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## Positively Grounded—**The President's Message, David Boger**

Randy and Lee Darden, Howard Beckner, Jack Wiess, Bill Krause, Bruce Bizzoco and myself, a.k.a.: your newly-elected Board members, met this past week to discuss the vision for the club's next couple of years...and I gotta say that future is very exciting! We plan some course changes that can be described as mix of new activities combined with a return to our roots.

Central to those changes is a more interactive general club meeting. We'll continue to meet at Logan's Roadhouse on 280 and add a brief presentation to the agenda: not reserved only for outside experts on topics like classic car insurance or tire suppliers, we'll feature our own club members speaking on how they came to the specialty car lifestyle and their personal desires from a the car club experience. Also featured each month will be the Name That Marque riddle...we'll show photos of a fascinating but no longer produced sports car, mention a few clues specific to that car, and the first correct answer will win a car-related prize!

Our Picnic event is scheduled for Saturday September 20, with the following day also reserved as a rain contingency. The venue is our favorite Buck Creek Park and Amphitheater in Helena. The club will once again provide meats for the entree and club members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. The event, as in past years, also serves as an informal car show under the trees alongside the creek.

For our club's marquee event in 2015, we plan to return to a more formal specialty car show at Buck Creek, hopefully with the participation of other area car clubs. As more details become factual, we'll quickly communicate them to you.

Tech Sessions are a favorite car club activity for some. A particular proposal has gained some momentum: the club members will occasionally meet to refurbish a donated classic car and subsequently sell the car as a fund-raiser. In this proposal, the club would use funds to purchase the necessary parts and interested members would gather to perform the labor (we even have a lead on a certain Midget as a donated vehicle!) Please let anyone on the Board know your thoughts and interest level.

That's it for now! Safe motoring...and don't drive like my Vice President (Randy)!



Armstrong-Siddeley seen at Cars and Coffee recently.

## **TEN BIZARRE DRIVING LAWS AROUND THE WORLD**

*By Aki Sugawara | Motoramic*

Whether due to antiquated laws that never got updated, or logistic challenges unique to that country, the world is full of strange laws. Some may not sound outlandish in concept, but have extreme consequences; for example, if you're in Vietnam without a Vietnamese driver's license, you risk a prison sentence of up to three years. Others, like banning the practice of tying your pet on the roof in Alaska, seem to be the result of an overzealous legal system. Here are ten of them from around the globe.

1. Drivers male or female in Thailand can't drive shirtless, whether it's a car, bus, or a tuk-tuk cab.
2. No brown-bagging needed while driving in Costa Rica where it's legal to drink and drive, so long as your blood alcohol level is lower than 0.05%. The

country also prohibits blasting loud music near churches, hospitals and schools.

3. On the other end of extreme, France requires its drivers to carry a portable breathalyzer at all times when driving a car. The one-time kits cost around \$5, and if you don't have one the fine is a paltry 11 euros (\$15), but the law is seldom enforced.

4. If your car is dirty enough to pen dust art, in Moscow it's liable for a fine of 2000 rubles (about \$55). Although enacted in part to prevent muddied and obscured license plates, it's up to the officers to make the call. Worse yet, it's illegal to wash your car by hand on public property for ecological reasons, forcing you to take it to one of the few car wash facilities.

5. Never mind obscene gestures, even raising your hands in a bout of road rage in Cyprus can get you fined for 25 euros, or about \$35. The law states a driver can be fined if the person "is in an irregular position inside the vehicle or raises his hand from the steering wheel unnecessarily."

6. In South Africa, shepherds have the right of way. Although most probably wouldn't play chicken with an ostrich crossing anyway, the law explicitly says that "the driver of a vehicle on a public road shall stop such vehicle at the request or on the signal of a person leading or driving any bovine animal, horse, ass, mule, sheep, goat, pig or ostrich on such road." Fines can get as high as \$500.

