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Positively Grounded—The President's Message, John Viviani

I am sorry it just has been a very hectic 8 weeks for me and it is finally beginning to slow down. I am not sure what happened last month but my quickly written columns did not make it



to Howard and the result was no newsletter. That kind of bothers me, just because my article didn't make it there was not enough content to produce a newsletter. Let's step up guys and gals, you can write for the newsletter, anything that you might think the club would like to hear or see. I mean you guys get my article in a narrative every month at the meeting, so how about something to else to read. It only takes 15 minutes to type something and email it.

One of the columns I wrote for last month's newsletter was the formal statement about reducing the number of board members. We were seeking to drop 3 positions, but as per the by-laws that announcement need published last month, so it could be discussed this month and voted in May. Since we missed last month it pushes everything back one month. That would mean it would be voted in June, which is also the month we elect a new board so that change would be moot. So I am going to leave it up to the next board to implement if they choose.

So that leads me to the next topic of discussion, we need your nominations for the next board. Even better we need you to announce. Many board members are stepping down and many critical posts are becoming open. Here is what has been announced to date-

President-Open, I do not have time to be an effective President at this time. This position consumes much time and with some new ventures I am involved with I need a lesser role within the club

Vice President-Open David is stepping down, because he has become busy with his consulting work

Treasurer-Open, Dean has held this role for 4 years and wishes just to be a club member. 4 years in one role is a lot to give

Secretary-Open, While Bruce may remain on the board, the Secretary role is opening

Member at Large 1-Unknown Alan has not stated if he is remaining on the board

Member at Large 2-Limbo Jack has said he will remain for 1 more year as he was appointed mid-term to fill a vacancy. The by-laws state 2 year terms when elected.

Member at Large 3-Open Jim is stepping back his role due to other commitments.

Newsletter Editor-Filled- Howard is willing to remain Newsletter Editor

So as you can see up to 7 spots are open and in order for the club to legally function these offices MUST be filled. I am willing to stay on as a Member at Large and 2 other members have expressed interest in other positions. Even with that we could be 4 officers short. So please if interested please inquire.

Finally don't forget the upcoming Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama. If you won tickets or parking passes be sure you have contacted Zoom to cash in. Jim Roberts has been working closely with Alan Thacker and Zoom on the Car Corral. We will be well represented and Jim is making sure we are being taken care of. This same weekend is the Mitty at Road Atlanta and of course club members Holly and Bill will be enjoying the Historic Racing in Georgia. If you want to skip the crowd at Barber's the Mitty might just suit you.

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know that's a lot, but as I said in the beginning it is a busy time. If you come to Tuesday's meeting at Dale's I will have a few more announcements, I am sure.

-Be seeing You



It's one of those Jaguar Shooting Breaks

The President's Travels—John Viviani

So Like I mention every year I will be heading up to Carlisle, PA for their annual Kit Car Import Show. This will be my 15th year to attend the show and have seen some big changes over the years. The show has 1200-1300 cars on display (many yes are Volvo's and Saabs). I encourage you if you can get a chance to head up next month you should do so. Heck I think I have a space in the truck this time around if you just want to ride.



If next month's wasn't exciting enough this past weekend I loaded up and headed to Charlotte, NC for the spring Edition of their AutoFair . This event happens twice a year and is organized by The Hornet's Nest Re-



gion of the AACA. It is a "small" event held in the infield of the Charlotte Motor Speedway, and on the track oh and two of the parking lots outside. All said there are over 9500 vendors at this thing. Friday alone the pedometer racked up 16 miles of walking and that was covering just over half of this event. While it is biased to Antique and Muscle cars there was a fair number of Im-

