



# The British Connection



This 1961 Morgan +4 is owned by ABCC member Don Buck.

## Message from the ABCC Club President

Happy Memorial Day. As the heat of summer sets in, my thoughts this weekend turn to thoughts of our American veterans and the sacrifices made for our freedom.

What's been happening in your garage lately? Too hot to drive? Improvements to your little British car? Hopefully you are well and keeping busy at your jobs at work and at home. I have 3 projects on hold for my cars due to other demands related to home ownership and marriage vows.



## JOLLY GOOD SUMMER FUN

The **June Lunch Bunch** will dine at La Dolce Vita, 1498 South Woodland Boulevard, Deland. The date is Wednesday, June 1, at 1 p.m. Please RSVP to Bob Storke for this one, thanks.  
[rstorke@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rstorke@cfl.rr.com)

There are no other club activities planned for the month of June. Got a suggestion for a club event for June? Do you know of any other British car events in the state? Please let me know [cwcolby@hotmail.com](mailto:cwcolby@hotmail.com).

In **July**, the **Lunch Bunch** will eat on Wednesday, July 6, at 1 p.m., but no site has been chosen yet. Contact [rstorke@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rstorke@cfl.rr.com) with your suggestions.

Also in **July**, plan on a **Club Social at The Elusive Grape**, 133 North Woodland Avenue, Deland. Meet at 4 p.m., Saturday, July 16. The club will be raffling a bottle of wine, plus providing hors d'oeuvres for light snacking.

The **August Lunch Bunch** is planned for Wednesday, August 3 and details will be published when a location has been located.

The **August Club Event** will be **Skydiving** (just watching, not jumping), followed by a lunch at the **Main Street Grill** in downtown DeLand. Come join us in the cool(?) of the morning for skygazing, then lunch.

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



**(Continued “ Message from the President)**

Speaking of marriage vows, let’s all wish our Vic Hall congratulations toward his forthcoming marriage. I hope he will continue to regale us with his emails and future photos of his travels and voyages around the States.

And I hope you have appreciated the emails I have forwarded to you lately. Thanks to all of you who forward them to me, as I find them interesting and humorous. I will send more on to you as I receive them.

Kudos to Editor Gene Schoonmaker, who was inspired to set up a “Sunshine” list of members’ birthdates and anniversary dates to announce and help celebrate those happy occasions. Look for her article to begin in this newsletter. Thanks Gene.

Please note the additions to our “Recommended Websites” column. I recently found a few more for those of you with other British marques. There are sites for Jaguar, Morris Minor, Mini, Triumph, Austin Healey, and Land Rover. Enjoy.

Have a great June.

MGC ya,  
Craig

### May Lunch Bunch

Our Lunch Bunch dined along the Intracoastal Waterway in New Smyrna Beach. The Grille on the Riverview was the location, and the food was wonderful. We had 21 members seated, and 2 British cars showed up in the parking lot. Thank

you Bob Storke for organizing these get-togethers.



### Art of the Automobile Car Show

Although not an official club event, several members attended this show on Saturday, May 7 in Downtown Daytona Beach. I know Gary Thomas, Kevin Lemire, Vic Hall, Dwight Drummond, and Roy Sleeper attended. I sent photos to the club from those who took pictures.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL JUNE BABIES**





