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President's Message

Well I did not have to work on the 80 B last week instead I got to hear about it. We went to the Barrier Islands Outer banks in North Carolina. When we arrived in North Carolina, the sunny 70 degree weather they WERE enjoying suddenly unexplainably dropped to a rainy windy 30's for a solid week (the entire length of our stay). Meanwhile back in Flor-

ida the temperatures were in the 80's and no rain. So I got to hear Steve mention SEVERAL times a day that if he was in Florida he could be working on the "B".

Other than that it was a good trip but I'm really glad to be back home.

Deb

For Steve.

2019

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2019 Dues are past due.

MG Designs that did not make it

There are many design renderings that never make it beyond the top management of a car company. The styling studios present stylized sketches or scale models made of clay that are destroyed after executive viewing. There are many reasons that the new design never makes it to the public. The main reason they never make it, is the customer demand for the current model, buying in huge numbers and showing no signs of losing interest in them, slowed any interest in a new model.

There was one serious attempt to re-body the MGA completely, while retaining the existing chassis. Christened EX214, this started life as a series of bodylines that were then supplied to Frua of Italy. Frua was then requested to build up one prototype to that style and to design a suitable interior for that car. In those days at the end of the 1950s, BMC top management at Longbridge was convinced that Italian coachbuilding was the best. They were prepared to spend money to have a scheme built up, rather than study small-scale models or stylized sketches. Although another Italian styling house, Pininfarina, had a contract with BMC since the mid 1950s they were not asked to tackle the job. Only the one Frua prototype was built, passed around for approval by management, turned down, then shortly thereafter cut up.

Source: Thoroughbred & Classic Cars 1976



MG EX214

LBC HUMOR

A man with a big Rolls Royce is driving along on a hot, hot day when he passes this little car, bombing along, top down, with the cooling breeze blowing through the driver's hair. "Air Conditioning" shouts the Sprite driver as the Rolls goes by. Not to be outdone the Rolls owner goes straight round to the dealer and orders an expensive air conditioning system. A few days later he passes the Sprite again. This time it is parked up under a tree and the driver is leaning back enjoying a snooze. Hell, look at that fella, he can sleep in his car he thinks, and goes back to the dealer. Spends thousands of Pounds getting the chassis lengthened even further and having a huge double bed installed in the back. Next day is pouring rain, but, keen to show off his latest addition to the Rolls, he sets off to look for the Sprite owner. Sure enough he soon finds the little car parked up at the side of the road in the torrential rain, windows all steamed up (Any Spridget owner will immediately recognize this situation, except possibly those of you in California) He jumps out of his Rolls and rushes over to the Sprite, hammering on the window, which after a moment or two is opened an inch or two. "My car's just as good as yours," he says, "now I can sleep in my car too. I've had a huge luxurious double bed fitted" At this the Sprite driver is annoyed, "you mean to say you got me out of the shower just to tell me that!"



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By: Gene



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Burt Martin	3/2
Kevin Lemire	3/4
Judy Goudey	3/22
Jim Lubinski	3/29

ANNIVERSARIES

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March 30 - 56 years!

2019 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

APRIL 11-14, 2019 51st Annual GOF South. Daytona Beach, FL

<https://www.mgclassics.org/gofsouth>

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

MARCH 7-10, 2019 Amelia Island Car Show. Amelia Island, FL. – www.ameliaconcours.org

MARCH 9, 2019 7th Annual Festivals of Speed. Omni Amelia Island Plantation. Amelia Island, FL - www.festivalsofspeed.com

MARCH 13-16, 2019 Sebring Support races. Sebring, FL - www.imsa.com

MARCH 16, 2019 Mobil 1 12hrs of Sebring. Sebring, FL. - www.imsa.com

MARCH 23, 2019 New Orleans British Car Day. New Orleans, LA - www.bmcno.org/

MARCH 22-24, 2019 Daytona Beach Spring Car Show and Swap Meet. Daytona Beach, FL - <http://www.turkeyrun.com>

MARCH 28-31, 2019 HSR Spring Fling. Sebring, FL www.hsrrace.com

MARCH 28-31, 2019 2018 Road Atlanta Grand Prix. Braselton, GA - www.svra.com/

MARCH 30, 2019 Central Florida Car Show. Cocoa Village Cocoa Beach, FL - <http://visitcocoavillage.com/events/central-florida-car-show-in-cocoa-village/>

APRIL 6, 2019 35th Annual British Car Show. Central Winds Park Winter Springs, FL - www.allbritishcarclub.com/

APRIL 7, 2019 16th Annual Festivals of Speed. St. Petersburg, FL - www.festivalsofspeed.com

APRIL 11-13, 2019 Barrett-Jackson Auction. South Florida Fair Grounds. Palm Beach, FL – www.barrett-jackson.com

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

APRIL 20, 2019 Wheels Across the Pond. Jupiter, FL - www.wheelsacrossthepond.com

APRIL 22-26, 2019 "Brits in Paradise". Key West, FL - www.kwbcc.com/

APRIL 24-28, 2019 Spring Carlisle. Carlisle, PA. – (717) 243-7855 - or- www.carsatcarlisle.com

APRIL 25-28, 2019 “Classic Motorsports Mitty” Road Atlanta (HSR). Braselton, GA. - www.hsrrace.com

APRIL 27, 2019 27th Annual Brits on the Bay. Pensacola, FL - <http://pbca1.com/show.htm>

APRIL 28, 2019 Britain on the Green. Lorton, VA – <http://capitaltriumphregister.com/>

MAY 1-5, 2019 MINIs at the Dragon. Fontana Village, NC - <https://minisonthedragon.com/>

MAY 4, 2019 Cars on Kiawah. Kiawah Island, SC - <https://www.carsonkiawah.com/>

MAY 3-5, 2019 Bluegrass British Bash. Lexington, KY - www.sterlingbritishmotoringsociety.org

MAY 4-5, 2019 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, FL – www.cfrsolo2.com



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