

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

BMCCF NOTE:

**Holiday Party
December 5th
Temptations**

**Fun Starts @
6:00 pm until ???**



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

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President's Message:

Thank you all for putting your trust in me this past year as your President. It has been my honor! Our year is almost over and we can look back to a successful year for BMCCF. And, this is all due to a great membership! We owe ourselves a big pat on the back!

Temptations provided us an amazing array of goodies for our Holiday Party! Thanks to James and his entire staff for a wonderful evening! During the party, we collected food and other items for the pantry at the Hospitality House at the Hospital. As usual, the club rose to the request and it appeared that the pantry will be well stocked for quite some time. Thank you BMCCF!

More thanks! To all of you who came to the Flotilla Car Show. Four of our members were winners: John Moore, Kathy Laing, Eric Robinson and Bruce Allcorn. The Flotilla Committee was very pleased with 50+ cars on the field. And, so was I!

Happy Holidays and a Very Merry



BMCCF - MINUTES

Temptations, a.k.a. the BMCCF Club House



Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM, again, to a packed house – 53 people. Last month's minutes were approved.

Terry Smith, our longest tenured Count de Monay, reported \$9,375.61 in the **treasury**. Our insurance company has offered our social club a new item – terrorism insurance.

Ha! Terry opted out but did advise keeping about \$5,000 in the kitty, just in case of emergency and/or party. Sadly, this is his last meeting as Treasurer and will be handing the books over to John Moore. Thank you for such good Count-ing, Terry.

Voting – many members responded via email (thanks for that!) and the remainder done this evening via paper ballot. Counters were the well-known and ever-accurate staff at Temptations (thanks for that, too!). And the results are...

President – Steve Donatone. His election speech, "If you like your car, you can keep it."

VP – Ron Foster. Followed with, "Period."

Treasurer – John Moore. Who said, "I'm just hoping we really do have \$9,000."

Secretary – Pam McMahon. "Just try to access the website...."

Two new board members are David Ward and Tom Yoshida.

The board met last week to review **charitable donations** from our show receipts. Part went into our "in case the show is rained out" fund but six charities split the rest.

Canines for Service (Robin Ward's near and dear), Autism Supports (John Moore's favorite), Coastal Therapeutic Riding (my preferred), Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Operation Top Cat (Cookie Cooper's number one) and Step Up For Soldiers were the recipients.

The board has also approved **honorary memberships** for those members whose spouses have died. We love our friends and don't want to see them drop out – for any reason!

Eric Robinson will chair **Activities** next year – *and* the **Car Show**, too. Yea!

Please bring canned/non perishable goods to our **Christmas Party** for the Hospitality House. Long-time volunteer, Donna Schaefer, reports that the pantry

is growing slim and the guests are, too. Don't forget paper goods like TP and baby/kid stuff.

Don't forget the **Holiday Flotilla Show** – the Saturday after Thanksgiving at Wrightsville Beach Recreation area. It's just \$15 to enter but, better yet, you get a great parking space near the porta-potties and food vendors. Edie Cutler is in charge – get your entry in asap!

Sign up for the Christmas party on Thursday, December 5th at Temptations – send Jacq Moore a quick email and say you'll be there.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40. Respectfully submitted, **Karen Burr**, Secretary.



Nominations of Officers

President: **Steve Donatone**

Vice President: **Ron Foster**

Treasurer: **John Moore**

Secretary: **Pam McMahan**

Two Vacant Board Memberships: **David Ward and Tom Yoshida**

The following positions are not nominated/voted, but the Chairperson will be:

Car Show Chairperson - **Eric Robinson**

Activities Director - **Eric Robinson**



Charities receiving donations from our Brits at the Beach Show:

- Canines for Service
- GHA Autism Supports
- Coastal Therapeutic Riding
- Lower Cape Fear Hospice
- Operation Top Cat
- Step Up For Soldiers



Letters of Appreciation from BMCCF Charities:

Dear British Motor Club of the Cape Fear,

Thank you for your donation to Operation Topcat. We appreciate your help in our efforts to reduce the area's homeless cat population in a humane and caring way and to provide care for those cats and kittens that are abandoned and mistreated. 100% of money donated is used to spay/neuter and vaccinate the cats.

Topcat is a non-profit organization and has qualified as tax exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable for those who itemize their deductions.

