

The British Connection

Message from the ABCC Club President



November greetings to all. We survived the 2010 Hurricane Season and now I can breathe a little easier. The weather is nice and it is time for you to take your little British car out for a drive or two. When the warm weather ends, the people up north put

their cars in storage, and we take our cars out of storage. Of course, we all know we should drive our cars as often as possible to keep those gaskets and seals from drying out.

There are several events and activities this month. Be sure to

Events Calendar

November 25-28

Daytona Turkey Run at the Speedway

November 26, 6pm

Ormond Beach Gaslight Parade
Contact Craig Colby for a schedule

November 27

Classic Car Show, sponsored by the Volusia Region AACA.

Held at the base of the Granada Bridge, contact Joan Beck (386-672-7762) for registration details.

December 1

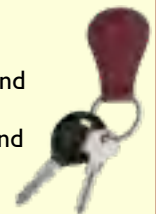
Lunch Bunch, 1 p.m. at Saigon Bistro, 600 Yonge Street, Ormond Beach

www.saigon-bistro.com

December 12

Annual ABCC party. Noon to 4 p.m. Spruce

Creek Park on U.S. 1 between Port Orange and New Smyrna. Covered dish, Chinese Auction, and the dreaded officer elections.



CLUB OFFICERS

- President - Craig Colby
- Vice President - Gordon Hart
- Secretary - Connie Hart
- Treasurer - Steve Bradley
- Editor - Tommy Suddard





check the upcoming events in the newsletter. I am looking forward to seeing you sometime during the next months. Also, be sure to visit our website. Scott Keating has done an outstanding job in designing it. I didn't realize how many people visit it until I received several compliments from members and non-members alike. Scott has us on Facebook too. Just click on the Facebook link on the top of our home page.

Kudos for Celia and Burt Martin for their important work toward organizing our December party. You should have received an announcement about it already via email. Delve deeper in this issue for party details.

Club contact cards have been reprinted due to popular demand. Carry a couple in your wallet. Put some on your visor for that guy who approaches you at the gas station and wants more information about

our club. Stick them on windshields of little British cars you see while shopping or at restaurants. See Craig for your supply.

If your name is Tom Gaynor, Scott McEvoy, Doug Causey, Brenda Causey, Ian Davies, Janie Davies, David Wallens, Michele Wallens, Jim McCarthy, Herb Finn, Linda Sleeper, Ron Ashton, Louise Ashton, Ken Izzi, or Aaron Duncan – I have your ABCC magnetic name badge. Come and get yours at our next event.

Remember to keep those stories and newsletter contributions coming in. We are currently planning club events for 2011, so if you have any suggestions, please write us now.

Until I hear from you,
MGC ya,
Craig

MONTHLY TECH TIP- REMOVING RUSTY BOLTS IN PLASTIC OR METAL HOUSINGS

Here's a tech tip for removing the engine or engine / transmission combo on an MGB. It may work for other makes, too.

Despite recommendations to use the MGBs protruding valve cover studs as fixing points for an engine hoist, I've never really been comfortable doing it - the studs seem just too flimsy. Recently, I rented a hoist locally but the brackets on the supplied chain were sort of J-shaped. When I attached them to the studs and began to lift the engine / transmission as a unit, the studs bent and finally snapped. Luckily the engine was only a couple inches off its mounts at the time. Other than the studs - which I later replaced - there was no damage from the fall.

Looking for a better solution, I found two more substantial fixing points: one is the top mounting bolt on the alternator bracket (tapped into the right-side engine block); the other is the left engine plate

bolt which is tapped into the top-rear of the block. These are 3/8" diameter bolts. I recommend substituting the original bolts with longer ones*, to give you enough space for the hoist bracket and washers, then replacing them with the originals when you're done. The rest of the operation went smoothly and I felt much more comfortable with 600-700 pounds relying on these bolts. The only drawback is the engine is tilted a little to one side when lifted but with one person working the hoist and another rotating the engine a little, it will work. You could also install an adjustable tilt lift between the hoist and engine which allows you to fine-tune the angles.

*perhaps also consider case hardened bolts at those locations?

This Tech Tip is from Steve Budra, with some minor changes.

MONTHLY MEMO FROM MURPHY

#39. Given a freshly cleaned windscreen, the first bug to smash its guts on it will occur at eye level on the driver's side of the windscreen. This law shall also apply for bird doo and stone chips.

#49. When desperately searching for a parking place, one will open up just after you drive past it, and someone else will get it.

If there is a parking meter, the one you miss will have 30 minutes still left on the meter.

NEW SMYRNA BRITISH CAR SHOW

ABCC members “flew” into the airport at New Smyrna Beach, Saturday, October 2, for their Timeless Wings and Wheels British Car Show. Organizers report that there were 29 little British cars lined up for review, and that this was the same number as last year’s event. Despite the presence of ominous clouds, the weather was ideal for the show.

