



The British Connection

Message from the ABCC Club President



Our new ABCC Newsletter editors – Mike & Gene Schoonmaker
in their 1980 Triumph Spitfire – “Spitz”

Hello and Happy Valentine’s Day. Go kiss someone – your spouse, or your sweetheart, or your parents, or even your little British car. Share the love.

We had a good turnout for the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Drive. I heard from several of you who couldn’t make it, and we hope to see you soon at a future event. You should have received an email from me with photos of the event. Webmaster Scott has some of them up on the club’s web page, www.volusiabritishcars.com. Check out the club’s calendar. Click on “pictures” and you will see a plethora of photos from the past. Scroll down to the bottom of the home page and go to our Facebook link. One of the topics discussed at the meeting was organizing another Spring Fling Car Show to be hosted by our club again. A steering committee was established to begin laying the groundwork.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Lunch Bunch



Chinese, anyone?

This month’s Lunch Bunch will meet at Wong’s Eight Wonders Kitchen, 54 South Charles Richard Beall Boulevard, Debary. The date is Wednesday, February 2, at 1 p.m. For further details, please contact Bob Storke via rstorke@cfl.rr.com.

British Motor Trade Association Conference

Calling all British car enthusiasts!

We will meet and greet fellow British car experts Saturday, February 5, from 8 to 11 am, at the Classic Motorsports headquarters. Their address is 915 Ridgewood Avenue, Holly Hill. Donuts will be provided and hot coffee with hot conversations with some of the most well known people in the British motoring circles. Tim Suddard says, “We have a lot of great things planned including a detailing seminar by Pebble Beach and Amelia Island Concours award winning detailer, Tim McNair, and a carb tuning seminar by Joe Curto.”



CLUB OFFICERS

Craig Colby -- President
Vice President -- Gordon Hart
Secretary -- Connie Hart
Treasurer -- Steve Bradley
Editor -- Gene Schoonmaker



(continued from the President)

Your committee members are Gary Thomas, Celia Martin, and Steve Bradley. Contact them with your ideas.

The winner of the lunch raffle at Boondocks was Dave Mederer, who had his lunch paid for by the club. Remember, each time the club has a monthly event at a predetermined restaurant, one lucky member will have their meal paid for through a drawing. Sorry, Lunch Bunch and British Cruisers are not eligible.

Editor Gene Schoonmaker is performing Herculean feats to produce your newsletter, along with the assistance of husband Mike. Thanks Gene and Mike. You should have received your January newsletter in a .pdf format, instead of a Word document. As always, if you want your newsletter by good old Uncle Sam's postal service, let Gene or me know so we can keep you informed of what's going on with your club. You may contact them at Schooner1937@gmail.com

Congratulations to John Wise for his win at the recent Advanced Technology Center Car Show. His red 1960 TR3A won Best Foreign Car. Red Meyer will be heading south for a Mini show sometime in the future. Vic Hall is actually home for a change. I wonder where his next trip will take him. Hey, I haven't heard from you lately, what have you and your car been doing? Check out our 3 activities for February in this newsletter. Tell me about your projects.

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your dues membership. Treasurer Steve tells me we have 39 faithful folks who have paid for 2011 already. I have a batch of unclaimed genuine ABCC magnetic name badges for several of you, please be sure to pick up yours. And, if you don't have one yet, and would like to have your very own name badge, please get in contact with me. I have club contact cards, too. Your club officers hope you are taking advantage of the club's activities, but we are ALWAYS open to your suggestions or comments.

There have been a few changes to the club calendar of activities since the Ponce Lighthouse event. If you have actually read to the bottom of this page and want the latest club calendar, please contact me.

MGC ya, Craig

(continued from "February Events")

I expect to see a lot of cars there, so be sure to arrive as early as you can. There is additional parking at adjacent parking lots next to Classic Motorsports, and also across the street.

If enough members are interested, perhaps we can meet for lunch somewhere after the conference. Please let Craig know any suggestions you may have for that.

British Cruisers Do Vic's Tour

Join us in your little British car, Saturday, February 26, for a leisurely drive around the area affectionately known as "The Tomoka Loop" in Ormond Beach. Hosted by Vic Hall, expect a stop for a late coffee or tea in the country, then on to Three Chimneys, the Fairchild Oak, and the Ormond Tomb. Following the twists and turns, we will end up at The Golden Lion in Flagler Beach for fish and chips, or whatever else charms you on the menu.

