

The British Connection

Message from the ABCC Club President



October greetings to all! As the weather cools, I hope you will have the opportunity to get out and about with your little British car. Maybe you can replace that MGA water pump you have been putting off for so long, or give your car a much-needed tune up.

Several of our members have returned to us. Welcome back to Burt and Celia Martin, Herb James, Paul and Ursula Suddard, and Gene Schoonmaker – just to name a few. Is Vic Hall still in town, or has he left again? Thanks to Vic for the dialog and photos of

Events Calendar

November 13, 10 am

Regular Club Meeting
Dunlawton Sugar Mill Botanical Gardens in Port Orange. Look for email from your club President for more details as date approaches.

November 20

Get bombed at the New Smyrna Beach airport at their Bomber Show. Not a club event but you can get more information by going to their web site, at: www.timelesswingsandwheels.com

November 26, 6 pm

Ormond Beach Gaslight Parade
What fun! Don't miss this annual event. For the schedule, contact Craig via email.

November 27

Classic Car Show, sponsored by the Volusia Region AACA.

Held at the base of the Granada Bridge, contact Joan Beck (386-672-7762) for registration details.



CLUB OFFICERS

- President - Craig Colby
- Vice President - Gordon Hart
- Secretary - Connie Hart
- Treasurer - Steve Bradley
- Editor - Tommy Suddard





all your trips. Jim McCarthy is back from Wisconsin with his GT6 and his MGB. He promises to put pen to paper to perpetuate the perils of performing a prolonged journey from Wisconsin driving two little British cars. And John Lister is scheduled to venture back across the pond to Florida sometime this month.

As 2011 approaches, please let me know what suggestions you may have for activities during the upcoming year. I've been working with several of the state's British car clubs to update their contact lists with other clubs. Our goal is to minimize conflicts of events between clubs on the same date. I will try to schedule our events to cooperate with other clubs as best as possible, but as you know, the dates of traditional events (e.g. Mead Gardens) are set in stone. The list is going to be big.

New member magnetic name badges are in. See me for yours.

We have a fresh batch of club contact cards for you to give to prospective ABCC members.

See me to get a few for your car or your wallet.

What have you been doing with your car? Kevin Lemire reports that his engine bay is really clean now after a pierced oil cooler hose sprayed the entire bay with a few quarts of hot engine oil. He says that a quick wipe with a paper towel (or two) cleaned it right up. Paul Suddard has finally gotten his TR6 back on the road, and is learning how to drive it with a hot cam. Editor Tommy has his BMW project almost assembled and finished, after disassembling most of the car in order to re-paint it. He is also considering new paint for his Spitfire, and describes the future colour as "Blue." But I suspect the BMW will take a higher priority at this time. He has, however, fixed all of the Spit's mechanical and

electrical issues in preparation for the Thanksgiving Gaslight Parade. He's also upgraded the shocks and springs to compete with a highschool friend who autocrosses a Datsun, I can only hope that he protects the British name. Dwight Drummond put a new starter in his Jaguar E type, but had a few choice words for it at the ABCC Salutes Our Veteran's British Car Show in September. Vice-Prez Gordon Hart discovered a broken vacuum line to his distributor, causing all his problems in the past months. Glad to see The Flash's MGB back on the road. Bob Storke is still having erratic starting issues with his TR8, but can do a great vocal imitation of how it sounds, maybe you can listen to him and help him diagnose the problem. Bob reports that the mystery "smoke" seen from his TR8 on the August Farm Tour turned out to be steam coming from a pin hole size leak that only opens up when the engine is at temperature. Steve Bradley's MGA is back again, following a master cylinder and rear cylinder rebuild. Ron and MaryEllen Watz attended the British Car Show in St. Augustine this month, but encountered rain and fire ants instead. Terry Fuller is planning to replace the rear end of his MGA in the near future. It is rumored that Jerry Peck has been seen looking at another red Jaguar, but Jerry says he would rather own that black Ultima GTR in Ormond we have both been drooling over. In the meantime, I've been learning to dislike Volvos, as my son and I have been chasing Swedish wiring gremlins around in his 1987 740GLE. I guess Lucas helped design their electrical system.

Welcome new members Doug and Linda Rothwell. They have a beautiful 1974 Primrose Yellow MGB. We met them at the NSB Timeless Wings and Wheels British Car Show this month.

MGC ya,
Craig

MONTHLY TECH TIP- REMOVING RUSTY BOLTS IN PLASTIC OR METAL HOUSINGS

How to Remove Rusty Nuts and Bolts in Plastic or Metal Housings Two items required are a propane torch and a candle. Heat the outside of the nut or housing and let the candle drip on the bolt stud or nut threads. Heat the nut till the wax starts to bubble up. The heat expands the largest part to allow the wax to get deeper in the threads than anything

else that I have tried. Grab a wrench and remove the nut without breaking the plastic housing. If the nut is stubborn repeat the process.

