

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

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

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## *The Hub*

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### **Presidents Message**



Well, Dale Masters put together a great garage tour for us last month. At one count, we had 25 people poking around the garages. And what a variety: Dale Masters and Wayne Bennett's garages with in-process restorations and snacks compliments of Pat Bennett; Terry Smith's back woods yard, filled with garages and project cars; Carl Wilson's mini race cars, Mini's, cub cadet tractor pull vehicles and snacks; and of course John Williamson's beautiful series of garages and landscaping

and snacks. Then back to my house for some fabulous food brought in by the members. We held a meeting that lasted much too long **and it won't happen again**. The most time consuming aspect was poling the attendees on the kinds of outings they would best enjoy. The results were somewhat predictable. The Pro's included: Food with events, back roads drives, rallies (Fun and Time & Distance type), overnight tours, VIR races, Jazz concert, Pizza party in park. The Con's included: Zoo, Historic Homes, Aquarium, Ball Game, dinner-dances, and theater. Some suggestions were made to attend the Air show on 4/17 and possibly the Polo Match at Popular Grove Plantation.

Our next regular meeting on 3/17(St Patrick's Day) (at 6:15pm for food) will finally be held at the Reel Café on the corner of S. Front St and Dock St. downtown. We will have their private upstairs dining room. This is a one time only deal that Wayne Bennett negotiated last year and we are finally getting to use it. Future room rent is prohibitive, so please come out this time. I have been checking around town for a new quiet location for our club's regular meetings. McAllister's on College Rd. is booked every Thursday night. Hooter's (love their wings!) doesn't have any private rooms. Fat Tony's (N. Front St) all you can eat \$5.00 pizza night was enjoyable, but very noisy (In warmer weather they have a back porch area which might be nice). Sticky Fingers on Market St. has their private room booked on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, but they do have a semi private back area available that may suit our needs well. We can order off the menu and pay individually. We will try them on 4/21 to see how it works out.

As the weather gets nicer, I would like to see those British cars, we are so proud of, show up at our meetings and events.

Bill

***GARAGE TOUR, 2005***



Dawn arrived on Sunday morning with the sun shining down on a group of intrepid BMCCF clubbies and their trusty British mounts. Eagerness shone brightly on everyone's faces in anticipation of spending the day driving from place to place in their favorite LBC and standing around gawking at garage paraphernalia and dismantled car bits. What could be a better way to spend a day?

It wasn't just the guys who got in the act. As you can see from the photo to the left, (*taken in Carl Wilson's home shop.*) three dauntless ladies were right in the middle of the group. The rest of those geezers look like an ad for stool softener. Oops , sorry guys!!

In any event, I want to thank everyone for attending the event. We had 22 members and

9 cars on the tour which is enough to make people take notice as we drove by. I saw quite a few people pointing and waving at us and that's good for publicity. You can see muscle cars and fifties classics out and about almost every day around here but you don't often catch a glimpse of a classic British sports car or saloon. So it's a good thing to form up and cruise around just so people know were still alive and kicking.

Thanks to everyone who graciously opened their garages and homes to us. I know you all probably spent a couple of days cleaning up and the snacks and beverages were appreciated as well as the good ideas and inspiration we all picked up.

Rather than merely list the stops on our tour, I thought I'd do a "best of" list for each facility. Keep in mind that this is solely based on my own perceptions and doesn't in any way reflect what the rest of the group thought.

- Wayne Bennett's Garage - Best Bagels, Most courageous restoration project ( A TR7 ??), Most able to perform good work in the least space.
- Terry Smith's Garage - Most number of cars undergoing and waiting for work at one time, Best set of Conga Drums.
- Carl Smith's Garage - Cleanest garage in the county, Most varied types of vehicles (Hot Go karts, really cool minis and a stump pulling garden tractor.)
- John Williamson's Garage - Best equipped, best organized, Prettiest location, Best Beer
- Bill Massey's Garage - ??? We didn't go in it. Best everything else though.
- Dale's Garage - Most work done in the shortest period of time.

Finally, many thanks to Bill and Gail Massey for opening their lovely home to us. It was a perfect ending to a perfect day and, speaking for everyone, we all appreciated their wonderful hospitality.

Dale M.