Sincerely,

Tony Fiore
Treasurer, OTC



Operation Topcat
P.O.Box 922, Sneads Ferry, N.C. 28460
www.operationtopcat.com

Coastal Therapeutic Riding is a program designed to serve the needs of our disabled children and adults. A simple sentence but one with deep and far-reaching consequences. Our mission is to enhance the lives of challenged youth and adults, build confidence and physical strength so they have every possible opportunity to achieve their full potential and dreams.

Taught on top of gentle, well-trained horses and ponies, it strengthens core muscles in wheelchair-bound children. It loosens tongues of speechless kids. It calms and focuses autistic ones. It coaxes smiles that turn into grins in children who are stuck inside themselves.

Thank you everyone, volunteers, donors, friends, for your generous giving, of time and contributions, to make this program continue to work.

As one of our youngest riders says, "I can't walk, but when I'm riding a horse, I can!"

Greetings from your Registrar!

It is time to think about membership dues. Annual dues are \$25.00 payable to BMCCF. I always have registration forms at all our meetings and events, and there is a registration form on the website. Send your form and check to:

Caryl Finn, Registrar
8049 Sidbury Road
Wilmington, NC 28411

We are also ready for a new, updated 2014 phone book. This book was first compiled in 2012 and includes the member's and spouse/partner's names, addresses, phone/cell phone numbers and email addresses. It does not include all the information available on the website, but is a convenient, hard copy of the information needed to write to, call or email a member. There was discussion at our October meeting of what has to happen if you want to be included in the phone book. I need the following member information:

Name
Spouse/Partner Name
Address
Home Phone
Cell Phone
Spouse Cell Phone
Email Address
Spouse Email Address



I also want to create this phone book in a timely fashion with all information in to me by January 15, 2014. Our discussion included the idea of changing the final due date of accepting membership dues from February 15th to January 15th, with the actual due date payable by January 1st with a two-week grace period. This would be an amendment to our current by-laws.

As the phone book will include only members who have paid their 2014 dues, I am asking members to submit their dues and updated information to me by

January 15th so the phone book will be both accurate and include all of you. Discussion of any by-law amendments can continue at future meetings.

Thanks for your consideration and see you on the road!

Caryl Finn - ccbows@yahoo.com

Message from BMCCF 2014 Car Show Chairman:

Dear fellow BMCCF members,

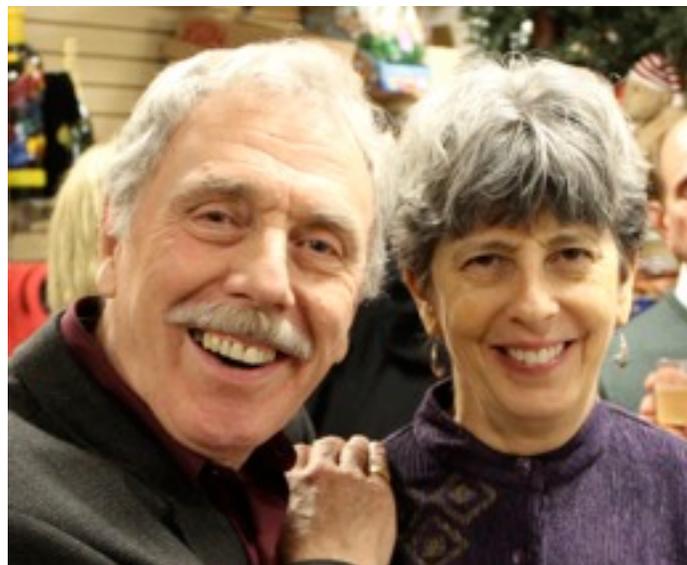
At the last meeting I agreed to chair the 2014 Car Show. A number of you expressed your willingness to help, once again, with the preparations and I thank you for volunteering your valued support.

As most of you know, particularly if you have been involved with previous shows, it takes a lot of work, which can be more easily accomplished when there are plenty of people to help with the various tasks. Please seriously consider getting involved with the preparations for this great event, which is a showpiece for our club and a worthwhile endeavor to support local charities. To those of you who have been a committee chair in past years, please let me know if you are willing to take on the same task or perhaps a different one. This goes, also, for those of you who were a part of these teams in past years and to any other club member willing to get involved.

BMCCF has a tradition of great shows – let us continue that tradition!

