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👉 General Meeting 👈

The 2nd Tuesday of each month. Next: Dec. 13, 6:30 pm, T-Bonz, Hwy 17 Bypass at 21st Ave North, Myrtle Beach. Christmas Party and Annual Elections!

Guests Are Always Welcome!

Club Website:

www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com

Club Calendar of Events:

www.Google.com/calendar/embed?src=hub1tpr_sOrneea57ejo3197oo0@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York&gsessionid=OK

Club FaceBook:

www.FaceBook.com/pages/Grand-Strand-British-Car-Club/344525917851

Pan American

By Rod Smith, Vice President

If you've been looking at some of the new shows on TV this Fall, you may have stumbled across a show called "Pan Am" as I did a few weeks ago. The show is centered around 4 stewardesses (not flight attendants) as they travel the globe working for Pan Am. The show is set in the early 60's and what really caught my eye were the British cars cruising across the screen. As you can imagine, I was hooked as soon as I saw a Signal Red Triumph TR3A glide around a circular drive as two characters spoke in the foreground.

Another episode had a couple driving up to an embassy in a beautiful dark blue TR4 and the last show featured one of the pilots driving a mint condition red Jaguar XKE convertible.



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This particular car was prominently featured because it belongs to the Executive Vice President of Pan Am and he doesn't allow anyone to touch it - except the mistress of course. Don't forget, I said it was being driven by a pilot of Pan Am. Why is a pilot driving his boss' car? Does the boss know it? No! He's driving it because he's fooling around with the big cheese's mistress who has eyes for the pilot, but loves the money the big guy provides. Hmm, I see a plot working here.

To add intrigue and mystery to the show, one of the stewardesses is working undercover for our government as a courier. This creates some interesting stories and is made a part of the show because as you will recall, we were smack in the middle of the Cold War back then. The wardrobes are perfect for the 60's complete with flips in the ladies' hair, white gloves and full girdles. Narrow ties and short cut hair is the style for men and everyone is dressed up to fly - no flip flops, tank tops or baggy pants! References to Bob Dylan ("you mean that skinny guy who can't sing?") and other period issues like the Space Race, Civil Rights and Martin Luther King run through the story.

All in all, it's just like landing back in time. You can watch the show Sundays at 10:00 pm on ABC or http://abc.go.com/watch/pan-am/SH55126544?CID=google_sem_1.

Now if I could just get my hands on one of those cars.....

Rod

My View Through the Windscreen

by Jim Hendricks, President

Hello Members,

Well the Charleston show and the Cape Fear shows are behind us with much success and enjoyment. Congratulations to all that won. Up next is the La Belle Amie Vineyard on Saturday, Dec. 3 with more details to come.

And for a bit of other news: We had a great turnout at last Tuesday's meeting, and we will be having our **Christmas Party on our next Tuesday meeting Dec. 13 at 6:30 pm.** More details to come on this as well.

And, on the 50th Anniversary of the MGB, one can place their order for a **NEW MGB/GT.** Frontline Developments and British Motor Heritage are to commence production in January 2012 of 50 new GT's. They will be called the **LE50.** They will have a twin-cam aluminium 215hp engine linked to a 6-speed! Speedo will be by Smiths and moved from 100 mph to 170 mph! And the tach will go from 5k to 7,800 rpm!! Lots of upgrades and no back seat this time. And of coarse upgraded price starting at \$75,000.00. Oh, to hit the lotto!

Until Next Time, Keep Motoring.

Jim Hendricks, President



Monthly Meeting Minutes

by Bill Unger for
Felicia Sachs, Secretary

The General Members Monthly Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm, Tuesday, November 8, at T-Bonz Restaurant by Jim Hendricks, President.

The results of GSBCC members participating in the **British Car Club of Charleston's "British Car Days"** concours:

Jim Smith 1st Class 16B MGB rubber bumper, Billy Morris 3rd Class 16B MGB rubber bumper, Jim Hendricks 2nd Class 32 Triumph Spitfire, Ethan Johnson 2nd Class 36 Diamond-in-the-Rough. Good showing!

