



# **Foothills British Car Club Newsletter August 2008**



## **Prez Report August**

**By Hap Waldrop, FBCC President**

Well it's been a couple of months since we had a newsletter, while my typing is weak and grammar and spelling even worse, I thought I would give it try. Maybe if I do a horrible enough job, it will convince one of our members to take this over from me. So by all means if you have any interest in becoming the FBCC newsletter editor let me know, it comes with a rather large salary and benefits package ☺ A lot has happened in the last few months - we've had a club event, with more club events around the corner, some changes to our overnight trip and meeting locations - needless to say plenty of happenings. As I enter the home stretch of my club presidency, I hope I have made your membership more enjoyable. The board will be meeting soon to establish the nominating committee for FBCC's board members and officers. Hopefully this process will give the club more time to approach members in amore relaxed fashion about being in club government, and for you all to approach the nominating committee about your desire to be nominated for a board or officer position. One thing being your president over this last year has taught me, is that it take volunteers to make all this happen, and we always need the influence of new thoughts and ideas from our members. So if you have something to offer our club in a leadership role, please let us know, you are the future direction of the FBCC.

## **MG 2008 Valley Forge, PA**

**Mary Jane and I set our sights on taking in this year's NAMGBR MG2008 in Valley Forge, PA. There were over 400 MGs in the show this year, over 200 MGs at the host hotel alone. This is a 4 day event which includes everything to make any LBC owner drool - museum tours, historic Philly tours, driving tours, dyno tuning session, tech sessions put on by John Twist and others, and last but not least a hospitality suite plentifully stocked with cold Old Speckled Hens. Anytime you get this many British car nuts in one place at one time, you are going to have a blast, and MJ and I did for sure. So if I had to sum it all up, we went to big ole party and a car show broke out. MG2009 will be Canada.**

**-Hap Waldrop**



**MG2008 show field**

## **FBCC first annual Valve cover races**

### **July 12<sup>th</sup> Garage MaHal**

**Eddie and Raylene Saunders graciously hosted this event, you could tell the amount of work they put into this FBCC event. The artwork Raylene did to the valve cover racer starting ramp was great, and Eddie put in a lot of grunt work to make this all happen. This was my first ever valve cover race and I barely had enough time to get a racer together, while others had engineering masterpieces to say the least. Eddie's Jag cam cover racer was awesome, and John Sharpe's Triumph TR6 valve cover racer showed his tool making talents with innovations like adjustable steering and adjustable ballast. Patti Shane also pulled out a secret weapon from the past - they retrieved a valve cover racer they had built years ago, when they were back up North at their previous home, where it now resides with the car club they were in there, and brought it to the races. Patti's racer proved that more isn't necessarily better, that little Midget valve cover would scoot to say the least. When the smoke cleared, John's super trick TR6 valve cover racer stormed to victory, raising the stakes for the rest of us for next years race. So get to work on your valve cover racers because this event is a blast, and John Sharpe has set the bar.**

We also held a tech session in which we worked on assembling Eddie's new MGB 1800 engine that will be going to put in his MGA coupe.

A big thank you to Eddie and Raylene for all their hard work, this was a great event, tons of fun, and hopefully this valve cover race will be the first of many to come in the future of the FBCC. -Hap Waldrop



Valve cover starting ramp



John and his rocket

## British Invasion AT CMP

November 15<sup>th</sup> at Carolina Motorsports Park Kershaw, SC

You asked for it in your member surveys, and hopefully this will deliver, a performance event in a safe and controlled atmosphere. This event will have a casual, no fuss car show with a few awards and prizes, and an advanced track session for our LBCs on the 2.2 mile road course at CMP with driving tips and instruction from CMP driving Instructors. We will plan a club convoy to get there. CMP is about 150 miles from Greenville. CMP has opened this event to other British car clubs, and all LBC owners. I've been getting emails and calls from folks as far away as Virginia and Alabama, so we should have a good turn out and this should be blast and a rare opportunity to get your street cars on a real race track. The car show is free, and the track session is only \$25 per car. For more details check the calendar at the FBCC's website.

-Hap Waldrop

## 24 Hours of LeMons

Carolina Motorsports Park

July 26-27

This is a goofy and cheap way to go have a great time with your buddies at the race track. The rules are simple - \$500 budget on your car, extra money is allowed for safety items like tires, brakes, roll bars and such, but \$500 is the limit for what you spend on your car and it's mechanicals. If you appeared to have exceeded this amount, the tech officials (dressed like British Judges) simply make you start the race with a negative lap count. One team in a Mazda Miata that looked to be stretching the \$500 rule a bit and got the worse

end of this penalty, having to start the race -200 laps down. Cars are adorned in goofy paint schemes - you name they had it - the cow car, dog car, animal house car, and more goofy themes than I could possibly list here. A few things shocked me about this race. It is not a crash fest, and if you misbehave on the track they deal with this (more details on that in a minute). Most of the cars ran better and longer than I thought they would and it's been a long time since I have seen that many people having that much fun at the track. If you got a little over aggressive on the track, you were black flagged and brought in where you were given a dart to throw at a board that had a list of penalties that you could suffer, like the "Max Mosley" in which you were paddled by two lovely girls dressed in sexy cop uniforms and then had to drink a cup of tea. If you were lucky and you got the "O.J" penalty, you got off scott free. FBCC's Eddie Saunders was in attendance as crew chief for the Joe Hooker's team and they finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of 80 or so entries. I'm planning to assemble a team for this event for 2009. -Hap Waldrop



