



The WINDSCREEN

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Prez Sez

By Dave Rosato

I want to start out by thanking Frank Neill for taking over the clubs Membership position. The Membership person is responsible for recording new member data, ordering name tags, entering member username and password data on our website and uploading updated member data to the website allowing members to log into the Members Only page and view their information. The tasks include knowing how to use Microsoft Excel, using ftp software to upload and download files and learn to use the web based dialogs to enter new member usernames and passwords. Some are new to Frank and he is working through it. I want to thank Annie Steele for volunteering to take the position earlier this year. Due to her personal schedule and other commitments, Annie graciously passed the position to Frank.

Work on Alex Tolines MGB continues. Nearly all the electrical problems were solved by installing a new fuse block, two new relays and a new radiator fan switch. The cut in the frame member under the car was welded. The car starts up every time but lacks power when accelerating. The compression on all four cylinders were 170, which is very good. I consulted with Darryl Beech today who suggested possible choke issues. We're getting there!

We have selected a venue for the British Car Day Welcome Reception. It will be at the Sweetgrass Pavilion in Mt Pleasant. Details are later in the Windscreen. We now need to find a caterer who has a liquor license. We may also need a 20' x 20' tent and more tables and chairs. If you have any contacts, please let [Bob Simons](#) and/or [Lynn Rosato](#) know.

Our Annual Picnic will again be at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary. Details can be found later in the Windscreen. If you haven't been there before, it is a must see. There is over 30 acres of land that provides large enclosures for dogs to live and play. There is a pond for swimming, dog houses with straw and heat lamps, and individual pools to help keep the animals comfortable. There are about 150 dogs and 50 cats.

With the COVID situation getting better, hopefully we can start having our Monthly Meetings in person and schedule more events. If you have any suggestions for an event or drive, please contact [Millie](#).

Safety First and Fast

Dave

VP's Corner

By Bob Simons

Well,

Looking back to May of '18 I wrote about Cars on Kiawah and the Trident Technical College Spring Spin Off. This year the Kiawah Show will be in October (a convenient warm up to BCD), and the TTC show will be virtual. That said, better than last year, with more and more organizations are getting back to relatively normal, albeit covid compliant, operations, and we are too. Planning is ongoing for British Car Day 2021, so mark your calendars for October 23!

April showers were conspicuously absent; unless you count showers of pollen, giving a whole new meaning to 'yellow snow'. Despite the universal patina, I've seen some familiar cars as well as new ones out and about West Ashley. Occasionally I can even catch them and proselytize. The warm sunshine has reminded me of an important piece of 'kit' - driving gloves. It amazes me how quickly and how hot a steering wheel can get. Mine are merely the ordinary gardening variety, but that way they can do double duty if a tire needs changing or such. In the meantime, I can operate the rotary user interface with confidence regardless of temperature. If you've been looking for an excuse, treat yourself, they're safety equipment...

Remember - Safety Fast!

BCCC April 2021 Meeting

By Irene Breland

No club meeting was held in April. President Dave Rosato did call a British Car Days (BCD) meeting which was held via zoom. BCD is a huge part of our club mission and a very popular event that draws exhibitors from other British car clubs. Volunteers are a critical part of a successful show so don't be shy about adding your name to the list. Contact Dave or VP Bob Simons for more information on where you can help.

There has been some discussion about having an "Open Air" club meeting in the near future.

