



# The British Connection



1937 MG VA at Owls Head Transportation

Museum in Maine  
(Courtesy of [scottkeating.net](http://scottkeating.net))

## President's Message

The dates for next years British Car Week National Meet have been set, May 29 through June 2, 2013 in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. – check it out – [www.britishcarweeknationalmeet.org](http://www.britishcarweeknationalmeet.org).

One of the many things going on next year will be a President Cup competition. The Presidents of the National British Car Clubs (AHC of America, NAMGBR, VTR, etc., have been asked to form teams that will compete in ten different events. Proceeds from the games will benefit the Boys and Girls Club. Each Club President is looking from coast to coast to find their clubs best Golfer, TSD team, Lawn Bowler, Slalom participant etc. 10 events including a Valve cover racing where each team is paired with a young person from the Boys and Girls Club to race Valve Covers at the car show on Sat June 1, 2013. Next years event is going to be fantastic.....Ken.....



The Lunch Bunch will be meeting at The Grill @ LPGA at 1pm, on September 5, 2012. The address is 1000 Champions Dr., Daytona Beach, FL. Come for lunch and stay for a round of golf. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions: please contact Bob Storke –

[rstorke@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rstorke@cfl.rr.com)



## "A Gathering in DeLand"

The DeLand Mainstreet Association is making a special effort to invite vintage imports to join an existing event that usually attracts US Cars (Cruisin Downtown DeLand).

This is a very informal cars & coffee type event. So although the notice is short, we hope to get a good turn out. Last I heard we had micro cars, Volvo, and Volkswagon groups attending for Cars of the World.

As soon as I get the information needed I will submit it to you. It is Sept. 15th 4-8 PM and might be something our club would be interested in. Thanks – Steve

*(As soon as I hear from Steve, I will email the information out to all our members. Keep your calendar open for September 15<sup>th</sup> – 4-8pm.) Gene*

### CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2012

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## Top Ten Reasons Why MGAs Don't Have Door Handles

(Author unknown)

10. Afraid the rain might get in.
9. Never expected the car to be driven.
8. Brits didn't know which end of the door to put them on.
7. The technology was too advanced.
6. Designers went to tea.
5. Shortage of pot metal in England at the time.
4. Didn't think the Yanks would notice.
3. It was either roll-up windows or door handles, and they screwed up both.
2. They had to save one good idea for the MGB.
1. One less thing to go wrong.

(Thank you Bob Storke)

## **A Brilliant Explanation of how a car's differential works**

**By:** Sal Cangeloso

Go to <http://www.geek.com/articles/geek-cetera/a-brilliant-explanation-of-how-a-cars-differential-works-20111218/>

for the single best explanation of exactly how your British car differential works. Even if you aren't a

car guy or girl you will probably really like this video. Shot back in 1937, it explains how a differential — the part of the car that negotiates the fact that wheels on the same axle do not always turn at the same speed. As far as auto tech goes, it's pretty mundane, but the video simplifies the concepts and does an excellent job of explaining how a very basic mechanism can be employed in order to solve an important problem.

Most of you geeks out there already know that when a car turns the wheels on the outside have to spin faster than the ones on the inside because they have to travel a longer distance. This means that if you have a fixed axle (where one wheel can't spin independently of the other) one of the wheels will have to skid if the axle is going to keep turning. This is bad for your tires and it's bad for your car's traction.

So what's the solution? Basically it's a bunch of gears... but you already knew that. The point of the video above is to explain how those gears work.

The differential mechanism basically allows each wheel to spin freely of the other, while providing power to both. If one wheel is spinning too slowly the mechanism will keep driving the other one without any skidding. In this situation, the slow one is the inner wheel and the one spinning more quickly is the wheel on the exterior of the turning radius. Thanks to the differential no torque is lost and the tires aren't shredded every time you make a turn. It's both brilliant and deceptively simple.

The video goes on to explain that changes are made when these things actually are (and were) put into cars, like putting the power source lower than the center of the differential, but it's fundamentally the same thing.

Bonus: The voiceover in this video is amazing. It's the perfect circa-1930s radio voice adapted to that newfangled moving picture box.

