

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

**Note:**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at McDaniels Creamery. Come join members for dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at 7PM**



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

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## Presidents Message

Spring is here and the turnout for our driving events has been fantastic. Rims on the River car show in downtown Wilmington was alot of fun. There were (19) BMCCF cars displayed. All parked together by Fat Tony's. Most people arrived around 9:30 or 10:00. The cars looked great. We had a chance to chat, then look at the other cars on display. Hot Rods, classic American iron, even a 1948 Crosley from Indiana (He really had trailered the car down to Myrtle Beach where he was staying for the winter) and decided to bring it up to the show. The Saturday Farmers Market was going on down on Water St, where they had produce, flowers, plants and crafts available. And of course there were the many shops along the downtown streets that were anxious to liberate some of our hard earned cash from us. There were lots of interested bystanders (many more than we typically get at the Battleship). Lots of interest and conversation. Had a great lunch at Fat Tony's, with personal service from the owner Eric. My daughter would call about every half hour with the weather up date. Finally about 1:30 she said we had better pack up, because a big storm was about to hit. Good thing I lived close by. Sure enough, just as I rolled into the garage, the skies opened up. I hope the others made it to cover. Of course many of you have those modern conveniences like roll up windows and leak tight tops. But they are for sissies.

I got a call from Chris Andrews, the organizer from the Downtown Retail Merchants Association. He said that the Foreign Car trophy went to Warren Bender for his Porsche. Congratulations Warren (I'm sure your TR3 could have won a prize if you had brought it instead). He also mentioned that Tom Roberson's JAG and Merv Wilkinson's Austin Healey 3000 were close

runner ups. Chris said they had pre-registrations from 300 cars, a lot from out of town, but because of the predicted bad weather, only 118 actually showed up. The merchants, who sponsored the event, were disappointed in the reduced turnout and the rain, which cut it short for many. Thanks to Pam McMahon's antique wicker furniture purchase, one merchant went home happy.

Our next big event is the day trip down to Merrill's Inlet to meet up with the Charleston British Car club for a show, food and enjoyment. It is an ideal distance for a day trip. I think Tom said we already had 27 members signed up. If you are afraid to drive your "reliable" British car any distance, this is a good trip for you. There will be many competent mechanics along to help with any problem that may occur and bolster your confidence if nothing happens. Then your next trip will be a breeze, because you will know your car can make it. Come out.

Our May 18<sup>th</sup> general meeting will be held at McDaniel's Farm Creamery again. 7:00 meeting. 6:00 if you want to get fed.

Enjoy the spring driving weather.

Bill



***Lot's of happy folks from BMCCF and the Charleston British Car Club  
Waiting to sample the "pub grub" at the Royal Oak***

## ***Minutes of BMCCF meeting held April 20,2006***

On April 20, 2006, 21 members and one guest gathered at McDaniels Farm Rest. For the monthly chapter meeting.

Bill Massey called the meeting to order. Terry Smith reported 47 members had paid 2006 dues and the bank balance was 2290.62. George Hodnett read the March minutes and they were approved as presented.

New members Bob Moore, Larry Sybil and Terri and George LeRose were introduced.

Cookie Cooper reminded the chapter the need for submitted items for the newsletter. All were reminded to ensure e-mail addresses were correct and in chapter records, as the newsletter is only available thru the website.

Tom Roberson reported 16 cars participated in the Southport luncheon trip and that he is taking pics to record our events and activities. The Beaufort trip was quite smashing and the Raleigh club wants to make this an annual event.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the May 6 outing with the Charleston club in South Carolina and to this point 31 and one half people (apparently a short person) had registered to attend. Prompt starting was encouraged.

June 10, 2006 was the trip planned to VIR and work would continue to get a section of rooms at the hotel for the members attending.

July, 2006 the club is scheduled for a run thru rural Pender County, including such hot spots as Maple Hill and Watha.

As of this date, 19 cars have signed to participate in the Rims on the River car show in downtown Wilm.

