



2012 Membership

Renewal Due Now!

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👉 General Meeting 👈

The 2nd Tuesday of each month EXCEPT February 2012. Next Meeting:

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8, 6:30 pm, T-Bonz,

Hwy 17 Bypass, 21st Ave North, Myrtle Beach.

Club Website:

www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com

Club Calendar of Events:

www.Google.com/calendar/embed?src=hub1tps0rnea57ejo3197oo0@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York&gsessionid=OK

Club FaceBook:

www.FaceBook.com/pages/Grand-Strand-British-Car-Club/344525917851

Dream Garage Project

By Rod Smith, Vice President

There is a great article titled "Garage and Shop Evolution" in the Winter 2012 "British Motoring" magazine published by Moss Motors. The article has inspired me to do a little work on my work area and I'd like to get it done before Spring so I can focus on driving during the good weather instead of being stuck in the garage. With the organizing and cleanup, any work I have to do should be easier and more enjoyable. The article goes beyond general cleanup and storage and that's what has me excited! Here is a brief synopsis of what was in the article:



Utilize Overhead Space Flooring on the trusses of your garage are a great place to store old parts, wheels, body parts and other things that aren't used very often. Hooks and other means of securing items overhead is another way to clear the floor and make it easier to move about. (continued next page)

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Dream Garage (cont.)



Shed Light on the Project "If you can't see what you're doing, you won't get good results." It might be time to go to a larger set of fluorescents or perhaps add some lighting in a critical work area. I recently swapped out my 2 bulb fixtures for 4 bulb ones, added a light over one workbench and plan to add another one over a separate workbench. I still need better light over my grinder so that's a project to be tackled also.

Upgrade Your Systems With the addition of some tools and lighting, you may need to look at more capacity in your breaker box. Water is something I don't have in my garage so adding a sink for cleanup is another job I'll need. An on-demand hot water system is a must so that's on the list as well.



Get Floored Garage floors are notoriously cracked, paint-marred and oil-stained. Crack repair and a new floor finish can make rolling equipment and cleanup much easier. It also makes the area look more professional and functional. Mine looks pretty good but I do have some large stains where the TR3 "marked it's territory". I would like a black and white checked floor, but not sure I want to go that far. It would look cool though. (cont next page)

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My View Through the Windscreen

by Jim Hendricks, President

Welcome to the New Year Members!

Our First Meeting was Wednesday 1/11/12 at 6:30 pm at T-Bonz on the corner of 17 Bypass and 21st Ave North in Myrtle Beach.



In other news we had a Member's son (Bob & Myra Levine) in the news. He was part of the U.S. Navy Strike team to rescue the Iranians from the Pirates in the Arabian Sea earlier this month! Congrats! Glad He is on our side.

And on our 2nd anniversary get together 1/28/2012 at the Ole Bull and Bush it is on! We will start at 11am. Hope to see you there!

Jim Hendricks

Dream Garage (cont.)

Look for Deals A couple of the people quoted in the article look for special bargains at stores that are closing. You can pick up some great deals on racks and bins. One of them picked up a voter index card cabinet which has 49 small drawers in it which are

perfect for small parts and a great way to organize nuts, bolts, washers and screws.

Scrounge and Reuse Practice productive scrounging at swap meets, going-out-of-business sales, pawn shops garage sales and flea markets. One guy found the inside of a refrigerator door which is a great set of shelves to hold a variety of paint cans and other liquids.

Make Stuff You Need I'm big on that and have two long workbenches made of 2 x 6's that can stand up to some pretty heavy duty work.

Maximize Your Car Storage Space Since Moss sells car dollies, I can see how this made the list and I would love to have a pair or two of these! With car dollies, you can move your car sideways if needed and this allows for some creative parking which will allow more space. I've got a small boat in my garage so having some car dollies would make it much easier to get in and out. On my list!



Add More Storage for Stuff You never have enough storage so some shelving, plastic bins or old kitchen cabinets that someone discarded can help clean up the clutter and make for an easier time locating what you need. (continued next page)

Monthly Meeting Minutes

by Bill Unger for
Felicia Sachs, Secretary

The General Members Monthly Meeting was called to order 6:45pm, Wednesday, Jan. 11, at T-Bonz Restaurant by Jim Hendricks, President. **2012 Membership Renewals** are due by Feb. 8 meeting. Fill out attached Membership Application (also Renewal) form and return with \$25 check. You **MUST** get your renewal in by the February 8 meeting to be included in the printed Club Roster. Submit photos of your car (clear, well lit, digital JPEG) to Rod Smith. **"Second Anniversary Party"** will be Jan. 28, Sat., 11:00 am with Cape Fear British Car Club and British Car Club of Charleston at the Ole Bull & Bush Pub & Eatery, Hwy 17 Bypass just south of the MB Airport. Doors open at 10:00 am for show parking out front. Donations needed for door prizes if you know anyone who can help out. Victoria British has already donated items + \$. Ideas and volunteers are needed to put together a **Roster of Events** (track days, car shows, etc.) and to share your upcoming car projects (carb rebuilds, brake bleeding, wheel bearing changes, clutch & fuel tank replacing, etc.) for informal **Tech Sessions**. Jim Smith's Treasurer's Report shows \$568 balance with current membership ~64 and goal of 100 in 2012! **February GSBCC Meeting** will be on **Wed., Feb. 8** and NOT on Tuesday due to scheduling conflicts with T-Bonz. **Treasurer's Report** given by Jim Smith shows that GSBCC has a balance of \$568 with a current