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Have you made your reservation at one of the cabins at Silver River State Park? If not you are missing out on a wonderful relaxing time.  
<http://www.floridastateparks.org>

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Joyce Thomas Heckathorn – September 7

~ ~ Still Traveling ~ ~

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age, I need all the stimuli I can get. And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not.



November 1 – 4, 2012 □ Homosassa Springs, FL  
All British Car Owners are invited to join the Fun!  
“NAMGAR Makes the Scene at Jamboree 18”  
It’s Jamboree 18! The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club and NAMGAR invite **ALL** British Car Enthusiasts to celebrate with us. Thursday will be a day for relaxing, driving tours, and fellowship. We will have “Date Night & Movie Trivia” on Friday night and an “Oscar” Night Saturday. As in past years, costumes are encouraged, and fun is mandatory (can’t be helped).  
**We will be having a Raffle on Saturday so make sure you purchase tickets and place them in the bucket by the Raffle Item you would like to win. The more tickets you purchase the more chances to win.**  
Location:

We will be having the event at the gorgeous Homosassa Riverside Resort, 5297 Cherokee Way, Homosassa Springs, Florida, 34448 overlooking the famous Monkey Island.

*Overflow hotel* – MacRae’s of Homosassa 352-628-2602 – rates start at \$85 for a standard room per night.

## Thursday:

Check into the beautiful Homosassa Riverside Resort and meet Bert Rauch in the Hospitality Room. She will have a goody bag with information on the weekend along with driving tours and information on local attractions. Dinner is on your own, so meet up with your fellow enthusiasts and enjoy the local restaurants, or join the caravan to the Izaak Walton Lodge in Yankeetown for a gourmet dinner.

## Friday:

Breakfast is on your own, so again, enjoy the local restaurants. Join the “Tail of the Gator” driving tour through Ozello stopping at Peck’s Old Port Cove Restaurant for lunch. Take some time and visit the nearby attractions or drive through the picturesque area.

For those arriving today, join us in the Hospitality Room where you will find the MG Jamboree Registration and complimentary beverages and snacks nearby. Relax and pick up your registration packet.

**6:00 p.m. “Date Night & Movie Trivia”** Dress for “Date Night” is casual attire. The Pizza Party will be in the banquet room. After dinner, it’s time to make your own ice cream sundaes. Then get ready to join the fun with Movie Trivia!

## Saturday Morning:

Continental Breakfast – Hospitality Room  
Regalia Sales  
British Cars Displayed on the Grass  
Fun Judging of Cars and/or People  
And Much More....

## Saturday Lunch:

Grab your boxed lunches and head under the trees.

## Saturday Afternoon:

**River Cruise** – Space is limited – see reg. form  
**Ladies Tea** – see Registration Form – *cost is \$5 per person*

## Saturday Evening:

**5:00 p.m. More Fun Games!**

**6:00 p.m. “Oscar” Night! Dress as your favorite star or character**  
Dinner

“Oscar” Awards (if any are deserved) & Raffle

## Sunday Morning:

Continental Breakfast – Hospitality Room  
Fond Farewells – until 2014

## For More Information Contact:

Gail Lenhard @ (727) 521-9890 or gail@glennsmg.com

**Make your reservations directly with:**

**Homosassa Riverside Resort**  
**(800) 442-2040 or (352) 628-2474**



Please mention the "MG Jamboree" when reserving your room. Reservations must be made by September 1st to get special room rates starting at \$65 for a standard room per night. The resort also has one & two bedroom suites available. These reduced rates are available to MG Jamboree registrants only. In addition, the hotel will honor these special rates for one day before and after our event, if you want to come early and/or stay later.

There is a NO PETS policy at Riverside Inn & MacRae's.

Directions:

From US 19 in Homosassa - Turn WEST on West Yulee Drive, Route 490, at the traffic light (Burger King is on the corner @ West Yulee Dr.) Follow Double yellow lines to the first stop sign Turn LEFT (remaining on Yulee Dr.) Follow the Double Yellow lines to the first four-way stop sign. Turn RIGHT and you will be at the Homosassa Riverside Resort.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this completed form with a check made payable to FSMGCC to:

Bert & Bruce Rauch

8632 18 Way North

St. Petersburg, FL 33702

Please PRINT the First & Last Names of all people attending.

