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April 15, 2023

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RUMBLINGS

on the road again...

President's Report...

Greetings from sunny (and a very wam 90*) Arizona!

Not to rub it in... but hope you are all thawing out from that very freaky snow storm, as we are enjoying sunshine and pool time!

Steve and I flew out from Madison Saturday afternoon ahead of the storm. However, we we did have a 'bumpy' flight experience as our flight maneuvered through the incoming storms. Lucky for Steve, I was quite calm since I am quite used to a bumpy/rough ride and so I just imagined I was in the passenger seat

of our MGB!!! In typical Steve Lea style, he said it wasn't *that* bad --but then again, he says the same thing as I have almost bounced out the car when we've hit a 2' deep pothole!!!

For those of you that were able to join our last MBCG Meeting... I'm sure you'll agree with these three words... Wow, Wow and WOW! Attendees were able to relive some of Gene Davis and Ron Dennis' glory days of being involved in building, (Gene Davis) and driving, (Ron Dennis) with the Oseclot Race Car Team. What an exciting adventure these two men shared.

Hats off to these two fine men who shared their experiences with us! Gene and Ron --a BIG THANK YOU for your time, talents, stories, photos and the fun times you shared together. We as a group learned so much and are very grateful that together, you shared your memories of those exciting times with all of us!

Since I took quite a few images and some videos from Gene & Ron's presentation I had to put them in a Google Photo Album.

To view this album please click on the link below. Be sure to click on each photo to enlarge the image and if you see a 'triangle' in the top right hand corner of an image, click on it to view/enlarge the video...

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/JHoaJZrnaNbzRJQj9>

Coronation Event... Please email me if you would be able to organize the Coronation meet up. Steve and I will not be back until 26th and we will be kept 'busy-busy' while here, since our two sons, wives, a toddler and a 6 month old will be arriving tomorrow :))

Guest Column

Chris Beebe has once again shared with us another fantastic article involving a motorcycle, some hi-tech engineers and the wisdom of a wise old farmer. This story stay will stay with you and keep you thinking about his advice for days.

Next month's featured Guest Speaker

Ron Dennis who will be covering his exciting racing career --see more information below.

Looking forward to seeing you at next month's MBCG meeting!

-Debbie



Next MBCG Meeting...

Where: Breakwater Restaurant
6308 Inland Way
Monona
When: Wednesday, May 10th, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

**If you plan on enjoying dinner, you
may want to arrive early ☺

Hope to see you there!

MBCG Guest Speaker Schedule

Invite a British car enthusiast guest!

May 10th

Ron Dennis

Ron Dennis will cover his racing career (21 tracks, 9 cars, 5 classes) from beginnings in go-karts to a national championship in sports racing cars and beyond.

He will concentrate on a variety of experiences and people met along the way.



Upcoming Events...

Shirley Smith was contacted by the MG3 club in Milwaukee

They have invited us to some of their events...

Saturday, May 6th:

9:30-12:30

Meet at McDonald's, 191 W. Layton Ave., Milwaukee at 9:30, leaving at 9:45.

Pit stop at McDonald's, 606 Falls Rd., Grafton for 15 minutes around 11:00.

Destination is Wayne's Drive-In, (5 corners) Cedarburg around 12:30

A parade-style drive starting in Milwaukee, along the lakefront toward Ozaukee Co. and pit stop in Grafton. The 2nd leg is onto the rustic county roads of Ozaukee and Washington Co., pulling into Wayne's Drive-In about lunchtime for the 3rd impromptu car show of the day! Dining and restrooms open at all venues. (Wayne's Drive-In has only one restroom but there is a Kwik Trip across the road.)

Rain Date is May 13th.

Tom and I are planning on going to all of these events.

I know the MG3 club would like to know **as soon as possible about the Dinner Show as they will have to probably make reservations.**

Let me know as time is running out.

