

The Rear View Mirror

News about **BREMC**-- Any ideas for the newsletter? Send an e-mail to Jack Weller with your suggestions.

February 2nd
NEXT MEETING
Deer Brook Golf Course
Shelby

February 2017

Broad River European Motor Club

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

Volume IX Number 02

FEBRUARY MEETING

Join us **Thursday, February 2nd at Deer Brook Golf Course and Restaurant** off Post Road, Shelby for our January Planning Meeting. April 29th is our show date – things need to be happening to be ready.

E-MAIL YOUR DINNER RESERVATION

Please e-mail **Jim Morgan**, president, that you will be attending so that he may let the restaurant know how many to prepare for the meal by **TUESDAY NOON**.

Jim's e-mail address is jimmorgan1954@charlotte.twcbc.com

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 14

A few cards to consider for your sweetheart.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Sorry, I know it's a cheap joke on an old movie but it is cold and rainy outside and I'm bored.

Speaking of Groundhog Day, that's the date of our next meeting and I hope to see everyone there on February 2. Another great meal is planned and I'm sure we'll have great fellowship.

The executive committee has some recommendations for donations to close out last year's European Motor Car Classic and we need to update our plans for this year.

Also, if you haven't done so already, *please get your dues to Cindy*. You may mail them to our Post Office Box. BREMC Box 1263 Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

This is typically a blah sports week: no football, no basketball of any consequence and baseball is still a few months away. BUT, race season starts this Saturday, January 28 at 2:30 pm when the green flag drops on the *Rolex 24 at Daytona*.

I don't know about you but I love this kind of racing. Some friends and I would buy all access passes to the IMSA races in Charlotte and thoroughly enjoyed watching the races from every angle. The whoosh of the *Porsches*, the whistle of the *Jaguars* and the roar of the *Ferraris* as they passed was unforgettable. I've got a lot of good pictures and memories from those races. At *Road Atlanta* we watched a good bit of a race from behind the guardrail on the outside of Turn 1 where had there been a wreck it would have ruined our day. Apparently youth and beer was involved. Maybe we can get a group together for the races in Atlanta this fall. I will try to have some info at our next meeting.

See Everyone on the 2nd.

Jim

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 please send by the 20th of the month. If not received in a timely manner, item may not make newsletter that month.

Goal is to send newsletter the Friday before our regular meeting. Let us know how you like the newsletter, e-mail **Jack** at wsweller@aol.com

BREMC OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

President – *The Honorable James Morgan, presiding **

Vice President – *Alan Teague **

Secretary / Treasurer – *Cindy Carlisle **

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Car Show Co-Directors – *John Salazar & Bob Cabaniss*

Historian – *Cindy Carlisle*

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* Executive Committee Member

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

WEATHER CO-OPERATING

COFFEE, CARS & CONVERSATION

BRUCE HARLESS INVITES YOU TO COME ON A

SATURDAY MORNING TO

LILY BEAN COFFEE SHOP

ON THE COURT SQUARE – SHELBY, NC

MEET SOME GREAT PEOPLE

TALK CARS

GROUP MEETS FROM 8AM TO 10AM

CHARLOTTE CARS & COFFEE

First Saturday of the Month

Cars & Coffee Charlotte, NC

CARS & COFFEE OF THE UPSTATE

Fourth Saturday of the Month

Visit them on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/CarsCoffeeUpstate?fref=ts>

Cars & Coffee of the Upstate -- Greenville, SC

BRITS & BREW CHARLOTTE

Second Saturday of the Month

Old Mecklenburg Brewery

Triumph Club of the Carolinas and

Healy Club of the Carolinas have this as a monthly event in their newsletters

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=brits%20and%20brews>

2017 Meetings / Events Calendar

The 2017 Calendar is updated as Events are sent to be posted. 2016 Events are listed in yellow awaiting a 2017 event date verification.

