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BMCCF Meeting September 15th Temptations

Eats - 6:00pm
Meeting - 7:00pm



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Prime Minister's Message:

We have had a couple of recent activities for the club and several more are scheduled for the near future. Recently there was the Leland Under the Lights show. We have received an invitation from a new club in Brunswick County called Wheels by the Sea to participate in an event with them; you should have received an email from Eric about this; the Sequine Car Collection hosted by Ron and Linda Jones will be late September, the Myrtle Beach Britfest at the Commons Market is scheduled for the first of October and the Fall Getaway to George Town South Carolina is scheduled for October 7-9. Be sure to check the emails and calendars distributed by Eric for details.

Things are a little busy at my house as we are scheduled to move on September 2 so we have been looking inside a lot of boxes while packing; Alicia is scheduled for foot surgery on September 29 and will be in a cast for around six weeks and just to add to the fun we adopted a little puppy who has quite a personality. With all this I will probably be able to make the meetings but not much else for a while. See you at the next meeting. **Steve**



BMCCF - MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2016

**Temptations Everyday Gourmet
AKA BMCCF Club House**



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Steve Donatone who commented that between selling his house, beginning construction on a new house and adopting a new dog, upcoming foot surgery for Alicia and his own back problems he has been pretty busy. Steve thanked Carl Wilson and John Moore for conducting recent meetings.

25 members were present plus two guests. Looks like the dog days of summer are keeping some people at home in the air conditioning. Remember: Temptations has air conditioning, too. Come join us next month.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved by acclamation.

John Moore delivered the Treasurer's report. The club has a fund balance of \$8889.00. No revenue nor expenses last month although the account did earn \$.08 of interest. The vendor we use for name tags informed John there is now a \$35 set up fee in addition to the charge for the tag and engraving, which makes the name tags more expensive than the dues. Not a good fiscal situation. John is looking into another source. When a new member pays their dues, the club provides a name tag for the new member and another, if applicable, for their spouse/partner/etc. If the name tag is lost, John can order a replacement but the member will bear the entire cost to replace a name tag.

Steve introduced two guests – Andy and Grace Poenschke – I apologize folks if I misspelled your name! – who have 2 Morgans from the 1950s. Andy likes driving these cars and smaller meet-ups. Come join us in Georgetown, folks, once you join the club.....

Eric Robinson talked about activities. The NC Museum of Art is planning an exhibit - Rolling Sculpture: Art Deco cars from the 1930s and 40s. The museum is hosting a classic car day to which we were invited but that is the same weekend as the Myrtle Beach show. Eric contacted the museum, explained the situation and they invited BMCCF to come up one day, exhibit our cars and the museum would arrange a tour, lunch, and parking. Eric sent an email to members to gauge interest and received few

responses. The date is not set – maybe early November. Eric would like at least 10 cars committed. Many suggested that he check the NC State football schedule since they play their games across the street from the museum and game day is NOT a good time to try to get anywhere in Raleigh. Eric will send another email. If you are interested, please let Eric know.

Eric reminded folks that Leland Under the Lights is Aug. 20th, 10 cars have committed so far. Meet between 2 and 2:15 on Saturday – place was identified in Eric's email – so the club can arrive as a group.

Ron Jones talked about a trip on Sept. 24th to Oak Island to visit a friends' hanger full of beautiful cars. Lunch is planned for Duffers at the Oak Island Country Club and then off to see those cars. Ron suggests club members meet at WalMart in Leland and caravan to Duffers. More info will be provided re time, etc. Ron and Linda invited those attending back to their house for desert after the visit to the cars. Thanks guys!

Karen Burr provided an update on the fall event to Georgetown, SC. The weekend of October 7 – 9th. This is the weekend after the Myrtle Beach show. Information was provided in the last newsletter but briefly, the host hotel is the Hampton Inn overlooking the lovely Sampit River in Georgetown where a block of 12 rooms is being held for us. For reservations call 843.545.5000 - \$109 street front / \$119 water front. You must mention BMCCF to get discounted rate. 5 rooms are already reserved so act now to reserve your room!