## Club Picnic at Washington Oaks Gardens State Park

I called it our "Last Chance Picnic" and a lot of you sure took that thought to heart. We ended up with 29 members attending, and 13 little British cars on display. Special thanks go out to Richard Heckathorn and Joyce Moser-Thomas, who arrived before the noon start date, and held the covered picnic area for our club. Several members met at the Granada Bridge and formed a caravan from there to the park. Our Tommy Suddard worked off some of his end-of-the-school-year energy by riding his bike from Ormond Beach to the park. Other members sharing food and conversations included Gordon and Connie Hart (1974 MGB), Mike and Gene Schoonmaker (1980 Spitfire), Kevin Lemire (1976 MGB), Tom and Louise Gaynor (1952 Jaguar Tribute), Gary and Sylvia Thomas (1990 XJS v-12), Jere and Bonita Dotten (1965 TR 250), Ken and Deanna Deleeuw (1976 MGB), Wayne and Doris Deswert (2001 Jaguar XJ8), Paul and Ursula Suddard, Ian and Janie Davies (2001 Jaguar X Type), Roy and Linda Sleeper (1958 MGA), Don Buck and friend Dorine (1951 Morgan +4), John Bellmore (1977 Mini), and Craig and Ruby Colby (1969 MGBGT). Thanks to all for bringing something to share. Following lunch, we drove across A1A to The Rocks for a quick sight see and group photo. Gordon Hart experienced engine trouble on the trip to and from the park, but said once he used a can of Sea Foam, the engine ran normally. We celebrated Doris Deswert's birthday there, plus a wedding anniversary and 2 other birthdays. Thanks to Gene Schoonmaker for providing a cake for all to enjoy. Roy and Linda Sleeper showed off their ABCC shirts to the members. The only negative

moment for the outing was the presence of Love Bugs during the trip. I hope your car didn't get too covered by them.



### Boot Lock Fix – Big Healey and other Little British Cars

Ever have issues with the boot lock on your 100-6 or 3000? If the correct key fits in the lock and you can't turn it to lock the handle, or the lock spins and it doesn't lock the handle, then here is a tech tip to solve the issue.

To remove the handle from the boot lid: remove the two machine screws that hold the handle to the boot lid and one machine screw that holds the square shaft to the inner latch.

To disassemble the handle and remove the locking barrel: File down the swage edges (bent over areas that keep the bell retainer from being pushed outward by the spring) on the square shaft. There are two pins exposed when the bell retainer, the spring and washer are removed. Drive out the inner most pin and the lock barrel can be removed. On the bottom of the



(continuing with the "Boot Lock Fix")

locking barrel is a "nub" that rotates (off center) as the key is turned in the locking barrel. This drives out the rectangular locking lug into a notched area of the outer escutcheon which locks the handle. Many times this locking lug is frozen in the outer handle body. Other times the nub has been broken off the bottom of the locking barrel. It may be as simple as cleaning the parts and lubricating for proper function. If the "nub" is broken off the bottom of the locking barrel then you can drill a hole where the nub would be and make a pin (so to "nub") out of a nail that is cut down to size. The pin will be held in from the pressure between the barrel and the locking lug when assembled. It may take some trial and error to make it the correct length. When you reassemble you need to swag (bend over the square shaft edges with a drift) so the bell retainer is secured in place.

Also you can have a key made for your lock. The code is stamped on the square shaft of the boot handle.

This tech Tip is from Shawn Miller



Sometimes something new is not always something we want to do. But this might be fun, and also could be a way of putting a smile on your face. We all say we don't want to be reminded of how old we are becoming, but you can bet it gives us a little lift to hear someone say – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**, or even a smile to remember a special day –

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.**

So, we are asking each one of you to send your birth date and your anniversary date to me. My email address is [geneschoon@cfl.rr.com](mailto:geneschoon@cfl.rr.com).

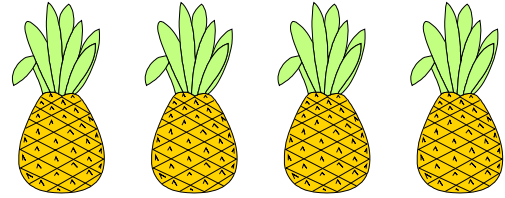
This month I only have a few birthdays – but each one is special – so: .....

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LOIS WRIGHT** – June 2

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO RICHARD HECKATHORN**

He will be 90 on June 7

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO STEVE BRADLEY** – June 16



**SOCIETY SALAD**

1 package (3 ounce) lime Jello  
1 package (3 ounce) lemon Jello  
Dissolve in 2 cups hot water.

Cool, and add:

1 pound cottage cheese  
1 can (15 ¼ ounce) crushed pineapple  
1 teaspoon horseradish  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup evaporated milk  
1 cup mayonnaise  
Mix the milk and mayonnaise together.

Walnuts, pecans (cut up) or sliced celery may be added.

Mix all together and chill in a casserole dish, or small dessert dishes.

Serves 16.