Saturday, May 20th:

Dennis & Crystal Klemm's Country House
2702 S. Wyatt Rd

Orfordville, WI

Details forthcoming :)

Saturday, June 10th:

10:30- 3:00

Fireside dinner Theater, 1131 Janesville Ave., Fort Atkinson
British Music Show with a tribute to legends Freddie Mercury,
Adele, Rod Stewart, Elton John, and Dusty Springfield. Lunch
and show.

Cost is \$95.95 per person.

Sunday, June 18th:

10:00-2:00

British Field Days at Sussex on Father's day.

Registration information is in this document: [023BCFD_V2](#)



April Birthdays

Dennis Klemm 04/06

Keith Baumgartner 04/09

Steve Robison 04/27

May Birthdays

Apologies to upcoming May
birthdays --Debbie left the May
birthday list in Wisconsin :(

Happy Birthday!!!

Meeting Minutes from April 12th, 2023

The meeting was brought to order at 6:30pm by **President Debbie Lea**. The meeting was again held at the new location, Breakwater 6308 Inland Way, Monona.

There were about thirty five people in attendance, and the majority of attendees ate and drank their dinner in this fine establishment.

Vice Presidents Report:

Dave Griffith reported that the event "Cars on State" is finally back again this year. It will be on the morning of June 3rd. When mailing in your application make sure you send it to the correct UW bookstore, the one at 711 State St. Dave personally knows the sponsors of the event, and he will try to get us assigned into the closest block to the Capitol, looking East up State Street. Block 200! There will be further instructions so that we can arrive at the same time and slide into the block together. **Please put Madison British Car Group somewhere at the bottom of the form, so the administrators are alerted and can allocate space.**

Mr. Griffith also distributed the newly printed name club tags. There are a few name tags for the newer members that have not been picked up yet. Replacement tags are available for \$8.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Nordby reported that the balance of funds stood at about \$1,500. The growth was a direct response to the request for dues.

The Secretarie's Report:

Will Daehler motioned that the minutes of the March meeting be accepted. The report is now being added to what Deb creates as a monthly newsletter. Certainly we are stepping forward as a club. GPS, Wi-Fi, Artificial Intelligence and even colored pictures are on the horizon!

Old Business and Some New Business:

Club hat distribution is happening! I picked up two! They are \$15 apiece. They are beautiful. Deb and husband Steve were handing them out and collecting the money.

Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Dennis Klemm, Keith Baumgartner and Steve Tobison, who have birthdays in April.

The Monthly Speaker Schedule:

This month the scheduled speaker was Gene Davis, as narrated by Ron Dennis. In May Ron Dennis will be the featured speaker.

Please put the invitation from Crystal and Dennis Klemm on your calendar. This year the picnic will be 1:00 pm on **May 20th**.

The address is:
2702 S. Wyatt Rd
Orfordville, WI

RSVP please to denklemm@aol.com or 608-751-0890.
Please bring a dish to pass. Crystal said to not fret if you forgot to RSVP, please come anyway.

They have an amazing collection of pre and post war MG's on-site. There is a big green house area where we can picnic under cover if necessary.

The Cambridge Winery tour. This event has been pushed back until the fall when the grapes are more in season. Julie and Keith Baumgartner will support the development of the plan.

The last formal monthly meeting of the spring will be Wednesday, May 10th. The club will not meet again as a united body until fall. During the summer hiatus we will meet on the fly at the various scheduled outings, for instance **Thursday Drives** with beer and food at the end.

Chris Beebe will be having another open house. Depending on which weekend the Citroen club picks, this event will be either August 12th or August 18th. Informally reviewed, and with a show of hands as a club had no heartburn with either date. So stay tuned!

We voted to informally raise our glasses to the King. The Coronation of King Charles III, which starts on May 6th and continues into Sunday, May 7th with The Big Lunch.

Sussex - British Cars Field Day:

It will be on Father's Day June 18th. Get your money in! Dave Griffith has offered to organize a rendezvous and lead the pack to

Sussex.

Featured Speakers...

How honored we are to have veterans of the real SCCA racing world --

Gene Davis and Ron Dennis!

