



# The WINDSCREEN

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## Prez Sez

By Dave Rosato

I want to welcome our four new members, Gary Brown & Bette Cooper, Todd Young, Steve & Donna Killius and John & Claudette Stick. It has been a tough past year, keeping that balance of safety and fun. Hopefully you'll get to meet the rest of the club members at some of the events.

It took a couple more Tech Sessions to finish the work on Jane Schmitt's Austin Healey 3000. Thanks to Dennis Wunsch, Chris Summers, Brett Sortor, Torsten Kunze and Carl Ware for the help. We got the car all back together last Saturday morning. Jane and I took the car for a drive and all went great. The clutch worked perfect and didn't need any adjusting. I had noticed that the distributor clamp was not preventing the distributor from rotating. We fixed this and timed the engine. Sounds much better and starts up much easier now.

We're going to keep the ball rolling by starting work on Alex Toline's 1978 MGB. Alex joined the club in January. Alex inherited the car from his brother. The car hasn't been driven or even started in a while. Alex contacted me for suggestions of where to take the car, but he really wanted to be involved in the work. I suggested a place to take the car and also suggested maybe doing a series of Tech Sessions. This was Alex's preference. So starting in a week or two, we'll borrow Peter Steeles trailer and bring the car to my garage. We'll first go through the car to scope the project. We'll look at all the rubber in the car, including the flexible brake lines, slave cylinder line and coolant lines. We'll look at the brake cylinders, master cylinder, brake pads and wheel bearings. We'll then change the oil and filter in the engine. We'll pull the plugs, squirt a little oil in the cylinders then try to hand crank the motor. We'll check the points and get it started.

We'll break the task of getting the car reliably back on the road into multiple Tech Sessions. The first will be to assess the status of the car and order parts. When we set the date for the first Tech Session, I will send out an email blast. If you want to come just to watch and learn, that is fine. We want to keep it safe so we will limit the number of people. All must wear masks. Hopefully the weather will be nice and we can keep the garage doors open.

Millie and I are working on a rally for the spring. We'll start in Mt Pleasant and probably end at our house in Yorges Island. It will be about an hour drive during which you will identify points along the way. It will be best to have a driver and a navigator. The navigator will keep you on track as well as help document the points you need to find. Each identification will be assigned a number of points. I'll drive the route going the speed limit and points will also be given to who comes closest to my travel time. The person with the highest number of points will be declared the winner.

Safety First and Fast

Dave

## VP's Corner

By Bob Simons

Well,

Either I'm getting old, or 2021 is passing unusually quickly - March already!!

To borrow from Kurt Vonnegut, 'busy, busy, busy'. As I write this the temperature is approaching 70 F on a clear sunny day (and Millie is planning excuses to get out and drive). Lets not talk about the Norton, but the TD has been under wraps since the Mount Pleasant Christmas Parade and is due for some Spring Preparations. She deserves an oil change, chassis lubrication wouldn't hurt, tire pressure and brake adjustment, seems like there's something else...

Dashpot Oil. It's easy to forget that this is a consumable. Just like brakes and tires, but far less obvious and easy to forget about. Whether you have a PMC or an LBC, if it's carbureted, odds are you have a miniature shock absorber in the top of each carb (the dashpot), which requires oil. Not much, but some. I won't go into the arcane mixtures & special recipes that can be used; the bottom line is that without sufficient oil the carburetor piston will rise too rapidly on acceleration, with a resulting negative effect on engine performance. So, consult your sommelier or the interwebs and make sure there's something appropriate in the dashpot...

Recruit, recruit, recruit! There are some interesting Defenders showing up in town, and of course, lots of new Minis. We have plans, opportunities, there's a vaccine - this year's going to be FUN!

See you on the road!

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## BCCC meets the Lowcountry Model A Ford Club

The Lowcountry Model A Ford Club has invited the British Car Club of Charleston to meet up for coffee and donuts at the East Cooper Airport in Mt Pleasant. We will meet at the airport at 10am on Saturday March 20th. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact [Millie](#).



