

3rd Thursday of each month unless otherwise posted.

BMCCF Meeting January 19th Temptations

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



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Prime Minister's Message:

Hopefully you had a great Holiday and look forward to
wonderful 2017. It is our intention to do all we can to
make your experience with BMCCF a memorable
experience. We are hoping to get everyone to share in on
the fun and participate in all our many activities. If you
have a suggestion please let Eric know and we can work
with you on hosting an event. Suggestions are always
welcomed and encouraged.

We are scheduling our first Board meeting, just before our
next Club meeting, so if you have something for the
agenda we will be happy to address it. We really want to
make this the best Motor Club there is and that only
happens with fun activities and strong friendships.

May the Bird of Paradise miss your Windscreen...

Respectfully -
Charlie



BMCCF - MEETING MINUTES

January 2017

**Temptations Everyday Gourmet
AKA BMCCF Club House**

**No December Meeting - BMCCF celebrated the season with
our annual Holiday Party.**

BMCCF CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

January -

**4th - "Wrenches" Hosted by Paul Clarkson 10:00am at Paul's Shop/
Warehouse - 6622 Gordon Road unit E.**

**19th - BMCCF Monthly Club Meeting @ Temptations Everyday Gourmet.
7:00pm.**

**21st - Annual Kick-Off Party - Autoworks - 202 Antilles Ct, Wilmington -
11:00am until 3:00pm - Bring a dish and BYOB. Contact our Host - Carl with any
questions 910.398.7866. Featuring our "Rusty Bumpers".**

**February - THE ANNUAL BMCCF CHILI, CHOWDER & DESSERT COOK-OFF
in February, 2017! LOOK FOR A SEPARATE E-MAIL WITH ALL DETAILS IN
MID-JANUARY 2017!!**

12th - Possible "Valentine Run" - What for email.

16th - Monthly Club Meeting @ Temptations Everyday Gourmet. 7:00pm.

March -

**4th - Cape Fear Chapter AACA Annual Show - Independence Mall - watch for
details.**

**16th - BMCCF Monthly Club Meeting @ Temptations Everyday Gourmet.
7:00pm.**

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6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
8. What was the President's Name in 1975?
9. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
10. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?
11. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

Here are the Answers: (No peeking!)

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?

Answer: Johnny, of course.

2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall, and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?

Answer: Meat.

3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?

Answer: Mt. Everest; it just wasn't discovered yet. [You're not very good at this, are you?]

4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?

Answer: There is no dirt in a hole.

5. What word in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly?

Answer: Incorrectly

6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?

Answer: Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere.

7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?

Answer: You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.

8. What was the President's Name in 1975?

Answer: Same as is it now - Barack Obama.

9. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?

Answer: You would be in 2nd. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.

10. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?

Answer: Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow [Duh]

11. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

Answer: One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big one.

IMPOSSIBILITIES IN THE WORLD

- 1) You can't count your hair.
- 2) You can't wash your eyes with soap.
- 3) You can't breathe through your nose when your tongue is out.

Put your tongue back in your mouth, you silly person.

Ten (10) Things I know about you.

- 1) You are reading this.**
- 2) You are human.**
- 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.**
- 4) You just attempted to do it.**
- 6) You are laughing at yourself.**
- 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.**
- 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.**
- 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person and everyone does it too.**
- 10) You are probably going to send this to see who else falls for it.**

You have received this e-mail because I didn't want to be alone in the idiot category.

TO ALL MY INTELLIGENT FRIENDS

Keep that brain working; try to figure this one out....

See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common?

- 1. Banana**
- 2. Dresser**
- 3. Grammar**
- 4. Potato**
- 5. Revive**
- 6. Uneven**
- 7. Assess**

Give it another try....

Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the Answer. This is so cool.....

REMEMBER I ONLY SENT THIS TO MY SMART FRIENDS

NOW DON'T LET ME DOWN

No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters....

Answer is below!

Answer:

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.

Did you figure it out?

No? Then send this to more people and stump them as well.

Then, you'll feel better too.....!

**Next page is invite to our
Annual BMCCF Kick Off Party**

PLEASE note:

**RSVP is the Thursday, the 19th
not
the 25th**





OYEZ! OYEZ! OYEZ!



UPCOMING EVENT NEWS



2017 KICK-OFF PARTY



"I certainly hope it doesn't take me as long to pay the bill as it did for you to get the part."

