



The WINDSCREEN

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Prez Sez

By Dave Rosato

We had one of our most involved Tech Sessions last week. We removed the transmission from a Austin Healey. This was done to replace the clutch disc. More details and pictures are later in the Windscreen. Jane ordered new parts and when they arrive, we will be having another Tech Session to put the car back together. So look for an email announcing it. We had five members (plus one latecomer), which was a good number to handle the task and keep safe. Janes AH is up for sale, check out our website for details.

We had a great turnout for the Birds of Prey tour. Thanks to Millie for setting this up. If you didn't make it, you should head up to Awendah and check it out. It started with an hour of entertaining us by having many different birds swoop through the crowd. I took a picture with my phone of an owl taking off from a post.



We're still looking for someone to take over putting the Windscreen together. Please contact me if your interested.

We're continually looking for ideas for get togethers where we can keep to COVID guidelines and keep everyone safe. If you have a suggestions, please contact [Millie Horton](#).

Safety First and Fast

Dave



British Car Club Midlands Centre's Annual

Carolina British Classics XIV Car Show

Saturday March 27, 2021

@ The Tartan Day South Festival

The Historic Columbia Speedway

(2001 Charleston Highway, Cayce, SC / from I-26, take Exit 115)

Transmission removal from a 1966 Austin Healey 3000 BJ8

By Dave Rosato

Jane Schmitt was having problems shifting into gears in her AH. After back and forth discussions with Darryl Beech of Charleston Import Automotive, we determined that it was either the master cylinder or the clutch disc. If it was the master cylinder then occasionally it was not disengaging the clutch, making it impossible to shift. Since the problem was intermittent, I tied a string to the clutch slave cylinder lever and ran it into the car through the gear shift boot. I connected the end to a bungee cord. This way I can see if the slave cylinder was engaging when I depressed the clutch as I was driving. The first couple of times driving, the problem never happened and the string went in and out properly when I pressed the clutch.

But one morning I started the car and couldn't put it in any gear when the engine was running and the clutch pressed to the floor. The string showed that the slave cylinder was actuated properly. I next shut the engine off, put it in reverse and tried to start the car with the clutch to the floor. The car moved backwards, being driven by the starter. It was now clear that there was a clutch disc problem.

To replace the clutch disc, the transmission needed to be removed. In the AH 3000, the transmission is removed from inside the car. There are non-removable support brackets under the transmission making it impossible to remove it from under the car. So we first removed the interior from the car, seats, carpeting and fiberglass transmission shroud.



Dennis at the front controlling the floor jack supporting the transmission from underneath. A come-along attached to the roof rafters lifted the transmission from the top.



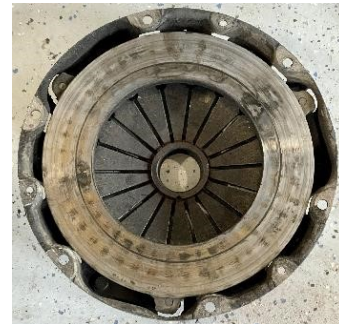
When looking in the bell housing, we found several pieces of metal at the bottom. Time to remove the clutch/pressure plate from the flywheel, still on the engine.



Wow, it was amazing that it was possible to still drive the car with the clutch disc in this condition. The three missing springs and many metal pieces were rattling around under the pressure plate fingers. They sometimes prevented the fingers to move, preventing the clutch to release.



What is this doing in my transmission?



The pressure plate was scorn.



A job well done, time for pizza!



Time to order new parts.

Birds of Prey tour

By Millie Horton

A recent sunny but cold day provided a wonderful backdrop for bird viewing, high in the air and in controlled flight demonstrations, as Club members enjoyed a day at The Avian Center/Birds of Prey in Awendaw. Jim Elliott, the founder of the Center, gave us first-class treatment including special parking for our LBCs. And thanks to member Carl Smith for scouting the road and sending the favorable report that encouraged members to drive their British cars!

First on the program was an hour-long flight demonstration in the outdoor amphitheater with non-stop education from excellent guide Stephen Schabel about each bird we viewed. Several different handlers put the birds through their paces whether it was to see one snatch food off the tip of the handler's finger or dazzle the crowd as it silently glided over our heads, landing on a nearby perch. From eagles to hawks, kites, owls, and turkey buzzards, we learned the food chain, appreciating each bird group for its place in our environment. Some of the birds we saw came to the Center due to an injury (lost an eye, spinal cord issue)—the Center's hospital is known far and wide—while some had been bred there in captivity. Being able to stand within a foot of a magnificent bald eagle held by the handler was a memorable, moving moment.

After the flight demonstration which also afforded Q & A, guests were free to visit the various sections of the Center that house these magnificent creatures. One could even visit the Vulture Restaurant, a field where dead animals found along the road are brought to provide a "smorgasbord" for the vultures.

On that note, I'll add that six of us enjoyed a seafood lunch outdoors at nearby Seewee Restaurant afterwards. It was great to spend quality time getting to know other members better. You wouldn't believe how much some of us have in common!

Thanks to all the BCCC members who turned out for this adventure! I'm working on other venues that allow us to drive our cars and see one another—all in a safe outdoor environment. If you have a suggestion for a drive or want to lead a tour, please contact me and we'll work out the details!

Thanks to Lynn Rosato for her fabulous photos of the day!



BCCC January 2021 Meeting

By Irene Breland

First zoom meeting of the year had 16 squares with a total of 20 people in attendance. We had the standard chit-chat before Dave opened the meeting.

Dave opened with info on a new tech session to work on Jane's "Big" Healey's clutch. He then discussed what was involved if new clutch was needed. He asked if anyone else had tech session ideas and Nick brought up gas gauge problem on his MGB. Some additional discussion on Healey gas gauges followed by Frank.

Irene asked Jim Elliott about covid safety protocol at Birds of Prey for upcoming club visit. He described the spacing and mask provisions per CDC guidelines and welcomed us out.

Millie gave update on the fire at the King's residence. They have temporarily moved to condo while repairs are being made.

Our VP Bob joined us via Amtrack which was pretty cool.

Lynn has taken over regalia. She has inventory done and is redoing some ads for the Windscreen. Several folks suggested face masks for BCCC and Ken put on a MOG South Morgan club mask to demonstrate one with a club logo. Lynn said that she'd look into it.

Mille discussed some additional outings including Brookgreen Gardens. Pat asked about going to Hobcaw Barony again.

Discussion followed on Amelia Island Concours date change and how reservation changes were being handled.

Dave brought up the idea of a Rally again and Scott suggested Isle of Palms, Sullivan's Island and Fort Moultrie. Dave is hoping we can do more in 2021. Ken reminded us of Freshfields' Cars & Coffee on Saturday. Scott suggested a Freshfields club drive on a Saturday other than C&C.

Happy New year wishes, and zoom was off.

Cars on Kiawah will be held Saturday, October 16, 2021 in beautiful Ocean Park on Kiawah Island, SC. Registration is set to open spring of 2021. Updates can be found at www.carsonkiawah.com.

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BCCC Regalia Directly from Lands End

By Millie Horton

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Happy Birthday For February



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| Janet Smart | 7th |
| Andrew Schauwecker | 11th |
| Jo Sherrill | 15th |
| Dennis Oldland | 17th |
| Larry Shinall | 21st |
| Barry Neal | 24th |



February 2021

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Check the website for impromptu drives

