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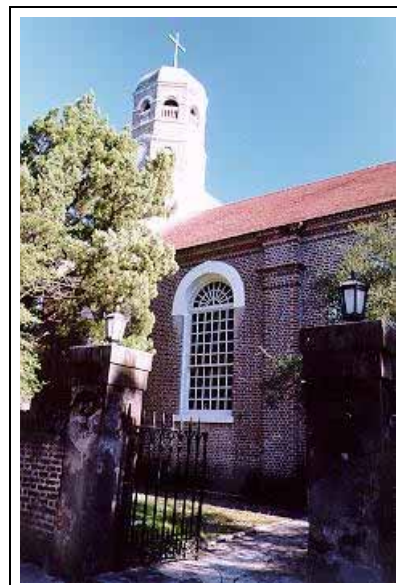
**General Membership Meetings** are held the first Tuesday of every month throughout the year, 6:30 pm at Red Robin Restaurant, located at the northwestern corner of Coastal Grand Mall parking lot east of US Hwy 17 Bypass just south of US Hwy 501 (unless otherwise announced). **Driving Events** are held the fourth Saturday of every month throughout the year. (Unless otherwise announced).

**Guests Are Always Welcome!**

## 64th Annual Plantation Tour of Georgetown by Rod Smith, Vice President

Saturday the 26th of March started out a little "iffy" with the weather causing a low turnout for the Georgetown Plantation tour which was the most popular choice by vote at our last meeting. Greg and Patsy Hoch were there in their MGB, Jim Hendricks showed up for moral support, and yours truly with wife and friend rounded out the big crowd.

After a great breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, we headed towards Georgetown, still wondering about the weather. As we arrived at the Prince George Winyah Episcopal Church, it



was obvious that this is one popular event. I had heard from many locals and others who live in Myrtle Beach and even North Carolina what great fun it is. After touring the church and marveling at (cont. pg. 2)

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## 64th Annual Plantation Tour of Georgetown (cont'd)

some of the carvings in the pews by bored kids (and a few bored parents dating to the 1700's) we picked up our bag lunches and set out on foot to check out the historic homes in Georgetown. We saw some really great houses that dated as far back as 1735 and were treated to little details by the Docents that made them come alive.

Several homes had really interesting artifacts like Civil War buttons, bullets, pottery and other curious items.

It soon became clear the day was going to turn into a perfect driving day. Temperatures rapidly shot up to the high 60's, and the jacket I had donned that morning was becoming a nuisance. Our City tour took us up to lunchtime so we grabbed some chairs and table on an outdoor patio at Kudzu Bakery and enjoyed the food and good company. Let the record also show that our table was the only one with a tablecloth (courtesy of Patsy) and monogrammed glasses. Fine dining indeed!

After lunch, we headed to the furthest Plantation on the Tour (Hopsewee) which has



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## My View Through the Windscreen

by Jim Hendricks, President

It has been a year since a group of like minded British car enthusiasts gathered to discuss the possibility of establishing a more local car club for the benefit of Grand Strand area residents, sandwiched between the Charleston and Cape Fear British Car Clubs. And were we ever successful ... now with a membership totaling 22 members!

At a recent Officer's Meeting held in my garage on Feb. 26, the revised Grand Strand British Car Club By-Laws were unanimously passed. It is posted on the club's website, [www.GrandStrandBCC.com](http://www.GrandStrandBCC.com), for download.

Spring is just around the corner, so plan to join in on all the fun activities!

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

by Felicia Sachs, Secretary

The Monthly Meeting was called to order, Tuesday, Apr. 12, 6:30 p.m. at Red Robin Restaurant. President Jim Hendrick's discussed upcoming events. Treasurer Jim Smith gave an update on the club's financial status and an update on the club's website development. Newsletter Editor Bill Unger gave an update report. Secretary Felicia Sachs presented the March meeting minutes to the

membership for approval or changes. The minutes were approved without discussion.

## Treasurer's Report

by Jim Smith, Treasurer

Our bank checking balance stands at \$483.13 with no outstanding payables due.

## Coming Events Lined Up On the Starting Grid

**16-Apr** "Cars in the Park", Night Heron Park, Kiawah Island, 10am-2pm, sponsored by Kiawah Island.

**23-Apr** "Easter Car Show", Lakewood Campground, 9am-4pm, hosted by Lakewood Campground & Hot Rod Promotions. For more info call Roger at (843) 503-8245. (see attached flyer)

**30-Apr** "Car Show", Bass Pro, N. Myrtle Beach, sponsored by Bass Pro.

**30-Apr** "Concours", The Old Village, North Charleston, sponsored by Jaguar Society of South Carolina. More info and application at [www.JSSC.com](http://www.JSSC.com).

