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PREZ SEZ by Dave Rosato

We had so much interest in the **Oyster Roast**, it was a hard decision to cancel the event. But we had so much rain and the parking was on grass, it would have been a mess. I'm not an oyster eater but I understand that the season is over. So, we will plan the event for the fall. Another event, the visit to **Bee City Zoo**, was canceled as well. It was scheduled on the same day as the **Carolina British Classics XVI**. It is impossible not to plan events without conflicts, but we hate to have conflicts with our other rather local British car clubs. I will be driving to **Carolina British Classics** Saturday morning, April 6th. I will be taking back roads and will leave **Total Wine** in **West Ashley** at 6:30am. Details are on our [website](#). Please let me know if you would like to caravan with me as I'll bring radios so we can communicate.

Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary is having their **3rd Annual Animals, Art and Automobiles** on May 12th. Almost half of the cars in last years event were club members. It is always a good time with good food and drinks as well as lots of art and crafts and of course, dogs and cats. You can [register at this link](#). If you can get there a little early and help us setup and direct cars, that would be fantastic. Please let me know.

As long as I've been involved with organizing **BCD**, we have never started so early in the year. Thanks go to **Irene Breland, John Scott, Millie Horton** and **Rich Fritz**. We already have **11 cars registered**. Notices to about **60 clubs** in the southeast have

gone out. We also just added a **Supercar Class**. So, if you or someone you know has a **McLaren, Radical, Aston Martin** or other **British Supercar**, please let them know. **Area 51** food truck has been popular, so we asked them back. We will also have **Delights Desserts and Coffee**. They have fantastic coffees and pastries. They will be setting up early to cater to us who are setting up the field. We are looking for another food truck. **British Car Day** would not go as smooth as it usually does if it wasn't for our volunteers. You can go to our website and choose how you would like to help. We have eight radios this year, thanks to **Wray** and **Susanne Lemke (Mt Pleasant Radio)**, which is a big help. A major part of **BCD** is the **Silent Auction**. If you have something car or British related and would like to donate it to the auction, please let me know. We are looking for someone to spearhead the auction. Between now and the event, this person needs to collect donations, solicit people/businesses for donations and record who donated them so we can send out thank you notes. If you would like to help in this important position, please let me know. If you don't have room to store donations, I can handle that.

We had a great turnout at the **Charleston St Patrick's Day Parade** and the **Mt Pleasant Fly-In**. More on them later in the *Windscreen*. It was so nice to have a great representation at **7th Annual Boon Gala and Auction** for **The Boon Project**. More on that later as well. 🇬🇧

*Safety Fast,
Dave*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**Thomas & Linda Bender**

1952 MG TD
1966 Morgan +4
1966 Jaguar XKE
1966 Daimler Sedan

Chuck & Karen Bernath

1963 Morgan +4
1980 Morgan +8

Zach Carney

1967 Triumph TR6

Aaron Ede

1974 TR6

Joseph Federer & Mirela Lazescu

1975 MGB
1966 MGB

Van Maxwell

1980 MGB
1978 Triumph Spitfire

Ray Melo

1972 MGB Roadster

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VP'S CORNER by Richard Fritz**Rebirth of the Sunbeam Marque**

This is a particularly interesting story for all British Car enthusiasts and as a Sunbeam enthusiast, I'm thrilled to share this news with you.

Last month I had the pleasure of traveling to England with a couple of Tigers EAST Alpines EAST members to research the history of the Sunbeam Marque at the Rootes Archive Centre Trust at Wroxton near Banbury, UK. This is the permanent, international home for everything Rootes: historic records, vintage advertising material, and original design/engineering drawings and documentation. I was there to research and develop a Sunbeam Timeline in preparation for the BCCC's recognition of the Sunbeam Marque at this year's British Car Day, and to compliment the 60th Anniversary of the Sunbeam Tiger.

It was there that I learned from the Archive Center's Curator, Andy Bye, that Stellantis N.V., a multinational automotive manufacturing company, formed in 2021 by the merger of Fiat-Chrysler and the French Peugeot SA Group, was planning on reviving the Sunbeam Tiger name. The details of the rebirth are still being negotiated, but I was told that PSA has been seriously talking with a Long Island, NY based company, Bridgehampton Motor Sports, to take on the project.