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## BCCC February ZOOM 2021 Meeting

By Irene Breland

Second Zoom meeting of the year had 21 members (a few came and went so count may be off) in attendance! We can handle a lot more so don't be afraid to try it. You can pop in and leave a lot easier than in a public setting!

Dave opened with discussion on Jane's Big Healey's clutch repair. They are waiting on some additional parts to finish the tech session. Dave found a few other things to tweak on the car (he can't help himself) which when finished should run like a Healey should. Jane has the car listed for sale on the website.

Steve told us about his newly acquired MGB found on a "covid" hunt to find something to do during the pandemic. He described replacing the windshield and said that it was the worst job to do on an MGB, with working on the heater box a close 2nd. Other than that, Steve told us the car was rust free and in great shape.

Another MGB story from Alex who is working on his brother's car to get it back on the road followed. Got to love all those MGBs. Dave discussed getting Alex to trailer the car over to his garage so they could see what it needed to get back on the road. Another tech session coming up!

Michael (yes, our old event coordinator) discussed a few windshield stories on his MGB and brought us up to date on the restoration of his TR250. Maybe he'll be able to display it at BCD this fall, even if not complete. Michael....so glad you could join us. We miss having you here in the Lowcountry.

Dave announced we had 165 members. Now we just need to get this covid thing behind us and get everyone out for a gathering of British iron.

Dave mentioned Sea Islands Cars & Coffee coming up and that we need to abide by mask requirements at events we participate in.

Some are still having email problems with receiving the club emails. If you are not getting monthly emails, please contact Dave. Additional discussion followed with high tech stuff on how to fix the issues with some email addresses. Frank volunteered to do the "snail" mail thing for those who are not getting the emails. That brought Dave back to the need for a Windscreen Editor. Please, if you have any interest in helping your club and a little bit of computer knowledge contact Dave and go over what is needed to get the Windscreen out monthly.

Millie discussed some possible drives and Dave brought up the rally we talked about last year. He has a route he's working on with cars ending up at his place for lunch. There is plenty of room to safely spread out and enjoy the day. Contact Dave if you have suggestions or would like to volunteer to help.

Dave asked for ideas on a Friday night reception venue for British Car days coming up on October 23rd. British Car Days is a big club event and volunteers are needed in many areas, so do not be shy about signing up. It is a great way to meet fellow club members and have fun.

Irene announced that registration for Cars on Kiawah opens first of April. Check [www.carsonkiawah.com](http://www.carsonkiawah.com) for information.

## Buyer BEWARE

By Bill Tucker

Before joining BCCC last month, I was on a long journey to buy what my wife considers my 4<sup>th</sup> mid-life crisis (one was a Mercedes 350 SL, two a 1986 Pontiac Firebird and three, a Piper Cherokee 180.) So, with all that muscle in the background, it only made sense that a 54HP MG TD was in my future. This would be my first crisis buy fed mainly by online searches. Here is how it went. I'm going to avoid names and places as much as possible; not to protect the innocent, but avoid the barrister.

After going over several sites listing MGs for sale, I settled on a beautiful Blue and Tan TD listed about a three-hour drive away. The only way to contact the seller was by email through the site, so I sent off a quick note saying I would be in the area later that month and would be interested to seeing the car. After a week or so, I get a response from the seller telling me the car is still available. It was however now living in southern Florida, a little too far for a quick trip to see a car. His solution was to have his transport company bring it here for me to inspect. The same company would hold the \$12,000 asking price in escrow for seven days after which I could release the funds or have them returned to me if the car was not up to snuff. The company sent me the paperwork and that is when it all started to come apart.

The transport paperwork listed the owner and his address in Florida. The escrow papers listed the owner at another address in Florida. A search of tax records showed one address was an apartment complex and the other a private home owned by someone else. Red Flag 1. The escrow information listed an account at a bank in the Midwest. After talking to several managers, I got one to admit that if he was transferring funds anywhere, it would not be to this particular account. Red flag 2. Finally, the transport company phone number was to a company with a similar name but they were not in the transportation business. A search of the address on Google maps brought up a picture of an empty lot. Red flag and strike three.