7. Politeness isn't just the culture in Japan, it's part of driving laws. Splashing a pedestrian with a puddle from your car will cost you over \$60. The country is also strict with its DUI laws, 8 of 14 riding with or loaning your car to a driver who gets caught drinking and driving can lead to fines of thousands of dollars.

8. Careless driving laws exist both in the United States and in the United Kingdom, but it can get draconian in the UK, where motorists have been ticketed for eating a sandwich or an apple.

9. Although some countries like Italy restrict driving access to certain zones, Manila, Philippines takes the cake for the most convoluted traffic law. You can't drive in some of the busiest districts of Manila, depending on the day of the week and the last digit on your license plate. For example, if your plate ends with 1 or 2, you can be fined if caught driving between 7am and 7pm on a Monday.

10. The United States isn't immune from bizarre laws, either. In Montana it's illegal to have sheep in the cab of your truck unless there's a chaperone; in Nevada driving camels on highways is prohibited; in California, no vehicle without a driver may exceed 60 miles per hour and finally, in Tennessee, it is illegal shoot any game other than whales from a moving automobile.

## **Let's Ride!**—Randy Darden

### Upcoming Roads Trips with Birmingham Motoring Club:

September 6, Saturday

***Brits on the Shoals***

***Joe Wheeler State Park***

Meet at Brookwood/ O'Henry's at 7:00 am

We will leave at 7:30 and travel together. Our eta would be around 9:30 am.

If you would rather make a weekend of it, the Joe Wheeler lodge has special rates for the car show.

Call 1-800-544-5639 and mentioning event 1889.

You can also chose to pre register

<http://www.shoalsbritishcars.org/gathering/2014/index.htm>

See ya there!

October 24-26

***Southern British Car Club of Chattanooga Presents:***

***SALUTE TO THE BEATLES***

***Chattanooga Choo Choo***

Meet at Cracker Barrel Trussville at 9:00 am, leave shortly thereafter. Travel through the beautiful foothills of the Appalachian at the near peak for leaves on another great Anderson Tour. To register for Building 3 at the Choo Choo call 1-800-Track29. For pages of details of activities and to pre register see:

<http://www.southernbritishcarclub.net/annual-show.html>

## Other British Car Shows in the Area:

Lots to choose from if you cannot make it to a club ride. Let's get out there and support other local clubs!!!

