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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Join us for Breakfast at 9 am on the 2nd Saturday of every month at Silverthorn Country Club located just off Barclay Ave, near the intersection of Powell and Barclay just west of the Suncoast Parkway. Enter the main gate and go straight ahead. Follow the noise to our room once inside. .

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi All,

It happens all the time. No matter where we're going or what we're doing, if we are driving our LBC's, we attract a lot of attention. Everyone has a story to tell. Every place we go, complete strangers will walk up to our cars to check them out and start reminiscing about the past and their experiences with them. Just about everyone has a brother, boyfriend, father, uncle or neighbor who use to have one.

The other day at Pioneer Days in Dade City an older lady (maybe my age) was checking out the cars and started to tell about all the trouble she got into with one of them. She starts out telling about being 16 years old and her boyfriend had a MG Midget. "It was a long time before my father would let me ride in it" "After awhile when my father started to like him, things were going pretty well". "One evening when we were riding around with nothing to do, we decided to go to the drive in movies. I was sure my father would not approve, but we thought we could get away with it and he would never know. Every thing went fine until the movie ended and the "damn thing wouldn't start". To make a long story short, "I was ground for 3 weeks after that".

It happen again last Sunday night when we went to Duke's for our Sunday Night Dinner. The hostess said she was anxiously awaiting our arrival so she could see all our little english cars. To bad most of us drove our every day cars because of the threatening rain. Ron Fitch's MGB-GT was the only LBC in the parking lot. And by the way, he has the longest drive to most of our events.

Even every 2nd Saturday of the month when I pull up to the gate at Silverthorn. The lady guard has a big smile from ear to ear and says this is the best day of the month to work." I get to see all your cute little cars coming in to breakfast"

I guess the point that I'm trying to make is, Not only are our cars fun to drive, but I think most of us enjoy the attention they get. So get your cars uncovered and out of the garage and join in all the fun we are having.

With the fall months just around the corner, a lot of events are planned for the next few weeks starting with the fun run to Tractor Supply in Dunnellon on Sept 25th to our Christmas party and the Toys-for Tots show in early December.

Keep On LBC'n,

Ron

We will start collecting toys for the TOYS FOR TOTS campaign at Breakfast every month so we can "Fill the MINI". With the economy so tight this year there will be more families in need of the Toys for Tots program. Let's help put a smile on the face of our children.

From the Event Corner . . .

by Ralph Decker

Its great to see our friends returning from their summer vacations, and obligations back home, where ever that may have taken them. Carl Vogel attended our Sunday dinner at Dukes Restaurant, in between his trips to the old homestead, along with Wayne and Sylvia Dukes, who have been busy on the campaign trail. Congratulation on your recent Primary win, and good luck in the General Election! It always helps to have a County Commissioner with a British Car, even if it has a few updates.



Photo by Sylvia Dukes

We filled the big table in the back room, and generally found the food was good, and home brewed beer wasn't up to everyone's taste buds.

Melina was out and about without her braced up left wrist, a sure sign that she is on the mend, and Lisa and Glen Roberts were able to attend, now that there family obligations and visitors have been taken care of. We missed ya!

The Cove . . .



At the Citrus gathering at the Cove this month we welcomed back Hub and Cathy Sanders, to our group of regular wing eaters. We have been having ten to fifteen people at the Cove over the summer months, and hopefully will build on that number as the months progress.

Bayport . . .

Maybe, as a Car Club, our group is a little different, and rightfully so. We have to be different in order to tolerate these dam British Cars. We become enthusiast and then friends.

Recently a couple of our closest friends celebrated their 55th. Wedding anniversary and it was our honor, to have a celebration for them. The sunset was moved to Terry and Melina's home, where we had one of the largest Thursday Bay Port gatherings this year. Terry made dinner along with the many pot luck dishes everyone brought with them.

