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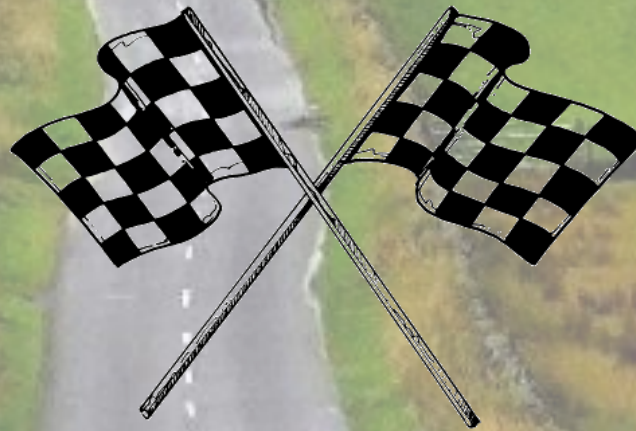


“A gentleman does not motor about after dark.”

Joseph Lucas

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REVVIN' UP FOR THE NEW YEAR!



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10 British Car New Year's Resolutions

By Kelly Turner

1. I will not pull a Basil Fawcley (Repeat to self as necessary).

Link: [Basil Attacks His Car | Fawcley Towers | BBC Comedy Greats - YouTube](#)

2. I will not ignore the mysterious new sound for the next 8 months.

3. Whenever I race the DB5, I will not eliminate the competition with other various weaponry.



4. Buy more clothing and paraphernalia that match and coordinate with the color of my car.

5. Only buy a classic car I am going to use — haha!

6. Maintain my car meticulously.

7. I will definitely take that dream road trip (or 5) this year.

8. Drive my LBC on every possible “good driving weather” day.

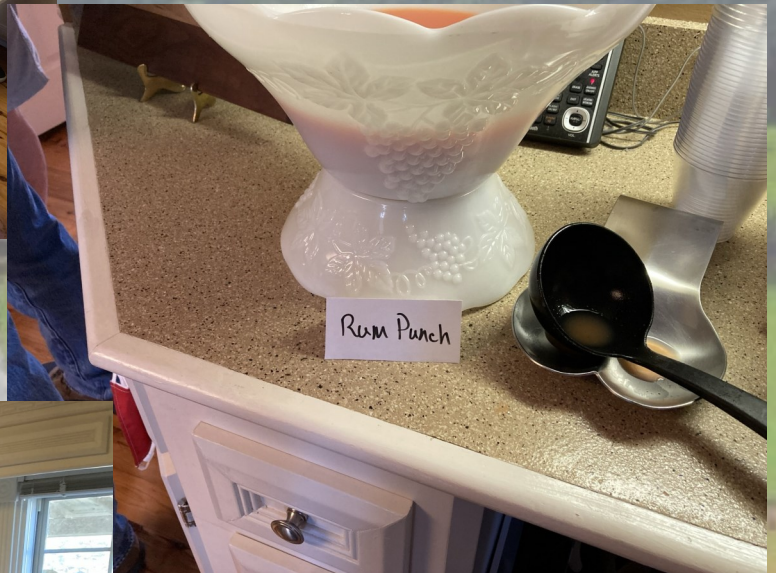
9. I will not start another car project until I finish the current one...and the other current one...and the other current one.

10. Spread the British car ~~obsession~~-love!

CHRISTMAS RECAP



Many thanks to the Duncans, who graciously hosted the annual Christmas party for the December 2021 get-together! As usual, lots of tasty food (and rum punch) was had and fellowship enjoyed.



BATTLE OF THE LITTLE BRITISH CARS



For those who have ever been curious about how a Mini Cooper would fare against a MG B in a drag race, consider your curiosity satiated! This playlist is a collection of videos on (mostly) British car comparisons: [British Car Comparison by Bernard Stiegler- YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJo2tJWJUM7DBzFJF33zbqqS-BocvOiMj) (www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJo2tJWJUM7DBzFJF33zbqqS-BocvOiMj) Click the link (or copy and paste) to view the entire playlist, which is 33 videos. Other comparisons in the playlist include the MG A vs the Triumph Spitfire, Morris Minor vs. Triumph Herald, and the Jag E-Type vs. Austin Healey. Thanks to Mike Glore for sending it in.



