

The British Connection



Check out U-Tube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7AECIw1Xvc>

President's Message

On Tuesday June 4th, we left for Dillard, Georgia for MG 2012. Club member Marco Sinai from Miami started his journey on Sunday. He met a couple members from the MG Club of Central Fla. in Vero Beach and drove with them to Ormond, where Deanna and I joined the Caravan. We traveled up State Rt.100 to Lake City to meet the rest of the group. As a pleasant surprise another member of our Club, Randon Wilkins with his 1974 MGB drove up into Georgia with us until he had to cut off to go back to Jacksonville, where he is a student at J.U.

After Randon left the caravan, the 8 MG's that were left continued on to Dillon, Ga., where we spent the night. We made Dillard Wednesday afternoon, without so much as a hic-up from anybody's MG. This just shows me again, how these cars, are meant to be driven.

The 4 day event in Dillard, had a lot of



activities for everyone. Wednesday night we were treated to an old fashioned Drive-In movie. It was really something to see over 250 MG's at a Drive-In. On Thursday I drove the tail of the dragon again. My friend from Oregon, who just so happens to be the President of the Host Club for MG 2013 in Corvallis, was without a car in Georgia. I volunteered my car for him to use. He insisted I join him for the drive. After we drove the Tail we had a taste for a burger and a beer. Little did we know we were in a dry county! We had to drive almost 3 hours back to Georgia to get that burger and a beer. Oh my, we were thirsty!

On Friday Deanna and I went on a Georgia wine tour. Again some beautiful roads and the food at the Winery was excellent. All this was going on as well as Tech sessions being put on by the MG guru, John Twist. I was able to see only a few minutes of his rolling tech session, but the stories I got from the folks who had him look at their cars were all very happy.

Saturday was the long awaited Car Show on the Dillard House grounds. The setting looked like something we'd see in an England photo, with rolling grassy countryside as the

backdrop. Over 300 cars in attendance was certain eye candy for all.



Marco had a few issues while in Dillard; a couple of his wire wheel tubes started to leak. We left on Sunday morning for our journey home, without over half of our original group. As they all had other plans instead of just driving back home. Some continued on an extended vacation including Marco, and most headed into North Carolina.

The MG is now back home and tucked away for the summer, as we are heading North for a vacation ourselves. It was a great trip and I hope sometime in the near future we can do an overnighiter somewhere with the Club.

Be Safe and see you in the Fall. Steve Bradley will be "sitting" in for me.
Ken and Deanna



Monterey Grill is where the Lunch Bunch will be meeting for lunch on July 11th at 1pm. **NOTE THE NEW TIME**, this time only. Located at 1665 Dunlawton Ave., #101. Port Orange. We have been having some great turnouts lately. Let's keep it up. See you there.
Questions? rstorke@cfl.rr.com

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Last month we had a superior showing of members, Bob & Betty Storke, Mike & Gene Schoonmaker, Jere & Bonita Dotten, Allan & Lois Wright, Frank Herbert, Vic Hall, Jan Radigan, Richard & Joyce Heckathorn, and Craig and Ruby Colby snuck in for some good eating, as well some of the best Fish 'n Chips around at the Black Sheep Pub in Ormond



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

KATHY KUFELDT - JULY 23RD

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Burt and Celia Martin - July 27th

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MESSAGE FROM our VICE PRESIDENT

Happy 4th of July to you. Many of us will be gathering at our favorite fireworks location and enjoying all of the festivities. This is a good time to reflect on the freedoms we have as Americans. As for us, we spend the day on Lake Helen at Debi's Mother's 100 year old home with most of the family attending. With a Bar-B-Q going, food in abundance and flags waving all day waiting for night to come... Then the first rocket flies high in the sky. Oo's and ah's begin and can be heard for miles as the massive fireworks fill the darkness of a sleepy patriotic town. No matter where you spend your 4th don't forget to thank a Vet in your travels or fellow Vet --as the case may be.
MGasteve

Car Enthusiast Night at the Cubs Ballpark

Clint Cure, Director of Sales for the Daytona Cubs Baseball Team in Daytona Beach has contacted our club. He is trying to put together a " Car Enthusiast Night at the Ballpark" which would include a 90 minute pre-game car show. They would also have 1 "lead car" from each Car club perform a parade lap with their respective club flags flying including a PA announcement for each club. Also, they would have all of the cars parked in a sectioned off area in the parking lot and offer all the members who are pre-registered, discounted tickets for the game. They are interested in having a tee-shirt made for the event and have a package put together for each member (shirt, ticket,

sticker, food voucher). Right now they are looking for suggestions for this event, such as: (day of the week, do we judge? Trophy for winner?) They are looking to do this in late July or August of this year. He wants us to let him know if this has any interest to us. **ARE WE?** Please email Steve Bradley at sbradley5@cfl.rr.com and let me know your thoughts on the subject. If there is an interest I'll give Mr. Cure an approximate number of members that would like to attend, and get more information to pass on to our members via emails. So let me know. Thanks and looking forward to your response, -
MGasteve

We are now at 56 Members!

Welcome back Ron and Louise Ashton

WHERE ARE YOU SPENDING YOUR SUMMER?