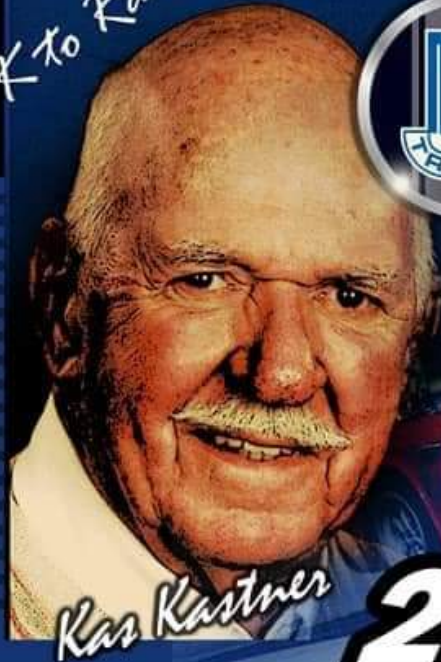
These men touched on the many highlights of not just racing Class D and E cars, and not just building race cars, but building an *entire team of race cars*. The Ocelot Racing Team.

Their adventures lasted for over 20 years. My notes from their presentations includes various racing phrases, names, dates, times,crashes,.....spin outs,engine types,engine styles,displacement,compression ratios,sheet metal forming,20,000 rivets,dyno stand,flow benches,.....their own cylinders, fully enclosed wheels.

I heard the phrase “**National Champion** “ a few times . These gentlemen were modest, and could stand by their amazing success. Great job!!

-Will Daehler

OK to Race!



Kas Kastner

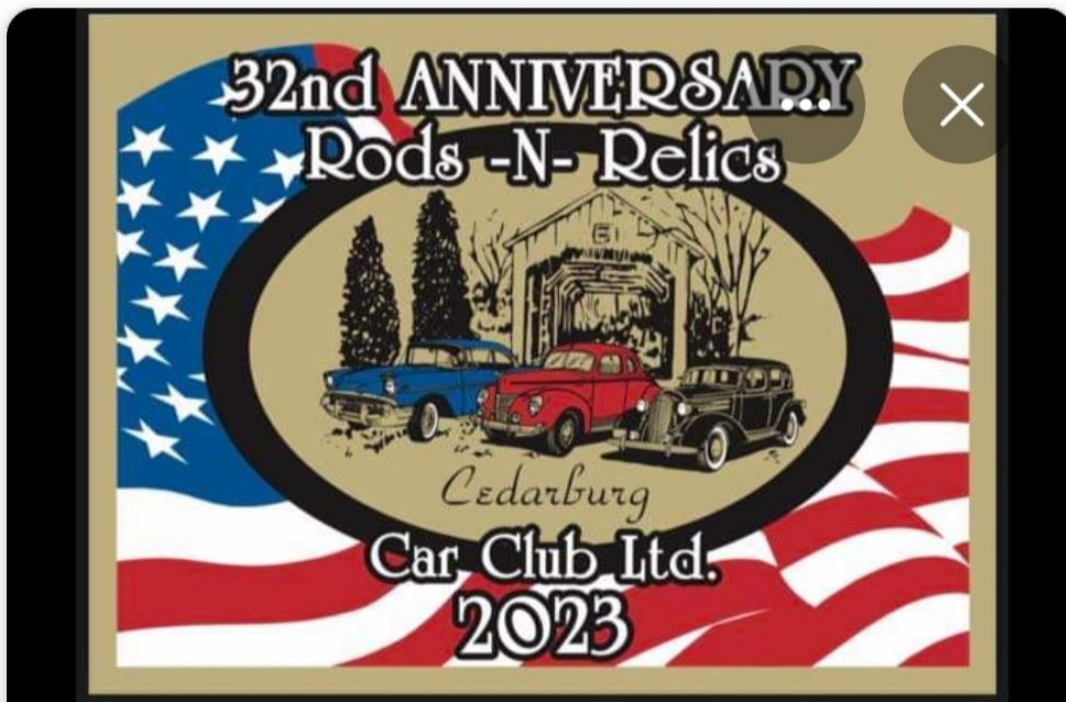
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KASTNER CUP



