



The WINDSCREEN

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Prez Sez

By Wray Lemke

We haven't done a lot of driving lately as the weather is now getting into the more hot and humid days. It does give us more time to sort out some small issues with a couple of our cars. One issue that we have run into is aging tires. All too often we tend to

forget about tires because we just don't put nearly as many miles on our British cars as we do on our daily drivers. We make sure they air up and look half decent then off we go. The problem with aging tires was brought home in a big way when we went to the Cars on Kiawah event not long ago. The Magnette was accepted so I cleaned her up and got ready to take her down that morning. Earlier in the week I was looking at the left front tire and noticed it had two giant balancing weights on the rim. They really looked awful; the darn things looked like two silver bananas on the rim. So, I swapped the left front with the right rear and things looked a lot better.

We drove down to the event without any problems but immediately after leaving the venue the car started developing an alarmingly lumpy ride on the front. I was sure it was tire I'd swapped from the rear but upon inspecting it I could not find any problems. We limped home as the lumpy ride became more and more pronounced. Later that week I jacked the front to get a really good look. It turned out that the problem was not the left front I'd swapped but the right front tire! A large patch of tread had come loose and the steel belts were showing. The whole tire was out of round. Which brings us to the problem; those tires looked great, had lots of tread left, no visible cracking, but, according to the date code, they were 18 years old. That is way beyond the life cycle of a set of tires and is flatly unsafe.

So, sitting in the garage are two new sets of tires, one for the Magnette and one for Susanne's GT. I ordered them on-line and found a shop west of the Ashley that can balance lug-centric wheels, which includes most of our solid wheel MGs. The lesson here is to check the date code on your tires. Look for a small oval with 4 numbers in it. The first two numbers indicate the week, the second two indicate the year, so 3801 would be the 38th week of 2001, the date the Magnette's tires were made. Lesson learned, almost the hard way: Check those date codes!

Until next time,
Safety Fast!
Wray

VP's Corner

Well,

As we move into the heat summer the weather adds a few elements to the sport of driving. Seats you can cook on and sudden squalls that can both drench you and blow you sideways; and there are adventurous days too... Listening to public radio I learned that a six day weather forecast today is as accurate as a two day forecast in the 1970s. I think it's better than that unless you get VERY local. I typically use www.ventusky.com on my computer to check the weather, from local pop-ups to hurricanes; and those who use these new-fangled pocket computers can get essentially instant weather reports. I went out with the top down on the last Saturday in June to meet some friends for lunch & one advised me to put the top up, as his 'phone' predicted showers. Though I didn't 'feel' we'd get wet I opted for prudence, as I could see heavy rain across the harbor. Two hours later I was putting my (dry) top down, but grateful it had kept the sun showers from roasting my steering wheel. That's just the low country - scattered soaking downpours that occasionally catch you, but often are evidenced only by wisps of steam rising from rapidly drying pavement, as you cruise on along!

June ended with a bang (literally: www.postandcourier.com/, as the Ungrateful Colonials celebrated some anniversary of being inhospitable to the British fleet. My Saturday drive served a 'pre-flight' for what is an occasional Fourth of July tradition for us, a drive to Whaley's on Edisto for lunch (weather depending).

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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They offer a huge variety of items including men's and women's clothing, hats and promotions products like cups, bags and coolers.





Upcoming Events

See the BCCC website for details



Saturday, July 13th, Monthly Meeting, 8-9:30am, Marina Variety Store Restaurant, 17 Lockwood Dr, Charleston

Saturday July 20th, Sea Islands Cars and Coffee , 9-11am, Freshfields Village, 165 Village Green Ln, Kiawah Island

Luminous Landscapes: British Watercolors from the Wigger Collection

[The Gibbes Museum of Art](#)

135 Meeting St, Charleston

June 21st through October 6th

Drawn from the collection of British watercolors bequeathed to the Gibbes Museum by John Wigger in 2004, this exhibition showcases a selection of works on paper created during the "Golden Age of Watercolor" in the 18th and 19th centuries in England.