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU -

John Bellmore is in Sturgis, South Dakota -





John Bellmore at Panhead Billy's - -

And Vic Hall - well, he is on his way to

“Hi Everyone - I will be taking my trip again to visit Arizona and join up with the Ridgeline (ROC) Group for a 2 day Rallye. This is my projected itinerary for the two week trip. As I have done in the past, I will update daily when possible”:

6-22-2012 Friday - Day 1: *Flagler Beach to Pensacola (visit an old friend in nursing home)FL. Planning to spend the night in Mobile, AL area.*

Well I got a later start than I wanted; I did run into some rain in the Jacksonville area. About 20 miles out of Jax the rain stopped and it was a great drive on I-10. I met up with my friends Jennie and Richard in Marianna FL; then we made our way to Pensacola to visit Ms. Eliose, Jennie’s Mother and my Mother’s old friend. She was doing pretty good for someone who has diabetes, broken hip, and had a stroke. It felt great to know that she could remember me after all she has been through. After the visit I drove on through Mobile to Tillman’s Corner for dinner and stopped for the night. Till tomorrows update, Vic

6-23-2012 Saturday - Day 2; *Mobile, AL to Many, LA*

6-23-2012 Saturday Day 2, TRIP CANX - ACCIDENT IN SLIDELL, LA

Well everyone - my trip to AZ is done. No one was hurt; but I was involved in a 3 vehicle accident. The Ridgeline is now at a repair shop until Monday, when it will be determined by a claims agent what can be done as for repairs on the Ridge. I am having to stay in Slidell LA till at least Monday or Tuesday.

6-24-2012 Sunday - Day 3: Traveling around Louisiana (LA) - Since I am not a person that sits and stewes in misery and though life gives you a bunch of lemons; I try to pick myself up and make lemonade. So today since I have a rental car, I decided to travel around southern LA. I drove to Lacombe, Fontainebleau State Park, Mandeville, over Lake Ponchatrain Cswy, to Metairie, driving through the sugar cane fields, and Vacherie to visit Laura and Oak Alley Plantations. It was some beautiful country.

Well till tomorrow. Vic

Expresso Cake in a Mug

- 1 tsp. Instant coffee granules
- 1 tsp. Mini chocolate chips
- 3 tsp. Devil’s Food cake mix
- 1 tbs. Sour cream; 1 egg
- ¼ tsp. Vanilla extract
- 1/8 tsp baking powder
- 1 no-cal sweetner packet
- dash of salt
- 1 large coffee mug

Directions – (makes one mug)

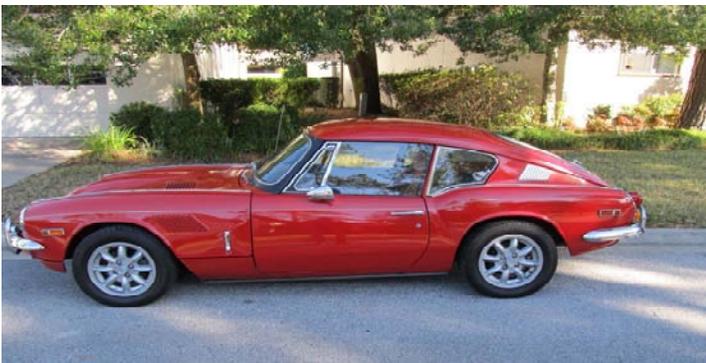
Spray mug with nonstick baking spray. Place coffee, chocolate chips in mug. Add the other ingredients to each mug & mis well. Place in microwave for 1 min 45 sec. for each mug. Let cool slightly and enjoy. (Approx 147 calories)

-- thank you Vic Hall --

FOR SALE

1970 GT6+ Triumph - excellent original condition - original paint - tan leather interior - moto-lite wheels - new master brake cylinder and battery - SS exhaust - probably one of the best original GT SIXER's in the country - reluctant sell, need room - fantastic screamer and head-turner - love the patina!! - great addition to any garage - **\$15,000 OBO**

Contact Jim McCarthy, 715-456-8409 (leave message) or jimac49@yahoo.com for more information.



I am asking \$2000 for it. It is a 1978 Fiat Spider convertible, 124, with 96,000 miles - made in Italy.

About a year ago I updated it with a new gas hose, new temp gauge/thermostat, new clutch, new water pump and new wiper motor. I had most of the work done by Rich at the Audi place off Beach Street (he restores Audis, Fiats and the like).

The paint is about 5 years old and needs a fresh coat, but the color is as close to the original as I could get. It has a black front bra and red back cowl (both in good shape). The top is newer

It needs some TLC and a little money to restore. A few bubbles are coming through the paint, needs new seats, carpet, oil pan and small aesthetics. It is a beautiful car and I love it, but have to sell to pay off some overdues.

Looked it up on the Fiat club and low retail is \$3875, average is \$6675 and high, \$12,100.

Picture taken right after the new paint job. My number is 386-675-3082. Call, anytime. thank you so much and have a great 4th weekend. Sharon

Now, since you have made it this far – you might want to pay attention –

I would like to have your birthdate – no need to send the year. And also your wedding anniversary date. Thank you – email to me at geneschoon@cfl.rr.com

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

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

<http://www.triumphexperience.com/> and,

<http://www.triumphspitfire.com/> and also,

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

For Jaguar: <http://www.jaguarexperience.com/>

For Austin Healey:

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

For the Austin and Morris Mini:

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

For the Morris Minor:

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

For the Land Rover:

<http://www.serieslandrover.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/>

One of our members publishes the Grassroots
MotorSports magazine:

<http://grassrootsmotorsports.com/>

and Classic MotorSports magazine:

<http://classicmotorsports.net/>