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WINDSCREEN

2019 is quickly fading away. The brand new year of 2020 will be here before you can say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." Your New Year's resolutions should be made for this coming year.

The number one resolution should be to drive your British car as often as possible. Get out and show the car off. Drive down the street waving at your neighbors and make them jealous.

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I need to first thank Cort and Helene Dondero for once again hosting the Christmas party. I am not sure how many years they have been so gracious to invite the club into their home. I have always enjoyed the time spent there. I understand that twenty-nine club members made it to the party and they elected the same officers for next year with Dave Terhune taking over the job of managing the money as Treasurer, and Teresa Flood taking on the job of Membership Chairman. All the other officers remain in place from 2019.

Speaking of elections, it has come to my attention that a new member indicated his intention to run for President of SBCC. Alas the new member has met his demise in a manner that only can be described a MURDER! Since I have been seeking someone (anyone) to take my place as president of the club, I want a full investigation of this hideous event. Therefore, the club will play the SBCC version of the Hasbro game CLUE. Come to the January meeting to find out who the suspects are, where you can find the clues, and the reward that may be available for solving this mystery.

Our New Year's Day drive will be north to Sweetwater, TN and take the Orange Loop (from a motorcycle map) after eating at Vittorino' Cucina Italian Restaurant. We will meet at Harry's Shell at 4600 N Lee Hwy in Cleveland, TN at 10AM on January 1, 2020. The total round trip from Cleveland will be approximately 120 miles.

I hope this will be the first of many drives in 2020. Hopefully the year will include a drive around the Devil's Triangle. If you have any roads you want to drive in 2020, plan a drive and take the rest of us along with you. Several members have been thinking about a road trip this year. What is your pleasure, one or two nights. Looking at spring flowers or fall colors?

There are seven British car shows within a 200 mile radius of Chattanooga. Charles and Perky have previously make most of these car shows plus others delivering flyers concerning our show. If we want our show to grow and prosper then we need to get those flyers out. Think about going to a show and distributing flyers. The shows are: Townsend (May), Morristown (June), Madison, AL (June), Rugby (Aug), Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville (AL), Dillard (Sept), Nashville (Oct). There are others stretching up to 300 miles from Chattanooga, such as: Shelton's Vineyard, Dobson (NC), Newburgh (IN), Triumph Registry of America, Lexington (KY). Some of these shows may only be a one day drive from your home, or just 1 night in a motel. Maybe you can combine delivering flyers with some other activity, like a golf trip.

On the SBCC Roads

Mike



THE TWELVE DAYS OF AN MG CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me a broken-down old MG

On the second day of Christmas, Moss Motors sent to me 2 new seats

On the third day of Christmas, Victoria Brit sent to me 3 new windshield wipers

On the fourth day of Christmas, I purchased for me 4 new spark plugs

On the fifth day of Christmas, the MG received 5 new tires

On the sixth day of Christmas, Food Lion provided me a 6-pack of beer

On the seventh day of Christmas, my creditors gave to me 7 bills for parts

On the eighth day of Christmas, a friend gave to me 8 hours free labor

On the ninth day of Christmas, I went to NAPA 9 different times

On the tenth day of Christmas, the MG gave to me 10 skinned knuckles

On the eleventh day of Christmas, I bought from BP 11 gallons of fuel

On the twelfth day of Christmas, I gave to my true love and me a ride in my "brand new MG".

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CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS FROM ENGLAND

You May or May Not Want to Try



1) **Crackers** - no, not the dry saltine type, but rather a wrapped cardboard tube that two people grab and pull to split in two. Whoever is holding the side with the center attached still gets to keep the goodies. usually a joke, small toy, and paper crown.

2) **Paper Crown** - very important. After pulling your crackers, each person must put on a colored paper crown. It doesn't matter the color or the fit or the condition, you have to wear it.

- 3) **Brussel Sprouts** - guaranteed to be on most plates through the UK. Not sure about this tradition!
- 4) **The Queen's Message** - King George V started this in 1931 and has happened every year since. The Queen has been giving this speech yearly since 1952. It usually focuses on the events of the year for the nation and herself.
- 5) **Mince Pies** - sweet pies filled with dried fruits and spices, or, mincemeat. Their fruity taste is traditional for Christmas. Yum!
- 6) **Bread Sauce** - supposedly very delicious?? It is a traditional accompaniment to the Christmas dinner. The sauce is made from, yes, breadcrumbs, milk, butter, onions, and spices.
- 7) **Christmas Goose** - the traditional bird roasted for dinner is goose. Even the Prime Minister dines on goose at Christmas.
- 8) **Boxing Day** - Dec. 26 is a national holiday in the UK. The tradition takes its name from an old English tradition of giving people in service "Christmas boxes" of money or presents as a thank you for their work all year. Now it is more eating leftovers, shopping the sales and watching old movies.