We will start the drive by meeting at the Ormond Super Walmart parking lot at the junction of I-95 and West Granada Boulevard at 9:30 a.m., and we will depart at 10:00 sharp.



Have you paid your dues for 2011? Remember your last Newsletter will be the March Newsletter. So, better get your payment in or miss out on all the FUN!

"The first time I saw you, somehow I knew you would be important in my life"



Enlightening Lighthouse Drive

Enlightening, you ask? Well, I learned 2 things: 1- that we can climb to the top of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and not feel like our legs have turned into petrified wood afterwards, and, 2- that an MGC is a lot harder to push start than an MGB.

You couldn't have asked for a better day or a better group of 26 individuals to spend it with. We saw new members Dave and Bobbie Mederer in their '00 Jaguar, then Red Meyer in his '60 Mini, Gordon and Connie Hart in their '74 MGB, Vic Hall in his '97 Jaguar, Burt and Celia Martin driving their '75 MGB, Kevin Lemire with his '79 MGB (for sale too), Gary and Sylvia Thomas with their '90 Jaguar, Joe and Donna Vetter with Maggie (their '73 MGB), Ed and Kathy Kufeldt in their '71 MGB, and Craig and Ruby Colby with the '68 MGC roadster. Also attending in alternate vehicles were Steve and Debi Bradley, Scott Keating and his mom, Richard Heckathorn and Joyce, Gene Schoonmaker, Herb James, and Tom Walters.

We met at the Seven Seas Marina in Port Orange, then drove south on scenic A1A to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. After scouting parking spots for our little British cars, we conducted a short club meeting. Then it was on to the gift shop and points beyond. Several energetic souls ventured to the top of the lighthouse, and the view was spectacular! We all made it back down, thank you, legs. You can see all the photos on our club web site. www.volusiabritishcars.com

We then drove north to a wonderful meal at Boondocks Restaurant. Thanks to Tom Walters and Gene Schoonmaker for saving us a couple of tables.

Following the meal, members headed their ways home. Unfortunately, I had left on my headlights, and my battery refused to crank that big six. To my rescue came Vic Hall and Joe Vetter. Thanks for the push, guys, although Joe commented how much heavier an MGC was to push than an MGB. I hope he wasn't succinctly suggesting that I need to lose weight from all of Ruby's succulent servings?



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY AND BEYOND

February 2 LUNCH BUNCH
Wednesday 1pm – Wong's 8 Wonders Kitchen, DeBary – Contact Bob Storke at rstorke@cfl.rr.com for additional information.

February 5 CLUB EVENT
Saturday 8 to 11am – Classic Motorsports (one of our club members) is hosting The British Motor Trade Assn show at their headquarters in Holly Hill, 915 Ridgewood Ave. Lunch afterwards?



(continued from Upcoming events)

February 26 BRITISH CRUISERS
VIC'S TOUR - Saturday-9:30am to 1:30pm.
Tomoka Loop and vicinity,
Ending with lunch at Golden Lion in Flagler
Beach. See you at the Ormond Super Walmart
parking lot at the junction of I-95 and West
Granada Blvd., with your little British car.

Far Future:

March 2 LUNCH BUNCH
Wednesday 1:00pm - site not yet
determined as of this writing.
Contact Bob Storke, rstorke@cfl.rr.com for
more information as the date gets closer.

March 18 - 20 Lake Dora Car Classic
Thursday - Sunday Mount Dora, FL
(see article page 8 on this one)

March 19 CLUB BREAKFAST
Saturday 10:00am
Old Spanish Sugar Mill Restaurant,
DeLeon Springs State Park, 601 Ponce DeLeon
Boulevard, DeLeon Springs. Meet at the Deland
Wal-Mart parking lot at 9:00 a.m. We will
caravan together so we can enter as a group,
plus show off our British cars in the parking lot.
The club will pay your entrance fee, plus one
meal cost for one member. **RSVP** required for
this one, please.

Far Far Future:

April 2, 2011 Mead Gardens car show.
Saturday Winter Park, Florida
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

April 6, 2011 Lunch Bunch
Wednesday
1 p.m.