CHANGING THE OIL

Sent in by Penny Schooler

Oil Change instructions for Women:

- 1) Pull up to Jiffy Lube when the mileage reaches 3,000 miles since the last oil change.
- 2) Drink a cup of coffee.
- 3) 15 minutes later, write a check and leave, driving a properly maintained vehicle.

Money spent:

Oil Change:

\$30.00

Coffee: \$1.00

Total: \$31.00

Oil Change instructions for Men :

- 1) Wait until Saturday, drive to auto parts store and buy a case of oil, filter, kitty litter, hand cleaner and a scented tree, use your debit card for \$50.00.
- 2) Stop by 7/11 and buy a case of beer, (debit \$20), drive home.
- 3) Open a beer and drink it..
- 4) Jack car up. Spend 30 minutes looking for jack stands.
- 5) Find jack stands under kid's pedal car.
- 6) In frustration, open another beer and drink it.
- 7) Place drain pan under engine.
- 8) Look for 9/16 box end wrench.
- 9) Give up and use crescent wrench.
- 10) Unscrew drain plug.
- 11) Drop drain plug in pan of hot oil: splash hot oil on you in process. Cuss.
- 12) Crawl out from under car to wipe hot oil off of face and arms. Throw kitty litter on spilled oil.
- 13) Have another beer while watching oil drain.
- 14) Spend 30 minutes looking for oil filter wrench.
- 15) Give up; crawl under car and hammer a screwdriver through oil filter and twist off.
- 16) Crawl out from under car with dripping oil filter splashing oil everywhere from holes. Cleverly hide old oil filter among trash in trash can to avoid environmental penalties. Drink a beer.
- 17) Install new oil filter making sure to apply a thin coat of oil to gasket surface.
- 18) Dump first quart of fresh oil into engine.
- 19) Remember drain plug from step 11.
- 20) Hurry to find drain plug in drain pan.
- 21) Drink beer.

22) Discover that first quart of fresh oil is now on the floor. Throw kitty litter on oil spill.

23) Get drain plug back in with only a minor spill. Drink beer.

24) Crawl under car getting kitty litter into eyes. Wipe eyes with oily rag used to clean drain plug. Slip with stupid crescent wrench tightening drain plug and bang knuckles on frame removing any excess skin between knuckles and frame.

25) Begin cussing fit.

26) Throw stupid crescent wrench.

27) Cuss for additional 5 minutes because wrench hit bowling trophy...

28) Beer.

29) Clean up hands and bandage as required to stop blood flow.

30) Beer.

31) Dump in five fresh quarts of oil.

32) Beer.

33) Lower car from jack stands.

34) Move car back to apply more kitty litter to fresh oil spilled during any missed steps.

35) Beer.

36) Test drive car.

37) Get pulled over: arrested for driving under the influence.

38) Car gets impounded.

39) Call loving wife, make bail.

40) 12 hours later, get car from impound yard.

Money spent:

Parts: \$50.00

DUI: \$2500.00

Impound fee: \$75.00

Bail: \$1500.00

Beer: \$20..00

Total: \$4,145.00

But you know the job was done right!



FROM THE PASSENGER SEAT

Kelly Turner

“All nights are sacred nights to make
Confession and resolve and prayer;
All days are sacred days to wake
New gladness in the sunny air.
Only a night from old to new;
Only a sleep from night to morn.
The new is but the old come true;
Each sunrise sees a new year born.”

— Excerpt from H.H. Jackson’s
“New Year’s Morning”

Although my day-to-day life usually does not spontaneously transform in the wee hours between December 31st and January 1st of every year (maybe yours does), I still rather enjoy the big “Hurrah!” (and obligatory glass of bubbly) that comes with celebrating the new year and that feeling of fresh starts, however false it may prove to be a few months down the road — I’m looking at you, perpetual weight-loss goal. Occasionally, I make a list of specific New Year’s resolutions, but I always have one in particular that stays pinned to my mental bulletin board all year, every year — try something new! Well, being the editor of *The Off-side Undo*, starting this month, certainly satisfies the itch and the resolution, at least for a little while. I’m delighted to take on the role and will hopefully do a satisfactory job!

