

Regular Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month unless otherwise posted.

Feb. Meeting to be held at the Bluewater Grill at Wrightsville Beach –April 17th , 6:00pm for food, meeting @ 7:00pm



The Cape Fear British Motor Club Welcomes all Marques, Models and Motoring Enthusiasts

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From The Prez:

We are off to a great season, lately almost every weekend has had a BMCCF event of some sort. Check out our varied list of upcoming events. John Moore is looking for a larger selection of entries for our ten year anniversary T-shirt design contest. You can either call John (910) 686-7899 or email him jmoore24@ec.rr.com with your creative fashion statement. Alan Warrington (awarrington@ec.rr.com) is seeking membership candidates for the Hagerty Model Building Contest - ages 8 to 14 - our children, grandchildren, friends of friends are all welcome to participate. Bill Massey is our coordinator for the "Rims on the River" car show. Let's not forget Bob Moore he's running the "Britts on the Battleship" show this year. He certainly has his work cut out for him and will need our support. Pam McMahon's St Patrick's Scavenger Hunt was a total success. It helped inspire the Tom and Susan Roberson to host another Pub Day, after all he won the "tall tail award" at Pam festivity. The competition was fierce, but Tom managed to woo the crowd. Dale Masters and Carl Wilson are gearing up for our annual spring tune up. These guys really know their stuff and it gives us a great opportunity to clear out those cob webs our babies accumulated over the winter. Craig Murden had a great suggestion of starting a club members referral list. Craig just had interior work done on his car by Classic Vinyl Repairs & Upholstery on Judges Road, just off market. He was very pleased with the leather work they had done. I know from the garage tour that several members were looking for good paint shops. If you have a favorite specialty shop let us know - paint, interior, glass, chrome, etc. Give us the name / address and your own personal experience and we'll set something up. We are starting our "Feature Member" or "Who am I" this month, so please continue to send in information about each other or yourself that we can all share. We're hoping to make this a fun experience and who knows what's in store for our victims.

See You Soon -
Charlie Schaefer

EDINBURGH PUB DAY APRIL 5TH, 2008

THE TRADITION CONTINUES! THIS IS THE CLUB'S SPECIAL BRITISH DAY FOR ANGLOPHILES TO SHARE THEIR FAVORITE BRITISH/IRISH/SCOTTISH ALES, LAGERS AND STOUTS!

BRING A FEW BOTTLES OF YOUR FAVORITE UNITED KINGDOM BREWERY PRODUCT TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP ALONG WITH WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DRINK FOR YOURSELF.

WE WILL ALSO NEED CLUB MEMBERS TO BRING AN APPETIZER OR SIDE DISH (PLEASE LIMIT DESSERTS AS WE WILL NEED MORE SIDE DISHES AND APPETIZERS).

**LOCATION: 2905 HARVARD DRIVE,
WILMINGTON, NC 28403**

910 547-0511

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH AT 4:00 PM
UNTIL...**

SPRING TUNE UP CLINIC



Sunday April 13th, 9:30AM until 1:00PM
Happening at
AUTOWORKS, INC.
202 Antilles Ct.
In Dutch Square Ind. Park

Bring your "Classic Brit Car" and service manual with you and check out the readiness of you vehicle for this years events. Get help with ignition, carbs, wiring, etc. Or just hang out and soak in the knowledge.

BMCCF Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

Tommy Gore	4/14
Marylyn Bollinger	4/30
Gail Guthrie	4/24
Cathy Hargett	4/24
Margie Love	4/27
Syble Jacobsen	4/12
Jan Zorn	4/26



Anniversaries

Hans & Syble Jacobsen	4/20
Joe & Joan Justice	4/29

Note: If you didn't see your birthday or anniversary date posted on the appropriate month, we probably don't have it listed in the membership database. Contact Dale Masters at (910) 270-7762 or dcllmasters@earthlink.net to update, if you wish.

