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MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, March 10

GM Car Development

- ⇒ 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

Hold Our Beer!

I hear a lot about how British car clubs in this country are struggling to attract new members, get people to step up and volunteer, and even put events



together. Then I look at our club calendar and our list of officers — along with the many others who serve either officially or unofficially — and I see just the opposite. I see how active all of you are.

Our February outing to Hap's Garage is a great example. Hap made the offer, we put the word out (including the restaurant he suggested), and on the day of the event we had more than 25 members at the garage and 24 at lunch. And we pulled all of that together in just one week! Huge thanks to Scott and our Google Group email chain for making that possible.

That's becoming typical for us. When I first joined the club in May of 2023, drives might have drawn 8–10 people. Now we're usually over 20 participants in 15-plus cars. During lunch at Hap's event, Tom Buto mentioned he saw faces he'd never seen before. As one of our quarter-century, very active members, Tom knows just about everyone — so that says something.

Be sure to check out the upcoming club calendar on the website — it's getting chock-full. Chuck jokingly said to me recently that he checked the calendar and was glad there wasn't an upcoming FBCC event one weekend because he needed a break!

The other side of offering so much is that we're all able to pick and choose which events we want to attend based on what we enjoy. You may have noticed more social-type events that don't involve a drive: First Friday at Silos and the Dawleys, Fourth Saturday Breakfast, Hap's event — and more are coming. Many of you seem to enjoy these, and the nice thing is they're easy to move around our area so everyone can attend one. If you have an idea for an event, we're happy to help you organize it.

If you ever hear someone say British car clubs are dying out, look them straight in the eye and say:

"Really? I'm with the FBCC. Hold our beer!"

September 13, 2026



Welcome New Members

Bill & Fran Kaiser

Greenville, SC 29617
2008 Mercedes 550CLK

Greg & Sarah Payne

Greenville, SC 29607
1960 Sprite, 1979 Bonneville 750

Erin & Cori Walter

Taylors, SC 29687
1971 MGB

Aaron & Beckie Hylkema

Seneca, SC 29672
Looking

Now 160 Members Strong

On The Cover

Sir John Black would certainly appreciate the FBCC International Drive Your Triumph Day that Brett Looper put together. What a gorgeous venue for some great pictures.

Seen here are six TRs: Chuck Gee's TR250, John Burton's TR6, Dennis Somerville's TR6, Rob Zatz TR7, Scott McCombe's TR7v8, and Brett Looper's TR8.

Upcoming Events

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

March 6 - First Friday



March 10 - Monthly Meeting At The Kouzina Greek Restaurant

**Topic: General Motors Vehicle
Development by Terry Jackson.
Former FBCC President**



Ever wonder about the various steps it takes to bring a car from concept into production? The creative work. The design and build work. The testing. The plant and equipment startups. How long does it take? What are the sequential and overlapping steps? Every car company has a 'standardized' process as a starting point. Terry Jackson will outline the many steps involved in working up a new car program for General Motors based on the time he worked there.

March 14 - Practice TSD Run for Drivers & Navigators



March 14 - Want To Parade? Contact Brett Loper



March 19 - Visit to FLAW Lunch at Barley's



March 21 - Jack's Place



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

April 11 - TSD For Real



March 28 - 4th Sat. Breakfast



Time, Speed Distance Rally. New member Carl Baker is organizing this and he is doing a great job. This promises to be a fun event. You can register via our website and a copy of Carl's presentation to the club at the February meeting is also on our website. Just follow this link - <https://fbccsc.org/tsd-rally/>

April 14 - LBC Insurance



Presentation: Properly Valuing and Insuring Your LBC by Denny Trask. Owner, Fine Line Auto Works.

Denny Trask is a member of FBCC and friend to us. He is going to talk about how to properly value your car for insurance purposes. Denny brings a unique perspective of years of being on the end of the shop that does the work after accidents happen. Properly valuing and insuring your car will help make sure it goes smoothly.

March 28 - Tryon Cruise In



We are once again on our way to a good turn out with all three clubs well represented and surprisingly quite a few coming not affiliated with any club. This is great chance to meet other car enthusiasts and enjoy all TIEC has to offer like dining, horse shoes and shopping. The event is free but please register.

Some of us plan to meet at Roger's Diner on sight at 9:30 for breakfast. Join us!

