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President's Message

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I'm sure everyone is enjoying the fall type weather. Hopefully it won't get too much colder this winter especially on Dec 9th from 12 pm to 4 pm when we have our annual ABCC Christmas party at Spruce Creek Park. This is always a club favorite so I hope to see everyone there. Speaking of parties, don't forget the party at Clark and Ilene's house on Friday Nov 2nd from 5 pm to 9 pm. Those two really know how to throw a party with music, food, drink and even a car show! On Nov 10th from 1 pm to 4 pm we have the Daytona Museum of Arts and Science event. The ABCC cars will be displayed on the lawn and there will be free admission to the museum to members who bring their cars. And last but not least we have the Deltona Christmas Parade on Nov 15th at 6 pm on Deltona Blvd. For more information contact Frank Herbert.

With all these events coming up Steve and I will have to roll out the MGA. Now he will

notice that I never put in the dimmer switch that I said I would install back in July. He said I was younger, more limber and could get to it easier. He was wrong. I tried all kind of ways and positions to get it in but it was too hot and you have to be a contortionist with little tiny fingers and a short torso. After trying for what seemed like hours (was actually 15 minutes) I went inside to take a break but evidently never went back. Fast forward to today. I went out for 1 hour (felt like 3) and once again made an attempt. If I could get at least get one screw in to where it will hold the switch out of the way when Steve uses the clutch. Instead I ended tucking it under the carpet and discourage driving at night. Oh by the way, the 80 MGB has a starter installed with no lives lost. Steve has tried raising my enthusiasm for helping him work on the B by telling me it will be my new beach car. (Like I would ever believe he would ever allow that car near salt water).

Safety Fast

Deb



Top ten list of automotive ideas

By: Ken Caskey Kidd Damn's Restorations & Custom Built Cars

1. AIR BAGS: First off let me say I'm all for safety. I wear my seat belt and I install belts (3 Point harness) into every customer built car, unless otherwise instructed by the owner. In my life I have been involved in two major accidents in which my car was totaled (neither of which were my fault). The first accident happened when I was in my 20's and while I'm not proud of it, I was **not** wearing my seat belt. It was a small car too, but I came away with minor injuries. The second accident produced the same results. But this time I was wearing my seat belt (the first accident smartened me up a bit). And once again, I'm no worse for the wear. Air Bags often times killed children under the age of 12 years old sitting in the front side passenger seat - How's that for a "safety device"? To this day you're told not to put small children in the front seat next to you. And if you decide you don't want all this "protection" any attempt to disconnect the air bags usually results in disabling the car -as in it won't start (now of course, many manufacturers allow you to manually switch off this "safety feature" as it pertains to passenger side front seat). Now we have side impact air bags, front, rear, and door panel air bags. I say if we were to simply **wear** our safety belts and take a little responsibility for our actions behind the wheel (read "don't drive like a jerk") we'd all be driving cars that have been designed to be as safe as they need to be. Can you believe that now cars destined to be sold in some European countries have to have "softer and longer" front end bodywork to be more "pedestrian friendly", as if you hit somebody they won't break so easily (the pedestrian that is). Safety features are great but they are at a level now that sends the message "Go ahead do your worst driving; you can't hurt anyone, not even yourself."

2. NAVIGATION SYSTEMS: This one is a no-brainer. As if we didn't have enough distraction while driving these days, now we're supposed to be looking into a small LCD screen on the console or dash while we are driving to a place we don't know how to get to in a 6000 pound, blind spot laden SUV through traffic. I must admit though, I too have a Navigational System in all my cars. I keep it in the glove box. It's called a map. I plan out my route **before** I get into my car. And if I get lost I pull over - yes I actually take the time to stop - and review where I went wrong. Now you can even download a map off the internet that will tell you turn by turn how to reach a particular destination - FREE. But if that is all just **too** easy then the next step for you is On-Star from GM. For a small monthly fee you can relinquish **all** responsibility and turn it over to a phantom computer. Lock yourself out? On-Star can let you in. Forget who you are? On-Star can tell you. If you signal On-Star (even pushing the button by accident) and you don't answer when they contact you (you have the volume turned down too low-to hear the On-Star attendant) they will automatically send

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a police officer to your car door (as is their policy). You see On-Star knows where you are - always. Anywhere you go, they know, you can't escape. That's comforting isn't it? No thanks.

3. ALL WHEEL STEERING: Automakers for years have played with this. The first production car to my knowledge to actually try to implement this was Honda several years ago. Most recently GM tried it on some of their trucks. This one is a case of the juice simply isn't worth the squeeze. I've driven cars in the city. I've driven trucks in the city. I've driven a lot of miles in a lot of vehicles in a lot of conditions. I can safely say steering the front two wheels has always seemed like more than enough for me. And like most new ideas I'm sure it's really easy and inexpensive to repair when it breaks - 2 days out of warranty!

