

# BEHIND THE STEERING WHEEL (where there is always a loose nut)

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## 👉 General Meeting 👈

The 2nd Tuesday of each month Next Meeting: **TUESDAY, September 11, 6:30 pm**, T-Bonz, Hwy 17 Bypass, 21st Ave North, Myrtle Beach.

**Guests Are Always Welcome!**

**Club Website:**

[www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com](http://www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com)

**Club Calendar of Events:**

[www.Google.com/calendar/embed?src=hub1tpoSOrnea57ejo3197oo0@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New\\_York&gsessionid=OK](http://www.Google.com/calendar/embed?src=hub1tpoSOrnea57ejo3197oo0@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York&gsessionid=OK)

**Club FaceBook:**

[www.FaceBook.com/pages/Grand-Strand-British-Car-Club/344525917851](http://www.FaceBook.com/pages/Grand-Strand-British-Car-Club/344525917851)



## Follow-Up on "Gasohol"

by Bill Unger

Corrosion woes due to using ethanol enhanced gasoline in older cars and boats is well known. The alcohol content most seen at the pumps has been 10% (E10), unless you happen to live in the corn belt states where you might also fill 'er up with 85% ethanol (E85) in newer "green" or "flex fuel" vehicles.



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But what you may not be aware of is that the EPA has approved 15% ethanol (E15) for use in vehicles built after 2001. However, even carmakers have determined that this is such a bad idea that they are putting labels on new car gas caps that warn owners to use "Up to E10 Gasoline Only" unless the owner wants to void their warranty!

Fortunately, aside from a few independent distributors in the Midwest (where your tax dollars subsidize the corn-based ethanol production industry thus inadvertently raising the price of your chicken salad sandwich), none of the major oil companies has plans to offer E15. Gas stations still need to offer E10 for "older" vehicles, and they don't want to spend the capital to install more storage tanks.

Therefore, most gas stations will offer only E10 rather than the less commonly used E15 at least in the foreseeable future. We are very lucky along the SC coast to have 0% (E0) non-ethanol fuel available at about every other gas station, unlike my buddies in Kansas City who have to travel long distances to find that one internet-listed station with E0.

### Gasohol (continued)

Brit car owners by now should have changed out their original rubber fuel hoses, gaskets, plastic carburetor floats, and rubber tipped float needles to newer ethanol compatible materials. (If not, be sure to look under your car for puddles of gasoline and black goo throughout your fuel system before your next startup.)

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## Welcome to the Garage

by Jim Hendricks, President

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## My View Through the Windscreen

by Jim Hendricks, President

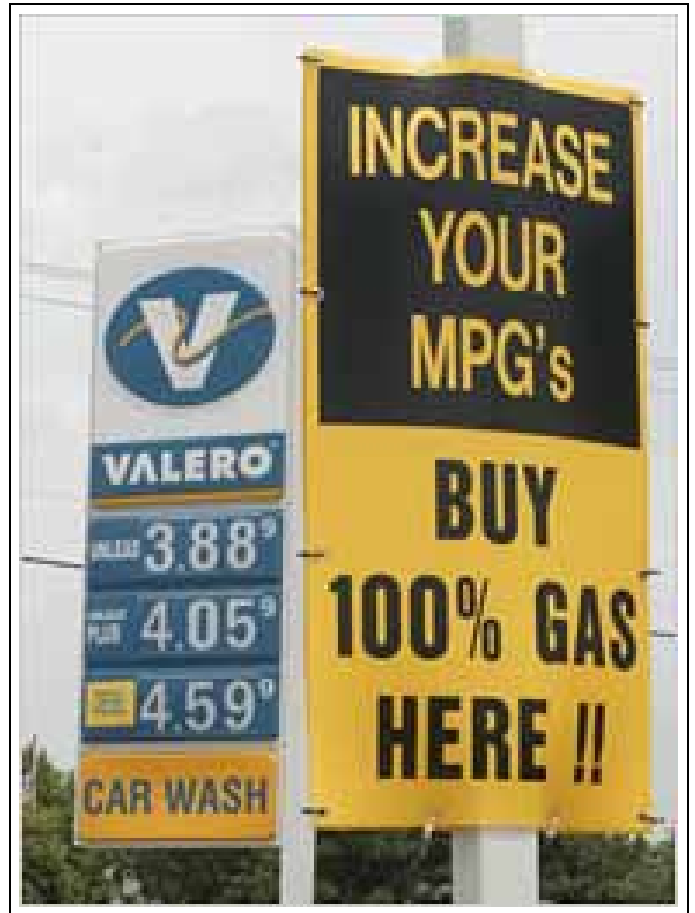
Hi Members,

I am going to touch base with you on new motor oils. A little while ago motor oil companies removed the zinc/phosphorus needed for older flat tappet motors found in most of our British cars. Even beloved oils such as Mobil One and Castrol GTX have removed it as well. With some research I found that Valvoline Racing VR1 (regular and synthetic) have the much needed zinc/phosphorus and can be found in most parts stores. There are a couple of other motor oil makers that have zinc/phosphorus in their oils but are not readily available in most stores. I have changed my Triumph and MG to the Valvoline Racing VR1. 20W-50. I will try to have more on this next month as well.

