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President's Message

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In November of 1970, I bought a brand-new Datsun 240z in the light-yellow color. It was a wild time, wild colors, and hippies everywhere. Besides bell bottom jeans, we had to have wild colors. I'm working at an imported parts place. So, I decided I should be driving an imported car. At the time I had a 1968 Pontiac Firebird convertible. It was a pretty good car, drove well, even in the snow. As long as you kept it pointed in right direction. It did good going forward, not so much backing up. That was the only time I got the Firebird stuck--backing up. The job at the imported parts place was starting to get too political. I decided to leave, but I couldn't leave owing a car payment (or so I thought). I sold the Datsun for what i paid for it. There was a 6-month waiting list for new ones. The Datsun resided in the heated garage in the basement. It was always washed top and bottom in the winter, so it was really clean for 6 months old. Sold it, quit the job, and went looking for work.

I wound up working parts for a Jaguar, Austin Healy, MG, Datsun dealership. Well, as you can guess, it wasn't too long until I had to have another Z car. But there was a catch, the 6-month waiting list. Working for the dealer made it a little easier. I started looking up other dealers in our area. I would call, ask if they had any or any coming. One of the dealers in town (we had 3) had one coming. Not spoken for at the moment.

I told them to put my name on it. Thus, the second Z, this one in the orange that was so popular. I had this car for about a month or two. I thought, with the waiting list, maybe I could make some extra money. I started calling around again. The Datsun dealers were allocated 240z based on how many

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trucks, wagons, and sedans they sold. I started calling West Virginia. I lived in Columbus, Ohio at the time. I found one in Clarksburg. I asked a friend if he wanted an adventure. We took off early Saturday morning. No freeways at the time, or not many. We got there around noonish. It was a red one.

Here we are, and Orange Z leading a Red one. I checked the owner's manual for break in rules. It said not to take it over 4500 RPM for the first 600 miles. Checked it out, 4500 Rpm is 90 mph in high gear. I don't think we saw the low side of 90 all the way home. Except through towns, and heavy traffic. Sometimes red in front, sometimes orange. It seems to me we were home by 3:30, maybe 4:00. One of the best trips ever.

Doug Bullard



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

[MG International 2021 Registration is Now Open | NAMGAR](#)

Website:

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

FOR SALE

Send me your car related “for sale” or “wanted” items for this space. Ed



Celebrations

By: Gene



Happy April Birthdays

Laura Herbert 4/14

Betty Storke 4/19

Gary Thomas 4/19

Happy Anniversary

Jim & Christine McIntyre 4/6/69

Clark & Ilene Vegazo 4/14/18

2021 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 10, 2021 36th Annual British Car Show. Henry's Depot , Sanford, FL - www.allbritishcarclub.com/

APRIL 10, 2021 Central Florida Car Show. Cocoa Village Cocoa Beach, FL - <https://visitcocoavillage.com/events/central-florida-car-show/>

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.hsrace.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 13-16, 2021 Road America SpeedTour. Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI – www.svra.com

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

MAY 16-21, 2021 Austin Healey Conclave. Big Bear Lake, CA. – <http://www.healeyclub.org/>

MAY 20-23, 2021 Barber Historics. Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham, AL – www.hsrace.com

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

MAY 22-30, 2021 Annual British Car Week. Nationwide - www.britishcarweek.org

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

MAY 23-31, 2020 Annual British Car Week. Nationwide - www.britishcarweek.org

JUNE 6, 2021 British by the Sea Car Show. Waterford, CT – www.ctmgclub.com

JUNE 5, 2021 Cars & Motorcycles of England Show. Fort Washington PA – www.dvtr.org/home.htm

JUNE 6, 2021 The British return to Fort Meigs. Perrysburg, OH- <http://www.lebcc.org/>

JUNE 12-13, 2021 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). Sebring International Raceway, Sebring FL – <https://autocross.cfrscca.org/>

JUNE 13, 2021 27th Annual British Motorcar Gathering. Hellertown, PA – www.keystonemg.com

JUNE 14-18, 2021 TRA National Meet – Lexington, KY- <http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/>

JUNE 25-28, 2020 Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio. Lexington, OH - www.svra.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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