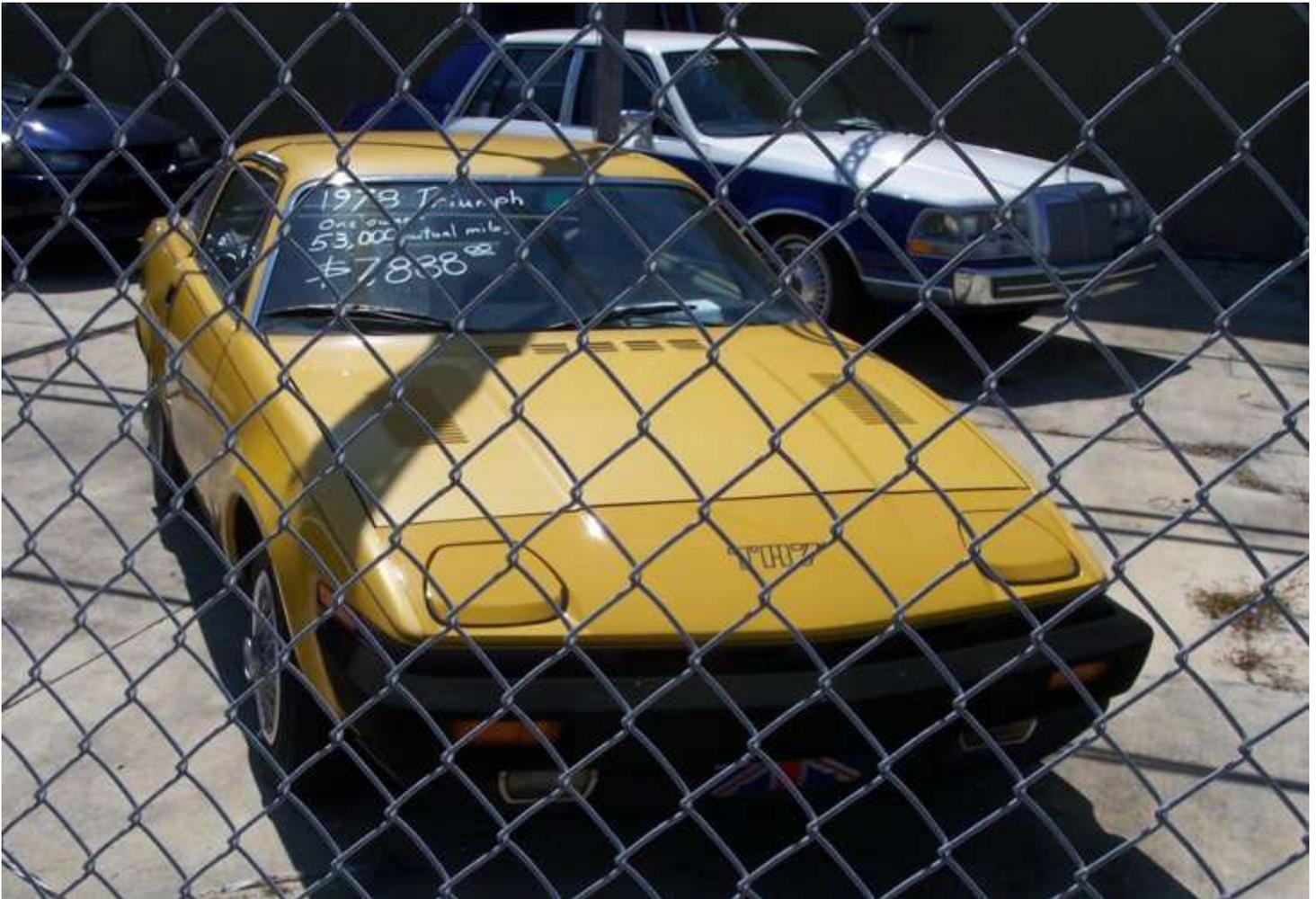
port items when you looked. Best Offer would have taken home a beat up Bugeye. With a \$500 bill you could have bought and driven away in a fair '74 Alfa Spyder. I am looking forward to heading back in the fall as for \$10 and a 6 hour drive this is now on my can't miss list.

The President's Travels--(Cont)



Museum Trip—Bruce Bizzoco

Just in case anyone is headed to Florida this summer you might want to check out Rick Treworgy's Muscle Car Museum in Punta Gorda, Florida. Web site; <http://musclecity.net/> . This all about American Muscle cars, specifically GM products no Fords or MOPAR, or British. It is housed in an old Walmart building and it is full! There is a 1950's burger diner, gift shop, parts shop, and a car corral. It was in the corral area that I spotted the lone representative of the empire, a TR-7 next to a 1960 square T'bird.



Museum Trip—(Cont.)



