



The British Connection

Message from the ABCC Club President



1959 TRIUMPH TR-3A OWNED BY RON AND MARY ELLEN WATZ. NOTE THE HOOD IS UP IN ANTICIPATION OF THE WATZ RAIN CURSE.

Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone. I see you have survived the recent holiday season unscathed. Hopefully, you got that MG TD water pump, or black Ultima GT you had been asking for. I hear that Dave and Bobbie Mederer have a new 1962 MGA coupe in their garage.

We ended the 2010 year with 54 memberships, which translated to 92 warm bodies. Treasurer Steve has informed me that we are currently at 34 memberships (63 people) already for 2011. Send your dues to Steve Bradley, 745 Lakeview Drive, Orange City, FL 32763-6127. Thank you to everyone who have already paid their "subs." Keep those club ideas and suggestions coming.



January Events

January 15-Ponce Inlet Drive-

Put on your climbing boots for this month's event (or you can just watch).

We will be taking advantage of the cooler weather to enjoy a short drive in our cars, then do a little sightseeing, then lunch together at a local restaurant after another short drive. Meet us at the **Seven Seas Marina**, 3300 South Peninsula Drive, Port Orange, at 10 a.m., January 15. Once the gang is all there, we will depart (10:15ish) for the **Ponce Inlet Lighthouse**, using the A1A route. There are a lot of things to see and do there: tour the Lighthouse Gift Shop, Museum, grounds, climb to the top of the Lighthouse, visit the Marine Science Center, take a gander across the street at the dock where the famous Critter Fleet moors, or just stroll under the trees in the nearby park to take in all the scenery.

After the ponderous Ponce Inlet Lighthouse activities are past, we will ply Peninsula Drive to pursue more piscatorial pleasures at **Boondocks Restaurant** north of Ponce Inlet. I estimate we will arrive around noon. Be sure to get a raffle ticket, the club will pay for the lunch of one lucky winner.

CLUB OFFICERS

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



(President’s message continued)

Welcome back Gordon Hart as Vice President, Connie Hart as Secretary, Steve Bradley as Treasurer, Scott Keating as Webmaster, and Bob Storke as coordinator of our Lunch Bunch. The new faces belong to Gene and Mike Schoonmaker who take over as Editors for 2011.

At this writing, I am 99% finished with your 2011 activities calendar of events. I have had some suggestions from Scott Keating, Steve Bradley, and Gordon Hart. I will present the calendar to the members attending the January 15 Ponce Inlet Lighthouse drive. Once you have it in your hand, please look it over and tell me what you think. Most of it is not set in stone, so changes can be made per member suggestions. I tried to keep many of the activities from 2010 that were applauded by members, but moved the dates around. Also, you will see some events on the calendar that are not “club events” but may be of interest to you.

Good news: the club will pay your entrance fees this year for the two events at state parks. And when the club dines somewhere for a monthly meeting or event (excluding Lunch Bunch and Cruisers), one lucky member will have their meal paid for by the club. Do you feel lucky?

One of the annual things that I must do, is have a meeting to install your 2011 club officers, and present the proposed activities calendar for this year. When you look at the calendar, please understand that it is not set in stone, and you are encouraged to make suggestions – this is your club. This year, I tried to continue popular activities, but at a more seasonal-friendly arrangement. I have more driving events listed for your pleasure, as well as the ever popular social and scenic activities.

Vic Hall has finished his Christmas cruise to Hawaii. I have been forwarding his journal to you. Congrats to Scott Keating for his 2nd Place win at the recent Ormond Beach car show in November.

MGC ya! Craig

MONTHLY MEMO FROM MURPHY

5. The simplest Lucas fault will be the hardest to find.
29. Whilst driving over the speed limit and strategically tucked in between several other cars also traveling at the same speed as you, the only car in the group to be stopped and ticketed will be yours.

Recipe for December, 2010 / January, 2011

Toasted Pecans Combine: ¾ cup sugar, 1 ½ tps. cinnamon, 1 ¼ tps. garlic powder, 1 tsp. red pepper, 1 ¼ tps. salt. Mix with 1 pound pecans, spread on a cookie sheet, drizzle 2 tbs. olive oil on nuts, stir to mix. Dot with 1/2 cup butter cut into pieces. Bake at 350, stirring every 3 to 4 minutes, for 15 minutes or until nicely roasted. Yummmmmmm!

