



The WINDSCREEN

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Prez Sez By Wray Lemke

It was nice to see a number of Club members at the Mt. Pleasant Cars and Coffee this past Saturday, including Ed Tilton and new members Marcello Pares and Jim & Marilyn Stewart. The weather has taken a slight break and it was quite pleasant for a morning drive as evidenced by the large turnout. Irene, Peter, Dave and Lynn, Phil and Rose-

marie were there, too. Irene found the owner a couple of Triumph bikes and he is now planning on bringing them to the show.

Speaking of that, the big Club show prep continues on. We're still looking for sponsors and items for the registration bags. This will be our 35th annual show so the team is really working hard to make it a memorable one. We always need help so if you can give us a hand in any number of areas, such as the Silent Auction tent, setting up, tear down, and others, we would really appreciate it. No experience necessary.

In this issue I've done a little write up about zinc plating, which is fun and interesting, but I've also undertaken another maintenance project which turned out to be less fun but still interesting.

If you own an MGA or a British Car that uses H4 carbs then you probably have experience with the cork seals that are used on the jets and the jet bearings to keep the fuel from weeping past the jet and out onto the linkage. This is very old-school stuff. In the standard gasket kits you get new cork seals and you soak them in oil before installing them. I've never had much success with them. The MGA jets always wept and so did the Magnette's carbs.

Several years ago I read about using Teflon O-rings to replace the cork seals so I bought some and refitted the MGA's jets with them. That stopped the weeping and I was a happy guy. Last week I thought I'd do the same to the Magnette so I pulled the carbs and fitted the Teflon O-rings. The carbs were installed and immediately proceeded to drip fuel. They were pulled back off, re-refitted and installed again, same result. I had two new gasket kits with cork seals so I tried fitting them. Same result, I could not get the jets to quit leaking fuel. I had those carbs off and back on too many times. Cruising through the Moss catalog I found the "Superdry" jet bearing kit, which included Viton washers. They are a bit different than the OE jet bearing kits.

Two of those kits were sourced and installed and the jets are dry as a bone now. They also move easier with the choke linkage. The Viton washers are the best thing yet.

I'm going to get a set for the MGA and another for a set of H4 carbs that are in the spares locker.

I can't believe I didn't know about these kits a couple of years ago. Easy to install and what a difference. No fuel smell wafting around the front of the car from now on.

Until next time,
Safety Fast!
Wray



VP's Corner

Well,

One nice thing about summer is enjoying the fruits of your labors; the down side is overdoing it. Peaches, figs, tomatoes and watermelon have all come in to season, much to my delight. I can't grow any of them, but farmers markets abound and are a rewarding destination for a drive, even in the heat.

I decided to take the MGB out for a run. It had been languishing for several months, overdue for attention & exercise, time to test the results of my labors on it. Turning the key to 'on' with mild trepidation, I was relieved to hear the fuel pump spring to life and then slow to its regular pace. A touch of choke and pedal, further rotation of the key and the engine sprang to life and settled into a nice confidence-building idle. I let the car warm up while I put the top down, then pushed the last bit of choke off and headed off to Walterboro for the Marsh Tacky exhibition at the Farmers Market there. After an hour and a half of perfect automotive performance I was appreciating the difference between 'routine maintenance' and 'daily maintenance' in transportation options. I selected a local watermelon to celebrate the drive and headed home.

Once again, the car drove beautifully. However, as I neared Charleston I could tell something was wrong - with the driver! Cruising back roads on a hot summer day with the top down is exhilarating, but also dehydrating, and I was showing the effects. I had neglected to maintain a key element of any vehicle, the nut behind the wheel. So the lesson learned is that even in the depth of summer there is good driving to be done in an LBC - just include operator maintenance in your travel plans.

Bob

BCCC Regalia directly from Lands End

By Millie Horton

You can now order regalia with the BCCC logo on it directly from Lands End. Here is a link to our store.

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Zinc Plating MG Parts

By Wray Lemke

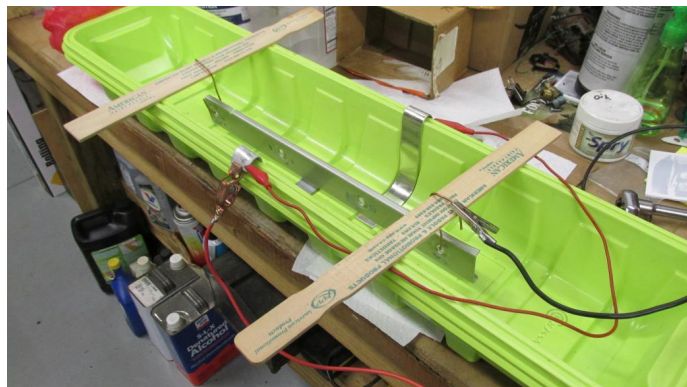
A couple of meetings ago I brought a couple of parts from our cars that I had plated with a zinc-plating kit. They turned out pretty well, considering I had no experience in this area of the hobby. I'm now stepping up a little to plate the seat rails from the Magnette. They were pretty sad looking so a couple of years ago I cleaned them up and painted them. That made them presentable but of course the paint shredded the first time the seats were slid back and forth. That's the problem with painting things like seat slides and fasteners; the first time you use them, or tighten them, the paint breaks off.

