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## President's Message

September was not a good month for our LBC's, too many hurricanes. But autumn is upon us and the fall temps will be advantages for driving. You know, 95 degrees down to 92 degrees. Not much is happening around here. Got my GT

back from paint and plan to start putting it back together hopefully in time to go to the national MG meet in Gettysburg. See you all at lunch.

*Doug*

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# **ELECTRIC CARS— ONE MAN'S OPINION**

## **ELECTRIC CAR...Hmmm... It makes you wonder....**

*Ever since the advent of electric cars, the REAL cost per mile of those things has never been discussed. All you ever heard was the mpg in terms of gasoline, with nary a mention of the cost of electricity to run it. This is the first article I've ever seen and tells the story pretty much as I expected it to.*

*Electricity has to be one of the least efficient ways to power things yet they're being shoved down our throats... Glad somebody finally put engineering and math to paper.*

*At a neighborhood B B Q I was talking to a neighbor, a BC Hydro executive. I asked him how that renewable thing was doing. He laughed, and then got serious. If you really intend to adopt electric vehicles, he pointed out; you had to face certain realities. For example, a home charging system for a Tesla requires 75 amp services. The average house is equipped with 100 amp service. On our small street (approximately 25 homes), the electrical infrastructure would be unable to carry more than 3 houses with a single Tesla, each. For even half the homes to have electric vehicles, the system would be wildy over-loaded.*

*This is the elephant in the room with electric vehicles... Our residential infrastructure cannot bear the load. So as our genius elected officials promote this nonsense, not only are we being urged to buy these things and replace our reliable, cheap generating systems with expensive, new windmills and solar cells, but we will also have to renovate our entire delivery system! This latter "investment" will not be revealed until we're so far down this dead end road that it will be presented with an 'OOPS!' and a shrug.*

*If you want to argue with a green person over cars that are eco-friendly, just read the following. Note: If you ARE a green person, read it anyway. It's enlightening.*

*Eric test drove the Chevy Volt at the invitation of General Motors ... and he writes, "For four days in a row, the fully charged battery lasted only 25 miles before the Volt switched to the reserve gasoline engine." Eric calculated the car got 30 mpg including the 25 miles it ran on the battery. So, the range including the 9-gallon gas tank and the 16 kwh battery is approximately 270 miles.*

*It will take you 4-1/2 hours to drive 270 miles at 60 mph. Then add 10 hours to charge the battery and you have a total trip time of 14.5 hours. In a typical road trip your average speed (including charging time) would be 20 mph.*

*According to General Motors, the Volt battery holds 16 kWh of electricity. It takes a full 10 hours to charge a drained battery. The cost for the electricity to charge the Volt is never mentioned so I looked up what I pay for electricity. I pay approximately (it varies with amount used and the seasons) \$1.16 per kWh.  $16 \text{ kWh} \times \$1.16 \text{ per kWh} = \$18.56$  to charge the battery.  $\$18.56 \text{ per charge divided by } 25 \text{ miles} = \$0.74 \text{ per mile}$  to operate the Volt using the battery. Compare this to a similar size car with a gasoline engine that gets only 32 mpg.  $\$3.19 \text{ per gallon divided by } 32 \text{ mpg} = \$0.10 \text{ per mile}$ .*

*The gasoline powered car costs about \$20,000 while the Volt costs \$46,000+.... So the American Government wants loyal Americans not to do the math, but simply pay three times as much for a car, that costs more than seven times as much to run, and takes three times longer to drive across the country.*

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

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**I foresee the time that travelers that plug in at motels will be 'charged' an additional plugin fee, if they are not already.**

**Author: Unknown**



## FOR SALE

1973 Jaguar XKE series III coupe with 18,449 original miles, primrose yellow with tan leather interior . Contact Tony Lester 305-300-3736 August 2017

# Celebrations

By: Gene



*Birthdays for October*

*Ed Kufeldt            October 4*

*Sylvia Spradlin    October 6*

*Doug Rothwell     October 19*

## 2017 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

October 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00am - Cars & Coffee. Christopher John Ltd - Daytona Beach, FL  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/655885041277596??ti=ia>

NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> Holly Hill Car Show - Holly Hill City Hall. Additional information 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](mailto:sbcinc@aol.com). Actively buying cars for over 20 years, any condition, fast payment and pick-up. Generous finder's fees.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER 4-7, 2017 Petit Le Mans. Road Atlanta, Braselton, GA. – [www.imsa.com](http://www.imsa.com)
- OCTOBER 4-7, 2017 AACA Eastern Division Fall Car Show. Hershey, PA. – [www.aaca.org/meetinfo](http://www.aaca.org/meetinfo)
- OCTOBER 6-7, 2017 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall British Car Festival. Waynesboro, VA - <http://www.svbcc.net>
- OCTOBER 7, 2017 Cars & Coffee. Daytona Beach, FL -**  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/655885041277596??ti=ia>
- OCTOBER 6-8, 2017 Slaying the Dragon Hill Climb. Robbinsville, NC - [www.svra.com](http://www.svra.com)
- OCTOBER 14, 2017 Autumn Leaf British Car Festival. Bethlehem, PA – [www.bcclv.com/autumnleaf.html](http://www.bcclv.com/autumnleaf.html)
- OCTOBER 6-8, 2017 British Legends Weekend 2016. North Falmouth, MA- <http://www.capecodbritishcarclub.org/>
- OCTOBER 14, 2017 NBCC All British Car Show. Brentwood, TN - [www.nashvillebritishcarclub.org](http://www.nashvillebritishcarclub.org)
- OCTOBER 21, 2017 Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival. Lakeland, FL – [www.lakemirrorclassic.com](http://www.lakemirrorclassic.com)
- OCTOBER 21, 2017 Euro Auto Festival. Greenville, SC – [www.euroautofestival.com](http://www.euroautofestival.com)
- OCTOBER 21, 2017 31<sup>st</sup> All British Fall Festival Field Meet and Auto Jumble Safety Harbor, FL. –**  
[www.tbahc.com](http://www.tbahc.com)
- OCTOBER 22, 2017 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). DeLand Airport, DeLand, FL –** [www.cfrsolo2.com](http://www.cfrsolo2.com)
- OCTOBER 25-29, 2017 Savannah Speed Classic (HSR). Savannah, GA - [www.hsrrace.com](http://www.hsrrace.com)
- OCTOBER 26-29, 2017 Chattanooga British Car Show. Chattanooga, TN - [www.southernbritishcarclub.net](http://www.southernbritishcarclub.net)
- OCT 27 - NOV 5, 2017 Hilton Head Island Concourse d' Elegance. Hilton Head, SC – [www.hhiconcours.com](http://www.hhiconcours.com)
- NOVEMBER 2-5, 2017 The US Vintage National Championship. Circuit of the Americas - Austin, TX –  
[www.svra.com](http://www.svra.com)
- NOVEMBER 5, 2017 Vintage Motor Classic. St Petersburg, FL. [www.spyc.org/classic](http://www.spyc.org/classic)
- NOVEMBER 8-12, 2017 Daytona Historics (HSR). Daytona, FL. -** [www.hsrrace.com](http://www.hsrrace.com)
- NOVEMBER 8-11, 2017 2015 Trans Am Finale. Daytona Beach, FL— [www.gotransam.com](http://www.gotransam.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.festivalsofspeed.com](http://www.festivalsofspeed.com)
- NOVEMBER 18, 2017 Ancient City Auto Club – 33<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.turkeyrun.com)
- NOVEMBER 24-26, 2017 Turkey Bowl XVII, Summit Point, WV - [www.vrgonline.org](http://www.vrgonline.org)
- NOVEMBER 29 –DEC 3, 2017 Sebring Classic 12 Hour (HSR). Sebring FL - [www.hsrrace.com](http://www.hsrrace.com)
- DECEMBER 3, 2017 Orlando Festivals of Speed. Orlando, FL - <http://festivalsofspeed.com/orlando/>



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