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Hello everyone. Happy Halloween. Well not yet but coming soon. We recently left to get out of the heat for a few days. Our friends who have a house in Mt. Dora have been looking for something in a cooler area. They have a motorhome that they have been taking to Maine and the northeast for the last five or six years. They had been looking in Maine, and we met them there earlier this year. They determined that it was too cold. It WAS cold and rainy, which I assumed was normal or could be normal. It was too cold for them. We went on to Canada, and they turned their motorhome south to look for more moderate but cooler than Florida temps.



They wound up near Asheville, N.C. They invited us up to see what 2-3 months of looking had produced. So, this was a chance to get out of the heat for a bit. We spent a couple days being shown around Asheville by them. Places we probably wouldn't have gone ourselves while just passing through. Temperatures were 51 in the morning up to 75 in the daytime. Very pleasant.

We moved on to Columbus, Ohio which I have mentioned before as a previous home base. We still have many friends there, as Pat grew up there. Our friends that we stay with when we go there have a couple acres, and the dog loves it because she can run free. Another friend has recently

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moved further north from Westerville to Sunbury. He is a sicko like most of us, and I corrupted him into Sunbeam Tigers and old toys. It didn't take much, or it was mutual, as we used to go to car swap meets and toy shows, and Sunbeam meets together. He has 6 acres and more room for stuff.

We will call him George. George's wife died a couple years ago, and he has been trying to downsize. His last auction is in 10 days. What an eye opener for me. A lot of the toys I had given him. And he gave me just as many. We never kept track, it was just "I saw this and thought you might like it" on both sides. When I got there, I was just trying to help organize. Also, to help find stuff he knew he had and wanted to keep. If anyone is close to Columbus, you may want to go 8106 Schott Rd, Westerville, Ohio. There are tools, car parts, an Edsel 4 door hardtop, a Hillman Husky, and of course lots of toys car books and car magazines.

I came back home thinking that I really need to start doing this myself. On Ebay and Facebook marketplace, auctions here don't really seem to bring much.

Safe travels.

Doug

Historical Trivia

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'strait laced'. Wore a tightly tied lace.



Celebrations

By: Gene



Happy Birthday

Ed Kufeldt 10/04

Sylvia Spradlin 10/06

Tom Walters 10/21

Jim McIntyre 10/24

2023 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

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Funny Waitress

A Triumph owner stopped at a truck stop cafe and placed his order. He said, "I want three flat tires, a pair of headlights, and pair of running boards."

The brand-new waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, went to the kitchen and said to the cook, "This guy out there just ordered three flat tires, a pair of headlights, and a pair of running boards. What does he think this place is, an auto parts store?"

No," the cook said. "Three flat tires mean three pancakes, a pair of headlights is two eggs sunny side up, and running boards are two slices of crisp bacon."

Oh, OK!" said the waitress. She thought about it for a moment and then spooned up a bowl of beans and gave it to the customer.

The Triumph guy asked, "What are the beans for?"

She replied, "I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights and running boards, you might as well gas up!"

For Sale or Wanted

1979 Spitfire parts for sale.

Prices: Finisher \$80- small ding on it, LH fender \$125, RH fender \$125, Chrome front bumper (super nice) \$225, Alternator (new in box) \$50. Jim Donnelly Email: jdonnelly44@CFL.RR.COM Location: Cape Canaveral, FL (October)

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 11-14, 2023 Petit Le Mans. Road Atlanta, Braselton, GA. – www.imsa.com

OCTOBER 12-15, 2023 Tire Rack Ultimate Track Car Challenge. Bowling Green, KY - <http://www.ultimatetrackcar.com/>

OCTOBER 13-15, 2023 Chattanooga Motor Car Festival. Chattanooga, TN - www.chattanoogaomotorcar.com

OCTOBER 14, 2023 British Car Classic. King's Head Pub, St. Augustine, FL - <https://www.mgclassicsfl.org/>

OCTOBER 14, 2023 Cars on Kiawah. Kiawah Island, SC - <https://www.carsonkiawah.com/>

OCTOBER 14- 15, 2023 Castle Hill Pre-War Hill Climb. Ipswich, MA – www.vscca.org

OCTOBER 20-22, 2023 Gator MOG Fall Noggin. Lakeland, FL - [Calendar – MOGSouth](#)

OCTOBER 21, 2023 38th Annual British Car Day. Mt. Pleasant, SC - <http://www.britishcarclubcharleston.com/>

OCTOBER 21, 2023 British Car Festival 2023. Fairhope, AL - [British Car Festival \(sabcc.org\)](#)

OCTOBER 27-28, 2023 36th All British Fall Festival Field Meet and Auto Jumble Safety Harbor, FL. – www.tbahc.com

NOVEMBER 1-5, 2023 Classic Daytona 24 Hour & Daytona Historics (HSR). Daytona, FL. - www.hsrrace.com

NOVEMBER 2-5, 2023 Austin Speedtour. Circuit of the Americas - Austin, TX – www.svra.com

NOVEMBER 3-5, 2023 Hilton Head Island Concourse d' Elegance. Hilton Head, SC – www.hhiconcours.com

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 TCVCC Cool Car Show. Stuart, FL – [Cool Show - Treasure Coast Region AACA](#)

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 Orlando Festivals of Speed at the Ritz-Carlton. Orlando, FL - [Ritz-Carlton Orlando | Festivals of Speed](#)

NOVEMBER 11, 2023 Ancient City Auto Club – 39th Annual Car Show. St Augustine, FL - [ShowFlyer2023.pdf \(aaca.com\)](#)

NOVEMBER 11-12, 2023 49th Florida State Autocross championship. Buckingham Airfield. Ft. Myers, FL - [2023 - 49th Florida State Autocross Championship \(motorsportreg.com\)](#)

NOVEMBER 17-19, 2023 Annual Turkey Bowl, Summit Point, WV - www.vrgonline.org

NOVEMBER 23 – 26, 2023 Daytona Turkey Run. Daytona Beach, FL – www.turkeyrun.com



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