16'S GONE AND 17'S HERE- TIME TO GET THE **BMOOF** YEAR STARTED!
LET'S ALL GET TOGETHER AT **CARL'S PLACE** 202 ANTILLES CT. WILM. 28405

SATURDAY JANUARY 21ST. 11 AM - 3 PM.

RSVP PLEASE BY THURSDAY 25TH. TO LYNN & CARL: cwilson@ec.rr.com

AUTOWORKS WILL PROVIDE **BBQ SANDWICHES, WATER AND COFFEE.** MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE BRING THEIR FAVORITE BEVERAGE, APPETIZER AND/OR DESSERT



AND OF COURSE OUR VERY OWN
RUSTY BUMPERS BAND
WILL SERENADE US



IF THE WEATHER IS NICE WE WILL TAKE PICTURES OUTSIDE
SO PLEASE DRIVE YOUR BRITISH (OR OTHER) OLDTIMER



HERE'S WISHING YOU



A warning to all of you in the Wilmington area.

Be careful about drink driving as we are getting close to New Year and the Police are out there checking on people.

Last night I was out for a few drinks.

One thing lead to another and I had a few too many cocktails and then went onto the wine.

Not a good idea.

Knowing I was over the limit, I decided to leave my car at the pub and took a Bus home.

Sure enough, I passed a police checkpoint, where they were pulling over drivers and performing breathalyser tests.

Because I was in a Bus they just waved it past.

I arrived home safely and without incident, which was a real surprise as I've never driven a Bus before and I am not even sure where I got it from!

Just be safe out there.



HAVE A GREAT BMCCF YEAR!!

YOUR ACTIVITIES TEAM

BMCCF OPPORTUNITY

Tech & Shop Tour

From Professor John - This in from Professor John; sounds like it will be the “place to be” on the 4th, so wipe the oil off your hands, get out from under your LBC and head on over. **Eric the Robinson.**

All; The next installment of the club “Wrenchers” will be hosted by a relatively new member **Paul Clarkson**, who has quite a car collection as well as experiences with driving in the “Great Race”. The festivities will begin on Wednesday Jan 4th at 10AM at Paul’s shop/warehouse (**location is: 6622 Gordon Road unit E**, Which is located behind the Gordon Station strip mall with the Dominos Pizza at the entrance). Sorry for such short notice, but this opportunity just came along and is much to good to pass on.

Paul tells me;

“I don’t think you will need to bring anything...we've got some seating & lots of leaning. He has arranged a special speaker for us!

Just heard from **Jim Kyle**, retired VP of Training for Briggs & Stratton and more importantly, my Great Race Navigator ...

he will be available next **Wednesday morning, Jan 4th.** if we could plan the **shop tour/visit for 10:00 AM Wednesday** that would give the guys a chance to visit with ‘*a great resource’ for all things reciprocating & combusting.*

I see a real casual question & answer session ... however, if you want to genuinely understand 'how it works', Jim Kyle can impart the information you request... he understands all he knows about engines.

He rides motorcycles 200 mph at Bonneville too!

So, let’s get out and drive some old British Classics before the cold really gets here.

Hope to see you all at Paul’s.”

John

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PRESENTS***

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Sunday Autocross at Surry County Community College.

Attendance in past years has been at or above 300 British Cars

Registration info will be available at <http://www.triumphclub.org/Gathering/index.html>

For more info or question please contact ralph@fourth-gear-ltd.com

BMCCE - TECH SESSION:

Going from positive (+) to negative (-) ground, then from generator to alternator.



Our host Ron Jones conducting class (above).
The class absorbing the session (below).





So, where did we get this?



