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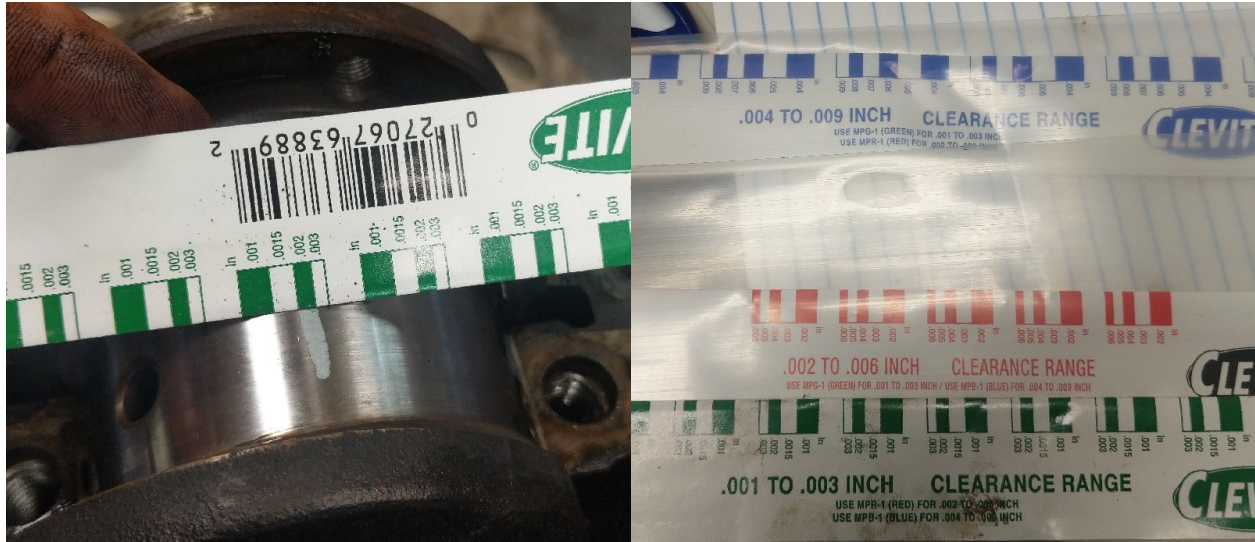
It is unfortunate that we had to cancel most of our events over the past couple months. Millie did plan a drive to McClellanville. We had seven British cars and one grand American Cady. We stopped at the Sewee Outpost and got sandwiches and had a picnic in the yard of a friend of Millie's. We kept our distances and wore our masks at the store.

The long-term weather forecast for the annual picnic at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary this Saturday, June 6th, looks good. If you haven't already, please let Lynn, lorosato525@comcast.net, know if you plan to attend. If you did let Lynn know that you were planning to attend on the 30th, but can't on the 6th, please let her know.

I'm sorry to say that Mert and I have not gotten together yet to fix his electrical problem. So you will have to wait yet another month to see if replacing the transistor in his Jag fixes it. I've kept myself busy giving others a hand. Please go to our website and check out the car that John Bigler is building. You may have seen the chassis at BCD a couple years ago. It is a highly modified Morgan/Devin. John contacted me a couple weeks ago asking if I knew anyone who had a borescope. Well I do. He wanted to look inside the bell housing to see where the slave cylinder was leaking. Pretty much all of our LBC's have a slave cylinder outside of the bell housing. Relatively easy to get at and repair. Well Johns is inside the bell housing. To get at it, you need to either pull the engine or the transmission. We figured a way to pull the transmission. So a few days ago John removed some wiring and removed the firewall. This gave better access to the transmission. Then between the two of us, we removed the transmission. We pulled out the slave cylinder and determined that the three O-rings need replacing. John is working on getting new ones.

