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Next Month's Meeting

09-May-2020 Saturday, Monthly Meeting, Mulligan's Sports Bar and Restaurant, 1359 Hwy. 17, Little River, S.C. (Watch your email and social media for updates as to whether this will happen or not.)

Guests Are Always Welcome!

Website: www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com

Calendar of Events:

www.Google.com/calendar/embed?src=hub1tpsOrnea57ejo3197oo0@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York&gsessionid=OK

FaceBook:

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

The Prez Sez

by Rod Smith, President

Greetings fellow shut-ins! I trust all of you are doing well and doing your part to help us stomp out the Coronavirus. One thing you can do to help out, is leave some Clorox wipes on the shelves for me so the next time Myrna and I go to the store, we can actually buy some.

As you have probably noticed on the club calendar, we have cancelled our April meeting and it is highly likely we won't have a May meeting either. The plan right now, is to re-schedule our visit to Lamb Performance, followed by lunch at The Trestle. When will that be? Who knows, but you will be notified via email, Facebook and it will be posted on the club's calendar on the website as well. A number of car shows have been cancelled as well as other events. I noticed where Harley Davidson is postponing their Spring Rally for one big Fall rally the week of the 5th in October. Right now, our annual BRITFEST is scheduled for October 3rd and with a little luck, we will still have it. A lot depends on the virus so we'll just have to wait and see.

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In a recent email, I made the suggestion to get out in the fresh air with the top down and I heard from a number of you who are doing just that. One of our members, Joel Carnosso, suggested that we do a drive without congregating. Just a way to get out and blow off some steam without getting in close contact. I think its a great idea and will be working on something for possibly later on this month. In the meantime, please stay healthy and enjoy the beautiful Spring weather - hopefully, with the top down.



GSBCC Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 11, 2020

The Trestle Bakery, Conway, SC

by Patsy Hoch, Secretary

CANCELED

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Roll in the British Bikes

by Rod Smith, President



I ran over to see what they were and was fascinated by all of the cool stuff spread out in front of me. Wheels, chains, shiny paint and chrome oh my! I was in awe and probably had my mouth hanging wide open. I was about to start asking questions when I was ordered to "get back over here!" Yes Sir! But it was too late, I was hooked.

A few months later we visited some friends of my parents and I was thrilled to discover that they had two motorcycles. They were Honda 50's which were nowhere near what I had recently seen but I got to ride on the back of one! They were pretty wimpy, with a "buzz" compared to the roar of the Harleys and Triumphs but the thrill of being in the saddle was like no other experience I had ever had. All of this set-in motion a lifetime interest in motorcycles. (see **Roll In** next page)



My step-father took all of us to the self-car wash, probably to give my mother a break, as he had never done this before. This was circa 1962 in Los Angeles, California where we lived for a few years due to a transfer. I was 8 and anything mechanical, but in particular, things with wheels, was interesting to me so the car wash provided some interesting stuff to check out. I was busy looking at the hoses and sprayers when a loud roar got my attention. About 6 choppers rolled into the parking lot. They had tall handlebars, wore vests and jeans with boots. Whoa, what's this all about?

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As I grew up, there were mini-bikes, motorized bicycles and go-karts. Throughout my teens and beyond, I had a variety of bikes of various sizes and designs. From dirt bikes to street bikes, 90 cc's to 1200 cc's, American to Japanese, they all fed my appetite for the speed and freedom you get. In the mid-70's I worked at Yamaha of Columbia in Columbia, S.C. and as a salesperson, handled a huge variety of bikes and rode everyone I touched. But as time went on, life got in the way and there was a hiatus from always having two wheels close by. I stumbled across a Harley in the 80's that was too good to pass up. I immediately tore it down and rebuilt it so everything would work properly. When my Dad saw it, he said: "You and your brother are the only ones I know that will tear down a motah-sickle as soon as you get it".

the 60's and this one has been completely restored. The motor was rebuilt from the sludge trap out, new paint and all hardware was restored to its original patina. I call it "Woodstock" since it was born the same year as the iconic concert in upstate New York and the SC license plate reads WDSTOK. Incidentally, Warren Bender and Lou Hipp both attended Woodstock so ask them about it the next time you see them! If they were there, they probably don't remember it.



Last year, a 1967 Triumph Tiger was added to Gasoline Alley. This is an all original bike with low miles and aside from a little oil that leaks occasionally, is in really great shape. A few months later, a 1969 Triumph Bonneville was added to the collection. The Bonneville as most everyone knows, was the quintessential bike of



The two Triumphs don't get near the exercise they should, but I get them out as often as I can. When I head off down the road, I can feel that grin creep across my face and all of life's troubles just melt away. The wind, the sound and the feeling take me back, back to that place that started in 1962 where the seed was planted. It's a feeling that some of you probably get too and I hope this article kindles a spark in you that further ignites your passion.

