



# The WINDSCREEN

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## Prez Sez

By Dave Rosato

Sadly we had a very special member of the club suddenly pass away last month. **Michael Rains** was our Events Coordinator for several years. More on Michael and some pictures is later in this Windscreen. We will miss him.

It has been a tough summer for scheduling club events and meetings, with the increase of COVID and the heat and humidity. We are having a **Monthly Meeting on Saturday September 11th**. It is going to be at James Island County Park, 9am to around 10:30. We will have it in the picnic area adjacent to the Splash Zone. It costs \$2pp to enter the park. We will have coffee and donuts/muffins. Details and directions are on our website.

As you should know by now, **British Car Day** is on October 23rd. I don't think we have gotten the word out though. There are more BCCC members registered for Cars on Kiawah than are registered for British Car Day. It is only by one, 39 registered for BCD, but we have a long way to go. If you plan to attend, please register soon.

I received an email a few weeks ago from a woman in Bluffton. She has a **1980 MGB LE** that she bought new. It has been under cover but not driven in almost 20 years. She had always planned to get it going again but finally came to the realization that that day wasn't coming. She contacted me to see if she could donate it to someone who would like to restore the car. I told her that the club had done something very similar a few years ago. I haven't seen the car yet, but the pictures are encouraging. Lynn and I are going to check it out this Thursday. My hope is that the engine turns over by hand and the underside is in good shape. I suggested to her that maybe the club can take it on as a project. We can get it running and restored as a good driver. The club will pay for the parts needed, then sell the car. The money raised, after reimbursing the club for parts, would be donated to Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary. She was ecstatic. I will keep you updated as plans progress.



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On a related note, several years ago the club donated a **1975 MGB** to Garrett Academy. The car was used to teach auto body repair to students. Recently Garrett was closed. Wray Lemke retrieved the car and it now resides at his place. The body work has been done and the car was primed. Wray said that most of the parts are there to put the car back together. We are looking for suggestions from the club members on what to do with this car. Please contact [Wray](#) or [myself](#) with suggestions.



It's not too late to join the group on a drive to the **Tail of the Dragon**. We currently have five cars going. It will be so much more than the Tail of the Dragon. We're staying at a place where you can choose from vintage trailers, tree houses, yurts, tiny homes or pods. The drive to the TotD will be as exciting as the Tail itself. It will be four days of driving the way British cars were designed to drive. Go to our website for details.

Last month you should have received a **postcard from the club in the mail**. Our primary way of communicating with club members, in addition to The Windscreen, is by emails. We use MailChimp to send the emails. MailChimp tracks when emails are opened or when links in the email are clicked on. Of the 185 emails that are sent out, typically 60 to 75 percent of the emails are opened. The reason for the postcard mailing was to make sure that emails were being received. Unfortunately, of the 185 postcards mailed, we received only 66 replies. Six of those haven't been receiving club emails. Most of those problems have been fixed.

We have been holding more **Tech Sessions**. Unfortunately, many have been with short notice so email invitations to the club were not sent. Later in this Windscreen, Frank Neill has a very complimentary summary of his Tech Session. We also completed Bill Tucker's 1952 MGTD, replacing steering boots and tie rod ends and rear shock bushings. The leaking front left brake was replaced at a prior session. We replaced the turn signal stock on Alex Toline's MGB. This required removing the steering wheel, which was an experience. A John Twist video helped immensely. I sent out an email earlier asking who wanted to receive Tech Session emails. I was very encouraged by the response so will continue to send those emails to the entire club.

Safety First and Fast

Dave

## VP's Corner

By Bob Simons

Well,

If it wasn't for the last minute I wouldn't get anything done. August has completely gotten away from me with little accomplished but dropping the Norton off with a local (in Georgetown) expert, who retired here a few years ago from Maryland. As of the 30<sup>th</sup>, I couldn't think of a comment worthy of the Windscreen.

But the last day of the month I finally got a chance to dive into the TD. Up on a rack, all grease fittings lubed, fan & water pump checked for smooth operation, time to plumb in the second fuel pump for sustained hi-speed use or... Hmm the exhaust looks rich, there seems to be a 'lean surge' at low RPM, the idle is rough & what is that whistling noise? The second fuel line was put aside, the pump packed up as a spare and serious ruminations ensued. Test equipment was brought out, spark plugs pulled and analyzed. The spark plugs, black and fouled, were an easy fix. After scrambling around trying to find appropriate replacements, I remembered a brand new spare set in the tool bin under the bonnet (note to self, buy another set). Smoke testing didn't reveal any detectable air/vacuum leaks, so the whistle is probably not a concern at the moment. On starting I had a dramatically improved run from the fresh plugs, and the lean surge only came back when the car had been briefly parked after running several miles, so maybe it just needs some good long runs, which is, of course, what I'm working up to. The plan is to join like minded individuals on the Tail of the Dragon later this month.

