

The 35th Annual British Car Day is only 26 days away. Of the 75 cars registered so far, only 39 are BCCC members. Last year we had 89 BCCC members at BCD. There is a limit of 175 people for the Friday evening harbor cruise and so far 115 have registered. So if you don't want to miss out, REGISTER TODAY!

Prez Sez

By Wray Lemke

It's just a couple of weeks before our 35th annual British Car Day. This one will be epic; we're starting with the Friday night reception on the tour boat "Spirit of Charleston" from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. The boat will be at the dock for about an hour with a

grand BBQ buffet spread on board, then depart for a cruise around the harbor. On Saturday we will again meet at the Palmetto Island County Park on Long Point Road in Mt. Pleasant for our show. It's a beautiful venue with excellent accommodations, shelters, soft grass, lined with trees. Our show there last year was rated as one of the best we've ever had. There were Club member's cars there we've never seen before. And, there are several other clubs attending this year to add to the fun.

I cannot stress this strongly enough: **register for the BCD 2019 show now**. We have a fixed capacity for the Friday night reception on the boat and that number is getting close to being filled. If you do not register for the reception then we can't take you with us on the tour. Late comers who didn't register can't be accommodated as the boat has a fixed capacity of 175 people. And, we can see from the numbers that Club members, as usual, are tardy in registering for the show and the reception. So get a move on! Each member who registers will also get a commemorative 35^{th} annual British Car Day key fob.

We also want to thank Club member Carl Smith for his diligent work with the Scottish Games organizers to have us be a part of the Games again. The last couple of years the Club was not invited due to broad policies the Games had implemented but Carl brought to their attention the attraction that our Club presence added to the Games. So, on Saturday, Nov 2^{nd} , the Club will once again assemble under the oak tree at Boone Hall in Mt. Pleasant around 0900.

Remember, register for the show, now!

'Til next time,

Safety Fast!

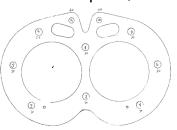
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VP's Corner

Well,

Before I was distracted by a short-term opportunity in the 'gig' economy that ate up most of September, I

was making some progress on what got me into British cars in the first place, a Brit Bike. The attached diagram illustrates the sequence and torgue settings for the studs that hold the head onto a Norton 850. That item is now complete and the next step is adjusting the valves. In theory she could be ready for British 'Car' Day, but experience tells me a few interruptions will delay the project.



The Grand Strand show is this Saturday, and even if you haven't registered it's worth heading up to enjoy. There will be a caravan heading out early that morning. We usually have good representation of their membership in our show, and barring unforeseen circumstances I plan on (finally) reciprocating. It will be a nice 'check ride' to shake down my car before BCD. Speaking of which, our 35th annual show this October is shaping up nicely with a fair amount of 'folks from off" signing up, so it looks like there will be some different cars to check out besides the ubiquitous red TD. Of course, there's still plenty of space to fit our locals on the field, and also room on the Dinner Cruise Reception Friday night, if you don't delay. If you can make some room on your calendar around the show, there are opportunities to help with setting up and running the show, as well as tearing it down Saturday afternoon. Sign up rosters for duty will be at the monthly meeting and probably in your e-mail...

See you there!

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.

https://business.landsend.com/store/bccc/

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



We will have some sample items in the Silent Auction at British Car Day.

Upcoming Events



See the BCCC website for details

Saturday, October 5th, Britfest 2019, 9am-3pm, The Market Common, 4017 Deville St, Myrtle Beach, SC

Saturday, October 12th, Monthly Meeting, 8–9:30am, Marina Variety Store Restaurant, 17 Lockwood Dr, Charleston

Saturday October 19th, Sea Islands Cars and Coffee , 9–11am, Freshfields Village, 165 Village Green Ln, Kiawah Island

Friday October 25th, BCD Welcome Reception, 6:30–9:30pm, Patriots Point, harbor cruise on the Spirit of Charleston

Saturday October 26th, 35th Annual British Car Day, 9am-3pm, Palmetto Islands County Park, Mt, Pleasant

The Seventh Annual BRITFEST

Saturday October 5th



We are looking to organize a caravan to BRITFEST. We will meet at Mt Pleasant Towne Center in front of Pier 1. Registration is from 9-11am and it's about a two hour drive. So we will plan on taking off at 8am. Please contact <u>Dave Rosato</u> if you plan to go.