The results of GSBCC members participating in the **British Motor Club of the Cape Fear's "Brits at the Plantation"** show:

John James 1st Triumph TR6, Ethan Johnson 3rd MGB-GT, Greg & Patsy Hoch 1st Class 13 MGB rubber bumper, Billy Morris 2nd Class 13 MGB rubber bumper, Jim Smith 3rd Class 13 MGB rubber bumper, Jim Hendricks 2nd Class 21 Triumph Spitfire. Another fantastic showing!

Jim Smith gave his **Treasurer's Report.** GSBCC has a balance of \$342.49 with no current debts. Dues paid during the 4th quarter of 2011 by new members will cover dues for 2012.

Next month's meeting: GSBCC's Christmas Party and Annual Elections on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6:30 pm, T-Bonz, Hwy 17 Bypass at 21st Ave North, Myrtle Beach. Bring a wrapped fun gift under \$15 to participate in a Chinese Gift Giving.

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Coming Events Lined Up On the Starting Grid

12-Nov-2011 10:00am "4th Annual British Invasion at CMP" Lapping Sessions at Carolina Motorsports Park, Kershaw SC. For event info, call Hap Waldrop at (864) 370-300, HapaldropAcmeSpeedshop.com. More at www.CarolinaMotorsportsPark.com.

3-Dec-2011 12 noon - 5:00 pm, La Belle Amie Vineyard, "Winter Blues Festival".

13-Dec-2011 6:30 pm, GSBCC Christmas Party and Annual Elections, T-Bonz, Hwy 17 Bypass at 21st Ave North, Myrtle Beach.

Welcome to the Garage by Jim Hendricks, President

"Welcome" new GSBCC members ...

Chris & Cindy Moore

 Wilmington NC

 1955 MG Magnette

 1976 MGB

 cr8ivads@bizec.rr.com

Lawrence & Karen Green

 1936 Jaguar SS Saloon

 valtlady@msn.com

Gots and Wants

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

MGB Stainless Steel Exhaust with highly polished tip. \$200.00. Call Jim Hendricks at (843) 902-0491.

25d Lucas Distributor Wanted for a MGB. Call Jim Hendricks at (843) 902-0491.

Misc. Late TR3 / Early TR4 Parts 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 0-120mph speedo with glass & chrome trim ring \$75. Contact Ron at rpc5@sc.rr.com.

(Send your "Gots and Wants" to Newsletter Editor at BlackRiverExp@att.net)

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Where Did That Black Gunk Come From?

by Bill Unger

Anyone who owns a boat as well as an older car knows that there are a lot of similarities in the care of each. And both may be stored (or ignored) under damp conditions for long periods of time (sweating garage floors and boat docks). One area that needs special attention in each is the fuel storage and delivery system.

Several years ago, I had the strong smell of gasoline in the cabin of boat. Removing the 70 gallon fuel tank revealed that it had pin holes in the bottom allowing gasoline to leak out. And this was an aluminum tank, not steel for which I could have blamed rust. For an automobile, a fuel leak will just drip to the pavement, but in a boat the explosive fumes settle to the bilges.

A couple of years ago I had flooding problems with my 1969 Jaguar E-type resulting in fuel draining out the throats of the Stromberg carburetors and down onto the starter area. I disassembled the carbs to find that the insides of the float bowls were lined with a black goo, causing the needle valve and float pivot pin to hang open. I am used to seeing a dry white powder in the carbs of chain saws, lawn mowers, cars, and outboard motors if the device sits for a long period of time and the fuel evaporates. But a black goo?

Another occasion, again a strong fuel smell in my boat. This time I found that the steel fuel filter housing had corroded to swiss cheese on the inside and out of sight, allowing fuel to seep out under the paint.

What is going on? Are these potentially dangerous instances related? What can we do to prevent a catastrophic meltdown of our precious toys?

Now with 10% ethanol in our fuels (and Congress wanting to mandate 15% in the future in order to garner additional votes from the corn belt states), the fuel system in your cars and boats is more susceptible to contaminates than ever. A partially filled fuel tank will collect water as the air inside expands during the heat of the day, then contracts as it cools down, sucking in moist air that allows water to condense on the cool side walls of the tank. The water condensate then mixes with the ethanol in the fuel and causes this mix to phase out. The heavier mix will collect at the bottom of the tank allowing it to be delivered straight to the carb float bowl by the fuel pickup tube. Besides the obvious difficult starting that you will experience, this mix can be caustic to your carburetor casting coatings and allow fuel to weep through the pot metal. Original brass floats may have their solderings dissolved, while some later plastic floats will be attacked by the caustic mix (causing the black goo in the float bowl), allowing the float to fill with fuel and cause flooding. Older rubber fuel hoses may not be compatible with alcohol and the inside lining of the hose will dissolve (again, causing the black goo buildup and sticking needle valves and float bowls).