membership of 64 and a goal of "100 in 2012"! Meeting adjourned 7:30pm.

Next month's meeting: Wed, Feb. 8, 6:30 pm, T-Bonz, Hwy 17 Bypass at 21st Ave North, Myrtle Beach.

Dream Garage (cont.)

Get Organized This is a never-ending job for most of us but with careful planning, we can always improve on our current system. Tag parts or put them in bags that are marked. If you're like me, you think you'll always remember what that part is or what it went to, but when you stumble across it several months later, it's not always so clear!



Reexamine Shop Layout and Tool Location

When you rearrange your shop, consider what tools and machines go together to maximize efficiency.

Separate Clean and Dirty Areas Set up a clean area or separate room for engine, transmission and electrical assembly. Keep equipment that generates dirt, grit, dust and sparks away from everything if possible. Your cars finish will appreciate it!

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Gots and Wants

1973 MG Midget Engine for sale or trade. Contact Jim Smith for info at (843) 907-0178 or Casper1@scoast.net.

1975 MGB Silver Anniversary Edition for sale. John Twist rebuilt engine & interior, body panels 100% disassembled, refurbished, repainted, dual carb & cam conversion, stereo, XM radio, app. 113,000 miles. Ave. selling price approx. \$5k-6k. Will accept any offers in price range. Car must sell. Contact Dennis Pieschke at dpieschke@hotmail.com for pics.

1978 MGB for sale. Real good condition. \$7000.00. Come see it and make offer. Contact Rick Chandler at (843) 340-1017



Misc. Late TR3 / Early TR4 Parts new 2 each ball joint assemblies with nut & boot part # 200772 \$44 ea; new 4 each trans synchro rings part # 1X113431 ABOOIF9 \$41.60 set; new Lockheed rear brake hose part # GBH122 \$16; new Timken front bearing kit part # 07100-S, 7210X, 99401, 0393 \$80; used UNI-SYN Mod-A \$20; used SU Carb German Tuning Tool Set part # 885094 \$20; used very good condition chrome interior door handle part #608454 \$20; used good condition Jaeger 0-120mph speedo with glass & chrome trim ring \$75. Contact Ron at rpc5@sc.rr.com.

(Send your "Gots and Wants" to
BlackRiverExp@att.net)

Dream Garage (cont.)

Get Your Car in the Air This is the ultimate, but a rack to raise your car is not as expensive as you might think. It makes those undercar repairs so much easier and it also allows more space for storage. One of our members, Buddy Batson, wouldn't be able to store his collection of 7 British cars if it weren't for a rack to store one of them!



Control Temperature Adding a shop a/c or heater can make work much more pleasant and in our area, a small a/c unit can help keep the moisture level in the air lower, which prevents rust, mold and mildew.

Include Creature Comforts OK, I've got to admit this is where I really started salivating! Adding music, TV, wet bar and comfy chairs can turn your space into more of a man-cave. I'm not sure I would get more work done this way but it sure makes for a more pleasing environment!



Dream Garage (cont.)

Incorporate Car Guy Ambiance In one of the garages featured, the British cars compete for attention with cool automotive memorabilia. There are old British car event posters, a collection of car event posters, a collection of car badges, oil bottles, Castrol oil cans, gas station thermometers. Most of the neat stuff was found at garage sales and flea markets.

Make it Safe and Secure Don't forget safety equipment like a smoke detector, fire extinguisher and first aid kit. A security system or at least motion-triggered flood lights would be a nice addition also.



Well, that's a brief summary, but it's got my gears turning, and makes for a good project that will make my garage work more fun and pleasing to the eye - not to mention cutting down on the stress of trying to locate something I need. Perhaps your garage is already set up so perfectly that it needs no attention. If so, can we all come over and hang out?

Rod

My 10 Best Tools of All Time

by Jim Smith

1) **Duct Tape:** Not just a tool, but a veritable Swiss Army knife in stickum and plastic. It's safety wire, body material, radiator hose, upholstery, insulation, towrope, and much more in on easy-to-carry package. Sure, there's prejudice surrounding duct tape in concourse competitions, but in the real world everything from Le Mans-winning Porsches to Atlas rockets use it by the yard. The only thing that can get you out of more scrapes is a cell phone with a fully charged battery.