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Donald Connolly, a New York real estate developer and owner of Bridgehampton Motor Sports, contacted PSA a few years ago to discuss a deal that would bring the Tiger of the '60's back from retirement. Working with the engineers from Stellantis and design specialists from the Eurocar Circuit, Connolly wants to create a totally modern car with all the appeal of the Tiger from the '60s. Connolly said, "This car will have the punch of a muscle car, the look reminiscent of a Tiger, and handle like a go-kart." He has already constructed a prototype by com-

puter modeling and reverse engineering the Mk 1A, and has virtually tested the car using AI data points to isolate weaknesses and make design modifications. Proposed development plans are ready to be implemented at Connolly's BridgeWerks shop in NY pending a licensing agreement with PSA.



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I am excited about the prospects of having a reincarnated Sunbeam Tiger much like I was when Ford introduced retro Mustang and BMW made Mini Coopers the success that they are today. I can only hope that everything works out well for Connolly before I become too old to get my over-weight and aging frame into a low-slung sports car cockpit the way I could easily do 60 years ago.

This article, as well as others you may read, or stories you may hear, are simply from a collection of "gotchas" that often appear as you are being fooled around the 1st of April every year. 🇬🇧 **Fritz Out!**

BCCC MARCH 2024 MEETING

by Millie Horton

Thanks to modern technology and advance planning, on **ZOOM** on 3/14/24 the officers of **BCCC** were able to communicate and share plans that are in the works.

Here are the bullet points of that meeting:

British Car Day

- So far there are **5 registrants** for **BCD** (mostly **MOG South** cars)
- **Food trucks**
 - **Area 51** is signed up
 - Another interested is **Delights Desserts and Coffee** – sounds like a winner
 - **Coastal Crust** was also suggested
 - **Palm Fetes** (**Dave** has to check with the Park regarding serving alcohol)
- **Friday, Oct. 18 Drive**
 - Leaving at **10 AM** from **Hyatt Place** for **Hopsewee Plantation**
 - **Irene** suggested having a meeting place for those in **Summerville** area (**MOG South** and other members). The **Spinx station** at **Hwy 41** will be that location.
 - **The Hopsewee Plantation House Tour** is optional. Planning for box lunches (individuals order when registering for the show)
- **Friday Reception at Hyatt Place at Towne Center in Mt. Pleasant :**
 - We have an area with **food** and **drinks** that also includes an **open-air balcony** plus a side room near our set up
 - Need **decoration/flowers** for the tables
 - **Registration bags** will be available at the reception. The bags will be stuffed by us at **Dave's** house because all items are shipping to his address.
 - **Gary** to provide **signage inside Hyatt Place** to direct to 2nd floor. Some signs in storage that say "Reception."
 - Pick up name tags at reception
 - **\$10 charge** per person for reception
 - **Reception Registration** will be at top of stairs

• **Sunbeam Timeline Sign**

- **Rich** has done research on **Sunbeam** name
- Sign = 5 ft. x 30 inches

• **New class signs** – more hooks needed; **Dave** has bought more

• Much discussion about classes

• **Rich** has been contacting other clubs about the show.• **Irene** noted we need flyers advertising the show early to put in cars at other shows, especially the **Carolina British Classics show April 6**• **Ribbons and 3 Trophies** – not much was said about these. We are hoping **Hagerty** might sponsor the **Best of Show trophy** (ribbons have come from **Stineman Ribbon Company** – perhaps choose a cheaper version? (the acrylic trophies have come from **Trophy Awards** in **Kentucky**)• **Silent Auction:** Who to organize? Who to create sheets? Who to man the tent?• **John Scott** to order a sample **Sunbeam mug** as a potential gift for the Spotlight entrants• **Truck Rental** for set-up stuff: suggested this route instead of Grosso's trailer**Miscellaneous**• **Dave** reported a large sale of **BCCC** and **MG Centenary** badges, so many that he had to order more• **Dave** has been contacted by **Destination South Mtg** which organizes private car shows of 5-10 cars for 2-4 hours, entertaining special groups in Charleston• **Oyster Roast** – had to be rescheduled due to excessive rain; **Mike Caristi** looking into having it at **Brickyard**• **Columbia Show – April 6;** meet up at **Total Wine** in **West Ashley** at **6:30 AM** 🇬🇧

Millie Horton, Secretary



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1963
Sunbeam Alpine GT



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SATURDAY OCT 19 2024

Palmetto Islands County Park, Mt Pleasant, SC • 11AM-3PM
FREE to the Public with Park Entrance Fee

BCCC Midland Park Primary School Visit

by Dave Rosato

We had a great time this morning at **Midland Park Primary School**. The following attended:

- **Gordon Hill** with his **Red Lotus Esprit**
- **Al Weston** with his **Jaguar Racing Green MGA**
- **Dave Rosato** with his **Red MGA**
- **Frank Wissman** with his **Yellow Dino**, and
- **Tony Giraldo** with his **White with Blue Stripe MGB**.



