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President's Message

As I'm writing this letter I'm digging for my winter driving clothes. Boy what a temperature shift, but I'm glad to see it. Still working on the GT, slow but rewarding. Piddling in the workshop gets me out from under Linda's feet. You know that old saying, Happy Wife Happy Life. I'm beginning to believe it.

Not to sound like an advertisement, but recently I've had some bad and good experiences with them.

1) The bad, bought a seat recovering kit about two years ago. The welting on the driver side seat started to come apart.

The good, called Moss. They sent me a new one no charge.

2) The bad, bought a new pad for my console a few years back. Leaned on it one day and a staple poked thru from the back, thru the vinyl and into my arm. No pleasant.

The good, called Moss. They sent me a new one no charge.

3) The bad, bought a new windshield

for the GT. After unpacking I noticed the laminating of the inner and outer glass was off side to side. This made the glass 3/16" wider than stock.

Not a good fit. These are a bear to install when the product is perfect.

The good, called Moss. They are sending me a new one that they inspected before shipping. It should be here in a couple of days. No charge.

Moss was very helpful and polite and told me to throw away all of the defective parts. No aggravating return shipping. The point is, when you have parts you think are wrong, don't hesitate to call to get the problem fixed. It may work out to your benefit.

Moving on, the ABCC of Volusia County Christmas (Holiday) Party will be held at Spruce Creek Pavilion on Sunday December 10 from noon till 5PM... Come one come all for a joyous time.

Keep the shiny side up,

Doug

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HOW TO WASH YOUR CAR

Don't... use household cleaning agents like hand soap, dishwashing detergent, or glass cleaner on the paint. These aren't formulated for use on a car's paint and may strip off the protective wax.

Do... use a dedicated car-wash product, which is milder and specifically designed for use on automotive paint. Apply the suds with a large, soft natural sponge or a lamb's-wool mitt. Grease, rubber, and road-tar deposits picked up from the road often accumulate around the wheel wells and along the lower edge of the body. These can be stubborn to remove and may require a stronger product, such as a bug-and-tar remover. Use a soft, nonabrasive cloth to remove these deposits, as they can quickly blacken your sponge.

Do... use a separate sponge to clean the wheels and tires, which may be coated with sand, brake dust, and other debris that could mar the car's finish. Mild soap and water may work here; if not, a dedicated wheel cleaner may be required. Be sure the cleaner is compatible with the type of finish (paint, clear-coat, chrome, etc.) used on the wheels. A strong formula intended for mag wheels, for instance, can damage the clear coat that's used on the wheels that come on today's cars. To be on the safe side, choose a cleaner that's labeled as safe for use on all wheels.

Are There Any General Guidelines I Should Follow When Washing a Car?

Don't... wash your car when the body is hot, such as immediately after driving it or after it has been parked in direct sunlight for awhile. Heat speeds the drying of soap and water, making washing more difficult and increasing the chances that spots or deposits will form.

Don't... move the sponge in circles. This can create light, but noticeable scratches called swirl marks. Instead, move the sponge lengthwise across the hood and other body panels. And don't continue using a sponge that's dropped on the ground without thoroughly rinsing it out. The sponge can pick up dirt particles that can scratch the paint.

Do... rinse all surfaces thoroughly with water before you begin washing to remove loose dirt and debris that could cause scratching. Once you begin, concentrate on one section at a time, washing and rinsing each area completely before moving on to the next one. This ensures that you have plenty of time to rinse before the soap dries. Start at the top, and then work your way around the car. Use a hose without a nozzle and let the water flow over the car from top to bottom. This creates a sheeting action that helps minimize pooling of water.

Do... work the car-wash solution into a lather with plenty of suds that provide lots of lubrication on the paint surface. And rinse the sponge often. Using a separate bucket to rinse the sponge keeps dirt from getting mixed into the sudsy wash water.

How Should I Dry the Car When I'm Done?

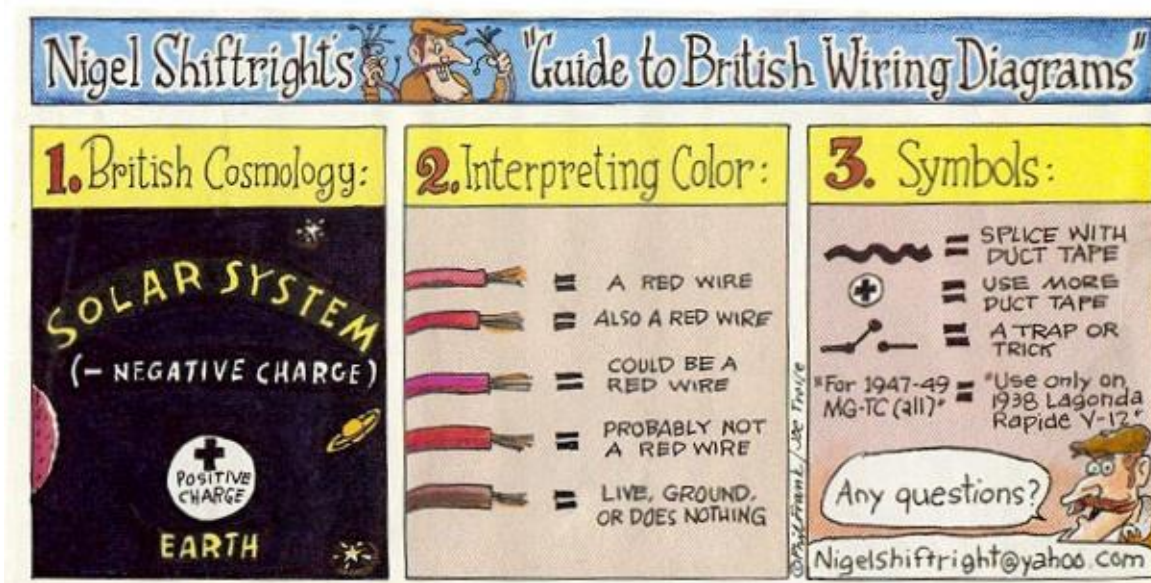
Don't... let the car air dry, and don't expect a drive around the block to do an effective job. Either will leave watermarks caused by minerals in hard water. In addition, don't use an abrasive towel or other material that can leave hairline scratches in the paint.