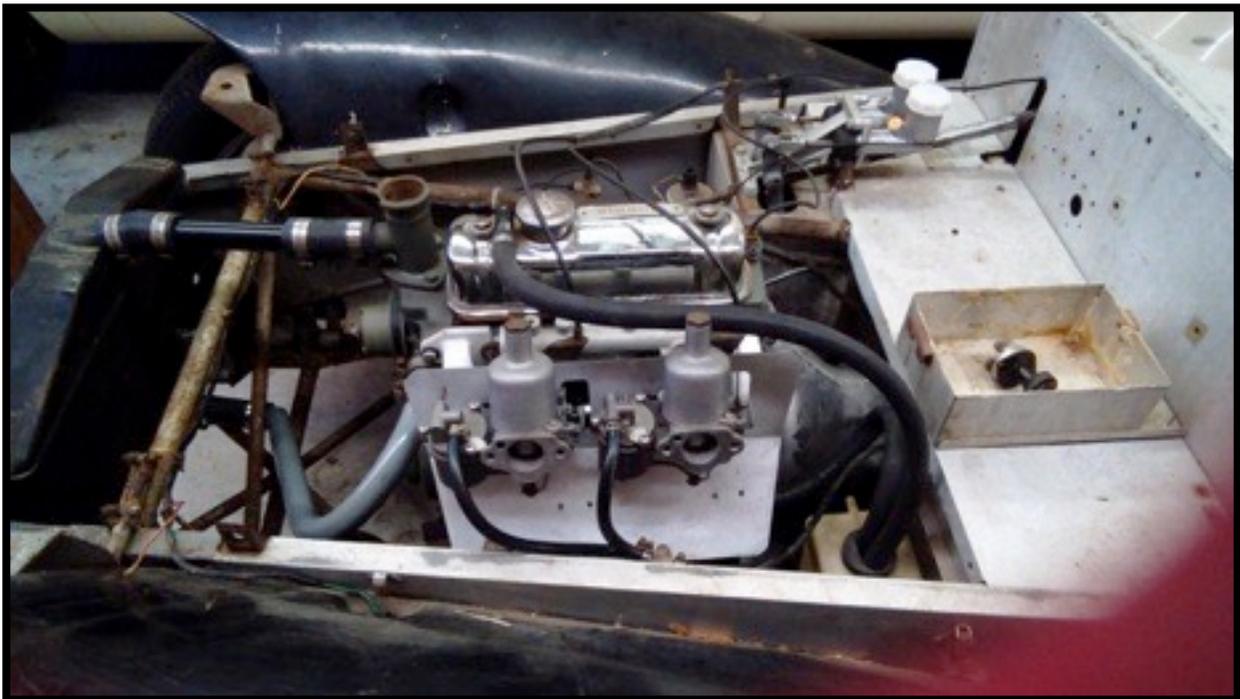
Here's a good spot, I think...

Lotus 7 Project - Update #2

By: John Foster

Some Items accomplished on Lotus 7A:

1. Installed new Brake & Clutch master cylinders along with new Clutch slave cyl. & hose.
2. Using new rubber mounts, installed engine, 4-speed transmission and driveshaft in car chassis.
3. New Pertronix electronic Ignition system w/carbon-core spark plug wires.
4. Spin-on oil filter conversion kit for engine
5. Mounted radiator w/new connection hoses, etc.
6. Connected exhaust system; notice the springs that hold it for "quick-change" capability
7. Rear Alum. fenders bolted on body
8. Front cowl/bulkhead/firewall reinstalled.
9. Mounted two 7" dia. headlight assemblies (for future street use)
10. Steering wheel & shaft w/Delrin bushing installed
11. Engine block & valve cover breather hoses installed & piped to "oil catch can"
12. Accelerator cable & carb. linkages connected
13. Filled transmission w/Redline MT-90 lubricant, rear differential topped off w/ lube



LANCASTER'S HOBBY DISPLAY





THANK YOU FOR THE INVITE

COVENTRY - IS THE UK'S 'MOTOR CITY' STILL DRIVING FORWARDS?

**By Sarah Portlock
BBC News (Sent by Eric the Robinson)**

The last Peugeot to be made at the company's Coventry plant rolled off the production line 10 years ago. It could have been the death knell for the city's automotive industry, but new technology is inspiring confidence once more in the UK's "motor city".

Ten years ago the mood in Coventry was sombre, certainly at the Peugeot plant, near Ryton, where production was ending.

Jim O'Boyle, union convenor and Peugeot worker for 20 years, said he watched the last vehicle coming off the track (production line).

"They were ripping up the track just behind it as the last car came off. It was terrible," he said.

These days he is the cabinet member for jobs and regeneration at the city council: "When I joined (Peugeot) I couldn't imagine ever doing anything else.

"Now I can't believe I was ever there."

