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Prez Sez

By Wray Lemke

Summer is rushing right along and already it's July fer cryin out loud! On Saturday the 2nd, the club had its annual picnic at the Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary in Hollywood. Hallie Hills' director, Jennifer, gave us a gracious welcome to the sanctuary where we parked the cars and had a great picnic lunch under the oaks.

During the morning many of us walked around and said hello to the many dog friends that live at Hallie Hill. A special treat was in store for us British car enthusiasts; Erik Calonius brought friends of his to the picnic who have a unique affection for those cars, Ricky and Anne Kemp. Ricky has a band appropriately called, "Ricky and the MG's" and has composed and recorded over 100 songs related to the MGB and to our delight performed several of those songs at the picnic. His sense of humor and funny stories were a great addition to the laid back setting of the picnic. We couldn't have asked for a nicer day in a nicer place to have the club picnic. A huge vote of thanks to Lynn and Dave Rosato for their hard work in setting up the picnic and making us so welcome. Thank you very much, guys, it was a lot of fun sitting under the oaks enjoying the day.

The other event of note was NAMGAR's annual GT (Get Together, number 43) which was held in Richmond between the 13th and 17th of June. Susanne and I put the Magnette on a Wunsch trailer and went up I-95 while those seasoned, stalwart travelers, Dave and Lynn Rosato drove their MGA up the coast from Charleston to Richmond. The highlight of the event for us was the unusual gathering of Magnettes, a total of 16, which is the largest single gathering of those cars in the US since the famed GT-35 where we had 31 Magnettes. I even got to do some parking lot repairs on the Magnette, dealing with a clogged fuel filter and old fuel hoses, easily rectified by a trip the local auto parts store. But, the main focus of the event was the MGA and there were 126 beautiful cars including Dave's excellent MGA, which was as nice as any at the event. The whole week was a pleasure, the venue was great, the organizers did a grand job and we thoroughly enjoyed it.



View from the hotel room... what a sight!



The Magnette under the oaks.

Next up is our History Drive to the Colonial Dorchester site and St. James in Goose Creek. Our resident expert historian and gifted speaker, Tom Horton, will again enthrall us with his amazing gift of immersing listeners in the rich history of this special place we live in. These talks are always well attended, Tom is a jewel and not to be missed. Afterwards, we'll head to club member Adam's CODfather Fish and Chips for lunch. It will be a great day and we're looking forward to it.



Dave and Lynns MGA lined up with the other non-wire cars

Update: Club members, we had a big turnout, despite the dodgy weather, for Tom's history tour of old Dorchester Colonial site and St. James Church in Goose Creek. A special thanks to Tom Horton for his wonderful presentation, to Wood Struthers from the Cathedral Church for his Bell Tower talk, and to 5th generation (at least) Sexton Robert Simmons of St. James for opening the church and giving a fascination talk and tour. This was really fun and interesting, to actually touch and hear the back story and history of some of the places we live. All topped off by excellent fish and chips at the CODfather. It was a great way to spend a morning.

Until next time,
Safety Fast!
 Wray

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This ad is from a 1959 Sports Cars magazine. Notice the car they are using the meter on? So how many of you have ever built something from Heathkit? The picture below is my first kit, a six transistor AM radio. I was probably 10. I also built a 75 Watt ham radio transceiver, morse code keyer and a three channel radio control system..



VP's Corner

Well,

I spent June learning about clutches & dire clutches. When you replace a slave cylinder on an MGB, replace the actuating rod too. It doesn't take much wear to not allow the clutch to disengage fully, resulting in having to admit the shifting problems are not due to your spouse's alleged rusty driving skills. With a lever long enough you can move the world, but a tad too short and/or wobbly and moving in reverse becomes a challenging option. The same goes for curved levers. The original TD design had a cable operating link to actuate the clutch, which was soon changed to a rod system. This set up works like a champ until the system begins to wear, at which point the rods and linkages begin to interfere with each other and the formerly straight rods go 'S' shaped and compound the problem. You might expect a modern 5-speed conversion to circumvent this issue, but you would be disappointed - Fixes, corrections and accommodations proceed apace...