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 <u>https:// grandstrandbritishcarclub.com/myrtle-beachbritfest/</u>

The Rest of the Story

By Wray Lemke

(this article was supposed to be in last months issue, oops, DR) On the "works in progress" front, I've been wanting to fix the steering wheel in the Magnette. For years I've had to look at the big cracks in the steering wheel and try to ignore them, intending to do something, someday. I recently decided to grasp that nettle firmly and fix the wheel. I bought the Eastwood repair kit, because I trust their products. It included epoxy, prep spray and adhesive promoter spray. One reason for putting of this

repair is the amount of work it takes just getting the steering wheel off. The turn signal and horn wires go down through the steering column and out the steering rack. To get to the nut that holds the steering wheel on you have to pull the turn signal/horn ring assembly all the way out of the steering column, which means cutting those wires. Once you've "withdrawn" that whole assembly with its "stator tube" then you can easily remove the steering wheel.

Before:



The cracks were filled with PC-7 two part epoxy. This epoxy is fairly stiff and doesn't sag. It also doesn't shrink or swell with temperature changes and won't crack the adjacent wheel material. It sands well. It is also available at ACE Hardware.

The wheel was lightly sanded again then primed and painted. This was the first mistake I made. For years my go-to paint was Rustoleum semi-gloss black. I sprayed the wheel and it turn out kind of grainy looking. I waited a full day to cure, per instructions, then sprayed another coat. It bubbled up and looked awful. I should have waited several days but the damage was done. The next day I spent a couple of hours removing the paint with the two well known solvents: lacquer thinner elbow grease. Once that was done I was ready to start over.

A fellow Magnette owner has been extolling the virtues of VHT epoxy paint for a number of uses. I took his advice and picked up a can at the local parts store. I figured the epoxy would be harder and wear better than the enamel.

The VHT epoxy (not the heat resistant kind you have to bake) sprayed on very nicely, a fine mist, laid down very well. It has the exact sheen I was looking for, not too shiny but not dull. I put on three coats per instructions.

After:



Now I can put the wheel back on, put the stator tube and turn/horn assembly back on and reconnect the wires. Finally, the wheel will look as good as the rest of the interior. I'm well chuffed with the results.

British Sports Car Owners By Lowell Wakker

Webster defines a Sports Car or Sport Car as: a low comparatively small usually 2-passenger automobile designed for quick response, easy maneuverability, and high-speed driving. We all have our own definition of what owning a Sports Car is all about, and our own reasons for driving one.

There has to be *some* reason that we spend enormous amounts of time & money (of which we couldn't possibly ever recover) on some aging example of British Motorcar engineering. Some people say it's because British Cars are fun to drive, or that they like to work on them, but the real reason goes deeper than that.

Someone once said that "it's not that any of us really need a British Sports Car, it's that they need us so much".

While it is true for myself that it is very hard to see a British Car restoration project residing in some back yard or garage, without thinking what it would be like to see it returned to its original glory-as it should be. In fact, it's extremely hard to resist sometimes.

But I think these cars also fulfill a basic need in us, and tell the world in general something about us as people. It shows that we are independent enough to work on the cars ourselves, and willing to take risks. And that we are not willing to conform to other peoples preconceived notions & conventions.

