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## President's Message

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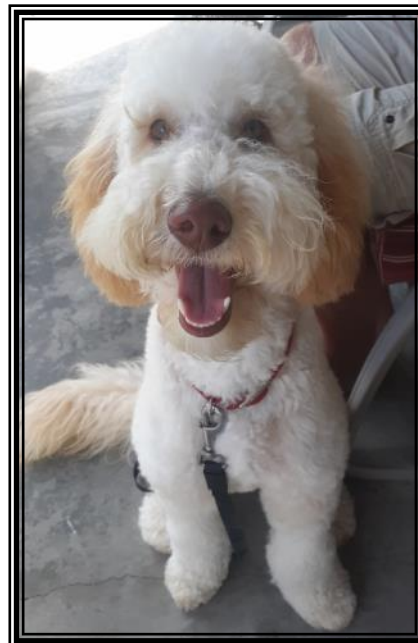
Here we are, another month trying to figure something to write about that's humorous, or informative, or something. My hat is off to Steve and Debi who did this for years and the others who went before.

I thought about writing about dogs, as our newest just turned one year old on Oct. 2nd. She's very social and still a puppy. When I open the front door to take her out, she blasts off across the street to a grassy area that is common area in our HOA, as I'm too lazy to hook her up to a leash. She is pretty good, but if someone else is walking a dog, she's right there. She just wants to see them. Usually it's someone we know. So, it's ok, sometimes not. We have one neighbor that is afraid of dogs, and another that worries about her dog as its older and has some back issues.

Bailey has figured this out and will usually come right back. Other times not so much. In the evening when most people walk their dogs, she gets the leash before the door gets opened. There is a puppy Rottweiler that is one month younger than Bailey. They play, run around and chase each other. Star, the Rotty is twice the weight of Bailey, and wears out faster. Bailey usually runs over the smaller dogs in the neighborhood. I have to tell her to be "EASY". But with Star, Bailey just goes "Thunk", although the other day she did manage to bowl Star over. I was surprised.

Our previous dog was the mayor of our area. Everyone knew her. She made me walk her 3-4 times a day. She wouldn't take no for an answer, Bailey not so much. She hasn't figured out "the stare". So, I don't get the exercise that I used to get. I imagine that will change. So far I'm enjoying not being called out as much.

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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).

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## Virtual British Car Show

The MG Car Club of Washington DC Centre is sponsoring a virtual British Classic Car Show. Our Club, like so many this year, has had to cancel our much-loved, in-person Hunt Country Classic--it would have been our 25th year. Not willing to let Covid-19 take charge, however, we've come up with what we hope will be the next best thing. We'll be conducting the Show totally online, with awards for best cars in each class, as well as Best Barn Find, Most Amusing Car, and, of course, the Sir Stirling Moss Trophy for Best Car in Show. We even have an award for the Best Car Write-up--we're asking everyone to tell us briefly about their entered car and/or their notable experiences with it. Participants will also submit five digital color photos of their cars which will be assembled into an online Show Catalogue for viewing and voting. Since "distance" is no barrier to participation, we're extending our invitation nation-wide.

**Registration begins Oct. 5th to Oct. 15th.** The deadline for submitting photos and write-ups is Oct. 31st. The catalogue will go LIVE and be available to all who registered on Nov. 7th and be available for viewing until Nov. 15th. On Nov. 19th, in a national LIVE ZOOM event, we will conduct an Awards Presentation.

**We encourage everyone to register early since the Show is limited to the first 300 cars registered.**




**Looking for a SAFE British Classic Car Show? Welcome to the  
Sir Stirling Moss Trophy Virtual  
British Classic Car Show...**

**Registration Begins  
Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>  
Limited To First  
300 Entries**

**Awards given for  
"Best Barn Find"  
"Most Amusing Car"  
"Best-in-show"  
"Best Write-up"**

**Special Live Zoom  
Event Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> To  
Announce Winners**

Sponsored by the MG Car Club Washington D.C. Centre, to honor the late British racing legend, this virtual car show is a SAFE and FUN way to enjoy the British Classic Car hobby and the friendly competition we're all missing due to coronavirus...the Show is open to all owners of British Classic Cars for a nominal fee of \$20 and is limited to the first 300 entries. Registrants will receive easy instructions on how to submit five (5) digital images of their car(s) (cell phone cameras are fine!) and a 100-words or less write-up (description or a unique story) about it. Peer judging will be done by all those who register. There will be class awards given, as well as "Best Barn Find", "Most Amusing Car", "Best Write-Up", and "Best-in-Show-Moss Trophy". An online photo "catalogue" of all entries will be created. Each registrant's car will receive its own catalogue page for purposes of viewing and voting.

