

Oyster Gazette



The Lowcountry Oyster & Motorcar Driving Society

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To All Our Members a special Thank You for helping to make our club a great success. We all look forward to the coming years of continued comradery and joy of our unique group!

Lowcountry Oyster & Motorcar Driving Society – Celebrates It's Sixteenth Year

Our First Meeting
Taking place at the Yacht Club



Sixteen years is not a long time but to many it may seem like a life time. Here are some memories of the early days of LOMDS. The club is in its sixteenth year and like any healthy situation has grown at a steady rate. The cars are much the same and the drivers may look a touch older, not too much of course! However unlike our cars we can not get a new body job or a re spray, the upholstery is getting a little worn and we take longer to get into top gear, otherwise much is the same except on a cold morning, in a way just like our classic cars.

Looking at past pictures can create a challenge like trying to remember names that go with the faces. Don't be tempted to ask a friend of significant other as they will certainly disagree with who ever you know it must be. Wife's are especially drawn into such discussions with disastrous results for all concerned.

So simply take that short walk down memory lane and who cares if you can't place the face, you will certainly recognize the car!

The Carolina Grand 1000 Rallye



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In The Beginning...

Article by Geoff **WHEATLEY**

Sixteen years ago a few car enthusiasts on the Island decided to form a car club dedicated to enjoying good food, companionship and of course information on both their cars and others that may be of interest.

Like all clubs be it golf, sailing, or what have you the objective can be serious with active participation, not so serious or simply a means of enjoying your self in the company of other people who share the same interest, in this case Classic Cars. It was decided that the last category would be the order of the day as the name indicates.

The first Club President, George Szybel, had belonged to the Chowder Club in New York and suggested that as Hilton Head was know for its oysters why not call the group the Lowcountry Oyster & Motorcar Driving Society, without much discussion the name was adopted. Over the next sixteen years the group has be active in virtually every car related event in the area. The now famous Hilton Head Concours was strongly supported by LOMDS in both the early years and of course today as illustrated by the pictures of members cars on display. Out of the ten cars featured in 2010 two were selected for awards, the Austin Healy and the MGTF.

A number of the members are judges for the Concours each one with a special knowledge of their particular marquee, others give a helping hand where ever needed. The selection of cars owned by the members cover a wide span of automobile history from the 1920's through to the latest model of the show room floor.

Apart from American examples of Automobile History members have European Classics that they both show and drive. If you are reading this publication for the first time and wondering if you would be welcome at a LOMDS gathering let me say without hesitation that you certainly would. We welcome all car enthusiasts and enjoy each others company, just look at the pictures to confirm this.

Can You Identify These Photos?

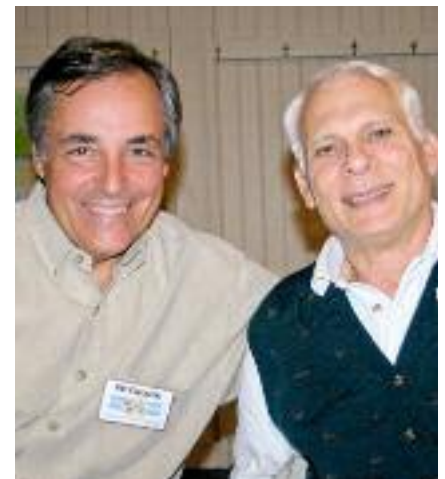


2010 Oyster Roast

Article by Geoff **WHEATLEY**



The annual Oyster Roast was once again a success with 48 members attending to sample Capt Oyster's delights both in terms of food and drink! The weather was kind to us unlike some previous years and the members could spend more time enjoying the the outdoors social activity. This has become one of the high lights of the LOMDS year thanks to the hard work and dedication by John Taggert our own Captain Oyster.



Our Annual Christmas Party

Sixty members and their Guests attended the LOMDS Christmas Party at Moss Creek which was an outstanding success. You always know when things are going right when people are still around well after the event is scheduled to finish and this was certainly true for this gathering. As in the past we were entertained by a very talented Harpist during the Cocktail Hour which everyone seemed to enjoy and appreciate.

Apart from a welcome by the President to members and guests there was no formal address, which is the way it should be at such events and this certainly contributed to the friendly atmosphere that filled the evening. In short, the pictures tell their own story much better than any words!





You Have To Be Dedicated To Be A Bruncher



Article by Geoff **WHEATLEY**

Eating is one of the few lasting pleasures of life...perhaps the only one. For me the apotheosis of gastronomic delight is the social; brunch, or buffet as it is known in the more expensive hotels. A few readers may still regard such acts of social intercourse as pure torment, and I can understand why, such people just don't know how to win both the battle and the war. Like love, a faint heart never won a decent free meal. Any professional 'bruncher' will tell you this. You have to be dedicated. I am not sure who first conceived the idea of bringing the diner to the food rather than food to the diner, but its been around for a long time.

The Romans were into brunching in a big way, which is understandable when one remembers most decent parties were combined with an evening of friendly orgies. There is nothing more distracting than having an over keen slave turning up every 15 minutes with yet another plate of hot lark's tongue when you are trying to chat-up the cute redhead in the see-through toga.



