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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:



So, what's in a name? When it comes to automobiles, quite a bit as it turns out.

When I was little (still that way, vertically) the family had two vehicles, a 1932 Chevrolet coupe and a wooden bodied 1939 Chevrolet vehicle that we called a beach wagon and go to the beach we did. The 32 was replaced with a 1950 Ford Tudor (Ford's name) sedan, which, in turn was replaced with a 1953 Tudor and 1955 Tudor which was replaced with a Ford Ranch Wagon, also a 2DR. From then on, all vehicles of that type, in our family at least, became ranch wagons. Now, as Dick Martin was fond of saying to Dan Rowan on Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In, I looked it up in my trusty Funk & Wagnells (I DO actually have one) and found Station Wagon: a large automobile with one or more folding or removable seats and hinged tailgate. Hostelrys used these vehicles to retrieve guests and luggage from, guess where? The station. Some were called depot hacks (taxis) if the local collection point was called a depot. In Europe, these conveyances are sometimes called "familiar" as they are family vehicles, or "estate cars" as they were used at the palace or manor house for the lord's marketing.

How about "shooting brake". Well originally it was a horse drawn wagon used in hunting and had a way of adding effort for the animals to train on empty for when the hunt netted large game so they would already be used to the extra load when the lion, rhino or elephant was loaded on. These evolved into the motorized world as conversions of two door station wagons, or more properly the station wagon version of a coupe car as opposed to a sedan-based version. Some common ones have been the Reliant Scimitar, Volvo 1800ES, Ferrari GTC4 Lusso and the Jaguar Lynx Eventer, an XJS-based contrivance, one of which I have actually been next to in the month of June here locally. So was our Ranch Wagon or my 2dr 1961 Falcon station wagon a shooting brake, probably not, but I have seen pictures of Rolls-Royce versions for the landed gentry in England and have seen the term used on Bring-A-Trailer for a couple of British offerings lately.

I mentioned coupe vs sedan back there. Going back to F&W, a coupe is a closed automobile with two doors, seating 2-6 people. A sedan is a closed automobile having two or four doors and front and back seat. A landau is a closed sedan with a collapsible top over the back seat. A brougham is a limousine with the driver outside of the closed area. Boy, have those two terms been misused on this

Chairman Emeritus

Jerry Keuper
(In Memoriam)

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July Birthdays:

03 Luke Miorelli
05 Ed Price
06 Pam Price
11 Cindy Ingraham
12 Corinne Belanger
12 Donna Powers
18 Gail Powling
19 Diane Perez
20 Jim Baer
20 Bill Parks
22 Mike Fufidio
22 Kathy Potter
23 Lee Harris
24 David Lister
25 Mary Insko
25 Sallie Richardson
26 Linda Rothwell
27 Don Robinson

July Anniversaries:

06 Ed & Pam Price
10 Roger & Edie Lowery
10 Tim & Kathy Potter
11 Ken & Betty Gregory
12 Rainy & Mike Euziere
19 Bill & Mary Insko
31 Pat & Diane Grassick

Upcoming Club Events:

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side of the pond! OK, where does "fixed head coupe" and "drophead coupe" slot in? Easy, the fixed one is rightfully a coupe and the drophead is the same car, seating 2 - 4 with a folding top and a sloping rear. How about "cabriolet"? An open car comes to mind, but F&W says: automobile of the coupe type. Hmmm, confused yet?

How about roadster (Light open automobile seating 2 with a luggage compartment or rumble seat in the rear) which could describe most British sports cars, including the late 1940's Triumph 1800 and 2000 roadsters, with "dickey" seat. Let's try convertible. Automobile with a top that folds back. Does that include phaetons and touring cars which are defined as "open automobile having front and rear seats" or "large open automobile for five or more passengers and luggage" respectively. According to my inside source at the local AACA club, for post war cars like our LBCs, if it has side curtains, it's a roadster, if it has roll-up windows, it's a convertible. So, my TR3 is a roadster and my TR7 is a convertible. I feel soooo much better now. Wait a minute, Jaguar referred to one of its cars as an OTS. Open Two Seater. Did it even have a roof (hood)? ARRRRGH!