So June wrapped up with a proper fish & chips after an enlightening visit to two local locations of some significance in the struggle for Colonial Independence. I'll let others describe the event, which had a good turnout of British vehicles despite being rescheduled from a much cooler time of year. I particularly enjoyed having the tour of these places so close following Carolina Day, June 28. This day has been celebrated in Charleston since 1777, initially with bell-ringing, and more recently with a small parade and celebratory cannon-fire. These efforts commemorate the very unexpected defeat of the British Fleet attempting to pass an unassuming palmetto log fortification at the mouth of Charleston harbor. After this first clear and undeniable victory by Colonial forces, their leadership felt confident enough to autograph certain documents committing them to insurrection on July 4. So as we curtail club activities for the heat of summer, I leave you with this tidbit off the 'interwebs':

Safety...Fast!

Bob



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SIGNATURE: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL I give my permission to list my phone and E-mail in the membership directory to be accessible to members only.

Birthday please: Name: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____

Spouse B'day : Name: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____

History Drive

June 30th

We left our house with the new Bimini top on the A. The forecast showed that the showers were moving north. We hit a few showers but the top kept us dry. We got to Bilos to meet up with 12 other LBCs. There were a few non-British cars there as well. We knew it was going to be a nice day because there was a rainbow across the street.



At 9 sharp, we all took off north on Ashley River Road. Our first stop was at the Colonial Dorchester State Historic Site in Summerville. I've driven by the place many times and never knew it was there.



Our resident historian, Dr. Tom Horton, stood in front of the oyster-shell tabby walls of the fortress and gave us his abbreviated version of the history of the area.



Dr. Tom Horton, on the far right, filling us with the history of the area.



History Drive

We then moved to the other side of the property where there was a church bell tower. The rest of the church had been burned. Our resident bell ringer, Wray Lemke, gave us a history of the bells that were in the tower and how they were intermingled with other church bells in the area. If you want the full scoop, you'll have to talk with Wray.



From there we headed to Goose Creek to see the St James Episcopal Church. If you didn't make this excursion and you would like to see it, well you need to get in touch with them ahead of time and arrange to have it opened. Built in the 1710s, it is one of South Carolina's oldest surviving buildings.



The royal coat of arms over the pulpit saved the church from destruction in 1779-1780 when British troops moved through South Carolina during the American Revolution.



Next we were off to the CODfather for the some proper Fish and Chips.





Upcoming Events

See the BCCC website for details



Check out autoclubcalendar.com for other local automotive events

Saturday July 14th, Monthly Meeting, 8-9:30am, Marina Variety Store Restaurant, 17 Lockwood Dr, Charleston

Friday October 26th, British Car Day Reception on the USS Yorktown, 6-8pm

Saturday October 27th, 34th Annual British Car Day

My new Bimini Top

By Dave Rosato

When we got to GT-43 we notice about six MGA's had these weird tops on them. I thought they were pretty nice, keep the sun out but you get all the air. When driving the MGA Lynn and I wear large brimmed hats (see our selfie later in The Windscreen). Lynn was eavesdropping on a conversation and figured out that one of the people talking made the tops. So she texted me to come over, so I did. It did turn out to be Ed Kirkland of Florida. He makes them for MGs and Triumphs. Don't bother looking for his website. He makes them in his basement and word of mouth sales are enough for him. I even offered to build him a website. It is very well made and comes on and off very easy. So I wrote him a check and it arrived a few days after we got home. We wished we had it for the drive home. It was very hot and sunny so we drove with the top up. If you are interested, you can contact Ed at edkirkland@centurylink.net. The price is \$250 plus \$20 for shipping.