## Coming Events

### March

**12<sup>th</sup>** - Manteo Trip, contact Dale Masters for details 270-7762, see flyer in this issue

**17<sup>th</sup>** - Regular Meeting , Reel Café, downtown Wilmington, 6:15 for food

### April

**22-24<sup>th</sup>** - The 20th Annual South-Central British Car Gathering - for more information: [www.triumphclub.org/the\\_gathering.htm](http://www.triumphclub.org/the_gathering.htm),

[www.sheltonvinyards.com](http://www.sheltonvinyards.com), or email Jamie Palmer at [tr6driver@yahoo.com](mailto:tr6driver@yahoo.com) or Steve Ward at (704) 553-0135

**28<sup>th</sup>** – British Car week,

### May

**13-15** at Road America under SVRA\* Road America is also referred to as Elkhart Lake, and is located some 60 miles north of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**22<sup>th</sup>** Bluegrass Austin-Healey Spring Tour

This is a warm-up for British Car Week! Tour of the Blueridge Parkway begins in Cherokee, North Carolina and ends in Waynesboro, Virginia. This tour begins on May 22 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and will finish May 27 at Waynesboro at the I-64 interchange.

Please contact Bob Thurman at: [rrthurman@tva.gov](mailto:rrthurman@tva.gov)

### June

**10-12** at Virginia International Raceway under Gold Cup Historic Races\* VIR is located 20 miles southeast of Danville, Virginia right on the Virginia/North Carolina border.

**16-19** at Watkins Glen International Raceway under HSR\* Watkins Glen is located in upstate New York at the southernmost tip of Seneca Lake.

**24-26** at Mid-Ohio Sportscar Course under SVRA\* Mid-Ohio is located 70 miles north/northeast of Columbus, Ohio near the town of Lexington.

### June – cont'd

**26-July 1** at Conclave in Winston-Salem N.C. (This is a non-race event.) The Triad Austin Healey Club has graciously invited us to end the AUHC surrounded by the sights and sounds of the Austin Healey Club of America's national meet, honoring the participants of the AUHC with an awards banquet on Wednesday night.

In addition to the great group racing at these events, the sanctioning bodies have granted the AUHC all-Healey feature races!!!

### July

### August

### September

**Dates tba** Southeast regional MG Fall Festival, Dillard Georgia, Contact Dennis DeLoatch, 770-321-6849,

[www.peachtreemg.com](http://www.peachtreemg.com)

**30 – 1** Autumn in the Mountains, Hendersonville, NC

[www.autumninthemountains.org](http://www.autumninthemountains.org)

### October

**1-3** Annual Fall British Car Festival, Waynesboro, VA, Michael Brittingham, 540-456-8436, [www.svbcc.net](http://www.svbcc.net)

**15 – 17** EURO 2005 Auto Festival, BMW Zentrum Visitors Center, I-85, South Carolina, Betty Harbison, 864-814-1078

[www.euroautofestival.com](http://www.euroautofestival.com)

### November

**5<sup>th</sup>** BMCCF Brits at the Battleship, Paul Buckner 910-755-6099,

[www.bmccf.org](http://www.bmccf.org)

BRITISH MOTOR CAR CLUB CAPE FEAR  
March 13, 2005, Business Meeting Minutes

Bill Massey called the meeting to order and minutes from January's meeting were approved.

Linda Masters gave the treasurer's report and as of the end of January we had \$1247.41 with expenses for newsletter and nametags leaving us a total of \$1186.91. Currently we have 34 families and a total of 65 people that are members of BMCCF.

Reports about the Battleship Car Show at this time are the date of November 5, 2005. Paul Buckner is the Battleship Chairman and at this time is in the process of putting together a flyer about the car show that we will be able to use at upcoming car shows to encourage them to join us in November. Should be available within the next couple of weeks.

Dale Masters was congratulated on a great job with the new newsletter layout for the web page. Dale did ask that if you have an article, picture or anything of interest to the club to please get it to him by the first of the month. That will give him time to include it and get the newsletter out in a timely manner.

Dale was also thanked for another fine garage tour. There were 5 garages on the tour with the final destination at Bill and Gail Masseys for a wonderful chili dinner.

Dale is in the process of combing all surrounding car clubs for events and functions that may interest our club. He will be printing up a schedule of events on the web page. Any events or other interests you may want to include please contact Dale.

A motion was brought up about making a members page for our web site. It will include an updated photo of the couple with their car and their car information.

Antique plates – cars 30 years and older are not required to have a state inspection. Dale will be publishing a copy of the literature concerning this matter and it is strongly recommended that a copy be kept in the glove box of that car.

Next meeting will be held at Reel Café on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, on the corner of Front & Orange Streets. We will have the upstairs private meeting room, at no charge, and will be able to order off the menu. Please be there by 6:00-6:15 so we can eat before the meeting takes place.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

An informal poll was taken by Bill Massey on desired activities the club would be interested in pursuing this year.

We went over the potential calendar of events to get some ideas about outings and a lot of great events are in the works.

Our next event will take place on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Dale Masters is in the process of putting together an overnight trip to Manteo. Mark you calendars and be sure to let Dale know as soon as possible if you will be able to attend. A lot of reservations and commitments need to be made in advance. Dale will have information about the trip posted in the newsletter.

