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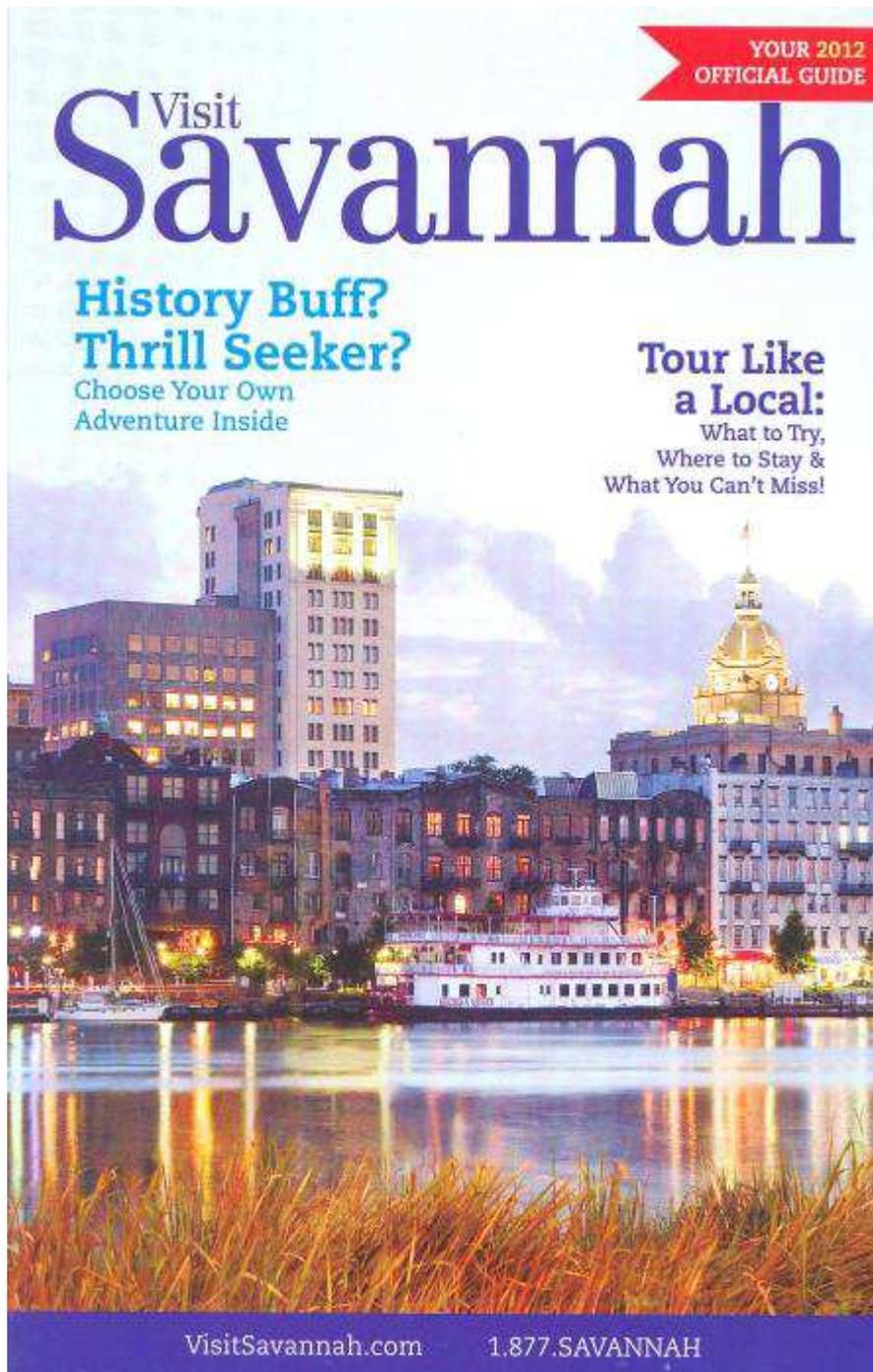
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Coming Events

April 1, 2012 – Pub Club Meeting, King’s Head Pub, US1 five miles north of St. Augustine.

April 7 – “Wheels Across the Pond”, Jupiter
<http://www.wheelsacrossthepond.com/>

April 14 – The Great Dixie Brit Car Rallye
See Page 14 for Entry Form

April 21 – All British Car Show, Pensacola, FL
<http://www.pbca1.com/show.htm>

April 27 – 29 THE MITTY, Road Atlanta, See poster page 11
<http://classicmotorsports.net/events/Mitty12/>

May 12 – 13 Overnighter to Savannah
See Pages 8-10 for preliminary details.

May 19 – The 16th Annual Triangle British Classic
www.ncmgcc.org See Page 13 for flyer.