Register on our website - <https://fbccsc.org/tiec-2026/>

**April 10 & 11
EURO Auto Festival**



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

**May 12 - Monthly Meeting
Presentation: My Life In Comedy
& Show Business by Pam Stone**



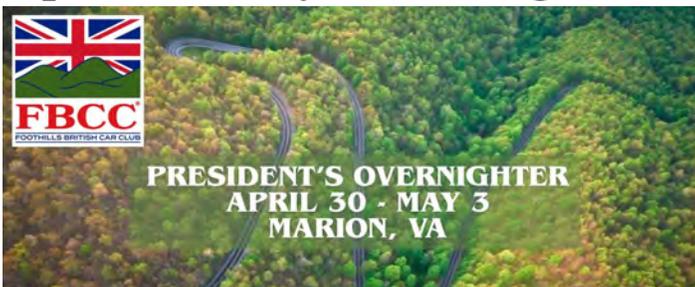
Pam Stone is best known for her role of Judy Watkins in the hit ABC Sitcom 'Coach'. She is also an accomplished stand-up comic, author and columnist. Join us for an evening with Pam as she shares stories of her life in Hollywood. Pam is also the wife of our President Paul Zimmerman and loves LBCs.

**April 25 - Broad River
European Classic, Shelby, NC**



May 23 - Scottish Games

April 30 - May 3 Overnighter



April 30- May 3. President's Overnighter. Marion, VA and the Tail of The Dragon are the centerpiece of this year's President's Overnighter. The hotel is filling up so book ASAP if you plan on coming. All the details are on our website - <https://fbccsc.org/presidents-overnights-2026/>



**CALLING ALL BRITISH CARS
TO THE 2026 GREENVILLE
SCOTTISH GAMES!**
Saturday, May 23, 2026
Triumph, Featured Marque

[Click here for registration](#)

May 23 - Croquet Tournament



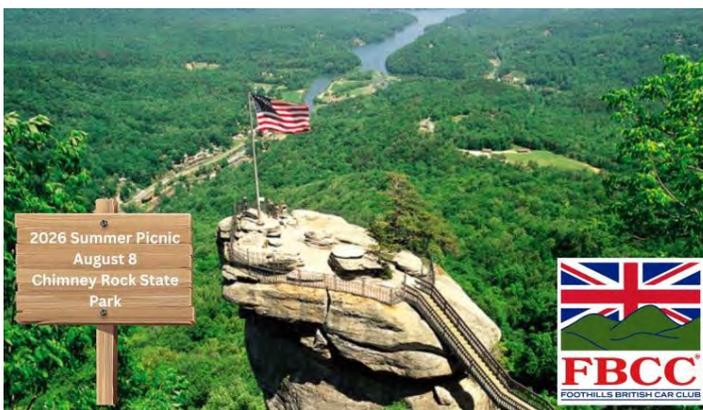
<https://fbccsc.org/spring-2026-croquet/>

June 13 - Summer Picnic



Our annual summer picnic at the Dacusville Community Center. All are welcome. 2671 Earls Bridge Rd. Easley, SC 29640.

August 8 - Chimney Rock Cruise-In



We're excited to announce that with the reopening of Chimney Rock State Park after Hurricane Helene, the park has generously agreed to host FBCC for a special picnic gathering! We have reserved 50

premium parking spaces at the top of the lot exclusively for vintage cars — offering incredible photo opportunities with Chimney Rock as the backdrop.

The event is from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. We realize some of you are coming a longer distance and ask that you arrive no later than 10:00 AM. If you have reserved a spot via the form below it will be held for you.

Parking & Registration Details:

Top Lot (50 spaces): Vintage cars only. First come, first served by pre-registration via the form below.

We can accommodate more than 50 vintage cars, but additional reserved space cannot be guaranteed.

Daily drivers/modern vehicles: Please park in the main lot or in the lower meadow parking area as space allows.

Please register you, your party and your vehicle even if you will be in a daily driver/modern vehicle so we know numbers.

Group Admission Rates: \$14.00 per adult, \$6.00 per child

(Payable at park entry)

Season pass holders enter free.

There is a lot to see and do at Chimney Rock State Park and your admission covers that.

Things To Do At Chimney Rock

Food & Refreshments:

This event will also serve as our monthly club meeting.

Feel free to bring your own lunch and plenty of drinks. Alcohol is prohibited in the park.

Food is also available at the Sky Top Deli inside the gift shop, offering wraps, pizza, and ice cream.

A Day of Fun

This promises to be a fantastic day of fellowship, beautiful cars, and scenic views. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Other clubs in the area are invited to join us.

There is seating but bring a chair or two. Pop up tents are not allowed.