DATE	Meeting / Event
JANUARY	2017
1	BREMC New Year's Day Drive on the Little Lizard
5	BREMC Monthly Meeting
FEBRUARY	
2	BREMC Monthly Meeting
MARCH	
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25	11th Annual BMW/Porsche Swap Meet: Matthews, NC http://sandlapperbmw.org/?tribe_events=11th-annual-bmw-porsche-swap-meet
APRIL	
1	Carolina British Classics XI, Columbia Speedway, http://www.bccmc.com/Home_Page.php
6	BREMC Monthly Meeting
	Pennzoil Auto Fair – Charlotte, NC
	Clifford's Army Rescue
22	The Gathering Shelton Vineyards http://www.triumphclub.org/Gathering/index.html
29	Broad River European Classic www.broadriveremc.com
MAY	
4	BREMC Monthly Meeting
13	18th Annual British Car Show-Wrightsville Beach Park
19-21	The BMW Vintage (for specified older Bimmers) Asheville & Hot Springs, NC -- http://www.athevintage.com/
19-21	Carlisle Import Car Show/AutoJumble Carlisle, PA http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/carlisle-import-and-performance-nationals/default.aspx
28	Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club (car show Furman University in conjunction with Greenville Scottish Games http://www.sbmoc.com/great-scol/
JUNE	
1	BREMC Monthly Meeting
3-4	VIR HSR Historic vintage race http://virnow.com/events/historic-sportscar-racing/
8-11	Highlands Motoring Festival Highlands, NC http://highlandsmotoringfestival.com/
21-24	Triumph Registry National Meet in Columbus, Indiana See John Long for details http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/
	Rock Barn European Classic
JULY	
4	INDEPENDENCE Day Parade -- LATTIMORE
6	BREMC Monthly Meeting
AUGUST	
3	BREMC Monthly Meeting
	Healey Club of the Carolinas Mountain Trip Contact Treasure Teague or Chuck Reeves for info.
26	Classic Boat and Car Show- Trump Nat'l Golf Course 10-3-Mooresville
SEPTEMBER	
7	BREMC Monthly Meeting
	The Auto Lawn Party – Hickory www.theautolawn.com to register.
	DAVID WILSON ROLLIN' & ROCKN' PASS THE GIFT http://rollinandrockinpass.thegift.com/
	Steele Rubber Company Open House www.steelerubber.com
	Auto Fair – Charlotte, NC http://www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets/autofair_fall/
17	Autumn in the Mountains BCCWC Hendersonville, NC http://www.autumninthemountains.org/
23-24	VIR (Virginia International Raceway) Gold Cup Races MG's on the Green Harrisburg, NC http://www.metrolinamcclub.com/mgs-on-the-green.html
OCTOBER	
5	BREMC Monthly Meeting
7	Britfest at the Market Common Myrtle Beach- http://grandstrandbritishcarclub.com/
20	BREMC Sponsored Wine Tours part of Euro Auto Festival
21	Euro Auto Festival The Preserve at Verdae Greenville, NC Shelby Senior Center Car Show
NOVEMBER	
2	BREMC Monthly Meeting
4-5	Hilton Head SC-Concours d'elegance
DECEMBER	
7	BREMC Christmas Party SHELBY CHRISTMAS PARADE https://uptownshelby.com/events/christmas-parade

BREMC Meetings & Christmas Party will be at Deer Brook Golf Course Restaurant, unless otherwise posted.

BREMC JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 5, 2017

Held at Deer Brook Golf Course and Restaurant

The BREMC met on January 5th, 2017 at Deer Brook Country Club. **Jim Morgan** presided. **Mac McCuen** gave the invocation. There were 27 members present and 3 guests. A moment of silence in memory of David Wilson.

There is approximately \$2000.00 in our treasury at this time. Please pay your dues of \$25.00 as soon as possible.

We need at least 30 members present to get the rate that we now have with **Deer Brook Restaurant**. The executive Board will meet with Leisa to make new arrangements and reduce the people count for us. Please pay before you leave as this has caused problems in the past.

Our 2017 **European Motor Car Classic** will be held on **April 29th**. **Bob Cabaniss** and **John Salazar** are our new Co-Chairs for the show. John read a list of needs for the show. **Please notify Bob or John as soon as possible and let them know where you would like to serve this year.**

Bob and Cindy Cabaniss announced that they are selling tickets for the “**Teddy Bear and Friends**” special event coming up. The tickets are \$12 dollars each.

Again, we salute **Jack Weller** for the excellent job he does with our newsletter! Thanks Jack!