Friday night will be the pot luck cocktail party. Jaque Moore has promised to bring her signature appetizer. When she said that, three different guys said "I'm in then!". One highlight of the weekend will be a private tour and lunch on Saturday of BrookGreen Gardens – a truly fabulous place not to be missed - HYPERLINK "<http://www.brookgreen.org/>" <http://www.brookgreen.org/> Susan Roberson needs a count of folks because we have to prepay the \$14 admission fee. Yes, special pricing was given for group rate, AARP, disc. – every discount they would give us. Please RSVP to Susan or Karen.

Steve asked the committee members to stand and be acknowledged for their hard work and organization. Karen, Susan, Donna Schaefer and Beth Foster were roundly applauded.

Ron Jones said he would bring his camera to BrookGreen Gardens and take pictures of the cars for a possible BMCCF calendar of cars. This idea was enthusiastically received.

Other events:

Myrtle Beach Britfest – October 1st HYPERLINK "[http://
britishcarclubcharleston.com/](http://britishcarclubcharleston.com/)" <http://britishcarclubcharleston.com/>

Eurofest – the 3rd weekend in October HYPERLINK "[http://
www.euroautofestival.com/](http://www.euroautofestival.com/)" <http://www.euroautofestival.com/>

Charleston – the last weekend in October HYPERLINK "[http://
britishcarclubcharleston.com/](http://britishcarclubcharleston.com/)" <http://britishcarclubcharleston.com/>

Ron and Beth Foster are putting together a drive back, visiting The Porches in Castle Hayne for lunch, maybe late October, early November. Look for more information.

BMCCF Swap meet – Autoworks November 12th. More info to come.

Be sure to put all of these dates on your calendars so you won't miss any of these good times!!

Eric stated that he is still looking for an alternate venue for the car show and again asked about date preferences. So date and place are TBD. Bruce Allcorn is working with Eric on the show.

Karen Burr gave a shout out to Mickey Finn for his assistance in selling one of her cars. You be the best, Mickey!

Steve adjourned the meeting at 7:30

Safe driving!

Respectfully submitted,
Pam McMahon



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016



September

**7th . Wheels by the Sea Fuzzy Peach Cruise 6pm
-9pm. Downtown Southport. Together with Cape Fear Cruises.**

15th - Monthly Club Meeting

**16th . Horseless Carriage Car Club drive through at St. James. Meet at
around 10:00 am, entry by the East Entry access. See my 8/31 email for Ted
Wright's info. Contact him if you intend to go.**

**24th - Oak Island Jetport in Southport - Tour Seguire Collection. Hosted by
Ron & Linda Jones. More following Calendar of Events**

**29th . ADM Employee Picnic. Invitation via Wheels by the Sea to show cars.
See my 8/26 email for Ted Wright's info. Contact him if you intend to go.**

October

**1st - Myrtle Beach Britfest @ The Market Common, Myrtle Beach (Info in
Newsletter).**

**7th to 9th - Fall Get Away - Georgetown, South Carolina. We meet at 9th.
Leland (Charlie Macgrooders) at 10:00, or pick-up at the Hardees, off Hwy.
17 in Supply for those south of the river. Route directions will be sent to
participants by email.**

20th - Monthly Club Meeting

**29th . The British Car Club of Charleston 32nd British Car Day 9:00 am -
4:00 pm. @ Mt. Pleasant Memorial Waterfront Park. MT. Pleasant, SC.
Info: britishcarclubcharleston.com or call: 843-696-0910**

NOVEMBER

?? Rolling Sculpture Exhibition @ NCMA. Invitation to show cars. See flyer sent 7/31. Details of our trip will be sent to those who have signed up once finalized.

12th. British Car Swap Meet & Gathering @ Autoworks. 202 Antilles Ct. Wilmington. O'Reilly Auto Parts will sponsor coffee and donuts. Everyone welcome. From 9-3pm. First come first served for space. Bring your own chair/table. No charge.

17th. Monthly Club Meeting @ TEMPTATIONS EVERYDAY GOURMET 7.00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: As always, the dates shown for trips are provisional and weather dependent. Confirmation of the event and full details will be sent closer to the date.

BMCCF - OUTING

Invitation: Visit the Seguin Automobile Collection.

