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President's Message

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Hello all. In a fitting end to 2020, I was diagnosed with a kidney stone. It was supposed to have been blasted on Dec. 22nd. But they couldn't get the machine. I didn't know that it was a communal machine. So, what we got was a postponement until today. We started the new year off right with a blasting of the stone. Just for your information, I was expecting a baptism. But they don't do water immersion anymore. I didn't get my free bath. So far, so good. 2021 is looking up. I have to drink lots of water and stand on my head to try to get the pieces to move.

The water is no problem, the contortions not so much.

On a brighter note, maybe I can get some energy up now to working on the cars, and other stuff. Any ideas for a drive somewhere, or a happening in the future, are welcome. With the vaccine being rolled out perhaps it's possible to start thinking on the future in a more normal sense. Thanks to everyone, and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Doug Bullard



Safety Fast! / By Greg Ulrich (Reprinted from the August, 2009 Issue of BACKROADS)

In the October 2004 issue of the Houston MG Car Club's newsletter, "The ROARS", I wrote an article about the origin of the popular MG slogan "*Safety Fast!*". Most of the older members have heard me lecture that the MG slogan "*Safety Fast!*" should always be shown in script form with an exclamation point following the slogan."

The slogan was first conceived in 1929 by Ted Colegrove, the MG publicity manager at Abingdon. It seems that one day he was driving behind a bus with a large triangle on the back with the words "Safety Fast". The slogan was meant to show that the bus had hydraulic brakes all around- a new innovation in 1929. As with most things MG, there are variations to this story with some literature stating that the triangle actually read "Safety First". Whatever Mr. Colegrove saw, he altered the slogan to read "SAFETY Fast!" Cecil Kimber adopted the new slogan immediately. What follows is the rest of the story.

Why was Kimber so anxious to adopt the new slogan? It seems that Cecil Kimber's first slogan for the marquee was "It Passes-and Surpasses". Not surprisingly, this cumbersome slogan was soon changed and became "Faster Than Most".

As the story goes, when Colegrove met with Mr. Kimber to tell him his idea for the new "SAFETY Fast!" slogan, he found Kimber in a foul mood. In front of Kimber was an MG advertisement with the "Faster Than Most" slogan to which someone added the word "bicycles". "The Faster Than Most Bicycles" so infuriated Kimber that he is said to have accepted the new slogan on the spot, feeling that the "SAFETY Fast!" slogan could not be so easily altered.

Somewhere along the way, the slogan was changed to read "*Safety Fast!*" in script form which is the way it appears today. The "*Safety Fast!*" slogan stuck and is still in use 80 years later by the MG Car Club and its magazine "*Safety Fast!*".

PONDERISMS

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.

Life is sexually transmitted.

Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

Some people are like Slinkies. Not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs.

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Celebrations

By: Gene



Happy Birthday January 2021

Debi Bradley 1/7

Celia Martin 1/11

Lucie Kooy 1/12

Happy Anniversary

Steve and Debi Bradley 1/6

2021 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

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JANUARY 7-17, 2021 Mecum Auction. Kissimmee, FL. - 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/>

JANUARY 22--24, 2021 “Roar before the Rolex 24” IMSA test days. Daytona, FL - <http://www.imsa.com/>

JANUARY 22-24, 2021 Michelin Pilot Challenge. Daytona Beach, FL - <http://sportscarchallenge.imsa.com/>

JANUARY 28-31, 2021 Rolex 24 hours of Daytona. Daytona Beach, FL. - <http://www.imsa.com/>

FEBRUARY 10, 2021 Sir John Black’s Birthday drive your Triumph day. – Worldwide event

FEBRUARY 18-21, 2021 Sebring SpeedTour (SVRA) Sebring Raceway, Sebring, FL - www.svra.com/

FEBRUARY 19-21, 2021 Winter Florida Autofest. Lakeland. FL. <http://www.carlisleevents.com/events/schedule>

MARCH 4-7, 2021 Amelia Island Car Show. Amelia Island, FL. - www.ameliaconcours.org

MARCH 6, 2021 Annual Strawberry Festival Car Show. Ocala, FL - [Habitat for Humanity of Marion County FL | Strawberry Festival \(habitatocala.org\)](http://HabitatforHumanityofMarionCountyFL.com/StrawberryFestival)

MARCH 7, 2021 “British-Italian-German” (BIG) car show. Cape Coral, FL - www.tswfl.org

MARCH 13-14, 2021 Sebring Support races. Sebring, FL - www.imsa.com

MARCH 14, 2021 Mobil 1 12 hrs. of Sebring. Sebring, FL. - www.imsa.com

MARCH 18-21, 2021 Charlotte SpeedTour Charlotte Motor Speedway - Concord, NC - <https://svra.com/>

MARCH 25-28, 2021 Atlanta SpeedTour. Braselton, GA - www.svra.com/

MARCH 26-28, 2021 Daytona Beach Spring Car Show and Swap Meet. Daytona Beach, FL - <http://www.turkeyrun.com>

MARCH 31-April 2, 2021 HSR Spring Fling. Sebring, FL www.hsrrace.com

APRIL 3, 2021 Wheels Across the Pond. Jupiter, FL - www.wheelsacrossthepond.com

APRIL 10, 2021 36th Annual British Car Show. Central Winds Park, Winter Springs, FL - www.allbritishcarclub.com/

APRIL 16-17, 2021 28th Annual Brits on the Bay. Pensacola, FL - <http://pbca1.com/show.htm>

APRIL 21-25, 2021 Spring Carlisle. Carlisle, PA. – (717) 243-7855 - or- www.carsatcarlisle.com

APRIL 21-25, 2021 “Classic Motorsports Mitty” Road Atlanta (HSR). Braselton, GA. - www.hsrrace.com

APRIL 25, 2021 Britain on the Green. Lorton, VA – <http://capitaltriumphregister.com/>

APRIL 28 – MAY 2, 2021 MINIs at the Dragon. Fontana Village, NC - <https://minisonthedragon.com/>

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