Keep up-to-date on some ongoing British car (and a German one) restorations and checkout some past restorations. Let us know if you want to add to it.

[Cars that are being restored and that have been restored by our members.](#)
Check out the updates from Tony Giraldo and Lowell Wakker!



Karl Fowler ... Friend to All

By Diane Lambert

Knowing that Karl and Dot Fowler were BCCC members when Jack and I joined, I went back in my archives and found that somewhere along the way, Karl felt that I should be the keeper of the Club records. In doing so, Karl gave me three early club newsletters from 1992. Interestingly, one of those newsletters, which consists of two pages, lists the winners of the 1992 BCD and shows that Karl won first in his class of "Early MGB" with his beautiful 1966 MGB.

Always at the ready to lend a hand, whether it was selling 50/50 tickets at our monthly meeting, helping set up and tear down for BCD, helping fill BCD goodie bags, directing BCD traffic or simply counting BCD ballots, Karl, along with his lovely wife Dot, were always there to help however needed. Why? Because of their involvement and appreciation of the BCCC and the many friendships they made throughout their many years in the Club.

Karl won many awards for his little red MGB. Whenever you would ask about his car, he would smile, and his eyes would light up, but not because he wanted to talk about himself. Not being one to boast, he would never miss the opportunity to proudly, and lovingly, tell us about his talented Dot who restored and maintained her own 1973 MGB GT. Indeed, he was very proud of Dot!

We had the privilege of spending time with Karl and Dot throughout the years at various events, and it was always a pleasure. From the Summerville Flowertown Azalea Festival car show to the Peachtree MG Registry Festival in Dillard, GA, our very own BCD, or a number of other events throughout the years, Karl was there with his humility and kind words, and of course his jokes and unforgettable smile and laughter.

Karl, for the many friends you left behind, you threw off the bow line much too soon on June 1, 2019, but rest assured that we caught the line and someday we'll see you again to catch up on all things MG.



From the July 2000 Wind- screen

MG 2000 CLEVELAND

Dot & Karl Fowler

MG 2000 was the North American MGB Registry's 9th annual convention and was hosted by the Emerald Necklace MG Register in Cleveland. Dot and I had driven the 1966 MG Roadster to the 1996 convention in Indianapolis and decided to take both the 66 and her 73 BGT to the Cleveland event; a spare car being better than a spare tire if something went wrong.

"It was a dark and stormy night". Not really! When we left for Cleveland on Wednesday, the 14th of June, with both the roadster and GT, it was warm and partly cloudy, but that was to change a few hours later. In west Virginia we ran into a "dark and stormy afternoon and evening". The roadster developed massive leaks around the windshield during a mountain thunderstorm. With several towels packed around the leaks we pressed on and an hour or so later drove out of the heavy rain. The rest of the way to Cleveland was uneventful except for a couple of occasions when the roadster just shut down and then would start and run just fine. Best guess was some bad gas, Lucas of ??????? Dot's GT seemed to like highway driving, including the mountains, and never missed a beat the whole trip.

We were joined by Ron Neal and his navigator Ron Boisvert when they arrived on Thursday in Neal's 74 BGT. With their help and a couple of tubes of clear silicon RTV repairs were made to the leaking windshield.

There were plenty of activities including a funkana, valve cover

raises, tech sessions, generator throws, a banquet and parking lot parties. We enjoyed the 47 mile-rally through the back roads of the Cuyahoga Valley as much as meeting and telling MG lies with the folks during the parking lot parties. Can't remember how many states were represented, but we met a lot of nice folks from, Texas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, most of the states neighboring Ohio as well as several provinces in Canada. Just the average bunch of MG nuts.

Most of the 447 cars in the show were MGBs with a few other Brits scattered in the field. Best of show went to a 1980 LE. Distance award went to a car driven from Carmel, California! Sorry to say nobody from Charleston brought any awards home, but at least the BCCC was represented.

