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## BEHIND THE



## WINDSCREEN

This section of the newsletter will be left blank for the duration of our presidents recovery.

Teresa and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, compassion, and kindness during our recent ordeal. I came home on Saturday and Teresa is coming home on today. She has been in rehab, while I spent 3 weeks in ICU. It is not over. We hope to be at the picnic this Saturday, but that depends on energy levels.

Mike

Note from family

So it has been 5 weeks now since the wreck. Mom and dad are doing much better. Dad came home on Saturday and Mom is coming home on Tuesday. Dad is still weak but he wanted to do home rehab. Mom is still using a walker and will be for another month or so. Thank you all for your prayers and thoughts for my parent and my sister and I. You are all great friends

Henry Flood

## VICE PRESIDENTS CORNER

FROM THE VEEP'S SEAT:

We have so much to be thankful for ! On March 16 we enjoyed a glorious English like drive in the countryside of the North Georgia valleys surrounded by majestic mountains that leapt up from the emerald pastures and shamrock edged flowing streams. Along our winding path thru farmland we felt the presence of many a leprechaun and caught glimpses of rainbows as we made our way to the pots of gold awaiting us at the Mountain Cove Resort's Manor House Restaurant. Yes, our St. Patrick's Day drive was all of that. And while our thoughts, words and prayers often drifted towards Mike & Teresa's heartfelt absence, our little British cars never wavered....a hiccup or two...but nothing off putting.

So many times when any group comes together, it is who that's absent that's most noticed. This was certainly the case on this drive. Our first club outing since the Ooltewah Scavenger Hunt Rallye, Mike & Teresa not being with us was the surest sign something was missing. Maybe the fact that last year on Saint Patty's we all donned the biggest boldest most ostentatious and certainly green garb we could muster as we hopped in our cars for the event... Maybe it was the fact that Mike's hat certainly qualified him for the worlds largest leprechaun while Teresa had a bag full of prizes ready for the giving to all that participated. (where are those goofy glasses I took home that day anyway?) But I digress. All in all that is, was and is to come is certainly influenced greatly by the standards they both have set, and it's certain this must be why our St. Patrick's day drive 2014 did not include the Goofiest Irish Hat contest !

With windscreen wipers on the whole way, we all enjoyed the liquid sunshine of the authentic English weather we were served , along with the very well prepared buffet of the Manor House and the exceptional service they provided us. And even though we didn't wear our Goofiest St. Patrick's Day hats, in spirit we all tipped our hat to those who could not be with us this day.

In attendance were: Perky & Charles Long, Gil & Marge DuPre, Les & Melanie Nation, Tom Tomisek & Jonnie Williams, Tiffany & Clay Brooks, Pat & Mike Little, Paul & Trish, and of course myself and lovely bride Michelle.

It is true of the Southern British Car Club of Greater Chattanooga for certain, "Good and Faithful Friends are ours, wherever we may roam. Peace and Plenty do always bless us with joy that long endures. Thru all Life's passing seasons, the best are spent with friends like family, which are ours for now and always" .

We look forward to having you all and hopefully Mike & Teresa, join us March 29 from 9 until 3 (an hour extra for helping club members) when we host the British Fools Bash at Harrison State Park, Recreation Center 'heated' pavilion. Clubs from all around the region will be here to help us with the frolicking and the telling of foolish tales and what not. Do Come ! There is not a rain date, just more BBQ for us to eat if it does. But don't let this dampen your spirits, it'll be fun all the same with this group !

If what you want to drive isn't running, drive what is and join in the fun ! Follow the new Union Jack Event à signs.

Safety Fast ! Ian O'Shea

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**March 10, 2014**

Vice-President – Called the meeting to order and gave an update on condition of President Mike Flood and Teresa; Connie Wright shared phone-photo of Teresa.

One new visitor was recognized: Michael Brooks.

Secretary's report: A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the January / February minutes.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the March Treasurer's report.

Show – no report.

Membership – no report.

Vice-President – Reminder about the March 16 drive to Manor House at Mountain Cove Resort. At 1pm, Sunday March 16th, Club members will meet at the BP Gas Station in Ringgold, 5337 Alabama HWY, Ringgold, GA 30736. This will be a good place for a pit stop for everyone traveling to the starting point. From here we will have a scenic one hour drive to our destination, The Manor House at The Mountain Cove Resort. After lunch, we will take a different scenic mountain top route back to our starting point that will also be about an hour's drive." Borrowed from February Newsletter; "*Michelle and I ran the entire route for the planned March 16th drive to the Mountain Cove Resort today and... and of course tried out their Sunday brunch. YUM!*"

3/28 – British Fool's Bash 9AM-3PM at the Pavilion at Harrison Bay State Park. Contact Perky regarding food, etc. Also, check Gil's e-mail regarding the event. Motion unanimously approved to get road signs that can be used at this and other SBCC events.

Reminder:

Townsend – second weekend in May (Eurofest)

French Lick MGB Nationals – if planning on going, make reservations soon

Discussion led by Charles re: seat belts that are safer in our special cars and a good reminder of just how necessary they are.

Meeting adjourned after Connie called Teresa on her speaker phone and everyone let her know just how much we miss her and Mike.

Secretary: (Sorry Mike, I did my best) M/G/B  
(Mom/Grama D/ *Barbara*)



ST. PATRICK DA DRIVE  
MARCH 16, 2014



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*Bring to Next Meeting*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### MARCH

March 29th is the "British Fools Bash" at Harrison Bay State Park. Last year in Maryville there were 50 plus cars. I hope to see as many cars this year.