Thanks to **Kathryn Wermuth**, the rest of the teachers and the principal. Thanks to **Michael Siegmund** for setting it up, but couldn't make it. The pop-up headlights on the **Lotus** were a big hit. 🇬🇧 **Dave**



BCCC Midland Park Primary School Visit (continued)



CHARLESTON ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

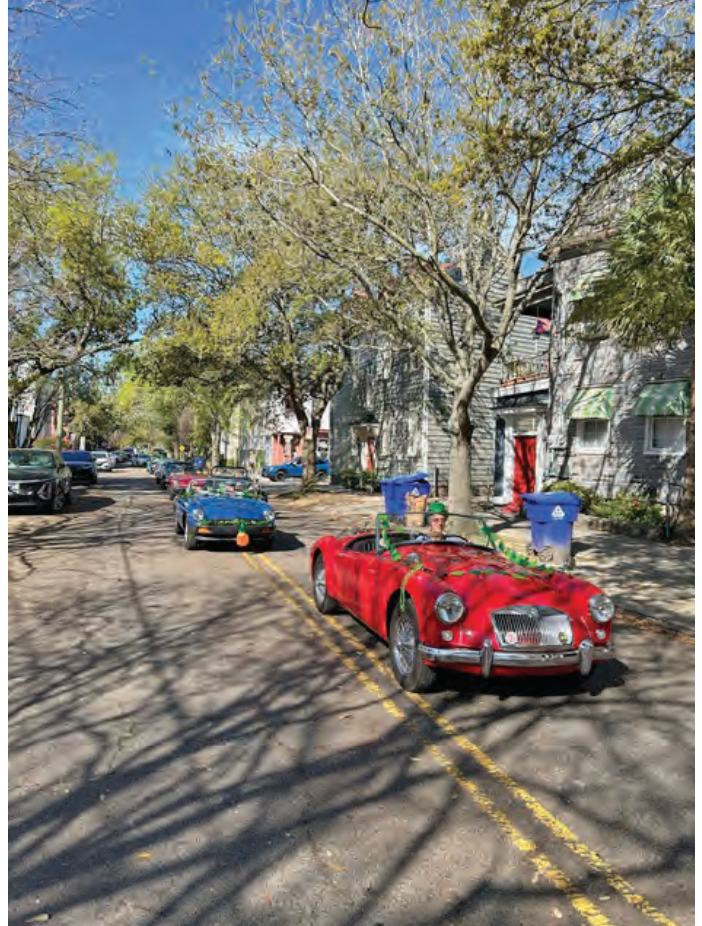
by Mike Caristi

Near perfect weather made the **Annual Charleston St. Patrick's Day Parade** a grand success! The **BCCC** had an exuberant showing of 11 cars strutting their stuff to the throngs of crowds that lined along the

parade route. We certainly had the luck of the Irish with us as our vehicles pranced without complaint or incident. Thanks to all who participated with their cars and those that viewed from the crowd. 🇬🇧 **Mike**



CHARLESTON ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE (continued)



UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS

APRIL 6

9am - 2pm **Carolina British Classics XVI.**

APRIL 13

10am - 2pm **BCCC Monthly Meeting at Rutledge Cab Company.**

APRIL 18 - 21

58th Southern Gathering of the Faithful for MGs in Crystal River, FL

JUNE 5 - 9

The 5-day roadtrip to **Helen, Georgia** to visit their **Alpine-type village** is already fully booked. There is a waiting list if you would like to get on it.

OCTOBER 19

11am - 3pm **BCCC 39th Annual British Car Day at Palmetto Islands County Park in Mt Pleasant.**

The Spotlight Marque is Sunbeam, with a special celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Sunbeam Tiger.



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1963 Sunbeam Alpine GT

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ALE & OCTANE

Sunday, March 24, 2024

A great day for **Ale & Octane**, cool and clear, but we need more **British cars** at these events. Here are a few – I'm sure I missed some, too. There was a **Triumph Spitfire Mk IV** off in the back lot – it looks like it just got running and has a lot of work ahead of



it. It has a **Mazda Rotary** in it, a small fuel cell in the trunk and 3 plastic gas cans roped alongside. I can only imagine it will be a track car and hope to see it again next month. 🇬🇧 **Frank Wissman**



BCD posters are already showing up on windshields!



ALE & OCTANE
(continued)



There was a nice Aston-Martin V12 Vantage S next to us, wish the owner popped by.



