



# The British Connection

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## President's Message

The weather was perfect for our February Club meeting that was held at Sugar Mill Botanical Gardens in Port Orange. Burt and Celia Martin arrived early and provided the group with coffee and donuts. Then we proceeded to the gazebo for our meeting. After discussing old and new business we came up with a list of monthly activities for the 2013 year that should be fun. We were then treated to a tour of the mill and gardens by our very own Joe Vetter. Joe's knowledge of the park and area history is extensive and he even gave us a fun little quiz. Thanks Joe for giving us such an interesting and informative tour.

Hats off to Kevin Lemire for his February newsletter article on Re-

storing a 1966 BSA 441 Victor or sometimes referred to fondly as a 441 Victim. Great article Kevin. And to everyone out there don't forget to contact your editor Bob Storke if you have something you would like to share in the newsletter.

It's that time of year that car shows will be popping up everywhere. If you are planning to go to a car show and want to caravan, email me. I will email all our members so if they are going to the same show they can contact you to make arrangements. You might be surprised at how many members you will pass while traveling to and from a car show.

*Steve*



2013 Dues are past due



## ABCC 2013 Activities

FEBRUARY 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sugar Mill Botanical Gardens, Port Orange, FL
MARCH 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ravine Gardens, Palatka, FL
APRIL 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lake Helen AACA Car Show, Lake Helen, FL
MAY 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cracker Creek Boat Tour, Port Orange, FL
JUNE 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sky Dive DeLand, DeLand, FL
JULY 13 <sup>th</sup>	Canal St. Cruise-in, New Smyrna Beach, FL
AUGUST 17 <sup>th</sup>	Main St Cruise-in, DeLand, FL
SEPTEMBER 14 <sup>th</sup>	Canal St. Cruise-in, New Smyrna Beach, FL
OCTOBER 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ormond Beach Ghost Tour, Ormond Beach, FL
NOVEMBER 16 <sup>th</sup>	De Leon Springs State Park, De Leon Springs, FL
DECEMBER 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party, TBA



## Tech Tips

### Simple Emergency Bonnet Release

As a preventative measure on MG's and other makes with similar hood release mechanisms. A simple emergency release can be rigged up with 2 zip ties. One is looped tightly at the lever and the other longer one is looped through it. The long end is then tucked into a convenient easy-to-reach spot behind the grill. If the hood release cable ever lets go and you really need to get under the hood, simply fish it out, give it a tug, and open pops the hood.

From Rob Crissinger via Craig Colby

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## Notes from Lyon

I have reserved an area for our British cars at the Daytona Spring Turkey Run [http://www.turkeyrun.com/online\\_registration.html](http://www.turkeyrun.com/online_registration.html) on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact me at 386-546-5032 if you would like to park in the location.

A twist on Nov.2012 "The British Connection" gearbox removal information:

Many years ago, due to someone constantly riding the clutch pedal causing the throughout bearing to continuously wear out, the repeated removal of engine and Gearbox together was stressing the engine fittings. I began removing the gearbox without pulling the engine, as was described in November's newsletter. After explaining the process to numerous friends i was contacted by one friend who added a twist to the procedure. They inferred I intentionally neglected to warn them of the twist, so for anyone who wishes to know, don't add their twist. The top of the gearbox is open be careful. I assume they would have realized that, but obviously I was mistaken. Two of them rotated the open gear box too far and dumped the oil.

Ps: they did it on the front lawn during the frigid winter up north. The car was not jacked up high enough to get out from underneath it without first having their faces covered with cold, thick, stinky, 90 +wt. gearbox goo oops!!

The battle against Ethanol blended fuel - E15 and beyond

Last year the EPA approved sale of E15 for vehicles Model Year 2001 and later and made it illegal to use in earlier vehicles although this puts the responsibility on the owner not to pump the E15 in their cars. The only thing to stop you will be a sticker on the pump. There have been numerous lawsuits filed to overturn the EPA's decision. The U.S. Court of Appeals dismissed a lawsuit which challenged the EPA's authority to permit E15 use. A SEMA Action Network (SAN) supported bill has been approved by the U.S. House Science Committee that directs the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study on how E15 and E20 will affect gas powered vehicles and prevents the EPA from introducing E15 into the market place until the report has been submitted to the Committee. The Bill will now be considered by the full House of Representatives. The use of E15 and E20 would have a severe effect on our older cars fuel system.

