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The
Windscreen

Prez Sez

By Dave Rosato

Happy New Year! My first year as prez was a tough one. We had a few events, a detailing Tech Session, Hobcaw Barony tour, Harry and Wanda's Oyster Roast and the Mt Pleasant Fly-In, before COVID effected everything.

Starting in April we started holding our Monthly Meetings using Zoom. Also in April we lost one of our long time members, Glenn Surrette, to the virus. For every event since, we practiced social distancing and insisted on wearing masks. Unfortunately, we couldn't foresee having a safe British Car Day and Holiday Party so we had to cancel these events. Here is a summary of the events we did have in the rest of the year. If you'd like to see details of the event, go to our web-site and look at the Windscreen for the month after the event.

May Annual picnic at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary

May drive to McClellanville

June Brake fluids Tech Session

August drive to McClellanville

September Drive-in movie

September drive to Halfway Creek Cemetery

October Drive-by Birthday wish

November BRITNIC British Car Show

December Mt Pleasant Christmas parade

December Dave's All Girl Garage Tech Session video (click on the picture above)



Our treasurer, Peter Steele, prepared a financial statement, later in this Windscreen. Since our club expenses were minimal this year, we made membership renewal optional.

We currently have 158 members in the club. For 2020, we had 22 new members. To the new members, we welcome you. We're hoping to get back to some kind of normal in 2021. We have the venue, Palmetto Islands County Park, for British Car Day already reserved for October 23rd. So save that date. We will start planning it in the spring and will be looking for members to help.

Millie Horton has already planned a drive and tour/demonstration at Birds of Prey in Awendaw on Saturday January 23rd. There is a 50 person limit so please sign up early. There are more details later in the Windscreen as well as on our web-site.

One last reminder, we need a Windscreen editor. I actually don't mind doing it but I want to share the fun with others in the club. So please contact me.

Safety First and Fast

Dave

VP's Corner

By Bob Simons

Well,
Happy New Year!!

2020 closed out for me with the Mt Pleasant Christmas Parade, the one time I appreciate the usually uselessly low first gear on the TD. The sunny warm afternoon disappeared as I crossed The Bridge, into a brisk fog that gave a nice twinkle to lighting and a more seasonal (and British) feeling to the occasion. The club had a good turn out, and while the spectators were understandably fewer in number, there were still plenty of folks who apparently appreciated our presence.

Even with vaccine availability, social distancing is going to be 'a thing' for a while. There are few group activities as appropriate for the times as our Club Drives, and Millie is already scouting opportunities. Since everybody has been staying home, I'm sure we're all catching up on the maintenance and little things for our vehicles (or giving up and enlisting aid), so I look forward to hearty participation. With a bit of a hand, I might even provide a motorcycle escort.

Recruit, recruit, recruit! I saw a neat old Defender pick-up truck in traffic, and it turns out it's easy to start a conversation at a stop light with a right-hand drive vehicle...

If you're interested in importing your own, there are pitfalls, but [click here](#) to watch a how-to video from the web.

See you on the road!

Mount Pleasant's 25th Annual Christmas Light Parade delighted crowds

PHOTOGRAPHS BY KENNA COE AND CATHERINE KOHN DEC 14, 2020

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The Curnick's make the Moultrie News

Center for the Birds of Prey

If you are weary of staring at your four walls, join us for a drive up to LA (that's lower Awendaw) on **Saturday, January 23** to visit the Center for the Birds of Prey and see a demonstration of the special birds in flight.

The Center has recently reopened for tours of no more than 50 people. So far, there are not many visitors signed up for this date, so we hope BCCC members can have lots of access. **It's necessary to buy your ticket online in advance.** The cost is \$20, \$19 for 65+. The program starts at 10:30. We will meet in front of Kohl's department store in Oakland Shopping Center in north Mt. Pleasant at 9:30 with departure at 9:45. There is a map on our website.

Bring a lunch or snack to enjoy afterwards. Masks are required and we will practice social distancing.