September 7-8 – Brits on the Shoals, Rogersville, Alabama
<http://www.shoalsbritishcars.org/index.html>

October 13 – **British Car Classic MK XXIV** King’s Head Pub, St. Augustine, Florida
<http://www.tcnf.org/>

October 25 - First Coast Car Council Landing Show
<http://www.carcouncil.org/>

April 2012 Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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May 2012 Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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President's Corner

Hello to all you sports car fans.

Spring is here and the weather is perfect for top down driving, or as Dave would say, perfect for going topless with the TR.

The April schedule looks full with several events scheduled for the same weekend. Looks like I'll be going to check out the Jaguar Brit Car Rallye starting at A1A and JTB. Check the newsletter page 14 for the registration form.

Remember, if you need to check the events calendar, or find something you saw in last month's NL go to tcnf.org and find the events schedule and the newsletter archives.

I'm going back out and work on Barbara's TR6.

See you Sunday at the Pub, on the 1st.

Walt

April-Open	May-Overnight to Savannah, GA	June-Open
July-Pool Party	August-Open	September-Open
October-BCD Mark XXIV	November-Open	December-Christmas Party

Pub Club Meeting

The March 4 attendance at the King's Head Pub had ten people in attendance. We were lucky to have Don and Jolene Marshall visit with us. Don is usually busy racing and doesn't get to visit very often. Others included Graham and Janett Thomas, Norm Reimer, Jerry Popp, John Kirkham, Walt Lanz, and Cam Anderson. As usual we discussed everything from cars to life in general. Always fun to have lunch and brews together. **New members:** The Pub Club meeting is not a stuffy meeting following *Robert's Rules of Order*, but rather a social event. Real club meetings occur only about four times a year, so **Come on Down!**

Picture and Text from *Classic Car Buyer*, U.K.

Classic Scenes

With Jeremy Satherley Picture: [www.stilltime.net]



Cameraman at the ready on the Vanguard's sturdy roof and National Benzolos flags fluttering, as new 1953 Standard Eights are paraded before a crowd. At £481, Britain's cheapest four-door car at the time had arrived.

To undercut the Minor and the Austin A30, the Eight's equipment was trimmed to the bone. No heater, one windscreen wiper (a second arm would cost you eight shillings – 40p), sliding windows, no hubcaps (12s 6d – 62½ p each extra), and not even a bootlid at first.

Yet Standard's little car was certainly competitive in other respects. Same-size 803cc engine as the A30 and Minor Series II, but slightly better economy than the heavier Morris. Rear legroom and bootroom were better too. Although it was less convenient to load the boot from inside, the rear seat backs were individually split, which is more than I got on my '97 Fiesta Encore. Jazzing up the basic interior was tartan-pattern Tygan fabric upholstery. Top speed? The Motor got 63mph and 0-60 in 52 seconds.

Unfortunately, like the Imp versus the Mini, the Eight arrived too late to worry Cowley and Longbridge. But its engine begat the successful Triumph Herald and Spitfire units. Wonder what happened to Sir Stirling Moss's Eight? His had a tuned Standard Ten Engine and Borrani wire wheels., obtained in Italy at then astronomical £50 Each.

Standard's late-Forties Austin K-series artic looks great, as if it's just been resprayed. Even the spare tyre's been 'blacked'!

Quaker State Responds to Plight of Enthusiasts with a High-Zinc Motor Oil

The Newest Addition to Quaker State's Product Line Designed for Auto Enthusiasts Needing High Levels of Zinc to Deal with Engine Wear Issues.

Toronto, ON – November 8, 2011 – Today, the makers of Quaker State motor oil announced the production of a new motor oil, Quaker State Defy. Featuring a high level of ZDDP, an anti-wear additive commonly referred to as —zinc, Quaker State Defy addresses the needs of some automotive enthusiasts to combat friction and wear inside their engines. The formulation of new Quaker State Defy contains a proprietary zinc-booster that has dual attributes contributing to wear and oxidation control. Quaker State Defy is intended to provide enthusiasts with a quality, brand name oil that will provide both the protection and performance required in high-output, flat-tappet engines.

"We as an industry have seen the levels of zinc in motor oil consistently reduced in each successive gasoline engine specification implemented by ILSAC in the past few years, said Jeff Hsu, Quaker State Technology Specialist. This reduction of zinc is fine for drivers of newer vehicles, but is leaving classic car owners, enthusiasts and those with flat-tappet cams and followers with fewer and fewer options in the motor oil category."

The proprietary low-volatility ZDDP technology used in Quaker State Defy motor oil significantly reduces the amount of volatile phosphorus, while retaining its anti-wear protective behavior and antioxidant performance. Quaker State Defy has a ZDDP composition of 1200ppm, a more than sufficient amount to stand up to the most aggressive engine profiles.

