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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:



Well, March is in the book, or will be by the time you are allowed to read this. Notable events last month: the Beiler's pizza party, which, I have heard, was a big success. Ginny and I were unable to attend as we were on our way to the panhandle with the twins for spring break. Thank you, Bob and Donna, for being gracious hosts once again. I am assuming that somebody took photos. The AACCC car show was on the 27th, with a theme of roadsters and ragtops, which most of our club cars are. A bunch of us showed up and I'm sure the photos are elsewhere in this issue.

The most notable event was on March 25th, when our own Canadian import, Len Coppold, celebrated his last double-digit birthday. Yep! 99 big ones. I'm pretty sure that most of us are older than our cars, but Len has it in spades. Happy birthday, Len and we can hardly wait for next year. You are NOT skating by without a party for THAT one!

April has a bunch of stuff coming up, including two shows on the 10th -- Sanford and Cocoa Village. If you are attending either one, please pre-register. I will be attending the Cocoa Village show and need a "head count" by the 5th, so that I can reserve our usual little corner of heaven on Oleander Street. If anyone is going to Sanford, someone should be a point of contact for organizing the caravan over to the show. Let Marilyn know really quickly so that she can broadcast the info.

I just finished pre-running our April drive and dine event, going south again. We will gather at the DAV building in Melbourne again, leaving around 0900, and then somehow get to A1A. I have planned stops at the Barrier Island Sanctuary, McLarty Treasure Museum (tiny entrance fee), Pelican Island Preserve accessed from the scenic Jungle Trail, thence to Sebastian and Mullgan's Beach house for lunch and dispersal. The date is Saturday, April 17th. I actually was able to reserve part of the facility and need to give them a relatively firm number by the 15th, so please RSVP to me before then. For our southern members, I expect to be at the Sanctuary around 0930, the museum about 45 minutes later, and Pelican Island around 1145., if you wish to join us part-way through. If just joining us at Mulligan's on Indian river Drive, our reservation is 1300 - 1330. Parking is plentiful across the street if the restaurant lot is full.

No "tech tips" from me this month, just an update. The TR7 has risen from the dead and may very well be my steed for the Sebastian jaunt. In true Joe Lucas

Chairman Emeritus

Jerry Keuper
(In Memoriam)

For Club Info--Please visit:

[MG Car Club--Florida](#)

April Birthdays:

04 Pam Price
04 Robert Beiler
04 Frank Kingston
16 Jeanne Jusseaume
17 Louise Houk
21 Kourdt Howell
25 Nancy Garwood
27 Joan Ortega-Cowan

April Anniversaries:

02 John & Gail Powling
09 Dave & Mary Beth Alexander
23 Brian & Ginny Mitchell

Upcoming Club Events:

April 10, 2021 All British Car Show Sanford FL

April 10, 2021 Cocoa Village Car Show

April 17, 2021 MG Car Club Drive and Dine

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form, I shan't motor after dark as most of the exterior lighting, at this time, refuses to illuminate properly. No side marker lights, parking lights or taillights, none of which are of any use in the daylight anyway. Brake and turn signal lights do function, although the turn signals do not self-cancel, but, what the heck, I'm over 70, have gray hair, and can't hear the blinker relay anyway, just like about 40% of Florida's population. Please maintain a safe following distance, thank you.

Until next month,

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BRITISH CAR FORUM - The following notice was received regarding the British Car Forum web site.

This is Basil from www.britishcarforum.com and I'd like to ask that you share the attached YouTube video (only about 2 and a half minutes) with your club membership. Our free online discussion forum has been online for over 20 years now and has grown into one of the more prolific online communities for British car enthusiasts all over the world. In February of this year, we migrated the community to a new, much more intuitive platform that I think you and your members will find super easy to navigate.

Here's a brief video about BCF: <https://youtu.be/772pPVM4Eg>

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

- Club Events have resumed. If you feel comfortable attending, come with us, observe personal safety protocols, and have fun. Please give some thought to what events we as a club could get together and do, and let the board know your suggestions. (See left hand column for Club Officials' email and/or telephone numbers). Input is always needed and welcomed!
- **April 10, 2021 – Cocoa Village Car Show 11:30 – 2:30** Online pre-registration available at [2021 Central Florida Car Show – Historic Cocoa Village \(visitcocoavillage.com\)](#) Brian is coordinating with Cocoa Village to arrange for parking on Oleander as we've done in the past. If you plan to attend, please send him an email (bgspain@hotmail.com) so he can make the reservation. The trip plan will be to meet at the Rockledge McDonald's (1876 S Hwy 1, Rockledge, FL 32955) by 9:15 to caravan into the show. *See flyer below!*
- **April 10, 2021 – 36th Annual All British Car Show 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sanford FL.** A new location was identified to host the All British Car Show! Henry's Depot located at 212 W. 1st St, Sanford, FL 32771. Cost to register is \$35 which includes a T-shirt if received by April 7th. Cars will arrive @ 8:00 AM to be parked and ready for the opening of the show at 9:00 AM. Please see show and registration information at [REGISTRATION TO THE 2021 CAR SHOW | CFL Brit Car Club \(allbritishcarclub.com\)](#) We will identify a place and time to meet in order to caravan to the show. Requesting if you plan to attend, please contact