FOR TRIUMPH POWERED RACE CARS
Grand Marshal - Joe Alexander

21st Annual Kastner Cup
WeatherTech International Challenge
July 13th - 16th 2023 Road America




SAT, JUN 17 AT 9 AM
32nd Rod-n-Relics
Annual Car Show
Lime Kiln Park

Grooves
By

HairLip Dog

UPCOMING GIGS

March 25 SATURDAY	Sugar River Lanes BELLEVILLE, WI	8-11pm
April 21 FRIDAY	Main St. Music BROOKLYN, WI	8-11pm
June 11 SUNDAY	Attica Bar ATTICA, WI	3-6pm
June 24 SATURDAY	FEST HAUS - New Glarus Blues, Brews, & Food Truck Festival NEW GLARUS, WI	8-11pm
July 29 SATURDAY	Belleville Music Fest BELLEVILLE, WI	TBD
Aug 11 FRIDAY	Ye Olde Shilelagh MANITOWISH WATERS, WI	6-9pm
Aug 13 SUNDAY	Manitowish Waters Music in the Park MANITOWISH WATERS, WI	4-6pm

 @hairlipdogband



SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend

Friday, May 19, 2023 at
8:00 AM

WeatherTech International Challenge with Brian Redman

Thursday, July 13, 2023 at
9:00 AM

The 21st Annual Kastner Cup at Road America

Friday, July 14, 2023 at
6:00 AM



New Glarus
BLUES BREWS &
Food Truck
FESTIVAL

JUNE 24TH
2023



**STEPHEN HULL
EXPERIENCE**



**TOM HOLLAND & THE
SHUFFLE KINGS**



**RAY FULLER & THE
BLUESROCKERS**



**JOHN PRIMER & THE
REAL DEAL BLUES BAND**



THE JIMMYS PRE-
PARTY
FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD
AT TOFFLERS PUB &
GRILL

SAVE THE DATE

FEST HAUS
AFTER-PARTY
SATURDAY, WITH
HAIRLIP DOG



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River Club of Mequon
12400 N. Ville Du Parc Drive
Mequon, WI 53092

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2023 Feature Night Schedule

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| 5/02 Kick Off | 7/18 Mustang Night |
| 5/09 Truck Night | 7/25 Porsche Night |
| 5/16 Ford Night | 8/01 Exotic Night featuring Italian Cars |
| 5/23 Featuring - EVERYONE! | 8/08 British Night |
| 5/30 Corvette Night #1 | 8/15 BMW/Mini Night featuring Badger Bimmer |
| 6/06 German Night | 8/22 Hot Rods featuring Rods-N-Relics |
| 6/13 Swedish + Saab Club of North America | 8/29 Pop-Up headlights featuring Mazda Miata |
| 6/20 General Motors Night | 9/05 Muscle, Pony, & Track Car Night |
| 6/27 MOPAR + AMC Night | 9/12 "Orphan" Night |
| 7/04 HOLIDAY - NO SHOW | 9/19 Modern Muscle Night |
| 7/11 All-American Night | 9/26 Corvette Night #2 |
| | 10/03 Season Finale! |

Please Support Our Host and Sponsors!



CARS ON STATE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM DAVE GRIFFITH...

Today I received notice that cars on state is back this year.

This is an event that I have been the lead on in the past. I have been a friend of one of the organizers and have been able to arrange for the group to park together so that you can tour the event knowing that someone is around to watch your car while you are gone.

The event coincides with the farmers market, and cows on the concourse. All that being said it runs from 10am to 3pm and all parking is on state street.

If you are interested, be sure to indicate on your entry form that you are a member of our club.

Please let me know also that you have sent in an entry form so I have a head count so that I can work to get us parked together.

