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President's Message

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The Long Hot Summer, Continued

I was last looking for a usable stub axle for BA's MG-TD. Luck was with me on this one. It turns out that the MG-TD and MG-TF use the same stub axle as the MGA and I had 2 left side axles on the shelf. After hours replacing the axle then bleeding the brake system... the right rear starts leaking. Just a bad bleeder screw. Long story short all brake slave cylinders were replaced, new shoes, tie rod end, stub axle and numerous small parts and adjustments, the TD is finished and ready for a ride. BA believes in driving her car, so it better start and stop on demand as she can often be found at lunch at the yacht club, Stetson alumni events or anywhere in DeLand at any given time. BA, your car is ready for your return. By the way, no credit is given to Murphy.

The DeLand "Cars of the World" club event was very successful. Good times was had by all and with Michael Touch showing up in his recently purchased barn find 1952 MG-TD just put icing on the cake. We also enjoyed good food and drinks at the Brickhouse. News people were out and the All British Car Club of

Volusia County got mentioned twice in the News-Journal local section Thursday (26th) and pictures were taken. There were a lot of nice cars from both sides of the pond. Thank You DeLand, we look forward to next years "Cars of the World".

Many of our members will be returning from their summer homes and vacations soon. The All British Car Club welcomes you back and look forward to seeing your smiling faces.

Let's keep having fun,

Steve



We managed to stay out of this place!

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45-Year Old British Girl Gets Cosmetic Surgery

By: Craig Colby

Part 2 reassembly:



We've all been down the next road: putting it all back together after the re-spray. Clean the part, paint the part, install without scratching the paint, order new gaskets, seals, grommets, carpet set, and lube the nuts and bolts, yadda yadda.

Note to self: taking time to label parts as they came off the car sure helped in the reassembly. Organizing them into boxes for different areas of the car also helped.

Window glass all around was really fiddly, but done. I even managed to install some window tinting on the top edge of the windscreen for those extra sunny Florida days.

Note to self: the GT windscreen needs 2 PEOPLE to install, thank you to my son.

To the joy of my family, I am slowly reclaiming all the spaces taken up by the parts I stripped off Priscilla. At this writing, I'm installing the carpet set. Wheel arches have been a PITA, and I am dreading the tunnel carpet. The manufacturer chose to make some deviations in their carpet pieces pattern from the OE pattern, but sort of neglected to warn about those changes in their instructions. So it is trial and error, with careful measuring and cutting. I'm not going to set any speed records with my fitting, either. I confess some pieces do look better than the old set, but other pieces are just weird.

Note to self: use the flat vertical blade attachment on my Weller solder gun to make clean cuts on the carpet. The heat cauterizes the cut, so no fraying. Measure twice, cut once. Measure twice, cut once. Measure twice, cut once...

I think what annoys me most about this project is that I learn more each time I do a restoration (this is my 4th restoration). That means I came to realize I had made stupid little mistakes on earlier projects. Those mistakes could have been avoided back then had I known what I was doing back then. (Duh!) For example, on this project I learned how to align the doors. As a teacher, we were taught to call these little things "Learning Experiences." But I just call them #%&*<!

Note to self: Good judgment comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgment.

It's been a year since Priscilla came back from paint, and I hope to see the distant light at the end of the tunnel once the interior is finished. After that, it's on to adjust the wing placements, install front end stuff, bleed brakes, etc. And it sure does get hot in Florida in July, but then I don't like working on cold concrete in winter either.

Note to self: At least I have the mosquitoes to keep me company...

Pictures from the ‘Cars of the World’



2013 ABCC Upcoming Activities

- OCTOBER 26th Ormond Beach Ghost Tour, Ormond Beach, FL
 NOVEMBER 16th De Leon Springs State Park, De Leon Springs, FL
 DECEMBER 14th Christmas Party, TBA

For Sale

I have a set of new MGB shocks. These are brand new, never been on a car Armstrong shocks, front & rear. They are left from when I had my B and worked at Collier Jag. Just found them while going thru the garage and don't need them. I would like \$500 for the full set. Contact John Bellmore at owlseye@bellsouth.net April 2013

1965 Jaguar 3.8 S-Type. 3.8L engine, 3 speed automatic, power steering ,power brakes, IRS, blue interior , wood veneer is good but needs refinishing, 120K miles. Asking \$4,495 contact Steve at 386-479-6263, located in DeLand, Fl. May 2013

1973 Chrome bumper MGB GT - it has a High compression engine and working overdrive. The GT runs well. It has new brakes front and rear, stainless steel exhaust, good tires and everything works. It has a clear Florida Title. I can provide more details. I have included pictures and I have lots more.

Asking \$3,000 or best offer. Contact Brad Richardson [321-751-0764](tel:321-751-0764) or Cell [321-543-9292](tel:321-543-9292) August 2103

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 5, 2013 Myrtle Beach Britfest. Myrtle Beach, NC - <http://britishcarclubcharleston.com/>

OCTOBER 5, 2013 Brits in the Ozarks. Fayetteville, AR. - www.britshironnwa.org

OCTOBER 10-13, 2013 TE/AE United XXXII. St. Michaels, MD- www.rootesamerica.org

OCTOBER 12, 2013 All British Car Show. Nashville, TN - www.Nashvillebritishcarclub.org

OCTOBER 11-13, 2013 Southeast Street Rod Nationals. FL State Fairgrounds Tampa, FL - www.nsr-usa.com/Events/default.asp

OCTOBER 11-13, 2013 Miami Festivals of Speed. EPIC Hotel, Miami, FL. - <http://festivalsofspeed.com/miami/>

OCTOBER 18-20, 2013 Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival. Lakeland, FL - www.lakemirrorclassic.com

OCTOBER 18-19, 2013 Brit Bash 2013. Vero Beach, FL - <http://www.mgcarclubflorida.org/>

OCTOBER 18-19, 2013 Euro Auto Festival. Spartanburg, SC - www.euroautofestival.com

OCTOBER 16-19, 2013 Petit Le Mans. Road Atlanta, Braselton, GA. - www.imsaracing.net

OCTOBER 19, 2013 ZFest 2013. Tavares, FL - <http://suncentralzclub.com>

OCTOBER 26, 2013 27th All British Fall Festival Field Meet and Auto Jumble Safety Harbor, FL.
www.tbahc.com/html/car_show_2011.html

OCTOBER 24-27, 2013 Savannah Speed Classic (HSR). Savannah, GA - www.hsrace.com

OCTOBER 26, 2013 29th Annual British Car Day Show - Charleston, SC - <http://britishcarclubcharleston.com/>

OCT. 25 - NOV. 3, 2013 Hilton Head Island Concourse d' Elegance. Hilton Head, SC - www.hhiconcours.com

OCTOBER 15, 2013 Brit Bash "Under the Oaks". Vero Beach, FL - www.mgcarclubflorida.org

NOVEMBER 2, 2013 Ancient City Auto Club - 28th annual car show. St Augustine, FL - <http://local.aaca.org/ancientcity/>

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2013 Chattanooga CHOO-CHOO. Chattanooga, TN. - <http://southernbritishcarclub.org>

NOVEMBER 10, 2013 Winter Park Concours D' Elegance. Winter Park, FL - www.winterparkconcours.com

NOVEMBER 14-17, 2013 Zephyrhills Fall Auto Fest. Zephyrhills, FL. - <http://zephyrhillsauction.com/>



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