My progress on the '58 190sl Mercedes has been accelerated due to the virus. I've been doing some finish body work. There are about twelve feet of butt welds in the body that need to be smoothed out. Since, like the MGA, the wheel wells are body color, the underside of the welds need to be smoothed as well. I bought paint for the underside and inside of the car. The underside is a gray, Mercedes DB169. Parts of the structure are a matt black as is the inside of the car. So there ends up being three colors on the underside of the car. I mentioned last month that based on measurements, the three main bearings are original. I watched a YouTube video on rebuilding an MG engine. They showed how to accurately measure the bearing clearance. They used a thin plastic rod. They can be bought in different sizes depending on the clearance you expect to measure. Mine should be between 0.00177 and 0.00256 inches so I used a green one. You thoroughly clean the bearings and place the crankshaft in place in the engine block. You then break a short piece of the plastic and lay it on top of the crankshaft at the bearings. I did this for all three. You then put the other side of the bearing on the block and torque the bolts to specifications. You then remove the bearings to reveal the flattened plastic. You then use the gauge to get the bearing clearance. You can see below, mine was 0.002", within specifications. They were all the same.

Prez Sez



We're going to have a virtual Monthly Meeting in June via Zoom. Once we got a few bugs out of the April Zoom meeting, we all had a good time. You can join using a PC, Mac, or your smart phone. I'll send out an invitation the week before. I hope you can join us.



VP's Corner

Well,

We must be under a Chinese curse, because these are certainly “interesting times”. After months of social distancing our first attempt to return to normalcy, the annual picnic and drive to Hallie

Hill Animal Sanctuary, is postponed. Social Distancing measures all in place, but mundane things like weather still must be taken into account, if only for a week.

Not that the weather is ‘behaving’ either. After weeks of balmy comfort (and perfect driving conditions), I had to deal with a bit of rain on my way to work. Come to find in the evening that between my morning coffee and lunchtime, a named storm had developed, made landfall on the Holy City, and expired. A distinctly odd event, but as a friend commented on Facebook “It’s nice when it’s over before we can be told to panic”.

As difficult as the past months have been, I feel like we are over the hump/turned a corner (substitute favorite euphemism). It’s not (just) that I’m in dire need of a haircut, but it feels like many activities can safely resume, especially with a bit of accommodation. Fresh air and sunshine are called for, and motoring is an ideal way to get some...

See you on the road!



Book your room soon, they are almost filled. Lynn and Dave Rosato are booked. Lets plan a caravan!

Click on the picture for details.



Checking your anchor before cruising

By Robert Morey

There you are resplendent in your tweed, a jaunty angle to your motoring cap and winding briskly along deep into valleys and flying over hills. Ah, the countryside, flowers, grand trees and the smell of **DEER!** You nearly push the brake pedal through to the headlights, swerving and sliding your way to a close encounter of the antlered kind! This was not the moment to consider the condition of those stoppy bits, all too often overlooked (they are out of sight and therefore out of most people's minds)-- those anchors, binders, whatever the chosen term today, that bring your joyous jaunt now to a regretful sorrow as you attempt to explain your location to 911....

Let's have a think on this right now... of course you checked the fluids before you left the lock up this morning. Hmmmm, right, oil, yup..., um, water, clutch fluid..., yup, um, coffee, lunch money..., phone..., mandolin, yup, and off you went like Homer on the odyssey, bound for parts unknown with brakes to match.

Besides that most obvious check of the fluid level, routinely overlooked due to difficult access, (certain Bentley/ Rolls and MG T series owners take note)... seeing your favorite mechanic (or at least one you tolerate) regularly to remove the wheels and brake drums in search of the all-too-common leaking wheel cylinder or half-seized caliper, worn out pads or brakes shoes is an absolute must. (That lovely grill and bumper will be no match for that deer, dromedary, etc, or any other thing so impertinent as to place itself in your path!) So let's have a look then (gloves and mask on, there could easily be asbestos parts still in some of our beauties). Assuming for instance one finds the left wheel cylinder leaking but not the right, rebuild or change them both, and the shoes at the same time. How are the drums or rotor surfaces? They should be fairly smooth; there are minimum degrees of thickness for some rotors, and the others are obvious common sense. If a rotor is about thin enough to put on your Victrola to play, do make a Frisbee of it instead-- right into the scrap pile. By the way, there are lots of other bits there to worry over, such as springs and clips to hold the wheel cylinders to the backplate and to pull the shoes back into position. Brakes aren't too complicated, often well within the capacity of our average enthusiast's wrench span! Let's look on this as an opportunity rather than a chore: brakes are an area where our much-valued time is very well spent indeed. Often our little beauty's ability to keep from pushing our headlights into the trunk of the Buick in front of us was iffy from day one; now years of neglect later, one needs to drive with binoculars to plan stops!