Curt Holland gave us a play by play of our **New Year’s Day Drive**. As **Randy Dillingham** described it, “It may not have been the tail of the Dragon, but it was close to the Little Lizard.” The **VERY** curvy roads that we drove on were.... fun...I think! We joined with the Blue Ridge club and dined at LaStrada at Lake Lure.

It was requested that we place another order for **BREMC** shirts with our logo. If you are interested, please contact **Doug Carlisle**. Caps are still available for purchase.

Our guest speaker was **Craig Root** from the Ashville area and the **BMWCC**. He gave us information about his club and some of the events they are involved in with BMW. One was a trip to the BMW plant in Greer to tour the plant and another time to visit the Performance Center. Craig offered to keep us informed about BMW and western Carolina events.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Cindy Carlisle
Secretary/Treasurer

**REMINDER
2017
DUES
ARE DUE
PLEASE PAY
CINDY CARLISLE**

**VOLUNTEER YOUR HELP WITH THE
CLASSIC ON APRIL 29th**

Bob Cabaniss and **John Salazar** have stepped up to lead this event and all of us need to help out.

There are lots of activities that are worked on before the day of the show.

If you are interested in getting sponsors, contacting other Clubs about our show, or working on some of the administrative details, send Bob or John and e-mail and let them know you will help.

The day of the show they will need help with set-up and signs, Registration, parking cars, baskets and raffles and letting people know we appreciate them being at our show.

WILL PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL SEE HIS SHADOW?

Groundhog Day falls on February 2 in the United States, coinciding with *Candlemas*. It is a part of popular culture among many Americans and it centers on the idea of the groundhog coming out of its home to “predict” the weather. The Groundhog Plays An Important Role On Groundhog Day. ©Istockphoto.Com/David P. Lewis Retrieved From The Internet at <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/groundhog-day>

What Do People Do?

Groundhog Day is a popular observance in many parts of the United States. Although some states have in some cases adopted their own groundhogs, the official groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, lives at Gobbler’s Knob near Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The town has attracted thousands of visitors over the years to experience various Groundhog Day events and activities on February 2.

The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club plays an important role in organizing Groundhog Day in the town. Club members, news reporters, locals, and



visitors meet at Gobbler’s Knob on February 2 each year to await Phil’s appearance and his weather prediction. Pennsylvania’s governor has been known to attend Groundhog Day ceremonies. Many weather researchers questioned the groundhog’s accuracy in predicting the weather, but some of the groundhog’s fans may not agree.

Public Life

Groundhog Day is an observance but it is not a public holiday in the United States. However, areas around parks and some streets may be busy or congested in towns, such as Punxsutawney, where Groundhog Day events are popular.

Roots in Nature

Thousands of years ago when animalism and nature worship were prevalent, people in the area of Europe now known as Germany believed that the badger had the power to predict the coming of spring. They watched the badger to know when to plant their crops. By the time the first German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania they probably understood that this was not true but the tradition continued.

Unfortunately, there were not many badgers in Pennsylvania so the groundhog was substituted for the badger. Tradition has it that if the groundhog sees its shadow on February 2 it will be frightened by it and will then return to its burrow, indicating that there will be 6 more weeks of winter. If it does not see its shadow, then spring is on the way.

Punxsutawney Phil

Punxsutawney held its first Groundhog Day in the United States in the 1800s. The first official trek to Gobbler’s Knob was made on February 2, 1887. It is said that Punxsutawney Phil (the groundhog) was named after King Phillip. He was called Br’er Groundhog prior to being known as Phil. [Canada](#) also celebrates Groundhog Day.



The movie “Groundhog Day” from 1993, starring comedian Bill Murray, made Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania famous worldwide. The film's plot added new meaning to the term “Groundhog Day” as something that repeats itself endlessly. President Jim Morgan is correct on the premise of the movie.

SHARE THE STORY ABOUT YOUR CAR IN THE NEWSLETTER

If you have a project or improvement that you done on your car and what to share what you have done, please send it to Jack Weller at wsweller@aol.com If you have pictures, please send them as JPG format as an attachment. It is difficult some times to get a compressed or ZIP file to open. This could be a monthly feature for the newsletter.