A more direct drive will be arranged and departing from Jud's building and pick up point at the Polk County Middle School as it will be a larger group. Time TBD.

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

By Brett Looper



We met the infamous "Chili" at his shop before photos.



Rob Zatz TR7



John Burton TR6



Brett Looper TR8



Dennis Somerville TR6



Scott McCombe TR7v8



Chuck Gee TR250

2026 Polar Bear Run!



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.

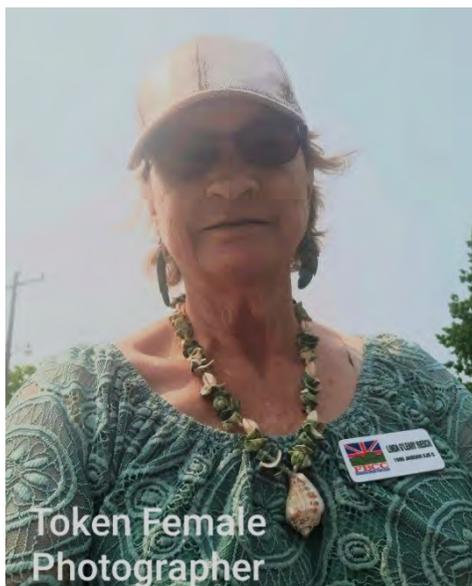
This will be fun and you get to bring a friend to share in the fun.

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/>

*Linda Reisch
sent in this
selfie
proclaiming
herself the
"Token Female
Photographer"*

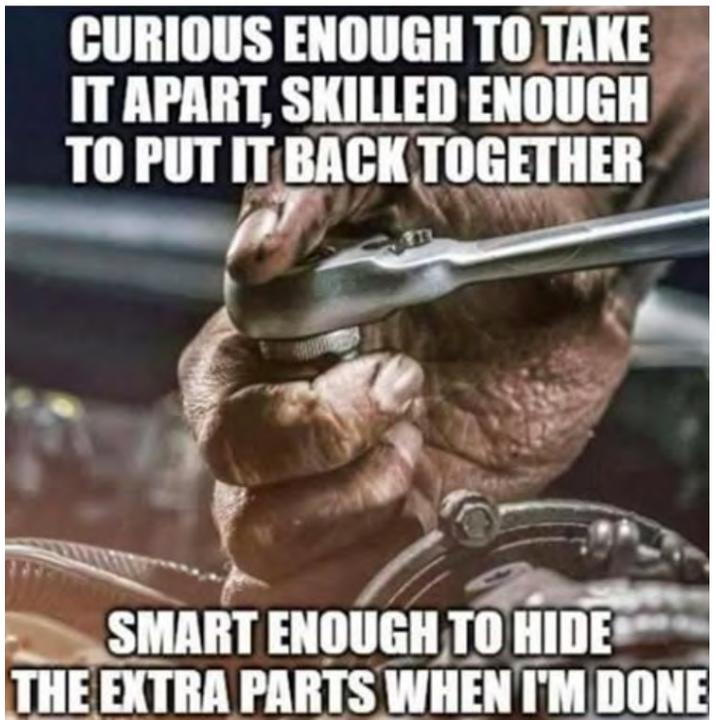


WOW! Hap Waldrop Shares His Shop Feb.18

When Hap opened his workplace to the FBCC, he anticipated a few cars and maybe 8 to 10 members to show up. Instead, over 22 members enjoyed the hospitality and education that Hap provided. Seeing his attention to detail and expertise first hand was a joy to all of us back-yard mechanics. It's no wonder that his workmanship is sought from both local, state, national, and even international customers.



Following our shop visit, the gang headed to The Bohemian restaurant on Stone Avenue and found that the food and beverages were also up to our high expectations. What a wonderful day it was!



FBCC By-Laws Committee Update

During the 10 January 2026 FBCC Board of Directors (BOD) meeting Paul Novak was appointed to lead a committee to review our 2021 FBCC by-laws and provide a proposed amendment for BOD review and approval. Our club has grown considerably larger since 2021 and we now have a much larger digital footprint prompting the need for this review and amendment. The BOD approved that a committee consisting of Paul Novak and four additional FBCC members would conduct this review with inputs from the general FBCC membership and provide a proposed amendment for BOD review in June 2026. Jud Chapin, Jeff Delk, Pete Jakubek, and Bill Thornton graciously volunteered to be on the by-laws committee and they have all been working together on several inputs for the 2026 proposed by-laws amendment.