Date: Saturday September 24, 2016

Where: Oak Island Jet Port, Southport, NC

Details: Club members and invited guests are to meet at 10:30 AM in the Wal-Mart parking lot on US 17S in Leland behind Mc Donald's. We will depart as a group no later than 11:00 AM. We travel down NC 133 for Lunch at the Oak Island Golf and Country Club at Caswell Beach. Immediately after Lunch we will proceed to the Oak Island Jet Port to the Seguin's hangar. After our visit, you are invited for Deserts at the home of Ron and Linda Jones at 6488 Walden Pond Lane Southport.

RSVP no later than Thursday Sept. 22nd. @ (910) 454-9784

BMCCF - FALL GET AWAY

Save the Date

- October 7th thru the 9th
- This year we're going to historic Georgetown, South Carolina.
- Accommodations at Hampton Inn overlooking the lovely Sampit River.
- For reservations call 843.545.5000 - \$109 street front / \$119 water front - must mention BMCCF to get discounted rate.
- Enjoy the great restaurants and shops along the charming Front Street.
- Drive to Brookgreen Gardens for a private tour of the grounds and famous sculpture gardens, and
- Spend time enjoying one another's company.

Please contact Karen Burr after you have booked your reservations at karenburr@hotmail.com

The Grand Strand British Car Club would like to encourage all British car owners to attend our annual car show to be held on October 1, 2016, at The Market Common of Myrtle Beach!

Eric is driving down early Saturday morning he is looking to set up a British convoy

The 2016 Myrtle Beach Britfest will be held at The Market Common located on Farrow Parkway between Highway 17 Business and Highway 17 By-Pass. In addition to all of the beautiful British cars, only a block away is The Market Common which boasts lots of shops, restaurants, a cinema, and Octoberfest activities so your weekend will be packed with fun for everyone!

Dash Plaques will be given to all early registration entrants and will be available for some late and "day-of" registrations. Trophies will be presented to winners in each class. A special award for the entry with the "Best Picnic Presentation" will be given. Special "Britfest" t-shirts will also be available. Food vendors, restrooms, local restaurants, and shopping are available nearby all day!

Event Agenda for Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016:

9:00 - 11:00 am Show Field Open & Late Registration

1:30 pm Popular Voting Ends & Vote Tally Begins

2:30 pm Awards Presentation, Raffles, Etc.

New This Year ... Ladies' Tea and Crumpets During the Show!

Off-Road Trailer Parking will be available next to the show field.

If you would like to show off your British automotive beauty, then you need to fill out and mail a registration form today. Early registrations by Sep. 15 are \$25 first car entered plus \$15 for each additional car entered. Late registrations after Sep. 15 are \$30 first car entered and \$15 for each additional car entered. There are over 40 classes from which to choose. Register early and plan to stay all weekend to soak up the fun!

For more information, contact Rod Smith, Myrtle Beach Britfest Committee Chairman, at jrodsmith@yahoo.com or tel. [\(843\) 651-7644](tel:843-651-7644). Or visit our website at www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com. This will be a fantastic event, and we would hate for anyone to miss out on the fun!

BURGLARY IN FLORIDA (You just can't make this stuff up!)

When southern Florida resident Nathan Radlich's house was burglarized recently, thieves ignored his wide screen plasma TV, his VCR, and even left his Rolex watch.

What they did take, however, was a white box filled with a grayish-white powder. (That's the way the police report described it.)

A spokesman for the Fort Lauderdale police said that it looked similar to high grade cocaine and they'd probably thought they'd hit the big time.

Later, Nathan stood in front of numerous TV cameras pleaded with the burglars: 'Please return the cremated remains of my sister, Gertrude. She died three years ago.'

The next morning, the bullet-riddled corpse of a local drug dealer known as Hoochie Pevens, was found on Nathan's doorstep. The white box was there too; about half of Gertrude's ashes remained.

Scotch taped to the box was this note which said: "Hoochie sold us the bogus blow so we wasted Hoochie. Sorry we snorted your sister. No hard feelings. Have a nice day."And you thought California was the land of fruits and nuts.

