



The British Connection



New ABCC members Fred and Louise Reinagel pose with their 1948 Austin Devon (named "Thelma") Thanksgiving weekend. Their car was originally owned by the Kellogg Family.

Message from the ABCC President

Here it is December already. What a great year we have had! I hope this monthly mess of mine finds you happy and well.

Has your little British car been happy and well? Mine wasn't. I thought I was all 'bout it last month when I rebuilt my clutch slave cylinder. I learned the hard way that when you rebuild the slave cylinder, you should also do the master cylinder. Yep, you guessed it. After I did the slave cylinder, the master cylinder leaked. It seems that the pressure was increased by the rebuilt slave cylinder, causing the master cylinder to leak. And, I have the "old" style clutch master for which there are no rebuild kits anymore. On the bright side, the rebuild kit I got from Moss upgraded my master cylinder to the "new" style, and it seems to be holding pressure



. What have you been doing with your little British car? Eric Salvioli showed off his 1967 Jaguar 420G recently, Joe Vetter has a new water pump in his MGB, John Bellmore is working on his Mini headlights, and several of you have begun to drive your cars again with the cooler weather that is upon us now. I saw a lot of you during recent events, and your presence made my day.

What day is our Christmas party, you ask? It is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, from noon to 3 at the Schoonmaker home. You should have begun receiving emails from me announcing the event. There are details about the party in this newsletter, plus the "Rules" for our hilarious Chinese Gift Exchange.

We will be exchanging club officers this December, so look for an outstanding slate of officers to lead you through 2012 and beyond. The vote will also be at the December party, Thank you to our 2011 officers: Gordon Hart, Connie Hart, Steve Bradley, and Gene Schoonmaker. Also, thank you to Scott Keating and Bob Storke for their valuable assistance this year. My term of office is finished at the end of this year. We hope you have enjoyed the activities the club organized in 2011, and we look forward to new ideas and new leadership in 2012.

I still have a couple of unclaimed magnetic name badges, please see me for yours. I can also give you little club contact cards for those enterprising opportunities to tell another British car owner about your club. We are currently at 61 memberships, which equates to 105 members if I counted right. Welcome new members Eric Salvioli with his 1967 Jaguar 420G, and Fred and Louise Reinagel who own a 1948 Austin Devon A40, aptly named "Thelma." Fred won Second Place at the recent AACA Antique Car Show on Thanksgiving weekend. Congratulations. Club members can be expecting to see reminders for their 2012 dues, so get yours in early and avoid the rush.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

MGC ya,.....Craig



CLUB OFFICERS for 2011 -

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Vice President - - Gordon Hart - flashtomi@gmail.com
Secretary - - Connie Hart - flashtomi@gmail.com
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Editor - Gene Schoonmaker - geneschoon@cfl.rr.com

Previous Events for December, 2011

Lunch Bunch

Table cloths and folded napkins were the eyecatchers at this month's gathering. We dined at night at Daytona State College's Café 101. Our Vic Hall did an outstanding job of organizing the event, and was a gracious host throughout the night. We had a good turnout of 24 satisfied members. We saw Richard Heckathorn and Joyce Thomas, Red Meyer arrived in his Mini, Vic Hall in his Jaguar, Ron and MaryEllen Watz, Mike and Gene Schoonmaker in their Jaguar, Bob and Betty Storke, Paul and Ursula Suddard, Dick and Judy Goudey, Roy and Linda Sleeper, Allan and Lois Wright, Burt and Celia Martin, Gary and Sylvia Thomas, and Craig and Ruby Colby.

Remember, if you have a favorite spot for eating, be sure to get in touch with Bob Storke with your recommendation, rstorke@cfl.rr.com .

Club Meeting

This year's November meeting included a breakfast and a country cruise. Members met at Pat's Riverfront Café for their choice of morning meals. Richard Heckathorn was the lucky winner of the meal raffle. After breakfast, members met outside for our annual November meeting. Club officers were nominated for 2012, and the names are as follows: Steve Bradley for President, Ken DeLeeuw