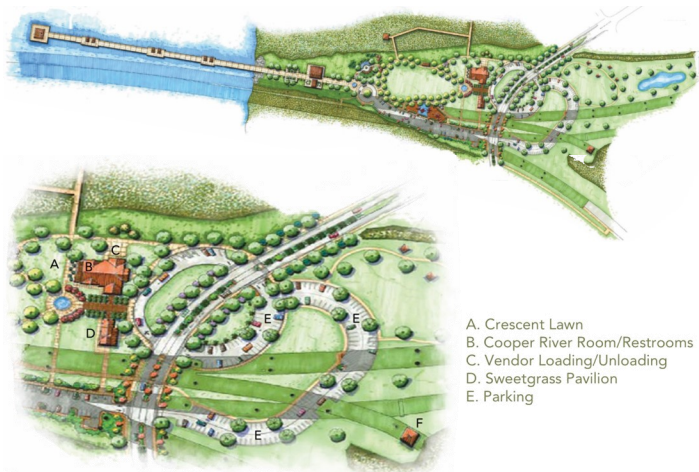
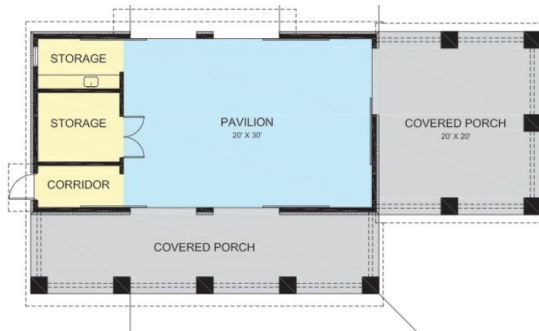
Registration is open for Cars on Kiawah held in Ocean Park on Kiawah Island, SC. Date is October 16, 2021.

Check www.carsonkiawah.com for registration information and volunteer opportunities.

British Car Day Welcome Reception Venue

By Dave Rosato

Millie, Irene, Lynn and I checked out the Sweetgrass Pavilion in Mt Pleasant as a possible venue for the BCD reception. It is across from where we had BCD many times and is at the entrance to the Mt Pleasant pier. The building has a large closed and covered area that can be opened with large barn doors.



- A. Crescent Lawn
- B. Cooper River Room/Restrooms
- C. Vendor Loading/Unloading
- D. Sweetgrass Pavilion
- E. Parking
- F. Parking

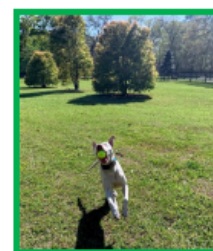
It also has two covered areas. On the pier side of the building is a large tabby pad that we can use. The pier is a short walk and gives beautiful views of the Cooper River. This venue is shows the uniqueness of Charleston and is a perfect venue for the reception. So we decided to book the venue.



The latest Hallie Hill newsletter, The Howler



BCCC Annual Picnic at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary



Saturday, June 12th

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.

(We will NOT be sharing dishes this year!)

Drinks will be provided by the club.

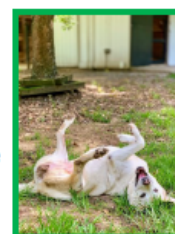
- Bring a chair for your dining comfort! Cabin offers restrooms and AC
- There will be a short presentation by Hallie Hill's Executive Director, Jennifer Middleton, and an opportunity to tour the facility and interact with some of our residents.

PLEASE BRING YOUR MASK!

PLEASE RSVP to Lynn Rosato by Thursday, 6/10, at Irosato525@comcast.net so we know to expect you!

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

Hallie Hill is UNIQUE. We have over 30 acres of land that provides large enclosures for 150 dogs to live and play, and a cat house that houses 50 cats! There is a pond for swimming, dog houses with straw and heat lamps, and individual pools to help keep the animals comfortable. The animals are well cared for with the help of many dedicated volunteers and staff. Please visit the website for more information and pictures: www.halliehill.com.



Drive to Cypress Gardens

Pictures by Dave & Lynn Rosato

I want to thank Millie Horton for arranging the event. Below are a few pictures of the British cars. If you'd like to see many more pictures, go to [Lynns Google Pictures link](#).



Found a Part Time Job.

By Bill Tucker

Being retired, I try to fill in my protracted leisure time with fun and/or beneficial activities. This is why I decided to pry the 52 MG away from Mike West; to re-visit the joys of owning a British car that usually requires more care than the average person is willing to give. Just three months into ownership and, thanks in part to my encounters with Moss Motors but more due to Mike cleaning out his garage, I have started a healthy collection of spare parts. This is a phenomenon I'm sure many of you experience.

