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From the President

Ben Cummings

Official Presidential Address (or, "The Musings of an Old Fella Trying to Keep Up")

Dear Esteemed Keepers of the Lucas [flickering?-Ed.] Flame,

As President of the South Alabama British Car Club, I am keenly aware that both our beloved automobiles and — dare I say it — our membership are showing their, shall we say, "classic patina." The truth is, while our cars may be charming relics of a bygone era, we, too, are in danger of becoming museum pieces unless we try to stay relevant in the modern age.

And that, my fellow Anglophile Auto Aficionados, is why I come to you today with an important declaration: It's time to embrace AI. (Or at least give it a polite nod, like a British gentleman tipping his cap.) [For those true Luddites, "AI" is "artificial intelligence," and I'd argue at least one of those words is descriptive-Ed.]

Now, before you clutch your tweed flat caps in horror, hear me out. Artificial intelligence, and tools like ChatGPT, are not here to replace us. They can, however, help us keep the spark alive – both under the bonnet and in the community we've built around these marvelous machines.

Think of AI as the fuel-injection upgrade to our carbureted brains. It can help us diagnose problems when the shop manual is missing the one page we need. It can help draft event flyers when our eyesight is no longer up to deciphering WordPerfect '97. It can even provide a quick history lesson when a young whippersnapper at a car show asks, "Why does your Jaguar leak so much oil?" (Answer: "Tradition, lad. Tradition.") [Wait, MGs and Triumphs leak, too-Ed.]

But more importantly, AI is a tool that can help us bridge the generational gap. If we want our club to endure, we must not only preserve the craftsmanship of the past, but also embrace the tools of the future. Teaching younger enthusiasts about the joys (and occasional electrical gremlins) of British motoring is much easier when we can engage them on their own turf—social media, digital archives, and yes, even AI-driven learning.

Of course, let's not go overboard. No algorithm will ever replace the thrill of a Sunday drive, the smell of oil-soaked wool, or the deep satisfaction of finally—finally!—getting that SU carburetor tuned just right. But if using AI means our club remains a lively, thriving community rather than a chapter in a dusty history book, then I say, "Why not?"

So, my dear friends, let's keep turning wrenches and sharing stories — but let's also make sure we're not just custodians of the past, but ambassadors of the future.

As ever, keep calm and carry a wrench.

Yours in octane and optimism,

Benjamin P. Cummings

President, South Alabama British Car Club

"Where the cars may be old, but the spirit is always in first gear."



Ben is correct, AI can be useful, but here's an example of how it can go very wrong. Behold the "2025 Triumph TR6," introduced here. **Brian Daly** sent **Ed.** this bit of clickbait. Open carefully.

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- 5. When I receive the order (usually a couple of weeks) I will let you know.
- 6. I'll deliver your items at the next club meeting or event, and you'll reimburse me.

Simple, right? So, start shopping, and send me your list! If you have any questions, call or text Michael at 251-689-1040.

Around the Bend

Upcoming Club Activities

March 15, 2025 Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival

Display your car and get the best free parking at the festival. Enter after 9:00 at Bancroft St. near Morphy.

March 25, 2025 Monthly Club Meeting

Don Carlos Restaurant, 29699 AL-181, Daphne, AL 36526 – 6:00 to eat and 7:00 to meet.

March 29, 2025 BMCNO British Motoring Festival

Covington Trailhead and Firehouse Event Center, 419 N New Hampshire St, Covington, LA 70433. Information and registration are <u>here</u>.

March 2025

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April 11 – 12, 2025 Brits on the Bay

The Panhandle British Car Association presents its annual show in historic Seville Square in downtown Pensacola, Fla. For show details and to print a registration form, please visit here.

April 22, 2025 Monthly Club Meeting

Don Carlos Restaurant, 29699 AL-181, Daphne – 6:00 to eat and 7:00 to meet.