**30-Apr-11** "Socastee Heritage Festival", Dick Pond Road (Socastee Swing Bridge) between Domino's Pizza and Peachtree Rd, 10am-6pm, sponsored by Socastee Heritage Foundation. Space reserved for 20 cars by contacting Jim Hendricks at (843) 902-0491 or [jimhendrickaas@live.com](mailto:jimhendrickaas@live.com) before the 25th. No fee for GSBCC members, but the club will be making a \$15 donation for each entry. More info at [www.SocasteeHF.com/home\\_page.html](http://www.SocasteeHF.com/home_page.html).

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## Submit Your Photos

(the car ... not you!)

The Ole Bull and Bush Pub & Eatery (Hwy 17 Bypass, one traffic light south of McDonald's at the backgate "Market Common" intersection) has requested club car pics so that they can be framed and display at their restaurant. Any size pic is okay but 8"x10" preferred.

## Club Stuff For Sale

by Jim Lewis, Club Regalia Chair

Remember that when you purchase any club paraphernalia, the price not only pays for the cost of the item, but any profits will benefit you by helping to offset GSBCC sponsored event expenses. Won't you please give? And give often? Okay, so here are your choices:



**T-Shirts \$15**

**Sweat Shirts \$25**

These shirts are top quality USA made Guildan, preshrunk, cool 100% cotton, with a large GSBCC logo on the back and a small GSBCC logo above the left breast pocket.

sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X to XXX Large

T-shirt color: Olde English white

Sweat Shirt color: Morris Garages gray

## Driving Caps \$15

Traditional ball cap style which you wear on your head (forwards or backwards) to look "way cool" and to announce your car club affiliation with the GSBCC logo embroidered above the bill.

sizes: only one but it is adjustable

colors: British Racing green, Coventry blue, Morris Garages light gray (all with black bill)



## Stickers FREE!

(with shirt or cap purchase)

No, they don't cost a quarter, but it gives you an idea of the size. And get both logos on each sheet. They peel off to apply on the inside of your vehicle's glass without any wetting or other adhesives. But do they ever stick ... even through repeated cleanings! Cheap enough to go in all of the windows in your cars and your house!

I will have all of these items available at all club meetings and events. So purchase them then or give me a call to make other arrangements.

## The Curses of Ethanol in Your Fuel Tank

by Rod Smith

Many of us have cursed the ethanol blended gasoline, and I for one can attest to three fuel pumps in five years and a fuel pump on my Dad's '32 Ford which I had for about a year. Not only has ethanol wreaked havoc on my TR3, it has also caused me to have the carbs on my boat rebuilt and my 2 cycle edger. It seems that the ethanol causes some rubber or plastic parts to dissolve and the gummy substance that results gets into the system causing massive failure. This is in addition to the deposits that it puts on your valves! New cars and trucks don't have these problems, but small motors, boats and antique cars really hate it.

I have made it a point to try and locate 100% gas so that I can keep my Triumph running at its peak and have recently discovered a website that is run by a BMW motorcycle owner who has the same passion for trying to find real gas. His sole purpose is to keep the country informed on places that sell 100% gas and even has a form for you to add new locations when you find them. It appears to be quite accurate for our area as I am familiar with all of the locations, and I hope you find it useful too. Check it out at: [www.real-gas.org](http://www.real-gas.org).

### 64th Annual Plantation Tour of Georgetown (cont'd)

it's entrance right off 17 before you cross the Santee River. Next door - give or take a few hundred acres - was The Oaks which was a favorite of everyone there - they even had a British flag to welcome us! Well, they had a British flag - we're not really sure about the "welcome" part.

We then headed down N. Santee River Road where we saw Rose Hill Plantation, Wicklow, and finally Estherville Plantation. Our day ended about 5PM which was a sign it was happy hour, so we all departed and headed to our watering hole which in our case was the 'ol homestead in Murrells Inlet.

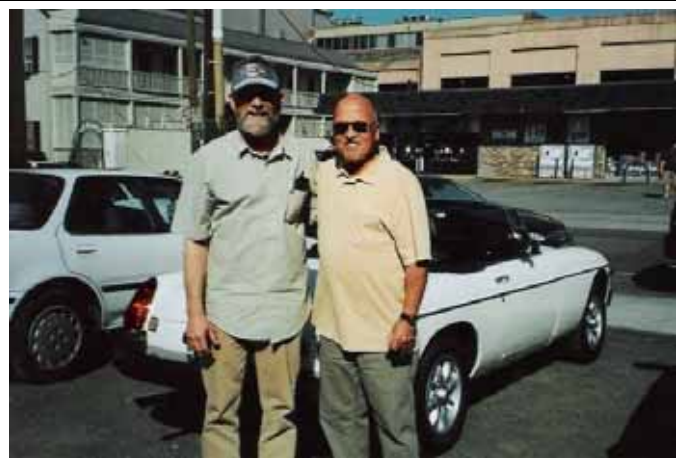
All in all, it was a great day with a lot of scenic driving that I recommend to all.