Do... use a chamois (natural or synthetic) or soft terry towels. If you choose towels, you may need several. It's best to blot the water up instead of dragging the towel or chamois over the paint. The drying process can be speeded up by using a soft squeegee to remove most of the water on the body, but be sure the rubber is pliable and that it doesn't pick up bits of dirt that can cause scratches.



We still have a few ABCC “Celebration of the Birthplace of Speed” T-shirts left. \$18 for one \$30 for two most sizes available.

Contact Steve Bradley at 386-775-9558 or SBradley5@cfl.rr.com



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Celebrations

By: Gene



ABCC November Birthdays

B.A. Walters	November 3
Jan Myszkowski	November 5
Roy Elworthy	November 13
Dick Fickleley	November 13
Dick Goudy	November 15
Ruby Colby	November 21

2017 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

NOVEMBER 4th Holly Hill Car Show - Holly Hill City Hall. Additional information soon.

DECEMBER 10th ABCC Christmas Party—Spruce Creek Park New Smyrna Beach. Look for the flyer soon.

Cars Wanted:

Jaguar, XK-XKE, MG-T series, MGA, Triumph TR-2 -3-4-250 Mercedes 190, 220, 230, 250, 280SL, Porsche 356, 911, 912, 914, Austin Healey, Riley, Alfa-Romeo, Singer, Mustang 1964-1967, Ford Model-T -A, Karmann Ghia, Volvo P1800. Steve's British Connection 630-553-9023, Cell 708-772-5404, Email sbcinc@aol.com. Actively buying cars for over 20 years, any condition, fast payment and pick-up. Generous finder's fees.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2-5, 2017 The US Vintage National Championship. Circuit of the Americas - Austin, TX – www.svra.com

NOVEMBER 5, 2017 Vintage Motor Classic. St Petersburg, FL. www.spyc.org/classic

NOVEMBER 8-12, 2017 Daytona Historics (HSR). Daytona, FL. - www.hsrrace.com

NOVEMBER 8-11, 2017 2015 Trans Am Finale. Daytona Beach, FL— www.gostransam.com

NOVEMBER 10-12, 2017 Florida Fall Auto Fest. Zephyrhills, FL. – <http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/fall-florida-autofest/default.aspx>

NOVEMBER 12, 2017 Festivals of Speed. The Diplomat Country Club Hallandale Beach, FL - www.festivalspeed.com

NOVEMBER 18, 2017 Ancient City Auto Club – 33rd Annual Car Show. St Augustine, FL - <http://local.aaca.org/ancientcity/>

NOVEMBER 23-26, 2017 Daytona Turkey Run. Daytona Beach, FL – (386) 767-9070 -or- www.turkeyrun.com

NOVEMBER 24, 2017 Gas light parade and block party. Ormond Beach, FL. – 386-761-7987

NOVEMBER 24-26, 2017 Turkey Bowl XVII, Summit Point, WV - www.vrgonline.org

NOVEMBER 29 –DEC 3, 2017 Sebring Classic 12 Hour (HSR). Sebring FL - www.hsrrace.com

DECEMBER 3, 2017 Orlando Festivals of Speed. Orlando, FL - <http://festivalspeed.com/orlando/>

DECEMBER 10, 2017 ABCC Christmas Party - Spruce Creek Park New Smyrna Beach—Club event

JANUARY 5-7, 2018 “Roar before the Rolex 24” IMSA test days. Daytona, FL - <http://www.imsa.com/>

JANUARY 5-14, 2018 Mecum Auction. Kissimmee, FL. - www.Mecum.com

JANUARY 24-28, 2018 Cavallino Classic, Ferrari Gathering. Palm Beach, FL. – <http://www.cavallinoclassic.com/>

JANUARY 25 -27, 2018 Ferrari Challenge. Daytona Beach, FL - <http://races.ferrari.com/en/corse-clienti/north-america/>

JANUARY 25–26, 2018 Continental Tire Sportscar Challenge. Daytona Beach, FL - <http://sportscarchallenge.imsa.com/>

JANUARY 25-28, 2018 Rolex 24 hours of Daytona. Daytona Beach, FL. – <http://www.imsa.com/>

FEBRUARY 23-25, 2018 Boca Raton Concours d' Elegance. Boca Raton, FL - www.bocaratonconcours.com

FEBRUARY 23-25, 2018 Winter Florida Autofest. Lakeland. FL. <http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/default.aspx>

FEBRUARY 18, 2018 25th Annual All Brit Car Show. Boca Raton, FL - www.goldcoastbritcar.com/

APRIL 4, 2018 34th Annual British Car Show “Meet & Greet, Meade Gardens Winter Park, FL - www.allbritishcarclub.com/



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