### APRIL

April 5 Carolina British Classics VIII

Columbia SC [www.bccmc.com](http://www.bccmc.com)

April 11- 13 GOF South Mk XLVIII Crystal River, FL email [jimndehall@att.net](mailto:jimndehall@att.net)

April 25-26 Brits on The Bay —Pensacola, FL: [www.panhandlebritishcarassociation.com](http://www.panhandlebritishcarassociation.com)

April 26 Walter Mitty Races, Road Atlanta The Mitty Club day features the MG

### MAY

May 9-11 26th Springtime in the Smokies Townsend, TN  
[Www.blountbritishcars.org](http://www.blountbritishcars.org)

May 25-31 British car week—Drive your MG

### JUNE

June 15-22 New England MG T Reg. GOG MK95 Middlebury, VT

June 15- 19 NAMGBAR MG2014 French Lick Ind. [Www.mg-2014.com](http://Www.mg-2014.com)

### JULY

July 14-18 NAMGAR GT 39 Ottawah, CA, <http://ww.namgar.com/events/>

### AUGUST

August ?? University Motors Summer Party— John Twist Grand Rapids MI, [www.universitymotors.com](http://www.universitymotors.com)

### SEPTEMBER

Sept 5- 6 Brits On the Shoals, Rogersville AL, [www.shoalsBritishCars.org](http://www.shoalsBritishCars.org)

Sept 18 thru 21. Southeastern British Car Club Festival, Dillard House GA Peachtree MG Registry.

### OCTOBER

OCT 24 -26 Southern British Car Show, Chattanooga Choo Choo. [Www.southernbritishcarclub.net](http://Www.southernbritishcarclub.net)

**NOTICE THE CHANGE IN DATES**

### NOVEMBER

### DECEMBER

SBCC Christmas party date to be determined



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### **FOR SALE – PROJECT CAR 1969 MG MIDGET (GAN 4U74747G)**

Body is about 60% finished. New replacement parts are available for trunk floor, front valance panel and rear apron panel. All welding was done by individual who worked as a welder for 10 years. Rusted areas replaced by new panels and/or cleaned metal. Some of the original parts are available, such as rear axle assembly, front suspension, steering assembly, front and rear bumpers and 4 original wire wheels, which have been sandblasted and primed. On the wheels are Firestone tires (p155/80R13) and tubes. These tires have never been used. During the course of this restoration, I have spent over \$2,000 for new body parts. Engine and transmission not available at this time, but 1275 engine with 5 speed transmission should be available after the first of next year (2013). This engine was rebuilt and 5 speed transmission attached by Will Perry (Rivergate). This engine and tyranny are currently in my driver MG. My wife and I are the second owners of this project car which we purchased in 1972. Also, have used Spridget parts from Midget and Sprite parts cars. Please contact me for further information: Robert A. Smith, 2201 Crescent Club Drive, Hixson, TN 37343 Tel. 423-877-1819, email: [rasgsc65@epbfi.com](mailto:rasgsc65@epbfi.com)

For Sale 1976 Triumph Spitfire 14,000 miles  
\$15,500, Also Triumph TR6 40k + miles both in great shape. Call 706-278-3802

### **For Sale**

HS-6 Carburetor with manifold and other attachments. This carb was used to provide fuel to a Garrett T-3 turbo charger. Garrett T-3 turbo charger included. Originally on a 1275 engine. \$300 OBO for everything.

Used windshield for MG Midget in box...has minor scratches \$50 for pickup near Monteagle, TN

931 598-0321

### British Cars For Sale

1958-59 Austin Healey Sprite Mk1  
Body 502436 – Silver Rolling Tub

1965 Triumph Spitfire4 Mk 2 (Twist Handle)  
VIN FC 52371 L  
Engine 1147 cc – Black Project

1976 MGB MK3 Roadster  
VIN GHN5UG 388958G  
Engine 1798cc – Red Driver

1978 Triumph Spitfire 1500 Roadster w hardtop  
VIN FM 70226U  
Engine 1500cc – British Racing Green Project

1979 MG Midget MK IV Roadster  
VIN GAN6UL 212324G  
Engine 1500cc - British Racing Green Driver

New top

1980 Triumph TR7 Roadster Convertible  
VIN TCT 114769 UCF  
Engine 1988 cc 5 speed - British Racing Green Project

### American Cars For Sale

1980 Ford Bronco – 351 Cleveland automatic – Driver

1984 Dodge 600 Convertible – Crimson Driver\*

2000 Pontiac Firebird V6 w T tops – Pewter Grey Driver

### Moss Parts For Sale

For 1500cc Engine  
835-655 \$78.85 WATER PUMP Includes tolerance ring 071-239 and gasket 697-085

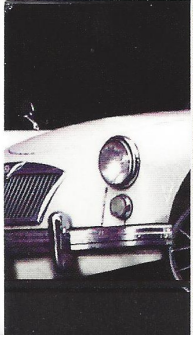
### Used Parts For Sale

Sprite/Midget front fenders, bonnet, 1275 engines, wheels,

377-400 good used FUEL PUMP, mechanical, without spacer block 1500, pre1978 many others we have forgotten about...just ask and we might have it.

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## NEXT MEETING

APRIL 14, 2014  
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MEETING AT 7:00 PM