

# The British Connection

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## Presidents Message

Wow, can you believe it is already May? Time sure seems to be flying by. For those who missed the meeting at the Volusia Region (AACAA) Antique Car Show in Lake Helen on April 28<sup>th</sup>, we had over 29 members in attendance. A great turn out by any standards! I would also like to thank Tom Walters again for taking on the newsletter while Gene is away. Also a few members took home some awards. Mary Ellen Watz for "Her Car" received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy. Okay, Ron Watz gets some credit too!!! I think I saw him drive it, but don't hold me to that. Doug and Linda Rothwell won a \$50.00 bill, one of 10 given away after the awards. A few things we discussed at the meeting were the up coming Picnic and Vic's Cruise. With so many members (myself included) leaving for the summer, we are going to make that a dual event in October when the weather is more co-operative for driving our Little British Cars. The picnic will be at Vic Hall's residence after the drive. The Club will provide Hamburgers and Hot Dogs along with soda and waters. I will volunteer to cook if no one else steps up. Those who wish to drink adult beverages may bring their own. If possible, please bring a side dish to share. The Picnic will also serve as our next Board meeting. If you're interested in being a Board member let us know then. I can honestly say it is not all that bad.

I would like to welcome new member Steve Burley to the Club and also welcome back Aaron Duncan. Both signed up at the Show. I had a chance to talk to the (AACAA) Show Chairman, and asked him if next year there could be a class of just British Cars for awards. He said if we let him know that we plan on coming by January that it would be done. So lets mark that date on our calendars and do it again. In May, we have a scheduled day trip to Don Garlits Museum in Ocala on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Even if you can't drive your British Car, come along anyway. After the Museum, we can find an eatery along the way back. Contact me for more info and a place to meet for the drive. It looks like we will be taking St. Rd. 40 to Ocala, thru the Ocala National Forest.

Vice President Steve Bradley will run things from July until my return in October. I will be on the road most of June, starting by going to Dillard Georgia, June 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, for MG 2012. If you can't make the May 19<sup>th</sup> drive to Ocala, I'll see you all again in October.

Have A Safe Summer...Ken

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The Lake Helen Show put on by the Volusia Region of the AACA was a fun time for all . Members that attended were Gary and Sylvia Thomas, Burt and Celia Martin, Steve and Debbie Bradley, Tom Walters, Doug and Linda Rothwell, Dale Drake, Ken and Deanna DeLeeuw, Ron and Mary Ellen Watz, Jim McCarthy, Eric Salvioli, Joe and Donna Vetter, Gordon and Connie hart, Bob and Betty Storke, Lyon ( last name not known: ) who brought is 9/11 Memorial car, Vic Hall, Herb Finn and Candice Collins, John Bellmore, Steve Burley and Aaron Duncan. What a great turnout and the weather was perfect for all attending. Thanks to all for coming!!



May 2<sup>nd</sup> was our lunch bunch gathering. We all met at the Osteen Diner. If you haven't been you should. The food was good and the service fast. Those attending were Ken DeLeeuw, Doug and Linda Rothwell, Tom Walters, Vic Hall and his sister, Jim Lubinski, Gary and Sylvia Thomas, Frank Herbert, Burt and Celia Martin, Luke Coderre, Jan Radigan, Bob and Betty Storke, Jere and Bonita Dottin, Dick and Judy Goudey and Steve and Debbie Bradley. Several members brought their British cars and Steve Bradley was the proud owner of new tires for his MGA. The old tires were probably 15 years old, so it was time!!



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Our membership is growing and we are at 53 members. Our latest to join are Aaron Duncan, Steve Burley and Luke Coderre. Luke and Aaron are past members and Steve is a new owner of a MGB. WELCOME!!

I hope we can have a membership of 60 by the end of the year.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY - John Wise - 5/5  
Mike Schoonmaker 5/10  
Doris Deswert - 5/25

ANNIVERSARY FOR MAY - John and Nancy Wise - 5/4  
Gary & Sylvia Thomas - 5/16 (53 years)  
Ken & Deanna DeLeeuw – 5/28

**Q:** How do you double the value of a Triumph?  
**A:** Fill it up with gas!



**NEXT EVENT:**

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