Jack Corbell is working on an archive bulletin board for the club and would feature related british cars and club info of general and specific nature.

Mention was made of the possibility of the club members and their cars being present for a Hammerheads game.. Research to continue as the feasibility of such.

Next months meeting at the same location.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

George Hodnett, Secretary

## **FROM THE EDITOR:**

From Classic Motorsports Magazine:

“Once every five years the stars, planets and moons align themselves just right, and at that time five of the major U.S. MG Car Clubs get together to put on one big event. MG International is that big Ho-down for 2006.

Scheduled for June 21-25 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and billed as a driving experience in the Smokies.”

For more info go to [www.mg2006.com](http://www.mg2006.com) .

## **MEMBERS MOTORING**

**Send me your favorite car story and we will begin a new feature “Members Motoring”. Don’t be shy. Everyone has a story so come on share it with the club.**

Email it to [carclubnews@aol.com](mailto:carclubnews@aol.com).

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

**Leon Lawson** 5/3  
**Carolyn Moore** 5/4  
**Dale Lockwood** 5/9  
**Rusty Love** 5/11  
**George Hodnett** 5/15  
**Dawn Eaton** 5/20  
**Bill Massey** 5/27

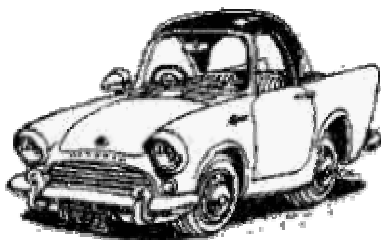
## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Evelyn & Paul Buckner** 5/19  
**Dale & Linda Masters** 5/23  
**John & Linda Althouse** 5/23  
**David & Dorothy Reynolds** 5/25

## ***New Members***

**Gil & Elysa David** Burgaw, NC 71 TR6 & 61 TR3A  
**Merv & Kathryn Wilkinson** Wilmington, NC 60 Healey  
**Lawrence & Joan Sibbald** Wilmington, NC 64 Porsdhe  
**Terry & George Leros** Wilmington, NC 67 Healey  
**Jessica Albon** Wilmington, NC 78 MG Midget  
**Bob & Carolyn Moore** Wilmington, NC

**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 Cookie Cooper at 329-0722 or [carclubnews@aol.com](mailto:carclubnews@aol.com) to update, if you wish.



# 2006 BMCCF ACTIVITES CALENDAR

## May

**6** Royal Oak Pub in Myrtle Beach @ 12:30PM  
Joint outing with Charleston British Car Club  
Small Non-competitive car show  
5141 Hwy 17 bypass South  
**Note: This Pub is opening exclusively for our  
Groups. Let's make our club proud and get  
as many people together as we can.**

**14** Mother's Day

**18** Thur Club Monthly Meeting

**19-21** Weekend Greek Festival Wilmington

**27-29** Memorial Day Weekend

**27th – June 4<sup>th</sup>** Annual British Car Drivers  
Week

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## 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.**

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## JUNE

**9-11** GOLD CUP RACES-VIRGINIA

**(BMCCF TO TRAVEL AS GROUP [JOHN  
FOSTER TO COORDINATE])**

**15** THURS-Club Meeting

**18** SUN-FATHERS' DAY

**21-25** MG International in Gatlinburg TN

## JULY

**4** TUES-INDEPENDENCE DAY

**8** SAT-POPLAR GROVE Classy Chassis Car  
Show

**20** THURS-CLUB MEETING

**22** SAT-DRIVE BACK: Meet @ FOOD LION  
HAMPSTEAD 10AM to DOWNTOWN MAPLE  
HILL and a BRIEF TOUR of WATHA and Back to  
RIVER FRONT WILMINGTON for light Lunch AT  
LECATALAN [Tom Roberson to coordinate]