BCCC Minutes — June 9, 2018 Monthly Meeting

by Peter Steele

In spite of a threateningly stormy morning, twenty hardy members — three of them first-timers! — enjoyed camaraderie and breakfast at the monthly meeting at the Marina Variety Store.

Much of what was discussed fell into the to-be-determined, details-to-be-figured-out category, so as always check the website for latest accurate information. Upcoming events (might!) include:

- June 30: History drive to Ft Dorchester in Summerville and St James Church in Goose Creek, followed by lunch at Three Little Pigs in Goose Creek, Pages 5 and 6.
- Movie night potentially at the Elliot Remington (air-conditioned!) facility.
- Tech session: Installing a dash cover on a TR6 (involves windscreen R&R). And if you have any needs or ideas for a future tech session, let Dave Rosato or Michael Rains know.
- Tail of the Dragon: A drive on this incredible stretch of road is being considered. A side trip to the Wheels Through Time museum in Maggie Valley could be added to this adventure.

Dave Rosato, our amazing webmaster and Windscreen editor and publisher (when he's not busy organizing the 2018 British Car Day), noted that there are over three years of past Windscreen issues available on the website for anyone wanting to see what we did when. He also encouraged all to share recipes that can be added to the site, and reminded us that there is a section on the site highlighting cars being restored by members. So if you have a project underway, or a yummy recipe you're willing to share, get in touch with Dave.

Don Kelly reported that the club has a bit more than 100 paid members at this point.

Bruce Stemerman noted that a semi-annual Treasurer's report will be in next month's Windscreen, Page 9. He said our current bank balance is about \$7,000, so we're in strong financial shape.

Dave Rosato and Wray Lemke described their upcoming trip to the North American MGA Registry Get Together in Richmond, VA. Dave will be driving his MGA there and back! See page 14.

And finally, Wray noted that with the future of Garrett Academy somewhat in question, we may be looking for a new recipient for the proceeds of the silent auction at BCD.

That's all, Folks!

BCCC Treasurer Half Year Report
For the period from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018

Receipts:

Membership Renewals	<u>\$3,104</u>
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Expenditures:

Garrett Academy Charitable Contribution	\$750
BCCC Badges - Inventory Replenishment	\$733
BCD 2018 Park Rental	\$650
Post Office Mailbox Rental	\$214
Website Renewal	\$167
Hallie Hill Picnic	\$161
Other miscellaneous items, net	<u>\$96</u>

Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,771</u>
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<u>Excess of Revenues over Expenditures for the Period</u>	<u>\$333</u>
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Funds on Hand at January 1, 2018	<u>\$6,586</u>
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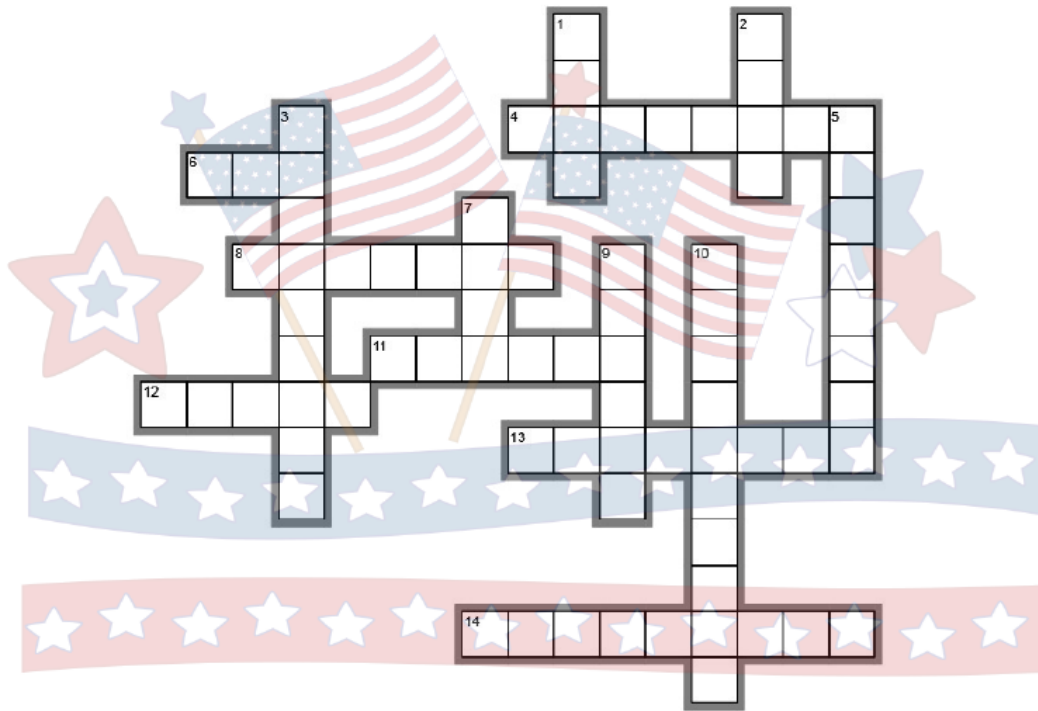
Funds on Hand at June 30, 2018	<u>\$6,919</u>
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Note:

BCCC maintains funds in a checking and savings account at South State Bank, in a PayPal account and \$150 for the Regalia cash box. The above report consolidates all accounts. This report is prepared based on actual cash received and expended for the first six months of 2018.

Respectfully Submitted: Bruce Stemerman, BCCC Treasurer

4th of July Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

4. The symbol of the Republican Party.
6. One if by land and two if by ____.
8. Right of choice.
11. Tea Harbor.
12. The colors of this holiday are red, _____, and blue.
13. Citizen of USA.
14. Bursts in the air.

DOWN

1. The month when Americans celebrate Independence Day.
2. The 50 stars version of the American _____ was adopted on July 4th, 1960.
3. The 4th of July is considered a very _____ holiday.
5. The no. of stripes on the flags that stands for the no. of original colonies.
7. These are grilled and put on a bun, hot _____.
9. The Star-Spangled _____ is the national anthem of United States.
10. The first president of United States.

34th Annual British Car Day planning

Dave Rosato

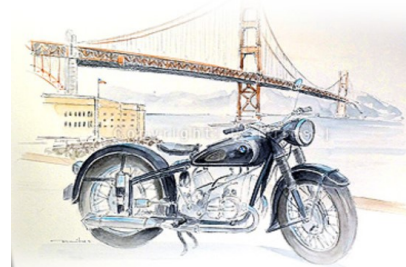
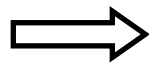
With the help of Irene Breland and Wray Lemke we were able to get the USS Yorktown fantail for the BCD Friday evening reception. The fantail is at the rear of the aircraft carrier which gives us a view of downtown Charleston. What a beautiful evening that will be. I hope to see you there!



PATRIOTS POINT

★ HOME OF THE USS YORKTOWN ★

Back in April we picked Don Wathnes' name from a hat so are using one of his beautiful Rolls Royce's for the BCD poster and Tee shirts. The car is a 1909 Silver Ghost Don recently purchased. The car will be painted by Panagiotis Mitos in front of the Pineapple Fountain. A photograph of the car and fountain has been sent to him. Panagiotis will paint the car in the foreground with the Pineapple Fountain in the background similar to what he did with the BMW motorcycle and the Golden Gate Bridge.



The picture below was sent to just give him an idea of what we are looking for.



You can now register for BCD on our website.



If you have something you would like to donate for the Silent Auction, please bring it to the Monthly Meeting or to one of the events.

As always, see our website for the latest information and details.