While sitting around waiting for a part to arrive from the U.K. (almost a month now) I decided to inventory exactly what I have. I'm about on tenth of the way through but it has occurred to me that some of the work I've done could have been accomplished much sooner, and cheaper, if I'd been able to find that one bolt, gasket or O-ring I needed or forgot to order in a BCCC members' parts bin.

So, I have two proposals. My new part time job will be identifying and cataloguing all the parts I have using the Moss Motors parts number. If you need something, send me an email and I'll let you know if I have it. While most of what I'll have is for a TD, some parts work on a number of British cars.

The second part of this proposal is, if you have a parts bin and would like to [send me](#) a list of what you have, I'll collate all the responses and maintain a master list of what's available locally. My ultimate dream is to have everything in a searchable database that BCCC members could search.

Input from the Prez

When I received this from Bill, I thought it was a fantastic idea. I have a cabinet with MGA parts, some new and some used. I'd love to find someone who could use them. If Bill's idea takes off, it is a perfect fit for a page on our website in the Members Page. Being in the Members Page, it would only be viewable by club members. So whether you have an MG, a Triumph, a Jaguar or an Austin Healey, make a list of parts you have and send them to Bill. Let Bill know what you would like for the part or if it is for free for the asking.

Article submitted by Will Rae

Automotive Electrical Fuses -- British Vs American

British and American standards for rating electrical fuses are different. Both provide an “Amp Rating” for very similar looking fuses, but the two ratings mean very different things. The US system rates the fuse based on the continuous load it can handle for a specified period of time w/o blowing, whilst the British system expresses the load at which the fuse will immediately blow.

That’s a significant difference! As an example, the 35 Amp fuse called out for many 1950’s/ 60’s/ 70’s vintage Britcars (Lotus Elan & Europa for sure) is roughly equivalent to a US-spec BUSS AGC 17 Amp fuse. Install a US 35 Amp fuse into your LBC fuse box and the wiring harness will melt down before the fuse blows.

DO NOT use a USA rated 35 amp fuse in your vintage British car!

The complete rating for the 35 amp Lucas fuse is - “17 AMPS CONTINUOUS / 35 AMP SURGE”

Early British fuses were simply marked with the quick-blow rating, but later fuses are given two ratings in an effort to minimize the confusion. For instance, the 35 Amp fuse is often marked as “17 continuous / 35 blow”, or simply 17/35. In that case, use the lower “continuous” rating as the one to which you try to match an American BUSS fuse rating. Or, better yet, proper British fuses are available from your favorite independent Britcar / Lotus parts dealer. Purchase a supply and keep them in your LBC’s glove box.

The comparison/ substitution looks something like this..

<u>British Lucas Fuse</u>	~	<u>American BUSS Fuse</u>	
Fast Blow	Dual Rating	~	Continuous (AGC) Alternate Opinion (SFE ?)
50 amp	25/50 amp	~	25 amp 25 amp SFE
35 amp	17/35 amp	~	17 amp 20 amp SFE
30 amp	15/30 amp	~	15 amp 15 amp SFE (too short ?)
25 amp	12/25 amp	~	12 amp 15 amp SFE (too short ?)
20 amp	10/20 amp	~	10 amp
15 amp	7.5/15 amp	~	8 amp
10 amp	5 /10 amp	~	5 amp
5 amp	2.5 / 5 amp	~	_____ 3 amp
2amp	1 / 2 amp	~	1 amp

Unfortunately, there’s no extra data marked on either the fuse body or on the package to tip-off the user that the ratings are different. It’s very important that USA owners of British cars be aware of the issue and make wise choices when using USA fuses in them. The best choice is to make the effort to source proper British fuses for your LBC. In an emergency, the loose Rule of Thumb is to use a USA BUSS fuse with an Amp rating equal to no more than one half of the British Lucas fuse rating.

USA BUSS fuse terms:

SFE fuses are "automotive" and rated to interrupt only 32 volts. Their length depends on their current rating, ranging from 5/8" for a SFE-4, to 1-7/16" for a SFE-30 (lower amperage = shorter and higher amperage = longer). So, size-wise, sometimes higher amp rating SFE fuse will work in place of an "AGC" or an "AGA" or a Lucas fuse. Regardless of physical size, an SFE will always blow more quickly than a current AG__ (or older __AG) that has a similar Amp rating.