I'm hoping to see more bikes at our club meetings and shows so if you've got a bike tucked away, please bring it out for all of us to see! You just might light a spark for a young kid standing a few yards away that gets hooked.

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Upcoming Club Events & Meeting Locations

(dates & locations subject to change)

09-May-2020 Saturday, Monthly Meeting, Mulligan's Sports Bar and Restaurant, 1359 Hwy. 17, Little River, S.C. **(Maybe)**



02-Oct-2020 Friday evening, **Britfest Reception Party**, The Market Common, Myrtle Beach, SC.

03-Oct-2020 Saturday, 9:00 a.m., GSBCC Eighth Annual "**Britfest at The Market Common**", annual car show, Myrtle Beach, SC.



Other Events of Special Interest

17-19-Apr-2020 Annual "Gathering of the Faithful South", Mission Inn, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida. www.GOFSouth.com. **CANCELED**

Apr-2020 South Central British Car Gathering, Dobson, NC, **CANCELED** (Next year's dates are 16-18-Apr-2021)

1-2-May-2020 Annual "Brits at the Battleship", Wilmington, NC, **CANCELED**

16-May-2020 Annual Triangle British Classic Car Show, North Hills Mall, Raleigh, NC. www.ncmgcarclub.org



23-May-2020 Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club Car Show, Furman Univ., Greenville, SC. www.sbmoc.com. **CANCELED**



22-24-May-2020 Sandhills Motoring Festival, Pinehurst, NC, featuring MG and Jaguar. www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com



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24-Oct-2020 Annual British Car Days sponsored by BCCC, Palmetto Island County Park, Mt. Pleasant, SC. For more info go to



www.BritishCarClubCharleston.com.

30-Oct-01-Nov-2020, 29-31-Oct-2021

Savannah Speed Classic as part of the Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival in partnership with Sportscar Vintage Racing Assoc. (SVRA) at the Grand Prize of America Road Course.



07-Nov-2020 (rescheduled from 08-Apr-2020) Cars on Kiawah, Kiawah Island Motoring Retreat. www.carsonkiawah.com.



06-08-Nov-2020, 05-07-Nov-2021 Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d' Elegance at Port Royal Golf Club, 9am-4pm, Car Club Showcase Saturday and Concours d'Elegance on Sunday. More information at www.hhiconcours.com.



If you are planning to attend a show, race, or rally event and are looking for someone with whom to caravan for safety (or need someone behind you to pick up the pieces that fall off your Brit buggy as you hold up traffic on the Interstate), then send your contact info and plans in an email to the newsletter editor Wm.C.Unger@gmail.com and it will be posted here.



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Whole Cars For Sale

1979 Triumph Spitfire 1500 (photo below) Low miles, service records, solid. Reduced to \$6500 OBO. Call Janice Heilman tel (843) 650-4617 or email jheilman@horrycountyschools.net. (Mar-18)



1979 Triumph Spitfire (photos below) Now reduced to \$10,995 OBO. Contact Jim Hendricks tel (704) 564-7988 or email jimhendrickaas@live.com. (Oct-17)



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Whole Cars for Sale (cont.)

1968 MGB (photos below) Complete car, barn kept, in need of total restoration. All numbers match on this original '68 4 cylinder, dual carb B with left hand drive and extra wire rims. I know the history from 1975 to present. Asking \$2500. Contact Russell Greene 843.602.1644 or rmgreene1971@gmail.com. (Jun-18)



1975 MGB \$7,300 FIRM (photos below)

Personal circumstances require me to offer for sale my long time ride. I am the sole owner. I have put 135,000 miles on her. I had the engine rebuilt in 2010 when it had 121,000 miles. This IS NOT a show car. This is a DAILY RIDE. Exterior and interior are in very good condition. Mechanically sound. Currently garage kept. PLEASE ONLY serious inquires via text or phone Rusty Ruszin at 410-858-6973. (Mar-19)



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Whole Cars for Sale (cont.)

1963 Austin Healey 3000 BJ7 (photos below) One of most beautiful cars ever built, a proven concours winner and also a great driver. Finished in 2005, it has been in many top shows around the country and featured in several magazines. Second owner since new. Recent service and ready to go. Detailed photos at www.flickr.com/photos/pbraun/albums/72157602727116380. Now for sale - No tire kickers please this is the real thing. \$80,000. Contact Peter Braun at prbraun1@gmail.com.



