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**PREZ SEZ** by Dave Rosato

Is it November yet? I love the fact that the temperatures and humidity are dropping but organizing **British Car Day** and being on the Board for **Cars at Kiawah River** is taking its toll. Two big car shows a week apart is tough. I'm hoping the lag in registration to **BCD** isn't because of the two being only a week apart. Of the **203 BCCC club members**, only **53 have registered for BCD**. This is our big show of the year, when we get to talk with other club members and see what everyone is driving. We get compliments every year from other British car clubs on how well organized it is, the beautiful venue, the diversity of cars and how friendly the BCCC club members are. We hope to see you there.

Hopefully you have already let **Millie** know if you are interested in driving to **Mepkin Abby** on **November 18th** to see this year's **creche display**. The event gets filled quickly and registration opened on **October 1st**. Millie has registered those who had contacted her. If you haven't, and are interested in attending, [contact Millie](#) and she can see if there are spaces available.

**BRITFEST** in **Myrtle Beach** is this coming **Saturday, October 7th**. We're trying to get a group to drive to the event together. There is a link on our [website](#) to

register for **BRITFEST**. So register then contact me if you would like to join the caravan to the event.

You should have recently received a club email on the **upcoming club board elections**. Several members wish to keep their positions, **Frank Neill** for **Membership**, **Ken Smith** for **Treasurer**, **Dave Rosato** for **WebMaster** and **Gary Brown** for **Windscreen Editor**. To help with event planning and other miscellaneous small tasks, we are adding two positions we're calling **Board Support Members**. And there are several board positions which need to be filled for 2024, **Secretary**, **Events Coordinator**, **Vice President**, **Regalia** and **possibly President**. I say possibly because if we can get the two new positions filled and have someone take over handling email blasts using **MailChimp**, I would love to continue as **president**. If you would like to volunteer for one of the positions or would like to nominate another club member, please [contact me](#) by the end of October. Nominations will be announced at the **November 11th Monthly Meeting** and voting will take place shortly after.

I hope to see you at **BRITFEST** on **October 7th**, **Cars at Kiawah River** on **October 14th** and **British Car Day** on **October 20/21**.

*Safety Fast,  
Dave*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### For October

Mark McKenzie	1	Jolene Balboa	15	Jim Thompson	21
Edward Shimer	2	Jeff Nickles	16	William King	23
Ann Shimer	2	Liz Fly	16	Giulio Pellegrini	26
Glen Larkin	6	Leonard Way	16	Cheryl Saban	26
Pamela Brown	9	Allen Murray	17	Edwin Harley	27
Casey Sims O'Grady	10	Dennis Wunsch	18	Tina Lacey	27
Kelly Varitz	11	Linda Fritz	18	Darryl Beech	29
Joe Boykin	13	Tony Giraldo	19	Steven Dean	29
Joyce Harvey	13	Andy Hollis	20	Irene Breland	30
Kim Rogers	14	Clay Stuckey	21		

## VP'S CORNER by Bob Simons

Well, so far, so good. After polishing the fuse block, the **TD** has been on several local outings without incident, is now registered for **British Car Day** (BCD) and the **Kiawah Show**. I figure if I can make Kiawah, Mt Pleasant is a breeze. And if something fails and we don't get to Kiawah, then I have a week for rehab/repair. *Full speed ahead & damn the torpedoes!*

Several times this week I've thought 'that would be a great topic for the *Windscreen*' – of course when I finally get a chance to scribe the subject eludes me. The weather is getting very nice for driving, but that wasn't it, nor was it anything to do with the multiple volunteer opportunities needed for BCD. It didn't have anything to do with tools or maintenance (but check your tyre pressure and dashpots), not even my usual soapbox, recruiting! Maybe by next month I'll remember...