AGC fuses are “General Purpose”. They are always 1/4" Dia X 1-1/4" long. They’re available in 250V ratings to **10 amps**, and up to 32V ratings to **30 amps**. AGC fuses are approximately the same length as British fuses, and will fit in the Lucas fuse holder. An AGC-20 is the same length as an SFE-20 and they are pretty much interchangeable.

Both AGC and SFE are "fast acting", but according to BUSS charts, the SFE is faster. An AGC-20 is rated to carry 27 amps for up to 60 minutes, while an SFE-20 will blow in under 2 minutes. However, the 60 minutes is given as a maximum, while the 2 minutes is apparently typical, so that may not be an accurate comparison. Without getting too lost in the details, the basic idea is that an SFE will blow

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faster than an AGC, and will better protect your LBC's vintage wiring.

If you are going to use BUSS fuses in your LBC, then when availability and length permits, use **SFE** fuses as your first choice. When you must use AGC fuses, shop for the **32 volt** rated versions first, but the 250 volt AGC fuses will "work". SFE fuses in lower Amp ratings will be shorter than the Lucas fuses and may not fit the Lucas fuse box properly, so use common sense.

Currently BUSS AG fuses are available in different lengths, denoted as AGA, AGB and AGC. They are all available in the same voltage and current ratings, the difference being in the lengths. AGA is the shortest, and lengths become longer as they progress from A through C.

Previously, the AG fuses were differentiated on a number scale, 1AG, 2AG and 3AG. The older "3AG" fuses are the same as the modern, common "AGC" fuses. Similarly: 1AG = AGA and 2AG = AGB. I don't believe stores or catalogs list "3AG" or "1AG" fuses anymore; they just list the current designation "AGC" or "AGA" now.

USA fuse styles (The difference between them is their length)

Current -- OLD designation (no longer sold)

AGA ---- 1AG

AGB ---- 2AG

AGC ---- 3AG (1/4" Dia x 1-1/4", fit Lucas fuse holder)

SFE ----

(From the August 2012 issue of Spokes, the Official Publication of the MG Car Club Western New York Centre).

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Gotta Know When to Hold 'Em and When to Fold 'Em

By Millie Horton (reprinted with pictures)

A veteran of many MG automobiles and years in the Navy defending our country, Mike West seems to know the right balance between owning and enjoying classic cars and not obsessing over them. They have been woven into the fabric of his personality, indistinguishable from his military career and his life.



Mike's ownership of 8 MGs classifies, in his own words, as a "sickness." But, hey, staying with the same marque has to have its advantages. In the following story, we discover Mike's enjoyment of "hands-on" work on his 1952 MG TD balanced with his true enjoyment of the MG marque. No trailer queens for Mike; wind in the face experience is the way to go!

Mike's life in the Navy and ownership of MGs seem to stem from an initial Marine Sergeant who befriended Mike when Mike was in the eighth grade, followed by another US Naval officer's friendship when Mike was a senior Citadel cadet. Ten years later, Mike finally took possession of his own (1st) MG—a 1961 MGA 1600 and began his quest for an MG TD. In March of 1977 that TD finally ended up in his garage—in boxes and bags awaiting restoration. But London, specifically the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, was calling, so the TD parts were stashed in a friend's garage in the US. For daily commuting to Greenwich, Mike chose yet another MG—this time a '53MG YB. The "sickness" continued.

By 1979 Mike was back in the States now with TWO MGs to move down to SC: he needed to move the TD to his in-law's home in New Zion, SC, while also taking delivery of the MG YB (that he had had in England) from the dock in Norfolk. His loyal wife Nita save the day by towing the TD behind her station wagon while Mike drove the MG YB down. Nita seemed intrepid in towing the car but later was fearful of riding in it due to low cut doors. After a struggle with cancer, Nita passed away. Twenty years later, the TD came to have another female admirer. Jo next occupied the passenger seat, even on their wedding day. Mike and Jo drove to Queen Anne's Revenge Restaurant on Daniel Island (the only eatery on DI in 2004). The wedding party was still celebrating when Mike and Jo drove back home. The twosome enjoyed many backroad drives in Berkeley County in that off-white TD with green interior. Eventually, Jo's arthritis worsened and Mike decided to part with the TD after 44 years of ownership.