Preventative care for your vehicles should include the following:

1. When replacing rubber fuel hoses, be sure that they are made of alcohol resistant rubber. These days, all newly manufactured

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fuel hoses should be (but maybe not that NOS fuel line from your favorite classic parts supplier). If you do not get a satisfactory answer from your auto parts supplier, then try a marine supply store.

2. Replace your fuel filled carburettor floats only with the newer plastic floats that your supplier guarantees to be alcohol resistant. Beware of floats manufactured pre-ethanol that have been stocked on the shelf for years.

3. If your carb float bowl weeps fuel or tends to dry out far more often than you think it should, then it may need to be replaced. Ethanol and the repeated use of some carb cleaners will dissolve away the unseen coatings of the castings which are there to seal the porous pot metal.

4. If you use your car as a daily driver, then 10% ethanol gasoline may be alright since there will not be an opportunity for the alcohol/water mix to phase out in large quantities. But if you store your car over the winter in an unheated garage, prepare it as follows:

a. Fill the tank with non-ethanol fuel and add a stabilizer such as Sta-Bil (available at auto supply as well as at all marine supply stores).

b. Remove the electric fuel pump fuse, or pinch off the fuel line for mechanical pumps. Start the engine and run the engine until it dies in order to drain the carb float bowl. Or remove the drain plug if your carb has one. Of course, this step is not necessary for fuel injection.

c. Operate a dehumidifier in the garage during storage and other humid weather

periods, especially if you see moisture seeping up through the concrete or condensing on windows. It will also help prevent or slow rust from forming in all those unseen steel panels under the car.

Club Stuff For Sale

by Jim Lewis, Club Regalia Chair



T-Shirts \$15, Sweat Shirts \$25

These shirts are top quality USA made Guildan, 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

colors: British Racing green, Coventry blue, Morris Garage light gray (all with black bill)

LOCAL CHAPTERS AND HOW TO CONTACT THEM

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Kentucky (BSCC) - British Sports Car Club, P. O. Box 91934, Louisville, KY 40291, www.britishsportscarclub.com.
Maine (New England MG Club) - P. O. Box 207, Eliot, ME 03903. (207) 774-0002
Maryland (MGs of Baltimore) - R. Liddick, 5237 Glen Arm Rd, Glen Arm, MD 21057. (410) 817-6862, www.mgsofbaltimore.com
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Oregon (Willametta MG Club) - 1750 Stone Hedge Dr. N.E., Keizer, OR 97303. (503) 746-8440.
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AMGBA LOCAL CHAPTER REGISTRATION FORM

Send the information on this form if you wish to become a registered local chapter of the American MGB Association

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

AREA TO BE SERVED (be sure to check current local chapters): _____

ORGANIZERS NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS FOR LOCAL CHAPTER: _____

PHONE NO.: _____ Other (email, website, FAX): _____

Please list on separate sheet of paper: 1) approximate number of members expected; 2) club activities planned; 3) name of club newsletter; 4) chapter dues; 5) problems encountered; 6) type of help from the national club wanted.

Requirements: 1) supply the AMGBA with current address and phone numbers; 2) AMGBA on mailing list to receive newsletter; 3) all members need not be but at least two officers must be members of AMGBA; 4) annual list of members submitted to AMGBA.

Benefits: 1) free publicity in OCTAGON and on CLUB MESSAGE BOARD by way of listing, etc.; 2) affiliation with other clubs is permitted; 3) consideration for hosting national meets; 4) discounted membership if a substantial number of members join from a local chapter; 5) use of Message Board local chapter section as a message/information tool (members notify us of local club affiliation so that their message board id can be upgraded).

SEND TO: AMGBA, P.O. BOX 11401, CHICAGO, IL 60611 U.S.A. or FAX: (773) 769-3240 or info@mgclub.org





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 1st 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__

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Join the GSBCC Today!