By Ruby Colby

**YOUR MONTHLY MEMO FROM MURPHY**

33. If you are running late and stuck in the right hand lane behind a bus, the bus will stop at every stop.

50. When parking with the hood down on a sunny day, you will always forget to tip your seat forwards. (some of you forgot to do this at the recent picnic)

MG COMPONENTS QUIZ

Very few auto manufacturers, if any, ever made all the components on their cars, and MG was no exception. However, if you are observant as you work on, or drive, your car, you have had the opportunity to know (and love or hate?) the following MG suppliers' products or trademarks. Take the following quiz to test your powers of observation of your MG. The quiz may also be applicable to other British marques, so give it a try.

Match the supplier's name to the location of their part on your car.

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| ___1. Arcoelectric             | a. bodies, related sheet metal                  |
| ___2. Bendix                   | b. brake components                             |
| ___2. Cam Gears Ltd.           | c. carburetors and fittings                     |
| ___3. Casco                    | d. cigarette lighter (all)                      |
| ___4. Dunlop                   | e. convertible top "lift the dot" fasteners     |
| ___5. Joseph Fray Ltd.         | f. dashboard cover pads, armrests, etc.         |
| ___6. Girling                  | g. dashboard warning lights, later B's          |
| ___7. Holset                   | h. electrics of ALL types                       |
| ___8. Kangol Magnet Ltd.       | i. engine and transmission castings             |
| ___9. King Dick                | j. exterior mirrors, windshield wipers          |
| ___10. Joseph Lucas Ltd.       | k. instruments and gauges                       |
| ___11. Magnetex                | l. interior mirrors                             |
| ___12. Marley Foam             | m. jack, lug wrench, hand tools                 |
| ___13. Motorcraft              | n. keys and locks, early cars                   |
| ___14. Motorola                | o. keys and locks, later cars                   |
| ___14. Mowog                   | p. manuals, printed materials                   |
| ___15. Neiman Tex              | q. medallions, nameplates, misc. chrome         |
| ___16. Nuffield Press Ltd.     | r. most obvious is engine crank pulley          |
| ___17. Pressed Steel Co., Ltd. | s. oil filter and grease fittings               |
| ___18. Skinners Union Ltd.     | t. radiator caps, related items (seldom marked) |
| ___19. Smiths Industries Ltd.  | u. seat belts, related hardware                 |
| ___20. Tecalemit Ltd.          | v. seat padding and support items               |
| ___21. Tex                     | w. steering rack (all)                          |
| ___22. Trico                   | x. wheels and tires                             |
| ___23. Triplex                 | y. windshield washer and accessories            |
| ___24. Tudor                   | z. windshield wipers and fittings               |
| ___25. United Carr Ltd.        | aa. windshields, other glass                    |
| ___26. Vitaecam Ltd.           | bb. wiring harness, related parts               |
| ___27. Ward & Goldstone Ltd.   |   |
| ___28. Wilmot Breeden          |   |

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answers: 1.g. 2.w. 3.d. 4.x. 5.q. 6.b. 7.r. 8.u. 9.m. 10.h. 11.l. 12.f.  
 13.t. 14.i. 15.o. 16.p. 17.a. 18.c. 19.k. 20.s. 21.j. 22.z. 23.aa. 24.y. 25.e.  
 26.v. 27.bb. 28.n















## **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/>

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Members can have any style and color shirt they desire. *Four Towns Embroidery* 502 N. Spring Garden Ave in DeLand will apply the logo and their name. The ABCC Logo is \$8.00 ea and the name is \$3.00 if done at the same time. They have an assortment of shirts in the shop. Members not in the DeLand area can bring their shirts to any club meeting and we will arrange to have them done. They need to pin their name and payment to the shirt. Note on the paper the name you wish to be put on the shirt, if any. Check the colors in the logo so you don't get a shirt that will make the embroidery blend into the shirt color.

## JUST REMEMBER!

A new supply of ABCC ball caps. Tired of that old dirty cap? Now is the time to replace it with a new and improved ball cap. It has a Velcro type fastener in the back. Contact me at [rstorke@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rstorke@cfl.rr.com) to reserve you cap. Still \$10.00!



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