Take Care! Jim Hendricks

Gasohol (continued)

This is probably due to the high demand for E0 by our local boaters who have experienced far worse problems including engine failures due to ethanol.



By the way, the reason that you do not see any "fuel specific" tank trucks running up and down the highways is because ethanol is added to non-ethanol gasoline as it is pumped into gas station storage tanks to meet whatever blend is ordered.

And now to confuse things further, testing is underway for isobutanol (B16) laced gasoline. What will that be found to dissolve ... paint, fuel tank solder, pot metal SU's? Time will tell, so beware!

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

by Bill Unger for  
Felicia Sachs, Secretary

The monthly meeting was called to order Tuesday, 6:30 pm, August 14 at T-Bonz Restaurant by Jim Hendricks, President. Jim Smith, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1214 in the bank with \$70 cash on hand.

This month's club drive-in event will be a technical session at Ethan Johnson's house to help with changing rear shock absorbers and possibly electrical fixits on Ethan's MGB-GT. The date is Saturday, Aug. 25. at 11 am, 114A 13th Ave. N, Surfside Beach, just a ½ block from the beach if you need a refreshing dip in the ocean. Next month the Charleston and Cape Fear (Wilmington) British car clubs will gather with GSBCC at 10 am Sep. 22 at The Ole Bull 'n' Bush with dash plaques and trophies.

With no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm for eats and drinks.



## Upcoming Events On the Starting Grid

**25-Aug-2012** GSBCC "Technical Session", 11:00 am at Ethan Johnson's, 114A 13th Ave. N, Surfside Beach, just off Ocean Blvd.

**22-Sep-2012** GSBCC "End of Summer 2012" Get-Together, 11:00 am at the Ole Bull & Bush, 4700 Hwy 17 Bypass (just south of the old Back Gate) with Cape Fear British Car Club and British Car Club of Charleston.

**20-Oct-2012** British Car Show sponsored by British Car Club of Charleston at Mt. Pleasant Memorial Waterfront Park located at the end of the Ravenel Bridge leading to the Yorktown Museum park. Registration forms will be available beginning about mid August at [GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com](http://GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com).

**26-Oct through 04-Nov-2012** "Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance"

**03-Nov-2012** "Car Club Jamboree at Hilton Head", sponsored by Hilton Head Car Club with special recognition of the 50th anniversary of the MGB. More info at [www.hhiconcours.com/event/car-club-jamboree](http://www.hhiconcours.com/event/car-club-jamboree). Contact Bill Schmitt tel. (843) 298-3038 or [redhvette@yahoo.com](mailto:redhvette@yahoo.com).

**11-Dec-2012** 6:30 pm, GSBCC Christmas Party and Annual Elections, T-Bonz, Hwy 17 Bypass at 21st Ave North, Myrtle Beach.

## Gots and Wants

**1978 MGB** for sale. Real good condition. Come see it .. best offer takes it home. Contact Rick Chandler at (843) 340-1017

**1973 MG Midget Engine** for sale or trade. Contact Jim Smith for info at (843) 907-0178 or Casper1@sccoast.net.

**1974 MGB Chrome Bumper Roadster** for sale. Very good condition, runs real well, carbs recently rebuilt, electronic ignition, engine professionally tuned. Located in Pawleys Island, asking \$5500 . Contact Gary Clifford at gcliffor@nycap.rr.com.

**1975 MGB Silver Anniversary Edition** for sale. John Twist rebuilt engine & interior, body panels 100% disassembled, refurbished, repainted, dual carb & cam conversion, stereo, XM radio, app. 113,000 miles. Ave. selling price approx. \$5k-6k. Will accept any offers in price range. Car must sell. Contact Dennis Pieschke at dpieschke@hotmail.com for pics.

**Wanted - Water Pump for 1976 MGB**  
Contact Tim Roper at tel. (865) 765-8171 or tim.ropermail@gmail.com.

**1974 MGB Chrome Bumper** for sale. This car is in very good condition and was on the cover of Hemmings Sports and Exotic 2 years ago. It has been recently professionally tuned-up. I've owned the car for approx. 7 years and has been an award winner. Asking \$6500. Gary Clifford gcliffor@nycap.rr.com home phone: 843-314-3513 cell: 518-810-7578

**Triumph Spitfire Rolling Shell** for sale. Contact Jim Hendrix at (843) 902-0491.



**Need Indoor Storage Space** for a Triumph Spitfire for 3 months. Any deals on U-store-it? Contact Jim Hendrix at (843) 902-0491.