(Thank Joyce Heckathorn who made these for the Christmas Picnic in the Park and we asked for her recipe)

BRITISH CRUISERS

Aching for more driving in your little British car? We will circle the wagons at noon, on **Sunday, January 23**, at the **Dunlawton Sugar Mill Gardens**, at 950 Old Sugar Mill Road (off of Herbert Street) in Port Orange. Join us for a drive south to **Seminole Rest, in Oak Hill**. It is an old pioneer house built in the 1800’s along the Indian River, and we visited it last year – nice walking tour. There is a guided tour around 1 p.m., if I remember correctly. After the walk about, we will converge at somewhere yet-to-be-decided for lunch.

Lunch Bunch in December

Saigon Bistro was the restaurant of choice this month. It is in Ormond Beach, and featured Vietnamese cuisine. Attendees included Mike Schoonmaker, Bob and Betty Storke, Ed and Kathy Kufeldt, Richard and Joyce Heckathorn, Burt and Celia Martin and Craig and Ruby Colby. *Great choice for a unique lunch.*

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Lunch Bunch in January

We ventured north to the Volusia / Flagler lines to lunch at Plantation Grill, in the Publix shopping center off of Old Kings Road. Despite the threat of rain, the turnout was great, and so was the company. "Try the meatloaf," said Richard Heckathorn, so several of us did. Served on a bun, with fries, we were soon complimenting Richard for his excellent recommendation. Seated were Bob Storke, Jim Lubinski, Burt and Celia Martin, Gary and Sylvia Thomas, Mike and Gene Schoonmaker, Richard and Joyce Heckathorn, Dick and Judy Goudey, Craig and Ruby Colby with their guest Rene Martel.

Club Christmas Picnic In the Park - December

Who knew what the weather would be like when we picked the date and location for this event? In 2009, we were baked by the sun and dressed in shorts and tees. Well, 2010 turned out to be the opposite. As we headed south, I could see dark ominous clouds in my rear view mirror. If you were there, you know what happened: rain, wind, and cold as the front moved through. A hardy group showed up, so thanks to the 30 members who braved the weather to party under the pavilion at Spruce Creek Park. We saw Gordon and Connie Hart, Tom and Suzanne Walters, Bob and Betty Storke, Kevin Lemire and Donna, Ed and Kathy Kufeldt, Richard Heckathorn and Joyce, Paul and Ursula Suddard, Luke Coderre, Tommy Suddard, Jerry Peck and Mimi, Burt and Celia Martin, Joe and Donna Vetter, Mike and Gene Schoonmaker, Ron and Mary Ellen Watz, Craig and Ruby Colby, and visitors Roger and Diane Kempton. Extra kudos go to Ed Kufeldt, Paul Suddard, and Jerry Peck for driving their British cars. The Chinese Gift auction went very well this year, and one member set a record for having her gift taken away from her too many times to count. But it was fun for all. See you soon.

Tech tip of the Month

SU H4 Rebuilding - did the prior owners do it right? If you're new to your car and suspect the carburetor jet bearings have been rebuilt, better check them out! On my 1960 MGA, I

found that the prior owners had failed to remove the original cork seal and cupped washer from where it sits in the bottom of the jet bearing bottom and had put an O ring and another washer on top of it, so it always had a slow leak. They also had used a rubber washer or ring of some kind in place of the very thin and narrow copper washer that sits just under the top of the jet bearing bottom on the top of the securing nut. This piece, whatever it was, had disintegrated, and wormed its way between the exterior of the bottom jet bearing and the interior of the securing nut, literally gumming up the works. If you are not sure if your carbs have been rebuilt properly, check them out.!

(note: don't remember who sent this to me, so whoever you are, thank you.)

Pet Name or Pet Peeve?

A couple of weeks ago I asked our members if they had named their little British car. Was I surprised to see your results! Check out this list:

Doug and Linda Rothwell 1974 MGB Roadster Beatrice

Joe and Donna Vetter 1973 MGB Roadster Maggie

Jan Radigan 1960 MGA Lord Percy

Doug and Darla Widnall 1960 MGA Mushroom

Luke Coderre 1980 MGB Roadster Baby Car

Kevin Lemire 1976 MGB Roadster Wicked Fun

Tom and Louise Gaynor 1952 Jaguar XK 120 Gumby

Ron and MaryEllen Watz 1959 TR3A Katrina Red Meyer
1960 Mini Cooper Alfie

Steve & Debi Bradley 1960 MGA no name, but

Steve says "It's a boy because it has a crank..."

