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Positively Grounded—**The President's Message, John Viviani**

While I have enjoyed being President of the Birmingham Motoring Club these last two years, it is time for me to step aside and let someone else take over. The last few years have been



an exciting time for the BMC with many changes that have resulted in a smaller, but much more active membership.

The board has discussed over the last few months what we would feel the best way for the club to continue to grow and become more exciting. Those conversations have resulted in the board assembling our list of candidates for the 2014-2016 slate. There are one or two areas we don't have the full final commitments but here is are our nominations-

President-David Boger

Vice President- Randy Darden

Secretary- John Viviani

Treasurer- Bruce Bizzoco

Member at Large 1- Lee Darden

Member at large 2- Jack Weiss

Member at Large- No confirmed name at this time.

Newsletter- Howard Beckner

Feel free to email or ask any of the above questions on why they feel they can help the club. If you would like to nominate someone or run yourself for any of the positions, please inform the board. June's meeting the candidates will make their presentations and in July we will elect the officers.

Otherwise, I thank all that were at the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama and who brought their cars out to the corral. The corral was wonderfully organized and I think was a much more impressive site than in years past. (of course I had to work so I could not fully enjoy) This was in no small part due to the efforts put forth by our own Jim Roberts and former club member Alan Thacker.

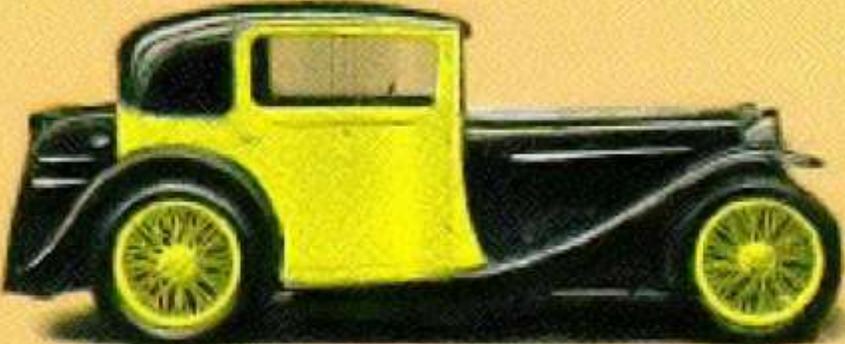
Keep in mind the Madison show EuroBrit Expo 2014 is June 6-7. Who is organizing the group drive? There is also the Shelby Show and Go Traveling Classic car Show May 30-31 in Columbi-ana, Alabaster and Hoover.

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NABMS Gathering—Scott Anderson

Saturday morning of the drive was dry, clear, and cool after the terrible week of storms. The group consisted of Randy & Lee Darden, Tom Board, and Scott Anderson, meeting at the Gardendale Cracker Barrel. We pulled out around 8:45 and headed up US31, with a few side road shortcuts and cutoffs thrown in to maintain our back roads route. We passed through several areas



as recently hit by the storms as we exited Northern Jefferson county and found a tunnel designed for British cars as you can see in the pictures. After years of reading names on I-65 exit signs, it was very interesting to actually see all these little towns as we passed through them heading north. Crossing the old TN river bridge in Decatur, we left 31 in Athens and proceed cross country to the home of our hosts for the day, Terry Lee & Donna Roop, who we determined was a really great guy plus being the owner of 6 Spitfires ! His car barn was a wonderful place to explore with several finished cars, others in restoration phases, and bits and pieces hanging from the walls and rafters. A picnic spread covered a number of tables

with plenty to eat and drink as we wandered around, taking it all in. A number of interesting vehicles showed up and groups migrated from one car to another as they examined the finer points of each participants ride. Around two we said our goodbyes and headed south to Decatur for a take home batch of Big Bob Gibson's barbecue craved by Randy. We then



NABMS Gathering—Cont.

traversed east to US231 for the drive south and another ride through small towns and fun driving. As always, I spotted several of our derelict British brethren roadside as we traveled up and back. We arrived home about 5 pm,



after a full day of driving, new friends, eating, and playing cars, wow, it just doesn't get much better than that ! Plan now to attend the NABMS show on June 7 at Dublin Park in Madison, they always put on a good show.



