharwachter (2), Sharpe (2), Smith, Steidinger (2), Stetar, Stevens, Swift, Thomas, Wesley, Zimmerman, Doolittle.

**LBC Attendance:** 1988 XJS Jaguar, 2012 Mini Cooper, 1958 MG Coupe, Jaguar XJS, 1962 MGA, 1979 MGB.

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

## Opening Statements:

Meeting was opened by the President at 6:30 PM.

Sandy Doolittle was a visitor, and new members present were Chad Stetar, and Richard & Selene Wander.

Pete presented the treasurer's report, indicating that 69 previous members have not paid their dues yet. Membership dues are due the end of the month. At this point we have 120 paid memberships.

Tonya indicated that regalia is now on the BCC website, and items can be purchased online via PayPal.

Tom's open garage will be 17 January, with Nathan Cash presenting a painless dent removal process.

Scott indicated that the newsletter will be transitioning from Microsoft Publisher to Affinity Publisher in October of this year. He also indicated that he is looking for help maintaining Google groups.

There was a board meeting on 10 January, and the proceedings will be published by club secretary and posted in the members only section on the website.

Jud indicates that the polar run will be Friday 16 January, pending weather (now rescheduled for a February date).

Jud has scheduled two croquet tournaments this year, one on May 9, 2026, and another in the fall, with date to be determined. The first-place award for the spring tournament will be a regulation croquet mallet.

There are several upcoming rides and events: a classic car rally, President's overnighter in the spring, Drive your Triumph Day, April 11, a Time-speed rally in the spring, a 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday breakfast run in Anderson (Chuck Gee), and a 1<sup>st</sup> Friday meeting at the Silo in Easley. The club will have about 45 events for 2026, and a celebration of the anniversary of Jack's place garage in 2027. Check the website, newsletter and emails for details of these rides.

Eddie Saunders will provide the club with insurance advice.

Next meeting will be at Kouzina's on Miller Road just off of Woodruff Road, near the mall.

## Program:

Matt Andrews, an AP student at a local High School, provided a program on illustrating automobiles. He has done illustrations for pinball machines, and paintings in "En PreinAir", or open-air paintings. He paints in oils and opaques and does a lot of live car show paintings and illustrations. He does commissioned art for individuals, mainly one-of-a-kind work. His website is [manddrous.com/events](http://manddrous.com/events). He has done several car illustrations for club members. He presented his works to the club to expand his range with new interactions, as he believes people need and deserve original art.

**50/50 Drawing:** Marc Morgan won \$75.00, with John Sharpe getting the trailer conversion, and Ron Wesley getting the FBCC grill badge.

## **Links of the Month**

(send the editor your favorites at [notanmg@gmail.com](mailto:notanmg@gmail.com))

### **From Paul Zimmerman**

VSCC Club Film 1965 An original period full length film, Priceless grand prix cars raced and crashed



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXD5LG1Ea\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXD5LG1Ea_Y)

## **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.

The FBCC Shop Manager is responsible for notifying the general membership and identifying specific activities that may take place on that day. Our Safety 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 monthly garage event occurs 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 2026**

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

Month	Supervisor
January 17, 2026	Tom Buto
February 21, 2026	Scott McCombe
March 21, 2026	Drew Steidinger
April 18, 2026	Chuck Gee
May 16, 2026	Eddie Saunders
June 20, 2026	Gerald Petter
July 18, 2026	Roy Scharwachter
August 15, 2026	Paul Novak
September 19, 2026	Mark Riesch
October 17, 2026	John Burton
November 21, 2026	Bill Bowen
December 19, 2026	TBD



## For Sale: **TOOLS, Shop Gadgets & MGB Parts.**

**We're dealing – make an offer! Contact Jim Dunkel at 864-633-6470. Call and leave message or text your name & questions.**

### **Tools & shop gadgets**

Rack to support door for work & painting - \$20

Rack to support door for placement on car – adjusts height - \$20

Central Machine 3/4hp. Grinder with wheels & buffer on stand; 8" Model s-1748. \$129.

Complete Hydraulic Ram Kit in original box, for body work - \$98

Large floor jack - \$65.