Eric - Activities Chair speaks:

I have heard back from the Art Museum show organizers ref. our possible visit . In order to progress this idea further I need answers to a couple of questions. I have early November as a time frame, but they cannot accommodate us until after Nov. 6th. so I suggest between 8th. – 12th. (they are closed on Mondays). Some of you (8) have expressed initial interest, and I want to ask you to confirm that you still want to take part.

- a. Is this week good for you?
- b. Which day is best for you?
- c. They open at 10 am which means we need to be there by around 9:15 latest, are you ok with an early start?

They are thinking of roping off a section of their top parking lot for our group. It is going to be beautiful there, as they are opening brand-new gardens near the lots this fall! I would like to have 10 cars, at least, to make the effort worth while for both parties. For those who have not made a decision, please give this (possible) event some thought and respond by return.



Exhibitions

Rolling Sculpture: Art Deco Cars from the 1930s and '40s

OCTOBER 1, 2016 – JANUARY 15, 2017

The art deco period—from the 1920s to the 1940s—is known for blending modern decorative arts with industrial design and is today synonymous with luxury and glamour. The...

From Eric - Our Activities Chair

At the Leland show we met Ted Wright of the newly formed group “Wheels by the Sea” This is a bunch who just like to get together for as he put it “ to have some fun showing, driving, cruising, picnicking and supporting local charities in Brunswick County. Ted sent me an email below, should anyone be interested the his contact info. is below too.

Wheels by the Sea car club has been ask to display our cars at the ADM Employee picnic on Oct 29th from 11-2. Anyone who participates will be provided lunch. ADM will also become a sponsor of our club for upcoming events if we in turn support them. This would be a great opportunity for us to support a local business in Southport. I would like to know if anyone will participate as soon as possible so I can let them know for their planning purposes.

This also coincides with the Cape Fear Cruisers car show in downtown Southport. People wanting to attend this event will be able as their show is in the afternoon into the evening.

Please RSVP

Ted Wright

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tel: 410-507-7899

email: Ted05saleen@att.net

BMCCF - OPPORTUNITY

ARE YOU INTERESTED



We are planning an outing to visit the new Cape Fear Theater (now know as the Wilson Center) for a guided tour of the facility. I still need to work out parking and possible lunch or dinner. Please let me know if you are interested. The place is amazing. Donna & I volunteer there and we love it. We want to share the wonderful experience with you, our friends.



Some Kids Were Digging In Their Backyard When They Hit Something

We all grow up digging around in sand boxes hoping to strike it rich and find some hidden treasures. What we typically find is a rusty, old Matchbox car or a present left behind by a cat. Either way it's very rare to find something desirable. Well, that's not quite the case with a young group of boys in California. They were digging in their yard when they found something that would make anyone's jaw drop and their mouth start drooling. In 1978, these kids were digging around in their yard when they came across something big, something metal, and something very, very valuable. A buried Ferrari!



The boys actually discovered a 1974 Ferrari Dino 246 GTS buried just a few feet underneath the dirt in their yard. The family had just moved into the house and immediately called authorities after the discovery. Authorities came and roped off the area for investigation. A team of investigators arrived and carefully unearthed the rare car.

After exhuming the Italian sports car, it was obvious that someone had planned on returning to retrieve the vehicle at some point in time. It was very crudely mummified with towels in the vents and tape on many of the seams however the windows weren't fully closed causing a lot of interior damage.

Farmers Insurance was contacted and because of the VIN number they were able to trace the last owner. After the investigation, it turns out that the owner of the car had actually hired thieves to steal the car and dump it in the ocean so he could claim insurance on it. The thieves buried the car with the intention of returning to pick it up for themselves.



The buried Ferrari was then auctioned off after being on display with the incredible story being reported across the nation. It was purchased by a young mechanic who owned his own automotive shop in California. The going price was estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$9,000.

He fully restored the buried Ferrari and often enters the car into car shows. Here is a picture of the car after the complete restoration.

The car even has a vanity plate which reads “**DUG UP**”. How perfect is that?

I'm amazed at the fact that two boys digging in their yard unearthed something this incredible. Talk about a dream come true. It's a shame that they weren't able to keep it. Finders keepers right? This is something they will be talking about for the rest of their lives. A story, a piece of history, about a scandal, and a typical Hollywood drama unfolded and a mystery solved. I mean, It's not every day you find a Ferrari Dino buried under your lawn. **Sent to us by Eric**



Lister Knobbly Stirling Moss Edition at Pebble Beach

Lister Motor Company is proud to announce that its Knobbly Stirling Moss edition will be appearing at the [Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance](#) this Saturday, 20th August.