In the meantime, **British Car Day** – if I don't see you on the road, I'll see you there! 🇬🇧

**Bob**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Bryant Kohut**  
1975 MGB

**Tom Mahon**  
Triumph TR3

**Karl Muggenburg**  
1976 MGB

**Jeannette Ososki**  
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## BCCC SEPTEMBER 2023 MEETING

by Irene Breland | Photos by Millie Horton

The BCCC's monthly meeting was held at **Rutledge Cab Co. Restaurant** on **September 9th** with a gathering of members mostly in regular cars due to the weather. A total of **31 members attended** the breakfast meeting.

Once inside members filled out their breakfast order, on the menu slips provided for our group, and the waitresses picked them up for the kitchen to prepare the food. The system worked out by our events planner, **Millie**, and the restaurant management worked well to feed our group in a timely manner.

With everyone somewhat settled with hot coffee and attentive, **Bob Simons**, our **VP**, opened the meeting. He announced that lists for volunteers for the upcoming **BCD show** were on each table. He asked all to find an area of need that they could help with and sign up. He stressed that there was something all of us could do so don't be shy.

**Bob** then announced that **BCCC** would need a **secretary, event coordinator** and possibly a **president** for the 2024 year, so please consider putting your name in the hat for these positions.

**Millie** then discussed the events position. She also mentioned some November options that included a visit to **Mepkin Abby** for their very popular Creche display that draws big crowds

every year. She discussed that when they open the site on October 1st the slots fill quickly, and she'd have to have a head count prior to that to get **BCCC** slots. Check the website and watch for email to sign up. She then discussed how members stepped up to help with the very successful **BBQ picnic** at members **Pat and Ken Kreuzer's** subdivision activity center which made for a successful event. We have had two very successful events this year at members subdivision club centers. Hopefully other members in areas that offer club amenities will consider volunteering to host an event. We have a **Christmas party** that needs volunteers and a venue as well.

**Bob** then discussed **BCDs Friday events** with the drive needing a destination with better road access. And the **English Tea** and the **reception** have very good sign-up numbers.

**Grille badges** are in and were available for pick-up at meeting.

**Bob** then discussed the need for someone to write up an email and send it to other clubs. **Natalie Bluestein** and **Frank Wissman** volunteered to do it. **Dave** will supply the list.

**Bob** then mentioned the upcoming **Cars at Kiawah River** show on **October 14th**. **Irene** mentioned that some volunteer positions were still open.



## BCCC SEPTEMBER 2023 MEETING (continued)

**Bob** continued with **BCD** needs for **goodie bags** and **Silent Auction**. **Natalie**, who is heading up the **Silent Auction**, asked for members to consider all kinds of items for the auction. She said that anything can work. She asked members to get donations from businesses, find car parts or tools in your garage and any items that would be of interest to the folks going through the tents. She has a nice, donated hammock as an example of something not car related. She also **needs at least 3 volunteers**. Contact her if interested in volunteering and for donated items lists.

**Peter Wild** asked if anyone had posters for **BCD**. **Millie** had some and **Peter** will get those out.



## BCCC SEPTEMBER 2023 MEETING

(continued)

**Bob** asked for new members. Present new members **Lenard Way** with a **TVR** and **Don Johnston** with a **Lotus Elan** stood and introduced themselves and cars. **Welcome to BCCC.**

**Scott Bluestein** let us know about a rare **Jaguar Club of NA International event** happening in **South Carolina** on **September 30th** in **Columbia**.

**Bob** then asked if there was any other club items to discuss and adjourned the meeting. 🇬🇧

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Irene Breland**



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**COVER CAR STORY**

1968 MGB GT

by Tom Moschel

**M**y first experience seeing a Little British Car (LBC), as I remember it, was in the summer of 1967. I was only in the seventh grade and all of about twelve years old. My older brother came

home and drove down our family's long driveway in this Red, Curvy with lots of Chrome car. It was a Triumph Spitfire. At that time I was not sure what it was. I had never seen anything so cool. It made me look inside and see the dash gauges, steering wheel, bucket seats and oh yes, the stick shift knob with that little emblem that I knew nothing about. Need I say more I was hooked and could not get enough. My brother asks if I wanted to see the engine. Well, he popped the hood by raising the whole front end



**COVER CAR STORY** *(continued)*

## 1968 MGB GT

in the reverse direction – I had not seen anything like this and was truly amazed. I stood there looking in amazement at the engine compartment (Under the Bonnie). I can still smell that odor coming out of the car engine compartment, as it had that unique smell of hot oil and coolant. I knew from that moment on that I was going to somehow find a way to own one.