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Year and Model MG/ Little British Car

I AM AWARE of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events & specifically release & so indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, NAMGAR & the Florida

Suncoast MG Car Club collectively & separately, for any & all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guest(s) while participating in the MG Jamboree 18. I understand & agree that The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club reserves the right to revoke my registration & retain my registration fee should I engage in reckless dangerous and/or unsafe behavior. I have read, understand, and agree to this release. THIS MUST BE SIGNED BELOW

X \_\_\_\_\_
Every year our specially designed souvenir T-shirts are a

big hit! Also available are neat, MG Jamboree® golf-style

caps. Finally, for those cool morning drives, there are cozy sweatshirts with the MG Jamboree® logo.

Please note:

Special room rates and any planned activities or meals are available only to "MG Jamboree 18" registrants. Please register early. Advanced planning & ordering of items

needed to host this event is much easier if we know the number of people who will be attending. Thank you!

REGISTRATION

Early Registration before September 1:

The fee is for one British Car and/or two people and children up through 4 years old.

Early Registration fee.....\$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Normal Registration after September 1:

Normal registration fee ..... \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests (& children over 4) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEALS

The cost is \$69.00 per person and includes Friday evening, Saturday, & Sunday meals, tax, and gratuity. \$29.00 for children ages five through 12. Ladies Tea is an additional \$5 per person.

Number of adults and

Children over 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$69.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children

Ages 5 - 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$29.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Tea \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 5.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Thursday Evening - On Your Own
Friday - Breakfast & Lunch - On Your Own
Friday Evening - Pizza Party/Ice Cream Sundaes "Date Night & Movie Trivia"
Saturday - Continental Breakfast
Saturday - Picnic Box Lunch
Saturday - River Cruise/Ladies Tea
Saturday - Dinner - "Oscar" Night
Sunday - Continental Breakfast

Friday Pizza & Ice Cream: # people \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Continental Breakfast # people \_\_\_\_\_

Please select your Saturday menu:

Ham & Cheese Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch or

Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Rib of Beef \_\_\_\_\_

or

Grilled Mahi Mahi \_\_\_\_\_

or

Dinner Chicken Cordon Bleu \_\_\_\_\_

Children's chicken tenders (ages 5 - 12) \_\_\_\_\_

Children's hamburger (ages 5 - 12) \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday: Continental Breakfast # people \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian by request: # people \_\_\_\_\_

# People Attending River Cruise: \_\_\_\_\_

REGALIA ITEMS:

"MG Jamboree 18" T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

"MG Jamboree" Sweatshirt \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

"MG Jamboree" Golf Cap \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate quantity and size on the form to the left)

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Get in touch with Ken if you want further information. - mrkenmgb@bellsouth.net



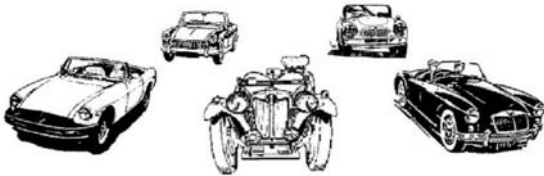


## Brit Bash British Car Show 2012

Saturday, October 27, 2012

(9am to 4pm Rain or Shine)

Open to British Cars & Motorcycles of any kind, year, model, condition.



For more information, Contact Norm Ridgely 772.532.4265, [normridge@yahoo.com](mailto:normridge@yahoo.com) or Saul Klein 321.626.9176, [sklein@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sklein@cfl.rr.com)

Website:

[www.mgcarclubflorida.org](http://www.mgcarclubflorida.org)



**Brit Bash British Car Show 2012**  
Celebrating British Cars & Motorcycles

Saturday, October 27, 2012

9 AM to 4 PM (Rain or Shine)

**Riverside Park in Vero Beach**  
Between Riverside Park Dr & Mockingbird Dr

Presented by:  
**MG CAR CLUB FLORIDA, INC.**

Registration 8:30-11:00am. Voting ends at 1:30pm. For sale signs allowed.