These days there are a few improved products out there that will not detract from the originality nearly as much as the newly shortened front of your car! Let's start with the fluid, often overlooked. Brake fluid absorbs water, which then rusts the internal surfaces of the brake parts (except silicone-based fluids but...don't! Silicone fluids are more compressible than other brake fluids, the result being longer pedal travel, and, in the case of an already marginal system, one might actually make things worse!) Simply add changing the fluid every two years to your normal maintenance routine; it's cheap too! If you are a lead foot and tend to use the brakes a lot, then you can, in extreme circumstances, actually have the fluid boil. This is the source of those dramatic scenes in movies where Johnny Speed suddenly loses the brakes on the fastest part of "The race track of doom." So speed demons take note, go for up-rated fluids such as ATE or many others designed for racing (still cheap!) and consider uprated brake pads (yup, still cheap). "EBC Green stuff" brake pads have been normal fitment to my cars for years! Many of our cars have drums on the rear brakes and some pre-sixties models have drums on the front as well.

Proper adjustment of the rear brake shoes and/or emergency brake can have a dramatic effect on their feel and performance! There're also tires. Tire pressures and the condition of front end and suspension components in general that all contribute to one's ability to keep the paintwork in one piece, but that's another topic.... OK Fangio, get out there and start on those stoppers! (brakes are important, so easy on the Cognac while doing this work!)

April 18th, 2020 Cars on Kiawah

The morning of April 18th offered what would be a beautiful day for a car show. Ocean Park on Kiawah Island looked fabulous at 6:30 AM but something was missing. Millie was not lining up goodie bags for the crowd of cars set to arrive in the next 30 minutes, Dave had not marked the field off for staging and no one had put out the porta potties! There also were no tents and no vendors setting up. OMG.... Bruce and John were nowhere to be seen and Tracey and Tony were also on the missing list. Where the heck was our team? Then I awoke with a start, rubbed my eyes and realized it was a dream. Covid 19 had shut the world down. There would be no car shows, no baseball, no weddings and on and on for a long time. My calendar was cleared in what seemed like the blink of an eye.

The 5th annual Cars on Kiawah was set to field over 250 pieces of rolling art showcasing the history and evolution of the automobile. Cars were coming in from up and down the east coast and as far away as Las Vegas. The Spotlight Group, Porsches iconic 356, included examples of every model and color staged at the entrance to the show field. Not far from the entrance the Featured Collector display would showcase an eclectic group of incredible cars from longtime local collector and BCCC member, Mike Grosso. The Kids display would once again include Glenn Surrette's Red Bugeye. Glenn so enjoyed sharing his car's history with the kids in 2019 he asked to do it again. The show field, set up to display cars by country of origin, would have over 250 American, British, German, Italian, French and Japanese examples of rolling art for an expected 4000 plus guests to enjoy. Food and beverages, entertainment, vendors and awards would have filled the day. As with many events on beautiful spring days, Cars on Kiawah was rescheduled for fall with hopes and prayers that life will return to some type of normal by then.

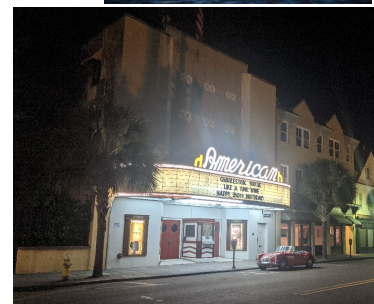
Sadly, Glenn cannot be there, but I am sure his spirit will be a part of the kids display and the BCCC for many years to come. Rest in peace my friend!

British Car Day update

By Dave Rosato

The Spirit of Charleston is available for the BCD reception on Friday evening October 23rd. I replied to them to hold the date, ask for pricing and see if we can board a little earlier so we can see the sunset but didn't get a reply. It is a tough time to schedule events like this as they are probably closed due to the virus.