2 Plastic car ramps - \$39 for both

2 Spring Compressors - \$14 for both

Soldering Gun - \$16

10 welding rods - \$19 for all

Compcams cam setting degree wheel - \$5

Zim s-type valve lifter #125 - \$15

Tool for honing MGB cylinder bore - \$5

Graco spray gun Model 600, clean - \$80

Touch-up spray gun suction - \$45

### **MGB Parts:**

Twin SU Carbs for MGB, used, with manifold, heat shield, air cleaners, throttle cable, choke cable & linkage - \$395

Weber down draft carb with manifold, used - \$169

New MGB reprint owner's manual - \$16

Two complete rear tail lamps - \$39

New distributor cap & ignition wires - \$18

Original MGB oil pump - \$89

2 new front seat belts, Secon 514130 - \$99

New set of tie rod ends - \$15

New top & bottom radiator hoses - \$15

Rear side marker light - \$5

MGD gas tank sending unit - \$5

MGB steering rack boot, shift lever boot & surround, black - \$9

# SCCA H-Production 1959 Bugeye Sprite

Originally built and raced by Jay Lutz. Rebuilt in 2015 by Peter Morton & Eric Vickerman (ERV) with a revised roll cage and new front coil-over suspension based on Craig Chima's design. Extensive development over four years led to multiple SCCA National wins, including 5 top-10 finishes (2016–2022).

## Specifications

### Chassis & Body

- Right-hand drive, SCCA H-Production with log books
- Flared fiberglass bonnet and rear
- Spridgetech fiberglass race seat (Winners Circle mold)



### Suspension & Steering

- Adjustable front suspension with Penske coil-over remote reservoir shocks
- Adjustable 3-link rear suspension with Panhard bar & quick weight jack screws
- Custom steering rack
- Double bearing rear hubs & competition rear axles

### Drivetrain & Engine

- Fresh 1275 engine with David Visard cam & adjustable timing gear
- Electromotive crank fire ignition or distributor with Crane XR 700 optical trigger
- Dual SU HS4 (1.5") carbs or dual SU HS2 (1.25") SCCA-legal carbs
- BMC 4-speed / Richmond Industries transmission with Hewland MK9 gears
- Lightweight flywheel with Quarter Master 7.25" sintered metal disk
- Welded 4.22 diff installed (spare 3.9 diff included; other ratios available)

### Brakes & Safety

- SCCA-legal front big brake conversion, rear disc brakes
- Fire suppression system (AFFF)
- 5-point belts (out of date)

### Additional Features

- Aluminum radiator with electric fan
- Accusump oil accumulator & AN fittings for oil/water lines
- Custom LCB through-tunnel header & exhaust by Eric Vickerman
- Fuel Safe 8-gallon fuel cell
- Custom pedal box with dual brake master cylinders
- 2 sets of Compomotive CXR 13x6 wheels (wheels in image not included)
- Spares package included

Asking Price: \$17,000

-\$12000 without the Hewland transmission

-Racing Trans with Hewland MK9 gears will be sold separately only after car is sold

**Location: Simpsonville, South Carolina. Contact Peter Morton for more information (248) 721-5978**

# For Sale: Beck 550 Spyder replica

2.0 liter Porsche 914 engine and 5 speed transmission.  
Fully independent rear suspension-tube frame from firewall back.

New instruments, gas tank, head lights  
& Leather steering wheel.

Engine balanced, new jugs & pistons,  
8.9 CR, Scat C35 cam 0.495 lift 285  
duration & pre lube canister.

Contact [Edward.holcombe@gmail.com](mailto:Edward.holcombe@gmail.com).



**What this car might be!**



# For Sale - Make Offer: 1980 MGB Contact David Reid at 864-276-4623

Garaged, idle for the past two years. Repainted and fitted with new carpets, seat covers, and door panels, by the condition shown. Fresh Michelin tires dated 2016. Top appears new, and tonneau and boot may be original. Instrument panel and gauges look great. Operational evaluation of the engine and running-gear is limited by the misplacement of the keys. (Owner continues to search.) Engine appears to have been rebuilt, by the clean, fresh appearance. A new Pertronix ignition system is installed. The original front crank pulley has been replaced with an aluminum vibration damper. The original single Stromberg side draft induction has been replaced with a downdraft Weber two-barrel carb and manifold. Air-pump system has been removed, and the rest of the emissions controls appear to be intact. Evaporative control charcoal canisters have been removed for refurbishment, new charcoal and filters included. The fuel tank is new. The filler cap appears to not seal correctly. A new SU fuel pump and original set of Rostyle wheels and trim present as new. Dual brake master cylinder appears to be a replacement. The fluid reservoir is empty though there is no evidence of fluid loss noted at the wheels under the car. Big-bore dual exhaust outlet noted.