To purchase tickets, go to thecenterforbirdsofprey.org, the sooner, the better so that all who want to go, can get in. Be sure to select January 23rd when purchasing tickets. Here is their policy regarding inclement weather:

Programs are rain or shine, but if the weather includes thunder and lightning, delays and cancellations may occur to protect the safety of guests, staff, and birds; In the event a program must be canceled, digital rain checks will be offered that will allow for your visit at a later date at no additional cost.

After buying tickets, please let [Millie know](#) so she can keep a count. Note that the road to the facility is dirt. Normally it is well packed but can be messy after a heavy rain.

Hope to see you in the New Year!

[Millie Horton](#)

Events Coordinator
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2020 BCCC Financial Report

By Peter Steele

Opening	Balance	On 1/1/2020				\$ 9,944.00
Income						
	Categories					
		New Member dues			\$ 770.00	
		Member renewal dues			\$ 3,295.00	
		Regalia			28	
		Club Badges			\$ 184.00	
		Hobcaw Barony			\$ 280.00	
		Bank interest			\$ 0.78	\$ 4,557.78
Expenses						
	2020 BCD					
		Poster painting			\$ 171.86	
		Venue			\$ 900.00	
		Dash Plaques				
		Supplies				
	Regalia				\$ 203.48	
	Admin and Misc					
		Club Badges			\$ 588.00	
		Website			\$ 175.96	
		Insurance			\$ 30.00	
		Gifts			\$ 273.00	
		Paypal fees			\$ 135.52	
		Zoom fees			\$ 132.01	
	Events					
		Oyster Roast			\$ 250.00	
		Hobcaw Barony Tour			\$ 280.00	
		2019 Holiday Party			\$ 2,794.00	\$ 5,933.83
Closing Balance						\$ 8,567.95
		Cash on hand				\$ 8,567.95
			Checking	\$ 5,431.97		
			Savings	\$ 219.76		
			PayPal	\$ 2,862.90		
			Petty Cash	\$ 53.32		

BCCC December 2020 Meeting

By Irene Breland

December's Zoom meeting on 12-14-2020 had a few new faces on the screen. We had the standard chit-chat before Dave opened the meeting.

Dave announced we had purchased a subscription for Zoom meetings for a year. If interested in using it, contact Dave.

Mt Pleasant parade had good turnout with 13 cars and weather was nice. BCCC participation was in memory of Glenn Surrette, long time member we lost in 2020. Parade videos are on website.

Dave's All Girls Garage has tech video on website showing repairs to TR4As brake system. If you have not checked it out, you should. Discussion continued on a Healey "old time" thermostat and the trouble to fix.

Millie reported on Cotton Gin trip. 11 cars participated in a very cold drive, but all seemed to enjoy the plant tour. Lunch was "brown bag" in a very socially distanced setting before heading back.

Dave announced he is working on getting shop recommendations together after surveying members on places used for repairs and maintenance on their cars.

New member Will Rae was welcomed by all. He discussed his "new" old TR6 and the work he was doing to get it ready for spring driving. Additional conversation followed on where to get flats fixed with wire wheels, where to get body work done and even who in England to order special parts from. That brought up Dave finding a source going to Germany who offered to bring back an old MB gear needed for the 190 SL he is restoring.

Millie, our Events Coordinator, discussed Freshfields C&C, Brookgreen Gardens and Cypress Gardens as possible club outings.

Dave then discussed need for someone in the club to take over the Newsletter.

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.



Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade
Sunday December 13th, 2020
In memory of Glenn Surrette

13 British cars met at Mt Pleasant radio and prepared their cars for the Christmas Parade. Even more pictures and a video [on our website](#).



Getting briefed by the organizer, Wray Lemke

BCCC Tour of Middling Cotton Gin, St. Matthews, SC

By Millie Horton

Wednesday, Dec. 2 dawned clear but cold—37 degrees! Some of the LBC chose to stay in the garage, but our group took heart in the bright sun. Eight cars met at the Shriners' Temple in Mt. Pleasant with notice that other members planned to meet us farther up the road. Our diverse group pulled out at 8:40 and drove across the Ravenel Bridge and up Interstate 26 West to the Jedburg/Pinopolis exit 194. The bravest members, Tom and Ruth Moschel, in their stunning black 1960 MGA with the top down, won the "prize" for the heartiest participants!