Coventry's automotive heritage:

- In 1950 there were 12 manufacturers - Alvis, Armstrong Siddeley, Daimler, Hillman, Humber, Jaguar, Lanchester, Lea-Francis, Singer, Standard, Sunbeam-Talbot and Triumph. The UK had the world's second largest car-making industry, producing 372,370 vehicles between 1962 and 1964, and was the world's leading car exporter.
- Between 1959 and 1963 weekly earnings in the car industry in Coventry were 24% higher than the national industrial average. Women formed 37.9% of the workforce compared to 30.8% in the rest of the UK.
- A rise in European and US manufacturing meant that by 1974 Coventry's car output had started to decline.

- The city's top 15 employers axed almost half their combined labour force between 1975 and 1982, which by the end of the period translated to roughly 520 jobs a month.
 - By the mid-80s the two surviving plants were Browns Lane and Ryton, producing Jaguar, Daimler and Peugeot products. Unemployment had risen to 17% and Coventry band The Specials released Ghost Town. (*Sources: Coventry Motorcar Heritage by Damien Kimberley and the Coventry Transport Museum*)
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Twenty-three years ago the RDM Group, on Humber Road, near Ryton, had a plant harnessing component parts for firms such as Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), Rolls-Royce and Bentley.

Now its employees, 80% of whom are engineers, are at the forefront of 21st Century engineering and design - one project, for example, involves creating software to enable cars to park themselves in garages.

The company is currently waiting for the council to agree to a trial, [which the government is paying £20m towards](#), for autonomous vehicles in the city. Smaller trials have already been held down the M1 in Milton Keynes.

"We are looking at how the cars communicate with the pods. For example, you could be travelling along in your Land Rover towards the city centre," marketing director Miles Garner said.

"The computer in the car will communicate with a pod. It will tell the pod it has two guests to pick up - and then your last half mile or so of the journey will be in the pods."

Humber Road, as the name suggests, is the site where the Rootes Group once produced its Humber car.

"It's nice to be leading these technical drives where all the old car manufacturing used to be," he said.

Not all the old car sites are still being used in the automotive trade.

Browns Lane, once home to Jaguar and Daimler and where car production ended in 2004, two years before Ryton closed, is due to become a 24-hour distribution centre for Amazon.

The former Peugeot plant was demolished and the site is now home to various companies and warehouses.

Meanwhile JLR is expected to push ahead with its expansion into electric vehicles with a planned "global centre of excellence" for battery research.

Its Whitley site, two and half miles out of the city and the firm's global headquarters, is already earmarked for expansion but it is expected to need more space, with sites around the city's airport, in Baginton, being looked at.

Last month chief executive Dr Ralf Speth laid out a vision which could see 10,000 new jobs created in the West Midlands. Already the largest carmaker by volume, JLR would like to double production from 500,000 to one million cars a year.

The firm is expected to be working with Warwick Manufacturing Group, which is part of Warwick University, on the edge of the city.

Mr O'Boyle thinks this could bring manufacturing back to Coventry.

"The biggest change is the type of vehicles. Clean-air vehicles and electronic cars, that is a massive opportunity," he said.

"But we need new expertise and we are working with the Warwick Manufacturing Group and Warwick University to get that - that's where the future lies.

"Once the prototype is in place, you get your product in the showrooms, make them affordable and then you need the workforce to build them.

"Jaguar wants to do it in Coventry. We just need the infrastructure in place."



1964 SHELBY COBRA VERSUS 1965 GRIFFITH SERIES 200

Hemmings Daily By Matt Litwin

This episode of **This or That** features a pair of high-powered Anglo-American hybrids: a **1964 Shelby Cobra** versus a **1965 Griffith Series 200**. Both were former Hemmings Muscle Machines feature cars.

How the Cobra came into fruition is far from a mystery. Carroll Shelby, a former racer and keen-eyed opportunist, was eager to find a European car that would accept high-powered American V-8 engines. Coincidental to his search, AC Cars received word that the 125-hp six-cylinder engine used to motivate their two-seat Ace Roadster would no longer be available from Bristol. Meanwhile, Ford Motor Company's heavy involvement in all forms of auto racing meant Dearborn executives were eager to listen to just about anyone willing to use Blue Oval power to beat the competition. Fortunately for Shelby, not only did Ford approve of the proposal, it financed the launch of the Cobra project.