**Please Renew Your BCCC
Membership for 2024**

if you haven't already

New members after Sept. 1, 2023 are
extended until the end of 2024

COVER CAR STORY1967 Morgan Plus 4 Four Seat Tourer
by Ken and Pat Kreuzer

Our Morgan was dispatched from the Pickersleigh Road factory on January 28, 1967. It was ordered by a customer who specified the unusual Kingfisher Blue color but he apparently never picked up the car. A doctor from northern California saw the car in the showroom of a London dealer and bought it and had it shipped to the states. Because the car was never meant for the American market, it has right hand steering and only a four digit serial number – 6417. According to the Morgan factory, the car was originally ordered with the following options: wire wheels, heater, rear bumper, luggage rack and tonneau cover. Like all Plus 4s, it had a Triumph TR4 engine.

The car lived in California with the original owner



until his passing and was purchased by a dealer and moved to Connecticut in early 2006. We purchased the car in March, shipped it to our home in Boston with 41,520 miles on the odometer and started a reconditioning program to make it reliable once more. This process included a new tonneau cover and fitting a new old stock hood which had never been mounted to the car. New Halogen headlamps and LED taillights were added to make our little car more visible. New tires and seatbelts to be safer.

As you can imagine, registering a car these days



COVER CAR STORY *(continued)*

1967 Morgan Plus 4 Four Seat Tourer



without a VIN number can be an issue. We've had difficulties with both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of South Carolina. In SC, we were at the counter for an hour while they tried to figure out how to enter the car info. After that, we had to wait some more while they faxed the paperwork to the State Police in Columbia to run a manual check on the stolen car database even though we had a Massachusetts title in hand. A few weeks later, after the SC title arrived, I decided to get the same vanity plate we had in Massachusetts. Same deal at the SC DMV – a long wait at the counter, and they still had to fax the paperwork to Columbia. Even with the new SC title!

A few years later, the registration renewal doesn't come in the mail. We talked to the county who sent the info to the DMV – so, another trip and long wait at the counter. This time no one could figure out what happened, so copies of everything had to be sent to headquarters. It turns out they thought our car was a trailer. In SC, if you register a trailer with-



out a serial number they generate one for you. Well, they managed to give someone's trailer the same serial number as our car! It took a few weeks for their computer experts to figure that one out.

Starting March 2008, the car spent a month being repainted in the original color of Kingfisher Blue. Areas in the spare tire well were hidden from the sun so enabled the painter to match the original. A repaint was needed even though we wanted to keep the car as original as possible because the previous owner polished it through the original paint, and in some areas even the primer, over the years. I guess he doesn't like painting louvers because that will be the first and last Morgan he ever does. On a trip to Australia, we bought sheepskins for the seats. The company owner was disappointed we didn't have the Morgan there to show him.

The car has been used in photography classes and by brides to arrive in at a couple of weddings. Being a four seater, we've taken many for their first ride in a little British car. At car shows, it may not be

COVER CAR STORY *(continued)*

1967 Morgan Plus 4 Four Seat Tourer



the fanciest, but it is the most loved.

During our ownership in Boston, we've driven the Morgan through all the New England states and upstate New York. Since we moved to Summerville in May of 2014 the car has seen the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida. We've put more than 20,000 miles on the car so far during our ownership. We didn't

realize it when we bought the Morgan, but one of the best experiences was all the great people we've met thru the years as members of Morgan 3/4 Group, the Morgan Owners Group South, and especially The British Car Club of Charleston, many of which have become lifelong friends. 🇬🇧

Ken and Pat Kreuzer



007 JAMES BOND GALA AND AUCTION FOR THE BOON PROJECT

Friday, March 15, 2024

One of the great things about our hobby and the enthusiastic owners of British iron is they are incredibly generous with their cars. Recently I received a request for help in finding some 007 James Bond cars for display at the yearly benefit for the Boon Project. This year's theme was 007 James Bond. – **Irene Breland**

"A bit about Boon: The Boon Project is a non-profit founded in Summerville in 2017 and currently serves about 166 young adult patients and survivors from around the Lowcountry with free year-round support services and financial assistance grants. Our monthly events and gatherings for those diagnosed between 18-40(ish) are held all over the greater Charleston area. Our Annual Boon Gala and Auction has mainly taken place downtown (or close to it) as it is centrally located for guests, members of the area medical community, and local media to attend. Our Boon Gala and Auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year and normally has about 150-200 guests. 20-25 of the attendees are area current young adult cancer patients or survivors, they attend for free."

This wonderful group and their mission touched my heart, for many reasons, and I reached out to several of you for help. Among those I want to thank are Scott Bluestein who had a date conflict with bringing his 007 Aston Martin but did some research



2024 Boon Project scholarship winner was Elizabeth Glander, Clemson University.

on cars used for the different movies that could work. He thought an email blast to BCCC members might get some cars that would fit the event. Dave Rosato agreed we could get members to help, so he sent my request out to you. In true BCCC and Lowcountry fashion several were able to offer cars to Joelle Card-



007 JAMES BOND GALA AND AUCTION FOR THE BOON PROJECT (continued)

well for the event.