BMCCF ACTIVITES CALENDAR 2008

REMINDER

If you are planning on attending a club event that requires and R.S.V.P., please remember to do so by the date requested. It makes it a whole lot easier to plan

APRIL 2008

4th NCMGCC Coastal tour to Okracoke ddhawkins@yahoo.com

www.ncmgcc.org

10th SVRA Weekend, Roebling Road, Savannah

13th Spring Tune up Clinic details tba

17th Monthly Meeting

18th The Gathering Weekend @ Shelton Vinyards, TCOC

www.triumphclub.org/

19th Rims on the River Car Show, Downtown Wilmington

risontheriver@hotmail.com

20th Colonial British Car show Williamsburg, VA

www.wmbgbrit.com

tba AACA Annual Car Show, Independence Mall

MAY 2008

Joint Outing with the Charleston British Car Club,

Details TBA

1st "The Mitty" Weekend, Road Atlanta, Tentative

15th Monthly Meeting

16th Import / Kit Swap Weekend, Carlisle, Pa

17th 12th Annual Triangle British Classic Car Show, The Factory,

Wake Forest, NC

Watch; www.ncmgcarclub.org For details

25th Time/Distance Ralley, Details TBA

24th Memorial Day Weekend

31st British Car week, Check it out at www.britishcarweek.org

JUNE 2008

12th HSR Historic races @ Watkins Glen

19th Monthly Meeting Venue tba

21st Drive back tour details tba

JULY 2008

4th Independence Day

5th Poplar Grove Classy Chassis Car Show & Country
Flea Market; www.poplargrove.com

17th Monthly Meeting Venue tba

AUGUST 2008

Leland Under the Lights Car Show, most likely date

21st Monthly Meeting Venue tba

24th Southport Ferry outing

SEPTEMBER 2008

TBA Atlanta British Car fayre, Norcross, Georgia more details soon

1st Labor Day

18th Monthly Meeting Venue tba

25th VIR Weekend

OCTOBER 2008

4th BMCCF Brits at the Battleship Show

Watch www.bmccf.org for details

Riverfest weekend Wilmington

www.wilmingtonriverfest.com

16th Monthly Meeting Venue tba

tba Euro Auto Show weekend at the BMW Plant in Spartanburg, SC

Cars of Sweden featured marque

<http://www.euroautofestival.com>

tba Octoberfest weekend, Mayfaire Center, Wilimington

tba Charleston British Car Club Show, BMCCF Club Weekend Event

NOVEMBER 2008

1st Election Day

20th Monthly Meeting Venue tba

27th Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2008

No Club Meeting this Month

25th Christmas Day



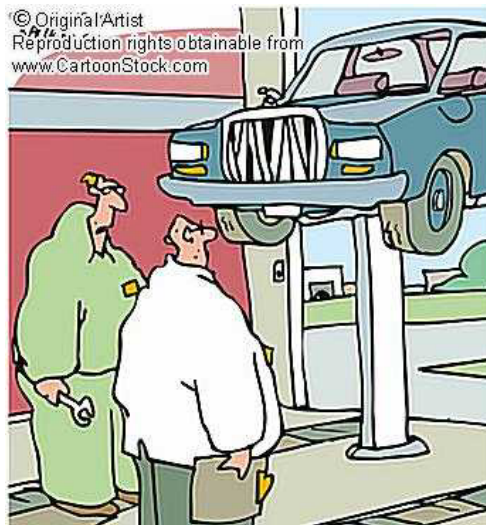
**Bugeye Racer At Carolina Motorsports Park
Photo by Warren Bender**