How about "GT". If there was a definition in Funk & Wagnells (there isn't) it would fall precisely between G-String and guano. What's that tell you? I guess it's time for me to stop and go to my local saloon. Nuts! that's a sedan, ain't it? I'm done. Time to join the lovely wife in front of the "haunted fish tank" in the front lounge and have a glass of dry, red wine.

Until next month:

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NOTICES



Michael Sherbin passed away on February 19, 2023. He had been a member of our club since April of 2019 and participated in many of our group dinners. Michael owned a 1974 Jensen Healey and a 1980 TR7. His obituary is posted on:

<https://everloved.com/life-of/michael-sherbin/obituary/>

MG Car Club Web Development: Recently, I was asked to provide input for web content to our Web developer. To create a Member's Gallery, I've been compiling pictures of club members' cars and, when available, a brief write-up about the car and/or owner. I was able to capture some of this from our prior website, pictures I've taken through the years and our roster. If you have something you'd like to share about your car, please email me.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

Have you been to some place interesting, taken a scenic drive, dined at a restaurant you enjoyed? Tell us about them!

- **July 4, 2023 – Car Show Hosted by Terry & Gina 09:00 AM – 01:00 PM**
Terry & Gina have invited the club to attend a Car & Bike Show at their home on July 4th. Please click to see details: [04 JULY.pdf](#)
- **July 8, 2023 –Tour of Fred Brandner ‘s Fred’s Healey Revival 09:00 AM Followed by Lunch at Dixie Crossroads.** The trip plan is to meet and be ready to leave by 7:30 from Rockledge McDonalds (1876 S HWY 1 Rockledge, FL 32955) to caravan to the business. Bill Henley arranged a tour of Fred’s Healey Revival in Edgewater, FL (511 Pullman Road, Unit 102, Edgewater, FL 32132) after meeting Mr. Brandner at the AMCM British Car Show. Fred Brandner specializes in restorations of LBC’s, mostly Triumphs these days. He only does top quality restorations, no repairs, maintenance, etc. After the tour, we will stop for lunch at [Dixie Crossroads | Home](#) 1475 Garden St, Titusville, FL 32796. As always, if you prefer to drive your everyday, air-conditioned vehicle, feel free to do so:). Please RSVP to Marilyn Lewis delewis67@aol.com
- **July 12, 2023 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner at Red Ginger Melbourne Mall 6:00 PM.** [Red Ginger \(redgingerusa.com\)](#) 1700 W New Haven Ave #633. Melbourne FL 32904 (the backside of Melbourne Square Mall with individual entrance). Please RSVP to Marilyn Lewis delewis67@aol.com
- **NEW DATE: July 17, 2023 – MGCC-FL Quarterly Board Meeting.** The board meeting is held in the Kingston Garage, 1561 Maple Avenue, Melbourne, FL. All club members are welcome to attend. If unable to attend, please send ideas/concerns to a board member to present for discussion. The meetings encompass club business, finances, and planning. Minutes are prepared and available by request.
- **August 9, 2023 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner at BJ’s Brewhouse 6:00 PM.** BJ’s Brewhouse, is located at 1700 W New Haven Ave, Melbourne, FL 32904 [Signature Pizza, Seafood Options & Craft Beer - Melbourne, FL 32904 | Locations | BJ’s Restaurants and Brewhouse \(bjsrestaurants.com\)](#)

OTHER EVENTS:

Calendar of local car events and cruise-ins maintained by Mike Euziere. [British Car Driving Group](#) Mike emails a weekly listing of all local events occurring on the upcoming weekend to all club members. If you’re not receiving the email, and would like to, please let us know.