Switching gears to something a little tastier — another thing I savor during New Year’s is my grandmother’s tradition of serving chocolate eclairs on New Year’s Eve when our family happens to be all together. On the next page is an éclair recipe if you’re feeling adventurous, but if you’re not, the Delizza Belgian eclairs in the frozen dessert section at Kroger work just as well. By the time this newsletter goes out for January, it will obviously be too late to have eclairs on New Year’s Eve or Day. However, I think anytime is a good time for new resolutions and chocolate eclairs.



CLASSIC ECLAIRS

From Saveur.com

What You Will Need

Mixing Bowl
4 Quart Saucepan
Wooden Spoon
Hand Mixer
Piping Bag

For the Pastry

1/2 cup milk
8 tbsp. salted butter, cubed
1/2 tsp. kosher salt
1 cup all-purpose flour
4 eggs, at room temperature

Yield: makes 14 eclairs

Time: 2 hours

For the Filling and Icing

1 batch pastry cream
2 cups confectioners' sugar
2 tbsp. cocoa powder
1/2 tsp. unsalted butter
1/4 tsp. vanilla extract

Instructions

Make the pastry: Heat the oven to 425°. Bring milk, butter, salt, and 1/2 cup water to a boil in a 4-qt. saucepan over high heat. Add flour; stir until a dough forms. Reduce the heat to medium and cook stirring the dough constantly with a wooden spoon, until slightly dried, about 2 minutes. Transfer the dough to a bowl and, using a hand mixer, beat in the eggs, one at a time until smooth.

Using a piping bag, pipe 4-inch lines of dough onto parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Place the tray in the oven and reduce the temperature to 375°. Bake until golden brown, about 30 minutes, and cool.

To assemble the eclairs: Make a wide incision in the side of each pastry. Place pastry cream into a piping bag and fill each pastry with cream. Spread icing over the top of each. Let sit for about 5-10 minutes, until the icing hardens, before serving.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date

January 15, 2022 is the date, Berry's Seafood is the place. We will be meeting at Berry's Seafood at 11:30 am for our annual Business Meeting and Awards Banquet. Berry's is located at 2942 US 49 in Florence, MS.

We will be discussing future events for 2022. Your input is welcome. There are a few open dates for meeting places and we are always looking for someone to lead a drive along the roads less taken to some out-of-the-way place for lunch.

In addition, there will be awards. Any award can be given to anyone for anything. Of course, there are the perpetual awards. For those who have a perpetual award, we will see who gets them next. At the climax of the awards will be the Eager Beaver.

So make plans to join us for a good time of conversation, good food, and some fun. Hope to see you all there!

New Members in December: Raymond Tope. Raymond owns a 1978 Triumph Spitfire. Welcome to the EMC!



If you'd like to share something in the newsletter, please send contributions to msemceditor@gmail.com! 😊

UPCOMING EVENTS

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CAR SHOW

TECH SESSIONS

FUNKHANA

VALVE COVER RACING

MODEL COMPETITION

PHOTO CONTEST



THE NEXT GENERATION

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LIFT LOCK TOURS

LOCAL RALLY

SELF-DIRECTED DRIVES

PARKING LOT PARTY

SPECIAL GUEST

SPEAKER

During the summer of 1992, hundreds of MGs converged on scenic Peterborough, in the Kawartha Lakes region of Ontario, for the inaugural convention of the North American MGB Register. Thirty years later, we are going back to where it all began. Come join us June 19th to 23rd to honour our history and celebrate the future. We will have a slew of activities for enthusiasts of all ages including a car show, tech sessions, lift lock tours, funkhana, local rally, self-directed drives, a parking lot party and an awards banquet with a very special guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you in Peterborough at THE MG event of 2022!

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