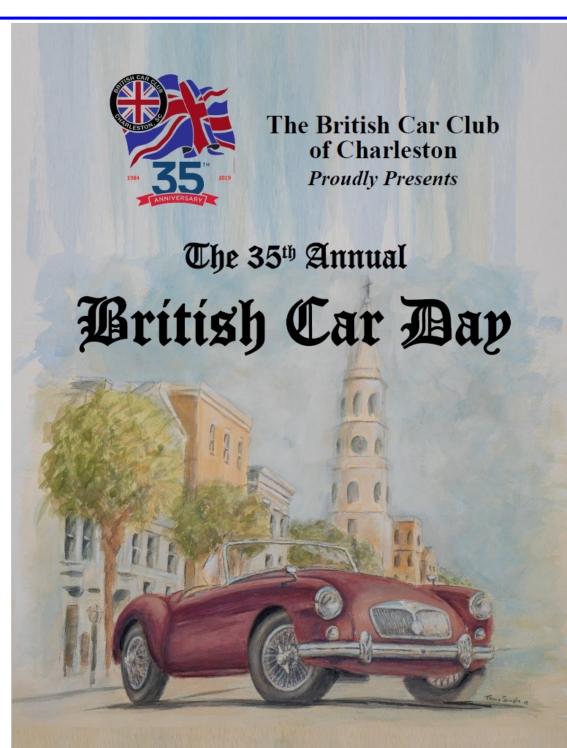
I think that the act of working on these cars ourselves is also somehow important. Pitting ourselves against the often neglected old warrior, to make it road worthy and beautiful again, is an essential ingredient in owning a British Car. The more skinned knuckles and sore backs received from working on a sports car, the more intrinsic value it seems to have.

Something about a British Sports Cars simple design, integrity, and character makes them appealing. And maybe by driving them, a little of that integrity rubs off on us. Their classic lines show that "their form is derived from their function", and they have a unique kind of beauty that's hard to equal. Very few cars made since that time period, have managed to attain the kind of reverence that these cars have received.

Their honesty reminds us of a time when things were a bit simpler, and we are in a way guardians of that. By maintaining them, and continuing to drive them, we are somehow making sure that something important doesn't pass from this world. It's sort of like protecting a historic piece of art. Not locked away in a museum somewhere, but out on the open road where people can see it & be reminded of it.

Maybe we can even hope to pass these cars on to future generations, and that they see what we do in them - so they won't be forgotten. All and all, there are a lot of different reasons for owning a British Car, and we each have our own.

Of course it could just be that they are fun to drive...



Saturday, October 26th, 2019 Palmetto Islands County Park

Free to the public, 11am-3pm, with entrance fee to park

For information and car registration: www.BritishCarClubCharleston.com

British Car Club Meeting Notes September 14, 2019 By Andy Hollis

We had a full house at the Marina Variety Ship Store once again. I didn't get a count, but my guess is around 30 folks

First things first, remember to register your car for British Car Day. Included is two attending the Welcome reception the evening before.

Volunteers to help out with BCD are appreciated. We especially need folks to help with setting up Friday and taking down after the show, and we'll need assistants in the silent auction tent.

The swag bags this year will include – gloves, evap-o-rust, and Marvel Mystery Air Tool Oil among other things.

We have rack cards to advertise the show. We also have posters. So far 61 (74 now) cars have registered and 105 (113 now) folks signed up for the reception. 175 can fit on the boat, so sign up soon so you're not left high and dry. We have all three shelters at Palmetto Islands County park available this year and one food truck (Rolled Quesadillas) lined up. We're welcoming suggestions for other food trucks.

You're gonna have to pay \$5 for parking this year at the reception

We spoke about cars at Kiawah: Mike Rosso is the featured collector. Spotlight car is a 356 Porsche. Ally is the presenting sponsor. They will be displaying by country of origin. Be sure to register early. The best way to get there is to volunteer.

It's time to nominate new officers for 2020. Send them to Wray or Dave. Feel free to nominate yourself!

Christmas party - Diane Lambert has it organized at Burton's grill in town center on December 7th (Pearl Harbor Day)

Lynn has been featured on tv about Hallie hill! Check out Channel 2 at the mid-day news. Also, every month or so they does a show on Hallmark channel at 10 AM.

Regarding Hallie Hill; unfortunately, it sustained a lot of damage during the storm. Lots of trees down but no buildings or animals hurt. If you have time, go and help out.