The next firm date that was discussed was April 30<sup>th</sup> for a day at the Land Rover dealership. A mini car show and great lunch provided on hopefully a beautiful spring day.

Club members would once again like a list of available tools for loan from other club members. Please let Dale know what you have available to share. Member Chip Cooper has volunteered his boreascope by appointment.

Members agreed that we should have an annual Chili cook-off, garage tour, get together.

Meeting was adjourned.

Trudy Williamson

# Classified Ads

<p align="center"><b>Creative Ads</b>          CUSTOM SILKSCREENING          T-SHIRTS, SWEATS, JACKETS, HATS, BUMPER STICKERS,          VINYL, PLEXIGLASS, NOTEBOOKS</p> <p align="center"><b>CHRIS MOORE</b>          100-C EASTWOOD ROAD          WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28403          910-791-0035</p>	<p align="center"><b>Greenside Mews</b>          Classic British Auto &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 align="center"><b>1979 MGB</b>          White, Black interior. 69K miles, all original as it left the          factory. Immaculate car.</p> <p align="center">Ernie Horning          (843) 215-2790          Myrtle Beach</p>	<p 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 align="center">Technical advice for members!</p>
<p align="center"><b>MGB FACTORY AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM and          AKK TURBO UNIT</b></p> <p>The A/C system includes the compressor, underdash moldings          for both sides, built in fan and condenser / evap. unit The          turbo is a new bolt on unit made by AKK, Germany The A/C is          \$560.00, The Turbo is \$525.00</p> <p align="center">Selby Jones: (919) 467-4426 (Raleigh)</p>	<p align="center"><b>BMCCF NAME TAGS</b>          Official BMCCF nametags are required at all events or when          you are representing the club.</p> <p>Originally ordered name tags are now available from Linda          Masters (910) 270-7762          \$4.50 Pin Clasp          \$7.00 Magnet Clasp</p>
<p align="center"><b>FOR SALE</b></p> <p>---4--- 15" Wire Wheels With Tires in excellent condition- \$500          ,Healey 3000 full tonneau cover fits 1963-1967-\$150, MGB full          tonneau cover for high back buckets-\$125 ,MGB boot cover -          \$50 ,TR6 boot cover -\$50 ,All covers are like new. .MGB          luggage rack -\$50 ,MGB 1968 engine, needs work -\$100 ,          New WINDSHIELD for Healey 3000 1963-1967 still in shipping          box - \$200. Power          amp with cable 500 watts and Boston speakers make offer.          Various car covers (COME SEE) and various Austin Healey          3000 parts</p> <p>PLEASE CALL JEFF STARLING AT 791 -9981 OR 231-3254</p>	<p align="center"><b>1978 MGB</b>          Black top - Mint- 78K miles          Extra engine and transmission          \$6,500 obo          Ed Loreck          471-3101</p>
<p align="center"><b>1965 MGB</b></p> <p>Less than 2000 miles since restored late 1980's. Early 1965 -          pull door handles. Original wires, stainless exhausts, electronic          ignition, red with black interior. Great chrome. Rust free.          Spares. All records and receipts. \$7000 firm.          Billy Rae Scott          395-2925</p>	<p align="center"><b>The Body Under the Bonnet</b>          A mystery novel for lovers of classic British cars.          Contact D. C. Masters          (910) 270-7762 or <a href="http://www.thebodyunderthebonnet.co">www.thebodyunderthebonnet.co</a></p>