Later, a white TR3A from Brevard County rolled in. The driver explained that he had been on his way to St. Augustine for the car show being held there at the King’s Head Pub. He had changed his mind about that show because of the line of rain clouds he saw in the distance. He turned around and came to the New Smyrna show instead. Our members Ron and MaryEllen Watz did attend the St. Augustine show, and reported lots of rain, a flooded field where the cars were parked, and angry fire ants looking for anything dry to escape the flooding. Ron said he had a lot of fire ants on him and in his car when he pushed it out of the flooded parking area.



While we waited for judging results to be announced, we had a short meeting to deal with club upcoming events. Although none of our members received any awards, all of you won first place in my heart. Jerry Peck (1983 Jaguar XJS), Gordon and Connie Hart (1974 MGB), Steve and Debi Bradley (1962 MGA), Ken Izzi (1973 Mini Cooper Cabriolet), Doug and Linda Rothwell (1974 MGB), plus Bob Storke, Burt Martin, and Herb James. I drove Ruby’s 1968 MGC GT.

LUNCH BUNCH CHANGED TO DINNER BUNCH

Change is good sometimes. This was the case this past October 13 when the regular date for our Lunch Bunch was moved forward to enjoy a wonderful meal at Café 101 at Daytona State College, dining at 6 p.m. “Host” Vic Hall made all the arrangements and no one was disappointed by their meal. I vote we do this again!



PAT’S RIVERFRONT CAFÉ AND FARM TOUR IN AUGUST



When we attended the Commemorative Air Force at the Deland Airport this past August, our Ruby noticed the display of club’s WWII flags in their hanger was missing the impromptu Philippine flag. Knowing that the United States and the Philippines were noble allies during WWII, she received permission to donate a Philippine flag to the organization for display with the other honored countries. On October 13, she presented that flag to their officers, and a short ceremony was held. We look forward to returning to their hanger in the future to see the Philippine flag hung proudly with those of other countries.



MONTHLY RECIPE- BEST EVER TURKEY CASSEROLE

Cook a couple turkey thighs (or whatever cut you prefer), cut into small chunks. I don't tell you how much turkey to cut up, cut up a lot if you like a lot, or a little if you like a little. Take a bag of Pepperidge farm seasoned stuffing, pour it into a bowl, and stir in a box of golden Portobello mushroom soup (or other mushroom soup you like) until the stuffing is nice and mushy and moist. Dice up some celery, put it in a bowl with a little water and cook it for a couple minutes in the microwave. Mix the celery into the stuffing and mushroom soup mix and add the diced turkey. Take a casserole dish and put a couple inches of the stuffing and turkey mix into it, add a thick layer of shredded cheddar cheese, add another layer of stuffing mix, another layer of cheese, and repeat until all your stuffing mix is used up. Bake at 350 for an hour or so until the cheese has melted throughout all the stuffing and is bubbling on top.....eat, eat, eat and enjoy. This recipe is a hit whenever I make it and it is hard to eat only one serving.

This month's recipe is from Kevin Lemire, thanks Kevin.

NOVEMBER JOKE

Not many members know this, but one of our ABCC Past Presidents used to be in a monastery and had taken a vow of silence. He was permitted to speak only two words every seven years. After his first seven years, he was brought before the Elders who asked him for his two words. "Cold floors," he said. Seven more years passed, and again he was asked for his two words by the Elders. "Bad food," he told them. Seven more years later, he was permitted to speak another two words. "I quit," said he. "That's not surprising," the Elders told him. "You've done nothing but complain since you got here."

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Sites To See

ABCC's Web Picks

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/amgcr/>

For the Triumph Spitfire, GT6, Herald, Sports 6, and other small Triumphs: <http://www.triumphspitfire.com/>

also <http://www.gatriumph.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/>

I have been helped lately by the members of this MG forum:

<http://www.mgexperience.net/>

For the British Car Classic Mk XXII by the Triumph Club of North Florida: <http://www.tcnf.org/>

NEED PARTS?

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

NEED BODY WORK?

Jeff Costenbader did the body work and paint on Tom Walter's MGA. If you have seen that car, you know the kind of work Jeff did. He is available to discuss your paint and body work needs at 386-788-7358.



ABCC REGALIA

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

We are currently sorting out the sizes and prices for personalized coffee mugs. You will have your choices of a regular mug or travel mug. You can also choose to have your car, or the club logo, on the mug you order. Stay tuned for prices and how to order yours.

MGB LUGGAGE RACK

It came from a 1980 MGB and I believe it will fit Midgets too. It's missing one corner bracket. Asking \$40.00 Contact Richard Jones rich6861fl@yahoo.com



SEAT BELT WANTED

I need a retracting passenger seat belt that will fit an MGB GT(or MGC GT). Buy? Swap? Please contact Craig cwcolby@hotmail.com to help, thanks.



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