Dave Griffith's email: trgriff105@gmail.com

[SEE ENTRY FORM BELOW...](#)

Greater State Street Business Association

CARS ON STATE

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

(Accepting Classic Cars and Classic Trucks)

Saturday, June 3rd, 2023

State Street, Madison, WI

10 AM to 3 PM

REGISTRATION FORM

OWNER NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE, ZIP _____
PHONE _____ CELL _____
EMAIL _____
VEHICLE MANUFACTURER _____
VEHICLE MODEL _____
VEHICLE YEAR _____ ENGINE _____
DOES YOUR VEHICLE HAVE A UNIQUE STORY OR HISTORY? _____

\$25 Registration Fee for Cars & Trucks (Includes dash plate).

Checks or Money Orders should be made out to "GSSBA"
Visit carsonstate.com for all information.

First time applicants MUST include a photo of vehicle. If your vehicle has been in the show previously we only need a completed registration form submitted to us with payment. Cars and trucks must be a minimum of 20 years old. Registration forms submitted without payment cannot be accepted. All applications must be received by Saturday, May 13th, 2023

Return application to: Cars on State C/O The University Book Store 711 State St Madison WI 53711

Contact: Cas Salas (608) 347-4035 or cassalas56@gmail.com
Andrew Beauchamp (608) 575-1830 or abeauchamp@uwbookstore.com

Approximately two weeks before show you will receive a packet with directions and schedule of events.
Please Note: Any vehicle displaying a "For Sale" sign during the show will be evicted from the show.

Liability Clause

I, the undersigned, acknowledge and agree as follows:
To the best of my knowledge, all of my statements in this document are true; I own and am duly authorized to register this car for the Cars on State Show, and have secured all necessary rights and permissions for the car to be entered into the show. I hold the Cars on State, GSSBA and its agents harmless from any damage, injury or loss to me, the car or my property en route to/from or on the premises of the show or from damage or loss that may result from failure to secure authorization to register this car for the show. I authorize any photographs/images provided by me or taken at the show to be used for publicity purposes and have secured necessary rights and permissions for use of such photos.

Signature _____ Date _____

DIRTY DOG TAPHAUS

^{50x} March 4 Highway 151 3-6
^{50x} March 18 Dawg Bones 3-6
^{50x} March 26 Bill Rient S 3-6
^{50x} April 15 Two County Lines 3-6
^{50x} April 21 Frank Busch & The Names 7-10
^{50x} April 29 Johnny T-Bird 3-6

Nothing better...

Live Music
&

 **BEER.** 



42nd Annual British Car Field Day
Sussex, Wisconsin - Sunday June 18, 2023



WHERE: Sussex Village Park, in Sussex, Wisconsin (directions on back of this form)
WHEN: Show from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, rain or shine
NEW! Visit the BCFD Website at www.britishcarfieldday.org

PRE-REGISTRATION: Pre-registrations post marked on or before June 9th are \$15 for the first vehicle and \$10 for each additional vehicle under the same registrant. If you have more than two vehicles, please use a copy of this form or register on-line. Registrations after the deadline and on the day of the event increase to \$20 for each vehicle.

You may register, purchase BCFD gear and pay on-line using a credit card (convenience fee will be included) by going to:

British Car Field Day 2023 Pre-Registration
<https://bcfd-2023.eventbrite.com>

Awards for each class and Diamond in the Rough will be based on popular vote from registered participants. People's Choice is selected from the balloting of public viewers. Best of Show will be determined by the BCFD Committee.

Refreshments will be available on the grounds and benefit The Boy Scouts of America.

Dash plaques provided for the first 250 registrants.

THIS EVENT BENEFITS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF MILWAUKEE AND THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

For additional information Call: (262) 521-1072 (John) or (414) 687-8447 (Bernie) or Email: BritishCarFieldDay@gmail.com

British Car Field Day—2023 Registration Form (Please print clearly or use a label)

Name _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Tele# (____) _____ Email _____

I have read and understand the Waiver of Liability denoted on the back of this form and agree with the terms of the waiver .