Joe Hooker's LeMons race car

## Upcoming FBCC Event

# Shane's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Party

Date: Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> (rain date August 10<sup>th</sup>)

Time: 11:30 – until you are not having fun anymore

Place: Marty and Patty Shane's Home

152 Kokomo Way

Seneca, SC

864-718-0315

Call or email if you have any questions [pshane@charter.net](mailto:pshane@charter.net)

Please call or email us to let us know if you are attending

**Suggestions on what to bring:**

**Chair:** for which to sit on

**Hat:** for which to keep your hair or head cool, whichever applies 😊

**Sunglasses:** to keep your eyes safe

**Sunscreen:** to keep your skin safe

**Water shoes:** to keep your feet safe, if you want to go wadding

**Bathing suit:** for which to get wet in

**Towel:** for which to dry with

**Adult beverages (if you desire)** for which to make you smarter and more likeable 😊

For you that have never attended the Shane's summer party, it's a FBCC must attend event. The Shane's lovely home is located on Lake Keowee, in a private cove. They have a great dock for swimming and sun gazing, and wonderful shaded backyard. I have to say it is the FBCC event I look most forward to each year. With Chef Tuck (John Sharpe) manning the grill, and all the members homemade goodies, and Eddie "the swimming noodle" for entertainment, this is one FBCC event you don't want to miss.

-Hap Waldrop

## **FBCC Overnight Trip Update**

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> Dillsboro, NC

We just found out that due to the slowing economy and rising fuel cost the Great Smokey Mountain Railroad has canceled all gourmet dinner train rides for the season. While this is a disappointment, we have scheduled a very good alternative, dinner at the 553 restaurant in nearby Sylva, NC. The 553 restaurant was going to be my choice if I had not been able to get us on the train anyway. The 553 has great food, and live Jazz, full bar service. I know these folks will take good care of and show us great evening. I will be emailing you all soon for your entrée choices.

-Hap Waldrop

**EURO**  
AUTO FESTIVAL



## **Euro Auto Festival BMW Greer, SC**

**October 17-19**

This year's Euro Auto Festival will feature the cars of Sweden, and expect the Swedish cars to show up in force, they will even have a million mile Volvo at this year's show, wish we could make that kind of claim with one of our LBCs ☺ The FBCC will again be a big part of the 2008 Euro Auto Festival, selling Euro apparel, hosting the hospitality suite, running registration, parking cars on the show field and may other duties it take to put on this great event. We will need the volunteer help of our members to staff these areas. Euro is a event our club founded, and Euro roots run deep in FBCC's history, so with your help we can make this the best Euro ever.

Hap's favorite thing to do at Euro:

**Hospitality Suite:** a fun place to visit or volunteer, free food and drink, a silent auction, and Euro apparel offered for sale.

**The Show:** lots of European automotive eye candy, vendors, food, drink and live music.

**The BMW Performance Center:** You get to drive the wheels off the best BMW has to offer, and it goes to a good cause, the American Red Cross. Events range from the rat race (my favorite), wet/dry skid pad, road course, and off road.

**SCCA Autocross:** BMWs on autocross course

**The Saturday banquet:** always great speakers, good food and great times.

**Sunday Rally:** This year the rally will be revamped to be the best one ever, this is a fun rally, that you and your navigator will enjoy.

-Hap Waldrop

## **Events Calendar**

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** (FBCC event) Shane's Summer Party (see above article)

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** FBCC monthly meeting, Palmetto Grill Anderson

**September 9<sup>th</sup>** FBCC monthly meeting, Italian Market and Grill Greenville

**September 27<sup>th</sup>** (FBCC) Annual overnight trip Dillsboro, NC

September 27<sup>th</sup> BCCWWNC's Autumn in the Mountains Car Show  
(this event's date has been changed as well as the location)

October 5<sup>th</sup> British Carolina Classics Car Show Columbia, SC

October 14<sup>th</sup> FBCC monthly meeting, Anderson location TBA

October 17-19<sup>th</sup> Euro Auto Festival, BMW Greer, SC

November 11<sup>th</sup> FBCC monthly meeting, Italian Market and Grill, Greenville

November 15<sup>th</sup> British Invasion at CMP Kershaw, SC

(The chili cook off will be rescheduled)

December 13<sup>th</sup> FBCC Christmas party @ the Phoenix Inn in Greenville

## Important Notice

### New Anderson Meeting Location



Palmetto Grill  
3823 Hwy 81  
Anderson, SC  
864-760-0192

Please show your thanks to the Palmetto Grill for hosting our FBCC August monthly meeting, by bringing your appetite. Doug has put a link on the FBCC's website on the homepage for driving directions to the Palmetto Grill.



## *Classifieds*

FBCC related items for sales (hats, shirts, etc.) contact Jean Ashworth  
@ 864-226-3846

FBCC Posters for sale (same as the background on the FBCC's website)  
\$20 each contact Bill Manning @ 864-934-2760

5 Point racing harness, good for autocross or street, not legal for racing, 5 years old \$50 OBO, Bell SA racing helmet, size 7 1/2 , white \$40 good for autocross, not legal for racing. Contact Gene McOmber 864-944-6037

For Sale; MGB 4 syncro 4 speed transmission, direct replacement for 1968-1980 MGB \$100 OBO

Superlite Alloy wheels for all makes of cars, bolt-on and spline drive (for cars with spoke wheels) Available in silver or charcoal. Call Hap Waldrop at 864-370-3000 (days) FBCC club discount.

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