The next thing I know my brother said let's take a ride and see what she can do. I got in and put my seat belt on and it felt like I was sitting on the ground. Kinda crazy and cool all at the same time. He started the car up and then it all came together. It was a feeling of excitement, something that was not normal. I remember driving through the curves and straightaways and hearing the shifting of the transmission. We were driving along and then suddenly it looked like smoke was coming from under the hood. Yes, it was also my first experience of an LBC overheating. In the cars defense it was a hot day and yes, my brother was showing me how the car runs. As it went, we waited until it cooled down to running temperature. Now I understand why you cannot run an LBC hard on a hot day.

Moving to 1968 I did not think that things could

get any better than the 67' Spitfire. Then my brother came home with a 1968 Triumph TR 250. Well, the bar was just raised and I could not believe my eyes. It was a Jasmine Yellow with a Butternut Tan interior. Brand New and looked it too. Again, I was hooked on the British Style – it was so "British." I asked my brother for a ride and boy it proved to be better than the last. That day was forever embedded in my mind.

Fast forwarding through the next fifty years of my life with school, career, marriage, and children/grandchildren. It takes me to the fall of 2015 in Lebanon, Ohio. My wife Ruth and I were attending an Apple Festival in Lebanon, and yes there was a Muscle Car Show going on too. We were just walking along, then suddenly my wife said to me "look over there" and parked down the side street next to a local pub was parked a MGB GT British Green. It had a small For Sale sign on the window and read "Looking for a Good Home" 1968 MGB GT with the personal contact information. I spent some time looking it over and taking a photo of the information. I was very anxious to call the number and find out if we could work a deal. I said to my wife "what do you think?" and I was amazed that she said "go for it". Well, I refocused on the festival again but the LBC I could not get it out of my head. We walked back again to look and it was gone already. Good thing I took a picture of the contact information. All was not lost as we ended up in the pub discussing



**COVER CAR STORY** *(continued)*

## 1968 MGB GT

the LBC and what we could do.

The next day was a beautiful Sunday and we were headed to the pool. I was sitting in the sun thinking about the LBC so I made the call to the person that owned the MGB GT. I was able to hash out a deal with gentleman. The car was not his, but it was his wife's. She purchased it as a project car and started to have work done on it, but it was becoming a little more than she wanted to put into it. The good news is that the project was far enough along and was in a very decent shape to be an everyday driver for me and my wife. We ended up naming her "Little Green Eyes" after my wife who has the most beautiful green eyes.



I picked up the MGB GT and I started to clean it up and make it into a "Looker" under the daily driver cover. As I went through the car, I decided to send all the chassis numbers to The British Motor Industry Heritage Trust. If you are not familiar with this process you need to locate all the vehicle numbers such as Car, Chassis, VIN, Engine, Body, Gear Box, Rear Axle, and Commission Number. This was a treasure hunt in its own to decode and to find and gathered all the numbers to be sent to the BMIHT for review. As I remember it took about a month to receive the information back that I needed to certify "Little Green Eyes." The Certified Copy of the Factory Record proved to be that "All" parts matched the original factory records. It also stated that the vehicles date of build was 4/11/1968 and dispatched to USA on 4/18/1968. The Certified Copy of a Factory Record was issued to me on August 8, 2017.



**COVER CAR STORY** *(continued)*

1968 MGB GT



**COVER CAR STORY** *(continued)*

## 1968 MGB GT

My next adventure was to enroll in the CBCC (Cincinnati British Car Club). I was able to be a member with the CBCC for two years in which I was a good standing member and competed in the yearly car shows.