Those of you that offered to help and those who brought out their cars made this event special for all that attended. Joelle's thank you is below.

"Thank you so much for all your assistance with getting some James Bond/ 007 cars to our annual fundraising gala.

Four cars were able to join us on Friday evening:

1. 2016 Aston Martin V8 Vantage from Peter Wild
2. 1984 Lotus Esprit from Gordon Hill



Guests with Gordon Hill's 1984 Lotus Esprit.



Guests with Dr. Robert Brooks' 1988 Rolls Royce.

3. 1988 Rolls Royce and 2012 Range Rover from Dr. Robert Brooks

"Peter, Gordon, and Bob were all so great and welcoming to all our guests. Their cars plus their personalities added to the overall experience and made our 007-themed gala unique for our guests and the young adult cancer survivors in attendance.

"I received many compliments on how cool it was to have the cars and owners there. Our auctioneers said they hadn't seen that before and loved it!



Guest with Dr. Robert Brooks' 1988 Rolls Royce.



Guest with Peter Wild's 2016 Aston Martin V8 Vantage.

007 JAMES BOND GALA AND AUCTION FOR THE BOON PROJECT (continued)

"Peter and Bob stayed for the evening and enjoyed our event. They said they were very touched to hear the survivors' stories and experiences. They also told me how grateful they were to have played a part in our evening. Peter and Gordon donated ride-along in their cars to our auction. Their donations raised \$600!

"Thank you again for asking around and for sending an email to all the British Car Club of Charleston members. Quite a few of them reached out but couldn't attend due to previous plans or commitments. I think the four cars looked great at the event venue though, and I hope we can collaborate on something again soon."

Our BCCC is filled with diverse cars and members who make it special for all of us who love British cars. Sharing them with the community in special ways is a blessing. Thanks, and see more about this organization at www.boonproject.org. 🇬🇧

Irene Breland



Dr. Robert Brooks' 2012 Range Rover.

www.britishcarclubcharleston.com



Dr. Robert Brooks arrived as Bond Supervillain Ernst Blofeld in his 1988 Rolls Royce.



Guest enjoying Gordon Hill's 1984 Lotus Esprit.

MOUNT PLEASANT FLY-IN / SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2024

by Mike Caristi

Hheavy fog and dubious weather patterns may have grounded planes for the **Mount Pleasant Fly-In** on **Sunday, March 3rd**, but for our LBCs this was like being back home. The **BCCC** had a very nice showing of 7 cars

and, of course, were showcased in their place of honor at the entrance to the hanger where the breakfast was served. Our sincere thanks to our hosts, the **Mount Pleasant Civil Air Patrol** and **Mr. Pat Waters**. 🇬🇧 **Mike**



MOUNT PLEASANT FLY-IN / SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2024 (continued)



MOUNT PLEASANT FLY-IN / SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2024 (continued)



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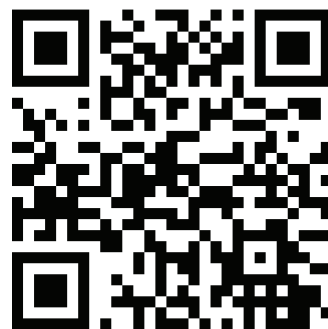
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LBC TECH by Frank Wissman

Al Morgan's 1978 Midget Part III

As always, there was a surprise. In this case, as soon as we started to install the crank, the bolts on the middle bearing cap felt wrong. A quick look showed that the middle bearing cap was broken, so we sourced a set of caps and cleaned the middle one up and sent everything back to **Simmons Balancing** to be line bored. In **Figure 1** below you can see how rusty the caps were and how well **Eva-po-Rust** cleaned up the one we needed.

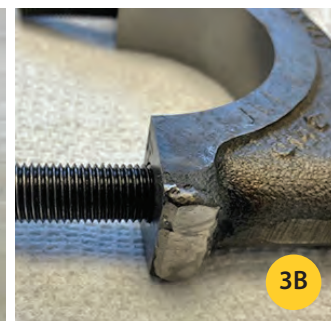


While waiting for the block, I checked all of the piston ring gaps, only one was too small by about .002", so I filed it to size and de-burred it, then I loaded all the pistons with their rings, waiting to be installed (see **Figure 2**).