Picnic at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary

By Dave Rosato

The annual BCCC picnic at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary was again a grand success. We had about 32 people and 12 British cars. It was a warm, sunny day but there was plenty of shade and drinks. And fortunately the cabin where all the yummy food was, was air conditioned. Thanks to my wife Lynn. This wouldn't have happened without all of her efforts. And thanks to all for bringing the delicious food.

The BCCC members showed their generosity by making donations to the sanctuary. Many people brought jars and bags of change for the Pennies for Pooches campaign and several gave much appreciated checks. The sanctuary is able to provide these cats and dogs a comfortable place to live due to donations like these. It was much appreciated.

Just before we had lunch, Ricky Kemp entertained us by playing songs from his band, Ricky and the MGs. We all had a great time. Many were lucky enough to win one of Ricky's CDs.



Ricky entertaining the crowd



Hallie Hills directory, Jennifer, telling us about the sanctuary



Pimms Ice Lollies

By Lynn Rosato



- 300ml/½ pint Pimms, or similar 'fruit cup'
 - 850ml/1½ pints lemonade
 - handful fresh strawberries, hulled, halved
 - few sprigs fresh mint, leaves only
 - 1 orange, zest only
1. Mix the Pimms and lemonade together in a large jug.
 2. Place a couple of strawberry halves, a few mint leaves and a little orange zest into each lolly mould.
 3. Pour the Pimm mixture into each ice lolly mould until three-quarters full. Insert the lolly stick and lid and freeze for 2-3 hours, or until frozen solid.
 4. Alternatively, you can use large shot glasses as moulds: place the strawberry, mint and orange zest into the glass and fill with the Pimms mixture. Freeze for one hour, or until the lollies are partially frozen, then insert the lolly sticks and continue to freeze until completely frozen.
 5. To remove the lollies, dip the moulds briefly in hot water and carefully remove the lollies.

https://www.bbc.com/food/recipes/pimms_lollies_94967

NAMGAR GT-43

By Dave Rosato

In case you are not familiar, NAMGAR is the North American MGA Register. From June 13 through June 17 NAMGAR had their 43rd annual GT event in Richmond, VA. BCCC had two attending, myself and Lynn in our '58 MGA and Susanne and Wray Lemke in their '58 ZB Magnette. There were 126 MGAs and 16 Magnettes. Of the 126 MGAs, 14 were Coupes, 3 were Twin Cams and 4 were Deluxes.



Meeting up with the Doris' and the Niners in Ravenel.



The MGA top up and the luggage covered ready for a wet drive to Richmond.



The second day of the drive to Richmond was beautiful



The venue was beautiful, typical VA.



OK, how did the Magnette get covered parking! It did deserve it though.



The newcomers welcome reception. We had great weather the entire time.



On Friday Lynn and I participated in a rally which took us through beautiful country winding roads and through historic districts of Richmond. Half way through the rally we all took a breather at the Nash's home, along the James River. We got to see their collection of gorgeous cars with a garage to die for! What a beautiful Lincoln (above).

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Happy Birthday For July



Bryce Wylie	1st
Barbara Scirrotto	4th
Howard Daneberg	7th
Larry Coomer	7th
Nina Heffernan	8th
Lise Gulick	13th
Bill Unger	14th
Cindy Dailey	16th
Mark Bennerr	19th
Laura Shinall	21st
Shanon Nickles	24th
Adam Scirrotto	24th
Michael Carnell	24th
Paul Palmer	26th



AND MANY MOOOOORE

Welcome New Members

Richard and Maureen McDonnell
 1979 MGB
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Charles and Alice Curnick
 MGB

We look forward to many
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Lunch at the CODfather after the History Drive to Colonial Dorchester State Historic Site and St James Episcopal Church.

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There is your Windscreen editor/webmaster listening to John Twist, renown MG expert. He checked the timing of most of the cars he looked at, including mine. With the timing light set to 32 degrees before top dead center, the timing was set running at about 3500rpm with the vacuum advance disconnected. Mine needed a little adjustment. It does seem to have more power and rev higher, easier.