Since I have tried this method I been able to remove every frozen bolt. A true solution from an old farmer.

This issue's Tech Tip is from Steven Eubank.

CHINESE FOOD WAS GREAT IN AUGUST

We met at China Garden in South Daytona for some wonderful Chinese food for our August Lunch Bunch. It was a hot day, and no doubt that contributed to the small attendance. Connie Hart, Bob and Betty Storke, and Ruby and Craig Colby braved the hot weather to enjoy the food. I would note that no one drove their little British car that day, instead choosing to enjoy the comfort of a car with air conditioning. I would certainly recommend this restaurant again.



IMPROMPTU AUGUST EVENT AT DELAND

I know it was last minute, so thank you to our members who were able to attend the portrait presentation the WWII aviation buffs at the Deland Airport August 7. We managed to field 11 of our members to honor one of their members of the Commemorative Air Force Florida Wing, as he was presented a portrait by our Gary Thomas, in recognition of his service. After the ceremony, we all enjoyed a nice lunch, compliments of the CAF. Ruby noticed that there was no flag of the Philippines in their hanger display, but that is for next month's story. Attending today were Gary and Sylvia Thomas(Jaguar), Bob Storke(TR6), Roy and Linda Sleeper(MGA), Luke Coderre, Herb Finn, Jim



McCarthy, the Colbys(MGB GT), and future(?) member Bruce Worth.

PAT'S RIVERFRONT CAFÉ AND FARM TOUR IN AUGUST



years ago at Pat's and we enjoyed the coziness of the place. So we repeated the activity this past August 14. Breakfast was affordable, there was no wait to get in, some of us brought pictures of our classic cars and received a free drink, and I got to chat with

Some places I hadn't seen in years. Parking was scenic and the country drive afterwards left me never wishing I had stopped to pet the horses. One change, member had mystery smoke along the drive, but and for couldn't find a source once the car was home on the Pat's, lift (happens to me too). Some of our drivers opted that is to stay at the Daytona Flea Market at the end of the what we tour, and others headed on to other business. We wanted. We had 17 people in attendance with 8 little British cars. The Pecks came in their 1983 Jaguar, Kevin Lemire drove his immaculate 1976 MGB, Red Meyer was there in his classic 1960 Mini Cooper, the Schoonmakers drove their venerable 1980 Spitfire, Bob Storke brought his cool 1980 TR8, the Thomas's showed off their beautiful 1966 Austin Healey, Vic Hall arrived in his sleek 2009 Jaguar XF, and my MGC purred with delight to participate in the meet. Dick Meyers rode his Harley, and the Heckathorns and Harts chose to drive vehicles other than British.



NO GATORS AT SEPTEMBER LUNCH BUNCH



Our September Lunch Bunch ate at Gator's Bar-B-Q and Wings on International Speedway Boulevard this past September

1. No one ordered gator, but all the food we were served looked good from my view. Attendees included new member Ron Ashton, Jan Radigan, Vic Hall. Bob and Betty Storke, Ed and Kathy Kufeldt, Richard and Joyce Heckathorn, and Ruby Colby with her spouse. I saw two little British cars in the lot, a 1969 MGBGT and Vic's Jaguar. Where were all the other British cars? Still to hot, I guess...

ABCC SALUTES OUR VETERANS IN SEPTEMBER

Emory L. Bennett Veteran's Nursing Home was the setting for our September club event. We lined up 11 little British cars for the residents of the nursing home. We had the privilege of welcoming our honored veterans to our show and struck up conversations with them. The weather cooperated with a cool breeze from the ocean and an occasional cloud to help keep everyone comfortable.

I met Tom, one of the residents, who told a story of how one of the very first cars he ever drove was a 1967 MGB GT. His friend owned it, and had spontaneously handed him the keys to it one afternoon to let him go for a drive. Tom said he was a little nervous to drive it, as he was only 17 at the time, and had had his driver's license for just 6 months. And to make him more cautious, his friend had to work and couldn't accompany him on the drive. His cruise was successful, and Tom said he always has had a warm spot in his heart after that for the MGB GT. He commented that no other car had the same handling and "feel" as that MGB GT did. I saw him a couple of times checking out Ruby's MGC GT. I think he has good taste in cars, but that is just my opinion.

There was a nice oak tree next to the parking lot, and it didn't take our members too long to set up chairs and blankets a la picnic style. Joyce

Heckathorn brought some mini sour cream softies for everyone to enjoy (thanks Joyce). Mike and Gene Schoonmaker are now the club's experts on how to fly the British Union Jack, see them for expert advice. Vice-President Gordon and Editor Tommy kept busy snapping pictures of the residents with our cars. You can see them on our web site.