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2008

- ☛ Charlie our new President opened the meeting
- ☛ 34 members present and 2 guests
- ☛ Minutes from February meeting approved.
- ☛ Treasurers report:
 - \$2238.54 balance
 - 76 paid members
- ☛ John also reported there are a limited number of car badges for sale at \$35. Contact John if you wish one.
- ☛ Get Well cards were signed to be mailed to Ingrid Sorenson and Emmett Sugg
- ☛ It was reported the Garage Tour was great. Very interesting and a lot of fun. It was a nice drive between garages and lots of goodies available when the group arrived at each stop ending with pizza at Carl Wilson's new shop.
- ☛ The March 15th Scavenger Hunt was a hit as well. 30 people participated. Each was sent a list of "Irish" items they needed to scavenge for and be at Henry's Restaurant at noon. Everyone was asked to bring canned goods and 117lbs of food was donated and given to the NC Food Bank. Good Job!
- ☛ John Moore is still looking for entries for the 10th anniversary t-shirt contest. So get your creative juices flowing and submit your entries to John jmoore24@ec.rr.com.
- ☛ Check the Newsletter for upcoming Events in April – Pub Day and Tune Up @ Carl's
- ☛ Rims on the River is coming up on April 19th. Send Bill Massey and email with your name and make/model of your car so he can get us parking all together. His email is wmassey3@ec.rr.com. Also Sun Coast Cruisers will be given an award by the Governor for the work they have done with CUE involving missing children and adults.
- ☛ Terry Smith brought up that as a non-profit organization we need to be mindful of our treasury balance and perhaps we need to think of charities to donate to.
- ☛ Dave Sorenson asked if we wanted to do another car show at a Hammerhead game and was told yes. Most likely in June.
- ☛ Charlie wants to write a piece for the newsletter on a member of the club. Watch out he may be calling you.
- ☛ An email has been sent regarding Hagerty's build a model with a child contest. If you want to participate please contact Charlie ASAP.
- ☛ Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Cookie Cooper, Secretary



"It's a British car. Needs braces."

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WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28403

910-791-0035

BMCCF Regalia

Contact Trudy Williamson at: (910) 371-3222 for
ordering instructions.

Emb. S/S Denim Shirt	\$20.00
Emb. L/S Denim Shirt	\$23.00
Emb. White Golf Shirt	\$20.00
Emb. Hat, Union Jack	\$12.00
Emb. Hat, BMCCF Logo	\$12.00
Screen Print Ash Sweatshirt	\$20.00
BMCCF T shirt S/S	\$12.00
BMCCF T Shirt L/S	\$12.00
(T Shirts in White or Vegas Gold)	
BMCCF Cloisonné Pin	\$ 5.00
BMCCF Grill Badge	\$35.00

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Free Advice to BMCCF Members

1960 Austin Healey BT7

Lengthy restoration completed by "VON'S" during
2003-2004

for more info and pictures

**Contact Paul Stella @
(910) 538-5335**

BMCCF NAME TAGS

Official BMCCF nametags are required at all events or when
you are representing the club.

Originally ordered name tags are now available from John
Foster (910) 270-7050 \$5.50 Pin Clasp
\$8.00 Magnet Clasp

For Sale:

Smith's Tach.Has Ignition light. Works? Dunno.

Best offer!

Edie Cutler 799-2753

MG Good Stuff For Sale

1973 BGT, new tires, needs a paint job and interior

1971 BGT engine out, parts car

1970 B engine out, just bought new floor pans and
other panels from Moss

Have the 2 engines on mounts

A whole shed of parts

I can provide as many pictures as needed via email

Asking \$ 5000.00

Bought a 54 TF and 60 A, need the room according to
my wife

Bob Moore

910-616-7045

For Sale

2005 Mini Cooper S

28,00 miles, AUTOMATIC with 6 Speed paddle
shift.

Auto AC, lots of Chrome, cruise control etc. Dark
Silver body & roof.