So, I'm going to plate them, which means a different shaped plating bath and more solution. I bought the bigger solution kit from Caswell as it will require at least a gallon of plating solution. One other aspect of the process that I wanted to explore was "brightening". The small Eastwood kit plates pretty well, but, the pieces are not quite as bright as I would like. Although you can buy a brightener solution from Eastwood and Caswell the cost adds up quickly. After doing on-line research it appeared that adding dextrose to the mix altered the chemistry a bit, making for smaller zinc particles during the plating process. A quick stop at the local grocery netted a bottle of Karo syrup, which is made from corn and is dextrose based. To test the effect a couple of seat slide bolts were degreased, wire wheeled, then bead blasted. One bolt was plated without the brightener. A dollop of Karo was added then the second bolt was plated. The difference was apparent right away. A little brushing with a brass brush on the second bolt really made it look like new.



The bolt on the right was plated with the Karo brightener added to the solution. Both bolts have been gone over with the brass brush. Now it's on to the seal rails. I haven't used the Caswell solution yet but will experiment with it this week.

Below is the new plating bath obtained from Royall Hardware.



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It will use two zinc anodes instead of one, positioned across from each other to give a more equal plating result. The Eastwood kit come with a battery holder for two D cell batteries and leads to provide power for the plating. The idea is to keep the voltage around 3 volts but bigger parts require more current so an unused power supply has been called into service.



It's fun and interesting. I wish I had more time to experiment with it. A lot of guys get really involved with heated tanks and agitators, etc. but I'm just looking for acceptable results with parts that are better suited to plating than to painting.



Upcoming Events

See the BCCC website for details



Saturday, August 10th, Monthly Meeting, 8-9:30am, Marina Variety Store Restaurant, 17 Lockwood Dr, Charleston

Saturday August 17th, Sea Islands Cars and Coffee , 9-11am, Freshfields Village, 165 Village Green Ln, Kiawah Island

[Click here to download the complete flyer](#)



MGs ON THE GREEN 2019



“Celebrating 31 Years”

Crossroads Church 220 George W. Liles Pkwy, Concord, NC 28027

Please join us for our 31th annual event. Founded in 1989, MGs on the Green is a wholesome family activity that brings together the cars and owners of MG and other classic British Marques. Enthusiasts and admirers are invited to join the relaxed gathering to enjoy the cars on display and fellowship. Event awards will be given to individual cars as selected by invited judges and event participants. We welcome all types of British motorcars to participate in this ‘No Fee Event’. Our ever popular (and entertaining) raffle of donated car related items, services as well as items of general interest will conclude our day out. Tickets for raffle available for purchase at the event.

Food: Hot dogs and drinks will be available for sale at the event – all proceeds to go to Crossroads Church for their community outreach programs. Outdoor shelter available for shade and shelter – Participants, spectators and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Pre-registration is not required but recommended and appreciated to help facilitate Metrolina MG Club event planning.

Please fill-in the attached Pre-Registration Form below and mail to the address shown.



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TIME: Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
rain or shine



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Address: _____ Phone: _____

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Car Type: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

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35th Annual British Car Day status

By Dave Rosato

On Saturday October 26th we will be hosting our 35th British Car Day. We received so much positive response on last years venue that we're going to have it there again. This year we will have two food trucks, Rolled Quesadillas again as well as Brunch Holiday. Independent Grounds will be providing coffee. This year we will have all three shelters in that area of the park so there is plenty of room to take a break and have some lunch.



Last years Friday evening reception on the USS Yorktown was a great success but we had to limit attendance. It's hard to top a venue like that but I think we have. We have the Spirit of Charleston for three hours, 6:30 to 9:30pm. Two attending the Friday reception is included with registration. It will be docked at Patriots Point.

There will be food and a cash bar with beer

and wine starting at 6:30. From 7:30 to 9:00 we will cruise around Charleston harbor. Please note that parking at Patriots Point is \$5.

BCD is open to the public for only the \$2pp admission to the park. We have printed rack cards and 11"x17" posters that we can use to spread the word. Come to the next Monthly Meeting and pick some up. Lets do what we can to increase spectator attendance!

Registration opened earlier last month. So go to our website and register soon! If you don't want to register online, you can download a registration form and mail it in. We have 20 cars registered so far and 38 attending the Friday reception.



We sent out over 60 emails to British car clubs in the southeast inviting them to be part of our 35th BCD. For those who do travel from other states, we have put together a [web page listing other local events](#) happening around British Car Day. So if you know anyone with a British car, invite them to register. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Staybridge Suites.

The **Silent Auction** is a big part of BCD. It is a significant contributor in making BCD financially viable. So please donate to the Silent Auction. If you have any suggestions on something unique, please let us know. The baskets we did a couple years ago was a great success.

