Annual Veterans Drive and Celebration

FBCC and BCCWNC Joint Adventure

November 13, 2022

I am pleased to announce that the 5th Joint British Car Clubs, FBCC and BCCWNC, will be honoring and celebrating our Veterans with a drive through the mountains and valleys of western NC and the upstate of SC on Sunday, November 13.

We will begin our Joint Club Drive at the Ingles in Brevard and follow a route that includes East Fork Road, Highway 178 near Rosman, Scenic Highway 11, and Highway 133.

FBCC - BCCWNC Joint Group DEPART BREVARD INGLES at 11:00

FBCC Westerners - DEPART (11/276) PARKING LOT below Caesar’s Head at 10:00

FBCC Easterners - Depart Jud Chapin’s Brown Building at 9:15

Our destination is once again the Clubhouse at Keowee Mountain where the Gathering of Drivers will honor Veterans. The ceremony of recognition will occur on the deck overlooking the mountains.

Limited seating is available so be prepared by bringing a folding chair for your own relaxation.

You are asked to BYOPicnic lunch of your choosing. Drinks, chips, and deserts will be provided by the Somerville Family for those who attend.

**General Information**

The Joint Veterans’ Drive was started in November of 2018 which included the British Car Clubs of western North Carolina and the Foothills British Car Club of upstate South Carolina.

This was the first Joint Club Adventure of both clubs hosted by Dennis Somerville of Central SC. He himself is a USMC Veteran who served in Viet Nam in 1970.

Both car clubs, in addition to owning classic and modern British Marques, are very patriotic sharing a common bond with those who have served. In each of the previous Veterans’ drives, this event has been highly attended and anticipated. The last drive was attended by 39 British automobiles with 71 pilots and co-pilots of which 13 were honored veterans from the USMC, USA, USN, USAF, RCAF and the Dutch Army. The anticipated Marques include examples of Triumphs, MG, Austin Healeys, Jaguars, Minis, Lotus, Sunbeam Tigers, DeLorean, and Morgan. We are especially looking forward to an exhilarating drive, a beautiful venue overlooking the eastern face of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and fellowship as we honor our veterans and their service.

**What I Need From Previous Attendees**

**Review the Participation attachment of the participants from the drive roster of last November 2021 event and I’m asking you to verify the information I have for you. Please** *reply to me only at* *czindms@gmail.com***to acknowledge and amend, if necessary, the information. If you are NOT on the list, send me the information requested below.**

**Here’s what I need from NEW participants**

List yourself and your co-pilot if you have one.

Which car you’ll be driving (year, make, and model).

Where you’ll “Meet-up” along the route unless you are solo routing to Brevard.

Lastly, if you or your co-pilot are veterans, please let me know. I need your NAME, BRANCH OF SERVICE, and RANK. This is a recognition of Veterans and a spirited joint drive for both British Car Clubs!!

Information Needed Example:

Pilot: Denny Somerville

Co-pilot: Kathy Somerville

Meet-up: 11/276

British Car: 1970 Triumph TR6

Veteran: Dennis Somerville, USMC, Sergeant

***My* email *is***: czindms@gmail.com

**A participation/Information roster, Route Description and Directions to Jud’s Brown Building are attached to this E-mail.**