

The Gathering

April 17-19, 2026 Dobson, NC



The TCOC invites you to the 40th anniversary of **The Gathering**.

With events that include a spectacular mountain tour, a car show at Shelton Vineyards, and an exciting autocross, **The Gathering** has fun for every fan of British cars!

**Featured
marque:**



Directions to Shelton Vineyards

286 Cabernet Lane, Dobson, North Carolina 27017

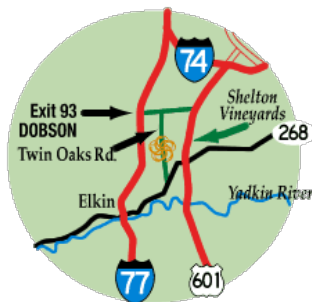
Directions From Charlotte

Take I-77 North to Exit 93 (Dobson), then follow the signs to the vineyard. (Approx. 1 ½ hours north of Charlotte.)

Directions From Winston-Salem /Greensboro:

Take I-40 West to Highway 421 North. Take I-77 North to Exit 93 (Dobson). Follow the signs to the vineyard. We are approximately 1 hour from Winston-Salem, 1 ½ hours from Greensboro and 2 ½ hours from the Triangle area. Please note that Exit 93 is approximately 20 minutes from where Hwy 421 meets I-77.

Alternate route from Winston-Salem/ Greensboro: Take Highway 52 toward Mt. Airy. Take Pilot Mountain/Highway 268 exit and travel west on Highway 268. Approximately one mile west of intersection of Highway 268 and Highway 601 take a right onto Twin Oaks Road. Winery is approximately 5 miles.



Directions From Blue Ridge Parkway

Take Highway 52 North (near mile marker 200) 1 mile to VA Highway 148. Turn Left onto VA Highway 148. Travel 1/2 mile to I - 77 South. Take I - 77 South to NC Exit 93(Dobson). Follow the signs to the Vineyard. (Approx. 23 miles from Fancy Gap, VA.)

Call (336) 366-4724 if you need help with directions.

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 17

- 1:00 - 5:00 PM Registration at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Shelton Vineyards at Dobson
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM Blue Ridge Tour, leaving from Hampton Inn, Dobson
- 6:30 PM Ladies Nite Out @ Harvest Grill Restaurant, Shelton Vineyards
- 7:00 PM British parts auction at Hampton Inn with pizza & soft drinks

Saturday, April 18

- 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Registration at Shelton Vineyards
- 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Participants' Choice Car Show by 11:00 AM
- Bring Wrench Wracer Concours entries to bandshell
- 12:00 PM Winery Tour and Tasting
- 12:30 PM Wrench Wracing Concours balloting ends
- 1:00 PM Wrench Wracing match races at the bandshell
- 1:00 PM Car Show balloting ends
- 3:00 PM Car Show Awards Ceremony, raffle drawing
- 4:00 PM Winery Tour and Tasting
- 6:30 PM BBQ dinner at Hampton Inn, Dobson (pre-registration required)

Sunday, April 19

- 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Autocross at Emergency Services Training Center, Surry County Community College

Directions to Surry County Community College (for Sunday's events):

From I-77—Take exit 93, go east for approximately 3 miles into Dobson. South (right) 1 mile on Main Street to SCC on right.

From US Highway 52—Take Hwy 601 South from Mt. Airy for approximately 8 miles. Turn right at sign for Surry Community College Exit. Right at stop sign. SCC is on left approximately 1/4 mile.

From Highway 601 South—Follow Hwy 601 North to sign for Dobson business district. Turn left at sign for Hwy 601 Business (Dobson business district). SCC is on left approximately 1/2 mile just past Surry Central High School.



Founded in 1999, **Shelton Vineyards** is the largest family-owned estate winery in North Carolina. Located in the Yadkin Valley near Dobson and Mt. Airy, the winery features a spacious visitor center with a tasting bar and gift shop. Find out more: www.sheltonvineyards.com

Event Highlights

Blue Ridge Tour: We've mapped out a twisty route through the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The tour departs from the Hampton Inn (our host hotel) between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM on Friday, April 17.

Auction: Vendors in the British car community always generously donate a variety of items for our live auction. This year, the auction will also include used items and memorabilia. If you bring an item to auction, the entire winning bid will be accepted as a donation to the TCOC. The auction happens at the hotel on Friday night, with plenty of pizza and soft drinks included.

