



The British Connection



Are you somewhere on this bus?

Message from our ABCC President

Greetings All British Car Club of Volusia County
By now we should all be over the Holidays and gearing up for our spring driving season. The weather is perfect for driving, so lets get out and drive. How about a drive to New Smyrna on Saturday February 11th? There is a Museum of local history and artifacts right off Canal St. that we can tour (FREE). I was in there only for a short time and it looks very interesting. We can make an afternoon of it and have lunch at some local eatery. Afterwards, we can stroll Canal St. and see the local shops and the monthly Car show, which happens to be the same day at 4:00pm. I saw a couple of British vehicles in that show last month and it would be a good time to promote our Club. We don't need to participate in the show, but it would be nice to see. I will set up a time and place to meet for those interested, and will email everyone with more information. I would also like to mention we have open dates in February, so if anyone has a suggestion for a drive or an event, please email me. Ken.....



What We will be Doing In March

- Mt. Dora show. 3/16 to 3/18
www.lakedoraclassic.com
- GOF (gathering of the faithful) 3/23 to 3/25 in Altamonte Springs, FL. (For MG owners)
The event is being held at the Altamonte Springs Hilton.
- All British Car Show 3/31/12
www.allbritishcarclub.com Meade Gardens, Winter Park, Fla.

These shows are very close for those who don't care to drive any distances. I will be attending all three of these events. If anyone wants to caravan or want more details, contact me at mrkenmgb@bellsouth.net
Ken

Don't Forget the LUNCH BUNCH

We will be meeting at the River Grille in Ormond Beach, on Hwy. 1 at 1pm. This is a popular place for many of our members, so hope to see you there –

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – at 1pm.
Please **RSVP** by Jan. 30 to Bob Storke at rstorke@cfl.rr.com.

CASSADAGA SPIRITS WERE ROAMING

On the 4th of January the Lunch Bunch met in Cassadaga at the L'Aldila restaurant for a nice "saintly" lunch. We had a great turn out and the food was delicious. Those attending were The Dottens, the Storkes, Jim Lubinski, Dale Drake,

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Don McBride, Peggy Cobb, the Thomases, the Goudeys, the Martins, B.A. Walters, Jan Radigan, the Schoonmakers, the Wrights, the DeLeuws, the Bradleys, and John Bellmore. The winner of the free lunch was **Betty Storke.**



There were different varieties to choose from; navels, tangerines, grapefruit, to name a few, and we all filled our bags to the brim.

After all that fun, we ventured over to the Spring Garden Ranch on 900 Spring Garden Ranch Rd., in DeLeon Springs, to have lunch. The horses were not training that day, but we all enjoyed the lunch at the Spring Garden Ranch Restaurant.

BIRTHDAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Craig Colby
Paul Suddard**



British Cruisers Picked Oranges

Well, we met at the Ormond Beach Super Walmart in Ormond Beach at 10am on January 7th. There were 8 of us, raring to go pick oranges; along with one cheerleader, Vic Hall, cheering us on. Vic was otherwise detained, so off we went in a cloud of smoke. Those caught up in the frenzy were Mike and Gene Schoonmaker, Ken and Deanna DeLeeuw, Craig and Ruby Colby, and Richard and Joyce Heckathorn. Steve and Debi Bradley and John Bellmore met us at the entrance to the Groves.



NOTE: If you have not found it yet, Scott Keating is our Web-master for the ABCC British Car Club. You can go to www.VolusiaBritishCars.com and have a look at past and present newsletters and pictures.

Pumpkin Apple Muffins

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| 1 ½ c. whole wheat flour | 1 c. all purpose flour |
| 1 c. chopped, peeled, cored apple | 1 c. raisins |
| 1 T. pumpkin pie spice | ½ c. chopped walnuts |
| 1 ¼ tsp baking powder | 2 cups sugar |
| 1 c. canned solid pack pumpkin | 2 eggs |
| ½ c. packed brown sugar | 2 T. flour |
| ½ tsp. grnd cinnamon | ½ c. vegetable oil |
| ¼ c. butter, chilled | |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease eighteen ½ cup muffin cups, or line with muffin papers. Sift whole-wheat flour, 1 cup flour, pumpkin pie spice and baking powder into medium bowl. Stir sugar, pumpkin, oil and eggs in a large bowl until well mixed. Mix in apples, raisins, walnuts and whole-wheat + flour mixture. Place equal amounts of batter into prepared muffin cups. **Topping:**Combine brown sugar, 2 Tbls.



(continued pumpkin muffins)

flour and cinnamon in a small bowl. Cut in chilled butter until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle topping over muffin batter. Bake 30 minutes or until muffins test done with cake tester. Remove to rack to cool. Makes 18 muffins.

We enjoyed these at the Christmas party and Lois Wright was kind enough to share this delicious recipe with us. Thank you Lois.

Have you paid your ABCC Membership dues for 2012?. Singles are \$10, partners are \$16.00.

Below is a "list of the members who have paid" and if your name is not on the list, we have not received your dues. If any questions contact Mary Ellen Watz at wat2z@earthlink.net to continue to be a club member and receive the newsletter.