The Baby Jaguar

By Lowell Wakker

In a prior issue of the Windscreen, a picture and brief description of one of my last projects was posted. Because of my passion for XK-120 Jaguars, I created a model of my '54 roadster by gluing up pre-cut pieces of blue-board Styrofoam. I spent long hours scaling the 14 foot long original automobile to an 8 foot model, as close to 5/8 scale as I could make it.

All that original building took place over 30 years ago and then the project was stored away until last spring. Inspired by the rapid improvements in the shape and smoothing of the model, I am really committed to finishing the model in the following ways.

I will spray a couple of coats of polyester primer surfacer, sometimes called Featherfill. That will clearly show all the flaws. Many hours of sanding later, a coat of catalyzed primer will make it ready for the mold maker. Seven coats of wax on the model and off she'll go.

Using wood and clay, I will create forms for the four bumpers, grille, tail lights and parking lights and vacuum form the parts. They can be chromed by vacuum metalizing. And since the creation of a scale windscreen is very difficult, I'll make Brooklands windscreens instead.

My goal is to have a mold from which multiple bodies can be produced. I am re-engineering the drive mechanism and steering assembly from an old E-Z-GO golf cart. Narrowing the axles will be the hard part. After completion of a simple frame and reinforcements, I should have a 36 volt running-driving chassis. I'm hoping I can fit my 6'5" frame inside the car so I can drive it myself, probably around the yard and in parades. I hope the pictures give some idea of where I am in this project. Wish me luck.



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By Lowell Wakker



These are year old photos; some progress has been made since.



Correct scale tires are from a utility trailer. Three 12 volt deep cycle batteries for power, instead of six 6 volt golf cart batteries. Car will have lights, leaf spring suspension, rear wheel brakes and shock absorbers and scale model upholstery. Any ideas on how to make wire wheel hubcaps?

The Seventh Annual BRITFEST

Saturday October 5th



The Grand Strand British Car Club's invites you to come and enjoy a British car extravaganza and celebrate Octoberfest in the balmy warmth of autumn at the beach. A Friday night reception will be held at Nacho Hippo, and special guest hotel rates at DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront have been arranged. More information and a registration is at <https://grandstrandbritishcarclub.com/myrtle-beach-britfest/>

New BCCC Member and New Restoration

By Dave Rosato

So you're in your 30's and you get this 1953 MGTD that needs some work. So you start taking it apart looking forward to driving it down the road next year. Then your son is born. Minor delay. You put Marvel Mystery oil in the cylinders and put all the parts aside. Life continues to get in the way of your restoration. Now, your son is 42 years old and you've decided it's time to get back to that restoration. Well this is what happened to our new BCCC members Jim and Marilyn Stewart. They are the newest additions to the [Cars Being Restored](#) BCCC website page. Be sure to check back in at the website to see his progress.



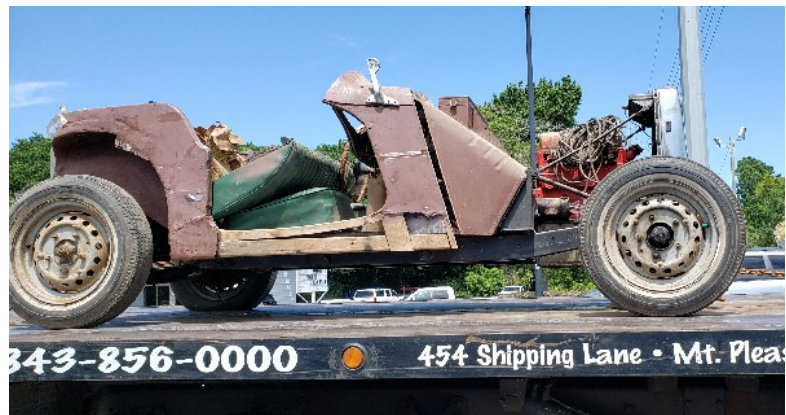
In storage



Transporting the car from the storage unit to the home garage.



Parts hanging on the wall. The outer body parts are very solid and relatively straight.



Here is where a large part of Jim's efforts are going to be. Whose idea was it to wrap steel around wood! Wood gets wet, retains the moisture then rots the steel!

Lynn and I went over Jim and Marilyn's house to take a look at the car. The frame is nice and solid, though there is damage to the chrome radiator cover and brackets beneath it. The engine would not turn over so we pulled the head. There was some sediment on the pistons, three still had the Mystery oil. Superficial rust on the cylinder walls. I left my engine stand so he can pull the engine and get into it a little more. Keep tuned to the BCCC website for Jim's progress!

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Welcome New Members

**Marcello Pares
1977 MGB**

**Gerry Odenbach
1951 MGTD**

**Jim and Marilyn Stewart
1953 MGTD**

**We look forward to many
Happy miles together!**

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Just click on this link on the website

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Millie Horton out for a drive on this beautiful day celebrating Bentley's 100th anniversary.