

The Spare Hub

All, here is the January issue of The Spare Hub. Thank you for your indulgence until the REAL Hub returns.

BMCCF Meeting Minutes **Jan. 19, 2017**

Temptations Everyday Gourmet
AKA BMCCF Club House

It was SRO (Standing Room Only) as 58 people were in attendance. The servers moved tables around but ran out of chairs! Temptations folks said they would have a contingency plan for the next time this happens which, I hope, will be soon. It was great to see so many like-minded folk.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Terry Walters.

Terry acknowledged visitors from Topsail Beach, John and Jesse who have a Midget. John has long dabbled with British cars, having owned a 1974 Midget at one point.

Terry also acknowledged new members from Oak Island Peter and Gretchen Koch. They have been visiting the area for over 30 years but have recently moved here permanently. They started their British car journey with a '54 TF and then acquired a '66 Tiger, a '56 sk12 and a '49 Allard – not a race car, an M type - at various points. Peter said the Allard club is very active and complimented our club as he said that these clubs are very important to continuation of the hobby.

Peter also provided the quote of the week. He said (and give me some poetic license here, Peter) when he bought his Allard he asked the seller if he should know anything about the car? “Do you have a tow rope?” was the response.....

The minutes of the November meeting were approved by acclimation.

John Moore stated that the club fund balance is \$6139. Expenses for the past two months include: the Holiday party, trip to Georgetown, new checks printed,

rent for the car show field. The cost, \$850, will eventually come out of show proceeds. Revenue was \$250, early payments of 2017 dues.

Caryl Finn reminded all that the 2017 dues of \$25 per family are due. Caryl had her receipt book handy and several members took the opportunity to pay right then and there.

Terry then read a very nice Thank You note from the Food Bank acknowledging our donation of \$500.

George Czerw updated the BMCCF Phonebook. Thanks George!! There are some updates that need to be made and George and Caryl are working to coordinate the receipt of information and the updating of that phonebook. George has put the phonebook into a format that could be downloaded and printed and even downloaded to your phone for handy access. Please make sure Caryl has your most up-to-date contact info. This information is NOT given to anyone outside the club and should be treated as confidential by club members.

Eric Robinson discussed activities.

The garage tour of Paul Clarkson's place was great. Thanks very much to the organizers and the attendees. The Christmas party was a blast. Lots of delicious food and drink and very festive garments. The Georgetown trip was very much fun. The trip was postponed once due to Hurricane Matthew and we really lucked out. The weekend we went was the weekend Georgetown celebrated their Christmas Parade, Holiday flotilla, Christmas Tree Lighting. Very seasonal. And then BrookGreen Gardens were spectacular!

Events coming up:

- Carl Wilson is hosting the Kickoff party at Autoworks on Sat., Jan 21st. Carl and Lynn will provide barbecue, coffee and water. Attendees should bring any other beverage they would like, appetizers or deserts. The Rusty Bumpers are playing and several members from the Myrtle Beach club have said they will also be there so it should be a good time!
- John and Joanne Foster are hosting the Chili Cook-off at Seapath Yacht Club on Wrightsville Beach on Sat., Feb 18th. Setup starts at 5:30 with tasting of the chilis, gumbos and deserts to begin at 6:30 PM. Please bring your beverage of choice as well as your dish to share. John will provide utensils, bowls, cups. Our very own Rusty Bumpers will be playing acoustic music. Please RSVP to John Foster.

- Eric is hoping for 2 events per month through the winter. He is in the early planning stages for a Valentine's Day run – details to follow. Any ideas? Contact Eric
- Rims on the River is in May.

The BMCCF car show is scheduled for May 13th in Wrightsville Beach Park, NOT Mayfaire. Eric will be asking for committee members shortly but please consider being a Day of Show volunteer. There are plenty of things to do from parking cars to answering questions to distributing coffee and more. Please let Eric know if you are willing to step up and be counted on show day. Linda and Ron Jones will do the 50/50 raffle.

John Williamson spoke briefly about future garage tours or “wrenching” experiences. He asked for ideas which came quickly: ignition systems, rip off a Mini and put it back together and Rusty Love suggested – can't quite read my writing – maybe clean garage, slim garage or demolish a garage. Rusty, HELP!! In any case, contact John Williamson if you have ideas or would like to volunteer to host a grease-oriented event.

Finally, Eric mentioned the movie he showed after a meeting a couple of months back. That was well received. He said he will again show a movie after a meeting, maybe next month. Eric will send out notice before the meeting so folks can prepare.

Terry adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Safety Fast

Respectfully submitted
Pam McMahon, Secretary

2017 BMCCF Kick-off Party

Once again Carl and Lynn Wilson and their lovely daughter Dorothy hosted the kick-off party for BMCCF to get this New Year off to a wonderful start.



The Grand Strand British Car Club were very well represented at the BMCCF Kick off

And what a wonderful party it was! Although an official count was not taken the crowds appeared massive. My guess – at least 75 BMCCF folks of all stripes in attendance as well as 15 or so folks from the Grand Strand British Car Club. It is always so much fun to do things with that group and what beautiful cars they brought! Oh my goodness.