Folks going to the Myrtle Beach show - Meet at Pier 1 in Mt Pleasant on Saturday Oct. 5th if you want to be part of the caravan. Contact <u>Dave Rosato</u> if you plan to go. Mini Cooper event in Whitesville. There's a MG event in 2020 in Calgary in case you want to make the drive.

VHT Paint makes an epoxy paint. Wray used it to paint his steering wheel. It's way better than Rustoleum. See his article in this issue.

The Scottish games will be Nov 3rd at Boone Hall.

Peter Wild judged at a car show in Greenwich. He had a good time. A stunning Ferrari was there.

35th Annual British Car Day

By Dave Rosato

Our 35th Annual British Car Day is only 26 days away. We have 74 cars registered so far and 114 attending the Friday evening Welcome reception. The Silent Auction is a significant factor in making this event financially viable. So if you have anything you would like to donate to the auction, please do so ASAP. Bring the items to the next Monthly Meeting or contact one of the board members.



We also rely on help from our members. We have already

received many volunteering to help. If there is something on the list below that you would like to help with, please let me know.

- 1. Put out signs to venue (Friday)
- 2. Fill bags prior to reception
- 3. Give out registration bags at Welcome reception after the cruise
- 4. Field setup Saturday (7am-9am) (need a few more people)
- 5. Help direct cars (9-11am) (need one more people)
- 6. Registration (need one more person)
- 7. Trophy/ribbon display set-up
- 8. Silent Auction, take payments at end of day using Square' We will train you. You just need a smart phone with an audio plug (or adapter for iPhone/Pixel)
- 9. Club Welcome/Info Tent
- 10. Water bottles in coolers with ice
- 11. Write and send out thank you letters. This just needs to be done within a couple weeks after the show.

Your registration to the car show includes two people attending the reception. The reception is 6:30 to 9:30. It will be a harbor cruise on the Spirit of Charleston. The boat is docked on the walkway to the USS Yorktown. There will be food and a cash bar with beer and wine starting at 6:30. From 7:00 to 9:00 we will cruise around Charleston harbor.

Please note that parking at Patriots Point is \$5.

There is a limit of 175 people for the cruise. To date we have 114 signed up. So don't miss out and register now!



Friday and Saturday, November 15-16, 2019 by Bob Brooks

It's that time of year when the air starts to cool, leaves start to fall, and horsing events start to occur. The BCCC has been offered a gracious invitation to participate in The Victory Cup Polo Games and Ballooning event. The Club has approved this as a sanctioned event.

The event organizers have extended us complimentary field side parking as well as discounted tickets. We can set up a tent and bring our own food.

The main event will be Saturday, November 16, and we are asked to have every car in place by 9:00am. We will be allowed to come on Friday afternoon to set up our tent/area but must be done by 4:00pm as that is when the evening Ballooning activities begin.

Our reduced fee for tickets is \$ 16.01 per person. That includes general admission for both days. Balloon rides, upgraded passes, and special events are at additional prices but all with the same 15% discount. There is no parking fee for our group. All of this is a tremendous value as their cheapest field side tent is \$500.00.

The event is at a new venue this year: The Mullet Hall Equestrian Center on Johns Island.

This is a great opportunity to show our British cars to others, enjoy our fellowship, and dress up for a premiere English sporting event.

I will be at the October monthly meeting to answer questions. I can also be reached via email at <u>rcbrooksod@aol.com</u> or via voice/text at 843-514-5565. I will ask that each member who plans on attending, or that wants to get any updates, email me.

Main event site: <u>https://victorycup.org/charleston/</u>

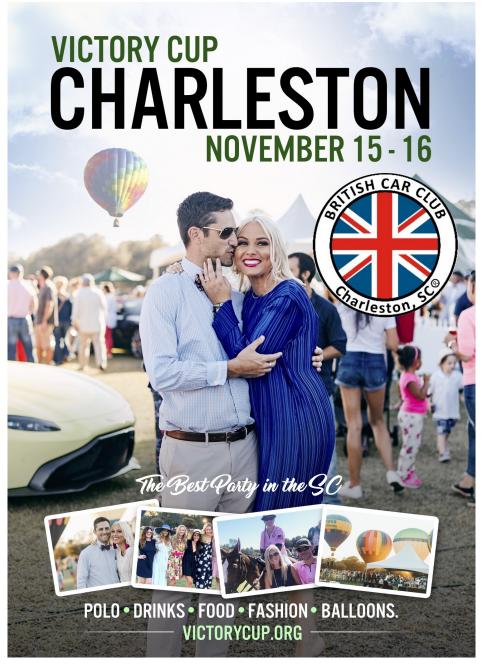
Schedule of events site: https://victorycup.org/charleston/schedule/

