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President's Message

Boy, January went by fast. That's what happens when you're busy. We had a great turnout for our monthly lunch at the St. Johns River Grill. Food was yummy. Afterwards I received a very informative lecture on the benefits of LED lights on our LBC's from Clark Vegazo. There was also a show and tell for the skeptics by comparing my early LED technology installed on my MGB to the state of the art LED technology installed on Clark's tiger, ten times brighter. Thanks Clark.

Next I would like to thank MGCC-Florida for accepting us with open arms to join their drive to Yalaha Bakery for lunch (where we met up with members of the Orlando MG club) and then continuing on to Sugarloaf Mountain. The German food and beer at Yalaha bakery were

fantastic. I'm sure everyone left with some pastries to take home. They were to die for. Then we drove to the thin air of Sugarloaf Mountain for a photo op and some comradery before driving home. The drive was led by Saul Klein of MGCC-F and 15 other members with their LBC's with help from Steve Bradley when Saul lost his way. Our 9 cars on the drive carried members Steve & Deb Bradley, Anita & Roy Elworthy, Mike & Gene Schoonmaker, John & Sara Martin, Ken DeLeeuw, Bob Storke, Silvia & Gary Thomas, Doug & Linda Rothwell, and not to forget Bruce sporting his new cane.

Hope to see everyone at the Black Sheep Restaurant on Feb.11 to kick some tires and enjoy lunch. Till next month, keep the shiny side up.

Doug

Happy
Valentine's
Day

2017 DUES ARE DUE

Yalaha Bakery Tour with MGCCF

What a great day for a drive! The ABCC members met at our location on SR-46 and awaited the MG group. As they arrived they seemed to keep coming, it was a real parade. After a brief “how do you do’s” we were off for the Yalaha Bakery. Along the way a small mistake was made and we travelled a few new roads to the Bakery, did you ever try to travel though downtown Mt. Dora when an art festival was going on. I wound up at a long stop light leading the back half of the tour with the front half merrily on its way. Using the principal of continue on straight until someone directs you to turn, well a few well placed human sign posts showed the way. We made it to the bakery not to far behind the lead group and lunch commenced. After a great lunch we were off for Sugarloaf Mountain. The trip along some beautiful LBC roads brought us the top of the mountain where we enjoyed a brief history of the location and the people that settled the area. With the afternoon sun moving into the west we said our goodbyes and we made our way home. Hope the next time the MGCCF heads our way we can join them again as they are a good group.





Historical Trivia

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig... Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board.'

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt . . . Therefore, the expression 'losing face.'

Source: unknown

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Celebrations

By: Gene



February Birthdays

Craig Colby

Roger Seiling 2/17

Melvin Teal 2/26

February Anniversaries

Craig and Ruby Colby

Bob & Betty Storke 2/13

2017 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

FEBRUARY 11 - British Car gathering at the Black Sheep Pub

APRIL 23 - ABCC & CFTR Birthday Party at Gemini Spring Park

If you have an idea for an event let Doug bigdug1313@cfl.rr.com know.

Cars Wanted:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 10-12, 2017 Boca Raton Concours d' Elegance. Boca Raton, FL - www.bocaratonconcours.com

FEBRUARY 11, 2017 British Car Gathering. Black Sheep Pub Ormond Beach.

FEBRUARY 23-26, 2017 Winter Florida Autofest. Lakeland, FL. <http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/default.aspx>

FEBRUARY 19-24, 2017 23rd Annual All Brit Car Show. Boca Raton, FL - www.goldcoastbritcar.com/

MARCH 2-4, 2017 British Motor Trade Assoc. Annual conference. Charlotte NC- <http://www.britcar.org/2017-bmta-conference>

MARCH 2-5, 2017 Spring Vintage Classic (SVRA) Sebring Raceway, Sebring, FL - www.svra.com/

MARCH 4, 2017 Annual Strawberry Festival Car Show. Ocala, FL - <http://www.habitatocala.org/car-show>

MARCH 11, 2017 22nd Annual Amelia Island Car Show. Amelia Island, FL. – www.ameliaconcours.org

MARCH 11, 2017 5th Annual Festivals of Speed Omni Amelia Island Plantation. Amelia Island, FL - www.festivalspeed.com

MARCH 15-18, 2017 Sebring Support races. Sebring, FL - www.imsa.com

MARCH 16-19, 2017 SVRA Amelia Island Vintage Grand Prix (SVRA) and car show. - Fernandina Beach, FL - <http://www.svra.com/>

MARCH 18-19, 2017 SWFL Hot Rod Nationals Car & Truck Show. Ft. Myers, FL - www.roadhousepromotions.com

MARCH 18, 2017 Mobil 1 12hrs of Sebring. Sebring, FL. - www.imsa.com

MARCH 25, 2017 New Orleans British Car Day. New Orleans, LA - www.bmcno.org/

MARCH 24-26, 2017 Daytona Beach Spring Car Show and Swap Meet. Daytona Beach, FL - <http://www.turkeyrun.com>

APRIL 1, 2017 33rd Annual British Car Show "Meet & Greet, Meade Gardens Winter Park, FL - www.allbritishcarclub.com/

APRIL 2, 2017 14th Annual Festivals of Speed. St. Petersburg, FL - www.festivalspeed.com

APRIL 21-23, 2017 GOF South Mk LI. Crystal River, FL - www.gofsouth.com/

APRIL 25-29, 2017 "Brits in Paradise". Key West, FL - www.kwbcc.com/

JUNE 19-23, 2017 MG 2016 GT-42 Solvang, CA- <http://www.namgar.com/>

AUGUST 16-20, 2017 2017 VTR National Convention. Princeton, NJ - www.vtr2017.org/

SEPTEMBER 21-24, 2017 TE/AE United XXXV. Staunton, VA – <http://teae.org/event/united-xxxvi-staunton-va/>



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