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President's Message

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Hello all, and happy belated turkey day. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We've been under the weather. When I say we, I mean Pat and probably me. Our daughter came to visit us while she had a job to do in Orlando. She unknowingly brought covid, also. We went to pick her up in Orlando, and everything was fine. The next day she started not feeling so well. Probably picked up something on the plane. She went and got immunotherapy at an IV Bar. \$160. I have never heard of such a thing. I guess it's cheaper if you are a member, and what they mix in the IV. Anyway, Pat must have caught it. She thought it was just a cold. Betty asked if she had tested, and she had not. She didn't even think about covid.

It turned out positive. We had all our shots, but she got pretty sick. By the time we figured it out, it was too late for Paxlovid. I never got sick or tested, but I was exposed. So, we have been staying away from everyone.

I understand that I have been reelected president. That's what happens when you are not there to defend yourself. Thank you all for your vote of confidence. Now that I have won in a landslide, I feel I have a mandate. The first thing I'm going to do is go to lunch.

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Oh, you already did that, and I missed it. Oh well I'll try to do my best to be entertaining and maybe bring something new to the newsletter. That hasn't happened so far but hope springs eternal.

Since winter is here, I hope to work on my cars. One problem I have is that my right shoulder is disintegrated. Other than that, is just getting motivated. The Sunbeam just needs rear brakes, and the starter put back on. With the cool weather, I should be able to get to work. Where to start? Where to start? Let's see, if we take the engine out, and then? No, that's not it.

Sorry I missed the December meeting and lunch. Merry Christmas to all, and Happy New Year. Happy travels

Doug Bullard

Notes from the December Lunch and meeting

A good gathering of members minus the President, as the first lady was under the weather.

Elections were held and the new Officers were elected for 2025, it was close but the final tally showed. President - Doug Bullard, VP - Steve Bradley, - Secretary Debi Bradley, Treasurer - Gene Schoonmaker and finally Editor - Yours truly, there was some fighting, but in the end all withdrew their names.

In other business, oh yes, we had the Vice President chairing the meeting, a motion was made and seconded that the club donate \$500 to the Second Harvest food bank. The vote was unanimous. A check for \$500 USD will be delivered the them.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy holidays see you next year.



Celebrations

By: Gene



November Happy Birthday's

Gene Schoonmaker - December 1

Jon Schiff - December 23

Saly Sieling - December 30

2023 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

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The Adventures of Ol' Red & British Car Week

by Scott G. Helms

All dusty and dirty, and so full of cobwebs,
Red spent years and years in that musty dark shed.

Most of his daily activity was watching two mice,
Crawl around the interior and eating away at his fuzzy dice.

The owner found other things to do with his spare time,
'Twas about as exciting as collecting old dimes.

Then one day while flipping through British Car Magazine,
The owner saw a date for the annual British Car Week that took place
during the spring.

Ahhh, he could remember those days when he and Red had so much fun,
and he knew all he needed was a little bit of time to get some repairs done.

He could envision the fun of shifting gears,
something he hadn't done in too many years.

The heel and toe driving skill that he had perfected,
He now felt real bad about the car he had neglected.

The warm summer breeze on his sun-kissed face,
a wonderful feeling that could never be replaced.

The beautiful blue sky provided by you know whom from above;
it's all part of that great feeling of being as free as a dove.

Ol' Red took him places he'd never been before,
He owed that car dearly and now it was time to restore.

The next thing you know Ol' Red was being towed, to a nearby place,
where he saw other cars in the same broken-down mode.

The sun was now beaming on its bright but faded red paint,
At last it was time to prove himself again and he just couldn't wait.

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For Sale or Wanted

If you are looking for an item related to your LBC or you have something automotive to sell.
Send the information to me and I will run it in this section for 3 months or sold.

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 4-8, 2024 Classic Sebring 12 Hr. & Sebring Historics (HSR). Sebring FL - www.hsrrace.com

DECEMBER 13-15, 2024 VDCA Season Finale. Roebing Roads Raceway, Bloomingdale, GA. - www.vintagedrive.com/

JANUARY 3-19 2025 Mecum Auction. Kissimmee, FL. - www.Mecum.com

JANUARY 17-19, 2025 “Roar before the Rolex 24” IMSA test days. Daytona, FL - <http://www.imsa.com/>

JANUARY 22-26, 2025 Rolex 24 hours of Daytona. Daytona Beach, FL. – <http://www.imsa.com/>

JANUARY 23-26, 2025 Michelin Global Championship. Daytona Beach, FL - <http://sportscarchallenge.imsa.com/>

JANUARY 23-26, 2025 Cavallino Classic, Ferrari Gathering. Palm Beach, FL. – <http://www.cavallinoclassic.com/>

FEBRUARY 10, 2025 Sir John Black’s Birthday drive your Triumph Day. – Worldwide event

FEBRUARY 15, 2025 30th Annual All Brit Car Show. Broward Mall, Plantation, FL - www.goldcoastbritcar.com/

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 Annual Festivals of Speed. Vinoy Park St. Petersburg, FL- <https://www.festivalsofspeed.com/>

FEBRUARY 20-23, 2025 Sebring Speed Tour (SVRA) Sebring Raceway, Sebring, FL - www.svra.com/

MARCH 1, 2025 Annual Strawberry Festival and Car Show. Ocala, FL - Habitat Ocala Strawberry Festival - Habitat for Humanity of Marion County

MARCH 6-9, 2025 HSR Spring Fling. Sebring, FL www.hsrrace.com

MARCH 12-15, 2025 Sebring Support races. Sebring, FL - www.imsa.com

MARCH 12-15, 2025 Mobil 1 12 hrs. of Sebring. Sebring, FL. - www.imsa.com



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