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Message From the ABCC club president

Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone. I see you have survived the recent holiday season unscathed. Hopefully, you got that master cylinder or shiny chrome item you had been asking for.

I am Craig Colby and I am your recently elected ABCC President. Not having the qualifications of our excellent and experienced past presidents, I confess I will be a little rusty as I try to fill their shoes. Currently, I am designing a calendar of events for the year to involve the northern, southern, and western portions of our membership. Many of these events are repeat events, as I have heard positive comments from those who attended them in the past.

As always, this is YOUR club, keep the lines of communication open. If you know of a great tour or place to visit, please let me know. We have done some interesting travels to Winter Park, Cocoa, Keystone Heights, and St. Augustine in the past. Perhaps you can suggest something like that? I'd like to see the club do a rally across Volusia County, or maybe just through the Tomoka Loop. Can someone design a rally for us?

Me? I'm a recently retired middle school agriculture teacher, married with 3 children. I have owned British cars since 1970 (except for a few years when I owned a 1974 ½ Datsun 260Z). I currently own my lifelong dream car, a 1968 MGC roadster. Along with Steve Bradley, Ron Cobb, Charlie Stell, George Forster, David Massey and myself, the All British Car Club was established in 1993. So, got a problem with your car? There is a wealth of information and spare parts available from the members throughout our club. Contact me, maybe I can hook you up for help from one of our members. Or if you just want to kick tires, I can do that too. cwcolby@hotmail.com

Keep it on the road,

Craig
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ABCC January Event

Bundle up. I've requested warm weather and no mechanical failures, but you know how Murphy's Laws work...

Our next ABCC event will be held Saturday, January 16, 2010. We will meet at River Breeze Park in Oak Hill <http://www.volusia.org/parks/riverbreeze.htm> , at 1030 for social time with coffee and donuts. Then, at 1100, we will have a short (?) meeting to discuss and digest plans for the upcoming year.

Following that, a drive further south is in order. We will stop at Seminole Rest (<http://nbbd.com/godo/cns/Brochures/SeminoleRest/index.html>) to check out some early Florida pioneer headquarters.

Lunch is next. We will eat at Goodriches, a well known local restaurant close to Seminole Rest. Good food for all.

Directions to River Breeze Park:

250 H.H. Burch Road, Oak Hill (386) 345-5525

Go south on U.S. 1 from New Smyrna Beach. Drive 6.0 miles past S.R. 442 to H.H. Burch Road. Turn left (east). The park is 0.5 miles further on the left.

Directions to Seminole Rest:

Follow someone from the club. Go south on U.S. 1 to River Road. Turn left (east). We will walk to the old house and watch a short video.

Directions to Goodriches:

We passed it on the way to Seminole Rest. Go back. It is on your right. Enjoy!

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A big thank you goes out to Ron Watz and Tim Suddard. Ron brought some great desk calendars to give to members, and Tim brought the latest issue of his magazine "Classic Motorsport" with a nice photo on the cover with a beautiful Jag and friend.

I have extras, and I will bring them to the meeting in January. Ask me at the meeting and you can take some.

Craig

The Passing of Pearl James

It is with great sadness that I must report the death of one of our long time members Pearl, the wife of Herb James. Pearl was a great friend and more to Burt and Celia Martin. The four of them have been great friends for so many years, even traveling the United States together. Every time I was around the 4 of them they were always laughing and smiling, you could tell they had a true friendship.

Herb, my condolences, with those of members of the ABCC, go out to you. May God Bless you and help you through these trying times.

DVD's to LOAN

Steve Bradley has a couple of DVD's that he will loan to club members. They are:

- 1) Overhaul, Tuning and Maintenance of the S.U. Carburetors. "H, HS, HD and HIF"
By: MILAW Productions
- 2) "Doctor" Doolin's Total MG engine rebuild
This DVD includes engine and transmission removal.

Please contact SBradley5@cfl.rr.com or call him at 386.775.9558 if you are interested.

Anyone else have any repair DVD's they can loan to someone? It would be nice to start a library of repair manuals or DVD's for our club members to use when needed.

MONTHLY TECH TIP

Hi. I hope you had a great Christmas. Happy New Year!!

I'd like suggest starting another newsletter column project that would benefit our cars. It would be a "Monthly Tech Tip Submitted By A Member."

Here's one for January, and hopefully it gets the ball rolling with our members.