Thanks,

Eric (Robinson)
digieric41@gmail.com



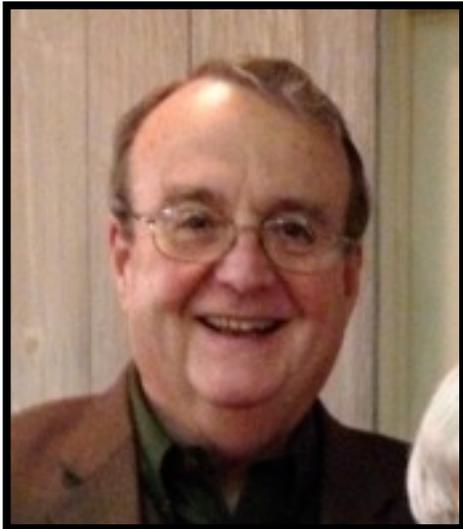
Meet the New Officers for 2014:



**< Steve Donatone -
President (Prime Minister)**



**Ron Foster >
Vice President**



**< John Moore -
Treasurer - Count D' Money**

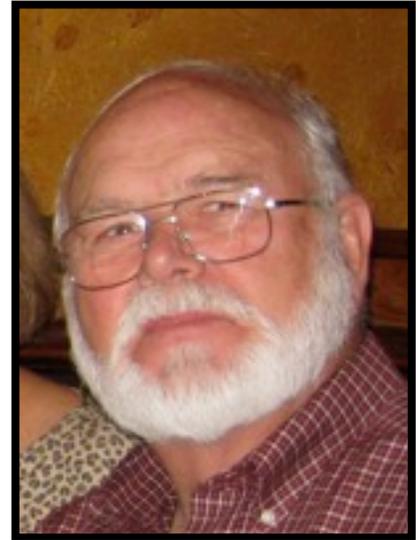


**Pam McMahan >
Secretary**

Meet of BMCCF Board for 2014



**< Newly Elected:
Tom Yoshida**



**New Elected:>
David Ward**



**< Board Member:
Donna Schaefer**

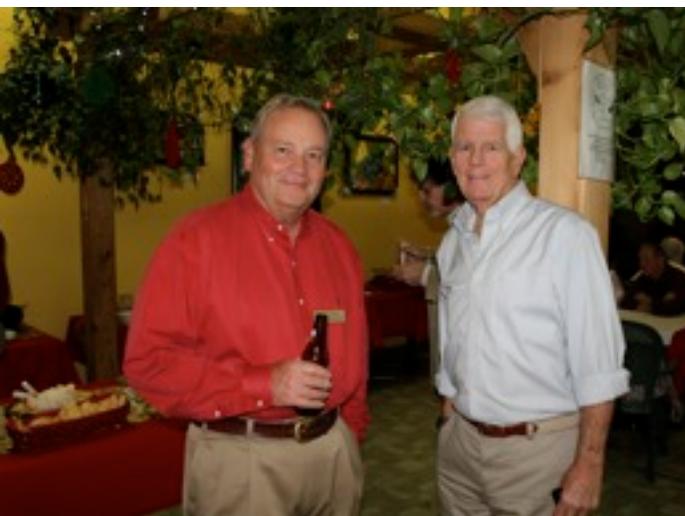


**Board Member>
Ron Foster**



**< Board Member
Christen Christian**

THE ANNUAL BMCCF CHRISTMAS PARTY 2014



Photos compliments of the Burrs







BMCCF HOLIDAY WISHES

On behalf of the BMCCF we would like to wish you and your families the best Holiday ever. This is where family and friends give blessing for all that we have and wish others nothing but happiness.

We need to be thankful for all the joy this Club has brought us and we will continue to welcome more friends into our fun times and warm relationships.

**May you and your family have a
Wonderful Holiday**

BMCCF Editorial Staff



Removing Stubborn Vinyl Strip Adhesive - from Brian Collins

When removing old vinyl striping from your car, you may find residual adhesive hard to remove. I tried just about every product I knew of to remove the old residue but found out that Rain-X worked best! Like Goo-Gone and WD-40, Rain-X contains petroleum distillates that help to remove adhesives. It doesn't hurt the paint and makes removing the adhesive a breeze. Give it a try!

Rain Leaks Around Top Header Seal? From Gil Dupre

I found this solved the rain leak problem on the MGA. When installing the top the first step is to wrap the wood windshield header with the material supplied in the top kit. Before wrapping take a piece of foam rubber self stick seal Walmart or wherever and put it along the front edge of the header. This has worked for me for 30 years.

