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President's Message

Hi everyone, the weather... could we have ask for a better February. Yes, Pretty Baby (Mother-in-law's nick name for our MGA) got a work out. Now it's time to spruce up the car for two great car shows coming up. I hope you take advantage of both of these great shows. The GOF (Gathering of the Faithful) club is conveniently close in Altamonte Springs in March. They always have a great turnout and an extensive amount of MG-T series and older as well as other MG's. The second show at Mead Gardens in April is always a favorite annual event. Great cars, great food and

great people. Those folks really know how to put together a fantastic car show and have been performing this difficult task for many years. Even if you do not enter your car in the shows it is worth just going checking out the wonderful cars. Hopefully we will have great weather.

We welcome new members, Steve & Toni Miller and they have volunteered to perform the duties of Event Chairman of which he has experience with their last club in North Carolina. ABCC should have a great year.

Steve

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2018 DUES ARE PAST DUE.

Phillips vs Pozi - The Plain Facts

Before retiring, I spent my entire working career in the fastener industry. Now that I am working on British cars and spending a lot of time talking to others working on them, I am finding a lot of confusion about the 'Phillips' type screws in our cars.

Phillips International, the holder of the Phillips patent, developed a drive similar to Phillips called Pozi Drive. This drive found far greater acceptance in Great Britain and Europe than it did in the US. I think this is why many Americans do not recognize a Pozi drive screw by looking at it casually. From the top of the screw, there are small lines radiating from the drive outward. These lines are located between the 'wings' of the recess. This is the easiest way to identify a Pozi Drive screw.

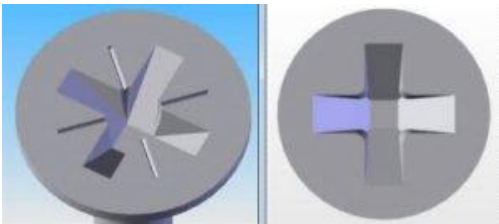
Now let me explain why it is important to use the correct bit. To tell the difference look into the recess of the screw, or hold a Phillips bit and a Pozi bit side by side. The wings on a Phillips bit are tapered from the place where it enters the screw towards the point. The wings on a Pozi Drive bit on the other hand stay the same thickness all the way to the point. In addition, there is a small ridge between the wings. The angle of the wings is slightly different as well.

The problem with trying to use a Phillips bit or screwdriver in a Pozi Drive screw is that it doesn't fit the recess correctly. As you attempt to loosen or tighten the screw, the screw driver attempts to back out of the recess because of the tapered wings. The tighter the screw is that you are trying to remove, the more 'end load' you must apply to the screwdriver. A Pozi Drive bit used in a magnetic screwdriver, fits the recess correctly and will not try to lift out of the recess.

You don't see many Pozi Screwdrivers in the US, which is why you normally will only find bits. The Pozi bit on the other hand will not fit in the Phillips recess very well because the wings are not tapered, and so it does not go very far into the recess and tends to 'strip out' the screw.

I send this because about the only recess screws I have found on any of my cars that are not Pozi Drive are the ones that have been replaced by either myself or previous owners. I know that these 'Phillips type' screws are a major pain for many people working on these cars.

An earlier Tech Tip mentioned the difficulty in removing door screws from a Sprite/Midget. Those same screws are used on Austin Healy 3000 MKI and MGB's. I have a #4 Pozi bit mounted in a 3/8" drive socket and can tighten or loosen screws with no problem.



Source: Jeff Zorn *Little British Car Co.* from an Anonymous Subscriber.



Mark your calendars for March 22nd through 25th for the
 52nd Annual GOF South in Altamonte Springs
 For additional information go to : <http://www.gofsouth.com/>

IDLE THOUGHTS

One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.
 When the only tool you own is a hammer, every problem begins to look like a
 20 penny nail.
 A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.
 What was the greatest thing before sliced bread? Hmmmm?
 I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.
 The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.
 How can there be self-help "groups"?
 Is there another word for synonym?
 Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all"?
 The speed of time is one-second per second.
 Is it possible to be totally partial?
 What's another word for thesaurus?
 If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?
 It's not an optical illusion. It just looks like one.
 Is it my imagination, or do 'buffalo wings' taste like chicken?