Bob and I went downtown and took pictures of the American Theater for the poster. We have chosen Natalie's E-Type, Irene's Morgan, Susanne's MGBGT and Dennis' Stag for the poster. We're trying to decide on their placement. Pamela Blayney will be doing the painting. My A is in the picture for scaling. It was very photogenic as more than a half dozen people stopped and took pictures of the car in front of the theater.



McClellanville Bound: Drive Like You are Essential

By Millie Horton

We had stood it since March—lockdown for 60 days and counting. Dave Rosato had planned a trip down Highway 17 South, so why couldn't we head North on 17? Well, admittedly, eight classic cars would garner a bit more attention than one MGA. Go for it, I said. So I alerted Dave who posted an "intended drive" on the BCCC website and included the invitation in a scheduled e-blast. I also emailed a few friends. "Meet at Kohl's in the Oakland shopping Center at 10 AM on May 8." It was like prize winning at the fair to see who showed up: here came Lowell Wakker in his '69 Cadillac Convertible Deville complete with surfboard, Irene next in sporty Sir Morgan. Dave and Lynn tooled in in the red MGA while Patrick Lane flew in in his yellow Spitfire (but sans parakeet on this run). Don Wathne in his 1914 Silver Ghost silently rolled in, saying the adventure sounded like fun! The Odoms added class in their Aston Martin (along with a scary story about a Maserati). I drove the Bentley. Tom Meservey in his Midget swung in the line-up as we sailed through LA (lower Awendaw). I would love to have seen the reaction of other Hwy. 17 drivers as Tom raced in—kind of like reverse "pop the whip."

The plan was to stop at Sewee Outpost for homemade sandwiches (take-out) or bring your own lunch, drive on to McClellanville and park in the Jaycocks' yard there on Jeremy Creek (pre-planned). We were a crowd-pleaser, our merry band of classics. From the rear-view mirror, I could see the "string" when we made any slight curve. We were all moseying along well—Lowell could have had a passenger and still observed social distancing in his land yacht. Don was bringing up the rear—the Silver Ghost pattering along at its 10 mpg.

The Jaycocks were gracious hosts and enjoyed seeing us and the cars—ie: starved for human interaction just as we were. We spread our blankets on the lush grass or set up our chairs—6 feet apart. Conversation was easy; how wonderful it was once again to be back with "my people"!

The bounty carried back by some of us was fresh-off-the-boat shrimp from McClellanville. COVID-19 didn't stop us: **Count On Valiant Individuals Daily!**



Drive to McCellanville



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BCCC May Meeting

Since there was no May Zoom meeting, we do not have any minutes to share.

The suggestion from last meeting to let folks know if a drive was planned resulted in at least one run set up by Millie to McClellanville. Runs or other car related “safe social distance” activities should be posted on website for interested members to sign up for.

BCD planning is under way. Updates will be shared at June Zoom meeting. Watch for email and check website.

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Life Stories

My Life

Dave Rosato

After the passing of Glenn Surette, we learned many things about his life we never knew. Because of this, we decided to see if we could learn a little more about our members, now. Each month, we are asking members to submit a little summary of their life, interests, car history and family. I offered to start.

I was brought up in Bedford, MA. I did get picked on when I talked about the bathrooms at BCD. My first real job after receiving my BSME (Mechanical Engineering) was with GE, working at nuclear power plants. After a year and a half, I decided this wasn't for me and went back to school and got my MSME. I then worked for Raytheon Company as a thermal analyst designing radar systems. I was part of a small group of 8-12 engineers who computer simulated radar systems during their design to predict how hot they would get. Back in the day, radar systems had to be designed to withstand a nuclear blast. This sort of became my specialty. I've done testing at the largest solar furnace in the world in Font-Romeu, France a couple times and at White Sands Nuclear test site. To do simulation, we used software written by NASA in the '60's. I bought a PC and started writing a better, more user-friendly, graphical software. Over the next couple years, everyone in the group was using my software to perform the simulations. In 1994 I got Raytheon to allow me to sell the software on the side. After two years I was making more money selling the software than my Raytheon salary so left to go at it full time. Over the next nine years the company grew, developed a couple new products. In 2005 I received offers from three companies to buy the company. It was also the year my divorce was finalized. A fresh start was in order. I sold the company to a company in Pittsburgh, PA, ANSYS. I bought a house in 84 PA and worked for the company for a little over three years. It was never a good fit and they let me go and discontinued the software they bought from me. This finally gave me time to finish the frame off restoration of my 1958 MGA. I found out ANSYS was trying to sell the software source code to some of my old customers. I approached my old customers and received funding to rewrite the software and restart the business. So, for the past five years I have been running the company out of the house. I hate sales and marketing, so I don't do any. I love writing the software and providing support, so that is what I do. Sales are mainly by word of mouth or from old customers. I continually get surprised to find old customers still using the original software they bought over 15 years ago.