Signature X _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

1st Car or Cycle Marque _____ Year _____ Model _____

2nd Car or Cycle Marque _____ Year _____ Model _____

Registration \$15 for the first vehicle and \$10 each additional (Post Marked on or before June 9th) - after June 9th \$20 each.

Registrations with logo wear orders must be post marked on or before May 10th to ensure order can be filled!

BCFD logo gear orders after May 10th will be filled on a first-come, first serve basis from available stock.

BCFD Long-Sleeve Henley, Asher 100% cotton, embroidered BCFD logo	\$37.00 S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____	\$39.00 XXL ____ XXXL ____
BCFD Short-Sleeve T-Shirt, Old English White 100% cotton, embroidered BCFD logo	\$22.00 S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____	\$24.00 XXL ____ XXXL ____
BCFD Short-Sleeve Polo Shirt, Roadster Red 100% cotton, embroidered BCFD logo	\$29.00 S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____	\$32.00 XXL ____ XXXL ____
BCFD Baseball Cap, one-size fits all	\$20.00 Red ____ White ____ Khaki ____	
BCFD Stainless Steel Travel Mug	\$4.00 Qty ____	

Total Merchandise Amount \$ _____

Total Car/Cycle Registration Amount \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: British Car Field Day

PRIOR to May 15, Mail to: BCFD
2400 Cardwell Way
Sarasota, FL 34231

AFTER May 15, Mail to: BCFD
6245 S. Linnie Lac Pl
New Berlin, WI 53146

GUEST COLUMN...

Another fantastic adventure from Chris Beebe...

Some while back I went to Florida to watch the motorcycle races during Daytona's 'Bike Week', thinking I would probably find the vintage bikes interesting. I have a few vintage bikes and thought I'd enjoy seeing them worked harder than I can, ... or would. Part of the enjoyment was that I could watch a day of cycle-racing, vintage and modern, eat well, then

the rest of the week I would visit my oldest brother, Joe. He lived on a houseboat on the western side of the state. I'd leave in the morning, ride my Honda GB 500 single across the flat state and get to his area by the end of the day.

My 'ol pal, Pete Egan, and I had decided to drive down in a full-sized van, a van large enough we could carry our cycles inside the van. We thought to ride our bikes to the races, but because it was March and we lived in Wisconsin, we knew better because the weather is usually one of the three conditions, frigid, cold or wet, or threatening frigid, cold or wet. Committing to a lengthy ride can turn ugly easily.

We had purchased and installed two wheel-chocks made for cycles, staggered them so our bikes' engines and pipes missed one another, installed and removed in order. There was room for a lengthy ramp and, should one wish to get some real lie-down sleep, there was room for a bag and pillow next to Pete's BMW. Lie-down sleep is better, instead of sleeping in the passenger (or driver's) seat where one's head slowly lowers, eventually realize the conversation had become one-sided, and looking over seeing the passenger intently studying his top button.

From a colder Wisconsin, our van's heat-control knob could nearly depict which state we were in by the position of its pointer, Tennessee being about medium heat.

Once in the sunshine state, and nearing Daytona, a motel was found so as to get some real sleep, but I'd lay there 'buzzing' from the so-many road-miles covering the multitude of states that swept across our always-at-hand Rand O'Mally map.

I live a complex life, one filled with the dichotomy of at least two opposing lives. I enjoy machinery, engines, wheeled things that propel me, highly interested and enthused by repairing and developing machinery to work well, maybe better than designed. On the completely opposite side, I also enjoy nature, where there is no machinery, just nature and natural settings. I respect wildlife and all living things as they all have a place. I don't have a place for wood ticks though.

My brother lived on a boat off of Captiva Island, has nature all around him, and that was (is) so attractive to me. As a carpenter, he had built most of the living-quarters on the purchased fiberglass hull and had fitted the 'house' using

palm fronds for its roof. We would swim with the Manatees, take a kayak up narrow rivers to see the enormous spiders, exotic birds, snakes, alligators ... such quiet, natural scenes. Living where fresh water is difficult to find, real care was taken to preserve what we had. The split between the machinery, building and racing vehicles as I have sits poorly in me, a powerful split where the roads, activity and transportation needs are taking away, replacing natural settings. This earth of ours is being ruined and paved, 1000's of acres at-a-time.