as Vice-President, Connie Hart returns as Secretary, MaryEllen Watz takes over the Treasurer post, and Gene Schoonmaker will continue publishing your newsletter. Plans for our annual December party were also discussed, as official election of the nominees takes place then. See more information about the December event elsewhere in your newsletter. After the meeting, members took a country cruise through the back roads of New Smyrna and Port Orange, ending at the Daytona Flea Market. We had a better than expected turnout for breakfast, and we welcomed 20 members with 9 little British cars: Mike and Gene Schoonmaker bundled up in their 1980 Spitfire, Ken and Deanna DeLeeuw arrived in their converted 1976 MGB, Red Meyer came in his 1960 Mini, Kevin Lemire drove his 1976 MGB, Ed and Kathy Kufeldt showed off their 1971 MGB, Aaron Duncan in his 1973 MGB joined Joe Vetter in his 1973 MGB, Craig and Ruby Colby cruised to the event in their 1969 MGB GT, Eric Salvioli wowed the crowd with his 1967 Jaguar 420G Saloon, Celia Martin, Steve and Debbie Bradley, Richard Heckathorn and Joyce Thomas, and Lois and Allan Wright rounded out the field.

Ormond Gaslight Parade and Antique Car Show

We had a fine turnout for this event this year. Last year, it rained before the parade, dampening both spirits and paint. This year, the rain politely held off until the parade was underway. Some of our drivers decided to pull out of the parade for a quick lift of the hood. The rain was a light mist, and was done before the latches were locked. We formed our own little section at the assembly point, and eventually gathered 18 little British cars. The lineup was as follows: Mike and Gene Schoonmaker - Spitfire, Ken DeLeeuw - MGB, Craig and Michelle Colby - MGB GT,

Christine Colby and Daniel Yancey – MGC GT, Bruce Worth – MGB, Tommy Suddard TR6, Aaron Duncan – MGB, Eric Salvioli – Jaguar 420G, Jim and Patrick McCarthy – Triumph GT6, Joe Vetter – MGB, Jerry Peck with Mimi and Emily – Jaguar XJS, Red Meyer – Austin Mini, Don Buck – Morgan +4, Bob Gilpatrick and co-pilot – Pembleton, Ken Izzi – Mini Cabriolet, Dick Hulett – big Healey, Dan Pettit – 1932 Austin, Dennis DiAntonio – TR6. After the parade, many of our participants met at The Black Sheep Pub for more tyre kicking and story swapping.

I visited the AACA Antique Car Show the next morning. I saw 2 British cars in attendance, the big Healey owned by Dick Huelett, and the 1948 Austin Devon owned by Fred and Louise Reinagel. Fred joined our club that day, and later reported his car had won Second Place. On Sunday, I helped Fred load a 1978 Midget that he purchased on to his trailer for towing to his home for restoration. Fred says he has to do an extra special job of restoring it, as it will be for wife Louise. No name for the car yet... As of this writing, not many reports are coming out of the Daytona Turkey Run Car Show. Kevin Lemire reported seeing a couple of British cars, but the show was 99.9% Detroit steel.



December Upcoming Events

Lunch Bunch At The Riverview

Meet us for lunch on the river in New Smyrna. Always a popular spot for us, we will be at the Grille on the Riverview, 101 Flagler Avenue, New Smyrna, December

7, at 1 p.m. Bob Storke needs an RSVP from you, rstorke@cfl.rr.com

Club Party This December 11th **SUNDAY noon till**

Last year's party was lots of fun, but if you were there, you will remember how the weather took a nasty turn for the worse just as we got started. This year, the kind Schoonmaker Family has opened up their home for our little party. The club will provide ham, assorted beverages, and set up. You can BYO if you wish. Please bring one of your favourite side dishes to share with the club.

We need you to **please contact** Gene Schoonmaker, 386-672-1944, or Celia Martin 386-428-9443, to formalize your reservation.

We will hold our world famous Chinese Gift Auction again this year. If you want to participate, bringing your gift valued no more than \$15 will guarantee you a gift in return. Editor Gene will post the "Rules" elsewhere in the newsletter. 2012 Club elections will also be on the agenda to round out the year. Plan on a noon party that will end at 3 or 4.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Gene Schoonmaker	December 1
Deanna DeLeeuw	December 11
Don Buck	December 12
Bruce Worth	December 23rd



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Hey! Are you ready for a delicious Cheese Ball? Well, here it is a gift to us by Deanna DeLeeuw-

NEED PARTS?