The limited run car will be appearing at the Inn at Spanish Bay™ in Pebble Beach at 09.30am PDT, in the Pebble Beach Classic Car Forum pavilion. Sir Stirling Moss will be the guest of honour. To attend the event, interested guests are asked to register at their earliest convenience at <https://www.pbclassiccarforum.com>

Just 10 special edition cars will be produced, each featuring a magnesium body and special lightweight specification – just like the original ‘works’ racing Knobblys of the 1950s. These cars follow on from an initial run of 10 aluminium-bodied continuations – now all sold out – production of which began in 2014 at George Lister Engineering. Each is built using the same techniques as the original 1950s Knobbly, following the acquisition of Lister Motor Company by Andrew and Lawrence Whittaker in 2013.

The 10 Stirling Moss editions will celebrate Moss’s races for Brian Lister in the ‘works’ racing cars in the 1950s. While some original Lister Knobblys are still campaigned in historic racing, none of the original ‘works’ cars survive, making this limited run an incredible opportunity for collectors and Lister enthusiasts.

To keep ahead of customer cars and other rivals in the 1950s, Brian Lister reserved a special lightweight specification for his 'works' Knobbly racing cars – with one of the main features being a magnesium body.

Magnesium is an exceptional material, lightweight but difficult to source and expensive. It is also time-consuming to work with as it is very hard to form, requiring incredible skill and craftsmanship. As a result, Lister has invested hugely in research and development into how to work with magnesium and produce perfect, hand-turned bodywork.

All 10 Lister Knobbly Stirling Moss editions will faithfully feature the same specification as the 'works' car with which Moss won at Silverstone in 1958. Key features of the Lister Knobbly Stirling Moss edition are:

- Bodyshell manufactured from lightweight magnesium with aerodynamic low-drag Long Wing Design front wings
- Engine sump manufactured from magnesium
- Clutch and differential casing manufactured from magnesium
- Lightweight tubular steel chassis
- Solid sterling silver number plaque 1 to 10 with Sir Stirling Moss's signature engraved
- Classic Lister green & yellow paint, matching the original 1950s design

Each one of the 10 owners will receive a handover from Sir Stirling Moss and a personal welcome letter from the legendary racing driver. Every Lister Knobbly Stirling Moss will be built at exactly the same factory as the standard lightweight Knobbly: George Lister Engineering in Cambridge. The chassis will be made using exactly the same jig as was used for the first Knobbly back in 1958, while the bodies will be formed around the same styling buck too. Each car will be priced from \$1 million plus taxes.

Lawrence Whittaker, CEO Lister Motor Company, said:

The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance® is without doubt the most important concours event in the world and a must-attend week on the historic motoring calendar. It will be a great honour to show our Knobbly Stirling Moss edition at the Inn at Spanish Bay at the Pebble Beach® Classic Car Forum.

These Stirling Moss editions represent a truly unique opportunity. None of the original 'works' Lister Knobblys survived from the 1950s, so the fortunate few who get to own a Stirling Moss edition will be getting a period-correct continuation 'works' Lister made using the same techniques as the original. Secondly, as magnesium is such a difficult-to-source material and requires incredible skill and craftsmanship to form, the Lister Knobbly Stirling Moss edition will be the only magnesium-bodied car you can buy – either as a road or racing car – anywhere in the world.

Thirdly, this is only the second time in history that Sir Stirling Moss has put his name to a car. And this is truly limited run – we are only making 10. Ever. There will be no more. Factor in a personal factory hand-over from Sir Stirling Moss himself – a true British hero and a man who played a huge role in putting Lister on podiums in the 1950s – and you have an unrivalled, very personal experience. And an instant classic.

Sir Stirling Moss said:

The Knobbly remains one of my favourite racing cars. I remember getting into it in 1958 and thinking ‘who is going to beat me in this?’ At the time I knew they were quick but I never realised, until now, that they were so different to the customer cars.