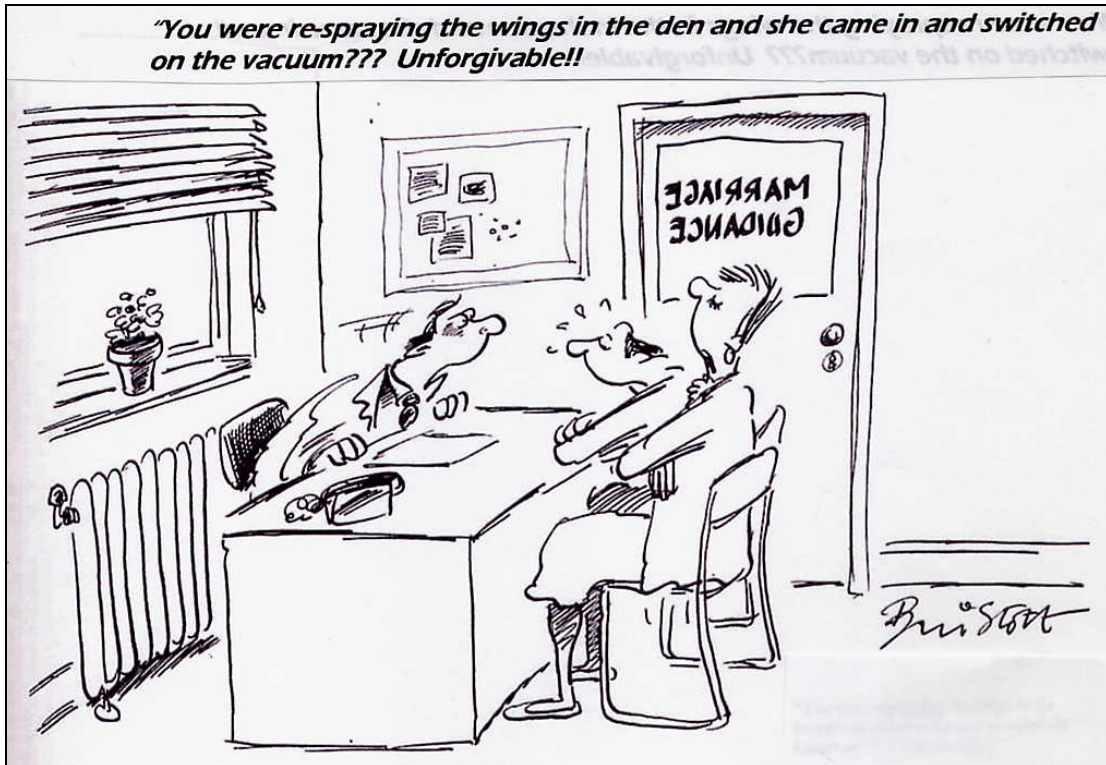


## BIRTHDAYS

Craig Murden	3/01
Sandra Krikscuin	3/05
Ryan Taro	3/14
Terry Smith	3/19
John Griffith	3/27

## ANNIVERSARIES

Rita & Travis Elliott 3/18



# **BMCCF TOUR ACROSS THE OUTER ---BANKS---**



Weekend of March 12<sup>th</sup> – A two day trip from Wilmington to Manteo along the outer banks.  
For reservations and details contact Dale or Linda Masters 270-7762 or [dcllmasters@earthlink.net](mailto:dcllmasters@earthlink.net)  
( If you're thinking of joining us and haven't already made reservations, call quickly or you may be out of luck)

## **HOT NEWS**

**P**rinted on the following page are copies of the two North Carolina bills that affect state inspection and tag display on 35 year old cars. Basically, any 35 year old car in North Carolina does not require yearly inspection. If your car is registered as a historical vehicle, you are allowed to display vintage plates that match the year of manufacture as long as the normal up to date tags are mounted in the car and can be shown upon request. You should make copies of these documents and keep them in your car.

**T**he next time you see Terry Smith, congratulate him on his impending retirement from GE. He has around 30 days left before he can devote all of his time to his car hobby and his new position as club activity coordinator. That is if Janet lets him get away with doing that.

**Last call for 2005 dues.** If you haven't paid for 2005 already, do so quickly or your name will be put on the inactive list and you will receive no future notifications of club activities. Send \$20.00 to Linda Masters, 610 Olde Point Rd. Hampstead, NC 28443

**W**e need involvement to help make our club a fun organization. Please consider submitting items to the newsletter. As the saying goes, We'll print anything that's fit. Also, consider sponsoring an event of some type. A rallye, tour, picnic, movie night, anything you find interesting. Contact Terry Smith and discuss it with him.



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November 12, 2004

**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Licensed Inspection Stations  
 From: John Robinson, Jr., Director  
 NCDMV License and Theft Bureau  
 Subject: Senate Bill 1083

On July 16, 2004, the North Carolina Legislature passed Senate Bill "1083". Effective October 1, 2004, any motor vehicle registered in the State of North Carolina that is at least thirty five (35) years old measured from the date of manufacture, shall not be subject to an annual safety inspection. Such vehicles do not have to bear an "Antique" or "Horseless Carriage" plate to meet the exemption requirements.

If you have any questions concerning this change, please contact your DMV Inspector.

JR/ mg

cc: Commissioner George Tatum  
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 SESSION 1985  
 RATIFIED BILL  
 CHAPTER 257  
 HOUSE BILL 704

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE DRIVERS OF ANTIQUE CARS NOT TO DISPLAY THE CURRENT REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-63 (d) is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read:

"Any motor vehicle of the age of 35 years or more from the date of manufacture may bear the license plates of the year of manufacture instead of the current registration plates, if the current registration plates are maintained within the vehicle and produced upon request of any person."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 24th day of May, 1985.

ROBERT B. JORDAN III

Robert B. Jordan III  
 President of the Senate

LISTON B. RAMSEY

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 Speaker of the House of Representatives



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