We obviously feel pretty good about a round trip of just over 1450 miles (times the two cars - 2900 miles) without having to walk, hitch hike or push. We're going to keep both of these "OLD BRITS" and may try something like this again sometime.

British Car Club of Charleston
June 30, 2019 Treasurer's Report

Receipts (net of PayPal fees)

Member dues & related	\$2,603
Regalia sales, raffles, etc.	\$380
Interest & miscellaneous	<u>\$57</u>

Total receipts \$3,040

Expenses

British Car Day 2019

Venue deposit	\$ 900
Reception deposit	\$500
Artwork	<u>\$30</u>

\$1,430

Regalia

Grill badges	\$331
Land's End setup	<u>\$169</u>

\$500

Events

Jim Parker gift	\$100
Oyster roast	\$200
Annual picnic	<u>\$149</u>

\$449

Admin & miscellaneous

Website	\$135
Name badge inventory	\$756
PO Box rental	\$234
Misc (checks, postage, etc.)	<u>\$82</u>

\$1,207

Total expenses \$3,586

Funds on hand January 1, 2019

\$8,328

Less excess of expenses over receipts

\$546

Funds on hand June 30, 2019

\$7,782

Balances

Checking	\$5,218
Savings	\$219
PayPal	\$2,195
Petty cash	<u>\$150</u>

\$7,782

Respectfully submitted: Peter Steele, BCCC Treasurer

RAVE Car Club History

By Lowell Wakker

In 1978 a friend who owned a trucking company stopped his dump truck in front of my house and yelled, "Hey, you wanna start a car club?"

"That'd be great fun," was my reply.

Ed said, "I can get a bunch of guys but I don't talk in public, so you'll have to do all of that." In the fall of '78 about 20 people gathered in Ed's big garage for our first meeting. A few weeks later even more people showed up in my living room. We decided to call ourselves the Rutland (Vermont) Area Vehicle Enthusiasts (RAVE for short). Each of us had a different taste in cars and trucks, which actually helped in the long term health of the club.

As president for the first couple of years, I wrote the club constitution and received non-profit 501(c)(3) status. Some of the folks who joined us were from out in the woods, and yet they grew into leadership roles, changing more than one life in the process.

We had our first car show at the state fairgrounds in Rutland, VT in July of 1979. About 250 cars show up and we used my home stereo as our PA system. Very home grown and yet very successful. Within a few years that grew to 700 cars and a big investment in making the show really professional. Here is a [link to the website](#).

To make a long story longer, the 40th annual car show will be held this July 14, 2019. The RAVE car club has given \$300,000 to local charities as a result of its efforts, giving away about half of the take from each show. I feel like a proud parent and plan to be at this show, along with Ed Fabian, the truck guy from 1978.



Bennie giving awards 1980, Lowell and daughter, Erika, in XK-120

[Click here to read](#)

The Hallie Hill Howler

July, 2019

BCCC Annual Picnic at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary

Postponing the picnic turned out to be a good thing. The weather was terrific! We had a wonderful turnout, 17 British cars and about 53 people. Be sure to check out the video Lynn put together [at this link](#). Many thanks go to Jennifer for being a gracious host and showing us around and to Lynn for setting it up.



Andy and the family



Even the nicest of cars get flats!



Director Jennifer Middleton giving a little history of the sanctuary



My 1961 Rolls-Royce Phantom V

By Lowell Wakker

Here is the saga of the restoration of the '61 RR Phantom V. It starts about 20 years ago with a leisurely morning walk in Sarasota, FL. I saw a gray slab sided car through a tiny hole in some bushes as I walked. I ultimately spent time chatting with Leo Parcells, the 70 year old former RR mechanic who simply couldn't handle the size of the restoration. The car was sitting in an open car port for a year. I took a thorough tour of the hulk and left my name and number. A few days later, while I was still in FL, I was called to let me know the owner suffered some health issues and did he know of anyone who might be interested in buying the car. He said, "I think I've got just the guy."