*Thanks to the Spoke "n" Word,
Newsletter of The Idaho British
Car Club*



MONTHLY DRIVE TO BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PENITENTARY

The November drive to Brushy Mountain Prison in Petros, TN saw a day of rain and wind. Five cars and 8 members gathered at the Citgo on Hwy 58 to start the drive to Petros. There were 2 British cars (a GT6 and a Sprite) with 3 none British cars trying to decide on the weather and if the drive would be worth the trouble. Scott took his Sprite home due to leaks and the amount of water gathering in the foot wells. The other 4 cars decide to press on due to the plan to meet John, Barbara and David Rigby at Petros.

After a bit of hydro-planning and a slower drive through the wet roads than normal, we made our first stop at Weigels outside of Kingston. There a donut was purchase to serve as Gil's birthday cake. It had pink icing and sprinkles.

We left Weigels turning left onto Hwy 327 passed the K-25 plant. Driving along side what we believed to be the Emory River. This was possibly the first time the club has been on Hwy 327. We cross the Emory in Harriman each year on our way to Rugby, but do not drive beside the river.

We arrived at Brushy Mountain at 11:30AM. Our first activity was to present Gil with his cake and sing Happy Birthday to him. After looking through the sparse gift shop and making a few purchases we ordered our food. The convict salad and BBQ on corn cakes was delicious. Our plates were the (replicas) of the trays used by prisoners for 113 years. After eating, Gil, Marge, Mike H and Micky decided to return home. Mark Myers, Teresa and I decided to join John, Barbara and David on a tour of the prison. Teresa was particular impressed with the prisoners' paintings on the walls of the Cafeteria.

Brushy Mountain prisoners mined coal. The cells that were designed for 2 men had 4 assigned to them. The original "doubling booking" as 2 men worked a 12 hour shift in the mines then came back to the cell as the other 2 inmates worked their 12 hour shift. The "hole" and other area of the prison was fascinating as we learned no heat or air conditioning was available. After spending several days or weeks in the "hole" many prisoners came out blind and had to be lead around until they could regain their sight. We figured this blindness was from the sensitivity to day light after days of NO light.

As we left we took the pictures of the "dune buggies." Now there are sports cars out driving in the rain.



MORE PHOTOS OF BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON



CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE DONDERO'S



It wasn't exactly snowing but I thought of this photograph.

There were 29 people that attended this year annual holiday party. Our VP opened a short meeting Scott McAllister read the list of officers up for re election and we railroaded them in quickly. They are listed on the front page we all dug into the food. From the looks of the food left it was all delicious. Thanks to Vickie McAllister for organizing the event. Then we proceeded to have the exchange of gifts according to the Dirty Santa method.





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TIME TO RENEW OR JOIN SBCC

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FILL OUT THIS FORM

**2020
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FOR

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PUT YOUR NAMGBR MEMBER.# _____

OR Bring to the next meeting and give to Teresa Flood

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

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EVENTS USUALLY ATTEMDED BY SBCC MEMBERS

JAN
NEY YEAR DAY DRIVE

FEB.

MAR.

APRIL
April 17 –19 GOF SPOUTH FL
APRIL 18 PENSECOLA FL

MAY
MAY 8– 9 TOWNEND

JUNE
Morristown
Madison, AL

JULY

AUG.
RUGBY TN

SEPT.
JOE WHEELER
DILLARD GA

OCTOBER
SBCC ANNUAL SHOW

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER
HOLIDAY PARTY

OTHER EVENTS

SBCC MEETINGA EVEY 2ND MONDAY AT PULEO'S IN OOLTEWAH 6PM

MAY THRU SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER
EVERY 3RD FRIDAY AT SONIC DRIVEIN IN OOLTEWAH

EVERY 1ST MONDAY CRUISE IN AT CAM-BRIDGE SQUAR SHOPPING CENTER

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