From time to time we all have to entertain at home, if only to keep in with the neighbors. To my mind the backyard brunch is a most useful way of coping with this chore. It can also prove far less expensive than the once popular barbeque party which seems to have lost its appeal since the fire insurance business discovered inflation. As a point of interest, research has shown that the most economical mass market brunch was the five-fishes and a basket of loaves party, and look how successful that was! Ten dollars worth of mixed potato salad and a few tins of tuna can go a long way, especially if you add a few grapes and a bag of peanuts. If however, your guests include your local bank manager and/or a good broker, one or two suckling pigs and a stuffed pheasant seated in a cascade of imported French asparagus should be included.

Lets be honest....Most of us go to other people's parties just to see how imaginative the host has become at arranging the food. One or two of my friends compare the



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brunch experience to an assembly line. Needless to say, they are totally wrong. An assembly line is much better organized!

At the sight of mountains of food displayed on tables, the average homosapien reverts to prototype: i.e. the savage in search of prey. Our veneer of civilization cracks like the honey coating around a leg of ham and its every man/woman for themselves. I have seen old friends locked in mortal combat before a joint of roast beef. Otherwise happily married couples pushing each other out of the line for a humble prawn. Docile ministers of the church fighting with senior citizens from their congregation for the first slice of hot turkey.

True, some people project a social detachment from the food

Resist the temptation to pop one or two honey grapes into your pocket. Remember this is only a reconnaissance. Seek out and remember the location of the most important dishes. Unless you have a craving for rice or the usual green salad, don't bother to memorize their location. Concentrate on the best access to the fresh lobster, the cold turkey and of course the exotic seafood.

Plan a strategy of attack and remember to include at least one distracting maneuver; i.e. when its time to eat, move towards one of the many dishes of potato salad and, at the last moment, hang a quick right or left and hit the cold cuts as you move towards the lobster, thus confusing the enemy.

Rule number three: Whenever possible take a friend, wife, husband, or the family pet. This will enable you to take two plates at



with comments like: 'I will wait until the herd have left the trough' or "Just look at them you would think they ad not seen a meal in weeks". Such comments are always accompanied by a contemptuous smile, which will dissolve before your eyes when they hear that the salmon tray is already half empty. Then with a burst of energy comparable to the three minute mile they dive into the lineup, using elbows and what ever else is available to clear a path towards the now empty salmon tray.

Close and detailed observation over the years has convinced me there are ways to emerge from the most hectic brunch reasonably well fed and with no long term injuries. Rule number one: Never listen to instructions. It is common for one's host to suggest some form of hierarchy for civilized access to the table. First the seniors, then pregnant females or the disabled. Forget it. Ignore such requests and dive in, **You Have To Be Dedicated To Be A Bruncher**. Have your plate at the ready with two forks firmly grasped in the serving hand; one for defense and the other for acquisition. At worst you may receive a few reproachful glances, but what is that compared with an untouched cascade of shrimp, or the chance at the fresh strawberries with real whipped cream.

Rule number two: Planning. This is the most important activity when first arriving. Examine the table carefully, but be sure not to attract attention from the competition. Admire the china, cutlery, tablecloth etc., but never the spread.

the start of the lineup on the pretense that you are also serving your companion. If your companion, (with the exception of the dog of course,) is well trained they can also use the same technique. Remember that four hands are better than two in such situations. Such teamwork is important as long as its is firmly established beforehand who will get the caviar! Rule number four: Be ruthless. If that overweight glutton in front of you doesn't move at a decent rate and you see th mussels rapidly disappearing, mention in a loud voice that marine pollution has now reached a point where no one in their right mind would ever eat seafood. If this has no effect a good sneeze over his/her left shoulder should do the trick. Don't waste time with the hot dish of mince, you can always return to this after all the other goodies are finished. The same with coffee. It takes two hands to carry your loaded plates, four hot buttered scones, a leg of turkey for the dog and half a pineapple, so why risk a scalded arm trying to balance two coffee cups at the same time. Wait until the meal is over then try the coffee urn. With luck it will be stone cold and a deep shade of blue. Mention this to your host and if you play your cards right you will get a fresh cup made with her/his own hands.

Rule number five: Use restraint. Don't make a pig of your self at the main table. Three visits is a fair average...before you move onto the cake and dessert trolley.



Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance

LOMDS MEMBERS SHOWING CARS THIS YEAR IN THE CAR CLUB JAMBOREE

1. JACK MARANTO	1956 AUSTIN HEALY 100-4
2. WAYNE CLEMENTS	1966 MERCEDES BENZ 230SL
3. JOHN FARRENKOPH	1973 MG MGB
4. DONALD SMITH	1981 MORGAN 4 X 4
5. DALE LEWEY	2009 ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE RDST.
6. GEOFF WHEATLY	1954 MG TF
7. BILL WESTERMAN	1952 MG TD
8. MARIO GRANDE	1967 ALFA ROMERO DUETTO
9. DAVID OWEN	1969 MERCEDES BENZ 280 SEC
10. JIM CRISPIN	1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD



Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance

LOMDS MEMBERS SHOWING CARS THIS YEAR IN THE CONCOURS

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| 1. BILL NEIDHARDT | 1959 TRIUMPH TR3A |
| 2. MARIO GRANDE | 1958 ALFA ROMEO |
| 3. HARVEY GEIGER | 1935 FORD TYPE 750 PHAETON |
| 4. BILL HEAD | 1967 CHEVROLET CAMARO Z-28 |
| 5. DAVID RAWDEN | 1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD E BIRD |