Naturally, I would like the car to be perfect before setting out, but perfection is the enemy of good enough. The car has only had short hops from West Ashley to downtown for most of the last year or so, which isn't good (cars need exercise too). I still have time for some long test runs and tweaking before we embark, and if she's not perfect, well she's in better shape than when I acquired her, and again in better shape than when I drove her down from DC, so I plan to see you on the road!

## IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL RAINS

By Millie Horton

Early in August, we learned of the passing of our beloved Events Coordinator Michael Rains in Aiken, SC. Michael had moved back home to Aiken to help care for his elderly mother. It was a tough decision, but Michael dutifully and lovingly responded to the need.

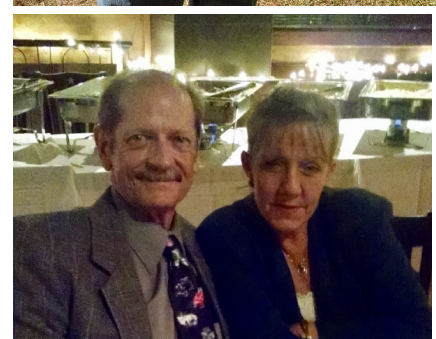
Michael's talents as Events Coordinator were unsurpassed: He would plan an outing, drive the route in order to check it out and get the best route for a group of old British cars to follow. I don't know if Michael was ever a Boy Scout, but he surely followed their motto of "Be Prepared."

On BCD, he and his buddy Weldell would take all the pictures of the cars arriving on the field. Where did Michael get that ladder from which he took the photos? Did he haul it there?!

At Club meetings, Michael arrived early to decorate the tables with small American and British flags which he carted there every time. In his quiet manner, he would tell us the plans for the next upcoming drive; you could tell the research/time he had put into thinking up the drive location, mapping it out, and presenting it to the Club.

And then, Michael would be present early on site in his BRG MGB to ensure all went well.

I sorely miss his presence and imagine you do also. We are privileged to have known such a kind soul.



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## REMEMBERING MICHAEL RAINS

By Jack and Diane Lambert

As we were getting ready to send our friend Michael Rains birthday wishes, regrettably we received notice that he had passed away on July 19th from pancreatic cancer just days before his 70th birthday.

Michael moved back to his hometown of Aiken a couple of years ago to prepare for eventual retirement and to attend to family matters that needed his assistance. Although we hadn't seen Michael in a while, with the exception of an occasional meeting via Zoom, we still tried to keep in touch.

Club members were fortunate to enjoy several years of Michael generously giving of his time to research and organize numerous events. Michael was meticulous and found great joy in attending to every detail so that members could simply show up and enjoy an adventure. Michael was quiet and unassuming and truly enjoyed being part of an organization that shared his love of British cars. By volunteering to be the Club's Event Coordinator Michael found his perfect niche within the Club.

Jack and I attended the Celebration of Life with Michael's friends and family and were so glad we made the rip. We had an opportunity to talk with Michael's brother Darrell who we hadn't seen in quite a while. It was well known that Michael was an avid Beatles fan, and we enjoyed Darrell and friends sharing their talents by playing and singing Beatles songs in Michael's memory. It was a very special time and a wonderful sharing of memories. We were honored to represent the BCCC and share some of our memories with his friends and family to let them know how much Michael was respected, appreciated and what an important part of the BCCC family he was.

Many of you may remember Michael's friend Weldell who shared his passion for British cars. He attended British Car Day for many years helping Michael set the stage for photos of the cars as they entered BCD. Many photos of BCD that we've enjoyed were courtesy of Michael and Weldell for which we're appreciative.

Michael and his brother performed many renovations to his Mother's home so that she could spend her final days at home. In typical British car fanatic fashion, he made sure to build a garage to accommodate his cars, a 1967 MGB and an original Mini, both of which were parked on-site to honor Michael, and so he could pursue his passion for tinkering with them and others. Knowing his appreciation for the Beatles, it came as no surprise to hear that he named his new garage Abbey Road Garage and Motorworks. He also had a kitty named Abbey.

