



# The British Connection

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## President's Message

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Thanks to Prof. Bill Ball of Stetson University the annual Cars of the World gathering in DeLand had a great turnout, greater than the monthly Hot Rods. The foreign cars were placed on the west side of Woodland Boulevard (17/92) and the American cars sent to the east. The majority were foreign cars that showed up despite the threat of rain. We lucked out and only had about 5 minutes of rain. Thanks to Bob Storke my side curtains were put on just before it started. That turned into the perfect time to seek food and beverage at the *Halfway* restaurant where the food was good as was the atmosphere.

Naturally I had fish & chips and an Old Speckled Hen. Downtown DeLand truly comes alive on Saturday nights after 8:00 pm by Stetson students so we made sure our precious cars were home safe by then.

Attended were: Doug & Linda Rothwell, Gary & Sylvia Thomas, Frank & Laura Herbert, Bob & Betty Storke, Michael Touch, Deb & me.

We are looking forward to next year's show, better weather and an even better turnout for an even better time.

See everyone at the St. Augustine car show.

*Steve*

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## Washer Woes Get Fishy

Has this happened to you? Recently, the windshield washer pump in our MGC GT stopped working. This is the same pump for the MGB, MGC, Spridget, Jaguars, Triumphs, and perhaps other marques. The pump motor would work, but no fluid was being pumped out. I know from firsthand experience that these pumps fail regularly when the rubber impellers that push out the fluid break down and rot. So, I set about to replace it.

As of this writing, Moss gets \$14.95 for their pump, and a Vicky Brit pump will run you \$12.95. I've seen them even higher on eBay. Tack on shipping and handling to those prices and you are approaching \$22, plus a week's wait. Our local AutoZone sells a universal pump for \$13.99, free shipping to store, and takes 2 days to arrive. So, I purchased the universal pump. All I had to do was enlarge the plastic mounting holes, and install male spades on the pump wires. Remove old pump, mount new pump, attach hoses, connect + and - wires, and I was ready to test it.

Buzz buzz, whirr, buzz, but no fluid came out. OK, air in line, let it run longer, says I. BUZZ BUZZ, WHIRR, BUZZ. Still dry. Hmmm.

Long story short, the fault was twofold. There is a foot valve on the bottom of the tube inside the washer fluid reservoir, plus a line valve on the tube between the pump and the discharge nozzles. (on the MGB / MGC that latter valve sits at the rear of the engine bay under the heater fan assembly next to the brake lines) These two valves work together to prevent the washer fluid from draining back into the reservoir after you spray. But due to age and engine heat, the internals of both valves had become stiff and would not open under the miniscule pressure created by the washer pump. When I removed those valves, both the AutoZone pump and the OE pump worked as intended. The only problem is that without those two valves, the fluid drains back into the reservoir and I have to run the pump longer to re-prime it each time I need it.

So maybe it is a good idea to replace at least one of those valves...

Moss lists the foot valve and line valve at \$3.75 and \$4.85 respectively, and Vicky Brit wants \$3.95 and \$3.45 for theirs. Tack on the s/h and you are around \$15, plus a week's wait from either supplier. However, I found a forum blog where one writer substituted an aquarium anti-siphon valve for his line valve, and our local pet stores list them ranging from \$1.74 to \$4.99. And the same valve may also work as a foot valve.

The aquarium valve has flow direction arrows, so the replacement is straightforward. I installed it where the OE line valve was, and it worked satisfactorily on the test. To date, my system is still missing the foot valve, and I may install another aquarium valve to serve in that manner at a future date.

My apologies to the purists reading this... Tanks to all who pumped up the courage to finish this tail.

"Author unknown."

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### 2014 ABCC Upcoming Activities

**OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup> BRITISH CAR CLASSIC MARK XXVI. Kings Head British Pub 6460 U.S. Highway One North St Augustine, Florida**

**NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> Banana Split Bash. Spruce Creek Park. New Smyrna Beach, FL**



## Celebrations

By: Gene

### ♥ Anniversary ♥

Allan and Lois Wright - October 1

### ★ Birthdays ★

Ed Kufeldt - October 4

Luke Coderre - October 10

Ursula Suddard - October 12

Doug Rothwell - October 19

Dwight Drummond - October 31

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### Cars Wanted:

Jaguar, XK-XKE, MG-T series, MGA, Triumph TR-2 -3-4-250 Mercedes 190, 220, 230, 250, 280SL, Porsche 356, 911, 912, 914, Austin Healey, Riley, Alfa-Romeo, Singer, Mustang 1964-1967, Ford Model-T -A, Karmann Ghia, Volvo P1800. Also other interesting European and American made cars. Steve's British Connection 630-553- 9023, Cell 708-772-5404, Email [sbcinc@aol.com](mailto:sbcinc@aol.com). Actively buying cars for over 20 years, any condition, fast payment and pick-up. Generous finder's fees.