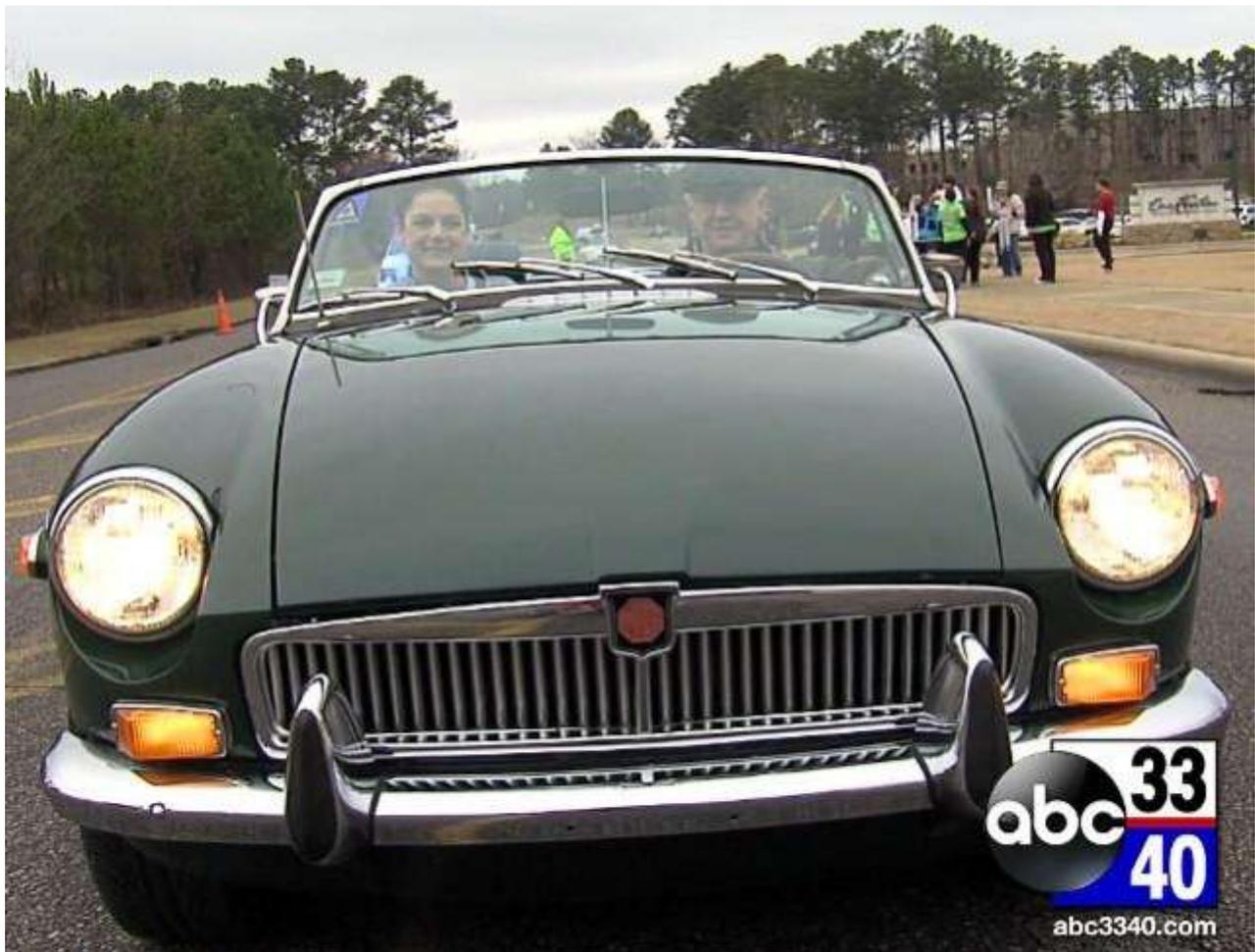
If you like Corvettes, and really who doesn't, next to the National Corvette Museum this is the spot. There are at least one from each series. 1954 to 2014 are all there and all the cars run! I lost count at 62 vetts! Just a quick walk thru will take you an hour and a half.

There are lots of custom to see and you can take all the photographs you want but NO video. Each car has a date card but not much else so if you are looking for the history of a model you will be disappointed. It is still worth the price of admission. -Bruce



Brenda Ladun Conquer Cancer Run—Dean Drinkard

Our own Dean Drinkard drove the lead car for the Brenda Ladun Conquer Cancer Run on Saturday March 1st. Our club member Mike Pearce's daughter, Kit, was one of the organizers/volunteers for the American Cancer Society for this event. She and Mike invited Dean to lead it. Another volunteer who had laid out the course through the Greystone neighborhood rode with Dean to make sure they didn't lead the runners the wrong direction! It was a slow drive, but the lead runner finished the 5 kilometers in 17 minutes and 15 seconds!