Our discounted rate site: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charlestons-hot-air-balloon-festival-victory-cup-polo-match-tickets-53303033809?discount=BCCC</u>

On the rate site, click the green bar on the right that says "Tickets." Then look for:

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Info and directions to Mullet Hall Equestrian Center at Johns Island County Park: <u>https://www.ccprc.com/54/Mullet-Hall-Equestrian-Center</u>





MG's ON THE GREEN By Diane Lambert

The Calendar says September, and it's technically fall; however, as about 60 assorted MGs gathered on the green at the Crossroads Church in Concord NC which was hosted by the Metrolina MG Club, and the temperature soared into the 90s, shade accompanied by a refreshing breeze under the beautiful oak trees was a welcome respite.

Jack has been interested in this show for several years so I decided - why not? I woke up early, filled two large to-go cups with coffee, packed a day cooler with water, told jack to jump into my car and get comfortable and headed out. Jack got another hour or so of shuteye while I drove, and he was refreshed when we arrived so he could enjoy making the rounds checking out the cars and chatting up folks.

The gathering was called MGs on the Green, but we also got to enjoy two Minis, a couple of Austin-Healey Sprites, one Austin-Healey 3000, two Lotuses (for those of you who prefer the Latin version, two Loti), a couple of Jaguars, a Magnette and a Morris traveler. Most impressive was Dave Rosato and his beautiful, shiny red 1958 MG A. Jack and I along with Dave represented the BCCC; however, due to a distributor issue, our B didn't make this trip.

A Mercedes 280 sedan, a DeLorean, and a 66 Mustang convertible were also in the mix for reasons unknown to me, but nevertheless, they were interesting to look at.

This wasn't your typical British car show, but rather, a gathering. There was no registration fee, but there was participant's choice voting for a beautiful crystal trophy.

The first winner was chosen by the Pastor of the Parish who admittedly was not a "car guy." After viewing all of the autos and talking with "car guys", he made his choice of a 1959 Morris Minor Traveler. The Pastor shared that his selection was based on looking for a car that had a story - as he looked inward at his own story that led him to be Pastor of the Crossroads Church. The photo book that accompanied the Morris Minor showed how it started with the bare bones and came full cycle, and this convinced him that this should be awarded the Pastor's Choice Award.

Next was the People's Choice Award for a beautifully restored '59 Austin-Healey Bugeye Sprite.

There were many silent auction items both new and used, auto related and not, that garnered lots of interest. Hamburgers and hot dogs, cooked by parishioners, were offered at reasonable prices along with typical accompaniments, and the proceeds went to support the Church. Fortunately, there was lots of indoor seating and tables so we could enjoy our lunch where it was much cooler.

We met some very nice folks at lunch who travel extensively in their 1968 MGB. In fact they recently drove it to CA. While this is not a young couple, they are obviously very adventurous! Kudos to them! My takeaway whenever I talk with folks about their adventures is to make your own adventures as soon as you're able because time waits for no one, and they reiterated my sentiment.

Folks were very friendly and accommodating, and while our little B didn't make it, we got to spend some quality time with Dave (which is always a pleasure) as well as chatting with lots of other Brit car enthusiasts, sharing Brit car and Club stories as well as life stories in general. It was a delightful day all around whether you drove an MG or not.

The Windscreen



Save The Date

The British Car Club of Charleston

Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Burtons Grill Mount Pleasant

Details to follow at later date

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1948 MGTC, asking about \$15,000. See the website for more



Just click on this link on the website

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