While the list above includes events sponsored or traditionally supported by SABCC, please see p. 7 for other area car shows and events in March as compiled by VP of Activities **Michael Bertagnolli**.

April 2025

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Sparks

Club and Member News

John Twist Tech Session

Living in a warm climate, near the coast, makes our area attractive to 'snowbirds" fleeing colder regions during the winter months, and one of our favorites is a Michigander named **John Twist**. If you've been around the British car hobby any length of time, you've probably heard of John, as he is widely recognized as the leading expert on all things MG. He's so knowledgeable, in fact, that the Brits have had him go there to teach them about their cars.



Ben Cummings welcomes attendees and introduces **John Twist**, presenter and honorary member. (photo by **Robb Ogletree**)

SABCC for the past three years has taken advantage of John's winter sojourn to have him host a technical seminar for our members and other British car enthusiasts in the area. We fund this program through proceeds from our British Car Festival, enabling us to offer it with only a nominal fee to participants to partially defray the cost of coffee, doughnuts, and lunch.

This year's event featured John's "Complete Lubrication Service" (available here), a multi-page

outline of tasks intended to address all chassis and body systems. Forty-six SABCC members and guests attended the February 15 event at **Donna** and **Noel Eagleson's** "Garagemahal" in Daphne.

A 1977 Damask Red MGB owned by Brian and Jennifer King (*Ed.'s* brother and sister-in-law) served as the demonstrator for this service. Since the car was comprehensively restored by the late **Stuart Waddington** several years ago, and driven sparingly since, it remains in very nice condition, but John was able to find several issues to address.





Attendees follow as John discusses a comprehensive maintenance service. (top photo by **Donna Eagleson**; bottom photo by **Robb Ogletree**)

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John Twist Seminar, continued

Special thanks go to **Donna** and **Noel**, for allowing the use of the Garagemahal, and **Laura Cummings**, spouse of SABCC president **Ben**, for coordinating lunch. And if you missed this year's session, don't fret — **John** plans to come back next year.













Top and middle left, British cars in British-style weather; bottom left, John talks with Stan Anderson; top right, left to right, Michael Bertagnolli, PBCA president Paul Reese, and Mike McCord at lunch; middle right, by lunchtime the sun was out; bottom right, Joe lanniello from PBCA looks on as John examines his MGB (photos on left and top and middle right by Donna Eagleson; bottom right photo by Robb Ogletree).

A Bit More Twist

When **John Twist** visited us last year, he spent some time with the Damask Red 1977 MGB that became the focus of this year's tech session. At that time, he said he would really like to get his hands on the car to do a focused tune-up. This year, arrangements were made with the owners [my brother and his wife-Ed.] to get the work done.

Noel and Donna Eagleson offered their fabulous Garagemahal, and put on the coffee, and John spent the day of Feb. 19 doing his "complete tune-up" which you might recall from his 2023 seminar. Some of the steps involved are:

- Checking emissions systems
- Checking compression
- Retorqueing the cylinder head
- Setting the timing
- Cleaning and gapping the sp

ping the spark plugs

- Checking the continuity of the plug leads
- Checking the fuel system
- Checking and adjusting the carburetor

He then took the car on a thorough test drive.

During the day, and on the test drive, John found several issues that required us to order some parts. We reconvened on March 6, parts in

hand, to replace the plugs, eliminate a leaking second fuel filter, replace the throttle cable, and replace the gearshift bushing. The little car is truly transformed – but



Noel presented **John** his official SABCC name badge after we worked on the MGB.

John is already talking about what he wants to do it next year!

Alternate Events: March 2025

March 15, 2025

William F. Green Veterans Home Car Show

William F. Green State Veterans Home, 300 Faulkner Dr., Bay Minette, AL 36507, 9:00 – 3:00 (registration closes at noon), \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show. Registration form and details here.

March 29, 2025 Shirley Looney Memorial Car Show

Langan Park, 4901 Zeigler Blvd, Mobile, AL 36608, registration 8:00 – 11:00, \$20 by March 15, \$25 day of show. Registration form and details here.