All FBCC members in good standing can submit an email input before midnight 15 May 2026 to Paul Novak for the proposed amendment to the 2021 By-Laws. Each input must include three things:

1. The exact 2021 FBCC By-laws wording that should be amended (if any exists).
2. The proposed new by-laws wording exactly how you believe it should read.
3. **A justification for why the amendment is necessary.**

Please contact Paul Novak at p.m.novak7@gmail.com or (858) 342-0445 if you have any questions about the By-Laws Committee or if you would like to provide an input. Copies of our 2021 by-laws are found on our website at:

<https://fbccsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/FBCC-By-Laws-Nov-2021.pdf>

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

By Paul Zimmerman

These rooms may no longer be available, but it's worth a try.

They have released them for general booking, so call now if you want to join us for this wonderful group event.

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 after you have a room.

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



Say GOODBYE to FBCC! The Directory & Google Group Purge Begins

From Scott McCombe

Annual dues for the coming year were due on or before January 1, 2026, and 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.

Over the next couple weeks, I will be removing email addresses from the Google Group which do not appear to belong to paid members. If I mistakenly remove yours, and you wish to have that email added back into the group, please let me know at notanmg@gmail.com.

The FBCC Deserves A Proper Croquet Trophy!

By Marc Morgan

Last year's inaugural Croquet Tournament was indeed appropriate for a LBC dub and was a lot of fun (even as a spectator). This year I plan to participate as a player. It was quite entertaining to watch the presentation of the "coveted" Green Glove Award to the outstanding players who won the tournament. However, I got to thinking that maybe some sort of "real" and more substantial trophy would be appropriate.

First, let me start by introducing myself. My name is Marc Morgan and I've been an FBCC member for about 3 years. I love talking about, working on, and driving my 62 MGA, but I also have many other hobbies (my wife says MAYBE TOO MANY!). I've been an avid woodworker most of my life and love coming up with new ideas for projects.



I admit, after telling Jud that I would like to help him organize this year's tournament, I thought how cool would it be to have my own regulation "official" croquet mallet to use in the tournament. So, I set out to see if there was a source for that very thing, not the inexpensive Sears or Sportcraft products we knew as kids.

After searching the Internet, I actually found a couple of companies in England (of course) that manufactured official size and weight croquet mallets. You can even custom order for head length and "ballast" weight depending on the type of surface you play on. In my research I discovered that different weighted heads are used depending on the length of grass on the course. Very short lawns (like a putting green) require light touches, hence a lighter weight head and possibly a little shorter length head of 8.5" to 9". Heavy grass, like we found on Jud's field, requires a heavier weight (3 lbs), and longer momentum head (10 to 11 inches) in order to control the ball and hit it further.

The rule is pretty flexible. You are allowed to use any weight and size mallet you desire, but once play

starts, you cannot switch out your mallet for a different type of shot. Of course, the English are very serious about their lawn games. Side note: Croquet actually pre-dates tennis, and most likely was played by the more "well-to-do". For those interested, you can visit CroquetEngland.com and learn all about mallet varieties and variations. Some are over 170 Euros (about \$200) and up!

I'm pretty sure my wife would kill me if she thought I paid \$200 for a wooden hammer. So on to the project of making my own mallet. Unfortunately, like most of my projects, they designed and developed in my head and then I just build them as I go along. The result is that I have no step-by-step photos so I will try and explain the highlights of the build process.



After deciding on the type and dimensions of my mallet (handle length, head length, and overall weight), a choice of material had to be made. Some modern mallets are made from

carbon fiber and are really works of art, but wood is by far cheaper and prettier in my humble opinion. I had plenty of ash laying around the shop which is a very heavy and dense hardwood. It's the same wood they make baseball bats from. I also had some scraps of monkeypod which is a colorful dense Central American wood also noted for its hardness.



To add a little color as well as strength, I laminated the two pieces together and starting with a 3"x 3" x 12" block of wood, which I turned on my lathe to a finished dimension of 2.75"x 10". Using a hollowing bit, I made deep openings in each end of the round head for placing the amount of lead needed to bring the weight up to 3lbs. Once the lead was in place, I sealed the end with epoxy and added a hard maple wooden plug.

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Croquet Trophy

By Marc Morgan

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Again, using ash I made the long 30" handle by turning it on the lathe. For design reasons and a better grip, the top 10 or so inches of the handle are cut in the shape of an octagon (must be the MG in me!). A perpendicular hole was drilled all the way thru the middle of the mallet head and a tenon slot cut into the end of the handle. The outer end of the tenon is split and a hardwood wedge is driven into the end of the handle much like ax heads are held in a handle with a wedge to spread the tenon in the hole and make it tight.