### **AUGUST**

**August 22-24**

**Rugby British Motorcar & Motorbike Extravaganza**

**Rugby, Tennessee**

**[pbcctn.org](http://pbcctn.org)**

### **SEPTEMBER**

**\*\*\*\*September 5-6**

**Brits On the Shoals**

**Joe Wheeler State Park**

**Rogersville AL,**

**[www.shoalsBritishCars.org](http://www.shoalsBritishCars.org)**

**September 18-21**

**Southeastern British Car Club Festival**

**Dillard House, Dillard GA**

**[http://www.peachtreemg.com/Dillard\\_2014.html](http://www.peachtreemg.com/Dillard_2014.html)**

### **OCTOBER**

**October 11 - 8 AM - 4 PM 2014 Nashville British Car Club Annual Car Show - Brits at Centennial Park**

**2500 West End, Nashville, TN**

**<http://www.nashvillebritishcarclub.org/CarShowInfo>**

**\*\*\*October 24-26**

**Salute to the Beatles**

**Southern British Car Club**

**Choo Choo British Car Show**

**<http://www.southernbritishcarclub.net/annual-show.html>**

**October 25**

**South Alabama British Car Club**

**British Car Festival 2014**

**Celebrating 50 years of the SUNBEAM TIGER**

**& the Beatles in the USA**

**Fairhope, AL**

**[http://www.sabcc.org/sabcc\\_website\\_new\\_3\\_019.htm](http://www.sabcc.org/sabcc_website_new_3_019.htm)**

## **NOVEMBER**

**November 7& 8**

**British Motoring Club Montgomery**

**Tired Butts to DeSoto State Park Mentone**

**<http://www.montgomerybrits.org/2014-bmc-calendar-of-events/>**

**\*\*\*\*\* Road trip with Birmingham Motoring Club planned. See details in Oil Spot August.**

**Check out these other Alabama British Oriented car Clubs. If you know of others, let us know.**

**NABMS North Alabama British Motoring Society**

**<http://www.nabms.org/default.aspx>**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/157074427676739/>**

**Shoals British Car Club**

**<http://shoalsbritishcars.org/>**

**British Motoring Club Montgomery**

**<http://www.montgomerybrits.org/welcome-to-bmc-montgomery/>**

**South Alabama British Car Club**

**[http://www.sabcc.org/sabcc website new 3 019.htm](http://www.sabcc.org/sabcc_website_new_3_019.htm)**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/59690721805/>**

## **Birmingham Motoring Club Events**

**September 6 Club Ride**

**Brits on the Shoals**

**Joe Wheeler State Park**

**September 20 Annual Club Picnic**

**Helena Buck Creek Park**

**October 24-26 Club Ride**

**Salute to the Beatles**

**The Southern British Car Club**

**Chattanooga Choo Choo**

**December Annual Christmas Party**

**Charity Event Look for upcoming details!!**

**-And don't forget**



**Every Saturday Morning**

**Cars and Coffee**

**Upper level Brookwood Deck behind O'Henry's  
Coffee check out their Facebook page for pics  
and info**

**[www.facebook.com/BhmCarsCoffee](http://www.facebook.com/BhmCarsCoffee)**

**1st Fridays in Gadsden-hundreds of cars 6-9 pm  
Broad Street**

**Krispy Krème in Hoover – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month  
8-12 am**

**Plus many others,let us know your favorites....**





# Milestones

**Born: Andrew George to Holly and Dwayne Rigsby**

**July 29 Congrats!**

Let us know your Milestones each month in the Oil Spot!



# Projects—What are you working on?

Let the club know what you are working on in the Oil Spot!

What have you done to your car (any car, your DD or special car) or had done. We could all benefit from your experience both good and bad.

Randy and Lee Darden's 1977 Spitfire is going to paint. Took off chrome, seats, carpet, top and trailered to paint shop... Will keep you up on the progress, hopefully it is all good.



# Projects—cont.





# Team Corvette of Birmingham Scavenger Hunt

BMC was represented August 2 at Team Corvette Birmingham's scavenger hunt! It began with staggered starts from Barber Museum Parking lot, ran through Leeds over and around Highway 25 with the first stop a Café Firenze (old 29 Dreams). On to Vincent, Wilsonville and Chelsea with 3 legs, 2 check ins, multiple questions and clues with new instructions at each check in. The scavenger items were weighted for scoring, questions counted and you had to document at specific stops with pictures. The final stop was Logan's at the "Garages". Lunch and awards made for a good finish with new friends and old.

Carl and Kathy Raymond, Scott and Katy Anderson and Randy and Lee Darden all participated. Great time had by all. Good route and lots of variety on the scavenger hunt with other required tasks made for a very interesting ride!

Thanks Team Corvette Birmingham for inviting us!



# Scavenger Hunt- cont.



Katy and Scott Anderson



Carl and Kathy Raymond





## GET BACK TO THE TRACK

AUGUST 9 - 10  
BIRMINGHAM, AL  
BARBER MOTORSPORTS PARK

### ON-TRACK

Celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Formula Ford Racecars as they race around the world famous Barber Motorsports Park

### OFF-TRACK

Bring your beloved sportscar to the track and be a part of the Birmingham Cars and Coffee car meet.