Cars registered by October 13, 2012 pay \$25\* each & Motorcycles \$15\*. After 10/13/12 & day of show Cars \$35\*, Motorcycles \$25\*. Cash Only Day of Show  
Car corral & vendors must pre-register at \$35 per space.

\* plus one non-perishable food product for US Postal Service Food Drive

Meet & Greet- Friday, 10/26/12 (pre-registration required) from 6pm – 8pm at Springhill Suites by Marriot – 5115 Indian River Blvd, Vero Beach, FL 32967. BBQ Dinner @ \$10 per person

Awards & 50-50 Raffle presentations @ 3pm. Participant Voting Best of Show, 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3rd of Class, and Best of Premier Class

Hotel Info – Springhill Suites, just 4 miles form the show. 5115 Indian River Blvd, Vero Beach, FL 32967. \$89 per night includes deluxe continental breakfast (mention British Car Show for this rate). 772-978-9292 or visit [www.springhillsuites.com/mlbvb](http://www.springhillsuites.com/mlbvb)

If you're interested in joining MGCCF, contact Helen Kingston, Treasurer, at 321-773-1455 or [hjk@cfl.rr.com](mailto:hjk@cfl.rr.com). Only \$15 annual dues. Why not Join today?

## Brit Bash British Car Show Classes\*\*

### A. Aston Martin

- B. Austin Healey 100 & 100-6
- C. Austin Healey 3000,BJ-& & BJ-8
- D. AH Bug Eye, Sprite, MG Midget
- E. Healey Other
- F. Jaguar XK 120, 140, 150
- G. Jaguar E-Type
- H. Jaguar Modern Sports
- I. Saloon, Jaguar, Bentley & Rolls Royce
- J. Lotus
- K. MG Pre-War Sports & Saloon
- L. MG TC, TD, TF
- M. MGA All

- N. MGB/C Roadster chrome 1962-1974
- O. MGB/C Roadster rubber 1974-1980
- P. MGB/C GT 1966-1980
- Q. MG Other
- R. Morgan pre-War
- S. Morgan post War
- T. Morris
- U. Sunbeam
- V. Triumph TR2, 3 & 3A
- W. Triumph TR4, 4A, 5, 250 & 6
- X. Triumph TR7 & TR8
- Y. Triumph Spitfire & GT6
- Z. Minis & varieties slider, rollup, Mokes, etc.
- AA. Minis New generation
- BB. Other British Sports
- CC. Other British Saloons
- DD. Other British non-original engines
- EE. Replicars
- FF. Motorcycles BSA, Triumph, Enfield, etc.
- GG. Premier Class - Prior Yr Class Winners

\*\* Classes may be added, combined, split or eliminated depending on number of show cars in each class. Final classification determined by show committee.  
**Show cars must be registered by 11 AM**  
 Sorry, **No pets, No alcohol** allowed in park. "For Sale" signs ARE allowed on show cars.

### Registration Information

(FREE Dash Plaque)

Show Cars:

**Pre-registration fee \$25 (Free dash plaque)**

Please pre-register if possible.

**DAY OF SHOW- \$35**

*Cash Only Day of Show*

### Registration Form (Brit Bash 2012)

(Please Print Clearly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Show Car

| Year | Make | Model | color |
|------|------|-------|-------|
|      |      |       |       |
|      |      |       |       |

**T-Shirt- S M L XL XXL (circle size) \$10 each - \$12 day of Show**

#### This Entry For:

( ) Show Car **\$25**

**Class Choice Letter(s)** (see list): \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Vendor **\$35**

( ) Meet & Greet BBQ **\$10** per person

Staying at Host hotel (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby release MG Car Club Florida, Inc., City of Vero Beach, all sponsors, vendors, tenants and volunteers of Brit Bash Car Show from any liability, personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guest(s) while participating in the Brit Bash Car Show.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Must be postmarked by 10/13/12.** Make check out to MG Car Club Florida, Inc., P.O. Box 410471, Melbourne, FL 32941. Note- Club's "Rain or Shine" policy includes mailing paid T-Shirts to pre-registered "no shows.."