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Prez Sez

By Dave Rosato

Unfortunately, the key words over the past few weeks have been 'social distancing.' As we are all experiencing, the coronavirus has pretty much affected the daily lives of everyone in the world. Social distancing sure doesn't lend itself to holding a club tech session! But springtime is when we start to drive our British cars more (that's allowed as long as we stay 6 feet apart!) and when those pesky technical problems rear their ugly heads. Having your car towed to a dealer for repair may not be an option in our current situation... **HOLD THAT THOUGHT** and keep reading...

*Monthly Meeting Notes
By Irene Breland*

Heard I missed another great oyster roast at Harry and Wanda's! This event seems to have been around almost as long as BCCC. Many thanks to Harry and family for keeping it going.

Our president kindly took the meeting notes which I am sure are much more organized than the ones I usually submit! BCCC and Charleston are very fortunate that Dave and Lynn decided to make the Lowcountry their home. They have embraced our southern culture and joyfully share their gifts and talents with many organizations and friends.

Dave has some interesting ideas to keep club members active using technology to keep us connected. With COVID-19 spreading all over the world, our lives have changed dramatically. Things we took for granted like Cars & Coffee on a Saturday morning, or our many club functions, may not be able to return until fall. While we need to keep family and friends safe, most of us still need a little British car fix. We can take short runs around our homes, clean the wire wheels, shine the paint and do some maintenance if needed. The usual maintenance may end up needing a little tech help from some of our knowledgeable members, with a little help from technology! Can't wait to see what Dave comes up with.

*Stay safe, check on family and friends, and enjoy life!
Irene*

Irene sent me her notes and I thought, perfect segue. Many people across the country are working from home, using apps on their phones and computers to communicate with others that are working from home. There is no reason why the club can't use these applications to maintain our communication! We already have the monthly newsletter, The Windscreen, the occasional email blast, and the website (all technology based) and, of course, our Monthly Meetings, to keep in touch. We currently have 136 members in the club. That's a lot of British cars, and we have club members with a lot of experience, working on those cars!

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Continued...

For example, last year a member posted on our Facebook page that their TD wouldn't start and wanted suggestions on where to have it towed. I asked him a few questions and then suggested he pull the cables off the battery and clean them. He had been trying to start the car, and I suggested he touch the battery terminals. If one was warm, that was his problem. A couple days later he let me know that it did the trick! A few other times over the past couple years I have gotten a car and a boat running just by feeling the battery terminals (and then cleaning them). I have the magic touch! Noooo, not really, but my point is many car problems can be diagnosed through a series of questions.

Using an app like Zoom, Duo, Skype or Facetime allows the people helping with the problem to actually see the owner and provide some guidance to try different things on the car. Nothing can replace being there, but in these times, the second-best option just might work! Because we practice what we preach, the BCCC board is going to try using Zoom for our April 6th planning meeting. If you are interested in joining, just contact me (Dave@britishcarclubcharleston.com) and I'll get you the details.

Several years ago I added the [Members Helping Members](#) page to the 'Members Only' page of our website. There are many members of the club that have expertise, space, the tools and most of all, interest in helping! If you would like to be added to that page, contact me. If you have an issue with your car, also contact me. Whether it is a mechanical or electrical issue, small or large, just reach out! This is at least a place to start. So, my message to the 136 members is, let's take advantage of our members that are eager to help you with your car problems.

Our next Monthly Meeting was scheduled for April 11th at Rutledge Cab, but due to the extended social distancing requirement, it will need to be cancelled. The free version of Zoom (any phone or computer application) allows 100 attendees at a time to attend a virtual meeting with a time limit of 40 minutes. So, let's try a Zoom Monthly Meeting on April 11th! We'll send out an email blast earlier that week, with all the details.

So, let's get closer, by staying apart! We like curves, but let's flatten this one! Be well.

Safety Fast,

Dave



VP's Corner

By Bob Simons

Well,

March has come in like a Lion & gone out like a Lamb. I started the month cruising with the top down on a beautiful, if chilly, morning; to celebrate free range mobility by joining a bunch of aviators for breakfast just because we could. I recall on the drive over, mulling to myself, 'why do I do this?' and thinking 'because I can't afford a horse (or airplane)'. An old MG is not as comfortable as a modern 'appliance' vehicle, but it is certainly comfortable (and reliable) enough. There is a joy to looking up and watching the planes come in to your joint destination, as well as proving that by reading traffic, old Brit Iron can catch up to modern Mustangs & BMWs...(Ha!) We had a good turn out and mix of about 10 cars, plus one or two from other countries. The highlight for me was an old Boeing product, a Stearman Biplane, which I stayed around long enough afterwards to watch take off.