### FAMOUS DRIVERS WHO STARTED THEIR CAREERS IN FORMULA FORD RACECARS:

Danica Patrick (NASCAR)  
Scott Dixon (IndyCar Champion)  
Jenson Button (F1 World Champion)

Will Power (IndyCar)  
Kimi Raikkonen (F1 World Champion)  
Josef Newgarden (IndyCar)

## SCCA DOUBLE REGIONAL

AUGUST 29 - 30  
BIRMINGHAM, AL  
BARBER MOTORSPORTS PARK

### ON-TRACK

Come witness 150 of sportscar racing's best amateurs chase a dream of winning at the world renowned Barber Motorsports Park.

### OFF-TRACK

Bring your beloved sportscar to the track and be a part of the Birmingham Cars and Coffee car meet.

### FEATURED CLASSES: SPEC MIATA, SPEC RACER FORD

SHOW THIS FLYER AT THE TICKET WINDOW TO CLAIM 50% OFF ON YOUR TICKETS TO THE SCCA DOUBLE REGIONAL







**Save the Date!**

**The Southeast British Car Festival**

Dillard, Georgia

September 18-21, 2014

*The Peachtree MG Registry of Atlanta presents:*

A Southern British Car Weekend in the mountains of North Georgia at:

**The Dillard House Inn**

**Dillard, GA.**

Visit us at: [www.peachtreemg.com](http://www.peachtreemg.com) for registration information and

Click on the "Dillard 2014" tab

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**SATURDAY, OCT. 4, 2014**

On Behalf of the Entire Grand Strand British Car Club, We Welcome You to Our **Second Annual Show at The Market Common!** In addition to all of the beautiful British cars, only 2 blocks away is The Market Common which boasts lots of shops, restaurants and a cinema so your weekend will be packed with fun for everyone! Please, register early and plan to stay all weekend to soak up all the fun!

The Grand Strand British Car Club's Myrtle Beach Britfest will be held at The Market Common (former Myrtle Beach Air Force Base) located on Farrow Parkway between Highway 17 Business and Highway 17 By-Pass.



**Driving South on Highway 17 Business:**  
Turn right on Farrow Parkway and proceed 1 mile to The Market Common.  
**Driving North on Highway 17 Business:**  
Turn left on Farrow Parkway and proceed 1 mile to The Market Common.  
**Driving South on Highway 17 By-Pass:**  
Turn left on Farrow Parkway and proceed 2 miles to The Market Common.  
**Driving North on Highway 17 By-Pass:**  
Turn right on Farrow Parkway and proceed 2 miles to The Market Common.

Dash Plaques will be given to all pre registration entrants and will be available for some late and "day-of" registrations. Award Plaques or Trophies will be presented to winners in each Class with at least one entrant. **Special Award** for the entry with the "Best Picnic Presentation". A portion of the entry fees will be contributed to Canine Angels Service Dogs, a nonprofit group that rescues dogs from shelters and trains them to become service dogs. More information about the organization can be found at [www.CanineAngelsServiceDogs.org](http://www.CanineAngelsServiceDogs.org).

Places to Stay Close to Market Commons:

**Springmaid Beach Resort** If interested, call them at tel. (843) 315-7173 or visit their website at [www.SpringmaidBeach.com](http://www.SpringmaidBeach.com).



**Myrtle Beach State Park Campground** is located on the beach just off Hwy. 17 within 10 minutes of The Market Commons. Call the MBSP at tel. (843) 238-5325 for more information or visit their website at [www.mbeachsp@SCPRT.com](http://www.mbeachsp@SCPRT.com).

**Red Roof Inn** is located just 1 mile from the Market Common at 2801 South Kings Highway with on-site parking for vehicles and trailers of all sizes. They are pet friendly. Call tel. (843) 626-4444. Visit [www.RedRoofinn.com](http://www.RedRoofinn.com) for info.



**Suites of the Market Common** is located just a few blocks from the car show field and is central to shopping, restaurants, movie theater, and all Octoberfest festivities. They offer studio, or one or two bedroom suite rentals. Call them at (866) 429-7540 or visit their website at [www.SuitesOfTheMarketCommon.com](http://www.SuitesOfTheMarketCommon.com). Come and enjoy the entire weekend!



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