These magnesium-bodied continuations redefine the word ‘special’: they are hugely collectible and they will be very fast indeed. They will be winners on the track – just as they were in their day. I’m looking forward to meeting the new owners and seeing some of these amazing cars on the historic racing circuit being driven flat out as there were designed to be.

Ecurie Ecosse Jaguar D-Type Sets Auction Record

A Le Mans-winning Jaguar D-Type, once part of the [Ecurie Ecosse](#) race team, became the most expensive British automobile sold at auction with a final price of \$21.78 million. In addition, the very first Shelby Cobra, a CSX 2000, went for \$13.75 million, setting the American record.



The 1955 Jaguar was the first such model supplied to a private team by the maker, based in England's Midlands. The car went on to beat Jaguar's own entries in the 1956 Le Mans. It was offered for the first time in 20 years, after being in an American collection.



MotorPunk's Albert Ball Memorial Blat – **A Morgan 3 Wheeler** Road Trip

This past summer, [MotorPunk](#) organised a fitting tribute to WWI fighter ace and Morgan fanatic, [Captain Albert Ball](#), with a 13 car fly-past on the 99th anniversary of his tragic death.

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[MotorPunk's Albert Ball Memorial Blat - A Morgan 3 Wheeler Road Trip](#)

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Whilst lacking the creature comfort of a traditional Grand Tourer, the Morgan Three Wheeler is a marvelous machine to look at, and an absolute hoot to drive. You just have to pack light!

MotorPunk on Captain Albert Ball ...

On May 7th, 1917, Captain Albert Ball met his end following a dogfight with Lothar von Richthofen, brother of the famous Red Baron. An unlikely hero, Captain Ball was a modest man from Nottingham who rose to become one of Britain's finest fighter aces. He was also one of the very first customers for Morgan's Three Wheeler, a car he described as being "the closest thing to flying, without leaving the ground".

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VIDEO ABOVE
"Cool Stuff - Eh"**



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Allard J2X MkIII

Providing a Unique and Exclusive Ownership Experience.

Allard Motor Works has recently completed its J2X MkII roadster series. It is now introducing the J2X MkIII with added features and options to enhance the owner's driving experience - on the road and on the track.

Built to order, we are now making available to collectors and classic sports car aficionados the 'First Five' J2X MkIIIs on a first-come first-served basis. These neo-retro roadsters will feature an exclusive signature plaque to recognize them as the first in a new series of Allard Motor Works J2Xs.

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- full leather interior
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- removable hardtop
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- mahogany steering wheel
- emission-compliant V8s
- 5-speed with overdrive
- wide range of power
- automatic transmission
- two-year warranty
- 'Allard' Instruments
- very large trunk
- USB / 12v jacks
- Allard Register serial numbers

P L A C E Y O U R O R D E R N O W

Elvis's BMW 507 to debut at Pebble Beach

(not British, but interesting - Hemmings by Kurt Ernst)



In 1958, while stationed in the U.S. Army in Hesse, West Germany, Elvis Presley acquired a Feather White BMW 507 roadster. Following his return to the United States, the fate of the BMW remained something of a mystery, and when a car alleged to be Presley's [entered restoration in 2014](#), the absence of a paper trail conclusively linking the 507 to Elvis merely added to the controversy. Extensive research in the BMW archives has turned up that missing link, and fresh from a two-

year restoration, the car now positively identified as The King's BMW will make its public debut on August 21 at the 2016 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in Pebble Beach, California.

The 507 that Elvis borrowed (and later purchased) from a Frankfurt dealer in the fall of 1958 wasn't a new car. It had been well-maintained by BMW, however, as its previous driver was none other than racer Hans Stuck, who used the car to compete in hillclimb events when it wasn't being displayed at continental motor shows or shown to European royalty. Prior to this, it had served as a demonstrator and press fleet car, so to ensure reliable operation for future owners, BMW installed a new engine and new transmission into chassis 70079 before it was offered for sale.

Elvis's 507 didn't remain finished in white for long. Even while in the service, Presley was besieged by groupies, and finding lipstick marks or phone numbers scrawled across the hood and fenders in lipstick was reportedly a common occurrence. To solve the problem, his simple-but-elegant solution was to have the car painted red, something that would later add to the uncertainty surrounding his ownership of the car.