After some sanding and application of a nice lacquer spray finish, I now have an official croquet mallet, worthy of use by an English Baron or Baroness!

Although I am curious as to how it will perform during use as a croquet mallet, I got to thinking that it would make a great tournament trophy. I talked this over with Jud so we'll see about getting an engraved label for it to be presented to the winners of the upcoming 2026 Spring tournament.

I'll see you all at the tournament and may all your wickets never be "sticky".

PS. For anyone interested, your very own set of 6 high quality mallets can be had for a mere 1,012 Euros (\$1200) LOL!

What We've Been Working On

From Ryan Owens

It took longer to reset the oil service light than to change the oil. After many fruitless attempts we were able to do it by jumping a wire from pin 7 to ground on that funny looking round German OBD port thingy shown below. I thought OBD was a standard config but leave it to the Germans to make it proprietary.



Look closely at the silver cup looking thing poking up from the strut. New struts were installed a week or so ago and one of them exploded.. had it not been for that bar above it it probably would have gone through the hood. What were we saying about parts quality?



We also discussed the battery thing and he said he had a customer with a brand new Duracell battery bought from Sam's Club that lasted about a week before it died.

The world we live in. Think I'll go for a walk.



February 21 - Brakes Get Flushed at Jack's

Scott demonstrated how the vacuum bleeder can be used to flush out the entire brake system and replace the aging fluid. The system can be operated by one person and is available through our garage supervisor, Tom Buto.



Afterwards, John Burton provided some sound electrical advice to Rich Moran. "Start here!"

What We've Been Working On

From Mark Dawley

I just had a spiritual experience with the XJS V12's transmission mount.

During the tangible process I learned a lot of new expressions; none of which can be described in a public forum.



What We've Been Working On

From Paul Zimmerman



The three wheeler chassis is back from the powdercoater. C & M Powdercoat did a great job. You can find their information in the Member Suggest Resources Section of Our Website.

The first thing I did was put the transmission back on the chassis. I did that because the main cross brace that holds it to the long tubes is what the wooden frame fastens to. I lengthened the cockpit by 3" over what it was and 2" over the plans I got from the Three Wheeler Club. After all, I'm 6'2" and "slightly" taller than the average Brit was in 1934.

There are two large wooden pieces on the frame that large 'L' bracket fastens to that pin it to the chassis. I was a little short because I made them to the plans but I had some ash wood left over and made quick work of new ones in the wood shop. That boxed ticked.

The other thing I had to find out is if there is enough room to fit the new alternator with the chain drive. As you see in the photo I made it with barely 1/2" to spare. So thankfully the frame with the extended cockpit fits the chassis!



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!

Minutes of Monthly FBCC Meeting, 10 February 2026.

Attendees: 38 attended

(Last names only): Baker, Benson (2), Bowen, Brooks (2), Buto (2), Chapin, Cordeau, Culbreath,

Dawley (2), Delk, Fallon (2), Gee(2), Gilman, Jakubek (2), McCombe, Moran, Novak, Owens,

Petter, Pine, Saunders (2), Scharwachter (2), Steidinger (2), Styer, Swift, Thomas, Thorton, Waldrop.

LBC's present: Jaguar XJ8, MGB, TR250, Mini Cooper S, Jaguar XJ12, MGB (Jaguars & MG's win).

Location: Kouzina's, Greenville, SC.

Opening Statements:

Chuck Gee opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Dan Soper was a guest, and he is currently thinking about either a TR6, H3000, or a Porche 911.

Paul Novak stated that the committee to review the FBCC by-laws is under way and they are making good progress. They had their first meeting earlier today. If any members have comments or suggestions on the by-laws, please forward them to Paul.

Jud mentioned that the polar bear run is still on for this Thursday. Chuck also mentioned that the "International Drive Your Triumph Day" ride was held today, with a good turnout of

Triumphs. Chuck also reminded the club about the breakfast gathering to be held on 28

February at the Coach House restaurant in Simpsonville.

The club has plenty of key chains left over from the Christmas party, so members are free to take as many as they want.

Program: Carl Baker went over some of the

details for the TSD (Time-Speed-Distance) rally that

the club will be holding on 11 April 2026. His presentation will be basic training session and introduction to rallying 101 for those not familiar with rallying. The basic highlights are as follows:

It is not a speed rally but an accuracy rally. The objective is to get to the checkpoint at a specific time.