March 29, 2025

St. Patrick 2nd Annual Wild Irish Fest and Car & Truck Show

St. Patrick School, 23070 Hwy 59, Robertsdale, AL, 36567, registration 8:00 – 10:00, \$25. Registration form and details here.

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Tech, Repair, Restoration

Barn Find in Baldwin County

story by **Noel Eagleson** photos courtesy the author

In the broad world of classic car ownership, a "Barn Find" piques one's interest right away and folks are drawn into reading if this may be Uncle Albert's long forgotten 1930s Jaguar SS100 or some Italian prancing horse. Alas we must come back to reality—in this case it's a 1979 MGB Limited Edition ("LE"). Club Member **Don Pritchett** is well known for tracking down quite a number of our British Classic cars and this one came to his notice while chatting to a friend at a recent Cars and Coffee meet.

Don quickly reached out to the owner and arranged a visit, and sure enough the car was located in a Dutch-style barn on County Road 13, Baldwin County. It transpires the husband bought the car for his wife, and after a short drive she did not feel comfortable driving a stick shift!

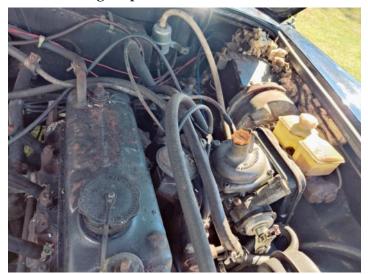


Don and the owner unveil the Barn Find.



The little "B" had a license plate showing it had last been on the road in 2017, then placed in the barn and left to slumber for several years.

The first problem encountered was the bonnet release was frozen solid, but not one to give up easily Don reached out to **John Twist** who just happened to be holidaying in the area. On John's suggestion a piece of thin rod was shaped and on his next visit Don had the bonnet open. The story does not end there, as having talked with a couple of fellow club members, **Michael Bertagnolli** checked out the car and a deal was struck. A few days later we drove over to the barn and I was keen to see how the LE had faired during its period of rest.



Evidence of rodent residency beneath the bonnet.

As one would expect the local rodents had built two large nests, one on either side of the inner fenders. These were rather palatial as having a ready source of drywall insulation made for cozy homes, yet the interior and under dash

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Baldwin County Barn Find, continued

seemed untouched. The car was duly winched onto the trailer and we headed out to **Mike's** shop where a thorough extraction of all the insulation and mice skeletons was carried out. We did not expect the car to fire up and were concerned that there might be chewed wiring. Later that evening a very delighted Mike called to say that he had the car running, albeit a little rough. Perhaps the little rodents found this particular Joseph Lucas wiring a little too smoky for their taste!



The LE's trademark black paint still shines.

The LE was basically the swan song of MGB sales here in the US with a total of 6,682 cars built, all in black with black or beige interior. There were a couple of add-on embellishments: special alloy wheels, front spoiler, silver stripes along the sides and an MG Badge with "Limited Edition" on the glove box door. While the venerable MGB is probably the most recognizable sportscar at any British classic car meet, the LE is somewhat of a rare bird.

I'm delighted that there is now an MGB Limited Edition in the club.

Safety Fast!

Noel



A period ad for the MGB LE, from <u>automobile-catal</u>og.com

A Blast (of compressed air?) from the Past



"Spark & Spanner" Ed. Emeritus Rodney McDonald sent Ed. this souvenir from the tenth year of SABCC. It reads "South Alabama British Car Club, 1990—2000, Driving the Past into the Future." How many of you still have one of these?

Spare Parts

Flying the Flag

story and photos courtesy Mac McNamara

On Saturday March 1, 2025, the Anglia represented British Iron at the 14th Annual Corvette Club Open Car Show at Government Street Baptist Church. As usual, great stories were told to me of others with Anglias in their past. **Daniel** and Dean represented Canada with his Mercury Meteor, as did the **Coulings** (**David** and **Pat**) with their Mercury Meteor S33, which won a "Top 30" trophy in the judged event.