Registration plates affixed to the car during Elvis's time in Germany only compounded the mystery. At purchase, the car was photographed wearing export license plates, which were later changed to military registration plates. As BMW's

research revealed, these were changed yearly, making it look like Elvis may have owned more than one 507 during his time in Germany, which wasn't the case.

In 1960, Elvis returned to the United States, but what had become of his BMW was less certain. No one seemed to know whether or not the convertible was exported to the United States, and when Elvis later gifted a white BMW 507 to actress and Fun in Acapulco costar Ursula Andress, many believed this was Elvis's original car. BMW had no records of the car in Germany following Presley's return to the United States, but no U.S. registration documents linked him to the car, either.

In 1960, chassis 70079 was traded in to a Chrysler dealer in New York, but sans any documentation proving that the car had once been owned by the King of Rock and Roll. For Birmingham, Alabama, DJ and aspiring drag racer Tommy Charles, speculation was good enough, and he became the BMW's next owner in 1962. Wanting more power than BMW's 148-horsepower, 3.2-liter V-8 served up, Charles opted to drop in a supercharged Chevy V-8, bolted to a Borg-Warner transmission sending torque to the rear wheels through a Chevrolet rear end.



The driveline swap wasn't exactly a bolt-in modification, and to create the room needed, the BMW's front frame carrier was cut out. The dashboard was altered, too, in order to fit new instruments, but the changes had the desired effect in increasing performance. Charles is on record as winning a race in Daytona behind the wheel of his Bimrolet, but the car didn't amuse him for long, as it passed to a new owner in 1963. It would change hands one more time before landing with Jack Castor in California in 1968.

An aerospace engineer by trade, Castor drove the car in this condition for a number of years before placing the car into storage for a future restoration. Aware of the car's reported but unproven history, Castor's goal was to restore the car to its as-delivered state, and in preparation for this, he began amassing BMW 507 replacement parts as his time and budget allowed. Most elusive of all was a replacement BMW V-8, which continued to delay the onset of the project, frustrating Castor.

Enter journalist Jackie Jouret, who worked for years to prove that chassis 70079 was the same car once owned by Elvis Presley before publishing her findings in Bimmer magazine in 2009. Proving that 70079 was the car raced by Stuck was easy enough, but no paper trail conclusively linked Elvis Presley to the same serial number. Jouret was also instrumental in bringing Castor together with BMW Group Classic, and after a multi-year dialogue, Castor was finally convinced that selling his 507 to BMW would provide the car's best shot at a comprehensive restoration.

The work began in 2014, and the restoration proved to be among the most challenging ever undertaken by BMW Group Classic. Though Castor had included decades of accumulated spares with the car, many needed parts were simply unavailable and had to be created from scratch. To ensure the restoration was as accurate as possible, materials and methods used during the car's original assembly were recreated. Paint was applied using period-correct primers, fillers and top coats, and seats were rebuilt using the same rubberized coconut mats, felt and linen that BMW would have used in the 1950s. Period photos were studied in order to duplicate both the type of leather used on the seats and the stitch pattern.



As a byproduct of the restoration, BMW Group Classic has produced seals and other components long out of stock to help with the restoration of future BMW 507 models. Much has been learned about rapid prototyping and 3D printing to create parts on demand, which will aid the future restoration of a variety of BMW models.

Continued research in Munich, at BMW Classic Archives, has also turned up the “missing link” document, too: An insurance binder from December of 1958 lists Elvis Presley as the registered driver of BMW 507 chassis



70079, putting an end to a mystery that has stretched across nearly six decades. When the Feather White 507 makes its public debut at Pebble Beach later this month, its provenance is no longer in doubt.



