



# The British Connection

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## President's Message

Well, it's that time again. Time to write something car related, and entertaining. Where did the last month go, what with just sitting on your bum, looking at stuff on the internet. Stuff that you've looked at a hundred times before. Stuff that you still don't feel you can afford, or should not buy at this point in time. All the while I am trying to stay away from the refrigerator. It's right over there.

Here we go on another car adventure. We can't afford some of the old English cars, and don't really want to work on them, anymore. So, some of us have gravitated to the Mazda Miata. I look for special editions (each year had one), and special colors that there were few produced. We just went to Ohio, in the beginning of March, before the covid-19 trouble. Just made it. Didn't realize how close we were. We brought back a yellow 2002 with 40k on it. One of 239 produced in that color that year. There is a special edition 2002 yellow that has flake in it, called mica by Mazda, 1000 of those. There was also a yellow in 1992 that appears the same as ours, 1500 produced, and again in 2009, more of an orange yellow. Not many yellows. One of my good friends from Ohio has always been into Sunbeams and Rootes Group cars. We communicate regularly (daily). I told him about a 2006 Mi-

ata in Sarasota. It looked like something he may be interested in. Well, he bought it. He has a friend in Tampa who went after it. A couple weeks ago we went over to Tampa and picked it up. He's got another friend in Lady Lake who is interested in getting an old MG, a B or Midget. Pay attention now. His other friend (in Lady Lake), he convinces him that he would be happier with a Miata. Now, we are into the fourth or fifth friend who races Miatas in Ohio. You can see where this is going. The racer dude has a low mileage 2003 Shinsen edition, titanium with blue seats and top, one of 1500.

What we have here is a round trip car ferrying crazy time. I have a small light weight single axle trailer that works well for old English cars. The 2002 yellow one (see above) barely fit width wise. The 2006 is 1 1/2 inches wider. I spent yesterday morning getting it on the trailer and tying it down. I had to put the top down to get out of the Miata. Then I had to put the top up. Well the car is on the trailer. And we have been called off, at least for a couple days. We were going to leave today, then tomorrow, now Wednesday.

That is why I have time to do this message... The calm before? This how all the car adventures start, or close to it.

*Doug*

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## Tech Tip Encore - Side Curtain Rubber Repair AMCO

Tech Tip from Jeff Zorn.

While trying to locate the rubber that goes around the 'AMCO' style aluminum side curtains for my MGA I was stymied. This molding is about 1 1/2 inches high, about 1/8 inch thick (maybe a little thicker) and had a round bead on it that slides into the aluminum channel on the side curtain. I had tried most everywhere, including all the major supply houses, rubber and seal makers, and local auto window replacement shops. No one was able to help me with this problem, one that others may have. I could find nothing about replacement rubber in the NAMGAR Tech Tips from MGA! or in the A-Antics Tech Tips Manual.

Distraught and very cold and wet on some days, I was about ready to pop for the \$600 (much less from LBCarCo.com) or so to replace the set of side curtains. At Indy '96 I spoke to several other folks and no one had any ideas. While strolling through the booths, I happened to walk by a vendor that had a display and saw that they had rubber molding that fits under the front windshield. It is the Bottom Windshield Seal-Frame to Body; Moss part number is 680-470. It was about the required height, just slightly thinner, and it had a rectangular bead at the base instead of round. At \$25.00 each, I figured I would need 2 for each window frame - \$100.00 (less from LBCarCo.com of course) total - so I bought them.

I finally got around to attempting putting them in the frame. With a little bit of cooking oil, which I put on the aluminum track, and some elbow grease, I was able to pull the rubber around the frame. For each frame, I used one piece for the sides and top, and one piece for the bottom track. I then used a heat gun (a good hair dryer may work) to help form the top two rounded edges and to keep them from curling one way or the other, which will now give me a tighter fit. Or you can cut the rubber at the top rear corner and then attached with strong water resistant glue another piece of rubber to make essentially a V there which will help keep the rubber from curling excessively.

All in all it works and, for a total cost of about \$100.00, it was well worth it (24 years later still working well).

*Jeff*



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Thanks Lou

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# Celebrations

By: Gene



Happy Birthday - June

Louis Spradlin - 6/6

Gene Myszkowski - 6/11

Steve Bradley - 6/16

Anniversaries

Louis & Sylvia Spradlin - 6/6

Charlie & Linde Richardson - 6/10

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## 2020 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 6, 2020 EuroBrit Auto & Bike Expo. Dublin Park, Madison, AL – [www.nabms.org](http://www.nabms.org)

JUNE 6, 2020 London to Brighton Rally. Indiana - <http://www.ibcu.org/london-to-brighton-run.html>

JUNE 15-19, 2020 TRA National Meet – Dillard, GA- <http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/> **Post-poned next show June 14-18, 2021**

JUNE 17-21, 2020 Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational. Indianapolis, IN - [www.svra.com/](http://www.svra.com/) **Rescheduled Date TBD**

**JUNE 23-26, 2020 MG 2020 NAMGBR. Calgary, Alberta, Canada- Canceled-**

JUNE 25-28, 2020 Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio. Lexington, OH - [www.svra.com/](http://www.svra.com/)

**JUNE 28, 2020 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). DeLand Airport, DeLand, FL –**  
<https://autocross.cfrscca.org>

JULY 25, 2020 British Car Day. Pittsburg, PA – <https://www.pvgp.org/>

JULY 25, 2020 British Cars of New Hampshire 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Show of Dreams. Hudson, NH - [www.bcnh.org](http://www.bcnh.org)

JULY 31 - Aug. 1, 2020 Tire Rack Ultimate Track Car Challenge. VIR Alton, VA -  
<http://www.ultimatetrackcar.com/>

**AUGUST 1-2, 2020 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, FL –**  
<https://autocross.cfrscca.org>

**AUGUST 6-9, 2020 Jefferson 500, Summit Point, WV -** <http://www.vrgonline.org>

AUGUST 8-9, 2020 Mount Equinox Hill Climb. Arlington, VT – [www.vsrca.org](http://www.vsrca.org)

AUGUST 14-16, 2020 Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals. Carlisle, PA – [www.carsatcarlisle.com](http://www.carsatcarlisle.com)

**AUGUST 27-30, 2020 TE/AE United XXXVIII. Greensboro, NC –** <http://teae.org/>

**AUG 31 – SEPT 4, 2020 VTR2020. Galena, IL -** <https://www.vtr2020.org/> **Cancelled, 2021 date and place not set.**

**Note: If you are planning on attending any of these events please check their website for updated information before you go.**



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