The original Ace chassis was a ladder-type frame with three-inch main tubes connected by multiple crossmembers with transverse leaf springs, joining towers where the suspension components, brakes, wheels and tires were mounted. Shelby stipulated modifications that included new engine and transmission mounts, along with stronger suspension mounting points, while inboard brakes were moved outboard. These changes would support the installation of – and manage



torque output from – Ford’s 260-hp, 260-cu.in. V-8. The Cobra we featured, pictured above, was assembled with running production changes, the most notable being the installation of a 271-hp Ford 289-cu.in. V-8 that touted and 314-lb.ft. of torque. Other notable changes included the adoption of rack-and-pinion steering – replacing a worm-and-sector setup – and the fitment of a 3.77:1 rear differential that displaced the 3.54 unit in 260-powered Cobras. Likewise, the aluminum body received functional vents behind the front wheel wells while larger flares subtly worked into the fenders. It should be noted that all 289 Cobras were furnished with a T-10 four-speed, close-ratio transmission. Fully assembled, a 289 Cobra tipped the scales at 2,030 pounds.

Like Shelby, Jack Griffith – a Long Island, New York, Ford dealer who was involved with SCCA racing – pitched the idea of dumping a Ford V-8 in a lightweight European car. Griffith’s target was the MG-powered TVR Grantura Mk. III. Just as Shelby had mandated changes to the AC chassis, Griffith had to make adjustments in order to wedge Ford’s 289/four-speed combo into place. Before being shipped to the U.S., TVR moved the front cross tubes forward to make way for the oil pan sump, the frame tube on the passenger side was massaged with a hammer to clear the starter, and the front suspension mounts were strengthened. After taking delivery, a Corvette differential was installed to complement the front two-thirds of the driveline. When completed, the TVR was rebadged as the Griffith Series 200, which weighed in at under 2,000 pounds, thanks in part to the fiberglass body. Unfortunately, the Griffiths – which were known to be a rather scary drive for the uninitiated – also became known for overheating issues, undercharging electrical systems, failing rear axles and leaking gas tanks. This on top of the fact that Griffith bodies were mounted to the chassis with strips of fiberglass. Fewer than 200 1965 model year Griffith 200 sports cars were built in the company’s Syosset, New York, facility. Given the brief particulars of each, which one would you add to your stable and why?

Editors Comment: In my youth I grew up in Long Island (Westbury). I dated a girl who’s mother worked for Griffith and kept telling us what a cool car it was. I was such a dope for not checking it out. My only excuse is I was in eighth grade and had my eyes on something else. **Oh, how age changes everything.**

BMCCF EXCLUSIVE: British Gentleman pulled over at 2:00am driving his vintage MG to a lecture:



Ron Chester, 89 years of age, was stopped by the police around 2 am and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

Ron replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

Ron replied, "That would be my wife."

BRITISH HUMOR IS DIFFERENT

These are classified ads, which were actually placed in
U.K. Newspapers:

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER -

8 years old,
Hateful little bastard.
Bites!

FREE PUPPIES

1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbor's dog.

FREE PUPPIES.

Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd.
Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED.

Also 1 gay bull for sale.

JOINING NUDIST COLONY!

Must sell washer and dryer £100.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE .

Worn once by mistake.
Call Stephanie.

**Both were sent to us by David Ward, who is also Different...
but we love him anyway.**

BMCCF - Membership Items:

From John Dwight - this is a real funny example of British car jacking:

<http://www.ourlighterside.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Car-jacking113-2.mp4>

From George Czerw - Chris Harris gets a chance to slam the new 800+hp Aston Martin Vulcan around the Yas Marina Circuit (Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates). After having his way with the bomb, he gives Darren Turner a 20 second head start in an Aston Martin V12 Vantage S ...no need to 'splain the outcome, other than to say that 20 seconds was not enough!

https://youtu.be/7ts_j5Pmwb0

From Paul Clarkson - Great article of fulfillment of “the need for speed”...

Legally. Enjoy! http://www.sccc.us/documents/global/pdf/articles/GerryMcFaul_SCCC_2008.pdf

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 \$17,000 or Best Offer **Call Karen the Burr, 910-256-1289.**

MGB Roadster for sale, asking price \$6000.00. Been garaged its whole life and was repainted in 1995. In 2011 added a stainless steel exhaust, electronic ignition, and a new oil cooler. The speedometer cable needs to be replaced – it bounces. It's a 4 speed with electric overdrive. Car runs well.

Bob Boldt Ph: 910-769-7304 email: robert.boldt@cna.com



BMCCF - Classified Information:

BMCCF Regalia - Ralph Jannelli - 704.351.0864

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