SU Carburetor Throttle Shaft Vacuum Leak? - From Frank Grimaldi

If you throttle shafts develop a vacuum leak due to wear, the following may be a stopgap solution. In order for this to work, the shafts must not be excessively worn that they wobble and they must protrude at least 1/8 inch beyond the carburetor. Find an "O" ring with an ID that is slightly less than the diameter of the shaft and with a 1/8 inch cross sectional diameter.

First apply a thin coat of silicone grease to the shaft ends. Then use an epoxy adhesive (JB Weld is a good choice) and carefully apply glue to the carburetor body ensuring that no adhesive is applied to the shaft. Slide the "O" ring onto the shaft and apply more adhesive to the "O" ring where it meets the carburetor to ensure a good seal.

You can check for vacuum leaks by spraying a flammable solvent such as carburetor cleaner at all possible leak locations while the engine is running at idle speed. If the engine RPM changes you have a leak at that location.

Restore Faded Plastic Parts - From David Parish

Got a hint from a friend that surprisingly works... for faded plastic, hit it with a heat gun (carefully!) before scrapping or replacing it. I thought he was loony - until I tried it. My seat belt release buttons had faded to a pinkish shade of orange and some of my outside trim was fading from dark to light on my grocery-

getter Hyundai. Using a cheap heat gun purchased from Harbor Freight, the buttons turned red-orange again and you can see the dividing line where I stopped working on the black trim from 50 feet away. I suspect the heat is causing a tiny bit of off-gassing from the thermoplastic resins? Regardless of what you call it.... it worked.

Removing Stubborn Fittings - From Ken Mulcahy

Ever have trouble removing a corroded fitting or plug from an engine block? Use an ordinary candle and melt the wax around the fitting with a propane torch. Let it cool and then loosen it with the tap of a hammer on the end of a wrench. It's worked for me every time.

Homemade Gear Oil Dispensing System - From Tommy Baker

Trying to get the gear oil into the rear end (or oil into the tranny) only to be obstructed by emergency brake cables, gas tanks, exhausts and the like. You could go out and purchase a cute hand pump that mounts to the bottle for \$10 or so, or you could struggle and attach a hose to the spout of the bottle and squeeze away. Why not use something you probably have around the house? Has anyone in your family ever purchased a bottle of shampoo or hair conditioner with that handy little pump dispenser on top? All you have to do is clean the container, fill with gear oil, attach a pvc hose and pump away. In no time your axle will be full, you will retain your sanity, and you can use the bottle as a storage container until it's time to top it all off again. I have used this several times and it is particularly useful when you can't raise your car to a comfortable position to work. Just place the container on the ground and go to work.

Help Keep Your Plastic Window Clear - From John Northrup

If you're like me, you've probably experienced how quickly (one winters storage time) the plastic rear window on our LBCs deteriorate. Well, I've found a solution. There is a product on the market called "Gooffoff", which is intended for removing graffiti, etc, but seems to work just great on removing that yellowish film that forms on the window. Just take a soft cloth, saturate it with this stuff, and polish gently inside and out on the plastic surface, and voila.....no more yellow, and you can actually see through the window again. Not really sure how permanent this is, or whether it eventually does any harm to the plastic, but at least for a season, it appears to work.

BMCCF Member Contributions:

Stuffs for Sale or Wanted

FOR SALE - This is a 1952 MG TD that is for sale for \$22,000 or best offer. This car was in our show and got a third place. The owners are the owner's of Coastal Glass Tinting and were a sponsor in this years show. Phone 910-392-6860.



For Sale - I have a 1975 TR6. Just found 4 (2 new, 2 good) 185x15 Michelin Redlines to replace my worn units. I will have (after I do the switch) 4 old ones of the same with minimal tread 2/32 that are cosmetically fine but with little tread. Before I let the repair shop throw them, do you think there is anyone that wants them gratis?? Will probably do the swap next week. Thanks - Mike Allocco 15 W. Asheville St. Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469 Cell - 770-330-1270 Phone - 910-575-4472 mike.allocco@gmail.com

Sharing among the BMCC Members

From Craig Murden - I thought you might enjoy this article about your buddy Tivvy. There seems to be a load of other content on this website.

<http://www.britishracecar.com/TivvyShenton-Jaguar-XK140.htm>

From David Ward:





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BMCCF Regalia

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

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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
BMCCF Cloisonné Pin \$ 5.00
BMCCF Grill Badge \$35.00

BMCCF NAME TAGS

Official BMCCF name tags 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

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