Marilyn (delewis67@aol.com) so that a trip plan can be coordinated. *See flyer below!*

- **April 17, 2021 – Drive and Dine!** Brian has put together a very detailed Drive and Dine for April. Please see President's Message above for all the exciting details. The restaurant is requesting number of attendees for the reservation so please RSVP to Brian (bgspain@hotmail.com) prior to April 15th. The club will meet at the DAV building on US HWY 1 (2265 North Harbor City Boulevard, Melbourne, FL32935) at 8:45 AM to be prepared to leave by 9:00 AM.
- **April 26, 2021 – MGCC-FL Club Dinner Villa Palma Cocoa Village 06:00 PM.** This is an Italian restaurant located at 11 Riverside Dr, Cocoa, FL 32922. The restaurant will section off an area for reserved seating; however, it is inside dining. There is plenty of parking at the restaurant. Visit [Villa Palma at the Village – Fine Italian Cuisine](#) for menu and location information. Please RSVP to Marilyn (delewis67@aol.com) by April 21st if you plan to attend.

OTHER EVENTS:

- Calendar of local car events and cruise-ins maintained by Mike Euziere. [British Car Driving Group](#)
- **May 20-23, 2021 -- Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.** Please view <https://www.ameliaconcours.org/> for detailed information.

CLUB PHOTOS:

www.mgcarclubflorida.org/mgclubflorida/Club_Photo_Album.htm



March 14, 2021

MGCC-FL Pizza Party

Thank You Bob and Donna Beiler for Your Hospitality!



The Entrance



Bob & Donna



The Gardens



Judy & Paul



Frank's MG/GT



Paul's MG Midget



Dawn & Rich



Paul & Pat



Linda & Linda



Pat



Bob & Norm



Ed & Pat



Dave & Mary Beth



Norm, Helen & Frank



Ric & Nancy



Dale, Doug, Norm, Frank



The Spread!



Judy, Louise, Mary Beth



Louise, Steve, Linda



Bob, Geri



Pat, Donna



Linda's MGB



End of Party!



Doug's MGB

March 27, 2021
Antique Auto Club of Cape Canaveral 'Celebration of Cars'



Bob & Rich



Ric



Dale & Brian



Donna



Nancy



Linda



LBC needed some TLC

Official Photos by AACCC (thank you AACCC for sharing!)



Bob (AACCC Photo)



Brian (AACCC Photo)



Mike (AACCC Photo)



Nancy (AACCC Photo)



Ric (AACCC Photo)



Rich (AACCC Photo)



Linda (AACCC Photo)



Tim (AACCC Photo)



Dale & Marilyn (AACCC Photo)



Karin (AACCC Photo)



Rich



Jim



Karin





Jim's Daughter & Son-in-law



Nancy, Donna & Linda



Tim, Steve & Louise



Mary Beth & Dave





(AACCC Photo)



Awards for MGCC-FL

**TOP 25
Bob and Dale**



(AACCC Photo)



Bob & Donna awarded the “Best Import Roadster”



(AACCC Photo)



Attendees:

- Brian Mitchell*
- Ric & Nancy Garwood*
- Linda Knoblock-Raupp*
- Tim Kingaby*
- Bob & Donna Beiler*
- Rich Kiefer*
- Mike Euziere*
- Dale & Marilyn Lewis*
- Jim Netterstrom with his daughter and son-in-law*
- Steve & Louise Houk with son*
- Tim*
- Karin Pepper*
- Ed Lankenau*

Special thanks to the AACCC for once again putting on a successful well organized show! A huge shout out to their club members in appreciation for their hard work. Visit [Antique Automobile Club of Cape Canaveral - Home \(antiqueautoclubcc.com\)](http://AntiqueAutomobileClubofCapeCanaveral-Home(antiqueautoclubcc.com)) and click on their Photo Link to view all show pictures.