**27-30** WEEKEND - BLUES FESTIVAL  
WILMINGTON Area

## AUGUST

**1** SAT (?) (DATE UNSURE)-LELAND  
UNDER THE LIGHTS CAR SHOW

**17** THURS-CLUB MEETING

**27** SUNDAY-ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
TOUR & DESSERT  
BILL & GAIL MASSEY'S HOME @ 323 S.  
Front St Wilmington OR NEIGHBORHOOD  
ICE CREAM PARLOR

MORE SPECIFIC LOCATION LATER

## SEPTEMBER

**2-4** WEEKEND-LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**9** SAT-ART & ANTIQUE FESTIVAL-  
WILMINGTON DOWNTOWN

**21** THURS-CLUB MEETING

**21** SAT-ROSH HASHANAH

## OCTOBER

**CHARLESTON BRITISH CAR CLUB (SHOW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED)** THIS WILL BE A CLUB EVENT WEEKEND WITH THE GOAL OF WINNING "MOST CARS ENTERED FROM A VISITING CLUB" AWARD; WE LOST BY 1 CAR LAST YEAR. OF 5 CARS ENTERED LAST YEAR, WE TOOK HOME 4 AWARDS! TOM & SUSAN WILL COORDINATE THIS EVENT.

**2** MON-YOM KIPPUR

**6-8** WEEKEND-RIVERFEST

**14-15** WKEND-PLEASURE ISLAND SEAFOOD/JAZZ FESTIVAL

**19** THURS-CLUB MEETING

**20-21** WEEKEND-OCTOBERFEST MAYFAIRE CENTER

**21** SAT-LIGHTHOUSE INTERNATIONAL BEER FESTIVAL-HUGH MACRAE PK

**28** SAT-PORT CITY MOPAR CAR & TRUCK SHOW

**31** TUES-HALLOWEEN

## NOVEMBER

**Brits at the Battleship Car Show**  
**Saturday November 4, 2006**

**GET YOURSELVES AND YOUR CARS GEARED UP FOR THIS EVENT; WE NEED 100% PARTICIPATION!!!! THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR MISSING OUR CLUB'S MAJOR EVENT OF THE YEAR!!!**

**16** THURS-CLUB MEETING

**23** THURS-THANKSGIVING

## DECEMBER

**16** SAT-HANUKAH BEGINS

**21** No Monthly Meeting

**25** MON-CHRISTMAS DAY

**31** SUN-NEW YEARS EVE

## TO BE ANNOUNCED

Local Rally

Garage Tour

Watkins Glen



***Let's hit the road y'all***

## Classified Ads

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Creative Ads</b>          CUSTOM SILKSCREENING          T-SHIRTS, SWEATS, JACKETS, HATS, BUMPER          STICKERS, VINYL, PLEXIGLASS, NOTEBOOKS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRIS MOORE</b>          100-C EASTWOOD ROAD          WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28403          910-791-0035</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greenside Mews</b>          Classic British Auto Maintenance &amp; Repair          D. C. Masters          610 Olde Point Rd.          Hampstead, NC 28443          (910) 270-7762  <a href="mailto:dcllmasters@earthlink.net">dcllmasters@earthlink.net</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BMCCF NAME TAGS</b></p> <p>Official BMCCF nametags are required at all events or when you are representing the club. Originally ordered name tags are now available from Terry Smith (910) 686-0785 \$5.50 Pin Clasp \$8.00 Magnet Clasp</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AUTOWORKS, INC.</b>          Foreign &amp; 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 style="text-align: center;">Technical advice for members!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1972 MGB Roadster</b></p> <p>Rebuilt engine ( 2.5K miles), very clean inside &amp; out, new chrome, new red paint, clutch &amp; brakes \$5,800 firm Contact; Buddy Efrid (704) 985-1469 or (704) 322-9057</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1954 Austin Healey 100-4</b></p> <p>In storage 25 yrs. Complete. Some non structural rust. Restoration begun. All components inspectable. New wheels/tires. \$18,500          Craig Murden, Wilmington          910 352-2817 or 395-4559</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1972 MGB Roadster</b></p> <p>Rebuilt engine, very clean inside &amp; out, new chrome, new yellow (harvest gold), paint, clutch &amp; brakes \$5,800 firm          Contact Dan Neu: 408.977.3196.</p> <p>This car belonged to one of our deceased members and has been well cared for, It's a sweet MGB and a good buy.</p>	

# HOT NEWS

## **Car Show Committee Kick off Meeting**

Thanks to all of the volunteers who signed up to work at the Brits and the Battleship car show. More volunteers are welcome! November is not that far off.