After the short drive from the Jedburg exit to the intersection with Hwy 176, we picked up two more cars. If you had been a bystander, you might have felt like you were in the movie *The Thomas Crown Affair* where meetings were arranged and executed with only the nod of the head and a slight hand signal. Onward to Holly Hill where we picked up the yellow Sunbeam Alpine. Hop on the moving train!

Upon arriving at Middling Cotton Gin, we entered the office building where our host Bobby Padgett educated us for about an hour on the property and the state-of-the-art machinery that we would be seeing. Explaining with a saw-tooth blade how the process of separating the seed from the cotton has basically not changed since Eli Whitney's time, Bobby "walked" us through the process: loose cotton slowly enters the gin on rollers, then is picked up and sent overhead to the cleaning/separating machines (filtering out the trash also). This seed-free cotton now travels to the press where it is packed into a roughly 500-pound bale. Automation puts ties around the bale and then kicks that bale to a platform where another machine extracts 2 samples of cotton from that bale. A woman works the line where the bale is bagged in strong plastic and given its coded sticker—the same sticker as the sample that was extracted. Those samples are sent to Florence, SC to be graded. Four bales at a time are then taken by a lift truck to the warehouse and stacked.

The gin can produce a bale of cotton every 2.5 minutes! By the way, if you've ever wondered about the plastic-looking material that encompasses the big rolls or "loaves" of cotton sitting in the field awaiting transport to the gin, that material is made in Israel. While most of the time, it is yellow, you may see some pink rolls—the manufacturer's wife is a breast cancer survivor!

The farmer actually contracts (as early as planting time) as to the price he will receive for his cotton. Whether he actually gets that amount depends on several grading factors relating to the quality of the finished cotton crop.

Middling Gin (which gets its name from a grade of cotton) is comprised of 6 warehouses, the gin itself, and several other buildings which hold the cottonseed. Cottonseed is a valuable by-product in itself. Check your pantry labels for cottonseed oil. The gin is owned by 4 local men. Cotton is usually planted in May and ginned from September to early January. The gin runs 24/7, with machinery at 10,000 hp; Dominion Energy loves to see it crank up!

BCCC Tour of Middling Cotton Gin, St. Matthews, SC

By Millie Horton

After our informative tour, we drove the short distance to a rural cabin and surrounding property (owned by Millie's friend) and enjoyed our lunches, sitting and visiting in the warm sunshine. We were entertained by Dave's test drive of the Neills' new C8 Corvette and by the farm animals—llama, donkey, and goat. I'm still not sure what Alice Curnick said to the donkey, but it let her know it wanted MORE of her apple cores!

A tremendous thanks to all the members who participated in this outing!





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Annie Steele (BCCC)
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SIGNATURE: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____

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Birthday please: Name: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____

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on the BCCC website



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BCCC Regalia Directly from Lands End

By Millie Horton

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

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Happy
Birthday
For
January



Byron Williams	1st
Karon Harrell	2nd
Richard Hassell	5th
Laura Beall	6th
Maria Simons	6th
Carolyn Smith	6th
Gordon Hill	7th
Beth Burke	8th
Eric Gibeaux	12th
Richard Fritz	17th
Millie Horton	17th
Darby Wathne	20th
Susan Sortor	22nd
Stephanie Smith	23rd
Lisa Minshew	24th
Elizabeth Wild	25th
Brett Sortor	25th
Kevin Merrill	25th
Mert Fox	25th
Mike Sanzari	27th
Ed Tilton	27th
Barry Stean	28th
Laura Longenecker	29th
Carl Smith	30th

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Sea Island Cars & Coffee
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Birds Of Prey
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Waiting for sunset and the Mt Pleasant Christmas Parade to start