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## For Sale

1960 MGA 1600 Roadster for sale. This car is clean and straight. It has been garaged for many years. No known rust. It is an older restoration. Paul Linney re-stored the car--it's the one in his book, "Making My Marque" on page 80-81. I am asking \$10,300. Contact Scotty Stewart at 919-696-4990 or email: [scotty.3.27.34@gmail.com](mailto:scotty.3.27.34@gmail.com)

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](mailto:owlseye@bellsouth.net)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

MARCH 8-10, 2013 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Amelia Island Car Show. Amelia Island, FL. – [www.ameliaconcours.org](http://www.ameliaconcours.org)

**MARCH 9, 2013 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Festivals of Speed Amelia Island Plantation. Amelia Island, FL - [www.festivalsofspeed.com](http://www.festivalsofspeed.com)**

MARCH 10, 2013 British Car Show. Panama City, FL. – [www.baybritishcars.com](http://www.baybritishcars.com)

MARCH 12-16, 2013 12 Hours of Sebring SVRA & Support races. Sebring, FL. – [www.svra.com/](http://www.svra.com/)

MARCH 16, 2013 Mobil 1 12hrs of Sebring. Sebring, FL. - (800) 626-7223

MARCH 16-17, 2013 Lake Dora Classic. Tavares, FL – [www.lakedoraclassic.com](http://www.lakedoraclassic.com)

MARCH 23, 2013 New Orleans British Car Day. New Orleans, LA - [www.bmcno.org/](http://www.bmcno.org/)

**MARCH 23, 2013 ABCC Picnic at Ravine Gardens. Palatka, FL**

**MARCH 23-24, 2013 Daytona Beach Spring Car Show and Swap Meet. Daytona Beach, FL - <http://www.turkeyrun.com>**

APRIL 4-6, 2013 Barrett-Jackson Auction. South Florida Expo Center. Palm Beach, FL – [www.barrett-jackson.com](http://www.barrett-jackson.com)

APRIL 5, 2013 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Festivals of Speed. St. Petersburg, FL - [www.festivalsofspeed.com](http://www.festivalsofspeed.com)

**APRIL 5, 2013 29<sup>th</sup> Annual British Car Show “Meet and Greet”, Winter Park, FL - [www.allbritishcarclub.com/](http://www.allbritishcarclub.com/)**

**APRIL 6, 2013 29<sup>th</sup> Annual British Car Show, Winter Park, FL – [www.allbritishcarclub.com/](http://www.allbritishcarclub.com/)**

**APRIL 5-7, 2013 New Smyrna Beach Balloon Fest. New Smyrna Beach Air Port - <http://seasideballoonfest.com>**

APRIL 13-14, 2013 Performance driving experience (PDX). Daytona International Speedway - [www.cfrsolo2.com/](http://www.cfrsolo2.com/)

APRIL 15-19, 2013 NAMGAR Tours Savannah. Savannah, GA - <http://www.namgar.com/>

APRIL 19-21, 2013 [GOF South Mk. XLVII](http://www.mgclassics.org/). Ocala, FL - <http://www.mgclassics.org/>

APRIL 20, 2013 Annual Island Fest. Davis Island Sea Plane Basin Park, Tampa, FL - <http://www.mustangcluboftampa.com/>

APRIL 20, 2013 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Brits on the Bay. Pensacola, FL - [www.pbca1.com/index.htm](http://www.pbca1.com/index.htm)

**APRIL 27, 2013 AACA Volusia Region show. Blake Park Lake Helen, FL – <http://local.aaca.org/volusia>**

**JUNE 10-14, 2013 NAMGAR GT-38. Ashville, NC - <http://www.gt38-namgar.org/>**

**OCTOBER 2-6, 2013 “Triumphest 2013” VTR National Meet. San Rafael, CA - [www.triumphtravelers.org](http://www.triumphtravelers.org)**



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