You Need to Baby Your British Car

When replacing an inner tube on your little British car, always lightly dust the inside of the tire cavity and entire surface of the inner tube with baby powder. As you drive, the inner tube must be able to flex inside the tire and wheel. Using baby powder prevents chafing between the inner tube, tire interior and wire wheel surfaces. This will help lengthen the life of your inner tubes.

Craig

ORMOND BEACH GASLIGHT PARADE

This year's Ormond Beach Gaslight Parade (Friday, November 27) was probably the best attended by British cars in my memory. I arrived at the Casements at 5 p.m., parked, and set up our Union Jack just inside the entrance to the parade assembly grounds. I stopped any British car coming in and invited them to establish a zone dedicated to British cars only. ABCC members who participated in the parade were Mike and Gene Schoonmaker (1980 Spitfire), Dwight and Martha Drummond (1963 E type Jag), Doug Widhall (1960 MGA), Ed Kufeldt (1971 MGB), Bob Gilpatrick (1978 Pembleton Bookland Citroen Special), Jerry Peck (1983 XJS), Joe & Donna Vetter (1973 MGB), Aaron Duncan & co-pilot Eric Salvioli (1973 MGB), Fred Meredith (1977 Spitfire), Don Buck (1961 Morgan +4), Tommy Suddard (Spitfire), Tim Suddard, Craig Colby (1969 MGBGT), and Christine Colby (1968 MGCGT). Other British cars in the zone included a Bentley, a Rolls Royce, a 1960 and a 1973 Mini Cooper, a couple more Jaguars, a 1952 MGTD, and some others. A guy in a Mercedes approached me and asked if he could join our merry band, as he felt out of place parking alongside so much Detroit steel. The AACA sponsors of the parade chose the Hudson to honor this year, as it was the 100th anniversary of the Hudson. ABCC member Don Buck was quick to point out that it was also the 100th anniversary of the Morgan. So, to honor Don and his Morgan, we departed our area with Don in the lead. We parked as a group, departed as a group, and paraded as a group. It was nice to hear the positive comments from the spectators about "all the British cars." Yes, there were a couple of glitches, but I think this year was better than years past. It was reported that the Rolls chose to take a right turn at the wrong place, and others followed, thinking he knew what he was doing. Several others followed him, opps. The MGTD died twice trying to just get out of the assembly lot, then eventually joined up with our group by jetting in from a side street. One Cadillac decided to line jump the middle of our group, but no worries. The parade ended back at the Casements, then moved to Lulu's a couple of blocks away. I headed home, so I can't report on the party at Lulu's. Did anyone go to that? I hope to see you next year, you will enjoy the event.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday turned out to be a great day for our annual Holiday Party!! There was plenty of food and drink for all.

Thank you to Celia and Burt Martin for doing a great job of providing the decorations and for bringing this event together. We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks so much.

The election of new officers was held. We have a great team to make 2010 a fun year for our club.

President Craig Colby
Vice President Gordan Hart
Secretary Connie Hart
Treasurer Steve Bradley
Editor Tom Suddard

A big Thanks to all the officers who served last year.

Let's get involved in 2010 and make it the best year for our club. I have always heard, "the more the merrier" 'so let's make that happen by promoting our club, recruiting new members and most important of all attending our club events.

Don't forgot your 2010 dues. Please mail your dues (\$16 for family and \$10 single) to our treasurer, Steve Bradley, 745 Lakeview Drive, Orange City, Fl 32763



Ruby Colby made this for our Holiday Gathering and it was very good. Thank you for passing on the recipe.

CARROT SOUFFLE

INGREDIENTS:

2 pounds carrots, chopped
½ cup (1 stick) butter melted--- no substitution
1 cup sugar
3 Tbsp. all purpose flour
1-1/2 tsp. Baking powder
1 tsp vanilla extract
3 eggs, well beaten
2 tsp. Confectioner's sugar, for topping

DIRECTIONS:

1. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
 2. Bring a large pot of water to a boil w/ ¼ tsp. Salt. Add carrots and cook until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain & mash. To the carrots add melted butter, granulated sugar, flour, baking powder, vanilla extract and eggs. Mix well and transfer to a 2 quart, lightly greased casserole dish. Sprinkle with 2 tsp. Confectioner's sugar.
 3. Bake in pre- heated oven for 1- Hour.
- Serves –8

To Plate--- scoop of souffle--- top w/ creamy vanilla yogurt @ Publix---
Strawberry fan on the side--- & top lightly w/ powder sugar. Enjoy!

Recipe By: Romana D. Colby
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