The **McNamaras** instigate a British Commonwealth Invasion at a show sponsored by afficionados of "America's Sports Car." Top, **Mac's** Ford Anglia; below, his son **Daniel's** Meteor.

PBCA Tech Sessions

PBCA member Bob Manske holds open tech sessions at his expansive garage in Milton, Fla. each Friday after the regular PBCA meeting, and all are welcome. For details, contact *Ed.*





Top, **Eddie Toenes** looks on as Bob Manske tries to explain MGTFs to **Tom Renick** (photo by **Noel Eagleson**); bottom, **Fred Veenschoten** works on a lovely Austin-Healey 3000 Mk. II (photo by **Ed**.).

Stirring Cogs on the Column

story by Rodney McDonald

Changing gears in a manual gearbox has—for the most part of the last eighty years or so—been done with a lever that was mounted on the floor or on the steering column. As tastes and fashions change, so does the location of the stick used for the purpose.

Gear levers were originally connected directly to the gearbox to provide a better "feel" for the equipment in the days of non-synchronized units. Since the gearbox itself was directly under the floor, it followed that the gearstick would sprout from the middle of the floor where the driveline lived. Not counting the early experimentation with external gear lever placement, the floor shift stayed centered in the floor.

In 1938, General Motors offered an option for a column mounted gear lever. Called "Safety Gear Shift Control," it added ten bucks to the price of the car, but it was new and convenient. Passengers riding in the center of front seat were finally freed of dodging the driver's gearchanges on floor shifters. Soon, all domestic American cars offered a column change as an option and eventually it became the standard placement. [In 1939, GM introduced the Hydramatic, the first mass-produced automatic transmission, furthering the trend of moving gear selection to the column-Ed.]

This elegant solution was not lost on our British cousins. Postwar, British carmakers offered a number of models with a three- or four-speed gearbox with column shift. Let's take a look at a few of them.

Sunbeam Alpine Mark 1: Made famous by their wins on the world rally stage, the Mark 1 Alpine also featured prominently in the film "To Catch a Thief" starring Grace Kelly and Cary Grant. These 2.3 liter, four-cylinder convertibles were based on Sunbeam-Talbot 90 saloon underpinnings with bodies built by Thrupp and Maberly



Sunbeam Alpine Mark 1 (Alpine Owners Club)

coachbuilders. Early Alpines are rare and highly sought after.

Austin A90 Atlantic: The Austin A90 Atlantic was conceived as a dollar earner during Britain's "export or die" period when British automakers were allocated scarce steel based on their export sales. A bit overwrought by British standards,



Austin A90 Atlantic (Austin Owners Club)

the Atlantic aped the chrome laden American offerings of the time. Powered by a whopping 2.7 liter four-cylinder engine, the Atlantic could be had originally as a convertible and a coupe joining the ranks soon after.

Morris Oxford: As with most makers of saloon cars for those of moderate means, Morris also offered a column shifter in their Oxford family car. Unlike the two cars mentioned earlier, the

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Stirring Cogs on the Column, continued

"Farina" Oxford's stick was attached to a fourspeed 'box. The engine is the familiar B-series



Morris Oxford (Wikipedia)

four-cylinder found in countless British cars and trucks built during the time.

<u>Jowett Jupiter</u>: While we've looked at larger British cars, a handful of smaller sports car came from the factory with a column-stirred gearbox. The Jowett Jupiter was the result of an attempt



Jowett Jupiter (Bring a Trailer)

to use Jowett Javelin components to build an upscale sporting car. The 1.5 liter flat four-powered convertible offered a bench seat, taking full advantage of the extra room a column shifter allowed. Fewer than 1,000 were built making survivors rare indeed.