I obviously ended that sale but have since heard from the owner of a nice-looking Red TD in nearby (same web site.) He sent me an email stating he was late answering because he was working on an oil rig and that the car was now in NY but he could have it transported to Charleston for my inspection...

Thankfully, I finally found the BCCC web site and you all got me together with a fellow member who was considering selling a beautiful Ivory and Green TD. We got to know each other quite well and a reluctant sale was completed in January. I'm loving the car and looking forward to meeting you all at the next outing. Just in case you're wondering, Mike west still has visiting privileges whenever he wants.



## Photo Shoot

By Peter Steele

Several years ago, I got a surprise text from a gent who was organizing a photo shoot for a Macy's clothing catalog issue. He was looking for a Bugeye to serve as a prop for the models. So I took the Toadster downtown and watched a couple of models (and about a dozen other staffers) do their thing, but I never could find the resulting ad to see if our Bugeye ended up in a starring role.

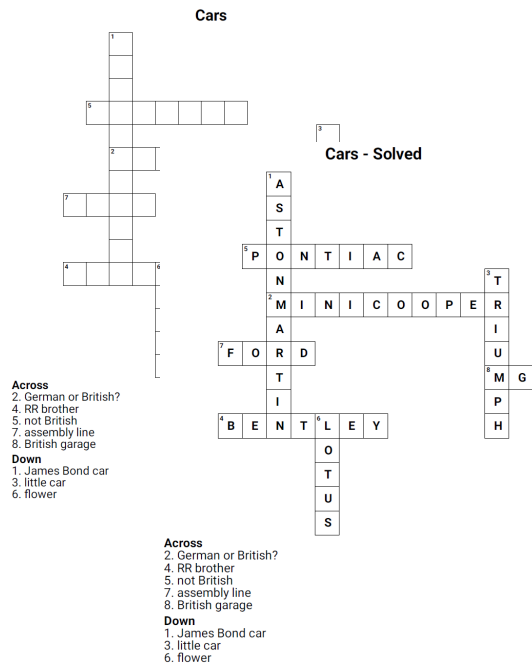
Flash forward to a few months ago: I got another text, this time for a shoot on Folly Beach for Appleseeds women's clothing. So Annie and I spent another couple of hours watching two beautiful models (and another dozen staffers). It was amazing how much effort goes into making a picture look effortless! When they were through using our Bugeye, I asked my contact what the typical budget for such a shoot was. He replied, "About \$30,000 a day." Wow, that's a lot of blouses and slacks to sell!



# Looking for help with The Windscreen

By Dave Rosato

We are looking for a club member who would like to create a crossword puzzle for The Windscreen each month. I downloaded the free app *Crossword maker* on my droid phone. I'm sure there is a similar app for an iPhone. It is really easy to use. Just enter a bunch of themed words along with a clue for each. When you get them all in, select Show Answers then hit the *Generate PDF* button. When viewing the pdf on your phone, hit the share button and email it to me. I'll take care of the rest. So [contact me](#) if you'd like to do it or have any questions!



I've got to get one of these for the garage!

<https://www.weathervanes.co.uk/category/weathervanes/cars-and-motorbikes/>

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~~HIM~~ Dave: It has spark. It has fuel. Why won't it start???



# BCCC Regalia Directly from Lands End

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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Mary Ann Dyne	2nd
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Dave Block	11th
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Peter Stonefield	14th
Donald Ricker	14th
Glenn Stork	19th
Martha Harkin	21st
Roger Schwall	23rd
Bill Tucker	23rd
John Witty	26th
Diane ZZender	27th
Rick Donaphan	28th
Brian Csora	29th
Bruce Stemerman	29th
Lindsey Schauwecker	31th



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# March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Model A club at the East Cooper airport
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

check the website for impromptu drives



Big step with Don Logenecker's Bugeye. Coming home after a complete paint job. Thanks to Peter Steele for the use of his trailer, once again.