Our 1955 Triumph TR2—Carl and Kathy Raymond

Until last year---2013---Kathy and I owned and enjoyed a 1955 Triumph TR2. Kathy bought the Triumph in 1974. It was her daily driver until 1978.

Kathy originally bought the Triumph she bought it because it was cheap. She could not afford an expensive car and she liked the small British cars. She had owned an MGA, but the MG got hit in the rear and was totaled. After having driven the Triumph for several years she fell in love with the car. She also realized that the car was fairly rare even then.

There were a total of 9663 TR2s built 4463 of those were built in 1955.

The Triumph needed some work, but parts were more difficult to come by then they are now. We did do some minor repairs like the brake cylinders and tie rod ends. Even with the new tie rod ends, the front steering was showing some serious wear. We decided it was time for her to get a new car. The Triumph was parked in the garage and only started and driven occasionally. When the Triumph was driven, it was usually a trip around the block just to keep the car running. We moved twice during the next few years. The Triumph went with us.

In 1993, I suggested that it was time to sell the Triumph or restore it. The decision was made to restore the TR2.

Kathy deserves most of the credit for the restoration. She did mountains of research. She also did a lot of hands on work on the car. The work paid off with two first place wins in the TR2's and TR3's category in The Vintage *Triumph Register National Concours competition*---1997 and again 2006.

The TR2 was also featured on several pages in a book entitled "***Triumph Sports Cars***" by Bill Krause.

During the ensuing years, we took the car to a number of shows where it took many first place wins and several second place wins. As I recall, we never walked away from any of the shows empty handed.

Last year we realized that our priorities had changed. The Triumph did not lend itself to long drives---especially considering the volume of traffic on most roads today. In addition, age had moved us into that mind set of---"comfort is very desirable."

Our 1955 Triumph TR2—(cont.)

We advertised the Triumph in Hemming's Motor news and it sold very quickly. It was a bitter sweet moment when we loaded the TR2 onto the transport to send it to its new home.

We have since replaced the Triumph with a 1994 Jaguar XJS convertible. More about that later.

Carl and Kathy Raymond

TR2 before restoration Denton, TX 1993



Our 1955 Triumph TR2—(cont.)



Our 1955 Triumph TR2—(cont.)

TR2 May of 2013



Our 1955 Triumph TR2—(cont.)

TR2 with hardtop 1997 TR2



At second or third show after restoration Dallas, TX



Our 1955 Triumph TR2—(cont.)

Engine Compartment after restoration—Original type valve cover



Spitfire GT Prototype—David Boger

Pictured here is the original Spitfire GT prototype (only one built) of 1963, converted by Michelotti in his Turin studio from a normal open Spitfire and painted bright red. The car was equipped entirely with a 1147cc 4-cylinder-based then-current production drive train. The car received the 2 liter six after this heavier version was judged to accelerate too slowly. Interestingly, the 4-cylinder fastback did however achieve a higher top speed than the roadster. It was from this car that the Le Mans and team rally car fastback tops were molded. There were no opening quarter windows on this prototype. The only changes made to the nose for the first production GT6 of 1966 were to fit a new grille and to eliminate the bonnet scoop and bulge. The fate of this historic vehicle remains a mystery.





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APRIL 26 & 27, 2014

CLUB REGISTRATION FORM

Plan now to be a part of Georgia's First Motoring Festival

To register please follow these guidelines:

- To register as a "club" there must be a minimum of 5 vehicles.
- Please fill out the form below for EACH vehicle in the club.
- All registrations must be submitted together.
- Please designate one member of your club to be the contact person.
- Entry fees can be submitted individually or by one payment, however they must accompany the registration forms.

All clubs will be guaranteed to receive awards!

- Register 5 vehicles and receive 2 awards.
- Register 10 or more vehicles and receive 3 awards.

Your club will be assigned a specific parking area. The best of each club will be displayed on Sunday in our "Winners Circle of Champions."

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION

For Hotel information
Please call Toll Free
855-671-8088
or log on to

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/motorama2014>
Camping options available, call (770) 946-4211

Registration includes 2 weekend participant passes per vehicle, eligibility for all awards and entrance into the Super Prize Giveaway, participant must be present to win. All award winning vehicles must be present on Sunday, April 27, 2014.