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My Life

Dave Rosato

I built my first house in Harvard, MA. I cleared the land but had the foundation, shell and chimney done. I did the rest, wiring, plumbing interior walls, siding, roofing and even built the kitchen cabinets from scratch. I was first married for 19 years. We had two wonderful girls, Pamela and Laura. Pam got her PhD from Dartmouth as did her, now, fiancé. They have been doing post doc work in Minneapolis. Pam got a grant to start her own lab and they are moving back to the Dartmouth area this month. They are getting married in October. Laura has her MSME and MSCE (Civil Engineering) and now works for GE in MA designing jet engines. She bought a house many years ago and I have helped her redo her bathroom and kitchen. Less than a year after moving to PA, I met Lynn on Match.com. After leaving ANSYS, I decided to move south. Lynn and I searched and finally bought a house in Yonkers Island. The house met our (or my) criteria. Big garage, lots of land, nice views, and yes, the house needed TLC. I wanted a house I could work on and make our own. This was in 2010 and Lynn retired and moved to SC in 2015, so I had five years to work on the house. In those five years I got a lot done, but not everything. Lynn and I got married shortly after she moved to SC in a small ceremony at the house. Lynn and I redesigned the kitchen and dining rooms and spend a few months redoing it. Last fall I redid the entire front porch with materials made from recycled milk jugs. This, I think, is the last big project on the house.

So now I spend a little time writing software, a little time restoring the 1958 190sl Mercedes I bought when in PA and the rest of my time is spent working around the house, traveling with Lynn and having fun with the British Car Club.

So now you know a little more about me. Share a little about yourself with the club. Send it to Phil, odom_p@msn.com, and he'll get it into the Windscreen.

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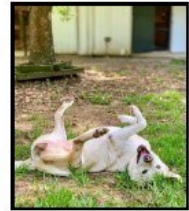
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BCCC Annual Picnic at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary



Saturday, June 6th

5604 New Road

Hollywood

Our 'rental fee' for the use of this beautiful greenspace is a per car donation of one item! Choose from dry cat food, canned dog food, scoopable cat litter, dog treats, cat treats, paper towels, paper plates, BLEACH! Donations always welcome!

Please bring your own picnic lunch so that we can be sure to observe social distancing! We will NOT be sharing a dish this year! Drinks only will be provided by the club.

- Bring a chair for your dining comfort! Cabin offers restrooms and AC
- There will be a short presentation by Hallie Hill's Executive Director, Jennifer Middleton, and an opportunity to tour the facility and interact with some of our residents.

PLEASE BRING YOUR MASK!

**PLEASE RSVP to Lynn Rosato by FRI, 6/5, at
lrosato525@comcast.net so we know to expect you!**

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By Millie Horton

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Jack Lambert	6th
Veresa Parker	9th
Jerry Bohle	14th
Rhonda Oldland	16th
David Ploth	20th
Craig Ferrer	21st
Robert Morey	24th
Annie Steel	26th
Trent Bentzel	28th
Barbara DeNett	30th



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Upcoming Events

See the BCCC website for details



Saturday June 13th, Virtual Monthly Meeting,

We will again be holding our Monthly Meeting on-line using the Zoom application. We had 17 members participate last month. Let's hope we can get more involvement this month.

Saturday, June 6th,

The annual BCCC picnic at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary. The picnic is still on the schedule. We will get in touch if it will have to be postponed.

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.

Saturday July 18th

Drive-In Movie at Dennis Wunch's garage in Ravenel on.

Saturday September 12th

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

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Picnic at Hallie Hill
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Zoom Monthly Meeting
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Mike Sanzari's win at Cars on Kiawah