By the time of the oyster roast (Perfect weather, delicious oysters, exceptional company, etc.), covid-19 was a planning issue, and at the end of the month most organizations are conducting planning meetings via Skype or the new app, Zoom (as are we). Prep for the two big events in April, the Carolina British Classics/Tartan Day in Colombia April 4th, and the 5th Annual Cars on Kiawah, on the 10th, has turned into overhauling my garage, as both of those events are postponed. I had considered 'self-distancing' by moseying up to the Tail of the Dragon, but Robbinsville is closed to non-residents, and it's not like the home front doesn't need/deserve attention. This too, shall pass...when it does we'll have things to do.

No April Fool's - See you on the road!

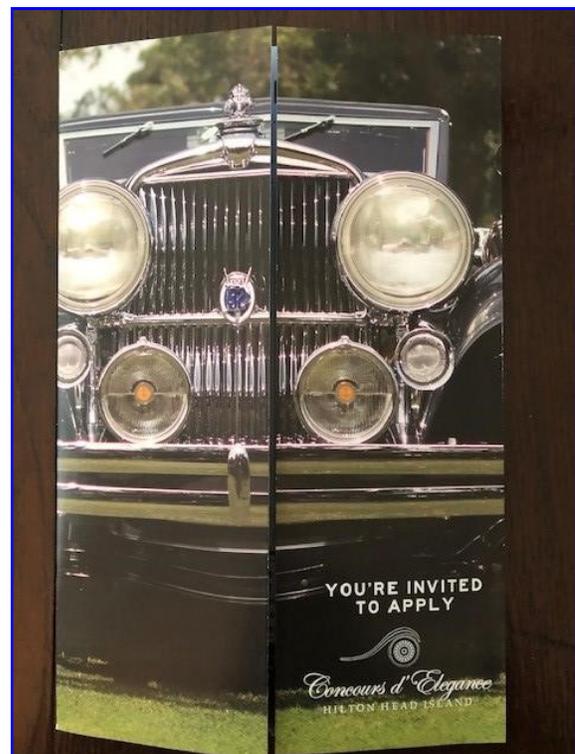
Bob Simons

**Women owners in the club are
once again invited to
Hilton Head Island!**

**Apply for the Club Day Showcase
under the group
'Women Driving America'**

This will be the second year of the WDA initiative and the second year we are invited. Obviously, we need different cars from the ones we showed last year.

Interested persons should contact Millie at Millie.horton2@gmail.com with WDA in the subject line.



Shuck It To Me ... Again ... And Again

by Diane Lambert

It's traditionally the first Saturday in March. It's traditionally a much anticipated occasion. It's traditionally a family affair. It's traditionally the place to be seen. It traditionally the place to show off your Brit Beauty. It's traditionally ... what more can I say. After writing the article for The Windscreen for 18 years, I'm hard pressed to find new words to describe this warm, welcoming event.

The tradition I'm talking about, of course is the Cramer Oyster Roast-2020, graciously hosted by Harry and Wanda Cramer for the last 18 years. While trying to be sure that I thanked everyone who works so hard to make this event such a special occasion for us, Wanda shared that under Harry's thoughtful guidance, their grandchildren, lovingly referred to as part of the Cramer-Doniphan-Henn Oyster Roast Event Company, once again worked very hard to ensure that we all had a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

On Saturday evening, March 14th, Mother Nature smiled on us with a picture perfect evening as about 50 plus friends gathered to eat, drink and be merry. There was some talk of the dreaded virus that is gripping the country right now, but thankfully this was replaced by tales of cars, trips, family, and overall good times past, present and future while meeting new members and becoming fast friends.

