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President's Message

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Here we are. The first weekend after New Year's. We had agreed to help my sister-in-law with cleaning out the house in a Detroit suburb of Plymouth. My brother had died suddenly the previous October. I can't remember, I guess the house had sold, so there was a limit to the time we had. I hadn't really checked the weather. We were used to driving in the snow, living in Colorado. We were driving our current van, a full-sized Ford van with 460 ci v8. It was 3 tons of road hugging weight, but you had to drive with a feather foot in the snow.

We get up early (4 am) to get an early start. The fastest way is up I-76 kitty corner to Nebraska to I-80 and straight across. We were taking our 2 large dogs also, and plenty of blankets for packing furniture. No seats except the front two. As we head out there is a light mist, close to freezing. We are doing fine, leaving Denver early to avoid traffic. Just maybe 30 miles out of Denver, the mist starts to freeze on the windshield. Well, if it's freezing on the car, it's freezing on the road.

Sure enough, it's not too long before cars are in the ditch. A SUV in front of us suddenly makes a left into the median and turns over. There is no way I'm getting stopped. So, a couple miles on, I figure I better let someone know, and we call 911 and give them the approximate mile marker. We are both tense, remember the feather foot, we start looking for the next exit. It's getting close to 6 am and the McDonalds ought to be opening. The next town out in the middle of nowhere is Fort Morgan, and they have a McDonalds. We stop, get some breakfast, let the dogs out, and try to relax. If we wait long enough, the roads may warm up with some help from the Hi way department.

The sky is starting to get lighter, so we decide to start out again. The roads are wet, but traction is available. However, the further north we go, the more it starts snowing. By the time we get to the Nebraska boarder, it's snowing pretty good by now. We make our first planned

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gas stop in Ogallala, Ne. It's snowing mucho by now.

As we head east on I-80 we notice there is no traffic coming the other way. I say to Pat "looks like they've closed the road". A common occurrence on the plains. You can get stuck in some little town for a week while they plow the roads. the problem isn't the roads per se, the problem is the underpasses. they fill up with snow. So, we keep on keepin' on. Eventually, we come to a semi-truck in the median. The cab is one place, the tractor frame another. But about 100 feet from the cab is a Yellow Cat engine. Pat says was that guy hauling engines. I told her that, no that was the tractors engine. That's why the road was closed.

Our direction stayed open, but the snow never stopped. By late afternoon, I'd had enough so we started looking for a place to stay. Traveling with dogs is always hard. The first motel didn't care. Times like this, they are just interested in getting people off the highway. We were in Lincoln, NE. Another 70 miles to Omaha. We got our room and immediately turned on the weather channel to see how bad it really is. There was so much snow we couldn't get the motel door closed tight due to snow in the doorstep.

More to follow happy travels.

Doug



GOOD NEWS!

The 36th annual All British Car Show is back on for April 10th. The Friday Meet and Greet will be held at *Post Time Lounge & Café*

in Casselberry, and the show will be held at *Henry's Depot* 212 W 1st Street. Sanford, FL. Go to www.allbritishcarclub.com for dates, times, and registration.

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MG INTERNATIONAL 2021 ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY 14 – 17 JUNE 2021

THE REGISTRATION WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE

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Website:

[MG International 2021 - Atlantic City \(regfox.com\)](http://regfox.com)

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Celebrations

By: Gene



BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Burt Martin 2nd
Kevin Lemire 4th
Judy Goudy 22nd

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2021 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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) **Rescheduled to 2022**

MARCH 7, 2021 “British-Italian-German” (BIG) car show. , Rotary Park 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 30, 2021 Central Florida Car Show. Cocoa Village Cocoa Beach, FL - <https://visitcocoavillage.com/events/central-florida-car-show/>

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. Henry’s Depot , Sanford, 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/>

MAY 8-9, 2021 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, FL – <https://autocross.cfrscca.org/>

MAY 7-9, 2021 Morgan Owners Group South Spring Meet. Little Switzerland Inn, NC. – www.mogsouth.com

MAY 7-10, 2020 “Springtime in the Smokies” British Car Gathering. Townsend, TN - www.blountbritishcars.org/

MAY 14-15, 2021 Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA - <https://www.carlisleevents.com/>

MAY 20-23, 2021 Barber Historics. Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham, Al – www.hsrrace.com

MAY 22-23, 2021 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). Sebring International Raceway, Sebring FL – <https://autocross.cfrscca.org/>

MAY 23, 2020 Greenville Scottish Games 5th Ann. British Car Show. Greenville SC. - <http://gallabrae.com/events/british-car-show/>

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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