Approximately 28-30 miles around town 35
highway

Need to sell by end of May beginning of June
when new Clubman due in

Asking \$20,500. Contact Chip at 910 329-0722

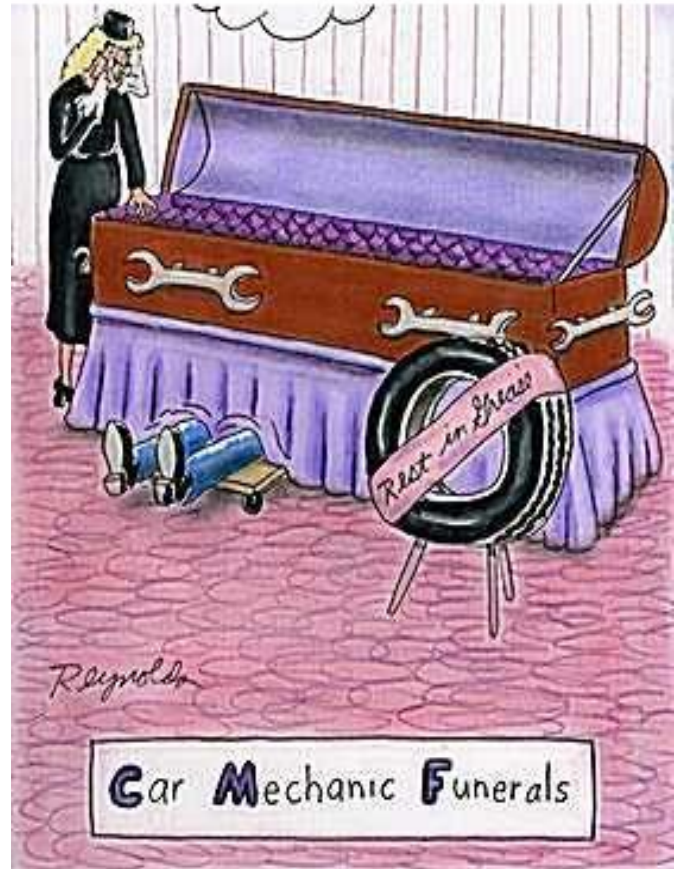


A tee shirt design contest for the 10th anniversary of the club is underway. if you have any ideas for the design to be printed on the shirts (not for the style or design of the shirt itself) please get it to John Moore by April 1st. we'll promise to have the selection made before the april meeting and announce the winner there.

We'll try to have a sketch to show everyone at the meeting so we can get some shirts ordered for the summer.

You can email your design to john moore at jmoore24@ec.rr.com or mail or hand deliver a hard copy at 7936 Grenezav Road. Wilminaton. NC

He Looks so
Natural



Frustrated by "Paint"???

Every so often I get queried as to where someone can have a car painted. That always means to me that the car needs some amount of body work and a lot of prep prior to the actual pain job itself. Unfortunately, even though there are a lot of good shops in the area, none of them like to do any work outside of insurance generated collision repairs. There are, as always, exceptions to the rule. But remember that you get what you pay for and maybe that's OK with you.

Even if you find someone who is willing to take the job on, it will probably drag out for months longer than you expected and cost more than you hoped. Forget the actual "Restoration Shops" unless you're made of money. They'll probably want over \$10K to even get started.

So what do you do? My advice is to start practicing body work techniques and get some help from club members who have gone through the same thing. If you can get a car properly primed and prepped, you will be more apt to get a local shop to "fit it in". All they will want to do is shoot it and get it out of the way. Believe me, you really don't want them to start taking things apart. Another alternative is to find a local independent who has the means to lay down a "clean" paint job leaving you with a lot of color sanding and polishing work ahead.

Paint prep and finishing is the major job in any restoration. The body panels need to be absolutely smooth. It seems like it takes forever and is hard work. The upside though, is ending up with a nice looking paint finish that you will be proud to own up to.

Dale M.

????? WHO AM I ??????

Member Mystery Profile

We have some really interesting members in BMCCF and Charlie Schaefer thought it would be cool to start a mystery profile each month. See if you can guess the member's name in the following piece.

I was born and spent the first eight years of my life here in Wilmington. My family moved to Austin, Texas and we call Austin our home where I lived from eight till eleven years old. Then it was off to Raleigh for the next forty-one years of my life. While Raleigh is a great place, the ocean is in my blood.

Speaking of the ocean very few friends know that when I was sixteen I surfed in Hawaii and scooted through a pipeline, you know that's where you surf inside the curl of a wave and are incased in the tube of the salt water. It was one of the greatest moments of my life and no one got to see it. What they did get to see was when I was in UNC; allegedly studying political science (with a minor in English), I and eighteen other guys "streaked" the campus. It was really weird, but after that I was known as "the little guy". I guess it was not dark enough that delightful night. Frat life was great on campus, but I think I have already disclosed more than you care to hear. By the way I was the lead streaker that night and proud of it.