In early 2016 I had the opportunity to have my Little Green Eyes worked on and painted. I was working for a company that the owner was a big Muscle Car fan. So much so that the owner had a warehouse of cars and a bone yard of at least two or three vehicles as donors to finish one completed car. He had an engine shop, trim shop, chrome shop and paint shop. I was the plant manager of the facility that the warehouse was located. So, at lunch time I would go to the shops to see how the cars were transformed from mostly rust buckets to show cars that sold for high dollars at Mecum and Barrett Jackson Auctions. One day I asked the owner if he would consider painting my MGB GT, and to my surprise he said "Yes". Within a week he sent a car carrier to my home to pick up Little Green Eyes. It took about three months to complete the job. She turned out



beautifully decked out in British Racing Green. She looked as she just came off the show room floor.

Moving forward to September 2018, my wife and I decided to retire and move to beautiful South Carolina. The next phase of our lives was starting. Well, the first thing that I needed to do as we settled in was to find a British Car Club. I went online and found the British Car Club of Charleston (BCCC) and the rest was history. Both my wife and I enjoy our LBC and the BCCC members and activities.

So, this was my story and I enjoyed sharing with all of you. 🇬🇧

**Tom and Ruth Moschel (& Little Green Eyes)**



# TENTH ANNUAL BRITFEST

Saturday, October 7, 2023 / The Market Common, Myrtle Beach, SC



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**English Tea** with "Best Hat" competition will take place under one of the shady hospitality tents during the show.

**A Welcome Reception** will be held Friday night from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Tupelo Honey Cafe, 3042 Howard Ave. located in The Market Common (heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar).

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- 02 Austin Healey Sprite / MG Midget
- 03 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite
- 04 Aston Martin
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- 06 Jaguar SS, XK120 / 140 / 150
- 07 Jaguar E-type
- 08 Jaguar & Daimler Early Saloons (thru 1970)
- 09 Jaguar & Daimler XJ6/12/R (1968-1997)
- 10 Jaguar XJS, XJR (1976-1997)
- 11 Jaguar XK8, XK, XKR (1997-2015)
- 12 Jaguar Sedans, Estates, SUV's (1998-)
- 13 Jaguar F-type (2012-)
- 14 Lotus
- 15 MG A
- 16 MG B / C (chrome bumper)
- 17 MG B (rubber bumper)
- 18 MG B GT / C GT
- 19 MG T Series and Other
- 20 Mini (original) & variants

- 21 MINI (BMW)
- 22 Morgan
- 23 Land and Range Rover
- 24 Sunbeam
- 25 Triumph TR 2/3/3A/3B
- 26 Triumph TR 4/4A/5/250
- 27 Triumph TR 6
- 28 Triumph TR 7/8
- 29 Triumph Spitfire & GT6
- 30 Triumph Stag & Other
- 31 TVR
- 32 British Special Interest (not listed elsewhere)
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**4:00 – 6:00 pm** Tupelo Honey in The Market Common

