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# Newsletter



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have to tell you, it feels really strange writing on the front page of our Newsletter. After more than a few years as the newsletter editor and the club treasurer, it feels a little odd.

I'm looking forward to a great year in 2012. I'm encouraged that recently our Club has had a number of new young members join and I hope that they will bring with them some youthful enthusiasm to the Club and its events.

I don't know how many of you got to see the award that Don Pritchett made for Noel Eagleson. Don presented it to Noel at the recent Christmas party. It was amazing and will be a real keepsake for Noel. Don's efforts speak for all of us in the Club by showing how much we appreciate what Noel has done for the past 3 years as President. I truly have some big shoes to fill.

A few things that I would like to accomplish this year as your President are to try our best to have some sort of short program at each meeting. I will be looking for ideas, suggestions and input from all of the members. The programs don't especially have to be car related, as long as they would be interesting to most of the group.

I also want the members to work hard to improve the participation at club events. Rodney works hard to arrange interesting events for the Club and it is very disap-

pointing when only a few of the nearly 100 members show up to participate. These events are a lot of fun, often involve eating and you definitely don't have to drive your British car to participate. I know that the upcoming "Tour of the Empire" event at Outback will be a good time and will offer some good eats. If you've never had a Bloomin' Onion, you're in for a treat. In addition, Rodney is planning a gathering at a rugby match at the Battleship, a driving trip to South Mobile County with possible stops in Bayou La Batre, Coden & Dauphin and lunch along the way and the "Mugs & Motors" get togethers will continue. They offer a good opportunity for the "early risers" in the Club to start the day with good friends. These are usually followed by a brief jaunt to some interesting places for some more car related activities.

I also want to encourage all of the members to take an active role in helping organize events, planning programs and volunteering their leadership and talents to continually improve the SABCC experience for all members.

This club survives on its members and we need to try to support the efforts of the members that work hard to make it a fun experience. If anyone has any suggestions for improving participation, I would welcome the input.

Richard

# Happy New Year!

## SABCC Christmas Lunch & Awards Ceremony

South Alabama British Car Club wrapped up their 21st year with the final event on the club calendar; the annual Christmas party and awards presentation. This year, the club returned to The Spot of Tea breakfast/brunch establishment on Cathedral Square in Downtown Mobile.

Club President Noel Eagleson closed out his third year in office with a heartfelt speech of gratitude to the membership for their confidence in keeping him in office for a record three terms. He told the club that his charming wife had returned from a multi-year overseas assignment and would be working in the northeastern US for the foreseeable future. He said looked forward to spending time with her there while maintaining their permanent home in Mobile. Ever the gentleman, Noel immediately turned the leadership gavel over to newly elected president Richard Cunningham to preside over the rest of the morning's activities.



Outgoing Prez Noel Eagleson (left) with Membership VP Jack Ross



Chatting Prior to Lunch

Don Pritchett, creator of the popular diorama-style British Car Festival awards was called forward to present Noel with a special three-dimensional award that blended symbols of the American South with items from the British car hobby and Noel's Irish roots. Richard Cunningham then presented Noel with a plaque commemorating his three years of service as club president.

Richard then read out the list of SABCC officers elected to serve for 2012. They are:

- President - Richard Cunningham
- Vice President-Membership - Jack Ross
- Vice President-Activities - Rodney McDonald
- Secretary-Becky Kramer
- Treasurer-Donna Cunningham
- Newsletter Editor - Robb Ogletree
- Members-at-Large - Mike Darby, Ron Wolverton, John Shaw
- Technical Adviser - Pierre Fontana

Since the club is not one to stand on ceremony, there aren't any badges or oaths of office - just "These guys are the officers, now let's eat," or something similar.



New President and Outgoing President

The most anticipated part of the event is the list of awards - some more serious than others, but all of them are presented with the club's gratitude. The 2011 awards recipients were:

- Member of the Year - John Shaw
- Grillmaster - Chris Cronk
- Colorful Character - Sandy Walter
- Suffering Spouse - Barbara Shaw
- Most Creative - Rodney McDonald \*blush\*
- Rookie of the Year - David Turnipseed
- Most Helpful - Kent Padgham
- Special Appreciation - Mason Blosser, Donna Jarvis, Linda Ross, Donna Cunningham



For the second year in a row, Ron Wolverton and Becky Kramer picked up and returned the tables and chairs that we used during the morning. This is a rather demanding task and SABCC certainly thanks them for their hard work in making sure the day went smoothly. The club would also like to thank Donna Cunningham for making the arrangements with The Spot of Tea and helping the membership get their reservations in on time.