Let's wander back to my ocean experiences before I embarrass myself anymore. The second love of my life was my 40' sloop which we sailed to Green Turtle Island. It was five days on the open sea, with the site of land being only a memory. If that was not bad enough we were the target of a pirate ship looking to take our boat and whatever else they wanted. We managed to ward off the assault, thankful for the guns we had on board. I may have a "little guy", but I have big ones when it comes to protecting my family.

Speaking of the big ones, as you may know I love speed. I was able to out run the guys with the bubble gum machine on top of their car three times. Once was in a VW and the other two times was in a Lotus. Another time after leaving work in the wee hours of the morning we were chased by two hijackers, who thought we had the payroll on us. Since I've gotten pretty good at outrunning (actually out driving) chase vehicles we managed to out wit the thieves. That's the good news, the bad news is we had a pitcher of beer in the car and it soaked the carpet in my parents car. It was some job getting out the smell before they found out about our exploits.

My guess is you still don't know who I am. Let's get more personal and maybe you'll figure it out. I'm a major wine person - I even have one of the few 100 point Robert Parker rated "Yquem" Sautemes in my extensive collection. I'm also an avid photography nut and collector as well. I collect World War II memorabilia , within my collection I have a cigarette lighter from Eva Braun (Adolph Hitler's mistress). I love food, as a matter of fact almost every Friday night I frequent the Le' Catalan restaurant on Water Street. I go there so much Marie even named a sandwich after me. it's a really big one, since I've sometimes been accused of being "full of it". The real love of my life is my bride, she does us well when it comes to food - man can she whip up a dish, I particularly love her Italian dishes. While at the University of Alabama she majored in interior design, I guess by interior design they are referring to my belly. If she's not cooking, you may find her watching her favorite TV show "Bones".

Speaking of bones, my son loves to work on a type of bone called "pearly whites" and his practice is in my old stomping grounds in Raleigh. If you have not figured me out by now, then you'll just have to wait until the next HUB comes out. Oh wait, I just thought of something else. I can often be seen wearing a fashionable piece on top of my head. Why you may ask, just take a few guesses –

- a) I'm a fashion icon
- b) I'm of that heritage that doesn't share a love for that big yellow thing in the ski
- c) It makes me look really cool and the chicks dig it
- d) all the above
- e) none of the above.

MISCELLANEOUS STUFF

Welcome new members

Peter Fellows & Jane Varalli: 1982 Austin Cooper

Alex McIver & Misty Frans: 1976 TR-6

Build a Model Car with a child

At our last meeting we discussed a contest sponsored by Hagerty's Insurance Company. Below are all the details. To sum it up they are looking for clubs to work with children (ages 8 to 14) to build plastic model kits. The carrot is a trip Monterey, California during the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance held from August 13th to the 16th. They are looking for each club to host 5 to 10 children for this contest. We can either use our children/grandchildren or go to the schools and find students to work with. Their experience is that clubs are equally dividend on how they are getting the contestants. We are looking for a volunteer to organize the event. Ideally it would be best to host underprivileged local children, but that would be the call of the project leader. A quick response would be appreciated, so we can give Hagerty's a timely answer. Your consideration is appreciated.

Respectfully -

Charlie Schaefer

THE BASICS:

Your club will find kids ages 8 to 14 to participate in the contest at a local level, and will sign-up to host the contest by April 17, 2008.

Hagerty Plus will provide your club with the plastic model kits, awards and detailed instructions.

Your club will distribute the kits to the contestants, oversee the building process and select a winner internally. Then, you send the winning model to Hagerty Plus by May 9, 2008 for the second round of judging.

The top five models will be chosen by popular vote at www.hagerty.com. The winning builders will head to Monterey, California in August of 2008 and their sponsoring clubs will receive \$500!

PRIZES

Clubs are eligible to win cash prizes when their sponsored builders advance in the contest! If your club winning builder is selected as one of the five national finalists, your club will win \$500.

The kids win great prizes, too!