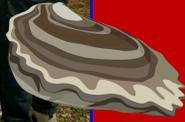
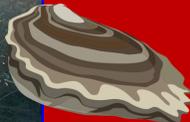
Because Harry wants to ensure that we enjoy the best sourced oysters, steamed to perfection, along with great fish stew, and provides a special gathering place for our Brit Beauties, the gathering continues to grow each year. While Harry has taught his grandchildren to carry on the important task of steaming the oysters, his daughter Dee has passed on her skill of grilling the dogs perfectly for us non-oyster eaters. I learned that Dee is so particular that she doesn't purchase the hot dog rolls until the day of the event to ensure that we enjoy the freshest rolls possible. That attention to detail along with the perfectly timed oysters and fish stew – well, it just doesn't get any better! The rest of us brought along sides and desserts to round out the best event in town!

One of the reasons this event has gotten to be such a hit is because many members make a point to attend as they've heard it's a great opportunity to meet members who we don't otherwise often see.

I will say that after all the years of Harry personally attending to perfectly steaming oysters, it's nice to see him now comfortably mingling with friends and enjoying all the cars and car talk. As always, Wanda makes everyone feel at home on the porch as she greets us all with a smile and a kind word.

Another year of the Cramer-Doniphan-Henn Oyster Roast Event Company spoiling all of us for the evening has wrapped up, but we will be talking about on many occasions until the next one – March 2021?

On behalf of Jack and myself and all of the BCCC members, thank you all for your hard work and thoughtfulness to ensure we all had a fabulous time!





**Thank You
Harry and
Wanda!**



**See Y'all
Next year!**

Monthly Meeting Notes – 3/14/20
Harry and Wanda's Oyster Roast/Monthly Meeting
Recorder: Dave Rosato

Our monthly meeting for March was held as a part of the social evening at the Cramer's. Our president, Dave Rosato, took a little time to discuss some club matters.

We have 136 members of the British Car Club of Charleston and over \$8,000 in the bank.

Monthly Meeting venue:

We are looking into having the Monthly Meetings at Rutledge Cab Company. They open at 10am so the meetings would be from 10-11:30am. There was a good response by hand count, so the April 11th Monthly Meeting will be held there. This is assuming things change with the virus restrictions, as the restaurant is closed at this time. Watch the website and BCCC calendar for updates.

British Car Day:

The venue is again the Palmetto Islands County Park, Saturday October 24th

From feedback from last year, we plan on having two food trucks and free water.

BCD Reception for British Car Day:

- It was a consensus that it would be best to have the reception in Mt Pleasant, since that is where most coming to BCD will be staying.
- Charleston Harbor Fish House – Dave has an email to them with no response, as of yet.
- Many liked the idea of doing a harbor cruise again. It was very well accepted last year. Dave will contact them to get date availability and cost.
- Alhambra Hall in Mt Pleasant was suggested. Dave will contact them to get cost and date availability.
- The Parsonage at St. Johannes was also being considered. It is an excellent venue but there is no parking as the location is south of Broad.
- Natalie Bluestein will call the building at Waterfront Park in Mt. Pleasant to check on the cost and availability for the BCD reception.

BCD Poster for British Car Day:

We discussed possibly having several cars on the poster in front of the British Flag. Scott Bluestein suggested a person overseas who did a painting of their Packard. We are looking into this and are taking suggestions.

Upcoming 2020 Events:

- Natalie is looking into a drive in April to Harold's Country Club in Yemassee, SC as suggested by Bob. This may not be possible due to the coronavirus restrictions.
- Picnic at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary will be on **May 30th**.
- Millie is going to look into a state-of-the-art cotton gin for a possible visit.
- On Saturday **June 27th** we will have a Tech Session at the Rosato's house on maintaining grease fittings and oil levels in older British cars. We will put several cars on a lift and give them a grease job.
- We will have a Drive-In Movie at Dennis Wunch's garage in Ravenel on **July 18th**.
- On Saturday **September 12th** we will have a BBQ at Dennis Wunch's, food being cooked by Dennis Wunch and Richie Hartley.
- Natalie is looking into having a drive on Saturday **November 14th**.
- A tentative date for the Holiday party is **December 5th**. Looking at Burtons Grill in Mt Pleasant. (It will provide more space than last year.)

Amelia Concours Report

By Millie Horton



By a quirk of fate in this coronavirus world, the Silver Anniversary of the Amelia Concours d'Elegance actually came off on March 8. The US was anxious about this virus a few weeks ahead of the show, but Concours organizers insisted that "extra hand sanitizing stations" would be in place. Seven of us had planned (a year ago) to attend the show, staying a week at Fernandina Beach. . . and it happened!