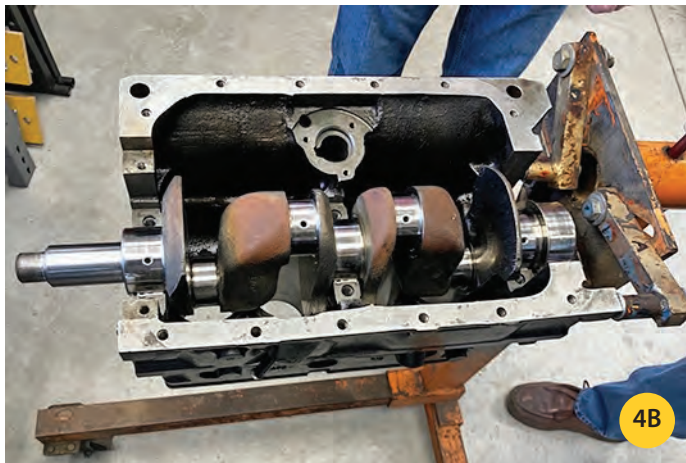
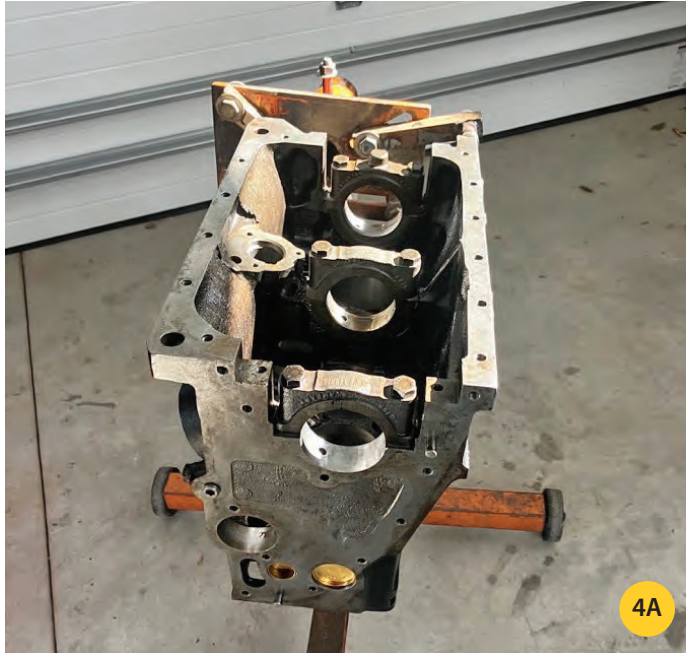
The replacement cap had a lateral offset, so it was welded up and machined on one face and machined on the other – then line bored to perfection (see **Figures 3A and 3B**).

Finally, it was time to have a tech session to install the rotating assembly! (see **Figure 4A and 4B**)

First, we checked all of the main bearing clearances and happily – we are good to go. OK, I'm



leaving out that the back bearing didn't squeeze the **Plasti-Gage** at all. Because I installed only 5 of the 6 bearing shells...the usual mirth followed – sigh. OK, when all the parts are installed, we're fine. The bearings are well lubricated with **Childs & Alberts Assembly Lube** (now **Childs & Akerly**), and the crankshaft spins freely when all caps are fully torqued (see **Figure 5**). We flip the engine over and start installing the pistons. I did the first two and **Al** did the last two – couldn't be easier since I've adopted **Andy Beale's**

LBC TECH by Frank Wissman**Al Morgan's 1978 Midget Part III**
(continued)

method of tapping around the edge of the piston rather than trying to drive it in with a sharp blow to the center of the piston (**see Figure 5**).

The next session had **Al**, **Gene**, and **Frank** – a great size group since we are all around the same engine, ☺. The day before **Al** and I installed the front plate which necessitated popping off the cam chain and gears. No problem, we got that buttoned up and decided to install the timing chain cover, too. The first task is to install the head, I had cleaned and

chased the threads of all the studs, so we placed the gasket on the block and **Al** and **Gene** lower the head on (**see Figure 6**).

