

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

August meeting will be held on 8/18 at McDaniel Farms Creamery 6:30 for food



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

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Presidents Message



Wow, was that TDS rally fun. Possibly it could have been because Gail & I won it, but I don't think so. We started at Tom & Susan Roberson's beautiful home. The weather was great, a hot, but overcast July day, threatening rain, but never did. Tom Roberson and Carl Wilson with the help of John Williamson laid out the local course and checked it time and time again against the very detailed and meticulously thought out directions. Then just to make sure we all understood the rules, Tom had a drivers meeting to go over the general rules for the rally. He emphasized several points, such as: the route would only include paved or improved roads; use posted speed limits or those found in the "rally directions"; stop at stop and yield signs for 3 seconds; stop for traffic lights for the time prescribed in the directions (don't hold up traffic, but pullover after a short light and stop for the remainder of the time allocated); use of a stopwatch would help with the delays etc.

Trudy Williamson and her daughter registered the participants and checked for weapons in the vehicles. They didn't want any violent fights to breakout between driver and navigator (this was a good idea). There were 11 cars, including members from the Miata club who joined us on the rally. Participants were started off at 5-minute intervals. The actual rally directions were not given to the participants until it was their turn to leave.



Gail & I had done this once before. It took us a week before we spoke to one another again, and then an additional 7 years before we attempted another rally. We were 5th to leave. We were off. I had to remember to drive slowly and not race around, after all the object was to complete the course in exactly the prescribed time and not before, so there was no point in racing. Things were going fine, spirits were high. We got to the first checkpoint manned by Dale and Linda Masters, got signed off and away we went. Then things started downhill. My navigator flipped two pages in the instructions instead of one, so we proceeded around the lake looking for a right turn. It took us a while before we realized it, so we turned around

and went all the way back to the check point, waved at Dale, and started back on the directions again. Now I was **racing**. Gail was not happy. We turned left on an "S" named city street, but it was a dirt road. Got onto Carolina Beach road, but couldn't figure out why they wanted us in the LH lane, when the directions said to turn right on the 4th "M" street. We turned up Mercer St. and stopped on the side of the road behind Chris and Cindy Moore. They looked lost too. We were really behind in time now. We read ahead in the directions and Ah-Ha , the next clue was to turn right past the Museum. We knew the area. That had to be the Cape Fear Museum on Market St.. So tearing off, we went directly to the Museum (do not pass go). Following the directions again, we met Terry Smith at the 2nd checkpoint and then managed to **race** through the rest of the instructions back to the Roberson's for the final checkpoint. The rally lasted about an hour. We were about 30 seconds over the prescribed duration. Chris and Cindy were awarded 2nd place, coming in 28 seconds later than that. Those are miraculous times considering both of us were lost and way off course. There is a lot of skill involved in running a TDS rally, but in our cases, luck was the only attribute that counted. Warren and Stacey Bender came in 3rd, and probably deserved 1st place. A couple from the Miata club got totally lost and came in somewhere in the middle of dinner.

Susan Roberson put together a terrific pulled pork barbecue meal with fruit, cheese and veggie dips for appetizers. Then there were wonderful appetizers and deserts that other club members provided, all under a large tent and no bugs. Lots of fun conversation and good cheer followed for a superb event. Gail and I are still talking. Let's do it again.

With Temperatures hovering near 100 degrees, as I write this, I am not too interested in driving around in my non-air conditioned Healey (which is hot inside, even when it is cold outside), but think about a night drive. The air has cooled off, no sun beating down, traffic has let up and it is just plain relaxing. Get out into the country.

Enjoy. **Bill**



Coming Events

August

18 – Regular BMCCF business meeting, McDaniels restaurant, on S. College Rd. 6:30 for food

20 – First Annual BMCCF Family Bowling fun day



Cardinal Lanes on Market St., Ogden, 1 – 4 PM. Food and beverages available. \$5.00 / person for bowling which will be donated back to the club treasury. Proudly display your little British car in the parking lot while you have fun taking out your aggressions on a bunch of wooden pins. Contact Terry Smith @ 686-0785 to rsvp

September

Dates tba Southeast regional MG Fall Festival, Dillard Georgia, Contact Dennis DeLoatch, 770-321-6849, www.peachtreemg.com

15- Regular BMCCF business meeting, McDaniels restaurant, on S. College Rd. 6:30 for food

15-18 – Six Pack Trials, Little Switzerland, NC Kevin & Lori Andrews 919-742-9209

30 – 1 Autumn in the Mountains, Hendersonville, NC www.autumninthemountains.org

October

1-3 Annual Fall British Car Festival, Waynesboro, VA, Michael Brittingham, 540-456-8436, www.svbcc.net

8– North Carolina MG Car Club, Triangle British Classic Car Show, Details tba

14 – 17 EURO 2005 Auto Festival, BMW Zentrum Visitors Center, I-85, South Carolina, Betty Harbison, 864-814-1078

www.euroautofestival.com

- Regular BMCCF business meeting, McDaniels restaurant, on S. College Rd. 6:30 for food

22 – Oktoberfest, hosted by Ingrid & Don Sorenson, Details tba

28 – British Car Day Charleston, S. C.