Three days of auctions--Bonhams, Gooding, and RM Sotheby--captivated me, watching people spend millions of dollars on gorgeous classic cars. It was a buyer's market as so many cars were offered without reserve and went for prices way under the estimated range. The highlight was the Bonhams sale of a 1932 Bugatti Type 55 Super Sport Roadster (estimate \$6.5M--9.5M) for \$6,450,000; the buyer was in the room! At all three auctions, cars were moved at a rapid pace. Another interesting sale occurred at the Sotheby auction in the Ritz Carlton. Late in the bidding, a husband and wife (each with a bidding number) jumped in on the sale of a 1930 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Coupe. The husband finally dropped out, but the wife kept urging him to continue. When he didn't, by golly she threw her hat in the ring, winning the car at \$1M. She was delighted; the car's colors matched the outfit she was wearing!

Our very own John Scott and his '61 Morgan +4 highlighted the Morgan group on the field of Saturday's Club Day show. Four hundred and fifty cars lined two fields! John's car stood out among the others--it was a classic (amongst new ones) and he drove it down to Amelia! A last minute bonus was that his son Tom was able to fly down from NY to drive onto the field with John!

Concours day was as electrifying as ever. The brass era cars first; our own Don Wathne was there with his 1914 R-R Silver Ghost recently brought out of Australia and never before shown in the US ; it sports the original leather roof. Gracious as ever, Don gave us the "tour" including the amazing story of the gas can on the running board.



Other classes included the Penske race cars, three Scimitars designed for the 1959 Geneva Auto Show, a sampling of the GM Heritage Collection including the famous 1938 Buick "Y-Job" (pictured here with a friend who remembered seeing Harley Earl driving the car to the Country Club when he was a caddy there around 1950). "That's Cute" was a fun class including a '90s Nissan Figaro and a 1926 Hanomag (with a 1 cylinder water-cooled engine capable of 40 miles an hour!)

The Best in Show Concours de Sport went to a 1973 Porsche 917/30 Can-Am Spyder (owned by Rob Kauffman; remember he owns the Ford GT that won the Le Mans in 1966) and the Best in Show, Concours d' Elegance was a 1929 Duesenberg J-218 Town Limousine with quite an interesting back story.

Mark your calendars for next year. I know I will! Millie Horton



PAPER CAR CUT-OUTS

By Jack Lambert

At the February Club meeting, I gave a shout out to Moss Motors' paper car cut-outs. Many of you were familiar with them, and in fact, had downloaded them, and several of you asked for info on where to find them. They're easy to find at Moss Motors paper car cut-outs.

These are interesting little pieces that Moss has been publishing for a number of years. Over the years they have been published in their catalogs which were actually mailed. I think the last one I may have received was in their August 2018 catalog that celebrated the 50 anniversary of the Bugeye.

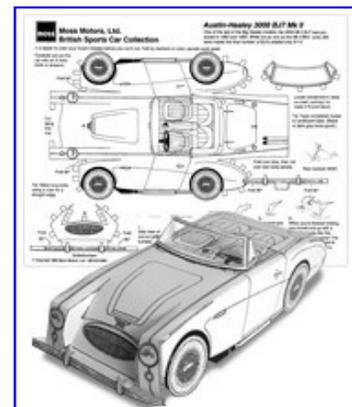
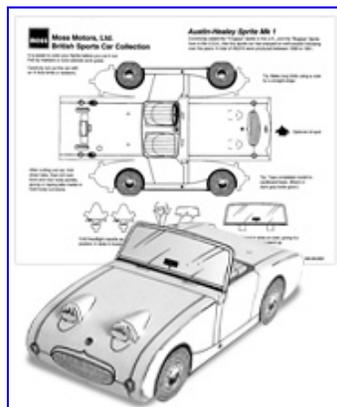
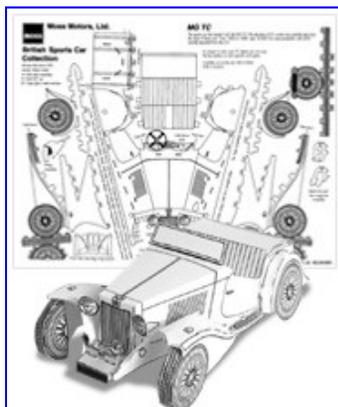
Through the years Moss has held contests where you would cut out the various models and decorate them however you liked. Once completed, you would send them a photo of the finished model for an opportunity to win a gift certificate.