Registration closes on October 24th and all photos and write-up submissions must be in by Oct. 31st. Voting will take place Nov. 7-15th. Winners will be announced LIVE at a special ZOOM event on Nov. 19th.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

To register click on the link below  
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# Celebrations

By: Gene



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Sylvia Spradlin 10/06

Tom Walters 10/21

Jim McIntyre 10/24

## 2020 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 9-10, 2020 AACA Eastern Division Fall Car Show. Hershey, PA. – [www.aaca.org/meetinfo](http://www.aaca.org/meetinfo)

OCTOBER 9-11, 2020 Watkins Glen International. Watkins Glen, NY - [www.imsa.com](http://www.imsa.com)

OCTOBER 16-17, 2020 2020 Lime Rock Festival. Lime Rock Park - Lakeville, CT – [www.svra.com](http://www.svra.com)

**OCTOBER 24, 2020 34<sup>th</sup> All British Fall Festival Field Meet and Auto Jumble Safety Harbor, FL. – [www.tbahc.com](http://www.tbahc.com)**

OCTOBER 24, 2020 British Car Festival of 2020. Fairhope, AL - <http://www.sabcc.org/>

OCTOBER 24, 2020 Charleston British Car Day. Mt. Pleasant, SC - <http://www.britishcarclubcharleston.com/>

OCTOBER 22-25, 2020 Savannah Speed Classic. Hutchinson Island, GA – [www.svra.com](http://www.svra.com)

**NOVEMBER 4-8, 2020 Classic Daytona & Daytona Historics (HSR). Daytona, FL. - [www.hsrrace.com](http://www.hsrrace.com)**

NOVEMBER 5-8, 2020 The US Vintage National Championship. Circuit of the Americas - Austin, TX – [www.svra.com](http://www.svra.com)

NOVEMBER 20 -22, 2020 2020 Road Atlanta Grand Prix. Braselton, GA - [www.svra.com](http://www.svra.com)

NOVEMBER 20-22, 2020 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Turkey Bowl, Summit Point, WV - [www.vrgonline.org](http://www.vrgonline.org)

**NOVEMBER 22, 2020 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). DeLand Airport, DeLand, FL – <https://autocross.cfrscca.org>**

**NOVEMBER 26 – 29, 2020 Daytona Turkey Run. Daytona Beach, FL – [www.turkeyrun.com](http://www.turkeyrun.com)**

**DECEMBER 2-6, 2020 Classic Sebring & Sebring Historics (HSR). Sebring FL - [www.hsrrace.com](http://www.hsrrace.com)**

DECEMBER 5, 2020 TCVCC Cool Car Show. Port St. Lucie, FL – <http://www.tcvcc.com/shows1.html>

DECEMBER 11-13, 2020 VDCA Season Finale. Roebing Roads Raceway, Bloomingdale, GA. - [www.vintagedrive.com/](http://www.vintagedrive.com/)

DECEMBER 6, 2020 Orlando Festivals of Speed at the Ritz-Carlton. Orlando, FL - [https://www.festivalsofspeed.com/js\\_events/orlando/](https://www.festivalsofspeed.com/js_events/orlando/)

JANUARY 7-17, 2021 Mecum Auction. Kissimmee, FL. - [www.Mecum.com](http://www.Mecum.com)

JANUARY 10, 2021 Annual Festivals of Speed. Vinoy Park St. Petersburg, FL- <https://www.festivalsofspeed.com/>

JANUARY 20-24, 2021 Cavallino Classic, Ferrari Gathering. Palm Beach, FL. – <http://www.cavallinoclassic.com/>

**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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