## Saturday Events Agenda:

**9:00 am** Show Field Opens to Parking

**11:00 am – 12:00 noon** English Tea

**11:00 am** Late Registration Closes and Voting Begins

**1:30 pm** Popular Voting Ends

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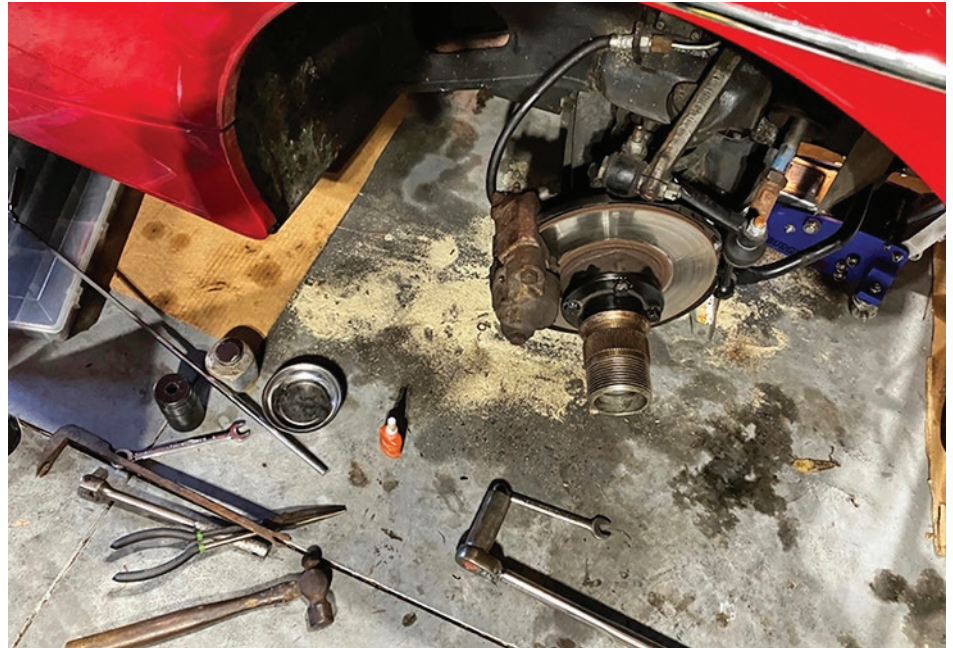
## LBC TECH by Frank Wissman

**Tom Meservey's  
Austin-Healey Sprite  
Wheel Bearings**

**Tom Meservey** reported a fair amount of play in his right front wheel of his **Austin-Healey Sprite** and picked up a set of bearings to rebuild both front axles. **Gene Carter, Frank Neil, Will MacPhee, Dave Romanick**, and **Jolene Balboa** all met at Tom's house. Once again Tom had great coffee and donuts waiting, and the car had the wheels off and was on jack stands when we arrived. Gotta love a catered event!

The first step is pulling the axle nut cotter pin out, which was as simple as taking long-nosed pliers and twisting the pin around the pliers. My first take is that it will be a bear to put the new pin in, too. With Tom holding the wheel locked with the brakes, the first axle nut came right off, we removed the brake caliper and the hub more or less popped off.

The inner and outer bearings were driven out and everything cleaned up while we review how to install the bearings. **Tom** had consulted with **Darryl Beech** who stressed that the bearing change was easy and the bearing spacer is critical, it absolutely must be re-installed. The first step is to pack the bearings with grease, which is as much fun as it sounds. **Gene**, in a fit of generosity, allowed me to pack the bearings while he fed the grease into the mess. It's actually easy and the bearings hold more grease than I expected. We double-checked that the wide flange of the race goes towards the middle and drove the bearing in



with a large socket. Next, the spacer was dropped in per the illustration from the **Moss Motors** catalog and the other bearing was prepped and driven in. Lastly, the inner seal was pressed in and we presented the hub to the axle and re-attached the caliper. We torqued the nut on with some **orange Loctite** and the castellations of the nut pretty much lined up with the hole in the axle. **Dave** pointed out that there is a side access hole in the hub, so the cotter pin simply is slid into place and bent over.

Checking the bearing feel as we re-assembled everything it seemed things were dragging, but we weren't sure if it was excessive as the wheel wasn't on. The next hub removal was pretty much the same, and **Gene** and I got into our rhythm of greasing the bearings. First one is installed in the hub and then the other. Except I left out the spacer.

The outer bearing looked like the



easier one to remove, and it was. OK, put the spacer in, re-install the outer bearing, and repeat installing the hub on the axle.

Except the same issue with brakes dragging was there on the left, too. The call is made to get new calipers, pads and lines. The team did the full rebuild and Tom has great brakes all around now. 🇬🇧

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**1979 MGB** - This 1979 MGB has been in the family since it was produced. The exterior has been totally restored by Star Automotive here in Charleston.