FOR SALE

1962 +4 Morgan and a 1960 TR 3A, Contact Vince Owen at sandilachance@aol.com

1975 MGB Contact Burt Martin at 386-428-9443

Celebrations

By: Gene



Birthdays - for March

Burt Martin - March 2

Kevin Lemire - March 4

Deanna Moore - March 10

Judy Goudy - March 22

Jim Lubinski - March 29

Joe Schandle - March 30

Anniversaries - for March

David & Deanna Moore - March 7

Mike & Gene Schoonmaker - March 30

2018 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

MARCH 17 - CHRISTOPHER JOHN LTD CARS & COFFEE AND A DRIVE.

MARCH 22-25 GOF SOUTH - ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

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.

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MARCH 2-5, 2018 Spring Vintage Classic (SVRA) Sebring Raceway, Sebring, FL - www.svra.com/

MARCH 3, 2018 Annual Strawberry Festival Car Show. Ocala, FL - <http://www.habitatocala.org/car-show>

MARCH 4, 2018 British-Italian-German (BIG) car show. Cape Coral, FL - www.tswfl.org

MARCH 8-11, 2018 Amelia Island Car Show. Amelia Island, FL. - www.ameliaconcours.org

MARCH 10, 2018 6th Annual Festivals of Speed. Omni Amelia Island Plantation. Amelia Island, FL - www.festivalsofspeed.com

MARCH 14-17, 2018 Sebring Support races. Sebring, FL - www.imsa.com

MARCH 15-17, 2018 British Motor Trade Assoc. Annual conference. - <http://www.britcar.org/2018-bmta-conference-hagerty-insurance-traverse-city-mi>

MARCH 17, 2018 Mobil 1 12hrs. of Sebring. Sebring, FL. - www.imsa.com

MARCH 22-25, 2018 52nd Annual GOF South. Altamonte Springs, FL - <http://www.gofsouth.com/>

MARCH 24, 2018 New Orleans British Car Day. New Orleans, LA - www.bmcno.org/

MARCH 23-25, 2018 Daytona Beach Spring Car Show and Swap Meet. Daytona Beach, FL - <http://www.turkeyrun.com>

MARCH 25, 2018 15th Annual Festivals of Speed. St. Petersburg, FL - www.festivalsofspeed.com

MARCH 29-31, 2018 2018 Road Atlanta Grand Prix. Braselton, GA - www.svra.com/

MARCH 31, 2018 Wheels Across the Pond. Jupiter, FL - www.wheelsacrossthepond.com

APRIL 7, 2018 34th Annual British Car Show “Meet & Greet, Meade Gardens Winter Park, FL - www.allbritishcarclub.com/

APRIL 12-14, 2018 Barrett-Jackson Auction. South Florida Fair Grounds. Palm Beach, FL – www.barrett-jackson.com

APRIL 14, 2018 Central Florida Car Show. Cocoa Village Cocoa Beach, FL - <http://visitcocoavillage.com/events/central-florida-car-show-in-cocoa-village/>

APRIL 18- 22, 2018 Spring Carlisle. Carlisle, PA. – (717) 243-7855 - or- www.carsatcarlisle.com

APRIL 20-22, 2018 South Central British Car Gathering. Dobson, NC - www.triumphclub.org

APRIL 21, 2018 26th Annual Brits on the Bay. Pensacola, FL - <http://pbca1.com/show.htm>

APRIL 25-29, 2018 "Brits in Paradise". Key West, FL - www.kwbcc.com/

APRIL 25-29, 2018 “Classic Motorsports Mitty” support activities. Braselton GA - <http://classicmotorsports.com/>

APRIL 26-29, 2018 “Classic Motorsports Mitty” Road Atlanta (HSR). Braselton, GA. - www.hsrrace.com

APRIL 27-29, 2018 Morgan Owners Group Spring Meet. Franklin, TN – www.mogsouth.com



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