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**Meeting: July 19th
Temptations** on Oleander will now be our home unless otherwise notified.



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President's Message:

This is shaping up to be a tough year in terms of our friends. In the past month we have lost two terrific people, Dan Samel and Tom Roberson. The two shared several traits that I value a great deal, they were both honest and straight forward, one never had to read between the lines or guess where they stood on any issue; they both had a great sense of humor and could make a person laugh about almost anything and finally, they were both great club members, each in his own way. Dan would join in almost every event even when he was struggling with his medical condition. Tom along with Susan gave freely of his time and talent in establishing numerous events and activities for our club. He brought the perspective of a long time member and shared his knowledge willingly.

Speaking for myself my greatest regret is that I did not meet these two men earlier in my life and did not get to spend more of it in their company.

Steve



British Motor Club of the Cape Fear

“HAPPENINGS”



Our car show is coming up !!!

Brits at the Plantation Update

By Pete Burr & Ron Foster

Sponsor sales for the Show are off to a good start. Some of the Companies that have signed up include, Temptations Restaurant, Diesel Parts of Carolina, Autoworks and we have individuals that have committed to sponsorship such as the Moore's (Originals by Jacq), Carole Morrison and John and Rhoda Dwight. Thanks to all those that have signed up and to all of you that are helping us get new sponsors. If your travels take you to any of these companies please thank them for their support and remember to support them.

Patti Mason and Christen Christain have been doing a great job promoting the show. Patti sent an email with our show Brochure to 30 of our neighboring car clubs. She asked them to make their members aware of the show and has been getting a strong response. For example, the President of the Triumph Club of the Carolina's said he would put our brochure in their monthly newsletter every month until the show.

If you need any brochures or posters or have any suggestions please contact us at BMCCFcarshow@hotmail.com

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May 24, 2012

Wilmington, NC area car clubs

August 11, 2012 is designated as National Drive Away Cancer Day and is being sponsored by EBay Motors. <http://driveawaycancernow.org/>

On that day, The British Motor Club of the Cape Fear will be hosting a drive in and around the Wilmington area. The intent is to raise funds which will be donated to The New Hanover Regional Medical Center Foundation, specifically for "the pink ribbon project".

Since it's inception in 1998, the *Pink Ribbon* events and donations have raised more than \$1.2 million and provided over 4,400 "Comfort Bags" to area women as they undergo treatment for cancer. Distributed by the Zimmer Cancer Center and area physician groups, the *Pink Ribbon Comfort Bags* are designed to bring comfort to women as they traverse through their cancer journey from diagnosis to treatment.

Please join us for the drive. With your help, we are hoping to raise a significant amount of money to help this important local cause.

The drive will originate in Hampstead and proceed to malls and landmarks in Wilmington where participants can join in. We are asking participants to solicit donations, either in a lump sum, or per mile driven. The money will be collected at the tour finish on Saturday and donated to the foundation the following Monday. We will be asking for a significant amount of media coverage in order to show that car clubs and the people who love the hobby are also caring individuals.

Attached is a sign up form to let us know if you are planning to attend. Please respond by July 1, 2012 We need to know how many cars and people will be at the tour finish so that we can plan accordingly for the post drive activities.

Also attached is a donation form.

Thank you sincerely and if you have any questions, call or email me anytime.

Dale Masters, BMCCF, 910-270-7762, dcllmasters@att.net

DRIVE AWAY CANCER TOUR
AUG,11, 2012

PARTICIPANT SIGN UP FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CAR: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: _____

Return form to:

D. Masters
162 Olde Point Rd
Hampstead, NC 28443

As always, BMCCF assumes no responsibility, etc., etc.

More details are continually being send out via email.