Meanwhile Mike recounts 2 memorable outings in the TD, once it was assembled and after a few "well I might as well restore it" incidents. One memory involved a long, riotous Cannonball Rallye to several SC locations requiring a return at fastest speed without getting a ticket. Mike recalls that he and his passenger "left second in class and returned second in class"! Another adventure involved a solo trip of endurance up Interstate 26 to near Landrum, SC. and back to Charleston but with a stop to visit a Citadel classmate. Bonds of all kinds "drive" our hobby!

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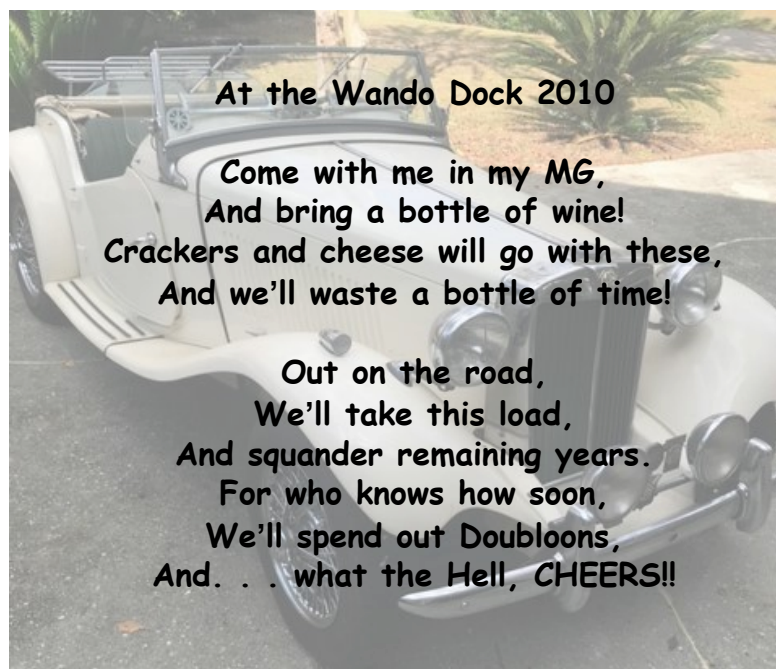
By Millie Horton

Make no mistake: all those years Mike had a "hands-on" relationship with that TD. In the early days, Mike could be seen "motoring" with a fruit crate for a seat after the car required new bearings and rings. In 1983 the car was disassembled with parts retreating to an attic. After several deployments and Hurricane Hugo, the TD's parts were pulled out of the attic (1990), painted, and re-assembled with no interior.

In 1995 now with interior installed and new MGA brakes and wire wheels (a trade involving the MGA worked out with a Norfolk friend), Mike started driving the TD around Charleston and discovered several BCCC members at a show at the Gaillard Auditorium. Mike was aware of a small MG club run by Michael Carnell, but it wasn't until 1999 that Mike joined the BCCC.

In 2019 Mike reluctantly put his precious TD up for sale. Only in 2021 did Bill Tucker appear and become the proud owner of this seasoned '52MG TD. It seems a match meant to be: Bill had been looking for an MG TD but had encountered fraudulent advertisers. A deal between friends was struck and Bill drove off with the Whitworth tools, some great books, and an original workshop manual. More adventures await!

I'll leave you with Mike's own eloquent poem about his time with the loyal TD:



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Brian	Smart	May	15
Louis	Tripician	May	16
Wray	Lemke	May	17
Ruth	Moschel	May	19
Diane	Rowan	May	19
Michael	Gilmartin	May	22
Richard	Rothman	May	22
Lynn	Rosato	May	25
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Matt	Zender	May	27
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Sue	Stean	May	31



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May 2021

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