www.CharlestonBritishCarClub.com

Contact Dennis Wunsch (843)696-0910 or email hd1ch@aol.com

November

5th BMCCF Brits at the Battleship, Paul Buckner 910-755-6099, www.bmccf.org



Classified Ads

<p align="center">Creative Ads CUSTOM SILKSCREENING T-SHIRTS, SWEATS, JACKETS, HATS, BUMPER STICKERS, VINYL, PLEXIGLASS, NOTEBOOKS</p> <p align="center">CHRIS MOORE 100-C EASTWOOD ROAD WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28403 910-791-0035</p>	<p align="center">Greenside Mews Classic British Auto & Repair D. C. Masters 610 Olde Point Rd. Hampstead, NC 28443 (910) 270-7762 dcllmasters@earthlink.net</p>
<p align="center">ALFA ROMERO '71,</p> <p>GTV 1750 65,000 Runs, for parts or restoration \$950. or best offer. 799-4635</p>	<p align="center">AUTOWORKS, INC. Foreign & Domestic Auto Specialists We service all types of vehicles From 1950's to 2004 Carl Wilson, Terry Tracy (910) 791-5074 6748 Market St. Wilmington, NC 28405</p> <p align="center">Technical advice for members!</p>
<p align="center">1978 MGB</p> <p>Runs & drives, Needs alternator and the usual cosmetic work \$1000 Call Carl @ 791-5074</p>	<p align="center">BMCCF NAME TAGS</p> <p>Official BMCCF nametags are required at all events or when you are representing the club.</p> <p>Originally ordered name tags are now available from Linda Masters (910) 270-7762 \$4.50 Pin Clasp \$7.00 Magnet Clasp</p>
<p align="center">FOR SALE</p> <p>---4--- 15" Wire Wheels With Tires in excellent condition- \$500 ,Healey 3000 full tonneau cover fits1963-1967-\$150, MGB full tonneau cover for high back buckets-\$125 ,MGB boot cover -\$50 ,TR6 boot cover -\$50 ,All covers are like new. .MGB luggage rack - \$50 ,MGB 1968 engine, needs work -\$100 , New WINDSHIELD for Healey 3000 1963-1967 still in shipping box - \$200. Power amp with cable 500 watts and Boston speakers make offer. Various car covers (COME SEE) and various Austin Healey 3000 parts</p> <p>PLEASE CALL JEFF STARLING AT 791 -9981 OR 231-3254</p>	<p align="center">1950 MG – TD</p> <p>Non Restored, Body & Frame solid with no rust. New wiring Harness with signal lights installed, 100% engine rebuild with special MOSS Chrome moly crankshaft Runs & drives great. \$15K</p> <p>Contact : Neal Turner (910) 231-1882</p>
<p align="center">1979 MGB</p> <p>very restorable car, Also a 1976 MGB which could be used as a donor or parts car, come look and make me an offer</p> <p align="center">Tony Mergenthaler 343-9554</p>	<p align="center">The Body Under the Bonnet</p> <p>A mystery novel for lovers of classic British cars. Contact D. C. Masters</p> <p align="center">(910) 270-7762 or www.thebodyunderthebonnet.co</p>

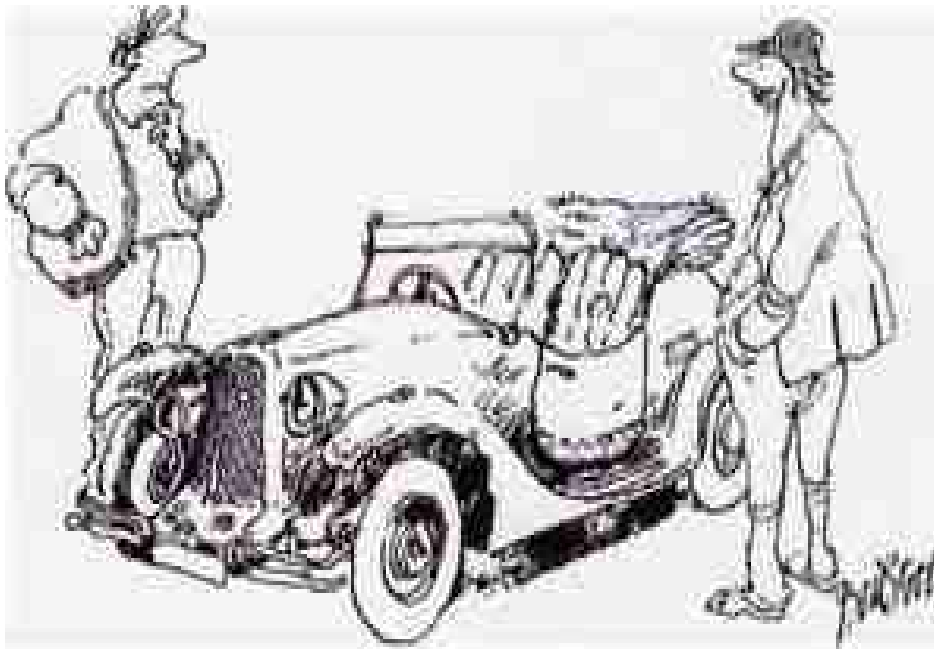
BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Jones	8/5	Becky Sawyer	8/11
Dorothy Reynolds	8/22	Paul Stella	8/19
Jim Smith	8/12		

ANNIVERSARIES

Warren & Stacey Bender	8/17		
Gail & Merritte Guthrie	8/5	Judy & Preston Somers	8/28
Neal & Elizabeth Turner	8/18	Miller & Megan Van Vliet	8/17

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 Linda Masters at 270-7762 or dcllmasters@earthink.net to update, if you wish.