We torqued the head studs in two steps and presented the rocker arm assembly. While tightening the nuts, one of them stripped well before the torque setting, so we put this part of the build on hold. I find that the stud had stripped, so we order a stud and all new nuts. Next is the rear seal and oil pan. The rear seal is in an aluminum carrier

LBC TECH by Frank Wissman**Al Morgan's 1978 Midget Part III***(continued)*

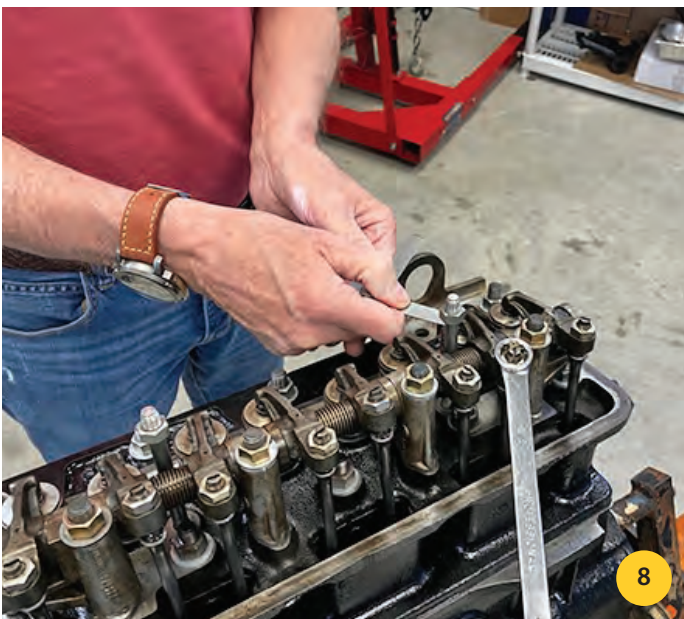
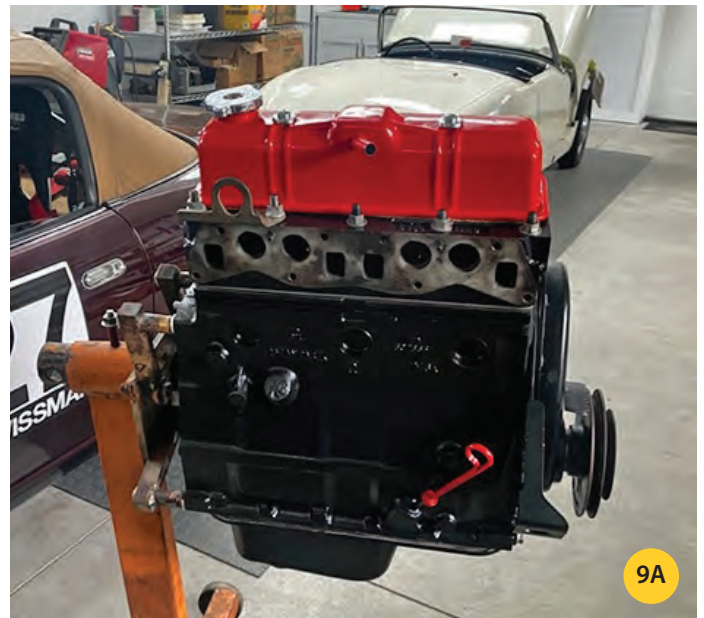
that bolts up to the back, which is where the engine stand attaches – luckily, we had plenty of room using a ¼" drive swivel head ratchet (see **Figure 7**).

Then using some sealant on the 4 discontinuities in the sealing surface plus the pan gasket, we attached the oil pan. It's always a good feeling to

cover up the top and bottom of the block!

Later, the new rocker assembly stud and a few miscellaneous parts come in. **Al** and I finish up the rocker arms and set the valve clearances (see **Figure 8**).

The oil pressure relief assembly, oil filter mounting bracket, and fuel pump bypass plate are added, (see **Figures 9A and 9B**) and I'm still trying to figure what fasteners go where on the front – but we've made progress! 🇬🇧



LBC TECH by Frank Wissman**Idea of March Tech Session**

We had one specific and one broad task – change the felt spacer in the steering column of **Gary Brown's MGA** and keep plugging away on **Logan Black's MGB**.

I dove in on **Gary's** steering column, and **Dave & Co.** did more work on the exhaust, including modify the hangers. On an MGA, the steering column has a pad of ~1/8" felt wrapped around it and this is located in a long metal tube. Over time the felt compresses and some play is felt in the steering wheel. The instructions say to remove the steering wheel and pull out the old felt, then simply grease up the new felt and push it in. I just can't see how that is done, the felt just bunches up.



So, I decide to remove the steering column by undoing the universal joint in the engine bay – voila – the steering column pulls right out and it's almost easy to grease up the felt, wrap it around the steering

column and push it in the tube. What isn't as easy is getting the splined shaft lined up in the engine bay so the hole in the universal joint that has a cross bolt in it is also lined up. A few minutes of fiddling and we are done.



We make a quick guess on how the steering wheel lines up with the wheels and **Gary** takes it out for a check drive. The steering wheel and the wheels don't quite match yet, and **Gary** refits the wheel until it is spot on! **Frank Neill** figures out how the horn button attaches, and we wrap up on **Gary's MGA**.