BMCCF - Membership

Items:

From Ron & Linda Jones - I recently spoke with Rose Seguire concerning a visit to their fabulous car collection at the Oak Island Jet Port in Southport. We have set a date of **September 24th at 1:00 PM**. We will meet at the WalMart parking lot in Leland at 10:30 AM and depart 11:00 AM for Caswell Beach where we will have lunch at the Oak Island Golf Club. From there we will travel about one mile to Billy and Rose's hangar at the Oak Island Jet Port. Immediately after our visit club members are invited to our home for deserts and refreshments. We will provide all the details to BMCCF members in the future via Emails and the BMCCF newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns involving this matter, I can be reached at (910) 454-9784 or (910) 616-3951 or via Email at ronjones@ec.rr.com

From Our Secretary Pam - Car Needed:

"My daughter is getting married Saturday, December 17, 2016. We are trying to find a car owner who, for a small fee, would pick our daughter and her husband up in front of St. Thomas Preservation Hall (Historic District) as they exit the reception and drive them around the block back to the Graystone Inn or City Club. The reception should be over by 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. So they would need to arrive by 8:00 or 9:00 depending on the time, and take them around the block. We are on a budget and cannot afford the high fees of various wedding transportation companies.

If you know someone within your club or around town who would be interested, please contact Teresa Morgan at ken4teresa@bellsouth.net."

From George Czerw - British Automaker Bounces Back from Bankruptcy with Retro BMW-Powered Roadster - <http://www.autoguide.com/auto-news/2016/07/>

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From John Adams - He sent us the Allard Motor Works article next article up.

BMCCF - Classified Ads

From the Burr Classic Car Estate - For Sale:

1957 MGA. A straight and reliable, well-kept, solid body car. Only two owners in the last 20 years and always garaged. Knock-off wire wheels and new tires. Side curtains, tonneau and top good. Black with red interior. All original \$23,500.
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For Sale - 2001 Mazda Miata - 49,600 miles - Garage Kept - BEAUTIFUL CONDITION - power windows - A/C - Alloy Wheels - 5 Speed Manual Transmission - Luggage Rack - Glass rear window with defroster - Roof like new - Leather seats - Wooden Shift Knob-New Battery-This car would be considered EXCELLENT !!! Contact - Cy 910.616.6077 **\$9,000** (negotiable).

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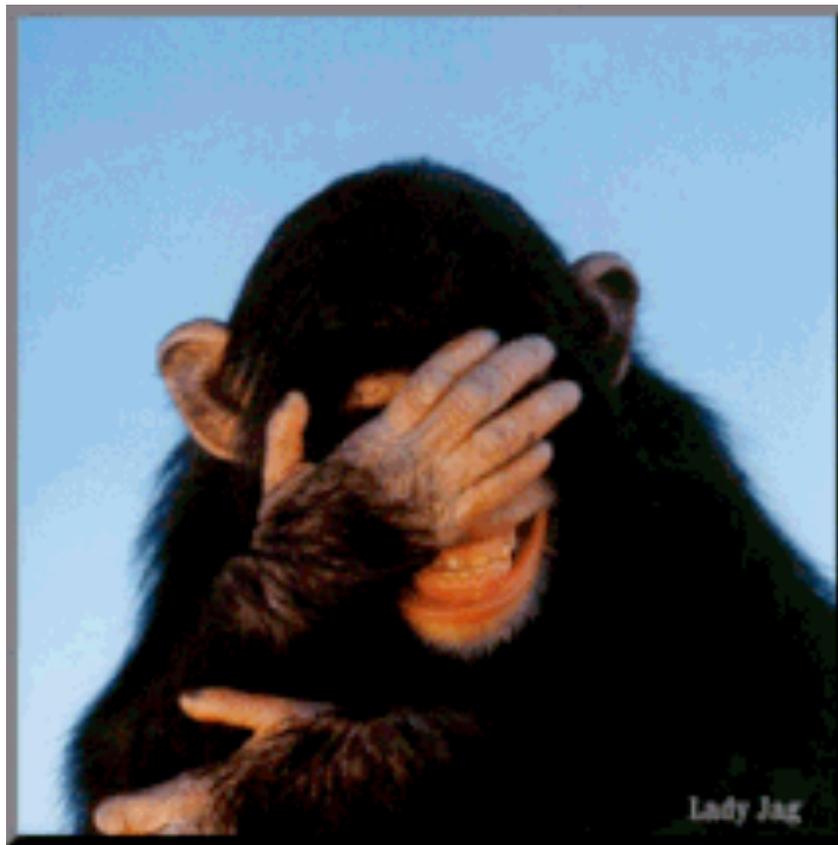
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