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Prez Sez

By Dave Rosato

What a different times. Sadly we had one member of the club succumb to the virus, Glenn Surrette. If you recall I had my uncles 1974 P1800es Volvo up here, he was in AZ, where I was getting it ready to sell for him. He was in a nursing home which, like so many, got hit with the virus. He passed from the virus about the same time as Glenn.

On a lighter note, mostly staying home gave me time to work on the '58 Mercedes. When I bought the car, the original tube Becker Europa radio was in a box. After ten years I decided to take it out and see if it worked. With a few adjustments and some cleaning and polishing, it worked great. It has two parts, the AM/FM tuner that goes in the dash, and the power amp that gets bolted under the dash. The original speaker was in the box as well. Having tubes, it takes a half minute or so to come on. These are things I love about these old cars. I got tired of cutting, welding and grinding the body, so I decided to take the engine apart. The compression check showed it needed a rebuild. Measurements of the crankshaft showed that it had never been machined, nice! The cylinders had. Stock bore is 85mm and they measured to be just under 86mm, two over. But the walls were perfect so hopefully only a hone and new rings. If you want to check out the status, go here. <http://www.harleythermal.com/190Restoration13.html> And speaking of restorations, check our website for updates on Tony Giraldo's TR250.

Lynn and I did take a couple drives in the MGA. Getting gas, I wore disposable gloves. We went to a couple local parks that were open. There were very few others there so it was easy to keep social distances. I've put information on three parks south of Charleston on our website. If you know of any other interesting local destinations that are open, let me know and I'll add them to the website.

Bob Simons and I met at the American Theater on King Street. We've decided to use that as the backdrop for the British Car Day poster and Tee shirts. Earlier we had our planning meeting using Zoom. I opened it to everyone in the club. Kevin Campo suggested using the theater. We all immediately thought that was a great idea. It's wonderful getting fresh input. I really encourage everyone in the club to get involved. We have 138 members and typically hear from a few dozen. It is a tough time to get active in the club, but if you have any suggestions on how we can have an event and keep within the social distancing requirements, please let me know or attend the planning meeting and make the suggestion.

Welcome to the club, Roger Schwall and Kevin Mizell.

Be safe

VP's Corner

By Bob Simons

Well,

If you had asked me a month ago what Zoom was, I would have replied "what I do with the top down & the navigator beside me". Now I am all too familiar with the on-line meeting tool. Our club and many other organizations have brought a whole new meaning to 'zooming'! Hopefully massive use of the program has overloaded China's ability to monitor the meetings, or at least wasted lots of their time...

Despite all the rationale for limiting travel, if you do need to run out, the weather has been gorgeous, and that's not the only reason to exercise your British Iron (while conducting necessary business). On a recent Saturday morning I needed to run some paperwork to several individuals in West Ashley, and figured, why not take the car (and navigator)? At both my stops, the red convertible with the blond passenger was an obviously pleasant surprise for the household occupants; as I suspected (and intended), a welcome change from the routine of house arrest. What I had not expected or anticipated, however, was the positive reaction I got just driving through neighborhoods on the way. I saw lots of families working in the yard, walking their dogs, or bicycling around, and I could tell it was getting old. Our presence was a new and welcome change in the routine and we were consistently greeted with smiles, waves and questions (can I pet your dog?). It took a bit longer to make the trip than I intended, but even with the occasional ear-scratching, social-distancing was easy to maintain, and the whole trip became far more rewarding than I anticipated.

Bottom line - if you need to go out, consider taking your LBC or PMC. It will be noticed and appreciated, and it's an easy way to be sociable while social distancing...

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.



Tech Session with Social Distancing

Solving a Battery Drain Problem

By Dave Rosato

At the last face-to-face planning meeting we had, I overheard Irene Breland talking about a problem she was having with her Morgan. If she didn't drive the car for a few days, the battery wouldn't have enough juice to start the car. I offered to come over and take a look at the car. Later, in email discussions with Mert Fox, he mentioned that his car is always on a trickle charger for the same reason. In keeping with the "social distance" guidelines, I offered to look at both cars.

Irene's Morgan is a 1966 Plus 4 and Mert's car is a 1993 XJS Jaguar. Electrically, these two cars are at the opposite ends of the spectrum. The Morgan has two fuses, one that goes through the ignition and the second is always powered. I downloaded the electrical diagram for the XJS. It was a 5.6Mb, 69 page pdf file. The XJS has 69 fuses in five fuse boxes. It also has 44 relays.