Auction Roundup: Pricey Drop Tops

It's springtime, after all.

2010 Aston Martin DBS Volante





Sold for \$74,777 on Bring a Trailer

A 5.9-liter V12, only 14k miles, no evident flaws, and no reserve led to a sale on this DBS's second BAT attempt.

2007 Aston Martin DB9





Sold at no reserve for \$56,250 on Cars and Bids

If the car above was too pricey, you could have had this V12 Aston for \$18k less, and it only had 10k miles.

1981 Rolls-Royce Corniche Convertible





Sold for \$35,000 on Bring a Trailer

With this "driver-quality" car, the cost of acquisition might be dwarfed by future maintenance and repair needs.

2015 Bentley Continental GT W12





Not Sold for \$77,500 on Bring a Trailer

Finished in beige over matching leather, with a black soft top, this Continental had just 22k miles and was recently serviced. Its failure to sell was attributed to concerns with the stock market, rather than any issues with the car.

MG2025 Update

story by Melissa Gonzales, Chicagoland MG Club

We are on a mission from . . . well, not that mission, but close enough! Honestly, it still blows my mind. All it took was one unforgettable trip to the Peterborough, Ontario, for the MG2022 Convention. What a blast — hats off to Jeremy and the team! On the drive back, in my mom's ridiculously stylish Mini Cooper (top down, obviously), with some bossa nova setting the mood, inspiration struck like a lightning bolt: "Hey, Melissa, it's time for the Chicagoland MG Club to host a national convention." Fastforward, and here we are just months away from what is bound to be the event of the year: MG2025 July 28th to 31st, folks!

The team is revved up to meet and greet every one of you. We have a massive kickoff party on Monday night that will be the stuff of legends think dancing, laughter, and stories you will retell for years (or at least until next year's convention). The website is live and let me give you this advice: register now before someone beats you to the finish line. Now, let us talk about plans. Crystal Lake, Illinois, is where all the action's happening. We have lined up a fantastic array of events, but if you are feeling rebellious and want to freestyle your time, which is fine. There is plenty to explore, eat, and enjoy in and around town. Still, I would say do not miss the organized events - trust me, your diary is begging for some new entries.

Oh, and while you are packing, channel your inner Blues Brother: white shirt, skinny black tie, and, yes, all your other clothes. Plot your course to Crystal Lake or let your GPS take the wheel. On day one, you will register, and from there, you can cruise the city or kick back at the hotel. But whatever you do, do not skip the welcome and first-timers' reception—it is going to be a

blast!

On Tuesday, the fun continues with more registration, silent auctions, all-day tech sessions, and some unforgettable activities. Highlights include:

- Sanfilippo Estate: A 44,000-square-foot wonderland of restored musical instruments and antiques.
- Volo Auto Museum: Classic cars, movie vehicles, and nostalgia galore—it is like stepping into automotive heaven.
- Anderson Japanese Gardens: Serenity meets beauty in this tranquil, waterfall-laden paradise.
- Illinois Railway Museum: Steam engines, diesels, and streetcars—railway fans, rejoice!
- Chicago Architecture Boat Tour: Stunning views and riveting stories of Chicago's skyline from the river.
- Pizza-Making Session: Get your hands doughy and learn to toss like a pro—you will leave with more than just memories (and a marinara stain or two).
- Drive-In Movie Night: Grab your popcorn, roll down the windows, and enjoy a classic flick under the stars, car speakers optional but encouraged.
- Car Show: Show off your ride or marvel at others – there is no better way to celebrate our shared love for these iconic vehicles.

Not feeling those? No worries — take a scenic drive to charming towns like St. Charles, Geneva, or Woodstock for strolling, shopping, and some top-notch lunching. There is truly

something for everyone! So, what are you waiting for? Register now because this event is HOT. No pun intended. Okay, a little pun intended. Cannot wait to see you there!

Weak and Rusty

Michael King, Editor

Bought parts lately?