Registration for all clubs is due by March 27, 2014 and is only \$25 per vehicle. Each participant registered will receive one free vehicle entry for one 2014 Friday Night Drags Show-N-Shine competition. No club registrations will be accepted after March 27, 2014.

For sale vehicles will not be allowed in the show area and will be limited to the Car Corral. Golf carts will not be permitted on the property.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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NAME OF CLUB _____

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VINTAGE TRAILERS AND EVERYTHING WITH MOTORS!

Events

- Auto Show
- Car Club Gathering
- Car Corral
- Swap Meet
- AutoCross
- Bike Show
- Entertainment
- Manufacturers Midway
- Pinstriper Panel Jam
- Pin Up Contest
- Feature Cars
- Kids Zone
- Vintage Trailer Show
- Vendors

Prizes

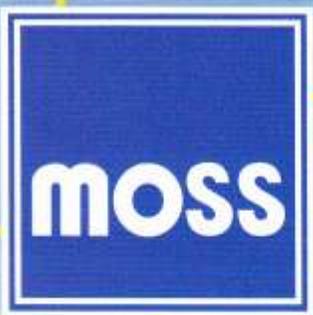
- Super Prize Giveaway!*
Cash, Prizes and Awards
- Pros Picks
 - ISCA Picks
 - NSRA Picks
 - NSRA Safety Award
 - GSRA Picks

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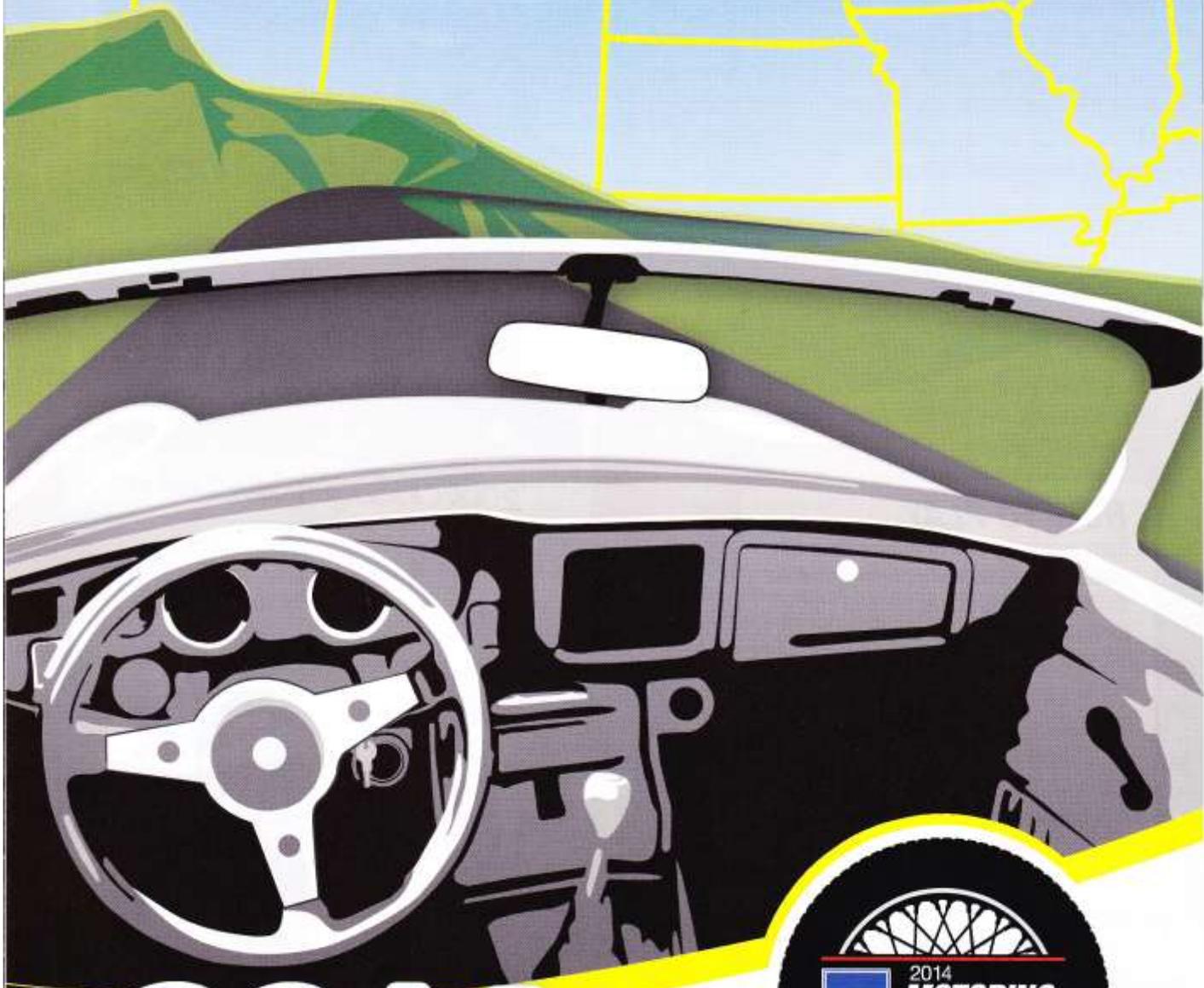
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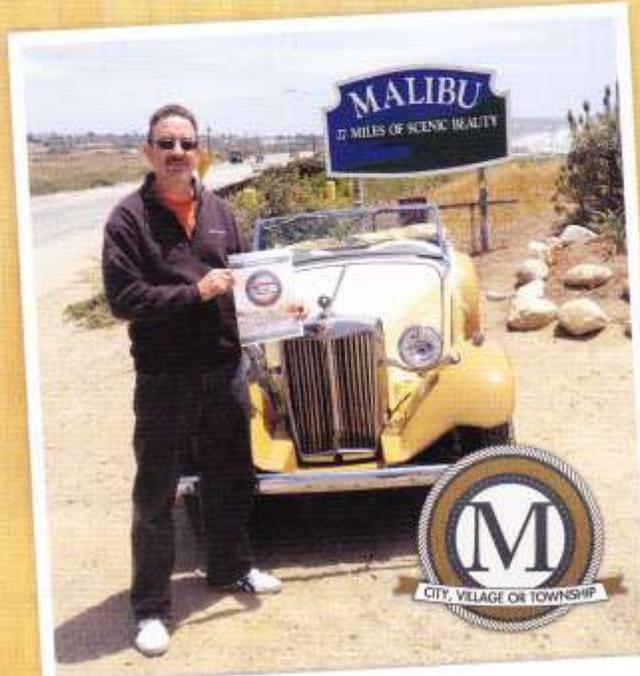
MIATA VS. BRITISH? SEE INSIDE...