The Anniversary Party honoring Bill and Mary Marquis was slightly delayed because the coordinators forgot to inform the couple that the venue had been moved from Bayport to Terry and Milena's home in Highpoint due to unpredictable weather. Member Steve Catlett retrieved the couple from the Bayport location and brought them back to Terry's where the bride was hustled to the dressing room to down her veil and garter. Bill, was handed a Top Hat and brought to the alter where Buddha resides to wait for his bride.

The guests of honor, dressed in their formal wedding attire, were escorted by Best Man Bill Frey, Maid of Honor Diann Selke, and Bride's Maid Lana Catlett to a (surprise) renewal of the Wedding vows performed by Club Chaplain Terry Mathes. A reception followed the ceremony complete with a Wedding Cake and toast to the Bride and Groom, along with the signing of the renewal, Marriage License. So to our Dear Friends, Bill and Mary Marques, we all wish you 55 more wonderful years.

Vow Renewal British Style - Celebration of 55 years of Marriage



Photos by Sandy Sanders

It's official.....Self proclaimed Club Chaplain, Terry Mathes presided over the surprise Official Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony with his MG manual in hand



Something Different . . .

Grass Roots Motor Sports 2010 Challenge, starts September 30th, at the Gator National Raceway in Gainesville. For three years the Tropical Window Tinting Team has competed in the challenge, which consists of a 1/4 mile drag race on the famed track, a road course event, and a Concourse of the race car, which shouldn't cost anymore the \$2010.00.

Once again Karl LaFollette is extending a open invitation to his fellow Club Members to join him them at the event, and possibly complete in the event, using his car. This year he has entered a Mazda RX7, (and we trust the tires will stay on this year). Drop Karl an e-mail at karl@racetearoffs.com or call at 352-302-2456. Information on the Challenge can be found at <http://grassrootsmotorsports.com/events/2010-challenge/>

There is also U-tube video from years past event taken by Karl, look up whipteachr1 on the U-tube search for all of his exploits.

Speaking of Karl and Marie, or the "Taco King of Citrus County", if your up that way stop in at Tropical Tinting on US 19, just North of the Harley Dealer, and check out Marie's new Taco vending trailer. She is a great cook and puts Taco Bell to shame.

Upcoming Fun Run

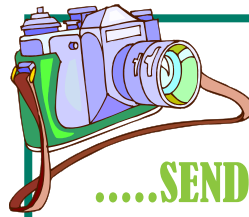
Caravan . . .

Gerry Diepering is organizing a caravan to Dunellon, Saturday the 25th of September. The destination will be the Tractor Supply parking lot to support Joan Eubanks, at the Tractor Supply Farm Animal Swap Meet. There feature a showing of Antique Tractor Display with operating Steam engines. This is an unique event where many breeders and farmers who barter, trade, swap and sell their Farm animals ranging from, Rabbits, chickens, miniature horses, goats and anything else they can raise.

Joan developed and promoted this idea for her employer, Tractor Supply and she has received responses from all over the state. This is an unique event where many breeders and farmers who barter, trade, swap and sell their Farm animals ranging from, Rabbits, chickens, miniature horses, goats and anything else that walks.

She is hoping to have a well attended and fun event, and asked that we all come up and join her and Jack, as she promotes this new and fun idea.

Gerry will have the caravan details, and our lunch location, at the Club Breakfast and they will be posted on the website. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan on attending.



.....SEND US YOUR PHOTOS.....

We are currently updating our member photo gallery on the website. We have collected some photos but need your help to fill in the blanks.

Please send us a favorite photo of yourselves with your LBC and information to be added to the website. You can email it, send it via mail or bring it to the breakfast meeting.

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GOF HOSPITALITY MERMAIDS



Ladies,

Everyone is excited about our plans for the GOF to be held 4/8/11 – 4/10/11. In planning this event we will need all hands on deck. We plan to host two hospitality suites and will need your expertise once again.