April 8 - 10, 2011 MG GOF South Mk XLV
Friday - Sunday Weeki Wachee, Florida

April 16, 2011 Club Event

Golden Oldies Car Show
Saturday 2-4 pm
Riviera Assisted Living Facility -
Holly Hill

April 30, 2011 AACA Car Show
Saturday
site unknown, maybe Lake Helen?
times unknown

Recipe for February

Old Settlers Beans

- 1 pound hamburger or ground turkey
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 1/2 pound bacon, cut up
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 - 16 ounce cans pork and beans in
tomato sauce
- 2 - 15 1/2 ounce cans red kidney beans
- 2 - 15 ounce cans butter beans
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup (more if needed) packed brown
sugar
- 1/2 cup (more if needed) White sugar or
Splenda
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a skillet cook
the onion, bacon and garlic until bacon is
crisp and onion is tender, drain. Add this
to cooked and scrambled hamburger or
turkey. In a bowl combine onion mixture,
the beans, ketchup, molasses, sugars, and
mustard. Transfer the bean mixture to a
3-quart casserole. Bake, covered, for 1
hour. If desired, top with additional
cooked bacon. Makes 12 to 16 side dish
servings.

NOTE: For slow-cooker directions
prepare the bean mixture as above,
transfer to a 3/12 or 4-quart electric slow
cooker. Cover and cook on low heat
setting for 10-12 hours or on high heat
for 4 to 5 hours.

From Celia Martin



NOTE. We need more recipes, This is our last one. Go through your cards.

YOUR MONTHLY MEMO FROM MURPHY

9. When changing the oil, the oil drain plug will be set aside and forgotten until the first quart of fresh oil has been added to the sump.

The oil spill will miss the cardboard mat you placed under your car by 1 inch. You will not have any kitty litter to clean up the quart of oil.

20. Any car part you bid for on eBay will end up selling for \$1.00 more than your highest bid. That part will never come up for auction again.

None of your friends will have that part either.

That part will become the rare element known as Unobtainium.

NEED A GOOD MEETING SPEAKER?

Our own Joe Vetter (1978 MGB Roadster), will be happy to help you out. He is an "Historic Reenactor" who does a first person presentation of Civil War notables, such as General Adelbert Ames, and Bill McCoy - for a small fee. Contact at profJoevetter@gmail.com 386-214-7232

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JOKE OF THE MONTH

After our December Christmas meeting, Ruby and I went to Minnesota to visit relatives of hers. While we were there, we decided to go ice fishing at a local lake well known for its huge stock of fish.

After walking onto the ice, we chopped a hole through the ice. I baited our hooks and dropped our lines into the water. We waited for over an hour with not even one nibble.

Later, a young lad began fishing a few yards away from us. He had barely set his baited hook into the water, before pulling up a sizeable trout. Again, and again, he repeated the feat, with each catch surpassing the previous one. We watched, amazed at his success.

Finally, I could contain my curiosity no longer. I approached the fellow, and asked him would he tell me the secret to his success?

"Mmmff mmmff mmffmm," was his reply.

Embarrassed that I couldn't understand him, I said, "I apologize, I didn't understand you."

Again, he mumbled, "Mmmff mmmff mmffmm."

Still frustrated, I replied "I'm really sorry, but I still don't know what you are saying."

He held his hand under his mouth and "spit spit spit noises."

"I said, 'You have to keep the worms warm.'"

Note: We usually have a space for "How I met my First British Car", or perhaps something on the British car you now own. Any help on this spot would be appreciated. Thank you - Editor



Tech tip of the Month

Getting Penetrants Into Tough Spots

It is often difficult get your favorite penetrant (PB Blaster, WD-40, etc.) into some spots, especially with the short, stiff spray straws they provide. Facing this problem for the 1000th time, and really needing a solution, I looked around my workspace, and found an old, unused coil of nylon tubing meant for oil pressure gauges. It turns out that the penetrant straws are a good fit inside the nylon tubing! Just cut off a generous length so you can reach all likely bolts in the future, slide the nylon tubing over the penetrant straw, and you are in business. Wear eye protection because the fit between the tubings are not tight enough to be leak proof.

By Peter Grinnell, Jr.