Submitted by Rodney McDonald

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Jan 14 - Tour of the Empire- Australia**

**Dinner at Outback Steakhouse in Mobile. 7pm**

**Jan. 24 - Meeting at Lake Forest Yacht Club**

**Eat at 6:00 Meet at 7:00**

**Feb. 11 - Rugby at the Battleship - 12:30 pm**

**Feb. 28 - Meeting at Lake Forest Yacht Club**

**Eat at 6:00 Meet at 7:00**

## January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## February 2012

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### Rodney's Blog

**For an "Up-To-Date" look at what's going on in the car world and for some interesting articles and observations, check it out at [www.sabcc.blogspot.com](http://www.sabcc.blogspot.com)**

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## Slow smooth idle, erratic.....

Just one small note on uneven idle speed, this butterfly is off a very nice 67 TR-4 A, slumbering too long in storage, needed a little TLC, Pertronix ignition, carbs cleaning, etc... Could not get idle down, to stay down, crept back up, the problem is weak springs on by-pass valve, this device was to open on deceleration to save gas, did not work out, Moss sells new butterfly without valve, or you can permanently close yours with a very little amount of solder, I learned from Keith that cleanliness is paramount for solder to stick, I use a very small butane torch to do the trick. It works

Any vacuum leak can cause problem, track them down, turn idle as slow as it can be, in the open, turn on a butane torch, do not light it, run it over and around manifolds, carbs, etc... listen for a change in RPM. or use a spray bottle with water, makes a mess.



## Problem solver on line

**Moss** has online detail short video on how to rebuild your accessories, accessible with touch of a button, with sound. Nice....

[www.mossmotors.com](http://www.mossmotors.com) Click on the link on the right for **Moss TV**

*Pierre*

The club has set up a site  
[www.cafepress.com/sabcc20yrs](http://www.cafepress.com/sabcc20yrs) with  
in all manner of T-shirts, caps, mugs  
and more to commemorate this milestone.



## Morgan Celebrates the 4/4's Jubilee Year

Morgan Motor Company has unveiled a commemorative 4/4 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the introduction of the firm's first four wheel, four cylinder vehicle. Until 1937, Morgans were three-wheeled affairs powered by two cylinder air cooled engines.

From the official Morgan press release:

"Today Morgan Motor Company announced the specification for the latest Morgan Four Four offering. Created to honour the 75th anniversary of the iconic Morgan 4/4, the Anniversary edition will be produced as a limited run special. Morgan Motor Company state that the 75th Anniversary combines "the low size and weight benefits of the entry level 4/4 with the power train from the larger more powerful Morgan Plus 4. A carefully selected set of standard options, with additional unique body graphics, completes arguably the best standard combination of body, engine and aesthetic in the Morgan Classic range." This new Morgan 4/4 Sports car is being offered in 3 colours: Sport Black, Sport Red and Old English White. All come with black perforated leather interior, carpets, hood and wheels. The dashboard is polished Tawny ash and a Mota Lita wheel is standard. The combination of the Ford sourced 2.0 engine from the Classic Plus 4 and the narrow wings of the standard 4/4 should make for a very spirited drive.



The car is available for £38,750 (Approx US\$60,000) + on the road charges from Morgan Motor Company and their associated dealers".

Submitted by Rodney McDonald

## Root for the Home Team at Battleship Rugby



Get ready to see how a real leather ball game is played when South Alabama British Car Club visits the Battleship Rugby Football Club on Saturday, February 11th at 1 PM. The home team is hosting the Jackson (MS) Rugby Football Club on the pitch at Battleship Park in Mobile

The team has kindly invited us to park our British cars together near the pitch in a display while we enjoy the match. We plan to arrive around 12:30 or so and set up a tailgate event so we can enjoy lunch while the tough guys battle it out. Depending on logistics, we may be bringing the club pop up canopy and our club flag to stake our part of the field. We've even been invited to tag along to the team's watering hole to help them celebrate their victory or drown their sorrows, if you are so inclined. There are details to be worked out, but we will have the word out by email. Heck, we're even inviting the gang from the Mardi Gras MGs and the Panhandle British Car Association as well!



**If you are not up to speed on the finer points of this exciting sport, our own Noel Eagleson will be conducting a primer on rugby at the January SABCC meeting.**

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