Ask anyone participating in the GOF we held at Silver Springs 2 years ago. We had a blast. The more volunteers we have helping the easier our job. There is a job for everyone... We will be "The Mermaids" for this show. We will start meeting in October, so please let me know if you want to be part of the team.

My e-mail is shuthouse@aol.com

Betty

Road America . . . by Chuck Vanerka

This past July I made my annual trek to Road America at Elkart Lake Wisconsin for the Vintage Car Event. As I wandered through some of the cars being displayed I came across this little English fast-back coupe. Take a look at the pictures, can you guess what it is?

Perhaps the back view will help.

This little gem is a 1961 Speedwell Sprite GT. Built by Speedwell Performance Conversions of London. The company was owned and operated by 3 club racing enthusiasts who used the technical and aerodynamic skills developed during WW II to streamline a Mk 1 Sprite for speed records and racing. The Speedwell Spite was clocked at 132 mph with a 1000cc engine and was destroying the competition in it's class.



The cars have aluminum fastback roof panels and a GRP(fiberglass) Monza bonnet. This particular car is powered by a 1500 cc Fiat engine with Weber carbs.

In 1961 a Sprite would set you back around \$1500., the cost of the conversion was \$2600. There were about 20 - 25 cars produced.

Today about 9 cars remain in existence, 2 in the US and 7 in Europe.



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Do You Know? . . . by Chuck Vanerka

George Rosati and his wife Judy are recent additions to our British Car membership list. George and Judy moved from Jericho, Long Island, New York in '05.

While in New York George spent his working hours operating three wholesale auto parts businesses and was the president of a buying group for auto distributors.

Although his cars are not exactly "Little British Cars" George drives a drop-top XJS and also owns an XJ6 Jaguar.



However, George said his dream car is a Ferrari, any Ferrari. Any Ferrari other than a 365 Daytona.

Do you remember Crockett and Tubs from the 80's program Miami Vice? They originally took care of Miami while driving a FAUX 365 Daytona. Well George is also the owner of one of these "Corrari Kit Cars" mounted on an old C-3 Corvette frame. George's has been out-of-service for years waiting for a tech savvy savior. However, all he could find was Terry (I can fix anything) Mathis. Terry has been working to resurrect the old Vette-Ferrari wanna-be. But during a recent attempt to fire-it-up all it could muster was a few solenoid clicks and a weak starter grunt, the work continues. So while Terry wrenches on the Corrari Kit Car George is enjoying golf and looking forward to watching football. George also indicated he looks forward to car shows, rallies and races.

So when you spot a clean copper colored XJS say "Hi" to George Rosati.

Tech Session in Progress

by Chuck Vanerka

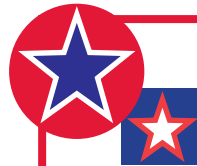


Bad Dog...

Righty Tightly - Lefty Loosey

Newest Club Member, "Guinness" is giving owner, Chuck Vanerka a tech course on Wheel Alignment on the Jag. Anyone needing a helping hand with their cars, can contact "Guinness" directly.

Rumor has it that Chris is quite upset that she has been replaced.



MG JAMBOREE 17

On November 5 – 7, 2010, the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club will be hosting MG Jamboree 17 at the beautiful Homosassa Riverside Inn Resort, home to Monkey Island and located in Homosassa Springs, Florida. This was the location for numerous MG Jamborees and we are so excited to be able to return to this wonderful venue.

Our theme for the weekend is obvious – Homecoming – and as our club's motto states, "It's Gotta Be Fun!" will be fulfilled with the variety of activities planned. Dave Tietz's infamous "LBC's in the Movies" and a Homecoming Float down Crystal River are just two of the activities scheduled. Many of our participants dress accordingly to our theme, and our club encourages this. This event is open to *all* Little British Cars and their families.

For more information on this exciting event contact Gail Lenhard at 727-521-9890 or gail@glennsmg.com Come join us – you'll be glad you did.