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### For Sale

**FREE TO GOOD HOME** - MGB jack. Contact Steve at [sbradley5@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sbradley5@cfl.rr.com)

**1972 MGB** red, black interior, 72.8k miles, very good condition. Additional information and pictures on Daytona Craigslist, item #4599554126. \$6,988 or trade. Contact Jim at 386-847-2526

**1970 Triumph TR6** British Racing Green 1 owner car \$10,000.00 - 386-341-1946

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER 8-11, 2014 AACA Eastern Division Fall Car Show. Hershey, PA. – [www.aaca.org/meetinfo](http://www.aaca.org/meetinfo)
- OCTOBER 9-12, 2014 6-Pack Trials. Oxford Mississippi. - <http://www.2014trials.com/>
- OCTOBER 11-15, 2014 TE/AE United XXXIII. Boyne Falls, MI - [www.rootesamerica.org](http://www.rootesamerica.org)
- OCTOBER 10-12, 2014 British Legends Weekend 2014. Sandwich MA- <http://www.capecodbritishcarclub.org/>
- OCTOBER 10-12, 2014 Southeast Street Rod Nationals. FL State Fairgrounds Tampa, FL - [www.nsra-usa.com/Events/default.asp](http://www.nsra-usa.com/Events/default.asp)
- OCTOBER 11, 2014 All British Car Show. Nashville, TN - [www.Nashvillebritishcarclub.org](http://www.Nashvillebritishcarclub.org)
- OCTOBER 11, 2014 "Brits at the Beach" Wrightsville Beach, NC - [www.bmccf.org/](http://www.bmccf.org/)
- OCTOBER 15-19, 2014 The US Vintage National Championship. Circuit of the Americas - Austin, TX. – [www.svra.com](http://www.svra.com)
- OCTOBER 17-19, 2014 Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival. Lakeland, FL – [www.lakemirrorclassic.com](http://www.lakemirrorclassic.com)
- OCTOBER 17-18, 2014 Euro Auto Festival. Spartanburg, SC – [www.euroautofestival.com](http://www.euroautofestival.com)
- OCTOBER 25, 2014 British Car Day. King's Head Pub, St. Augustine, FL - 904-246-6044**
- OCTOBER 25, 2014 28<sup>th</sup> All British Fall Festival Field Meet and Auto Jumble Safety Harbor, FL. – [www.tbahc.com](http://www.tbahc.com)**
- OCT. 30 – Nov. 2, 2014 Savannah Speed Classic (HSR). Savannah, GA - [www.hsrrace.com](http://www.hsrrace.com)
- NOVEMBER 1-2, 2014 Hilton Head Island Concourse d' Elegance. Hilton Head, SC – [www.hhiconcours.com](http://www.hhiconcours.com)
- NOVEMBER 2, 2014 SCCA SOLO II. Gun Range Road, Geneva, FL – [www.cfrsolo2.com](http://www.cfrsolo2.com)**
- NOVEMBER 8, 2014 TCVCC Cars of our Lives Show. Port St. Lucie, FL – [www.tcvcc.com](http://www.tcvcc.com)
- NOVEMBER 12-16, 2014 Daytona Continental Historics (HSR). Daytona, FL. - [www.hsrrace.com](http://www.hsrrace.com)**
- NOVEMBER 14-17, 2014 MG Jamboree 19. Homosassa, FL - [www.fsmgcc.com](http://www.fsmgcc.com)**
- NOVEMBER 15-16, 2014 ZFest 2014. Tavares, FL - <http://suncentralzclub.com>
- NOVEMBER 16, 2014 Winter Park Concours D' Elegance. Winter Park, FL - [www.winterparkconcours.com](http://www.winterparkconcours.com)**
- NOVEMBER 22, 2014 Ancient City Auto Club - 30th Annual Car Show. St Augustine, FL - <http://local.aaca.org/ancientcity/>
- NOVEMBER 27-30, 2014 Daytona Turkey Run. Daytona Beach, FL – [www.turkeyrun.com](http://www.turkeyrun.com)**



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