4. ALL WHEEL DRIVE: Admittedly this can be a big advantage if you drive in a lot of snow, have a construction vehicle that you often take into soft sand on construction sites, or you drive off road a lot. It is the last option that most people talk themselves into believing when they go out and purchase that leather laden, chromed out, 8 speaker stereo SUV that they have to have. They've watched the commercials on TV as the SUV barrels down a dirt road only to dodge off into the woods where they encounter some curiously placed water filled mud holes. They're convinced this is exactly what they're going to do the first chance they get. Riiiggghhhht. Ultimately Mrs. Jones carries her 9 lb. 7 oz. baby to the grocery store for 3 ounces of cinnamon in her 6000 lb. All Wheel Drive "off road beast". Let's face it, the only time these luxury busses leave the paved road is when Mrs. Jones can't see where she is as she backs out of the driveway and onto the front lawn squashing her roses. PS: Talk to anyone who lives up north where there *is* a lot of snow and more importantly ice and they will smile devilishly as they describe the look of surprise and disbelief on the face of the owners of these 4 wheel drive when they find out that ice doesn't care how many driven wheels you have.

5. FINGERPRINT ENTRY / START SYSTEM: Is it just me? How hard is it to insert a key and turn it? Or try this one, Husband calls and he needs his wife to drop off the car, she does. Husband arrives at the car and, what do you know, he can't get in let alone start the engine if he could. Seems being it is his wife's car he's forgotten to enter his fingerprint. Or better yet has entered his fingerprint but thanks to a "software glitch" the car doesn't recognize him. Great, now I not only have to remember where I parked my car I have to hope it remembers me when I find it.

(Continued next month)

FOR SALE

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

1975 MGB shell. Contact Daniel Richardson at 321-578-0201 September

TR3 project cars. Cars plus spare parts. Asking \$3,250. Contact Ben Bentkowski at BBENTKOW@gmail.com or 770-296-2529 September

1973 TR6 Red with tan interior, 4 speed with OD. Asking \$14,500. Contact Ryan Owen ryanowen1@hotmail.com or 832 715 4288 (Texas) October

Celebrations

By: Gene



November Birthdays

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

2018 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

NOVEMBER 10 - ABCC British Car Show at the Museum of Arts and Sciences.

DECEMBER 9 - ABCC Christmas Party. Spruce Creek Park

NOVEMBER 15 Deltona Christmas Parade.

Do you have an idea for an event? Contact Steve at SBradley5@cfl.rr.com

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

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NOVEMBER 7-11, 2018 Daytona 24hr Race & Historics (HSR). Daytona, FL. - www.hsrrace.com

NOVEMBER 8-10, 2018 Trans Am Finale. Daytona Beach, FL - www.gostransam.com

NOVEMBER 9-11, 2018 Florida Fall Auto Fest. Zephyrhills, FL. – <http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/default.aspx>

NOVEMBER 10, 2018 ABCC British Car Show at the Museum of Arts and Sciences.

NOVEMBER 15, 2018 Deltona Christmas Parade. 6 pm on Deltona Blvd. - spy009@bellsouth.net

NOVEMBER 16-18, 2018 MG Jamboree 21. St Petersburg, FL - www.fsmgcc.com/

NOVEMBER 18, 2018 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). DeLand Airport, DeLand, FL – www.cfrsolo2.com

NOVEMBER 17, 2018 Ancient City Auto Club – 34th Annual Car Show. St Augustine, FL - <http://local.aaca.org/ancientcity/>

NOVEMBER 22-25, 2018 Daytona Turkey Run. Daytona Beach, FL – (386) 767-9070 -or- www.turkeyrun.com

NOVEMBER 23, 2018 Gas light parade and block party. Ormond Beach, FL. – 386-761-7987

NOVEMBER 24, 2018 Ormond Beach Antique Car Show. Ormond Beach – 386-761-7987

NOVEMBER 23-25, 2018 22nd Turkey Bowl, Summit Point, WV - www.vrgonline.org

NOVEMBER 28 –DEC 2, 2018 Sebring Classic 12 Hour (HSR). Sebring FL - www.hsrrace.com

DECEMBER 2, 2018 Orlando Festivals of Speed at the Ritz-Carlton. Orlando, FL - https://www.festivalspeed.com/js_events/orlando/

DECEMBER 7-9, 2018 VDCA Season Finale. Roebing Roads Raceway, Bloomingdale, GA. - www.vintagedrive.com/

DECEMBER 9, 2018 ABCC Christmas Party. Spruce Creek Park - SBradley5@cfl.rr.com

JANUARY 4-6, 2019 “Roar before the Rolex 24” IMSA test days. Daytona, FL - <http://www.imsa.com/>

APRIL 11-14, 2019 51st Annual GOF South. Daytona Beach, FL - <https://www.mgclassics.org/gofsouth>



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