NCECC/SCCMGC Membership Application

Annual dues are \$25.00. Please complete this form and enclose your check made out to NCECC/SCCMGC. We look forward to an exciting year of events and just plain good fellowship.

New

Renewal

Change

Last Name, First Name, MI _____ Birthday: MO ____ DAY ____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip-Code _____

Res Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail address _____

British Cars (model & year) _____ Are you a member of the MGA or MGB Register? _____

Occupation (Now or before retirement) _____ Partner's Name _____

Partner's Birthday: MO ____ DAY ____ Email _____ Cell _____

As a member of the NCECC/SCCMGC, I agree to hold the NCECC/SCCMGC, its Board of Directors, officers and organizers of events free from all liability for any accident or injury which occurs in connection with club events.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail Application to NCECC/SCCMGC, P. O. Box 10728, Brooksville, FL, 34603



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TRIUMPH

VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER CONVENTION

This is the national convention for the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) and it will be held at Jekyll Island on October 17 thru 22, 2010. It is seldom that this convention is held this close to Florida so all Triumph owners have a great opportunity to participate on a national level. All details are available on the website VTR2010.org. This week will be very busy including tours, tech sessions, fun rallye, funkhana, concours & participants car shows, and many more activities. Pre-registration is favored.

VTR2010.org

Pioneer Days . . .

Photos by Ron Fitch and Sandy Sanders



Caravan from Brooksville lead by Terry Mathes, were greeted at Pioneer Village by Harry Britton opening the gate.





Lunch at St. Leo's

Photos by Ron Fitch and Sandy Sanders



Following the Pioneer Day event, twenty-eight British Car enthusiast caravanned to St. Leo's to enjoy the buffet in the cafeteria and a tour of the campus.





Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 11TH, SATURDAY - CAR CLUB BREAKFAST HELD AT SILVERTHORN COUNTRY CLUB - 9 AM, ENTER SILVERTHORN COMMUNITY OFF BARCLAY ROAD, BROOKSVILLE; DRIVE THRU THE GATE AND STRAIGHT AHEAD TO THE COUNTRY CLUB.

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SEPTEMBER 15TH, WEDNESDAY - 6 PM - BEEF O'BRADY'S CRUISE IN, 7601 HORSE LAKE PLAZA - BROOKSVILLE - BRING YOUR BRIT RIDE AND RECEIVE 15% OFF YOUR DINNER.

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SEPTEMBER 23RD, THURSDAY - SUNSET AT BAY PORT - MEMBERS START ARRIVING BETWEEN 6 - 6:30 PM TO ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL SUNSET. BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS OR STOP AT BECKYJACKS ON THE WAY TO THE BEACH AND PICK UP A GREAT BURGER. REMEMBER THE FIRST PERSON TO ARRIVE AT BAY PORT GRAB A TABLE.

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SEPTEMBER 25TH, SATURDAY - FUN RUN - JOIN THE CARAVAN TO TRACTOR SUPPLY IN DUNELLON. SEE PAGE 4

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OCTOBER

OCTOBER 3RD - SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER . . . WHY? WE JUST LOVE TO EAT AND TRY OUT NEW PLACES!

WHERE: HARMONY HOUSE FAMILY RESTAURANT, 440 BROAD STREET, MASARYKTOWN 352-848-0828 TIME: 6:00 PM

RSVP: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH 1:00 PM TO DIANN AT 799-5152 OR EMAIL ENGLISHCARCLUB@YAHOO.COM

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION SO YOU WILL HAVE A SEAT SINCE MANY RESTAURANTS HAVE LIMITED SEATING.

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OCTOBER 3 - SUNDAY -SJBCC CAR SHOW - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CAR SHOW IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SJBCC COUNTRY FAIR. 7525 So. US HWY 41, DUNNELLON, FL. CAR SHOW WILL BE HELD SEPARATED FROM THE MAIN FAIR ACTIVITIES BY BUILDINGS. CONTACT ROY REYNOLDS AT HRREYN@BELLSOUTH.NET OR 352-465-5132. REGISTRATION BEFORE 8/15/10 \$5.00 AFTER 8/15/10 \$10.