Get In... LETS GO!

The Motoring Challenge awards prizes for those who get the most points, but you will soon find every drive has it's own rewards. Whether you head out solo or grab a friend to go along for the ride, the Motoring Challenge is geared to expand horizons.

Last year, over 600 customers participated in our very first Motoring Challenge with their little British sports cars. From the photos and messages we received, it's hard to imagine a more fun-loving group of drivers! Our Miata customers, however, felt decidedly left out—and told us so! Well, if Miata drivers feel they've got the chops to keep up with our top British Challengers... we say let 'em try!



2013 Challenger, John Canton

HOW TO PLAY

Earn points by taking photos near the qualifying signs/destinations listed on the back of this guide. Each of your photos are to include the following:

1. Yourself or a traveling companion – when possible
2. Your car – eligible vehicles are those supported with Moss parts
3. The cover of the 2014 Motoring Challenge Guide
4. Proof of your location such as signs or identifying landmarks



Moss staffers Chris Knight and David Stuursma toil to earn the dreaded "cupcake bakery" point.

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

Begin by signing up at:

www.MossMotors.com/2014Challenge

before Dec. 1, 2014. Register early to receive fun email updates and opportunities to earn bonus points. You'll find FAQs, Challenge pictures and stories, and much more.

Stoke the competitive fires at MossMotors.com/2014Challenge.

There you can show off your Challenge photos, hint at your prowess, and encourage the creative strategies of your fellow drivers. There's lots of fun to be had online.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN WIN!

1ST PLACE: \$1,000 Moss Gift certificate

2014 Challenge T-Shirt and Decal

2ND PLACE: \$500 Moss Gift certificate

T-Shirt and Decal

3RD PLACE: \$250 Moss Gift certificate

T-Shirt and Decal

Next 50 runners-up — \$50 Moss Gift certificate

T-Shirt and Decal

Everyone is eligible to win these prizes:

15 Points or more: 2014 Challenge T-Shirt and Decal

1-14 Points: 2014 Challenge Decal



NORTH AMERICA'S BEST

The Challenger who captures *in any* car the most States and Provinces points receives a trophy and a \$500 Moss Gift Certificate.