- **July 9, 2023 – Dixie Cruisers Monthly Car & Coffee 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.**
The Dixie Cruisers have a monthly Car & Coffee/Drive. Some of our club members have attended and say it’s a lot of fun.
When: Sun, July 09, 8am – 12pm
Where: C’s Waffles Cocoa, 5600 FL-524, Cocoa, FL 32926, USA ([map](#))
Description: Car & Coffee has fantastic food and company from 8 AM till 9:30 AM. The monthly drive is from 9:30 AM till 12 (Noon). Great scenic trips with a photo op along the way.
- **July 29, 2023 – Moore’s 5th Annual Collectable Car Show 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.** The Cultural Center is hosting their annual car show at the Harry T & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park and Museum. To register, call 321-264-6595. Carshonda Wright, email: carshonda.wright@brevardfl.gov
See Flyer below!

CLUB PHOTOS:

June 10, 2023 – Tech Session on SU Carburetors led by Tim Kingaby Hosted by Bob Beiler

The technical session was a huge success! Tim provided this list of the main topics he planned to cover.

1. General introduction to the meeting
2. What is an SU and the principle of operation
3. Component parts. Jets, needles, throttle body, butterflies, linkage
4. Tuning an SU and the principle of HISS and its importance in understanding constant depression
5. Overhauling an SU and manufacturers availability of technical notes and what is actually needed
- 6 Quick ways to overhaul without having to remove carbs from engine including cross shafts
- 7.What actually needs replacing?

<https://sucarb.co.uk/technical-su-carburetters>



Attended by:

Bob & Donna Beiler, Tim Kingaby, Dale Lewis, Rich & Dawn Kiefer, David Lister, Paul Stedman, Tim Potter, Kourdt Howell, Helen Kingston, Norm Powers, Mike Euziere, Don Robinson, Luke Miorelli, Ric Garwood, Bob Parks, Jim Baer, David Holmwood, Ed Lankenau, Linda Knoblock-Raupp (there were a couple of others whose names weren't captured – sign up sheet next time!)

**June 14, 2023 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner
Fresh Scratch Bistro**

We filled the dining area of Fresh Scratch Bistro with the turnout for our monthly dinner! Way to go MG club members!

Attending: Rich & Dawn Kiefer, Dale & Marilyn Lewis, Helen Kingston, Jim Baer, Paul & Judy Stedman, Norm & Donna Powers, Norman & Pat Ridgely, Roger & Edie Lowery, Bob Parks, Bob & Donna Beiler, David Holmwood & Sallie Richardson, Linda Knoblock-Raupp, Terry Collins and Gina Carpenter, Brian & Ginny Mitchell, Kourdt & Anna Howell, Guy Hoeinig & Cindy Ingraham, Tim & Barbara Kingaby, David Lister & Lori, Richard & Judy Fiskes, Nick Kaplan, Ric & Nancy Garwood, and a huge welcome to our newest members Don Robinson & Lenora Grimm!



Don & Lenora



Terry, Gina



Norman, Pat



Nick



Anna, Kourdt



Richard, Judy



Jim



Helen, David, Lori



Dawn, Rich



Bob



Roger, Edie, Norm, Donna



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Ric, Tim, Guy, Cindy



Donna, Bob, Barbara, Nancy

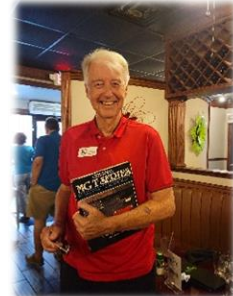
And the winners of Brian's Trivia Quiz are:



Paul



Pat



Roger

Club Member Contributions of Articles, Personal Interest Stories and Other Stuff

If you see a British article (tech or otherwise) you would like to share or if you come across something that just makes you smile, please email me (delewis67@aol.com) and I will include it in the newsletter! Personal stories are especially welcome! Tell us about your car(s)!

Articles, Pictures and Writeups from our club members

June 10, 2023

Tim Kingaby's SU Carburetters Tech Session

By Paul Stedman

On June 10, 2023, 22 souls gathered at Bob & Donna Beiler's home for a Saturday morning tech session on SU Carburetters (English spelling) conducted by the Brit himself, Tim Kingaby. Bob & Donna have a great facility with air conditioning for this kind of thing.