NC Border Tour Arrives in Wrightsville Beach - June 12th By Edie Cutler (Lady Irish)

The NC Border Tour started in Rolesville, NC with a parade, police escort and much more fanfare on June 3. The aim of the participants was to drive from Murphy to Manteo with several interesting stops along the 1200+ mile trip. The Tour was organized by members of the NCMGCC who had made the recent trip to Reno in M.G.s. Pat Wharton (Tour Matron) and her husband, Ron, along with P.J. Lenihan and Beth and Dick Lunney organized the entire excursion including a three day stop in Dillard, GA coinciding with the 50th year anniversary gathering for M.G. Bs. (There were only 400 to 500 B's there!) On to Wrightsville Beach after leaving Pinehurst on June 12. They arrived in drizzle! I

managed to, at least, get a checkered flag up on the railing at the Museum. They toured the Museum and then we left in RAIN to go to Bluewater for lunch. Pam McMahon and Carl Wilson joined us to meet the folks from NC, Texas, Conn, West Virginia and New Jersey. John, Jacq, Trey (John and Jacq's TR 3), Kate and I joined in on the drive to New Bern. It RAINED all the way to Pollocksville and then all was just cloudy for check in. The plan was to go to Morgan's for dinner, but since the cars were all



buttoned up, we decided to stay at the Hilton. What a great idea that was! The hotel provided heavy snacks and free drinks if you had Hilton coupons. I was lucky enough to know several NCMGCC members who gave me theirs so my bar tab was a \$5.00 tip! The hotel managed to seat us all together for dinner. (Note to BMCCF: good idea for a weekend getaway!) The next morning I waved goodbye to ten M.G Bs and as they were talking on their CB radios, they all made it to Manteo. Then we saddled up and made the easy trip back to Wilmington. I wish I could have joined in earlier as these are a great group of LBC lovers! If you'd like to see more on the tour go to: <http://www.mg2012ncbordertour.blogspot.com/>



Caption for picture - After lunch at Bluewater Kimi, Jordan, Paul, Pat & Ron, Gary & Wayburn, Trip & Georgia, Edie, PJ, Paula & Steve. Photos compliments of **Jacq Moore**.

BMCCF Minutes - June 21, 2012



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

Meeting called to order 7:00pm
The minutes from May were accepted as published.
Peter Burr presided.



Le Count de Monay reports \$4033.51 in the **treasury** and 63 paid members.

Car Show info:

Terry Smith reminded us we still need **sponsors** (and a chairman for this area) at \$100 per class and that we should all keep in mind sponsorships and raffle items – they don't have to be car-related but we need to get on with it and ask! We will have the sponsor board at the show (a nice perc for the sponsors) and we should have a list of sponsors in each newsletter (it's a Good Thing to see your name in print). Historically, sponsorship, closely followed by raffle and 50/50 and registration fees, are the biggest revenue producing areas.

Fat Tony's recently closed the Racine location and we'll be on the lookout for a new site for our **Pre-Show Gala**. Maybe the Fox and Hound? Carolina Ale House? Thanks to Pam McMahan for volunteering to be in charge of the party.

Patti is beginning to send info the local car clubs and has gotten some responses already. She will continue to send monthly reminders. Tom Yoshida and Jan Scearce are working on the **trophies**.

The **goody bags** need Stuff – talk it up when you go to the bank, hairdresser, local deli, etc.

Activities will be shared (and brainstormed) by Dale Masters, Steve Donatone, Denise Scearce, Karen Burr, Mickey Finn, Charlie Schaefer, Patti Mason and Christen Christian. But feel free to suggest an activity you think we could do, too!

Pam McMahan brought guest Sean Quigley. He doesn't have an LBC of his own yet but is keeping an open mind. Any suitable cars for sale?

Dale Masters reminded us of the **Drive Away Cancer** tour on August 11th. Watch your email for details and sponsorship form, maybe take it to your doctor? The Pink Ribbon

Project gets all monies collected, no administrative costs. Check out the Austin Healey website for details.

Guest Speaker – Bobby Holt, owner of Auto Color on North Green Meadows Drive, spoke about painting our beloved cars. Dale Masters’ Morgan and John Foster’s Ferrari have recently been done by Bobby. Very interesting info and many questions and comments from our members.