1980 MGB (photo below) Orange with black top and interior. \$6700. Contact Bill Morris (843) 907-0320 (Jul-18)



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Whole Cars for Sale (cont.)

1978 MG-B (photos below) Soft top, landau, original hardtop, new battery, good tires, CD player. Carpeting is good, no holes. Everything except clock works. Garage kept, no rust. Asking \$7500, negotiable. Located in Murrells Inlet. Contact Nancy Young nancy16@sccoast.net. (Jul-2019)



1997 Jaguar XK8 Coupe (photos below) Brooklands Green, tan interior. DOHC 4.0L V8 290 hp, ZF 6-speed, 178k miles. Replaced ECM, TB, PS pump & hoses, heater hoses, headlamp reflectors & lenses, brakes, shock absorbers, battery. Upgraded metal thermostat housing and timing chain tensioners, rear silencer delete. Replaced seat leather, repainted body, refinished wheels, CD service manual, car cover. \$6500 Contact Bill Unger wm.c.unger@gmail.com or 843-527-7840. (Jan-20)



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Whole Cars for Sale (cont.)

1958 Austin Healey BN6 (2-Seater)

(photos below) Rust free, fully restored 18 yrs ago, \$50k restoration receipts. Driven very few miles since. Old English white, red interior (kit cost \$2200), new gas tank, SS exhaust, Moto-Lita steering wheel, new Vredestein Classic tires. Parked 10 years ago so will need brakes and cooling system gone through. Asking \$38.5k. Contact Bill Walton tel. 704-299-7462, email bill.walton@mac.com (Mar-20)



1970 MGB Roadster \$8,000 (photo below)

65,500 miles, matching numbers, no rust, needs paint. In 2019: engine rebuilt; brake, clutch, fuel, cooling systems replaced; new Webber carb; new electronic ignition; new alternator; new carpet, top, tonneau. All original parts go with car. Car in Calabash, NC. Contact Lloyd Price, tel. 904-206-9883, email lloydprice1947@yahoo.com. (Mar-20)



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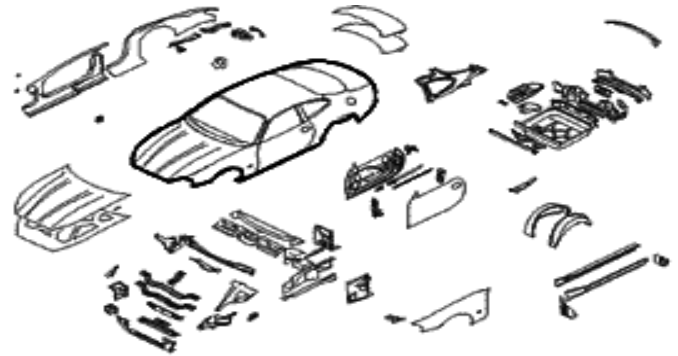
Whole Cars for Sale (cont.)

1980 MGB LE (photo below) 44k mile car purchased from the original owner. All docs since new including the window sticker, restoration/service receipts. Always garaged, beautiful "Triple Black LE" car that is an excellent driver needs nothing. Just reduced to \$10,950. Recent service inc. oil, chassis, trans, gearbox & rear end lube, new tires & cooling system, valve adjust, carb refurbished, lower control arm bushings, new radio/CD player & speakers. More info at <https://myrtlebeach.craigslist.org/cto/d/ocean-isle-beach-1980-mg-mgb-le-the/7082735313.html>. Email Johnny Shumate at jshumateiii@aol.com or tel. (224) 419-2503 (Mar-20)



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Bits 'n' Pieces



For Sale - Four Speed Transmission for 1975-1980 MGB \$450. Contact Bill Morris at (843) 907-0320. (Apr-14)

Wanted - MGB Parts 1970 to 1972 NOS "Fishmouth" grille parts, any used hood finisher for the same grille. Call Jim @ (704) 564-7988 or email jimhendrickaas@live.com. (Jul-17)

For Sale - Triumph Transmission Overdrive tranny with all parts to install for a 1500 Triumph Spitfire. Cash Offer. Call Jim Hendricks at (704) 564-7988 or email jimhendrickaas@live.com. (Nov-18)

Wanted - Nice Triumph TR6 I live in Myrtle Beach and a former Triumph owner. Call Buzz McCarthy (617) 510-4953 or email Buzzmc2013@gmail.com. (Aug-19)

For Sale - Vintage License Plates Thieves Market, 1820 E Palmetto St., Florence, 843-664-8103 (Jan-20)