Michael greeted everyone with a smile and offered a helping hand. Jack and I will smile whenever we think of Michael cruising in his '67 BRG MG wearing either his flat cap or his BCCC cap and remember his kindness and the happy times we shared. We will rest assured that Michael will continue to tinker with British cars in Heaven, particularly with Lucas Electronics, so that we can see his smile continuing to shine brightly on all of us.

## Dave's Brakes & More

By Frank Neill

So what seems to be the club's go to get 'er done shop "helped me" with an intermittent clutch problem that I was having with my BJ8. The Healey would sit for a week and I would have to pump the clutch pedal multiple times before it would disengage the clutch. We tried twice to bleed it and still had that problem.

The Dave's Brakes & More shop diagnosed that it must be the master clutch cylinder and I ordered that and a slave cylinder. Well with the parts in hand I drove to Dave's and, of course, it worked perfectly. Arriving there with the thought of "if it ain't broke don't fix" Dave insisted we go ahead with the project. That involved removing the carburetors; no easy task as two of the eight bolts are very difficult to access. With the new clutch master in place and the carbs bolted back on the next step was to replace the slave cylinder. We almost gave up as it just didn't want to undo at the hose but Dave persisted and it finally relinquished. And it was a good thing. The old slave was totally deteriorated and it was a wonder that it didn't leak and that it was actually working. So great that a fellow club member and friend is willing to help some of us that are less talented.

## What is it???

Bill Tucker found this in the 1952 MGTD he recently purchased. Does anyone know what it is? Let me know and I'll share it with everyone next month.

[Dave](#)



# Attention MGB Owners

This was in the latest The MG Driver magazine

## Oil Filter Alert

Article & Images By Stephen McDowell



Hard to tell the height difference by sight.

**A**LERT! The AutoZone recommended oil filter for a 1979 MGB is STP16XL, but it will not work. I had been using the Purolator L14670 and went back to it. While the outside height of the STP 16XL is virtually the same as the Purolator L14670 (or PL14670, or even the PB14670), it does not reveal the depth from rim to the bottom.

The inside depth to the bottom of the STP filter is much shorter than the Purolator filter which causes the pressure relief to not be activated. This then causes the oil pressure gauge to

read zero.

This was discovered yesterday when I was changing oil and filter. The STP appeared to be a good seal but it was not. When I cranked over the engine, 3 quarts of oil poured on the floor before I realized it.

Below is a link to a YouTube video that discusses this and shows the replacement of a filter that has proper height so the oil pressure gauge will display properly.

Link: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=L8GSMC-F22M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8GSMC-F22M)



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| Purolator<br>(L14670; PL14670; PB14670)<br>(depth from rim to bottom) |
| STP16XL<br>(depth from rim to bottom)                                 |
| Bottom of filter  |

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**English Tea** with "Best Hat" competition will take place under one of the shady hospitality tents during the show.

**Raffle Ticket** proceeds 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).

**A Welcome Reception** will be held Friday night from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the show grounds under the Big Tent. Food trucks will offer a variety of cuisines for your purchasing selection. The club will have adult beverages available.

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| Bob      | Simons    | 9  |
| Torsten  | Kunze     | 12 |
| Don      | Wathne    | 13 |
| Susan    | Atkins    | 15 |
| Sue      | Smith     | 16 |
| Jim      | Harrell   | 17 |
| Margi    | Dean      | 18 |
| Paul     | Wharen    | 23 |
| Natalie  | Bluestein | 24 |
| Jerry    | Marindin  | 24 |
| Robert   | Ovens     | 24 |
| Judi     | Purches   | 24 |
| Hamp     | Atkins    | 25 |
| Harry    | Cramer    | 25 |
| Michelle | Morey     | 25 |
| Alastair | Harris    | 26 |
| Richie   | Hartley   | 28 |
| Scott    | Ramstad   | 29 |



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# September 2021

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| 5   | 6   | 7                              | 8   | 9   | 10                  | 11<br>Monthly Meeting                           |
| 12  | 13  | 14<br>Tail of the Dragon Drive | 15  | 16  | 17                  | 18<br>Sea Island Cars & Coffee<br>Crowfieldfest |
| 19  | 20  | 21                             | 22  | 23  | 24                  | 25<br>Autumn in the Mountains                   |
| 26  | 27  | 28                             | 29  | 30  | British Car Weekend |   |



Michael Rains at the 2017 British Car Day in his 1967 MGB