Please keep Tom Roberson and Dan Samels in your prayers and thoughts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25
Respectfully submitted,
Karen Burr, Secretary



Results of BMCCF Board meeting:

By Steve Donatone & Karen Burr

We had our Board meeting back on May 31 and unfortunately I had to go back to NY to deal with family medical issues and just got back on June 23. At our meeting we agreed to several changes to our By-Laws as follows:

We have established the position of Registrar and Carle Finn has agreed to assume that role. As you know, she created our club directory and going forward all new membership applications will go to her as well as all dues payments. She will forward membership information to the Treasurer (along with the money) and to the newsletter editor so our distribution list is kept up to date. It is expected that centralizing this function will ensure consistency in our distribution and membership lists.

Under the section of BOARD of DIRECTORS we are making a editing correction in section A first sentence to replace the word “full” with “board”

Under the section entitled BANKING item C we are amending to text to exempt car show expenses since the it already specifies checks of \$500.00 or more require two signatures, the Treasurer and an officer. The Treasurer would always have to sign a check and the head of the car show is another officer, the Vice President.

Under the section entitled BANKING item D is being amended to read: Any Club expenditure in the amount up to \$150.00 can be approved by the **Treasurer with the agreement of the President**. Any Club expenditures over \$150.00 must receive approval by the Board of Directors.

An issue related to how the By-Laws describe voting for major changes to the By-Laws was identified. Currently, under the section VOTING it specifies that such changes must be approved by a quorum of 75% of our full members and 75% of that quorum must approve the change. Given that the By-Laws define full members as any two people generally residing at the same address at the time of their application (children excluded) and the fact that we have over 50 paid dues we in effect have over 100 full members. Getting 75% of that number to respond to an email vote let alone attend a meeting is not very likely. We need to discuss a change to this provision.

Other items not related to the By-Laws will be covered at our next meeting.



BMCCF EVENT PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

We are encouraging members to host events, below is an outline for things to consider when planning a club activity. One of the results of our BMCCF Board meeting. A more comprehensive discussion will occur at our next monthly meeting.

Steve Donatone - President BMCCF

EVENT CONCEPT – Something you’ve been wanting to do that you think the rest of the club may be interested in. It could be a simple several hour drive along back roads, an overnight event to a specific destination, a rally of some sort or a gathering at your own home after a drive.

PICK A DATE – check date availability with event coordinator.

PLAN A ROUTE – Set up routes, times, starting & ending points. It is recommended that you personally drive the intended route prior to finalizing it to make sure there are no surprises.

CONTACT HOTEL AND/OR RESTAURANT – If you are planning an overnight event make reservations and arrange for room blocks and special rates once you know how many people will participate. If it is just a day run, make arrangements for lunch.

OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR CLUB EXPENDITURES – Get cost OK in accordance with bylaw requirements prior to making any commitments. Make purchases for prizes, caterers, etc.

COMMUNICATE EVENT – Design flyers & submit for publication in newsletter website.

FINAL REMINDERS – Contact event coordinator to insure final email reminders.





The DREAM lives on

Austin Healey

Do not think for a second that an illness or speed bump would hinder Tom Roberson from working on his dream for Susan - do you -of course not. It has been noted that Tom has literally worn out the pages of the Moss catalog, watched every episode of any remotely related car show and built & rebuild Susan's car a million times during his trying times.



Below are the latest pictures of “project '60 Austin Healey”.



Just look at that “beautiful face”...





**Doesn't she look like how you feel when you wake up in the morning -
"the before coffee look..."**



Dandy Dan - BMCCF CAR GUY

Shown in the attached images is Dan Samel, our recently departed BMCCF member. He is certainly enjoying himself sitting with John Foster at Davis Health Care Center in Porter's Neck, N.C. He and John just returned from what was to be his last sportscar ride in John's MGA. As usual, he is surrounded by good looking ladies who are enjoying his company and jokes. I hope he is looking down on all his fellow BMCCF members with a big grin. **John Foster**



Jensen 541S

By Eric Robinson

Here are pictures and info about my friend and business partner's **1961 Jensen 541S**. He bought the car in Holland, as an ongoing restoration, which is now finally completed, registered and is "on the road".