Club Member Contributions of Articles, Personal Interest Stories and Other Fun Information

If you see a British article (technical car info?) you would like to share or have a story to tell (everyone has a story!) or come across something that makes you smile, please email me (delewis67@aol.com) and I will include it in the newsletter!

The following article was submitted by Norman Ridgely.

Interesting Take on Electric Cars

As an engineer I love the electric vehicle technology. However, I have been troubled for a long time by the fact that the electrical energy to keep the batteries charged has to come from the grid and that means more power generation and a huge increase in the distribution infrastructure. Whether generated from coal, gas, oil, wind or sun, installed generation capacity is limited. A friend sent me the following that says it very well. **You should all take a look at this short article.**

IF ELECTRIC CARS DO NOT USE GASOLINE, THEY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN PAYING A GASOLINE TAX ON EVERY GALLON THAT IS SOLD FOR AUTOMOBILES, WHICH WAS ENACTED SOME YEARS AGO TO HELP TO MAINTAIN OUR ROADS AND BRIDGES. THEY WILL USE THE ROADS BUT WILL NOT PAY FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE!

In case you were thinking of buying hybrid or an electric car:

Ever since the advent of electric cars, **the REAL cost per mile of those things has never been discussed.** All you ever heard was the mpg in terms of gasoline, with nary a mention of the cost of electricity to run it. This is the first article I've ever seen and tells the story pretty much as I expected it to.

Electricity has to be one of the least efficient ways to power things yet they're being shoved down our throats. Glad somebody finally put engineering and math to paper.

At a neighborhood BBQ I was talking to a neighbor, a BC Hydro Executive. I asked him how that renewable thing was doing. He laughed, then got serious.

If you really intend to adopt electric vehicles, he pointed out, you had to face certain realities. For example, a home charging system for a Tesla requires 75 amp service. The average house is equipped with 100 amp service. On our small street (approximately 25 homes), the electrical infrastructure would be unable to carry more than three houses with a single Tesla, each. For even half the homes to have electric vehicles, the system would be wildly over-loaded.

This is the elephant in the room with electric vehicles. Our residential infrastructure cannot bear the load. So as our genius elected officials promote this nonsense, not only are we being urged to buy these things and replace our reliable, cheap generating systems with expensive, new windmills and solar cells, but we will also have to renovate our entire delivery system! This latter "investment" will not be revealed until we're so far down this dead end road that it will be presented with an **'OOPS...!'** and a shrug.

If you want to argue with a green person over cars that are eco-friendly, just read the following. Note: If you ARE a green person, read it anyway. It's enlightening.

Eric test drove the Chevy Volt at the invitation of General Motors and he writes, "For four days in a row, the fully charged battery lasted only 25 miles before the Volt switched to the reserve gasoline engine. Eric calculated the car got 30 mpg including the 25 miles it ran on the battery. So, the range including the 9-gallon gas tank and the 16 kwh battery is approximately 270 miles.

It will take you 4.5 hours to drive 270 miles at 60 mph. Then add 10 hours to charge the battery and you have a total trip time of 14.5 hours. In a typical road trip, your average speed (including charging time) would be 20 mph.

According to General Motors, the Volt battery holds 16 kwh of electricity. It takes a full 10 hours to charge a drained battery. The cost for the electricity to charge the Volt is never mentioned, so I looked up what I pay for electricity.

I pay approximately (it varies with amount used and the seasons) \$1.16 per kwh. $16 \text{ kwh} \times \$1.16 \text{ per kwh} = \18.56 to charge the battery.

$\$18.56 \text{ per charge divided by } 25 \text{ miles} = \mathbf{\$0.74 \text{ per mile to operate the Volt using the battery.}}$

Compare this to a similar size car with a gasoline engine that gets only 32 mpg. $\$3.19 \text{ per gallon divided by } 32 \text{ Mpg} = \mathbf{\$0.10 \text{ per mile.}}$

The gasoline powered car costs about \$25,000 while the Volt costs \$46,000 plus. So, the Canadian Government wants loyal Canadians not to do the math, but simply pay twice as much for a car, that costs more than seven times as much to run and takes three times longer to drive across the country. **And on top of all these costs, the electricity generated to charge the car batteries is still done with fossil fuels**

WAKE UP AMERICA!!

The following "Must have" was submitted by Chris Prewitt:



The following "Tool Commands" was submitted by Linda Knoblock-Raupp





Welcome to our 36th Annual All British Car Show!

Our 36th Annual All British Car Show has a NEW HOME.