Having **John Twist** in our part of the world gave me the opportunity to help my brother get his Damask Red '77 MGB tuned by arguably the leading expert on all things MG. If you were at John's seminar at the Garagemahal, you saw him demonstrating his skills on this car; otherwise, you might recall it as the car restored by the late **Stuart Waddington**.

John made himself available for a tune-up session on February 19, and **Noel Eagleson**, **Tom Renick** and I fetched tools and assisted as needed as he torqued the head, adjusted the valves, set the timing, adjusted the carburetor, and checked several other mechanical systems. He also took the car (which ran much better after his ministrations) on a thorough test drive.

Now, I had already changed the oil and filter, but as usually happens in a workday such as this, we found that we needed several other parts. I ordered most of these from Moss, but I knew I could get some of them from my employer (AutoZone).

That got me thinking about the parts-buying process. I probably have touched on some of this in previous articles, but when you sell auto parts a couple of days each week, they stay top-of-mind. Lets' review the various sources:

Moss Motors: In the British car hobby, "parts house" and "Moss Motors" are synonyms. They've been around a long time, they offer a wide selection, and with their acquisition and assimilation of XKs Unlimited, they now offer a far broader range for us Jaguar owners. They might not be the cheapest source, and I think their shipping costs are a bit steep, but they usually have what you need.

Other Specialty Houses: Anyone miss Victoria British? I do, but we still have The Roadster Factory, which continues to make progress recovering from a disastrous fire in December 2023. British Parts Northwest is another option, and Abingdon Spares (MG), Sunbeam Specialties, SNG Barratt (Jaguar), Welsh Enterprises (Jaguar), and others cater to specific marques.

Forums and enthusiast sites: MG Experience, Jaguar Forums, and pretty much every other forum has a marketplace where folks list parts for sale and/or run want ads for parts they need. I've bought many parts from these and I've not yet been burned.

<u>eBay</u>: If you want used parts, you can do worse than the world's largest online auction house.

Mainstream Online Sellers: This category encompasses auto-specific sources, such as Carparts.com, FCP Euro, RockAuto, and the like, and Amazon, which offers a reasonably good auto parts search function. Before you buy, however, make sure you know what you're getting, and what recourse you have if you have a problem. If you get the wrong part, how easy is it to return? And if the part has a warranty, how do you get it replaced if it fails?

Brick and Mortar Stores: Auto parts houses have lots of parts for Silverado and F-150 pickups, but not much else, right? Well, not exactly. Auto-Zone, O'Reilly's, NAPA, and Advance all carry basic parts for lots of cars, and can order parts not in stock. The best part about doing business with one of these is that returns and warranty claims are generally trouble-free, and they offer free services, including battery/starter/ alternator testing, OBD scanning, battery charging, and free installation of many batteries, bulbs, and wiper blades. Sometimes, their associates even offer good advice.

Happy shopping!

Classifieds

1959 MGA

Very restorable barn find as seen in *Spark & Spanner* May 2023. The car is complete and original. Have MGB engine, gearbox, front end assembly, rear end assembly. Must see.

Lyman Dykes 16442 Covered Bridge Lane Fairhope AL 36532 251-990-8296





The photos above are from the May 2023 "Spark & Spanner" article and show **Lyman Dykes** removing the barn find and inspecting it. He reported that the car had only minimal rust.

Tail Gate Rack

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David Couling 251-402-6628



1969 MGB

Listed on <u>Facebook Marketplace</u> is a 1969 MGB project described as nearly complete, save for paint. Asking price is \$5,500. The seller allowed the ad to be shared here and said he also has parts from a '74 to give away.



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And now, for something completely different . . .



If you've ever thought, "I love the lines of the Jaguar XJ-S, but what that British V-12 grand tourer really needs is a nice pair of side pipes," you unfortunately missed an opportunity. This car was listed on eBay at \$3,999 or best offer, and sold on March 3.

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