2) **Vice-Grips:** Equally adept as a wrench, hammer, pliers, bailing wire twister, breaker-off of frozen bolts, and wiggle-it-till-it-falls-off tool. The heavy artillery of your toolbox, Vice Grips are the only tool designed expressly to fix FUBARED things screwed up beyond repair.

3) **Spray Lubricants:** A cheaper alternative to new doors, alternators, and other squeaky items. Slicker than pig spit. Repeated soakings of WD-40 will allow the main hull bolts of the Andrea Dorea to be removed by hand. Strangely enough, in the integral part of these sprays is the infamous little red tube which will flies out of the nozzle if you look at it cross-eyes, one of the 10 worst tools of all time.

4) **Butter Tubs With Clear Lids:** If you spend all of your time under the hood looking for a frendle pin that bounced off the peddle valve when you knocked both off the air cleaner, it's because you eat Real mechanics

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10 Best Tools (cont.)

consume pounds of tasteless vegetable oil replicas, just so they can use the empty tubs for parts containers afterward. Unlike air cleaners and radiator clips, butter tubs aren't connected by a time/space, or wormholes, in the Parallel Universe of Lost nuts and bolts.

5) Big Rocks at the Side of the Road: Block up a tire. Smack corroded battery terminals. Pound out dents. Bop nosy know-it-all mechanic types on the noodle. Scientists have yet to develop a hammer that packs the raw banging power of granite or limestone rock. This is the only tool with which a "Made in China" statement is not synonymous with the user's wallet.

6) Plastic Zip Ties: After 20 years of lashing down stray hoses and wires with old bread ties, some genius brought a slightly slicked-up version to the auto parts market. Fifteen zip ties can transform a hulking mass of amateur-quality rewiring from a working model of the Brazilian rain forest into something remotely resembling a wiring harness. Of course, it works both ways. When buying used cars, subtract \$100 for reach zip tie under the hood.

7) Ridiculously Large Standard Screwdriver with Lifetime Guarantee: Let's face it. There's nothing better for prying, chiseling, lifting, breaking, splitting, or mutilating something than a huge, flat-bladed screwdriver, particularly when used with gusto and a big hammer. This is also the tool of choice for oil filters that are so insanely located they can only be removed by driving a stake in one side and out the other. If you break the screwdriver - and you will - who cares? It's guaranteed.

8) Bailing Wire: Commonly known as MG muffler brackets, bailing wire holds anything that's not too hot for tape or ties. Like duct tape, it's not recommended for concourse contenders since it works so well you'll never replace it with the right thing again. Bailing wire is a sentimental favorite in some circles particularly with the MG and Triumphs.

9) Bonking Stick: A monstrous club with devilishly pointy ends. Once every decade, if you're lucky, other than medieval combat, it is used as an all purpose applicator of force. Not unlike the huge flat-bladed screwdriver. Nature doesn't know any bent metal or frozen exhaust pipes that can stand up to a good bonking stick. (It can also be used to separate tie-rod ends in a pinch, of course, but does a lousy job of it.)

10) A Cell Phone With A Fully Charged Battery: See #1 above.

Coming Events Lined Up On the Starting Grid

28-Jan-2012, Sat, 11:00 am "Second Anniversary GSBCC Party" with Cape Fear British Car Club & British Car Club Charleston at Ole Bull & Bush Pub & Eatery, Hwy 17 Bypass just south of MB Airport. Doors open at 10:00 am for show parking.

13-15-Apr-2012 "The Gathering", Dobson NC, sponsored by TR Carolina Club includes TSD rally & concours. Maybe group drive?

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 Garage 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.





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 1st 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!

British Motor Club of the Cape Fear

"HAPPENINGS"



Another Year bites the dust...

BMCCF CHILI, Chowder & DESSERT COOK-OFF

Saturday, February 11, 2012 is scheduled for the annual BMCCF Chili, Chowder & Dessert Cook-off at Seapath Yacht Club,

Seapath Marina , 328 Causeway Drive, Wrightsville Beach, NC

**CHILI & Chowder tasting begins at 6:30 PM SHARP!! - YOU
MAY ARRIVE FOR SET UP ANY TIME AFTER 5:30 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.**

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

Joanne and John Foster will be hosting the event.

**Please RSVP by Friday 2-10-12, call
910.270.7050 or e-mail
fosterhousejj@bellsouth.net**

Look for the BMCCF Banner in the parking lot!





SAVE THE DATE!

**MG2012 June 6-10, 2012
Dillard, Georgia**

The Peachtree MG Registry will host the
NAMGBR Annual Gathering @
The Dillard House
In the mountains of North Georgia

*Inviting all NAMGBR members(MGB, Midget & 1100/1300
owners) and other types of British Cars and Motorcycles*

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