Anyway, ... back at Daytona, after the major event, a race where the four big cycle manufactures met and faced-off against one another, an event where support teams offering their high-level products and abilities, spending a month testing, preparing and making all of the best adjustments for their best and most talented riders, race until the end. We went out to eat with some of the team members.

Suzuki, Yamaha and Honda were at wit's end with being out-cornered by the Ducati. Some engineers were seated at two separate tables, talking to one another across tables, loud enough others could hear and share, learned everything had been tried. The engineers had computer specs that showed everything was equal, ... the engine horsepower produced, wheel, tire size and compound , cycle-with-rider weight, skill levels, and wheelbase. They were all alike ! They showed, via their GPS tagging, that the Ducati were exiting the corners at greater speeds than the others. This just happened to be where we watched the race, where the infield met the enormous oval. This last corner had the bikes sweeping around the flat corner, accelerating upward, meeting-then-climbing the high-banked oval. It seemed the Ducati had some advantage there. We were all stumped.

Well into the conversation, a man sauntered over from a nearby table, ... quietly, almost apologetically interrupted us, his head down at first, stood near the Suzuki team-table. He looked like a peach farmer to me, stood with his thumbs tucked under the bib-straps leading over the shoulders of his Oshkosh-B-Gosh-looking coveralls. He was dry-skinned, tanned, wore a seed/ball-cap and a worn/dirty tee under his bib-cover-alls.

He politely took a stance, asking to intervene, ... said, "Excuse me, Y'all, ... I just stopped by with some neighbors to eat, but got to listening in on your conversations. Now I don't know nothin about your bikes,

what they do, how they're made or who rides em , but I seem to have heard your bikes have a few cylinders working together, like maybe four?" Both Honda and Suzuki answered, snickering at the obviously foolish question,...yup, they are in-line fours, both. Both tables immediately discounted this farmer as knowing anything useful, they sat back into their collective chairs, in a know-all manner. He went on," I also don't use computers or know nothin about much of what I heard you all complaining 'bout, but think that Duckity bike was doin better in the turns than y'all. Am I right?" One of the Honda techs said, "That's right 'ol-timer", nearly laughing as the farmer went ahead with his questions, adding, " They out-corner our bikes."

He went on, " Now I know y'all think I might be a fool, and maybe I am, but hear me out,I heard mention the Duckity wasn't a four. What is it, ... and is it a 4-stroke ?" The same Honda tech laughed and said 'Du-ca-ti', ol-man. Ducati, not Duckity,.... and it has a two cylinder, 4-stroke motor, ... 750cc's.

"Well, THAT's what I THOUGHT I heard, and it got me to thinking, if everything is equal in all of your bikes, like you said, it's gotta be them fewer cylinders." The cocky Honda tech interrupted, spouted-out, "Nope, they all produce the same power as each other." "Well, hear me out now", the farmer went on, "There used to be a tractor built long ago, built by John Deere." This brought outright laughter and snickering from many at the tables. They settled down ...now feeling comic-relief and some level of entertainment might be coming.

"John Deere designed a special engine, It's a clever engine using a different idea, has a two-cylinder design,....a design that we farmers know works in some places where others don't. Now I can't describe how it works, but I can try to show the movement of the connecting rods, using my arms, my fists are the pistons." He moved his arms like a shadow-boxer's movements, 'cranking' his bent-arms up & down nearly together in the same plane in front of his chest, trying to visually explain. I thought he simulated well, showing the two pistons drawing in fuel, as a 4-stroke engine does, building the compression-stroke then explosions. When the two ignitions came, they were right after one another, one staggered, lagging right behind the first. Following their power strokes were a lengthy period where they rid of their exhaust and drew-in fuel to be compressed and again fired.