With Leo's help, we negotiated the purchase price and I had it shipped to Vermont and pushed it into my open car port. I couldn't drive it. All the restoration work took place in VT in an open car port. Working conditions could have been a little better. After three years of evenings and weekends, the car was drivable and presentable. Since that time I have repaired and upgraded the brakes (all new parts throughout), the A/C, installed seat belts, stainless steel exhaust and myriad other things to make the car look and drive correctly.

The pictures show the condition of the car when first retrieved from dead storage, the delivery, gradual change in appearance and final results. The interesting aside to all this mechanical stuff is shown by the build sheets and bill of sale. The "Customer" was listed as, "Foreign Office for HM Ambassador in Rome." Turns out the car had spent about 3 decades in Rome, Italy, being used by Queen Elizabeth II Ambassadors, along with other dignitaries. If only those walls could talk.

Because the car was specifically made for Italian roads, it is left hand drive. It took RR 11 years to build just 519 P-V's, and they were sold almost exclusively to Royalty and heads of state. Their sale price was roughly 9 times the cost of a new Silver Cloud in that year. All the body panels are hand hammered aluminum and with so few cars built, just about everything except the drive train was custom made for this car. The V-8, 6.23 liter (380 cu. in.) engine and GM Turbo-hydramatic transmission are the same as all Silver Clouds. Weighing in at 6,000 pounds and almost 20 feet long, it's a joy to drive and a chore to park.

Each of my cars shown in this gallery was sold and parlayed into the next purchase. There were times when I had four British cars in the driveway at one time. See, I told you it was a sickness.

My 1961 Rolls-Royce Phantom V

By Lowell Wakker



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Car(s): Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

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As a member of the British Car Club of Charleston (BCCC), I agree to hold BCCC, its board of Directors, Officers, and organizers of events free From all liability for any accident or injury which may occur in connection with club events.

SIGNATURE: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____

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Tracey Noonan	7th
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Howard Daneberg	7th
Bill Unger	14th
Cindy Dailey	16th
Mark Bennett	19th
Laura Shinall	21st
Bobby Grooms	21st
Shanon Nickles	24th
Michael Carnell	24th
Zach Moulds	26th
Paul Palmer	26th
Eleanor Harris	27th



AND MANY MOOOOOORE

Welcome New Members

Stephen Smith
1974 TR6

Howard Meyers
2014 Jaguar XF

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

Bylaws

The club bylaws are available for viewing on the BCCC website on the Members Only page. So log in on the website front page and click on the image above. If you don't have a log in, click on the Members Only page menu and fill in the form. If you are having problems logging in, contact [Dave Rosato](#).

Check out the For Sale/Wanted page on the BCCC website



Just click on this link on the website

For Sale:

1974.5 MGB project car (24k miles) with 1975 parts car.

Tony Giraldo 843-971-0706 or tonyjoe29466@comcast.net

1980 MGB asking \$2,750

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Wanted: '78 MGB parts

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Jack Lambert (843) 532-2873



1977 MGB restored in 2015



1998 Morgan Plus 8



1975 MGB



1973 Volvo 1800es

Dave Rosato—508-864-3393

[On Hemmings.com](http://OnHemmings.com)

Please let Dave Rosato know if your items have been sold.

Posted on Facebook

A picture of the MG factory in the early post-war years.

This picture shows a number of MG's being built at the works in Abingdon when it was Berkshire. The assembly line to the right appears to show MG sports cars, probably the TC model, being assembled over a long pit area in which the workers do their thing.

Did all TC's come with an extra lamp fitted alongside the radiator shell, or was it to special order? In fact the chap in braces, nearest the camera, could be in the process of installing a second lamp to the other side. The sidelights are already in place on top of the front wings, but the main headlights are not yet fitted.

Note the various inspection and "Nuffield Export" labels attached to the cars' windcreens.

Over to the left is a separate assembly area, this time for either YA or YB saloon car





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July 2019

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13 BCCC Monthly Meeting
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Sea Island Cars & Coffee
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



A few more British cars at the picnic.