The winner from each club will win \$50 and a trophy. Additionally, they be recognized in Hagerty magazine and on www.hagerty.com. The top five builders and a legal guardian will be treated to a trip to Monterey during the week of the famed Pebble Beach Concours dB Elegance for final judging.

For more information, please see the contest Rules and Regulations

or contact Rory Carroll at

800-922-4050 ext. 8105, or rcarroll@hagerty.com.

British Car Forum

For those of you not already familiar with the online British Car Forum, navigate to www.britishcarforum.com for some really cool info regarding LBCs and vendors who support the hobby.

Gateway Classic Cars

Located in Charlotte, NC and Fairmont City, Illinois, Gateway is a consignment seller of classic automobiles. If you want to sell a car without the hassle of dealing with lookers and tire kickers, this may be for you. It's also a good place to drool over the cars that you've always wanted to own. Check them out at www.gatewayclassiccars.com

Brake hoses made to order, submitted by John Foster

Don't forget to check the rubber brake hoses in your LBC. Most cars will require one at each front wheel and one at the rear center. These get overlooked and can be a dangerous situation. Cracks and plugged up hoses cause failure and "pulling". You can either order replacements from MOSS or other suppliers, or, have them made locally. Diesel Parts of Carolina, 5220421 N, Wilmington, NC 28401 Tel 251-8202 can help. Don't know what the cost differences would be but you can check that out.

Tips on Pumping Gas, Submitted by Tom Roberson

I don't know what you guys are paying for gasoline...but here in California we are also paying higher, up to \$3.50 per gallon. But my line of work is in petroleum for about 31 years now, so here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every gallon.

Here at the Kinder Morgan Pipeline where I work in San Jose, CA we deliver about 4 million gallons in a 24-hour period thru the pipeline. One day is diesel the next day is jet fuel, and gasoline, regular and premium grades. We have 34-storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 gallons.

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening...your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role. A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. In slow mode you should be pumping on low speed, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some other liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL or HALF EMPTY. The reason for this is, the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so

that every gallon is actually the exact amount.

Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up—most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom. Hope this will help you get the most value for your money.

DO SHARE THESE TIPS WITH OTHERS!

WHERE TO BUY USA GAS, THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW. READ ON

Gas rationing in the 80's worked even though we grumbled about it. It might even be good for us! The Saudis are boycotting American goods. We should return the favor. An interesting thought is to boycott their GAS. Every time you fill up the car, you can avoid putting more money into the coffers of Saudi Arabia. Just buy from gas companies that don't import their oil from the Saudis. Nothing is more frustrating than the feeling that every time I fill-up the tank, I am sending my money to people who are trying to kill me, my family, and my friends.

I thought it might be interesting for you to know which oil companies are the best to buy gas from and which major companies import Middle Eastern oil.

These companies import Middle Eastern oil:

Shell..... 205,742,000 barrels
Chevron/Texaco..... 144,332,000 barrels
Exxon /Mobil..... . 130,082,000 barrels
Marathon/Speedway... 117,740,000 barrels
Amoco.....62,231,000 barrels

Citgo gas is from South America, from a Dictator who hates Americans. If you do the math at \$30/barrel, these imports amount to over \$18 BILLION!
(oil is now \$90 - \$100 a barrel

Here are some large companies that do not import Middle Eastern oil:

Sunoco.....0 barrels
Conoco.....0 barrels
Sinclair.....0 barrels
B P /Phillips.....0 barrels
Hess.....0 barrels
ARCO.....0 barrels

If you go to Sunoco.com, you will get a list of the station locations near you.

All of this information is available from the Department of Energy and each is required to state where they get their oil and how much they are importing.

But to have an impact, we need to reach literally millions of gas buyers. It's really simple to do.

I'm sending this note to about thirty people. If each of you send it to at least ten more ($30 \times 10 = 300$)...and those 300 send it to at least ten more ($300 \times 10 = 3,000$) .. and so on, by the time the message reaches the sixth generation of people, we will have reached over THREE MILLION consumers!!!!!! If those three million get excited and pass this on to ten friends each, then 30 million people will have be en contacted! If it goes one level further, you guessed it... THREE HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE!!!