The course will be 63 miles long.

You will get a set of detailed instruction at the start of the rally. It will be about 5 pages long.

Also, a rally time-speed table will be given out in increments of 5 MPH for the navigator to let the driver know how to adjust his speed to the next checkpoint, or marker

Carl went over some of the jargon for a rally, such as "at or after", T Left or Right, Acute right (91 0 to 179 0).

The course will be on all paved roads only, no dirt, gravel, driveways, private roads or other types of roads.

There will be loops in the course, so you will probably see other LBC's going the other way.

Neither one of you will be "lost".

DO NOT RUN STOPSIGNS. The rally leg calculation includes a 15 second adjustment for each

stop sign.

The course will use only permanent road signs; no temporary type signs. All signs will be in front of you, so you will not need to be looking back for a sign.

All bridges will be identified in the instructions. Carl showed pictures of what a bridge is, that include a "culvert" bridge. Bridges, by definition, will always go over water (stream, river, gulley

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etc). They will have at least metal side guard rails.

CAST means Change Average Speed To. Do not change your speed until you get a CAST command.

The rally will be timed to the minute, with 1 point for every minute early or late to a checkpoint.

All checkpoint legs are independent, i.e. times early/late are not cumulative.

There will be 4 or 5 checkpoints for this rally. You are to take a picture at each checkpoint, in accordance with the instructions. Checkpoints will not be manned (typically manned in most rally's)

There are NO traffic light on the course. If you come to a traffic light, you are LOST.

Each car MUST have a driver and navigator. Navigators will need a clipboard and note pad, possibly a calculator (or use your cellphone), a stopwatch (or use your cell phone).

There will be a shorter 15-mile practice run on 14 March 2026, starting at Jud's brown building.

Cars will start at 1-minute intervals.

The power point presentation is available on the FBCC website.

50/50 raffle: winner was Roy Scharwachter, \$55, with Scott McCombe winning the tow ball/pin/connector.

Not a Member? Contact Us At

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

Already a Member, Use

<https://fbccsc.org/membership-directory/>

Links of the Month

(send the editor your favorites at notanmg@gmail.com)

From Dale Armbrister: Waterless Coolant

Just researching this subject for my cars on Tuesday. Found these 3 articles. Decided to stay with what my owner's manuals say rather than switch to waterless. Just my choice.

<https://www.chevyhardcore.com/tech-stories/antifreeze-chemistry/>

<https://www.wranglerforum.com/threads/pros-and-cons-of-waterless-coolant.1732778/>

<https://www.norosion.com/evanstest.htm>



From Scott McCombe: Some Very Cool TRs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cez2ilgw7JU>



From Ryan Owens: Bad Auto Software?

<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2026/02/what-happens-to-a-car-when-the-company-behind-its-software-goes-under/>

Secret Words:
"Kip"

Slang for
Sleep

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 open garage event occurs behind the offices of Ironhorse Motorcycle Lawyers Inc. off Poinsett Highway regularly on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

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: 1951 MGTD

The car is in a good condition and runs well.

Asking \$15,000 OBO.

**Call Peter deJong at
713-298-5921**



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
- MGB 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.



What this car might be!



For Sale - Make Offer: 1980 MGB Contact David Read 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.



**REDUCED! 1963
Austin Healey 3000
BJ7 With Rare
Factory Hard Top,
\$65,000**



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

**REDUCED! 1961
Triumph TR-3A,
54,665 Original Miles,
Original Hard Top,
\$23,000**



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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For Sale - Lotus Europa, Midget, and XJ6 Parts

If anyone is looking for parts for a Jag XJ6C or Mk2 I am going to be parting out a couple of cars. I also have some Lotus Europa S2 parts and MG midget parts. Peter Morton peter@nobudgetracing.com

For Sale - 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



For Sale - MG & TR6 Parts

ROLL BAR removed from TR6. Excellent-\$400
MG HARD TOP will need gasket. \$450
NEW FULL COVER For Triumph TR6. \$100
Contact Billy Pickens. 864-617-0815
pckwilliams@aol.com

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



YOUR AD HERE

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.

Contact John Burton at 864-872-2424



REDUCED! - 1973 TRIUMPH TR6 \$18,000

Exceptional condition, Pimento Red, Black interior.

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

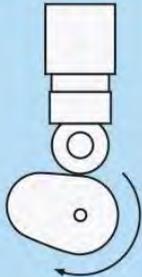
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