On the Moss website, <https://mossmotors.com/papercar-cutouts>, you can download an A-H 3000, A-H Sprite MK1, MGB Roadster, MG TC, Triumph TR3 and TR6, and a 1997 Mazda Miata. There is a special 1953 A-H 100-4 which is named Grace. You can read her story or watch videos about her at Drive Away Cancer at <http://www.driveawaycancer.org/> or follow Grace on Facebook at [Facebook.com/driveawaycancer](https://www.facebook.com/driveawaycancer).

Although these are certainly not the same models we built as kids (for us more mature members), if you download them on card stock, they can be a cool addition to any model collection you may still be hoarding or a great way to get kids interested and use as teaching tools.

Any way you look at it, it's a nod to the past when building model cars was cool. There were so many intricate parts and pieces that kept us busy for hours, and whether we got every little piece correct or not, the finished piece was, in our world, display ready. I bet most of us who did this turned into car enthusiasts with a lifelong passion for all things automobilia.

Check them out. Drag the kids away from their e-devices and share a teachable moment or two with future car enthusiasts who probably have no idea they are yet!





Mt Pleasant Regional Airport Fly-In By Dave Rosato

The club was once again invited to the South Carolina Breakfast Club Fly-In at the Mt. Pleasant Regional Airport in Mt. Pleasant. We had eleven club British cars and many more airplanes. There was nearly a hundred folks there for the breakfast. The Civil Air Patrol cooked and served breakfast. It was about a 45 minute drive for me in low 40's air, of course with the top down. But the air was crisp and the sky cloudless. It soon warmed up into a gorgeous day. It was a great time talking with the pilots. And you think OUR hobby is expensive!??



Let's go for a drive!

By Dave Rosato

If you get the GSBCC newsletter, you would have seen that they have a new feature on their website. If one of their members is planning to take a drive someplace and wanted to know if other club members wanted to drive along with them, they can post it on their website. Well I thought that was a great idea, so I added it to our website. On the BCCC website front page, you will see the following. I put a test drive up there. If there are multiple drives, they will be listed.



[Take a drive with another BCCC member. Click here for more.](#)

Destination	Date
Bennets Point/Bear Island Game Management Area	2020-04-02

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Click on the link to view details of the drives listed.

Here is a list of member drives. If you would like to go with them, just click on their email link or give them a call.

If you would like to arrange a different one, [go here](#).

Destination	Name	email	phone	Date	Time	Description
Bennets Point/Bear Island Game Management Area	Dave Rosato	dave@BritishCarClubCharleston.com	508-864-3393	2020-04-02	11am	Bear Island Game Management Area is hundreds of acres of wildlife. You will see alligators and many kinds of birds. We plan to drive there and pack a lunch. It's about 50 miles south on route 17 from Charleston.

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Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions.

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SIGNATURE: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____

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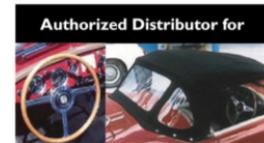
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BCCC Regalia Directly from Lands End

By Millie Horton

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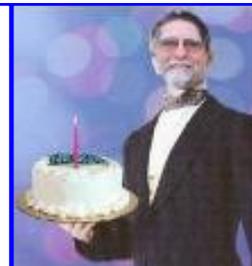
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Bill Dutour	4/23
Bruce Reynolds	4/24
Jim Stewart	4/25
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Dan Sluce	4/26
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Marcy Hippy	4/27



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Upcoming Events

See the BCCC website for details



Saturday April 11th, Monthly Meeting,

The meeting at Rutledge Cab has been cancelled. But we plan to have a virtual meeting. Stay tuned for details.

May 22nd through May 24th

Sand Hills Motoring Festival

Saturday, May 30th,

The annual BCCC picnic at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary

Saturday June 27th

Tech Session at the Rosato's house on maintaining grease fittings and oil levels in older British cars. We will put several cars on a lift and give them a grease job.

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BBQ at Dennis Wunch's, food being cooked by Dennis Wunch and Richie Hartley.

Saturday October 24th

36th Annual British Car Day

December 5th

Tentative date for the Holiday party

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Monthly Meeting</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Cars&Coffee Freshfields</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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