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President's Message

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We're all another month older but it was a fun one; starting out on April Fool's Day with the British Car Show in Winter Park, there were 173 cars entered and at least 8 ABCC members volunteering to work at the show. Could have been more but I needed two fingers to hold my drink. The Lunch Bunch (29 attending) had a great turnout in NSB at Riverside Grill. Food was good and the conversation was even better. For those who trust their cars to travel distances (98 miles one way) there was the 2017 GOF South held at a venue in Crystal River that the name escapes me right now. The cars were displayed along a manatee infested canal out back which was divided by the

swimming pool. Beautiful cars were on display from as far away as Georgia. One of the attendees was the NAMGBR National Secretary Larry Norton from Georgia with his MGB that he has driven over 100,000 miles. Lunch and a beer I was on my way back to Volusia County, couldn't miss the ABCC Birthday Party on Sunday, cake and ice cream for all who came. It was a festive crowd and an enjoyable, afternoon. Don't tell Linda but I left with a hula girl.

Keep your eyes open for future events, maybe a 3 day drive, trip to an orchid factory, and naturally the next Lunch Bunch location.

Keep the shiny side up,

Doug

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Birthday Party

Not many pictures, we were busy serving or eating the cake and ice cream. The gift exchange group was well behaved.

Bob and Sara's four-legged buddies were ever vigilant guarding the cake from marauding K-9s (just trying to keep some for themselves.)



Historical Trivia

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced'. Wore a tightly tied lace corset.

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades..'. To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck.'

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip.'

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the phrase 'minding your 'P's and Q's'.

Celebrations

By: Gene



Birthdays for May

- 5/15 Lynn Wilson
 5/10 Mike Schoonmaker
 5/19 Clark Vegazo

Anniversaries

- 5/2 Joe and Diane Schandle
 5/9 Vince and Sandi Owens
 5/16 Gary and Sylvia Thomas
 5/28 Ken and Deanna Deleeuw
 5/30 Ed and Kathy Kufeldt

2017 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

MAY 13 - MG Car Club Florida picnic at River Breeze Park Oak Hill

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

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

- MAY 6, 2017 Bluegrass British Bash. Lexington, KY - www.sterlingbritishmotoringociety.org
- MAY 6-7, 2017 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, FL - www.cfrsolo2.com
- MAY 12-14, 2017 "Springtime in the Smokies" British Car Gathering. Townsend, TN - www.blountbritishcars.org/
- MAY 13, 2017 MG Car Club Florida picnic at River Breeze Park Oak Hill -
- MAY 13, 2017 "Spirit of the Automobile". Daytona Beach, FL - <http://spiritoftheautomobile.com>
- MAY 18-22, 2017 Morgan Three-wheeler Convention. Augusta, GA - http://www.ironbridgefarm.us/Ironbridge_Farm/Convention_Info.html
- MAY 19-21, 2017 Out of the Woodwork 2017. Carlisle, PA- www.tvrccna.org/
- MAY 19, 2017 Tire Rack Ultimate Track Car Challenge. VIR Alton, VA - <http://www.ultimatetrackcar.com/>
- MAY 19-21, 2017 Carlisle Import/ Kit/ Replicas Show Carlisle, PA - www.carsatcarlisle.com
- MAY 19-21, 2017 Out of the Woodwork 2017. Carlisle, PA- www.tvrccna.org/
- MAY 21, 2017 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). DeLand Airport, DeLand, FL - www.cfrsolo2.com
- MAY 25-27, 2017 VIR Historic Races (HSR). Danville, VA - www.hsrrace.com
- MAY 27, 2017 Greenville Scottish Games 5th Ann. British Car Show. Greenville SC. - <http://gallabrae.com/events/british-car-show/>
- MAY 27- JUNE 4, 2017 Annual British Car Week. Nationwide - www.britishcarweek.org
- JUNE 2, 2017 Moss Motorfest. Petersburg, VA - <http://www.mossmotors.com/>
- JUNE 3, 2017 Cars & Motorcycles of England Show. Westtown Township, PA. - www.dvtr.org/home.htm
- JUNE 3-4, 2016 EuroBrit Auto & Bike Expo. Dublin Park, Madison, AL - www.nabms.org/default.aspx
- JUNE 4, 2017 The British return to Fort Meigs. Perrysburg, OH - <http://www.lebcc.org/>
- 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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