



December 2008



The Lugnut



Northwestern, North Carolina

Another reminder that we should all keep things in their proper perspective.

I had considered not publishing the Lugnut this month; you know everyone is busy preparing to celebrate the holidays, etc. But, a couple of things have happened which deserve our attention.

By now I hope all of you are aware that we have lost the second member of our small club during 2008.



Tom Richardson

I'm sure all of us were shocked and saddened when Ken Nicks forwarded this information about the passing of Tom Richardson just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

On Tuesday December 16, I called Mrs. Richardson and followed up on behalf of the club with a message of condolences that follows (see below). *dj*

Good Morning Ms Richardson,

I am writing to offer my condolences on the loss of your dear husband. I only met Tom through our club events, but each time he was a kind, friendly gentleman to everyone around him. He occasionally emailed me to help publicize an upcoming event he was interested in or to thank me for my work on the club newsletter or some other project I had contributed. The last time we actually talked was during a car rally on the parkway last fall. He seemed so proud of the original British racing green paint on that old TR4 of his!

Sadly most of us did not learn of his death until just last night, so I want to share a little more of his life and love of cars with the whole club. As I said, I write the club newsletter and maintain its website. Our newsletters are published via the club website piedmontbritishmotorclub.com. If you would, please share some of Tom's life and love of cars with us. I'd be especially interested in any specific things he's done around cars, for example. If you have pictures that would be nice, too.

Again, please accept my condolences and let his family and friends know how much we will miss Tom.

Danny Jacob

Richardson, a community leader, dies

Thomas Odell "Tom" Richardson Sr. died Nov. 25 at his home. He was 76.

Richardson was a well-known local business man and citizen who was a Chartered Life Underwriter. He owned and operated Reed Agency in Sparta from 1963 until he sold it and retired in 2001. The business had been owned by his wife's, Norma Jean Edwards Richardson's, father, J.B. Reed, for many years prior to that.

Mr. Richardson was a deacon at Sparta First Baptist Church and was active in the community, including serving as a past president of the Allegheny Chamber of Commerce, on the Allegheny County Library Board, the Allegheny Memorial Hospital Foundation Board and the Sparta Lions Club. He served on the Allegheny County Community Foundation Board and took part in and organized many other community activities.

Richardson was instrumental in helping get the Blue Ridge Sports Car Hill climb to come to the area for several years, from 2003-2006 and remained active in the Sports Car Club of America as a driver and organizer.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Richardson, a daughter, Debbie Richardson of Cherryhill, N.J., and a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas Odell Richardson Jr. and Pamela Richardson of Nathans Creek. A complete list of survivors is listed in his obituary on Page 9 of this week's edition. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

<http://www.alleghanynews.com/archive/12017/art93.php>

The following was sent to us by Tom's family:

The love of his life was his 1963 Triumph. He purchased the car in the early 1960's, later sold the car, and then became reacquainted with it in the 1990's when his family found it in storage and purchased it as a birthday gift. He had worked fervently to fine tune the mechanical aspects of the car and was finally ready to begin with the tedious interior work. He raced at Talledega, VIR, and various hill climbs.

It is with sadness and regret that I tell you that Thomas Richardson, Sr. passed away sometime last night. Tom was 76 and a long time resident of Sparta, NC. Most of us came to know the Richardsons through their love of racing track trials and especially, hill climbs. I met them at my first flat track event at VIR some years ago and being that I've always love mountain folk, made fast friends with Tom and Tommy. When CCR lost the Beech Mountain Hillclimb event, Tom went to work trying to find a suitable place to have another hill climb. His efforts produced the Blue Ridge Sports Car Hill climb in Laurel Springs, NC just South of Sparta, NC. Tom worked very hard to make that event successful and was very helpful in helping me learn the ropes to conduct hill climbs. One year, when I did not have a "ride" for the event, Tom offered to share his 1976 BMW 2002. I was very honored to drive his car and spend a lot of time with him and Tommy. Jane and I came to love Tom, Tommy and the entire family very much. We had many connections together. We always looked forward to seeing them at events and meetings. Tom will be missed by our Time Trial/Hill climb community. I'd like to dedicate both of our CCR hill climbs to the memory of Tom Richardson.

Posted by Tony Wentworth on the CCR SCCA website.

The website below is for the CCR SCCA, includes picture of car and various other entries.

<http://ccrscca.proboards51.com/index.cgi?board=tt&action=display&thread=2674>

Live well, Laugh often, Love much.

Norma Richardson

insur@skybest.com



Tom arriving at the Bluffs Restaurant in his TR4 last June 21st



Tom was so proud of the original BRG paint on his car.

Now on to a happier topic for ending 2008. This year as you all know we held the club's holiday party in Elkin, NC at a popular local restaurant called Wanda's. Approximately 30 club members and spouses attended the club's annual social event last Monday evening. The food was delicious and the company outstanding. Karen Hollar had the club's history containing pictures and other newsworthy items prominently displayed for all to see during the social gathering just prior to dinner. We all claimed our seats when the Nicks, our hosts, announced everything was ready. My table, seating my wife, Jan, PJ and Brenda Lenihan, John McHaffie and Terry Stanford were picked to start the buffet line. We had lively and humorous discussions at our table throughout dinner. It was obvious by the banter and laughing throughout the room that everyone was having a great time too. Unfortunately even though there was no alcohol to use as an excuse, I ran my mouth too much telling too many secrets from my dark past. Forget everything you heard! However, if you want to hear a hilarious story, ask PJ about his criminal past. Hint, hint: he won't be carrying borrowed books while hitchhiking around the DC beltline any more!