It was a great interactive session with some valuable information given and a little humor added. If you're wondering how qualified Tim is to conduct such a tech session, he stated he's been tinkering with these things since he was six. That was sufficient proof for me. Tim covered how SU's worked, what they're made up of, tuning and overhauling with actual carbs as props. There was a little bashing of Zenith Stromberg carbs as well (which I think was deserved). Tim also added some helpful tips like when you go to start the engine after you fiddle with the carbs you should keep a filled bucket of water and a beach towel handy. Why? So, when there is a backfire, you don't have to go running around trying to find something to put the flame out, just dip the towel in the water and throw it over the engine. Tim pointed out how simple the SU carburetter is as there are only three moving parts; the shaft, the piston and (see already I've forgotten the third). After the inside session we went outside and fiddled with Rich Kiefer's Spitfire. Hope your car is running ok Rich.

Bob and Donna provided a pizza lunch and refreshments. It was a great day.

Many heartfelt thanks to Bob & Donna for holding this event, great job as always. Many thanks to Tim for a great session. We should have better running British iron now. The turnout was wonderful, hopefully, we will have more sessions in the future.

Honey, I Blew Up the Kids! Kourdt & Anna Howell

The Howells' 1991 Lotus Elan has an interesting history. It was featured in the 1992 film *Honey, I Blew Up the Kids*, a film sequel to *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*.



'Kids with Indian'

1991 LOTUS ELAN M100

SPECS

1600cc 16 Valve DOHC TURBO with Intercooler
5 speed transaxle
162 HP 0 - 60 in 6.6 seconds
Front wheel drive (only front driver built by Lotus)
Four wheel discs (Wilwood calipers & rotors in front)
GM owned Lotus when this car was developed
Less than 550 cars sold in 1991, the only year imported
Total world wide less than 4800 built from 1989 to 1995

This car was used in the Disney/MGM movie:
"Honey, I Blew Up the Kid"



'Baby standing over car'

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More

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MGCC-FL Merchandise



MGCC--FL Hats

\$25

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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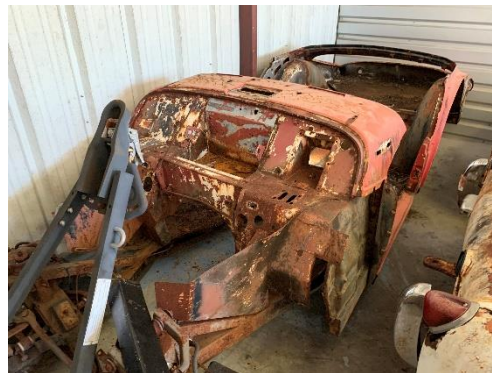
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- Two engines that ran four years ago, four good transmissions, one rear axle (does not count the stuff in the rusty complete car).
- One beat up TR2 front apron (have the grille, too). Many extra parts, possibly enough to create one street car and one track car out of the lot.

"New" cost of sheet metal alone is in excess of \$15K, if even available (Per Moss and Roadster Factory current price lists).

More photos available on request.

Can possibly reassign storage facility to purchaser. Current rent \$240/month includes electric.

Brian Mitchell 321-525-1313 bgspain@hotmail.com

1953 MG TD -- \$22,000

This car originally came from Florida and the previous owner was a member of the MGCC- Florida. The car has been restored off the frame. Restoration was a 10. Has won 2 trophies at car shows. The car does run. Has a clear title on it. There is only 300 miles on it since being restored.

Contact Jad Farhat:

Cell number 859-983-4528

wildcatconstructionky@gmail.com



December 2022

1993 Lotus Esprit Turbo - \$25,000 (*price change!*)

Calypso red, gold leather interior. New battery. Mechanics records available. Mileage 39K.

[certificate of provenance.pdf](#)

[Lotus factory details.pdf](#)

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