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President's Message

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Hello everyone. It should cool down sooner or later so we can enjoy our LBC's more. Steve is still bound and determined to get the "B" put together by cooler driving weather. I'm starting to doubt it. The door panels have been fighting him. Installing the seats have been fighting him. Even the wheels got in a few hits. Everything has been "challenging". But he hasn't given up ... yet. Slow but sure. Anyway I told him we can't wait on the car to be finished for us to put together a club car event. It is hard enough to schedule car tours

this late in the year because of holiday activities and never knowing how the weather is going to be.

We do have the club Christmas party coming up in December. Weather wise we've been pretty lucky so far for that event. I hope we have a good turn out because we will be voting in new officers. As you have probably noticed I really don't have anything to write about so see you at lunch bunch.

Safety Fast

Deb

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History of the MG cars

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(Installment #1 continued.)

After the war, in 1919, the Morris Cowley was updated and called the Cowley Bullnose. The engine was switched to a Hotchkiss & Cie French engine that was manufactured at the Hotchkiss branch factory in Coventry, England. Morris would end up buying the Hotchkiss works around May of 1923, and it became known as the Morris engine branch. From 1919 on, the Cowley was what we would call the “Economy Model”, and was only available in a two-seater model with smaller, lighter tires. You can read more about the Cowley on this Wikipedia page: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_Cowley. This article gives detailed specifications for the cars and the engines.

In addition to the Cowley Bullnose, Morris continued development of the Oxford Bullnose. It was modified to have a longer wheelbase and stronger construction, and could carry up to five passengers. It featured a self-starter and had a better electrical system than the Cowley. It was what we would call, the “Deluxe Model”. It featured the Hotchkiss 11.9 fiscal horsepower 1548 cc engine. The Oxford Bullnose was admired because the transmission and everything that revolved, except the fan belt, was fully enclosed in an oil bath.

One notable thing about William Morris was that he introduced the techniques of mass production to England by using the assembly line processes that Henry Ford had been successful with in America. Prior to this, most automobiles had been built one-at-a-time. The Cowley and the Oxford became mass produced cars. From 1919–1925 Morris expanded his production from Oxford into factories at Abingdon, Birmingham, and Swindon.

We will leave the development of the Morris Cowley and Oxford cars, and for the next installment, I hope to be able to cover the beginnings of the MG, Cecil Kimber, and Old Number One. In my research, I came across an English group of pre-1930 Morris car owners called the Morris Bullnose Club. Here is a link to their web page: <http://www.bullnose.org.uk/>. They have several photo galleries on the website which you might like to view. At the end of this letter is a list of the sources that I used and I am including this installment of the story and some photos on our [Photos of the Week page](#). I welcome any comments or corrections to this series on the MG. Please send your comments and edits to trfpublications@aol.com.

Until next time,

Karen Border

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<https://www.mgownersclub.co.uk/mg-guides/pre-war/1440-tourer>—Great article about the MG

https://www.namgar.com/articles/article/mga_history/mg_-_early_days/—Great article about the MG

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_Oxford_bullnose

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_Cowley

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Morris,_1st_Viscount_Nuffield

Book—“Great Marques M.G.”, by Chris Harvey, 1983

Book—“MG Past & Present”, by Rivers Fletcher, 1985



ZEN TYPE THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead.
Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow.
Do not walk beside me either. Just pretty much
leave me the heck alone.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with
a broken fan belt and a leaking tire.

It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're
going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's
the best, time to do it.

Sex is like air. It's not important unless you
aren't getting any.

Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced,
you can't be promoted.

No one is listening until you fart.

Always remember you're unique...Just like
everyone else.

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try
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Celebrations

By: Gene



BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

B.A. Walters	11/3
Jan Myszkowski	11/5
Roy Elworthy	11/13
Dick Goudy	11/15
Ruby Colby	11/21

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 9, 2019 Ancient City Auto Club – 35th Annual Car Show. St Augustine, FL - <http://local.aaca.org/ancientcity/>

NOVEMBER 14-16, 2019 Trans Am Finale. Daytona Beach, FL— www.gostransam.com

NOVEMBER 13-17, 2019 Daytona 24hr Race & Historics (HSR). Daytona, FL. - www.hsrrace.com

NOVEMBER 22-24, 2019 23rd Annual Turkey Bowl, Summit Point, WV - www.vrgonline.org

NOVEMBER 24, 2019 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). DeLand Airport, DeLand, FL – www.cfrsolo2.com

NOVEMBER 28 – Dec. 1, 2019 Daytona Turkey Run. Daytona Beach, FL – www.turkeyrun.com

NOVEMBER 29, 2019 Gas light parade and block party. Ormond Beach, FL. – 386-761-7987

NOVEMBER 30, 2019 Ormond Beach Antique Car Show. Ormond Beach – 386-761-7987

DECEMBER 4-8, 2019 Sebring Classic 12 Hour (HSR). Sebring FL - www.hsrrace.com

DECEMBER 7, 2019 TCVCC Cars of our Lives Show. Port St. Lucie, FL – <http://www.tcvcc.com/shows1.html>

DECEMBER 13-15, 2019 VDCA Season Finale. Roebling Roads Raceway, Bloomingdale, GA. - www.vintagedrive.com/

DECEMBER 15, 2019 Orlando Festivals of Speed at the Ritz-Carlton. Orlando, FL - https://www.festivalsofspeed.com/js_events/orlando/

JANUARY 3-5, 2020 “Roar before the Rolex 24” IMSA test days. Daytona, FL - <http://www.imsa.com/>

JANUARY 2-12, 2020 Mecum Auction. Kissimmee, FL. - www.Mecum.com

JANUARY 22-26, 2020 Cavallino Classic, Ferrari Gathering. Palm Beach, FL. – <http://www.cavallinoclassic.com/>

JANUARY 24, 2020 BMW Endurance Challenge. Daytona Beach, FL - <http://sportscarchallenge.imsa.com/>

JANUARY 25-26, 2020 Rolex 24 hours of Daytona. Daytona Beach, FL. – <http://www.imsa.com/>

FEBRUARY 7-9, 2020 Boca Raton Concours d' Elegance. Boca Raton, FL - www.bocaratonconcours.com

FEBRUARY 10, 2020 Sir John Black’s Birthday, drive your Triumph day. – Worldwide event

FEBRUARY 16, 2020 27th Annual All Brit Car Show. Boca Raton, FL - www.goldcoastbritcar.com/

FEBRUARY 20-22, 2020 British Motor Trade Assoc. Annual conference, St. Petersburg, FL. - <http://www.britcar.org/bmta-2020-conference-st-petersburg-fl>

FEBRUARY 21-23, 2020 Winter Florida Autofest. Lakeland, FL. <http://www.carlisleevents.com/events/schedule>

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1, 2020 Spring Vintage Classic (SVRA) Sebring Raceway, Sebring, FL - www.svra.com/

MARCH 5-8, 2020 Amelia Island Car Show. Amelia Island, FL. – www.ameliaconcours.org

MARCH 7, 2020 Annual Festivals of Speed. Omni Amelia Island Plantation. Amelia Island, FL - www.festivalsofspeed.com

APRIL 4, 2020 36th Annual British Car Show. Central Winds Park, Winter Springs, FL - www.allbritishcarclub.com/

APRIL 17-19, 2020 54th Annual GOF South. Howey-In-The-Hills, FL - <https://www.gofsouth.org/>

AUG 31 – SEPT 4, 2020 VTR2020. Galena, IL - (no additional information) - <https://vintagetriumphregister.org/>



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