ABCC RECOMMENDED WEB SITES

Our club's web site: <http://www.volusiabritishcars.com/>

For the MGA (our club's godfather):

<http://www.namgar.com/>

For the MGB and Midget:

<http://www.mgclub.org/index.htm>

also <http://www.mgcars.org.uk/namgbr/>

For the MGC: <http://www.mgcars.org.uk/amgcr/>

For the Triumph Spitfire, GT6, Herald, Sports 6, and other small Triumphs:

<http://www.triumphspitfire.com/>

also <http://www.gatriumph.com/>

For the ABCC of Central Florida:

<http://www.allbritishcarclub.com/>

For the MG Car Club Florida (Brevard County):

<http://www.mgcarclubflorida.org/>

For the MG Classics of Jacksonville:

<http://www.mgclassics.org/mgclassics/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx>

For a worldwide forum about MGs:

<http://www.mgcars.org.uk/>

I continue to be helped by the members of this MG forum:

<http://www.mgexperience.net/>

One of our members publishes the Grassroots MotorSports magazine

<http://grassrootsmotorsports.com/>

and Classic MotorSports magazine.

<http://classicmotorsports.net/>

- CLASSIFIED ADS -

NEED PARTS?

Eric Salvioli may have just what you are looking for. Contact Eric at (386) 290-7214 or esalvioli@bellsouth.net

ABCC REGALIA

Contact Bob Storke rstorke@cfl.rr.com for information about Tee Shirts and Hats with our club logo on them. Below is the company that does the embroidering.



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For sale: 1979 MGB, British Racing Green, cream colored top, over \$3,000.00 work done in the past 4 months. Car has new: tires, spoiler, radiator, custom exhaust system, tail lights, suspension lowering kit, stereo, battery, and rebuilt engine still in the break-in period. The carb was completely rebuilt as well. Engine rebuild included:

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Note: The following notice about the Lake Dora Classic sounds interesting to some of the Club members. If we would like to do this as a Club Event, we need to let Craig know. Spending the night on Saturday night might be a good idea, if we are going to take the ride the next day. Suggestions?

LAKE DORA CLASSIC

MOUNT DORA CLASSIC CAR FESTIVAL

March 19/20, 2011

www.lakedoraclassic.com



Dear Collector Car Enthusiast,

The Second Annual Lake Dora Classic will return for another great weekend in our City, aptly named "**Someplace Special**". We again are pleased to extend an invitation to all the car clubs in our area. Our Show in 2010 featured over 80 pre-registered entrants, with another 40 last minute arrivals that we had to turn away. Check out our website for photos of the 2010 winners. Attendance at our March 2010 Show was estimated at nearly **9500** spectators.

Friday evening, March 18, we will have a **Meet&Greet** at the **Chamber offices** from **5:00PM to 7:00PM**. Sponsors and Registrants can pick up their Goody Bags and join us for light refreshments. The Chamber is located at 341 North Alexander Street.

The 2011 Show will start at **8:00AM, Saturday the 19th**, for staging the cars in our Downtown area. This years judging will again be by **Peoples Choice**, but, as an incentive for car clubs, we will provide 3 place Show trophies for any club that brings at least 8 cars to the event. These trophies will be identified for your vehicles make. In addition, your club can use its own members' judges to ensure your club's standards are followed. And again, we will have special awards to include all entries, that include **Best of Show, Mayor's Cup, Best Use of Color and Design, Oldest Vehicle**, to name a few. This year, also, we will have a display by **Mount Dora's Finest "First Responders"**, to include a close up look at **Police, Fire and EMS response vehicles**.

The 2011 Show will have lunch on your own, but many restaurants will provide all entrants special coupons for discounts. All Ballots must be turned in by 2:00PM at the DJ booth. Winners and trophies will be announced starting at 3:30PM. By 5:00PM, all cars must be in legal parking spaces after the Show, should you wish to remain awhile.

Sunday the 20th, at 10:00AM, we will begin a **Back Roads Tour to Montverde** and visit **Bella Collina Country Club** for a special luncheon. At the conclusion of lunch, you may tour the facility or begin your trip home. **Jack Voller** will be our Tour Coordinator. Ribbons for all who participate.

Registration per car is **\$25.00**, which includes entry for one vehicle, Goody Bag and admission for 2 at our Meet & Greet. **All First in Class winners from 2010 are provided FREE registration**. **Pisces Rising restaurant** will have a **lobster themed wine dinner Saturday** evening, starting at 6:30PM. Cost for this limited seating event is **\$50. per person**, all inclusive. Pisces Rising is located at 239 West 4th Avenue. **Bella Collina** luncheon is **\$25.00 per person**, all inclusive. All vehicles must have a fire extinguisher and the proper liability insurance.

Enclosed is a registration form, which you may photo copy as many as you need. **Registration closes March 6, 2011**. We hope to see you at the Show. This is a rain or shine event. No registration at gate, day of Show.

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