Mike and Gene Schoonmaker 1980 Spitfire Spitz

Frank StAngelo 1972 MGB Roadster Bettsie

(a.k.a. The Little Car, because it needs TLC)

Eric Salvioli 1960 Bugeye Sprite The Beauty

Craig Colby 1968 MGC Roadster Prunella

Craig Colby 1969 MGB GT Penelope

Ruby Colby 1968 MGC GT Priscilla

Other non-LBC's

Bob and Betty Storke Miata Punkin

Michelle Colby 1999 Mustang Stanley

My college roommate 1960 something VW Bus Iverson

Connie Hart 1963 Buick LaSabre Beulah Buick "with a 350 wildcat engine. She was a big girl, heavy, but fast!"

Tom Gaynor 1940 Ford Pickup Flivver

Tom Gaynor's mom 1947 Plymouth Abigail

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REMINDER

PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

FOR 2011. OR YOUR NEWSLETTER WILL

NOT BE SENT TO YOU AFTER MARCH 2011.

**February 5, 2011 Club Event
Classic Motorsports**

Hosting The British Motor Trade Assn. Show at their headquarters in Holly Hill.

8 – 11am

915 Ridgewood Avenue.



The staff of **Classic Motorsports** would like to invite British car owners and enthusiasts to our offices for a special open house event on February 5th, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. We are hosting the British Motor Trade Associations annual conference that weekend, so this will be a great opportunity to sip coffee and talk cars with industry insiders.

In addition to the staff of Classic Motorsports, Guests will include- **John Twist:** Noted MG expert and owner of University Motors (university-motorsltd.com) **Joe Curto:** SU carburetor expert (joecurto.com) **Kelvin Dodd:** Global Sourcing Engineer at Moss Motors (mossmotors.com) **Jonathan Stein:** Director of Publications at Hagerty Insurance (hagerty.com) **Dave Anton:** Owner and noted Mini/A-series engine builder at Advanced Performance Technology (aptfast.com) **Carl Heideman:** Owner of Eclectic Motorworks and Classic Motorsports contributor (eclecticmotorworks.com) We have parking for the first 40 cars right at our headquarters, and there are



spaces for additional guests in an adjacent lot. We will provide coffee and doughnuts, so we hope you can join us for a fun Saturday morning get-together

(note: after the conference, perhaps we can all enjoy a drive to a restaurant of choice?)

CLASSIFIED ADS.....NEED PARTS?

MGB CONVERTIBLE FRAME AND TOP FOR SALE...

Frame for convertible top. This came off my 1980 MGB and should fit other model years, at least back to 74 1/2, I think. Frame is complete with header attached. Works fine. No charge for the top, which is serviceable, but worn (minor leak at drivers side over the vent window and zipper needs repair). Asking \$200.00 Contact Richard Jones ich6861fl@yahoo.com

SEAT BELT WANTED . . . I need a retracting passenger seat belt that will fit an MGB GT(or MGC GT). Buy? Swap? Please contact Craig cwcolby@hotmail.com , thanks.

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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Email: fourtownes@earthlink.net • www.fourtownesembroidery.com

Non-club Upcoming Events and future Lunch in February

Saturday January 22, 2011 - Advanced Technology Center

Daytona State College - Car Show
\$10.00 entry fee – 10am to 2pm
1770 Technology Boulevard (off of Williamson)

Contact Giacobd@DaytonaState.edu

February 2, 2011 - Lunch Bunch, Wong's 8 Wonders Kitchen Wednesday 1pm in DeBary. Contact Bob Storke rstorke@cfl.rr.com for additional information.

ABCC's Web Picks

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/>



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:

- Cleaned and painted block
- New freeze plugs
- Polished crankshaft and camshaft
- Bored cylinders
- New pistons and rings
- New camshaft bearings
- New high flow oil pump
- All new gaskets and seals
- Valve job
- New timing chain

Asking \$4,600 . . Call Kevin at 386-316-9466 to discuss