Thanks to members Red Meyer (1960 Mini Cooper), Kevin Lemire and Donna (1976 MGB), Gordon and Connie Hart (1974 MGB), Mike and Gene Schoonmaker (1980 Spitfire), Gary and Sylvia Thomas (1965 Jaguar), Joe and Donna Vetter (1973 MGB), Eric Salvioli (1988 Lotus Esprit), Dwight and Martha Drummond (1963 Jaguar E Type), and Tommy Suddard (1973 Spitfire).

Ruby and I brought her 1968 MGC GT. Richard and Joyce Heckathorn showed their support by attending in their non-British car, and future member(?) Dan Pettit drove his 1973 Jensen Healey. After the show, some of us ventured north to Houligan's for food and more conversation.

We heard a report that Steve and Debi Bradley attempted to come in their MGA, but the car had no brake pedal when Steve cranked it up. Bob Storke reported that both his cars were under the wrench, and many other members wanted to attend but were busy or out of town. You missed a good event.



MONTHLY RECIPE- SARA RAULS BREAD PUDDING

- Mix 1 ½ cups sugar (I use less)
 - 3 eggs
 - ½ teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 1 Tablespoon vanilla
 - 3 cups milk
 - 4 cups very stale bread broken in small pieces (of course San.Francisco is famous for its Sourdough bread)
 - 2 cups raisins
 - 1 cup pecans chopped
 - 1 stick melted butter
- Bake 350 for 60 to 90 min. until inserted knife comes out clean.

This month's recipe is from Sylvia Thomas. She gives a little background about it, and Gary says this is the best bread pudding he has ever eaten. She writes:

"In the late 1970's Gary and I lived in San Francisco, California. The area is world famous for great restaurants. Sara Rauls had a local TV show (cooking) and owned a soul food restaurant in Oakland. The restaurant was well known for its wonderful bread pudding, which I have been making for 30 years. It's sure to please. Give it a try."

OCTOBER JOKE

A British car owner goes into a restaurant and lounge, with his shirt open at the collar, and is stopped by a bouncer who tells him he must wear a necktie to get in. So the guy goes out to his MGB and he looks around for a tie

and discovers that he just doesn't have one. However, he sees a set of jumper cables in his trunk. In desperation, he ties these around his neck, and manages to fashion a fairly acceptable looking knot and lets the ends dangle free.

He goes back to the restaurant. The bouncer suspiciously looks him over for a few moments and then says, "Well, okay, I guess you can come in. Just don't start anything."

Contact Us

CRAIG COLBY

President@volusiabritishcars.com

GORDON HART

Vice-
President@volusiabritishcars.com

CONNIE HART

Secretary@volusiabritishcars.com

STEVE BRADLEY

Treasurer@volusiabritishcars.com

TOMMY SUDDARD

Editor@volusiabritishcars.com

Sites To See

ABCC's Web Picks

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 have been helped lately by the members of this MG forum:

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

For our October event at Timeless Wings and Wheels in NSB: <http://www.timelesswingsandwheels.com/>

For the British Car Classic Mk XXII by the Triumph Club of North Florida: <http://www.tcnf.org/>

NEED PARTS?

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

1977 MGB ROADSTER FOR SALE

This nice car has been garage kept for the last three years. It is British Racing Green with a new convertible top. During my ownership, all of the rubber suspension, including the engine mounts, have been replaced. The car has been timed, valves checked and adjusted, carburetor removed and cleaned and adjusted. The tire have good treads and are mounted on wire spoke wheels with a new spare tire. The clutch and rear brakes have been replaced, and an upgraded radio with CD player and 4 speakers has been added. Also included with the car is a tonneau cover. The interior is black. The transmission in non-overdrive 4-speed. The mileage is 34,504.



\$4,900 or best offer. Contact Richard Heckathorn, (386) 445-1966 or heckathornr@yahoo.com

1979 MGB ROADSTER FOR SALE

The car runs, and has been retro converted back to a 1973-style engine, carburetors, and radiator system. The car would be best suited as a parts car, he states. \$500. Contact Paul Hayden (386) 944-7712 cell, or (386) 255-9300 work.



ABCC REGALIA
Contact Bob Storke for information about Tee Shirts and Hats with our club logo on them. rstorke@cfl.rr.com



We are currently sorting out the sizes and prices for personalized coffee mugs. You will have your choices of a regular mug or travel mug. You can also choose to have your car, or the club logo, on the mug you order. Stay tuned for prices and how to order yours.

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 servicable, but worn (minor leak at drivers side over the vent window and zipper needs repair). Asking \$200.00 Contact Richard Jones rich6861fl@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 to help, thanks.



CLASSIFIED ADS WANTED

Send your advertisement (or business card) to our editor: Editor@volusiabritishcars.com