There will be an organizational kickoff meeting for all of the volunteers on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Edie Cutler's home, 6018 Forest Creek Circle in Kensington Place off Hooker Road. Identification of committee chairs will take place as well as discussions of specific committee tasks. Light refreshments will be served. More information will be available at the regular monthly meeting or contact Edie at 910.799-2753.

## **Get Those Donations Early**

Door prizes and goody bags. Two things, besides cars, that car enthusiasts look forward to at car shows. Last year we had more cars than door prizes. Let's not be in that position again. If everyone in the club could donate/locate just two or three items, we will be in great shape!

Two ideas.

1. Ask for a gift certificate from your favorite restaurant, car parts store, local gas station or retail store. As a regular patron, the manager will be more inclined to help out the Battleship Restoration if the request comes from a familiar face. Their donation is tax deductible and the club can provide any needed paperwork or documentation of our non-profit status.
2. If you receive points from your credit card company, frequent flyer or hotel program, how about cashing in some points for a gift card? Relatively painless and tax deductible for you!

More information will be available at the regular monthly meeting or contact Pam McMahon at 910.232-5653



**VIR Race/Ticket Information**

**Club Member John Foster is coordinating this.**

Telephone # 434 822-7700

Gold Cup Historic Races      Friday June 9 thru Sunday June 11, 2006

Advance Ticket Sales END on May 2, 2006

	\$ Advance	\$ At Gate
3 Day Ticket (each)	30	40
Friday	N/A	10
Saturday (each)	15	20
Sunday (each)	15	20



Some Hotel info

Hampton Inn  
 2130 Riverside Dr  
 Danville, VA  
 Phone: (434) 793-1111

Best Western  
 1292 S Boston Rd  
 Danville, VA  
 Phone (434) 483-5000

Sleep Inn & Suites  
 1483 S Boston Rd  
 Danville, VA  
 Phone (434) 793-6090

Comfort Inn and Suites Danville  
 Roanoke South Area  
 100 Tower Dr  
 Danville, VA 24540

Courtyard by Marriott  
 2136 Riverside Dr  
 Danville, Va  
 Phone (434) 791-2661

**Note:** The 2006 members list will be ready for viewing and downloading on the BMCCF website this month. Please check it out and make sure all of your information is correct. If you have forgotten the password, call Dale Masters @ 270-7762.

# MARQUE MADNESS

D. C. Masters

The main reason I started this column a few months ago was to make everyone aware of the different types of British cars and variations that are likely to show up at the Battleship show. From time to time we see a few obscure marques and as a result there has been some confusion as to how to these “orphans” into our class categories. To try and make things a little easier this year I have requested the class listings from one of the largest shows in country. The Western New York MG Car Centre has hosted a yearly show with anywhere for 500 to 1200 entries, depending on the weather. They have broken down classes in everything from the lowliest Spridgets to the mightiest muscle cars. Obviously, we don't need that kind of definition, but it will give us a good start to see how other clubs have dealt with this problem.

One of those marques that can be a bugaboo is Jaguar. We see classic drop head coupes, big saloons, XK series, E types and modern cars. What the heck classes do we put them in especially now that our club has members who own nearly all of the different variations.

Is it fair to compare a 1951 Mark IV Bentley to a 1948 Jag drop head coupe, or an XK140 to an XKE V12 ?

These are questions that need to be addressed and once we have a solid class listing that everyone agrees with, it should be left as is, as much as possible, from year to year.



1937 SS100



1948 drop head coupe



1954 XK140



1958 Mark VI



1964 XKE



1976 XJ6