



Broad River European Motor Club News

Goal is to send this electronically each month. Printed copies available at meetings.
Any ideas for a name for the newsletter? Send an e-mail to Jack Weller with your suggestion.



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REFLECTING ON 2009 LOOKING FORWARD TO 2010

It does not seem like a year has past. This time last year, we were talking about starting a club for European vehicles. In less than a year we have become a very active organization with over 70 members.

I want to thank each of you who has participated in our Club activities, recruited members, and worked to make the Club a success.

In particular, I want to thank the officers and committee chairs who took leadership roles in making events and activities occur.

As we celebrate Christmas and prepare for the New Year, may you continue to be blessed with good health, good weather, and time to enjoy your car.

Tom Greene President



JANUARY MEETING BRITISH HERITAGE MOTOR CENTRE COME TO OUR MEETING AT OWL'S EYE WINERY

The January meeting of the **BREMC** will be held on Thursday, January 7 starting at 6:30pm.

The meal for our January meeting will be homemade soups prepared by Tom Greene and Margaret Harry. You will have your choice of Leak & Potato soup or Chicken Tomato Basil soup and corn bread. The program for the evening will be Don Byrnes sharing with us about his trip to the British Heritage Motor Centre Museum. Please e-mail **Jack Weller** that you will be attending to get a rough count. wsweller@aol.com Not sure of the cost

At the December meeting, our meal was prepared by members of the **Marine Corps League**. They had two military vehicles on display and spoke about their activities. **Raymond Horton** and **Larry Hammond, Foothills Chapter, Marine Corps League**, gave an overview of their organization. **Larry** shared that they provide support to families of military families that are deployed, sponsor the annual JROTC competition at the Cleveland Mall each year, **Toys for Tots**, and Socks for Troops.

Thank You to Club members who contributed funds or a toy to the **Toys for Tots** campaign.

IDEAS FOR 2010 ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Ideas for Events, Programs and Activities:

Participate in Art on the Square in April

Afternoon at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens

Produce our own Car Calendar with events, meeting dates, birthdays, anniversaries, other important events on the calendar

Road Rally to local Revolutionary War battlefields – from Cowpens to Kings Mountain.

History of Cleveland County and the Automobile

Technical session

Road Trip to the Piedmont Club in Spartanburg

Support Relay for Life or cancer patients

BREMC sponsor a car show at Owls Eye Winery – similar to Shelton Show or as part of Carolina Trophy Road Rally

Feature a marquee and the members who own those cars – Mercedes Night; Porsche Parade

Participate at EURO AUTO FEST in October -- sponsor rally on Friday

Participate in Christmas Parades

Share our suggestions to the meeting or e-mail to Jack Weller
wsweller@aol.com or Don Byrnes at

OFFICERS OF BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN MOTOR CLUB

Officers

Tom Greene, president;
Jack Weller, vice president
Cindy Carlisle, secretary / treasurer

Committees and Chairs

Steering Committee - Don Byrnes, Chair
Technical Support Committee – Evan Amaya, Chair
Membership Committee – Doug Carlisle, Chair
Program Committee – Jack Weller, Chair
Events Committee – Don Byrnes, Chair
Marketing & Communications – Jack Weller, Chair

BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN MOTOR CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the
Broad River European Motor Club is
To encourage and promote the preservation
and enjoyment of European cars,
To conduct educational and social events, and
To involve the group
In community, civic, and charitable events.

Happy New Year

Communications is an important part of any organization. The newsletter is published monthly
to encourage and to promote events, to share activities and information,
to introduce members to the love of cars,
to involve you in helping others and to celebrate our successes.

If you have ideas for articles or want to let us know how you like the newsletter, e-mail Jack at wsweller@aol.com



2009 CLUB EVENTS IN REVIEW

FROM CONCEPT TO REALITY

What started as a dream among several European Car enthusiasts has turned into a very active and growing organization. Looking back at notes, newsletters, and Club minutes, we have accomplished much in our first year. Here is a quick trip down memory lane for those of us with short term memory loss.

FIRST JOB –WHAT IS OUR NAME

Over the first several months of the year, we met to discuss the Club name, learn more about pitfalls of other car clubs and ideas on how to be successful. One of our first meetings had **Barry Harms**, chief judge for **Euro Auto Festival** and past officer in several car clubs, speak to the club.



The Club newsletter sent electronically became a valuable tool to collect ideas, suggestions, and thoughts from members on a Club name, structure and activities.

STEERING TEAM SET STRUCTURE

The Steering Committee was formed to develop a mission statement, organizational structure, by-laws, membership requirements and other tasks relative to giving direction to the Club. Under the leadership of **Don Byrnes**, Club officers: **Tom Greene**, **Cindy Carlisle**, and **Jack Weller**, and committee chairs; **Doug Carlisle**, **Richard Kingston**, and **Evan Amaya**, as well as **Jeff Cox**, **Greg Casel**, **Margaret Harry**, and **Roger Goodling** we have a formal organization.

APRIL -- CAR SHOW AT MERRY-GO-ROUND FESTIVAL



Tom Greene coordinated our first public show as part of the regional festival at Shelby City Park to celebrate the **Merry-Go-Round Festival**.



MAY -- TECH SESSION ON OILS

Evan Amaya hosted a tech session at **Reborn** to educate members on the changes in motor oil composition and change in additives and the effect it has on your antique car.



Margaret Harry sponsored a Ladies Night to shop while the guys were at **Reborn**

JUNE -- TRIP TO STOWE GARDENS

In June, several members displayed their cars at **Stowe Botanical Gardens** in Gastonia. Also, we had Club members at **British Car Days South** held in Concord.

JULY -- CELEBRATING OUR NATION'S INDEPENDANCE



Richard Kingston enjoys the Ellenboro Independence Day Parade. **Wilbur Wright** coordinated arrangements for Club members. **Dennis Davis** worked with the Lattimore parade to have Club members participate.

CAROLINA TROPHY AT LAKE LORE



Club members were active working with the **Carolina Trophy Road Rally** held at Lake Lore.

Evan Amaya served as chief mechanic for the event and other Club members assisted with the rally over the five days of the event.

CLUB MEMBERS WIN AT EURO AUTO FESTIVAL

At the **Euro Auto Festival** held at the **BMW** plant in South Carolina, over 500 cars registered, **BREMC** members' cars were recognized in the competition. **Tom Greene** and **Doug Carlisle** won two of the six corporate awards while others won awards for their class.