## For Sale

**1973 MG Midget Engine** -- For sale or trade contact Jim Smith for info at (843) 907-0178 or [Casper1@sccoast.net](mailto:Casper1@sccoast.net).

## Crossing the Finish Line

It is with a very sad heart to tell you that we lost John "JD" Diciara 3/2/11. John will be missed by all I am sure. The last time we saw him was at Handleys with his big smile. His ashes have been sent back to NY to be spread over one of his favorite parks.



John is the smiling face on the right standing by his MGB with a friend.

Jim Hendricks, President



**Membership Application**

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Friend \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If no email address notifications will be by snail mail

**Car Information for Membership Directory**

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>		<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>
1.	_____	_____	3.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	4.	_____	_____

**MEMBERSHIP DUES \$25.00 annually (January to January)**

New members joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> will be credited for the following year

I give my permission to list my phone and Email address in the membership directory to be accessible to members only. YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

I agree to allow GSBCC to publish my photo(s) in print or electronic media including the GSBCC website and facebook page. YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

As a member of GSBCC, I agree to hold GSBCC, its Board of Directors, Officers, and organizers of events free from all liability for any accident or injury which may occur in connection with club events

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_

Please make your check payable to: **Grand Strand British Car Club**  
And mail to: 1413 Highway 17 South, Unit #193, Surfside Beach, SC 29575  
**Visit us on Face Book or Contact Jim Hendricks, President at 843-902-0491**

***Join the GSBCC Today!***



\_\_\_\_ 2nd Annual \_\_\_\_  
**LAKEWOOD  
CAMPGROUND**

**Easter Car Show**

**April 23rd, 2011**

\_\_\_\_ **Top 25 Awards** \_\_\_\_

\* **Best of Show Car** \* **Best of Show Truck**

\* **DOOR PRIZES** \* **OLDIES MUSIC**

\_\_\_\_ \* **FOOD** \_\_\_\_

**Registration: \$10.00 9am till 11am**

\* **Awards 4:00 PM**

**Lakewood Conference Center  
5837 South Kings Hwy.  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29575**

**Hosted by Lakewood Campground  
& Hot Rod Promotions**

**For more info call: Roger@ 843-503-8245**





**Southeastern Fall Gathering of the Faithful  
Foundry Park Inn & Spa  
Athens, Georgia October 14-16, 2011**

Dear Fellow MG Car Club,

The Southeastern MG T Register is hosting the sixteenth biannual "SOUTHEASTERN FALL GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL" on October 14-16, 2011. The theme, "Classic Cars, Classic City" will be a blast from the past and center around the fun of owning and driving our vintage cars. Would you please add this entertaining Fall weekend event to your event Calendar?

Located in the heart of Athens, our host hotel, The Foundry Park Inn, is a beautiful historic hotel with on-site restaurants and spa. Situated on an ideal location in Athens just steps from downtown, guests can venture easily to shops and restaurants or take advantage of the stellar food and beverage options offered in the hotel's historic Hoyt House.

We hope your club will join us for a relaxing weekend filled with classic cars, classic events, and classic fun!

**Classic Cars...** Let's dust off those MGs and get them out in public! Join us for an impromptu car show at the drive in, or a more formal showing Saturday morning. Whatever your pleasure, we've got it covered.

**Classic Events...** Remember the days of picnics, group drives, and the crazy fun of the "fun kana"? We're bringing back these events, along with the popular Valve Cover Races. If you've never driven the obstacles of a "fun kana" or watched someone else drive them, you're missing out! There's nothing like "fishing" from the passenger side of an MG, or zig-zagging between cones, all in the quest for the best time! For those who miss their "pine wood derby" days, the Valve Cover Races are like derby cars on steroids!

**Classic Fun...** Whether your idea of fun is relaxing in the open air hospitality room, joining a spur of the moment hula hoop contest, or listening to live music at The Melting Point, you won't be disappointed. The 2011 GOF will be a blast from the past!

We are seeking your assistance by requesting you include our event in your 2011 Event Calendar. We appreciate any support of our event you will provide and will forward registration information as soon as it is available.

**Beth Ehrie, Chairman**  
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**Foundry Park Inn & Spa**

Reservations: 866) 928-4367 mention SEMGTR  
[www.foundryparkinn.com](http://www.foundryparkinn.com)

To get the discounted rate of \$112 per night, make your reservations by 9/14/2011. Select your dates on the calendar, then click on the group tab and enter group code SO1014 in the box

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