Ladies Nite Out: While auction takes place, the ladies have an opportunity to enjoy great friends, great food, and great wines at Shelton's Harvest Grill Restaurant. Participants can catch a ride from the Hampton Inn at 6:30 PM and then get a ride back after dinner. Seating is limited! You must register by Tuesday, April 14, by emailing Marjean Telke: mtelke@gmail.com

Participants' Choice Car Show: On Saturday morning, you're invited to stroll the picturesque grounds of Shelton Vineyards as more than a dozen British marques take the show field. Balloting ends at 1:00 PM with the Awards Ceremony to follow at 3:00 PM.

Dining Options: The Harvest Grill, on the grounds of Shelton Vineyards, is an award-winning bistro with enclosed patio seating as well as an intimate dining room. (Reservations are suggested.) If you prefer to enjoy a picnic on the grounds, the Harvest Grill Express offers a tasty assortment of food items. Additionally, there will be several Food Trucks on site. **No outside food or beverage/No outside catering is permitted.** Catered picnic lunches can be arranged with the Harvest Grill for groups of 10 or more.

Shelton Vineyards Wine Tours and Tastings:

Classic Tour & Tasting: 12:00 noon and 4:00 PM with 5 wines, 1 oz. pours for \$15 or Classic Flight: 5 wines, 2 oz. pours for \$25.

Grand Reserve Tour & Tasting: 12:00 noon and 4:00 PM with 5 wines, 1 oz. pours for \$30 or Reserve Flight: 5 wines, 2 oz. pours for \$38.

Reservations must be made by April 14. Contact Martha Holt, h.holt@sheltonvineyards.com

Wrench Wracing: This lightning-fast race requires little more than an extra tool or two and an imaginative mind. There will be both match racing and a popular vote "concours" held for wrench racers. All entries must be gravity-powered, be no longer than 9" and no wider than 4", weigh less than 2 lb., and feature a hand tool as a major

portion of their design. For more info, contact Jamie Palmer, 919-623-3955 or tr6driver@yahoo.com

Saturday Night BBQ: Relax and trade stories after the car show with a buffet-style BBQ dinner at the Hampton Inn, 6:30 PM on Saturday. Pre-registration is required, with a max. of 120 participants.

Autocross: April 19 sees the return of the Gathering Autocross, starting at 8:00 AM, held at Surry County Community College on the Emergency Services Training Center driving course, 630 South Main Street, Dobson, NC



Early Registration: All registrations *postmarked* by March 15 receive \$10 off the weekend registration fee. The first 300 registrants will receive show dash plaques.

Car Classes: The following classes are featured in Saturday's car show:

Austin-Healey	Mini
100/4	Pre-2002
100/6, 3000 Mk I	Post-2002
3000 Mk II, Mk III	Morgan
Sprite	Morris
Bentley/Rolls-Royce	Sunbeam
Jaguar	Sunbeam Alpine
XK 120, 140, 150	Sunbeam Tiger
E-Type	Sunbeam Modified
Sedan Pre-68	Rootes Group
Sedan Post-68	Special Interest
XJS	Triumph
XK, XK8	TR2/3/3A/3B
F	TR4/4A
Classic Land Rover	TR250/5
Lotus	TR6 '69-'73
MG	TR6 '74-'76
Historic MG	TR7/8
MGA	Spitfire '63-'70
MGB MGC GT Chrome	Spitfire '71-'80
MGB MGB GT Rubber	GT6
Midget	Standard/Triumph Other
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Classes beyond these will be determined by pre-registration as of March 15. At least two cars must be pre-registered in a class for a 1st-place award to be given. Awards beyond 1st place will be presented in each class depending on the number of cars in a class on the day of show.

Trailer Parking: Free trailer parking is available in a lot adjacent to the registration area. There is also trailer parking at the Hampton Inn, weather permitting.

Tents, Vendors: No individual tents and awnings are allowed on the site during the show. Club tents are allowed within a designated area. If your club wants to set up a tent, contact Steve Ward at (704) 617-2180 or SteveWardatty@gmail.com. Steve is also the contact if you wish to be a vendor at the Car Show.