Anyway, the evening ended as we exchanged gifts in some contorted exercise that required Walt to play sheriff all evening. Probably the most relieved person that night was Eric Freed. You had to be there to enjoy what happened, but Eric is entirely too sensitive about dogs attracted to his leg!!!



Eric Freed before he ditched his new pet dog.



The room grew crowded as more guests arrived and caught up on club gossip prior to dinner.



VIPS (of note) Nancy Causey, Denice Thompson. The rest are just hangers on.



John McHaffie, Jan Jacob and Terry Stanford greet each other



Classified: MGTD 1953 Beautiful original car, mechanically excel, new canvass. (sic) **Will trade for shotgun collection.** 614 406-3749. (As listed in the Charlotte Observer December 18, 2008).

Here's wishing everyone a safe and happy new year!



PJ Lenihan speaking to Beth Lunney as his wife, Brenda, looks on.



Wake up John!



Ken Nicks (red tie) caught sniffing for dinner; Also facing camera Bob Ravich and his wife, Lucy.

Smiling: Tyrone Stoner.
Where's your smile Jim?



The holiday party each year generally signals the club's changing of the guard. I think I speak for the entire club by offering my thanks for a job well done, Walt. Walt initiated some new ideas designed to energize the club and attract new membership. We have enjoyed his leadership this past year. That acerbic wit will be missed. I know doctors are always busy, but, Walt, now that you are back in the peanut gallery we still want to see Kaye and you at our monthly meetings and especially at the rallies and car events coming up in 2009. Thanks again, Walt.

And now for 2009: Please congratulate and welcome Ken Nicks and PJ Lenihan as our two executive officers for the coming year. Ken, like Walt, is known for his wit and always demanding the best in his business and from everything he takes on. Expect to be challenged in 2009. As the Chinese used to say of Marines around 1910, Ken Nicks promises to be Gung Ho. I'm excited for the club. Simper Fi, Ken!

PJ Lenihan is also a special person who promises to be a giant spark for new club ideas and activities. PJ is a doer not just one to sit and prognosticate about things. PJ really drives his MG and thinks nothing of jumping in the car with his dog, Claire, and heading out, like he did last summer, to MG 2008 held at Valley Forge Pennsylvania. I'm already getting emails from him about things we should plan for the upcoming year.

Now we are about to start a new year. So what would you like to see happen for the club? Most of us, just like in the past, would like to see new members and their cars, speakers or interesting discussions during monthly meetings, more club driving events and more members willing join in to make sure these events are worthwhile. Remember the club drive led by Clyde Hollar through the mountains last year? We had an absolutely fantastic time together! So instead of complaining or just not participating let's start 2009 off with a bang. Ken and PJ are ready to hear what you want to do this year so let's make it happen! *Dj*



Sunday, June 14, 2009

North America's second longest running British Car Show moves to a fabulous new venue at Frank Liske Park in Concord, North Carolina, adjacent to NASCAR's

Lowes Motor Speedway and near most of the major NASCAR race team shops. The show is featuring the MG Marque in 2009 and will award trophies in over 30 classes covering all British car marques and models. For more information and registration go to www.BritishCarDaySouth.com or call Ann Jones at 704-843-582



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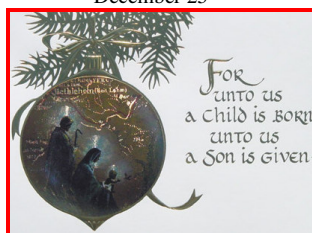
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Sunset of December 21
Through December 29

December 25th



Celebrate your faith with family and friends this season



From: Thomas Richardson
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2008
Subject: THANKS

LUGNUT was great! Thanks for the time and effort. *TOM*

And now more letters to the editor....



Dear Editor: We do enjoy Our copy of the Lugnut each month. We do have a precise question however. When the Duke called for the Bentley, housed at the Royal Mews here at Buckingham Palace, last evening, we were unsure which mascot to have transferred to the Bentley. We do like the unique mascot of St George slaying the dragon on the bonnet but the Queen Mother's mascot, Britannia atop the globe, which was originally made for King George V's Royal Daimlers has a certain 'je ne sais quoi'. Could you provide us with some guidance?

The Queen

To the Editor: This is my last warning to you bunch of commies. Stop promoting those foreign cars in your newsletter or I'm investigating you for anti American activities. By the way, you looked "stupid like a truck driver" during the last interogation, you cry-baby wimp.

J Edgar Hoover



Please investigate the mysteries of Lucas electrics in more detail. Dr Watson stumbled out of his Hanson Cabriolet last evening because the clockwork mechanical taximeter caused a short that dimmed the courtesy lights.

Sherlock Holmes



Hallo, I would like to see a German car featured in your newsletter very soon... or else!

Auf Wiedersehen

Angela Merkel.

Der Bundeskanzlerin

Why are you people ignoring the classic 1950s American cars? Remember "what's good for GM is good for the USA."

Edsel Ford

Howdy there, cowboy,

Hey, I'm busy packing for the move back to Crawford but just wanted to drop a note to say how much I misappreciated your last article in the Lugnut about those sissy Frenchy Citroens. Like Freedom Fries we real Americans prefer Fords or Chevrolets. You got that partner?

George Bush

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Got feedback about the Lugnut? Send your comments straight to the editorial department. Our friendly staff will immediately forward all correspondence to the editor where it will be filed in the circular file.

That's it! So long folks, that's all there is for 2008!

dj