**Paint and exterior** - Completely restored by Star Automotive. Rusted rocker panels replaced with matching English steel and applying multiple coats of the original MGB orange.

**Upholstery and interior** - Tan interior with new wood laminate steering wheel

**Mileage** - 65,353 miles

**Wheels and tires** - New Goodyear Radial SP06 tires

**Brakes** - Relined brakes 900 miles ago by Charleston Import Automotive

**Transmission** - 4 speed manual transmission - original

Car is listed on Hagerty.com. Contact Ferol Vernon, [ferolvernon@gmail.com](mailto:ferolvernon@gmail.com) Asking **\$14,000.00**



**1975 MGB** - Asking **\$2460.00 / OBO**. Negotiable. Mileage 89,861. Located in Mt Pleasant. It runs well. Great for parts. Frame and body panels have rust issues. 89,700 serviced – Head cylinder gasket kit service, replaced valve cover gasket, replaced left and Right motor mounts, replaced blower motor, replaced heater and cold cable, replaced right and left rack and pinion boot, replaced front brake pad set and rotors, replaced brake lines, replaced gasoline fuel line, replaced head light dome assembly, replaced oil pan gasket. Tires are good, Luggage rack, Tonneau Cover, Good Seats and Carpet.

Have many new parts, not installed. Contact **Gary Runco** at (412) 848-4468 for more information.

**FOR SALE**

Visit [www.britishcarclubcharleston.com/ForSaleWanted.html](http://www.britishcarclubcharleston.com/ForSaleWanted.html) for more details.



**A set of 4 painted 72 spoke 15 inch wire wheels** for sale. Contact Wayne Carver at [syldawayne888@gmail.com](mailto:syldawayne888@gmail.com) for details.



**1973 Triumph TR6** - Car is located at Coastal Auto Restyling, Conway, SC. Contact the owner, **Alan Yoho**, at 843-504-2888 or [caratd@sccoast.net](mailto:caratd@sccoast.net) for complete details.



**1974 MGB** - This is a true chrome bumper car not a retro fit like some. Everything on this car works. I had the head re-built a couple of years ago. It has original tire jack and owners manual which you don't see often. Asking **\$16,500**. Contact **John Geddings** at [johngeddings@bellsouth.net](mailto:johngeddings@bellsouth.net)



**1975 MGB** - Complete restoration done in 2000 by John Twist. New interior, engine rebuild, dual carb conversion. Current mileage approx. 120,000. Car is located in Hollywood, SC. Asking **\$3,000.00** OBO. Price includes about \$1,000.00 of new parts. Parts include new exterior sheet metal panels for all lower car sections, front fender and a new fuel pump. Pictures shown are several years old. Needs body work on all lower panels. New top installed approx five years ago. The stereo system cost new was about \$2,500.00. I have had the car since 1995. The car has been in Charleston for the last fifteen years. Will also consider trade. Call **Dennis Pieschke** at (313) 310-1802 for details.

**OCTOBER 2023**

See the BCCC Events Calendar at <https://www.britishcarclubcharleston.com/Events.html> for up-to-date events.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 6pm – 8pm <i>British Car Day Meeting Shem Creek Crab House</i>	6	7 1pm – 4pm <i>Myrtle Beach BRITFEST Car Show</i>
8	9 <i>Columbus Day</i>	10	11	12	13	14 <i>BCCC Monthly Meeting will not be held in Oct.  Cars at Kiawah River Car Show</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>BCD Welcome Day</i>	21 9am – 11am <i>Sea Islands Cars and Coffee</i>  11am – 3pm <i>British Car Day</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>	1	2	3  <b>November 3 - 5</b> <i>Hilton Head Island Concours D'Elegance</i>  <i>Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival's Car Club Showcase</i>	4

**Have a suggestion for a place you'd like to visit?** Contact Millie Horton at [millie.horton2@gmail.com](mailto:millie.horton2@gmail.com).

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