The **541S** was Jensen's [luxury](#) version of the 541 series, being 4" wider than the 541R, which had the advantages of making the interior roomier and improving the roadholding. The 541S had a conventional radiator grill (as opposed to the flap of the 541) to allow for the extra heat given by a proposed new V8 engine, and a Salisbury limited slip differential for the extra torque demanded. For the car, Jensen used their own powerful version of the Austin DS5, 4 liter, straight six engine, featuring triple SU carburetors, a high compression [Weslake](#) head with custom made twin exhaust manifolds and an alloy baffled sump/oil cooler.

127 cars were hand built between 1960 and 1963 at Jensen's West Bromwich factory, most having GM-licensed Rolls-Royce Hydramatic gearboxes. This was innovative at the time as performance cars mainly had manual gearboxes. It also suited the criteria of effortless speed and luxurious long distance driving Jensen set for their new car, although twenty two were fitted with Moss manual gear boxes at the request of their prospective owners.

The Jensen 541S is also notable for being the first British car to have seat belts fitted as standard equipment. Another first for the 541 series was the use of Dunlop disc brakes that were used on all four wheels. A rack and pinion steering system was fitted giving the car very positive steering. Other safety equipment included a padded windscreen surround, fire extinguisher and first-aid kit. Each car was also fitted with a Motorola radio.

Cheers,

Eric Robinson





BMCCF - HEAR YE, HEAR YE:

(opportunities & information)

We welcome your treasures you want to sell or stuffs you want to buy.

For Sale & Club Information:

For Sale - 1979 Triumph Spitfire rolling shell with title. Call for more details.

Jim Hendricks (843) 902-0491

From the Desk of Cal Harms - Cal sent in two web sites that you will absolutely love. Please check them out, they fall into the category of OMG...

Post #1 - Can you imagine driving into to one of the car club meets, showing up in this gadget?

<http://justacarguy.blogspot.com/2012/04/monowheel-circa-1952-photos-by-dean.html>

Crazy design, huh?

Post #2 - And another car site came my way while looking at vintage wooden boats. Some very unique automobiles with great photos to view.

<http://justacarguy.blogspot.com/2008/07/online-concours-de-elegance-is-best.html>

Share with the car club folks if you think it is informative or useful in any way.

Perhaps you and the club may already know about this site.

Regards,

Cal Harms

Triumph Club of Carolinas member moving to Wilmington NC in July

Hi from Linda O'Leary Riesch!

My husband, Mark Riesch, has been entered (and won!) several years in your Brits and Battleships car show. You may or may not remember him -- we were members of TCOC



and the Charleston Triumph club, and we lived in Florence, SC. We moved to Houston, TX a few years ago, but Mark has just accepted a job at GE Aviation, so he will be moving to Wilmington (i.e., back to God's country!) in July.

We always enjoyed getting to know your members, and look forward to getting involved, as well as getting to know Wilmington. We know virtually nothing about Wilmington, and Mark will be coming first, with me coming in the fall. He's starting to look for rentals and houses, as well as somewhere to safely store his Triumph Vitesse, Thunderbird, and Studebaker until we find a home, so if you have any suggestions...!

I just wanted to drop a quick note before things get crazy, because he knows no one in Wilmington and the first thing he's going to want to do is connect with y'all.

Thanks, and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Linda O'Leary Riesch 281-793-1598

and

Mark Riesch 281-793-2162

From John Foster - Thought you might like to send this with the next newsletter: This was a gag gift from **Caryl and Micky Finn**. Here is a good caption:

**"Until my other Ferrari is finished you might see me driving this.
I'll Honk when I pass you!"**



From the Desk of Ron Foster - This is a video the British Car Club of Cincinnati did to attract members. At the end it has links to other videos on British cars. They have a good web site.

Ron

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HskZ9LvuZVM>

This is one outstanding show - do yourself a favor, sit back and enjoy. (Editor)

From the Desk of David & Robin Ward - David got his lift in place Sat. with the generous help of **Steve Donatone, Peter Burr, Mickey Finn, John Foster, and Al Warrington**. We really appreciate all their expertise and strong backs. **Robin**

Thinking of You - **Craig Harms** mother passed away after a prolonged illness. Losing a parent is always difficult and we are thinking of you during these trying times. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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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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