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| BRADLEY | Steve & Debi |
| KUFELDT | Ed & Kathy |
| MacCONNELL | John, Pam, son Jay |
| DRAKE | Dale (& Estela) |
| SALVIOLI | Eric |
| SCHOONMAKER | Mike & Gene |
| REINAGEL | Fred |
| DeLEEuw | Ken & Deanna |
| LYON | Lyon |
| THOMAS | Gary & Sylvia |
| MARTIN | Burt & Celia |
| RADIGAN | Jan |
| GOUDEY | Dick & Judy |
| WRIGHT | Allan M. & Lois |
| WALTERS | Barbara (aka B.A.) |
| SUDDARD | Paul & Ursula |
| ROTHWELL | Doug & Linda |
| WATZ | Ron & Mary Ellen |
| RICHARDSON | Charlie & Linde |
| KEATING | Scott |
| HERRING | Travis |
| FULLER | Terry & Judy |
| DOTTEN | Jere D., Jr. & Bonita |
| SLEEPER | Roy & Linda (Mary) |
| WISE | John A. & Nancy M. |
| LUBINSKI | Jim + Kristin Quinn |
| LEMIRE | Kevin + Donna Whittum |
| DESWERT | Wayne & Doris |
| STORKE | Bob & Betty |
| WALTERS | Tom & Suzanne |

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Happy Anniversary –

**Craig and Ruby Colby
Bob and Betty Storke**

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Tight Fight for the Finish at the Classic Motorsports Small Bore Series

Holly Hill, Fla.—The Classic Motorsports Small Bore Cup series is a snapshot of the glory days of American sports car racing in the 1950s and '60s. Each endurance race takes fans and drivers on a trip into the history of speed thanks to sports cars from iconic makes like Triumph, MG, Lotus, Porsche, Alfa and Elva.

Historic Sportscar Racing sanctioned the season finale at Georgia's Savannah Harbor Race Course on October 28-30. Rob Parker took first place in his BMW 2002tii, followed by Charles Kates, Jr. in a Lotus 7 and Dennis Gonzales in an Austin-Healey Sprite.

Things were different in the series points championship though: Kates came in first, Gonzales second, and William Power pulled in third place with his Datsun 2000 Roadster. These wins were well earned, following a strong season of events on both the East and West coasts.

If you feel like you missed out on all the fun, the Small Bore Enduro series will be back in 2012. The dates for the 2012 events are:

2/16-2/19 HSR at Palm Beach International Raceway

3/22-3/25 HSR at Roebing Road Raceway



4/26-4/29 The Classic Motorsports Mitty at Road Atlanta

5/17-5/20 VRG Jefferson 500 at Summit Point

6/15-6/17 VARAC Canadian Historic Grand Prix, Mosport International Raceway

10/25-10/29 HSR Savannah/Hilton Head Speed Classic

Pick up the March issue of Classic Motorsports for a report on that race and the entire season. The issue goes on sale January 31, 2012; enthusiasts can get a free sample of that issue by placing a request on before the sale date. Go to www.classicmotorsports.net and for full race results and details from the rest of the season.

www.classicmotorsports.net/smallbore The Small Bore series is sponsored by Hagerty Classic Car Insurance, Bob Woodman Tires, Cool Shirt and Traqmate Data Acquisition.

Now celebrating its 25th year, Classic Motorsports is the American magazine of classic sports car collecting, racing, rallying, and restoring. Run by real car guys for real car guys, Classic Motorsports covers the world from MGs to Mustangs with an interesting, provocative and unique perspective. Direct all inquiries to Andy Reid at www.andy@classicmotorsports.net.

Send in your ABCC Membership dues to Mary Ellen Watz 6 Cormorant Court Palm Coast, FL 32137

Places I have and have not been

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

ABCC CLASSIFIED ADS PAGE

NEED PARTS? 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.



British Car Owners and Miata Owners: I can save you \$\$\$\$ on new Moss Motors Parts for MG, Triumph, Austin Healey, Jaguar, Mini and Miata. Just look up the parts you need in the Moss Catalog or online and note the part numbers. Give me a call and save a bundle. Large restoration project orders or small, the savings are worthwhile. Dick Goudey 386-760-5794 727-743-9287



MGB Piston Set and Piston Rings For Sale New in box. They will fit 1971 through 1979/1980 engines. Here are the particulars: Piston rings, 4 boxes available, each box of rings is a full car set for standard bore, manufactured by Hastings, part #9526. The rings currently list for \$80.00/set. Sell for \$35.00 per set. Pistons, one set available, manufactured by A/E, part #18802/U1. Standard bore.

Piston Set AE Hopolite Brand for MGB 1972 to 1980 Press Fit Style 8.8-1cr. Sets include pistons, rings and pins. List price \$234.00 (MG parts source), www.Britanniaparts.com lists at \$319.36, Sell for \$150.00 firm. Contact John Bellmore, owlseye@bellsouth.net, or call (407) 474-3582 (cell) to discuss availability and prices.



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/>

University Motors

<http://www.montgomerybrits.org/newsstand/test-2/>

<http://www.montgomerybrits.org/newsstand/moss-motors-videos/>

For the MMMs (pre WWII): <http://www.triple-mregister.org>

For the T Series (1946-1955) <http://www.nemgt.org> For the MGAs (1956-1962) <http://www.namgar.com>

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 For the MGBs and Midgets and 1100s (1962-1980)
<http://www.mgcars.org.uk/namgbr>

For the MGCs <http://www.mgcars.org.uk/amgcr>

Other national MG clubs include:

The MG Drivers Club <http://mgdriversclub.com/>

Publications and magazines dealing with British Cars include

Sports and Exotics

http://www.hemmings.com/subscribe/current_issue.html?publication=HSX

Moss Motors' British Motoring

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