Even though they are very different cars, I attacked the problem the same way. The first thing I did was remove the positive lead to the battery. Using a multimeter, I set it up to read current. Most multimeters have the capability to read up to 10 Amps. There are fuses built-in to the meter which will blow if you try to pass more than 10 Amps through the meter. One lead of the meter I connected to the positive post on the battery and the other went to the positive lead I had just disconnected. So now any current coming out of the battery is going through the meter. Ideally, with the doors closed and ignition off, there should be no current, the meter should read 0.0. For older cars, like the Morgan, this should be true. For later cars, like the XJS, this is not true. Even with the car locked up, the battery is supplying power to computers, security systems and maybe a clock. In doing a web search, the XJS can draw 40 milliamps (ma) (0.04 Amps) when all is closed up. Just the security system alone can draw 28ma.

When I connected the meter up to the Morgan, with the key off, 0.016 Amps were being drawn. Irene mentioned that the volt meter in the dash was always reading a value, even with the key off. So I crawled under the dash and pulled the plug to the meter. The current went down to 0.009 Amps. Pretty close to zero but not quite there. Next, we looked at the wires going to the fuse that didn't go through the ignition switch. The radio power did go to the fuse that goes through the ignition switch. But there was an electronic antenna for the radio that required power and went to the fuse that was powered on all the time. I disconnected this wire from the fuse block and the current went to zero. So, in this case, the fix was to simply move the power wires to the electronic antenna and the volt meter to the fuse that goes through the ignition switch. In actuality, the radio reception was nearly nonexistent, so we decided to remove the electronic antenna. The antenna wire was about ten feet long so it cleaned up the wiring under the dash. I tried the antenna on a radio when I got home and it was not working.

Tech Session with Social Distancing

Solving a Battery Drain Problem (continued)

When I connected the meter to the XJS, the current was over an Amp. But the drivers door was open and all the interior lights were on. So I removed the interior lighting fuse and the current went to 0.075 Amps. I then started pulling fuses. I started with the fuse next to the interior lights. The current dropped significantly. This fuse went to the right-side AC fan. To drop the current as low as possible, every other fuse in the car was pulled one at a time to see the effect in the current. There were some that dropped the current by small amounts. It was also noticed that if I manually pressed the drivers door switch, the current went down. This indicated that the door switch controlled things other than the interior lights. I did hear a click coming from the drivers' seat when the door switch was pressed.

The only fuse that was left out of the car was that for the right-side AC fan. With the doors and trunk lid closed, the car was drawing 11ma, 0.011 Amps. This is below what seemed to be normal for the car, the alarm system had been removed earlier. The battery voltage was monitored for the next few days and showed no signs of dropping. In doing a web search on the XJS right side fan controller, there is a transistor on the controller board that appears to fail. The \$8 transistor was ordered and should arrive the day the Windscreen goes out. So you will have to wait until next month to find the outcome. Yah, I know, the suspense is killing you!

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.



The following is from the Houston MG Car Club newsletter, THE ROARS
MGBGT PPE

By Angus Jamieson, Inverness, Scotland

If you have to buy a British Car
The Rolls Royce is the nicest
But the old MG is the best by far
For such a time of crisis.
We could buy a flashy vehicle
So that others would admire us
But the MG is a miracle
That deters Corona Virus.

A mask might be protective
Or some other PPE
But there's nothing as effective
As an MGBGT.
It's the perfect safe environment
A compact sterile bubble
That keeps those in retirement
From every kind of trouble.

I asked the guy at AVIS
Why he rented MGBs
And the reason that he gave us
Was very plain to see,
"The reason people hire us
Is there's very little room
And the poor Corona Virus
Can't survive the petrol fumes."

When it comes to social distancing
No matter where you are
With the guidelines there's consistency
By staying in your car.
You can tell police inquisitors
That your wife and you complied
For there's no room left for visitors
By the time you're both inside.

If your state has driving limits
And you can't exceed your quota
In an MGB in minutes
You could drive to North Dakota.
And if the cops seek vengeance
(You're the type they keep their eyes on)
By the time they start their engines
You'll be over the horizon.

So you took a good decision
When you bought a small MG
Though you're subject to derision
From the ones that cannot see
That as they sit there in their Cadillac
All elegant and posh
That crowd of passengers in the back
Are among the great unwashed.

BCCC Zoom Meeting Minutes

By Irene Breland

April 11, 2020 saw BCCC members zooming to the monthly meeting sans LBCs. Seventeen members (Natalie and Scott shared the screen) were present for a lively attempt at communicating from a space that more than met social distancing guidelines. The attached picture shows the brave attendees!

Dave opened the meeting with discussion on drives and shared a recent one he and Lynn took in the MGA to Ace Basin. He met an alligator as big as the MGA! The conversation continued with talk of Tech Sessions and events scheduled for the year as listed on web site.