MIATA VS. BRITISH

The combined points of the top 5 Miata vs. the top 5 British Challengers will decide the victor: bragging rights for the year. The winning team's Challengers each receive a commemorative trophy.



CLUB SPIRIT AWARD

The car club with the most active participants receives a trophy of honor.

PHOTO AND POINT GUIDELINES

To earn points an official sign (permanently posted) must be in each photo. Based on the first letter of the location you can earn points from A to Z. By the way, for locations like "St. Joseph," the point letter earned is "S." When earning points for the Destinations category, signs are required where noted. Also, some photos could be challenging to come by and, although this is a Motoring "Challenge," do try and stay out of trouble...

To earn points at car shows, your photos must clearly show the Challenge Guide, your car and either 1) a banner with the car show name or 2) at least 6 additional cars in the show field.

We want you, the Challenger, or a willing accomplice, to be in as many pictures as possible. Be creative and have fun. (It could earn you bonus points with the judges!)

BONUS POINTS

Creativity Points: Moss Motoring Challenge judges may award up to 3 total additional points for any number of creative, clever reasons. The more fun you have, the more everyone will enjoy your submissions!

Sneak Peek Points: We want to see the fun you are having along the way. You will earn bonus points if you email two of your favorite Motoring Challenge photos to us *by each of these dates:*

- March 1, 2014 and receive 2 bonus points
- June 1, 2014 and receive 2 bonus points
- Sept. 1, 2014 and receive 2 bonus points

You can collect two bonus Sneak Peek Points three times during the year. Email two photos and a short ('n' sweet) paragraph description to: motoringchallenge@mossmotors.com. We regularly post Motoring Challenge photos on MossMotors.com and on the Moss Facebook page.

SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY/PHOTOS

Send your entry no later than December 31, 2014 to:

Moss Motoring Challenge

440 Rutherford St.
Goleta, CA 93117

Submissions must include the filled out 2014 Moss Motoring Challenge Guide.

One photo must be included for each point for which you are submitting. Please organize your photos in the same order in which they are listed on the entry form. Photos will not be returned. Moss Motors, Ltd. reserves the right to use the photography—and looks forward to doing so!

Photos can be submitted in one of two ways:

- Digitally on a CD/DVD with all photo files clearly named by category and point (preferred method).
- Printed photos with the category, clearly identified on the back of each no need to send them bound in an album; thanks, but that's not necessary.

Challengers must be 18 years or older and from the U.S. or Canada. One entry per household.

WINNERS

Names and photos of winners will be announced by Feb. 15, 2015.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Check out the FAQs at MossMotors.com/2014Challenge.





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Saturday, May 31

9AM - 12PM - SHOW & SHINE, ALABASTER PROMENADE

1PM - 6PM - SWAP MEET & FOOD TRUCK RALLY, HOOVER METROPOLITAN STADIUM

BENEFITTING SAFEHOUSE OF SHELBY COUNTY

Classifieds

I have a 1977 Triumph Spitfire for sale, it is British racing green, excellent interior (shale color), good tires, 83,000 mi, a hard top, new wood dash and gauges come with it, garage kept. It has a small oil drip, some cosmetic scratches from over time, passenger door will not latch and 4th gear slips at the beginning of 4th gear. I can be contacted: e-mail skiingfoolron@aol.com or cell 601-527-0163 ask for Ronnie.



Classifieds

I have a 1980 MGB LE I've owned and garaged since 1995. It has approximately 45,300 miles, no rust that I am aware of. It has one spot where the previous owner missed a spot while repainting – I had to sand it down and add paint back and it is obvious. The tires look good, but are old and might need to be replaced if the car is going to be driven at higher speeds. I've attached a recent picture.

If you know of someone who might be interested in buying it, I can be reached on my Birmingham cell phone of 205-307-8999, or on my Tuscaloosa home phone of 205-752-6916, or by email.

Gary Bishop



Classifieds

I have a '76 MG midget that I am looking to sell . I have done some restorative work to the interior and engine. It has been running and in good shape, but now needs some work to the carburetor and I need some space in the garage. It needs a little TLC to look as great as some of the pictures on the web page, but thought you all would see its true value.

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