This MGB is offered to club members by an original club member from 1996. This evaluation is the result of a static viewing/examination of the car as sheltered for the past two years. It appears that at that time there were/was an issue/s that led to the car being parked where it normally lived. Some of the repairs/upgrades noted may have been accomplished prior to storage or while stored. This car presents well, appearing to be fresh and well cared for in every respect. A sensitive, knowledgeable approach to recovering operability is expected to result in a good/excellent runner MGB.

**This sale is limited to the FBCC membership to enjoy, not to flip. If the offers aren't acceptable to the owner, the car will be offered to the general public.**





### For Sale: 1963 Austin Healey 3000 BJ7 With Rare Factory Hard Top, \$68,500



Restored by an AACA Judge. Excellent condition. One of only 3,532 exported to the USA. Maintained in excellent condition for tours, shows and other events. Owned for 32 years, garaged, engine and undercarriage in show condition. Dunlap stainless steel 15"x5.5" 72 spoke wheels.



Set of tools and original jack, Tonneau cover, miscellaneous books included.

Contact Billy Pickens 864-617-0815

### For Sale: 1961 Triumph TR-3A, 54,665 Original Miles, Original Hard Top, \$29,500



Purchased from 2nd owner who owned for 55 years. She completed some restoration in 2010 that included painting. It was driven for a short time and then put in storage for approximately 12 years. I purchased the car and had the following work completed:

New aluminum radiator, upper and lower radiator hose, new style thermostat, water pump, bolts and bushings to fan, had generator checked out, voltage regulator cover, radiator cap, fan belt, spark plugs, rubber stops for the hood, brake shoes on the rear, complete conversion to TR 6 on front brakes, rotors, calipers, brake lines, checked all lights, repaired drivers side floor (only rust found on car), removed gas tank-cleaned and treated, fuel gauge, carpet in trunk, cleaned and adjusted carburetor, repacked wheel bearings, total grease job, battery, New Rollins Top-still in box, workshop and parts manuals, full cover, original tools, wind wings, sun visors, side curtains,

ORIGINAL FACTORY HARDTOP- EXCELLENT CONDITION.

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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](mailto:peter@nobudgetracing.com)

### **For Sale - Oil Cooler Adapter \$150 obo**

I have new old stock, Made in England oil cooler adapter and filter with hoses fits a TRIUMPH TR6, TR250, and likely a GT6 and Vitesse. Moss part #635-300

Contact John Burton at 864-872-2424



### **For Sale - 1994 Jaguar XJS \$16,000**

6cyl 53,000 miles. Nice shape...come look, it's in Greenville. I've owned/loved this beauty for 25 years, Rich Kummrow 262-893-3970 [richardk1606@gmail.com](mailto:richardk1606@gmail.com)



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### **For Sale - Luggage Rack**

Luggage rack for TR6. Chrome plated. Small section of light rust.

Asking \$50.00

John Sharpe 864-934-6436



### **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](mailto:rkozicki@bellsouth.net)



### **For Sale - 1968 MG C- \$20,000**

Call Rich Moran 864-430-8840



### **For Sale - Knock Off Hubs \$140**

I have three (3) extremely nice fine thread, 12tpi chrome knock offs available. Originally for MGTC, TD, TF, MGA and early MGB's. I believe that they may have been mounted but never used or tightened as there's evidence of grease on the threads. There's no damage that I can see anywhere.

Unlike the knock offs that are made today, these are solid brass and are identified as,, RIGHT (OFF) SIDE and LEFT (NEAR) SIDE. Reproductions available from most suppliers generally are identified as having only RIGHT SIDE or LEFT SIDE.



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### **For Sale - 1973 TRIUMPH TR6 \$23,500**

Exceptional condition, Pimento Red, Black interior.

Extensive in frame restoration 2020/2021, no expense spared.

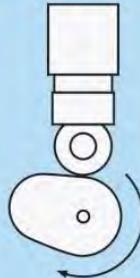
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