"This Deere engine **sounds** like a one-lunger, but if you listen closely at idle, it's actually two cylinders firing ALMOST together, nearly at the same time, making a 'BA-Bum, BA-Bum, BA-Bum sound. The Honda table was sitting VERY low in their chairs, looking at one another for reactions, thinking this was going nowhere. The majority of the Suzuki team were

from Japan, and seemed more interested, maybe not knowing what a John Deere was.

The farmer went on, "This engine works good in wet dirt or mud, better than any other tractor with the same tire and power, and it pulls good with skinny tires. We figure it's them thumps from that engine, each time a piston gets spark, the engine thrust transfers power to the wheels, and the tire digs hard into the dirt a bit, then comes the second thump right after so it digs in a bit more. Then there is a pause of momentum before the two thumps come around again. Engines that run smooth don't deliver that thump to get a grip in the dirt, ... they just SPIN their tires. That smooth power can't take hold of no traction like a thumper. Now I think, ... guess this is my theory, ... every time that twin pops, there is a jab of traction produced from the tire when it bites into that track.

Sorry to bother y'all, but there might be something to think about it." He pulled his thumbs from the bib-straps and found his way to the table where his neighbors were seated. ...

Both tables fell silent, the Suzuki table began conversing in Japanese, and audible thumping sounds were made when a hand-fist landed on a stationary hand below, repeating the action. It was slowly making sense to all of us.

I think he was on to something in his views, tend to feel the peculiar firing arrangement of this twin John Deere's engine was probably designed to bite into soil, dig deeper, pack the soil harder and provides more traction.

I came away feeling like I learned a lot from that ol farmer, and witnessed the overly high-tech attitudes, riddled with equipment and too much narrowly channeled knowledge at the two tables struggled to allow the view of a farmer dabble or intervene, disrupting their studied training.

I am somehow tickled when cocky youngsters are put in place by older, wiser folk, this teacher just happened to have been out of uniform. I wondered about the 'thump-theory' while sitting in the van aiming homeward. Faced with all of those states and miles shown on our ol Rand-O-Mally. We certainly had a ferrr-piece to go. I then mused with the thought, were I to simply turn the heater-temp-knob back to high heat, might that transform us right back to Wisconsin, saving us the fuel and time to return home? Maybe move it to mid-heat to see in we were magically delivered to

Kentucky.

- Chris

Here's a site to offer some insight into the Ducati engine that we watched race that weekend.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzgEV2ywy3U>



British car fun!



"it's easy, lady...just follow the oil leaks!"

from March 67 Sports Car Graphic



Spring is here!
Let's plan some fun drives!

Some possibilities...

- Taliesin
- House on the Rock
- Cambridge Winery
- Botham Winery
- Spring Green lunch
- Wollersheim Winery & Distillery

- New Glarus Brewing Co
- New Glarus Bailey's Run Vineyard
- Blue Mounds/Caves
- Waunakee Drumlin Ridge Winery

I am more familiar with Madison westside destinations, so please forward some ideas in your 'neck of the woods' to explore.

Send us your ideas!



MBCG Hat Order Update...

I hope to have our custom MBCG hats available for pick up at our March meeting.

We will have a few extra hats for sale in each of these colors...

Black: 3
Blue: 3
Red: 2
White: 3
Oyster: 2

Please contact me if you have a color selection you would like

Cost: \$15.00

I am also working with Madison Top Company to set up a 'Company Store' where we can order a selected: Sweatshirt, short sleeve T Shirt, Long Sleeve Knit Shirt, Cotton Shirt and a Golf Shirt all with our MBCG logo.

Membership Dues Reminder...

Please send your annual \$25.00 Membership Dues with check made out to:

Madison British Car Group
P.O. Box 14742
Madison, WI 53708-0742

Dave Nordby will be checking for dues in our P.O. Box just prior to next month's meeting.

Thank you in advance for remitting your annual dues!

We currently have approx 85 MBCG members.



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