On top of all that, it's got some genuine pre-war screwed up welding underneath it!!

British Motor Car Club of The Cape Fear
Minutes of Meeting July 21-2005

President Bill Massey called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at McDaniels Farm.
There were 28 members and guests present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed. Motion made by Dave and seconded by John.

Linda Masters gave the Treasurer Report: May balance \$1,550.43, plus .13 cents interest, \$1,550.56, plus 6/17/05 deposit \$40, \$1,590.56, less show expenses \$108.33, plus interest for June .13cents, plus deposit \$76.50, balance July \$1,558.86. There are 101 individual members and 52 families.

Bill said that Paul Buckner is working on the Battleship Show.

Southern Living (Coastal Living) has contacted Bill about some pictures of cars for the magazine. This will certainly give us some publicity.

Dale is continuing to publish the Newsletter. The new website looks great. As always Dale would appreciate articles from the members.

The July 9th TDS Rally at Roberson's was great. The Miata Club joined us. Thanks to Tom and Carl Wilson who planned the Rally. Gail and Bill Massey won 1st Place, 2nd were Chris and Cindy Moore. 3rd place went to Warren and Stacy Bender. Thanks to the Wilson's and Roberson's for all their hard work. Eleven cars participated and this event should be repeated.

NEW BUSINESS

Dale is planning a bowling event on Saturday, August 20, at Cardinal Lanes. We will park our cars in front of the bowling alley, and display our sign. Cost will be \$5 per person. Fred, owner of the bowling alley will return money we spend on bowling to the club. Look for further information in the Newsletter.

COMING EVENTS

September 30th Autumn in the Mountains Hendersonville
October 8th NC MG Car Club Triangle British Classic Car Club
October 22 Oktoberfest at Don and Ingrid Sorenson's
October 28th Charlestown British Car Club event

Trudy passed out a flyer for a car show in Leland on Saturday August 6th.

FUTURE EVENT

John Williamson is planning a beer-tasting event. It will take place at Winesellers and More. More information will be forthcoming.

SPEAKER.

George Hodnett introduced Jimmy White from Battery Up. He demonstrated battery enhancement devices and explained how they worked. These products extend the life of a battery. He also demonstrated 2 funnels that will keep water, grit, or dirt out of the fuel system. He can be contacted at 910-791-4035, or 910-619-3924.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18th, at McDaniels Farm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.
Respectfully submitted. Estelle Samel

HOT NEWS

Make sure to check out the coming events in this issue for the details on the first annual BMCCF family fun bowling day at Cardinal lanes. It's too hot to hang around outside this time of year, so we might as well be in a nice air conditioned bowling alley. Fred Johnson is the Cardinal lanes proprietor as well as a BMCCF member and MGB owner and has set us up for several hours of fun at a very nominal price. Food and beverages (beer too) are available so lets all take advantage .

The Leland Under the Lights cruise in and car show was held on August 6. Several BMCCF members brought their MG's just to demonstrate that there is an alternative to hot rods and muscle cars. In a sea of 135 brightly painted American icons of excess sat 3 MGB's and a TD. For the most part we were ignored by everyone except for a few obviously out of state spectators but that didn't stop us from enjoying the spectacle. Maybe next year we could round up most of our members and try to capture the club participation award which was won by the Sun Coast Cruisers with 40 entrants. By the way, John and Trudy Williamson won the best foreign car category, but then again John gave in to pressure and decked out his car in flames and fake bullet holes.

The first major planning meeting for the Brits at the Battleship show was held at prez Bill's house on Aug 4. Things are moving along and everyone knows what they have to do to make the show a success. Show chairman, Paul Buckner wants to remind everyone though that we'll need help from all members as the show date nears. A list of functions will be published in the next newsletter and everyone should take a look to decide how you can help.

A group of members are kicking around the possibility of caravanning to the 2006 Zippo Grand Prix in Watkins Glen, NY. This would be a 4-5 day trip completed in your British car. One idea is to document the trip in text and picture for publication in one of the national periodicals. The "Glen" is one of the premier Mecca's in terms of vintage sports car racing and other activities and the Zippo weekend is it's high point.

The town of Watkins Glen is a picturesque village nestled on the end of Seneca lake in the rolling countryside of Southern New York. In addition to great restaurants and antique shopping, the Glen itself is a natural formation of limestone and cascading waterfalls which can be explored at no cost. One of the most comprehensive automobilia libraries is also available.

If you think you might be interested, contact me – Dale Masters and lets kick it around.