DREAM CARS ----Dean Drinkard



Lancia (Bertone) *Stratos HF Zero*, 1970 Photo by Michael Furman

Want to do something cool and unusual this summer? Look no further than **Atlanta's High Museum of Art!** Located at 1280 Peachtree Street, N.E., the museum will have an exhibit from May 21 to September 7 showcasing unique concept cars. And while you are in the ATL, don't miss the opportunity to enjoy the gastronomical delights of **The Varsity!** Just a few blocks south of the museum, at the corner of North Avenue and Spring Street, you can indulge in my favorite: two childogs, onion rings and a Coke!

Dream Cars: Innovative Design, Visionary Ideas (from the High Museum website)

This major exhibition of innovative automotive design will bring together 17 concept cars from across Europe and the U.S., including some of the rarest and most imaginative cars designed by Ferrari, Bugatti, General Motors and Porsche. *Dream Cars* will feature cars from the early 1930s to the 21st century that pushed the limits of imagination and foreshadowed the future of design. The exhibition will pair conceptual drawings, patents and scale models with realized cars, demonstrating how their experimental designs advanced ideas of progress and changed the automobile from an object of function to a symbol of future possibilities. □ □

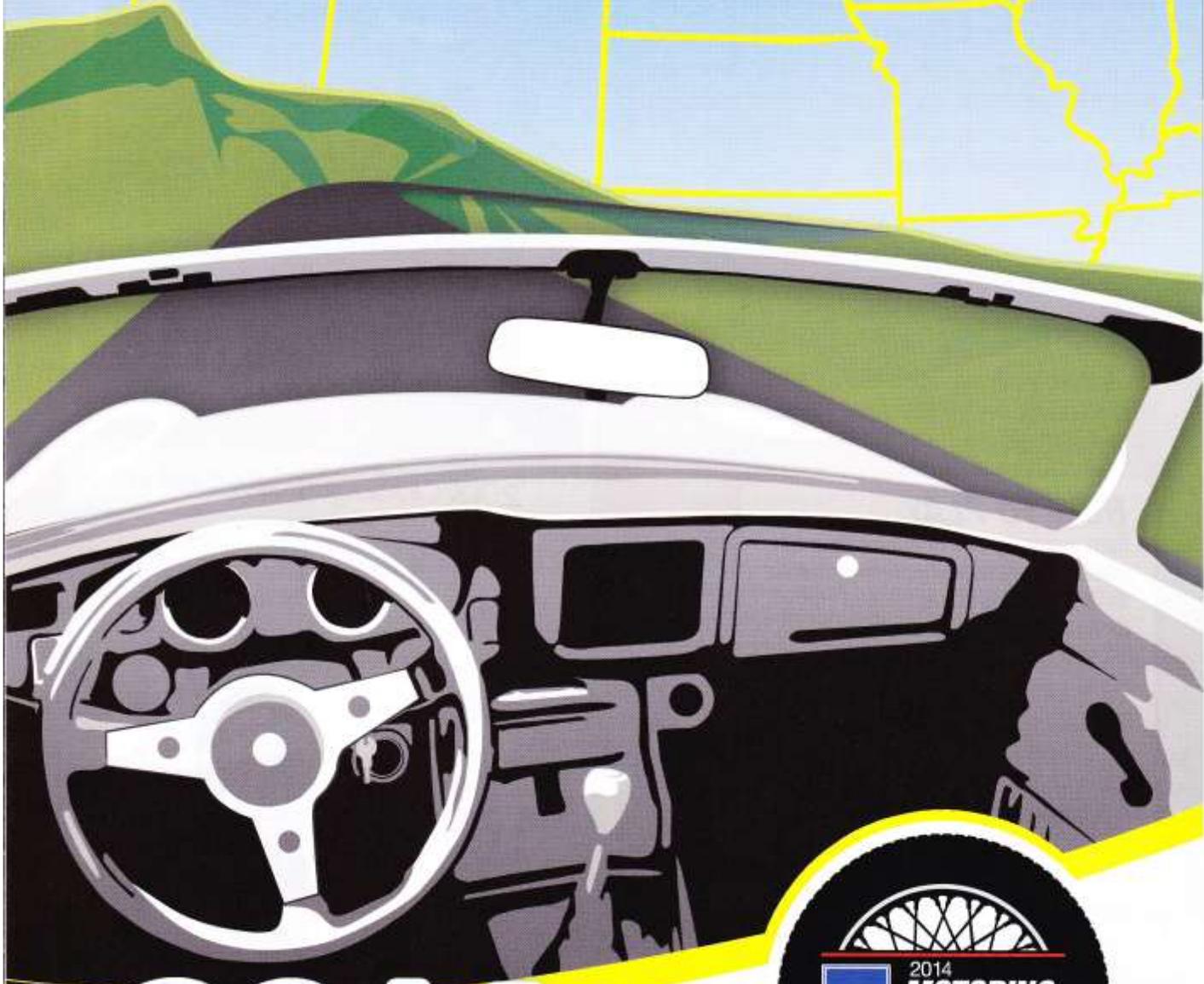
Highlights of *Dream Cars* will include:

- Paul Arzens' *L'Oeuf électrique* (1942), an electric bubble car designed by Arzens for his personal use in Paris during the German occupation that has never before traveled to the U.S.
- William Stout's *Scarab* (1936), the genesis of the contemporary minivan.
- Marcello Gandini's Lancia (Bertone) *Stratos HF Zero* (1970), a wedge-shaped car that is only 33 inches tall.
- Christopher Bangle's BMW *GINA Light Visionary Model* (2001), featuring an exterior made of fabric.
- A full-scale (6 x 20 foot) rendering of a concept car by Carl Renner (1951).

See more at www.high.org/Art/Exhibitions/Dream-Cars.aspx



MOTORING CHALLENGE



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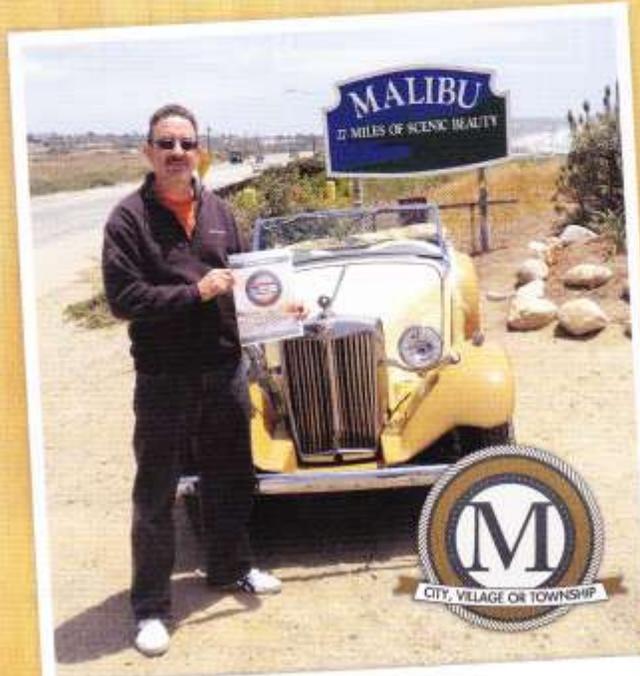
MIATA VS. BRITISH? SEE INSIDE...



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

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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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Friday, May 30

5PM - 9PM - SOCK HOP, DOWNTOWN COLUMBIANA

Saturday, May 31

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

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

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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 skiningfoolron@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.

Chris Brasher
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