I join the gang on **Logan's B** and we start on the radiator fan switch. We have done a few of them by now, it lets the driver turn on the fan before the ther-



LBC TECH by Frank Wissman**Idea of March Tech Session** *(continued)*

mostatic switch kicks in, say you're in a parade and you want to be sure you don't overheat – turn the fan on before it's actually needed, and you're set. **Logan** picked spot for the switch under the dashboard, wires were run, the switch is installed, and we're stumped again.

It turns out the relay that was previously installed was bad and **Dave** just happened to have a spare relay. We squint a bit reading the markings on it and got everything hooked up and running. **Dave** joins **Logan** for the test drive, it's nice to see it rolling again!

Follow-up - there was a tech session the next Sunday and **Logan** was able to drive the car home. 🇬🇧

**Record-breaking MG Q-Type
Driven by Doreen Evans**

MG only made eight examples of the **Q-Type**, but this particular **Q-Type** owns a piece of history. With it, a **17-year-old Doreen Evans** won the **Second Haw Handicap** in **1935** at a record-breaking **101.7 mph**.

The history of this **Q-Type** is fairly well documented, passing through the hands of several racers over the years. It competed at the famed **Brooklands** over the years, as well. Find this **1934 MG Q-Type Monoposto** up for auction at [Bonhams](https://www.bonhams.com), with an estimated value of **\$180,000-\$230,000**.



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LBC TECH by Mark Mohan

New BCCC Member Tech Session

For those of you who were at the February BCCC meeting, you witnessed my greeting to the club. As frustrating as it was to have my **TR4** get hit in the parking lot, it was a great way to be forced to jump headfirst into the welcoming **BCCC family**. After about a day of shock, frustration, and irritation, these emotions faded and were replaced with relief, excitement, and anticipation. This change occurred when I remembered why I got the **TR4** - to learn about classic cars, to teach my kids about cars, and to have fun driving. With this realization, I was excited to talk with **Dave** and figure out when I could bring my **TR4** over for a tech session.

In the days leading up to the tech session at **Dave's garage**, my anticipation grew as I would soon get to begin on my new adventure. And then I got to experience another under-appreciated part of owning an LBC - driving 25 miles with the top down in sub 40°F weather. But it was worth it.

Just before hypothermia kicked in, I rolled into **Dave's garage** and was welcomed by **Dave** and fellow members **Frank Neill, Tom Meservey, and Parish Chapman**. As I thawed and got my bearings of the garage, the other guys were already lining up my **TR4** to the lift and commenting on how smoothly the car rolled. As the car was lifted and the inspection began, the fun continued on and on. The wheels came off and other members joined in on the session, **Don Durham** arrived as well as **Dan Mengedoht** with his two sons, **Teddy** and **Hank**. As **Dave** rolled around under the **TR4** looking at this and that, poking and prodding, he eventually stopped and looked questioningly at



something attached to the frame. Once I saw it, the purpose clicked in my head, I opened the boot and pulled out the original car jack - **Dave** had found the **original TR4 jacking point** which is accessed from a hole in the floor pan by either front seat. His excitement about this revelation was another indication to me that I made the right choice in joining the club.

The inspection was a quick one, but we greased all the joints and made sure the brakes were safe - apparently the rear drums weren't doing anything; now they are. **Dave** and I discussed repairs to the damaged front end and potential causes for the larger than normal oil leak prior to my departure. With a path forward decided on the damage and some homework to do on the oil leak I rolled out of my **first BCCC tech session**. 🇬🇧

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Delores Carter	3	Tyler Neill	13	Leonard Way	22
Charles Dickinson	5	Ryan Herbst	14	Bill Dutour	23
Gary Ling	7	Bonte Merrill	15	Janice Abbott	23
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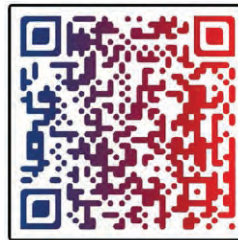
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APRIL 2024

See the BCCC Events Calendar at <https://www.britishcarclubcharleston.com/Events.html> for up-to-date events.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9am – 2pm <i>Carolina British Classics XVI</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 10am – 11:30am <i>BCCC Monthly Meeting at Rutledge Cab Company</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 9am – 11am <i>Sea Islands Cars and Coffee</i>
21 <i>Southern Gathering of the Faithful</i> <i>April 18–21</i> <i>Crystal River, FL</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

Have a suggestion for a place you'd like to visit?

Contact Mike Caristi at caristikm@bellsouth.net or Gene Carter at carter.genecarter@gmail.com

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