Our annual All British Car Show will be at Henry's Depot in Sanford, Florida

Come join nearly 200 classic British Cars and their owners for a day of unparalleled British automotive history. All British Marques are welcome and represented and your day at Henry's Depot also includes specialty vendors, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, food from Tijuana Flats with others to be named soon. Ample free parking and more.

Be sure to register your British Car by 4/7/2021.

[REGISTRATION TO THE 2021 CAR SHOW | CFL Brit Car Club \(allbritishcarclub.com\)](https://allbritishcarclub.com)

Cars arrive at 8 AM and the show begins at 9 AM with Peoples Choice judging from 9 AM-12 PM and awards beginning at 2 PM.

Our car show is free to the public so be sure to mark our 2021 event on your calendars! April 10, 2021 at 9 AM.

Henry's Depot is located at 212 W 1st St, Sanford, FL 32771

36th Annual All British Car Club Meet and Greet

To help start off our car show weekend, please join us for a Pre-Show Meet and Greet at Post Time Lounge & Cafe in Casselberry on Friday April 9, 2021 at 5:30 PM. This is where you can meet friends both old and new along with other British Car enthusiasts. For more information about Post Time Lounge & Care please visit their website at <https://posttimelounge.com/>

Safety Guidelines

The Central Florida British Car Club complies with all CDC guidelines.

For our Participants and Spectators' Health and Safety, while attending our event, PLEASE MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING. And PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING anytime that Social Distancing cannot be maintained.

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MGCC--FL Hats

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Original logo from when club was first founded,
with date and club name

Khaki color is a light weight material with
Nylon adjustable tab closure.

White is slightly heavier but vented on both sides
with
Velcro closure.



MGCC-FL Patches

\$5

Anniversary Logo Design

POC for Purchase:

Helen Kingston (hjk10590@gmail.com)

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For Sale:

1974 MGB \$28,000

One of the last few 74 MGBs with chrome bumpers. It is a totally restored MGB. It was a California car and never had any rust. It has about 3000 miles on a rebuild after the restoration. I have all the service records all the way back to the 1970's, the color is Vermillion, all new top, seats, carpet, interior, windshield, lights, radiator, SU carbs, clutch, steering rack, suspension links and bushings, tires, new dash. Comes with a spares motor, numbers matching.

Contact: Mike Doherty Cell: (321) 616-3825 Cell: (321) 222-8580



1972 MGB - \$500 (negotiable)

1972 MGB with clear Florida title. Many parts: engine complete w/dual SU carbs & manifold, oil cooler, radiator, dists, coils complete head & valve assembly, generator, etc. Transmission & rear end thought to be good, suspension parts all there. Bumpers are fair, instruments and door glass are good except right window. Many small parts, hinges, door handles, etc. Window regulators & vent window frames & glass are there.

Engine condition is unknown, engine is stuck, and I have not tried to do anything with it, top frame & top bows are complete except for front header bar. I bought this one as a package deal & used the canvas top, SS muffler & other parts in restoring another MG. Car rolls but has one tire which will not hold air.

Contact Bill Insko (321) 259-8323

Downsizing: MG & Triumph parts & projects

1967 MGB GT Partially disassembled Project car. Florida title \$2,000.

1970's Postal Jeep. Rusty body I6 engine, turns. \$500.

Two 1970's VW Project/parts cars. Both engines run. \$2,000 each.

1976 MGB RDS Project car. Custom steel dash, good rubber, good driver. Florida title. \$2,500.

1978 Triumph Spitfire. With weber/header, aluminum radiator, new wood dash, fiberglass trunk lid, factory hard top, rough body, good tires, Florida title. \$2,000.

Contact Dave Alexander (321) 213-7051 (Please leave a message, I will return all calls)

1975 Triumph TR7 Coupe \$5,900



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1970 MGB \$6500 Rust Free

1970 MGB 3rd owner Florida car excellent driver. RUST FREE BODY, partial older repaint of original color, Original interior, 85,000 miles. New brake master, emergency cable, clutch master and slave, front rotors and calipers, front wheel bearings, rear springs, Apple rebuilt front and rear shocks, fuel gauge sending unit, excellent top and tonneau, new inner tubes, rebuilt radiator. All work done by an 18-year vintage racing driver to update and have safe running gear. Could be driven anywhere. Typical oil leak.

Contact Mike McLaughlin (407) 625-8382



Seats for 91 Lotus Elan \$550



These seats were in my Lotus for about two years. I replaced these seats with the originals. New, these seats were \$1200 Sparco & the back is adjustable. They have aluminum adapters on the bottom and are like new. I will let them go for \$550 for the pair.

Contact Kourdt Howell, email: Kourdt.howell@gmail.com, Phone: (328) 427-3072

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