

The British Connection

Just a short note! I am helping Gene with the newsletter while she is on vacation for a few months. The newsletter will look a little different but will hopefully have all the information needed. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 386 846-5055. Tom Walters

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It has been a very busy driving season so far with the great weather we are having. This past month had many British Car events that many enjoyed. The last one happening in Winter Park (Meade Gardens) on the 31st looks like it may turn out to be one of the biggest British Car Shows so far. I hope to see some of you there, even if just to stop by and visit.

We are having our long overdue Club meeting on April 28th at the Lake Helen Car Show. A few things on the agenda will be... 1) Arrange for future events. 2) The Club Picnic. This needs to be planned soon before the weather gets too hot. 3) Arrange for a Tech Session in the near future. **So lets have a great turn out.**

The MG Club of Central Fl is having a drive with an overnight stay in Ocala to visit the Don Garlits Museum on Saturday May 19th. It would be great to make this a joint Club event. We could drive over for the day, see the Museum and enjoy a lunch somewhere along the route back. Another option is to leave Friday, stay at the same motel as the MG Club and still enjoy a lunch on the way back home. Either way it sounds like it would be a nice drive thru the Ocala National Forest.

Keep in mind June 6th to 10th the MG 2012 takes place in Dillard Georgia. I know of a group of MG owners driving there, even from as far south as Miami. Reservations are filling up fast and more info can be found at <http://mg2012.web.com/>

Keep them on the road:

Ken

LUNCH BUNCH:

Lunch will be at 1:00pm on Wednesday April 4th at *Our Deck Down Under* 78 E. Dunlawton Ave., Port Orange. FL. The restaurant usually has room to accommodate our group so it is not necessary to RSVP.

NEXT CLUB EVENT and ABCC MEETING:

Saturday 4/28/12

Lake Helen Car Show 8am to 3pm

For participants: Cost is \$15.00

FOOD FUN MUSIC

Ten \$50.00 bills to be given away after the awards

www.aaca.org/volusia

For more info contact Pat or John Meinelt 386-734-1912

At 1PM We will have our ABCC meeting!!

We will find a shady place near our cars to have a meeting. For all those who are just coming to see the Show, please stay for the ABCC meeting. We will have a few things that need to be discussed, and your input is important.

NEWS:

On Saturday March 17th while in Mt. Dora we had the pleasure of stopping by and seeing long time Club members Wayne and Doris Deswert. They seem to be adapting quit well to their new surroundings. Both looked great! And we look forward to seeing them again at an event on the west side of the county.

We also had another surprise, while at the car show, when I looked up and saw our very own mystery Club members Doug and Linda Rothwell. The weather was perfect and they took a drive over in the MGB. It was a nice event, only wish more members could have attended.

Re: Jan's MGA problems:

Those of you who were at lunch on 3/7 know the story but not all of it. Steve Bradley explained he was trying to fix my water pump but was having problems getting the radiator out. His strength and my weak help couldn't budge it. I asked my son-in-law to come help but no way was that thing gonna come out and we were afraid to really jerk it. So at lunch Steve asked for help and Bob Storke and John Bellmore offered their services. After some consultation, John just stepped up and YANKED on it. Out it came. Now Steve and I are just looking at each other (a little red-faced)! So on to working on the water pump.

I sincerely want to thank Bob and John for showing up to help out and, of course, Steve for offering to do the job to begin with. Maybe with good luck we'll beat Murphy's law and I'll be driving Lord Percy soon!

Jan Radigan

On March a few Club members, Gene and Mike Schoonmaker, Mary Ellen Watz, Ken and Deanna DeLeeuw were treated to a really good re-enactment of Stephen Crane, the acclaimed author of the red badge of courage, by our own Joe Vetter. Excellent job Joe!!



BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL - Gary Thomas - 4/19
Betty Storke – 4/19

ANNIVERSARY FOR APRIL - Jim and Kristen Lubinshi – 4/27

If you haven't notified us of your birthday, anniversary or special event, please do and we will add it to the newsletter.

SOME EARLY APRIL EVENTS:

You may want to make some advance plans for these great events being held in Florida:

APRIL 5-7, 2012 Barrett-Jackson Auction. South Florida Expo Center. Palm Beach, FL –
www.barrett-jackson.com

APRIL 7, 2012 Wheels Across the Pond. Jupiter Farms, FL -
www.wheelsacrossthepond.com

APRIL 14, 2012 British Motor Classic. Davis Island Sea Plane Basin Park, Tampa, FL -
http://britishmotorclub.net/British_Motor_Classic.html

[A note from the Schoonmaker's:](#)

Mike and I are leaving on the 8th of March. We will be home about one week in April - 7th thru the 16th - and then gone for most of May (as I have just found out my son is going to have knee replacement in May and we will need to go stay with him during his recuperation.)

Mechanic vs Doctor

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop.

The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new.

So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic...

"Try doing it with the engine running."

**PLEASE MAKE THE ABCC MEETING ON 4/28, 1PM AT
THE LAKE HELEN CAR SHOW. WE NEED YOUR
ATTENDANCE AND INPUT.**



PICTURES FROM THE G.O.F ON 3/25/2012 IN ALTAMONTE SPRINGS