Christmas Cheese Ball

- 8 oz. package of cream cheese
- 8 oz. shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 dashes of Worcestershire
- 1 T. of minced onion or 1/2 t. of onion powder
- 1 t. cayenne pepper
- 2 T. of chopped green olives with pimentos
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Directions

1. Mix the cream cheese, shredded cheddar cheese, olives, onion, Worcestershire sauce, and cayenne pepper together in a bowl until evenly blended. Keeping the mixture in the bowl, scrape it into a semi-ball shape. Cover, and refrigerate until firm, at least 2 hours.
2. Place a large sheet of waxed paper on a flat surface. If using walnuts, sprinkle the area with chopped walnuts. Roll the cheese ball in the walnuts until completely covered) If you don't want walnuts, just roll mixture into a ball and transfer the cheese ball to a serving plate, or rewrap with waxed paper and refrigerate until needed. Serve with your favorite crackers

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EVENTS COMING UP FOR JANUARY AND BEYOND

Wednesday January 4, 2012 – Lunch Bunch – site to be determined. Contact Bob Storke at:

rstorke@cfl.rr.com

January – date to be determined – New Club President will hold his first meeting to lay out new agenda for the Club for 2012.

Vic Hall has announced the annual car show sponsored by Advanced Technology Center will be in February. Stay tuned

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

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

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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

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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.



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/amgr/>

For the MG: <http://www.mgexperience.net/>

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/>



All British Car Club

DECEMBER POTLUCK HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 11, 2011, from 12 NOON until...

Inside the Schoonmaker's house, 1300 Mandan Lane, Ormond Beach (Halifax Plantation).

The club will furnish spiral ham, assorted beverages, and table settings. Please bring a dish to share.*

If you wish to participate in the Chinese Gift Exchange, please bring a gift valued no more than \$15.00. Look for gift exchange rules in your December newsletter.

*Your RSVP to Gene or Celia no later than Dec. 9th would be greatly appreciated.

Gene (386) 672-1944 Celia (386) 428-9443

ABCC RECOMMENDED WEB SITES

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/>

COME ON OUT AND ENJOY A CHRISTMAS PARTY – FLORIDA STYLE

Florida style holiday attire would be nice.

CHINESE AUCTION RULES ALL BRITISH CAR CLUB OF VOLUSIA COUNTY

(a.k.a. "The Game," Dirty Santa, Chinese Exchange, Yankee Exchange, Yankee Swap, The Present Game, The White Elephant Exchange, Stealing Santa, Chinese Christmas, Rob Your Neighbor, Dirty Christmas, Screw Your Buddy, Cajun Christmas, Backward Auction, California Swap, Steal-A-Thon, Cut-Throat Christmas, Red Neck Santa, Rob A Santa, Scotch Auction, The Grinch Game, Indian Bingo, and The Pirate Game)

1. Bring a gift, get a gift. No gift, no play.
2. Each gift should be valued at or near \$15.00. Going above that amount is your choice.
3. No gag gifts.
4. Each gift should be wrapped.
5. Each gift should be marked "Boy" or "Girl" or "Either." Do not put who the gift is from on the gift tag.
6. Wrapped gifts are placed together at a table. Members may inspect the gifts beforehand as to weight, smell, sound, etc.
7. Each person bringing a gift draws a number out of the hat and keeps it.
8. The highest ranking club officer shall be the Master of Ceremonies. He/she calls numbers in order, starting with #1.
9. Whoever has #1 goes first. Go to the gifts, choose one, open it, display for all to see. Sit down. Gift must stay in full display for all to see.
10. #2 goes next. That person has 2 choices: choose a new unopened gift as in step 9 above, or steal the gift from #1 without choosing a gift from the table..
11. If #2 steals the gift from #1, then that person (#1) who had their gift stolen must now choose a new unopened gift as in step 9. #1 cannot steal the gift back from the previous person (#2) at this point.
12. #3 goes next. That person has the same 2 choices: choose a new unopened gift as in step 9, or steal the gift from #1 or #2.
13. If #3 steals a gift from either #1 or #2, that person (#1 or #2) has the same 2 choices: open a new gift or steal it from someone else. You may not steal back the same gift from the person who just stole it from you at this point. Each time a gift is stolen from a member, that member can then either open or steal. This continues until a member opens a new gift.
14. A gift may be "owned" only 3 times. The third time a gift is "owned," the gift is "retired" and belongs to that person.

15. At the end of the game, Number 1 gets to select again if someone takes their gift. If Number 1 still has the original gift they selected in their first turn at the end of the game, they can swap it for any other gift that has not been retired due to being swapped 3 times previously. No further exchanges can take place.

reference: <http://www.amazing-christmas-ideas.com/chinese-christmas-gift-exchange.html>

submitted by Craig Colby, Celia Martin, and Gordon Hart

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