Millie asked if anyone was driving their car. Natalie said she has turned the E Type into her grocery getter. She said the only problem was there was not enough room to put many groceries in an E Type!

Dave followed with BCD discussions on reception with majority favoring a repeat of the harbor cruise. Dave will check with Spirit Lines to check costs and availability.

Natalie will check on another food truck option. Water availability and cost at show was discussed with several options brought up by Dave and Kevin.

Further discussion involved registration, classes and poster.

Millie announced the Women on the Move being invited back to HHI this year and for any interested women owners to get in touch with her.

All in all, the zoom meeting went well. It may be what we have to do for a few more months, so don't be shy about trying it. You don't even have to turn on your screen if you don't feel like putting your makeup on!



Remembering Glenn Surette

By Jack and Diane Lambert

I recently mentioned to Jack how fortunate we were that none of our family or friends had contracted this darn COVID-19. Then sadly we learned that our friend Glenn Surette lost his battle to the virus.

Most of us probably read Glenn's obituary and many were probably surprised to learn some things about Glenn, such as that he served as a Marine during the Vietnam War. Although some were aware that he had a varied career in journalism, most probably didn't know that he covered Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign or that he taught journalism and mass communications at the College of Charleston.



The reason I say many of us were probably surprised to learn these things about Glenn was because he rarely spoke about himself, and certainly never bragged. He was pragmatic and sincere, and we considered ourselves fortunate to have Glenn and Lola as friends.

Like many of you, Jack and I knew Glenn and his lovely wife Lola for many years. Glenn, being from New England as we are, we often spoke of Boston, the Red Sox, relatives still living in the northeast, winter sports we enjoyed, family and cars. But not just British cars. Glenn had his pretty little red Bugeye Sprite as well as his Corvette. He enjoyed both very much and showed both at different events. There is no doubt that, like many of us - Glenn was a "car guy", and he and Jack talked endlessly about cars - all cars!

Glenn was generous with his time; always helping set up for BCD, making sure the BCD press release made its way to the Post & Courier; arranging for Club members to participate in the St. Patrick's Parade in Charleston for many years, and offering his services wherever he could.

Glen was a tour guide for Grayline Tours covering downtown, and on several occasions, he arranged a tour bus for our BCD guests, and he donated his time drive and narrate the tours which were thoroughly enjoyed.

Many of you may not have had the opportunity to enjoy Lola's company as she has had her own set of health challenges in recent years, but she would always try to get to BCD where she would visit with everyone. She is lovely, and in fact, was in the hospital with pneumonia just prior to Glenn getting ill. Fortunately I was able to catch up with Lola recently to find that she is doing well. She shared that she is moving to the Fort Mill area to be closer to her daughter and was happy that her son-in-law wants Glenn's beloved Bugeye.

At Glenn's urging, Glenn and Lola, Ed and Tricia Tilton and Phil and Rosemary Odom would make any excuse to jump in their cars and drive to Kiawah or other destinations just to enjoy an ice cream. Like Jack and I, no real reason required - just an excuse to get the Brit Beauty out in the sunshine and cruise, and of course, ice cream is great anytime.

We will miss our friends, both Glenn and Lola, and we wish Lola comfort and good health in her days ahead.

Glenn will be missed



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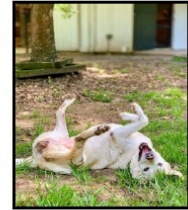
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BCCC Annual Picnic at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary



Saturday, May 30th
5604 New Road, Hollywood
(Rain date: Saturday, June 6th)

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!

- Sandwiches, paper products, sodas and water will be provided by BCCC!
- Bring a yummy covered dish to share with everyone!
- Please 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 play with some of the residents!)

PLEASE RSVP to Lynn Rosato by WED 5/27 at
Irosato525@comcast.net

We will meet at 11:00AM at the intersection of 17 and 165, in Ravenel, in the Food Lion parking lot!

Please be aware that this date MAY need to be changed in accordance with state guidelines regarding social distancing.

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By Millie Horton

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<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.



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For
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Ward Schweitzer	5th
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Jan Goldman	10th
Mary Ellen McClain	14th
Brian Smart	15th
Louis Tripician	16th
Wray Lemke	17th
Ruth Moshcel	19th
Richard Rothman	22nd
Michael Gilmartin	22nd
Lynn Rosato	25th
Matt Zender	27th
Sue Stein	31st



AND MANY
MOOOOORE...



Upcoming Events

See the BCCC website for details



Saturday May 9th, 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, May 30th,

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

May 2020

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Irene Breland and Millie Horton took a drive last week to exercise the cars. Notice the social distancing!