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OCTOBER 6TH, WEDNESDAY - CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNING MEETING - JOIN THE "GOLDEN GIRLS" BETTY SHUTLER'S HOME, 10119 HOLLY BERRY DR., WEEKI WACHEE, 7 PM, RSVP BY 10/1/10 352-597-7564

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OCTOBER 15TH - 17TH, FRIDAY - SUNDAY - LAKE MIRROR CLASSIC AUTO FESTIVAL - LAKELAND, FLORIDA. HONORING WOMEN IN RACING WITH GUEST OF HONOR LYN ST. JAMES. FOR MORE INFORMATION: LAKEMIRRORCLASSIC.COM

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OCTOBER 16TH THRU 22ND TRIUMPH REGISTER (VTR) AND IT WILL BE HELD AT JEKYLL ISLAND - ALL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE VTR2010.ORG. THIS WEEK WILL BE VERY BUSY INCLUDING TOURS, TECH SESSIONS, FUN RALLYE, FUNKHANA, CONCOURS & PARTICIPANTS CAR SHOWS, AND MANY MORE ACTIVITIES. PRE-REGISTRATION IS FAVORED.

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OCTOBER 23RD, SATURDAY - ALL BRITISH FIELD MEET IN SAFETY HARBOR PRODUCED BY TAMPA BAY AH CLUB. LAST YEARS EVENT HAD 230 CARS ON THE MAIN STREET OF SAFETY HARBOR. THIS IS AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED. INFORMATION: WWW.TBAHC.COM

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OCTOBER 30TH, SATURDAY - BRIT BASH @ THE RIVERSIDE PARK OAKS - A CELEBRATION OF BRITISH MOTORCARS AND MOTORCYCLES, RIVERSIDE PARK DRIVE, VERO BEACH, FL 32963 - SPONSORED BY MG CAR CLUB OF FLORIDA. FOR MORE INFORMATION E-MAIL: BRITBASH@COMCAST.NET OR CALL (772) 770-083 OR DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM WWW.MGCARCLUBFLORIDA.ORG.

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NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 5TH - 6TH, FRIDAY & SATURDAY - MG JAMBOREE 17 HOMOSASSA RIVERSIDE RESORT, HOMOSASSA, FLORIDA - HOSTED BY FLORIDA SUNCOAST MG CAR CLUB. CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.FSMGCC.COM

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NOVEMBER 14TH, SUNDAY - BEEF O'BRADY'S FALL SUPER CAR SHOW - 7601 HORSE LAKE RD, BROOKSVILLE (1/2 MILE WEST OF US 41 ON CORTEZ BLVD. - 352-797-9464 15% OFF FOOD WITH REGISTERED CAR. CONTACT FRANK 352-796-1270 OR WWW.SSMCC.NET OR EMAIL SSMCC@SSMCC.NET

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DECEMBER

DECEMBER 5TH, SUNDAY - 3 PM - 5 PM SUN COAST CLASSIC & NATURE COAST ENGLISH CAR CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY. HEY....LADIES...NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN THE "GOLDEN GIRLS" IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP. CONTACT BETTY SHUTLER - SHUTHOUSE@AOL.COM SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAIL FOR OUR FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE "GOLDEN GIRLS"

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DECEMBER 12TH, SUNDAY - TOYS FOR TOTS - ONCE AGAIN WE WILL CO-HOST THE TOYS FOR TOTS EVENT AT WEEKI WACHEE SPRINGS. PLAN AHEAD TO FILL THE MINI AND BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO BREAKFAST ANY TIME. CONTACT LINDA ROTHENBURG IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP. 352- 428-9714

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