(Got's & Want's cont. next page)

(send your Gots and Wants along with JPEG photos attached to the GSBCC newsletter editor at [Wm.C.Unger@gmail.com](mailto:Wm.C.Unger@gmail.com))

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## Misc. For Sale Late TR3 / Early TR4

New 2 each ball joint assemblies with nut & boot part # 200772 \$44 ea; new 4 each trans synchro rings part # 1X113431 ABOOIF9 \$41.60 set; new Lockheed rear brake hose part # GBH122 \$16; new Timken front bearing kit part # 07100-S, 7210X, 99401, 0393 \$80; used UNI-SYN Mod-A \$20; used SU Carb German Tuning Tool Set part # 885094 \$20; used very good condition chrome interior door handle part #608454 \$20; used good condition Jaeger 0-120 mph speedo with glass & chrome trim ring \$75. Contact Ron at [rpc5@sc.rr.com](mailto:rpc5@sc.rr.com).

**1953 MG TD** for sale. Real solid car! Check out any time. Rick Chandler (843) 340-1017 or [rac1219@yahoo.com](mailto:rac1219@yahoo.com). Asking \$22k.



## Club Stuff For Sale

by Jim Lewis, Club Regalia Chair

Remember that when you purchase any club paraphernalia, the price not only pays for the cost of the item, but any profits will benefit you by helping to offset GSBCC sponsored event expenses. Won't you please give? And give often? Okay, so here are your choices:



**T-Shirts \$15**

**Sweat Shirts \$25**

These shirts are top quality USA made Gildan, preshrunk, cool 100% cotton, with a large GSBCC logo on the back and a small GSBCC logo above the left breast pocket.

sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X to XXX Large

T-shirt color: Olde English white

Sweat Shirt color: Morris Garages gray

**Driving Caps \$15**

Traditional ball cap style which you wear on your head (forwards or backwards) to look "way cool" and to announce your car club affiliation with the GSBCC logo embroidered above the bill.

sizes: only one but it is adjustable

cap colors: British Racing green, Coventry

blue, Morris Garages light gray

(all with black bill)





**Membership Application**

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Friend \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If no email address notifications will be by snail mail

**Car Information for Membership Directory**

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>		<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>
1.	_____	_____	3.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	4.	_____	_____

**MEMBERSHIP DUES \$25.00 annually (January to January)**

New members joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> will be credited for the following year

I give my permission to list my phone and Email address in the membership directory to be accessible to members only. YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

I agree to allow GSBCC to publish my photo(s) in print or electronic media including the GSBCC website and facebook page. YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

As a member of GSBCC, I agree to hold GSBCC, its Board of Directors, Officers, and organizers of events free from all liability for any accident or injury which may occur in connection with club events

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_

Please make your check payable to: **Grand Strand British Car Club**  
And mail to: 1413 Highway 17 South, Unit #193, Surfside Beach, SC 29575  
**Visit us on Face Book or Contact Jim Hendricks, President at 843-902-0491**

***Join the GSBCC Today!***



# Atlanta British Car Fayre

It is time to start planning for the Atlanta British Car Fayre.

Saturday September 8th

10:00am - 3:00pm

South Peachtree Street

Historic Downtown Norcross



Taste Of Britain invites you to a day of fun and fellowship at the annual Atlanta British Car Fayre. About 200 British cars and a selection of British motorcycles will be on display. If you are the proud owner of a British car or motorcycle, tootle in and join other owners and enthusiasts for a great day out!

Visit our website at [www.tasteofbritain.com](http://www.tasteofbritain.com) for complete information and event registration. Register now and reserve your spot!

## SATURDAY SPECIALS!

### English Cream Tea



English Cream Tea will be served at the Masonic Lodge from 1 - 4:30 pm just a few shops down from Taste Of Britain.

### Fish & Chips



The Iron Horse Tavern will be serving fish & chips, wrapped and ready to go. Have a picnic in the park or sit and enjoy the music and DJ's.

### Music



Enjoy the music of The True Oldies 106.7 radio station while browsing the car fayre.



While enjoying the car fayre, stop in **Taste Of Britain** to stock up on your favourite British foods! We also have an extensive variety of giftware including, brown betty teapots, tea cozies, pubware, and cards.

**For car enthusiasts, we offer license plates, bumper stickers, window decals and keyrings with the England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales flags**

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