Speaking of cars, several BMCCF members brought their British cars for display as well. There were numerous crowd favorites including two stunning Rolls Royces, one owned by our very own Peggy and David Block.

Carl and Lynn supplied barbecue and, as true North Carolinians will, the crowd devoured that in nothing flat. The good news: there was SSSSOOOO much food provided by the attendees. Everything from slaw and baked beans to meatballs, cheese and crackers, dips – including Jacq Moore’s famous hot dip - , shrimp, and hushpuppies as well as other apps. The desserts were all low-cal, thank goodness, and included dozens of types cookies, cakes, pies, donuts, brownies, cheesecake and so many other gooey treats.

The Rusty Bumpers provided music in two sets. Yes, there was some dancing as well. Thanks much, folks. You are always fun to watch and listen to.

And special thanks to Carl and Lynn and to Jacq Moore for several door prizes awarded to both BMCCF local and Grand Strand visitors. What a fun thing – go to a party, eat much more than you should, hear some great music and go home with a gift. It doesn’t get any better.

This was a wonderful way to start the year off. Let’s all give a special shout out to Carl and Lynn and Dorothy for again showing us how to throw a great event!

Calendar of Events 2017 (Additions in Red)

FEBRUARY

12th. Valentine's Lunch Drive to PORCHES CAFE, Castle Hayne. See below for details. Meet at car park near Temptations @ 12:30 pm, or drive independently to meet at the restaurant.

16th. Monthly Club Meeting @ TEMPTATIONS EVERYDAY GOURMET 7.00 pm

18th. Annual Chili, Chowder & Dessert Cook-Off. Seapath Marina, Wrightsville Beach. See below for full details.

MARCH

4th. Cape Fear Chapter AACA 45th. Annual Show. Independence Mall. Wilmington.
See flyer for full details.

16th. Monthly Club Meeting @ TEMPTATIONS EVERYDAY GOURMET 7.00 pm

APRIL

20th. Monthly Club Meeting @ TEMPTATIONS EVERYDAY GOURMET 7.00 pm

21st. – 23rd The Gathering 2017 @ Shelton Vineyards, Dobson, NC. Presented by The Triumph Club of the Carolinas. Info: www.triumphclub.org.

MAY

13th. BMCCF Car Show 2017. Wrightsville Beach Park 10.00 am - 3.30 pm.

18th. Monthly Club Meeting @ TEMPTATIONS EVERYDAY GOURMET 7.00 pm

19-20th. RIMs ON THE RIVER. Bill Massey is coordinating the club attendance. Details to follow.

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.

UPCOMING EVENT NEWS #1

Lunch Run To



WHERE: 1030 Chair Road, River Bluffs Community, Castle Hayne

WHEN: On Sunday 12th. February For Lunch At 1:15

HOW DO WE GET THERE: Meet At The Car Park Near Temptations At 12:30 Or Drive Independently To Meet At Porches

PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY 8TH to erictruebrit@gmail.com or call 910.523.5624

UPCOMING EVENT NEWS #2

BMCCF CHILI, CHOWDER & DESSERT COOK-OFF!

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017

Pls. RSVP BY: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th to: fosterhousejj@bellsouth.net or call 910.270.7050

The annual BMCCF Chili, Chowder & Dessert Cook-off at Seapath Yacht Club 328 Causeway Drive Wrightsville Beach, NC

CHILI & Chowder tasting begins at 6:30 PM SHARP

**YOU MAY ARRIVE FOR SET-UP ANY TIME AFTER
6:00 PM**

Bring your concoction of Chili, Chowder or Dessert for "voting" by all BMCCF members present.

**Don't forget to bring your favorite alcoholic beverages if preferred!
Any and all beverages are OK.**

The club will provide soda, bowls, eating utensils, etc.

A prize will be awarded for the "Best Chili, Chowder and Dessert".

John and Joanne Foster are hosting the event.

**Look for the BMCCF Banner in
the parking lot!**

NEWS ITEM: Be careful where you park



From the Cleveland Area Lotus Limited via the
British Marque Car Club News re the Hilton Head
Concourse

“After a lunch a major disaster occurred as a 1938 Packard that had just won its class rolled into the lake behind where it was parked and disappeared from view. It took a big tow truck and some scuba divers to remove 5,000 lbs. of car to a flatbed truck, and it will cost someone a lot of money to restore this beautiful car.”

Peel P50 micro car sells for 'record' £120,000 at auction

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A rare micro car manufactured in the Isle of Man in the early 1960s has sold at an auction in the US for \$176,000 (about £120,000).

The red P50 three-wheeler, made in 1964 by Peel Engineering, went under the hammer at RM Sotheby's in Florida on Saturday.

Only 100 of the cars were ever made. At the time, they retailed at £199, compared to £250 for a good motorbike.

Amy Christie from the auction house said bidding was "hotly contested."

She added: "It was the final lot of the day and drove onto the stage to great applause from the audience.

It eventually sold for a remarkable \$176,000 against a pre-sale estimate of between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

"This represents a world record price for a Peel P50 sold at auction."