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President's Message

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Hello all. Happy time change, or maybe not so happy time change. I'm having trouble with this as I think I tore my rotator cuff, and my arm doesn't want to go forward enough to type.

I think I have mentioned before, the Glenwood Springs Rally. Every June in Colorado, the MG club puts on a TSD (time speed distance) rally to Glenwood Springs from Denver. Since there

is only really one way to Glenwood Springs up I-70, the difficulty is how to make it interesting. Everyone knows where you are going to end up. No one knows where the timed stops are going to be, or which side roads will be used. Once you get to Glenwood, the evening is for telling stories about how you would have done better only if. The next day there is a car show and an autocross. It's difficult to do them both as they both take up most of the morning. After lunch, usually in the city park, trophies are handed out.

This one year, the autocross was in the high school parking lot, and the car show was across town at a mall parking lot. Well, of course the idiot with the Sunbeam Tiger wants to autocross. We go off on a run, and others get to run, so you are waiting to go again. I think I did a couple runs. When the time came to go again, I tried to start the car. Not only wouldn't it start, but the starter was also jammed. Well as most of your car people know, sometimes you can put the car in gear and rock the car back and forth, and it will let go. Nothing doing. I'm running around like a crazy man asking for tools, etc. The factory jack will raise the car enough to get under it barely. I believe someone had a floor jack, and my Tiger compatriot had some hand tools. I got under the car and took off the starter bolts. Did I mention that it was jammed? After beating on the starter with different ob-

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jects, the starter dropped out on the ground. I put some electrical tape on the hot lead and let the car down. The auto-cross had gone on without me.

The other Tiger owner and a few others pushed me in gear and the car started right away. By this time, it's time to go to lunch and the award presentation. We're in the mountains, so I parked going downhill. The rest of the day went fairly smoothly. I just had to be careful when I stopped. I didn't shut the car off the rest of the way home.

Oh, and I think I may have gotten the hard luck award. Ahh, the good times.

Safe travels.

Doug Bullard

Historical Trivia

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig... Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades...' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck.'



Celebrations

By: Gene



November Happy Birthday's

BA Walters - 3rd

Dick Goudy - 15th

2023 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

ABCC Annual Christmas Lunch Bunch. Again this year it will be at the Grille at Riverview in New Smyrna Beach www.thegrilleatriverview.com

Reservations will be made for 1:00pm on December 6th. Reservations are a must, as this is a very busy time at the Grille. Look for an email with additional information.



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A man with a big Rolls Royce is driving along on a hot, hot day when he passes this little car, bombing along, top down, with the cooling breeze blowing through the driver's hair. "Air Conditioning" shouts the Sprite driver as the Rolls goes by.

Not to be outdone the Rolls owner goes straight round to the dealer and orders an expensive air conditioning system.

A few days later he passes the Sprite again. This time it is parked up under a tree and the driver is leaning back enjoying a snooze.

Hell, look at that fella, he can sleep in his car he thinks, and goes back to the dealer. He spends thousands of Pounds getting the chassis lengthened even further and having a huge double bed installed in the back.

Next day is pouring rain, but, keen to show off his latest addition to the Rolls, he sets off to look for the Sprite owner. Sure enough he soon finds the little car parked up at the side of the road in the torrential rain, windows all steamed up (Any Spridget owner will immediately recognize this situation, except possibly those of you in California).

He jumps out of his Rolls and rushes over to the Sprite, hammering on the window, which after a moment or two is opened an inch or two. "My car's just as good as yours," he says, "now I can sleep in my car too. I've had a huge luxurious double bed fitted" At this the Sprite driver is annoyed, "you mean to say you got me out of the shower just to tell me

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

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

NOVEMBER 23 – 26, 2023 Daytona Turkey Run. Daytona Beach, FL – [www.turkeyrun.com](#)

NOVEMBER 24, 2023 Gas light parade and block party. Ormond Beach, FL. – 386-679-2883 [65th Annual Gas-light Parade - Volusia Region AACA](#)

NOVEMBER 25, 2025 Ormond Beach Antique Car Show. Ormond Beach – 386-679-2883

NOVEMBER 29- DEC 3, 2023 Classic Sebring 12 Hr. & Sebring Historics (HSR). Sebring FL - [www.hsrrace.com](#)

DECEMBER 8-10, 2023 VDCA Season Finale. Roebing Roads Raceway, Bloomingdale, GA. - [www.vintagedrive.com/](#)

JANUARY 2-14 2024 Mecum Auction. Kissimmee, FL. - [www.Mecum.com](#)

JANUARY 21, 2024 Annual Festivals of Speed. Vinoy Park St. Petersburg, FL- <https://www.festivalsofspeed.com/>

JANUARY 25-28, 2024 Cavallino Classic, Ferrari Gathering. Palm Beach, FL. – <http://www.cavallinoclassic.com/>

JANUARY 19-21, 2024 “Roar before the Rolex 24” IMSA test days. Daytona, FL - <http://www.imsa.com/>

JANUARY 25-27, 2024 Michelin Global Championship. Daytona Beach, FL - <http://sportscarchallenge.imsa.com/>

JANUARY 25-28, 2024 Rolex 24 hours of Daytona. Daytona Beach, FL. – <http://www.imsa.com/>

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