"We have repeatedly heard enthusiasts and engine builders ask for more zinc or other solutions to their aggressive flat-tappet cam issues, and those requests did not fall on deaf ears, said Chris Hayek, Quaker State Global Brand Manager. —What we have been able to come up with is a zinc additive that is more effective and enables us to do more with the oil itself." An additional benefit of the new, fully formulated Quaker State Defy motor oil is that it is capable of running a full manufacturer- recommended drain interval during engine break-in and does not need to be drained after five hundred or a thousand miles, like some high-zinc break-in oils.

Quaker State Defy is also intended for use in higher-mileage passenger vehicle engines, and helps control the wear that high-mileage engines typically endure. In fact, the new Quaker State Defy motor oil helps stop engine wear in its tracks – preventing up to 98% of future wear through the use of the proprietary ZDDP additive. Quaker State Defy also is designed to help high-mileage engines perform more efficiently through the use of additional seal swell additive that reconditions dried-up seals and help control external and internal leaks.

The motor oil provides a thicker viscosity and stronger oil film to resist thermal breakdown and reduce oil volatility and burn-off, which help increase compression and reduce blow-by. For more information on this or any other Quaker State product, please visit:

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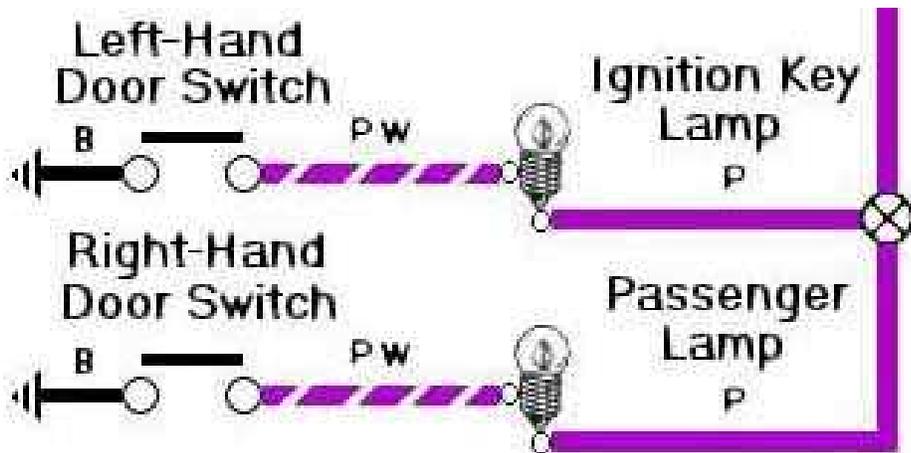
Courtesy Lights

I recently replaced the courtesy lights in my Spitfire with LEDs simply because other light intruded into the legroom. It was a simple conversion. I bought the lights from AutoZone for around \$30. They come in colors; red, green, blue, and white. I chose the white to stay somewhat in original format. The colored ones might be OK for the younger generation hot rodders but I liked the soft white light of the LED strips.

An additional plus is that the lights come with self-stick backing and can be placed almost anywhere and also cut to length.

I pulled out my trusty wiring diagram (See page 8 for links) and determined that the Purple/White lead would supply ground (-) and the Purple lead would have battery (+). See diagram below. After locating the leads and stripping them, I made the connections; solid black on the LED strip to the Purple/White lead and the Black/White lead of the LED strip to the Purple (battery) lead. When wiring I normally like to solder leads and warp them in heat-shrink tubing. These are diodes so the polarity must be correct. The instructions on the package explain which lead needs to be connected to battery and which to ground.

The final step, after testing, was to peel off the backing and stick the strips to the bottom of the parcel shelf. The result is soft lighting without bumping into lamp holders.



Wiring Diagrams (Repeat)

Many of us have consulted, and cursed, wiring diagrams in Haynes and Bentley manuals. While both are handy they leave a little to be desired, color being one thing and having to constantly correlate a numbered item with a legend to determine what is what and then trying to guess what color a wire is from single letters. For example: does K represent pink or black, is B black or blue.

There are plenty of Web sites on the internet that have correct and easy to use wiring diagrams. I downloaded one for my spitfire, printed it out, and had it laminated at office Depot. It stays in my car at all times and it is surprising how often I refer to it. I printed mine on 11"x17" paper and the lamination was only a couple of dollars. The lamination saves it from all those greasy finger prints that so many of our manuals have. Below is a list of sites that have diagrams. I have included sites for our MG friends as well.

<http://www.triumphspitfire.com/wiring.html> Spitfire, GT6, Herald

<http://www.advanceautowire.com/tr2506.pdf> TR250 and TR6

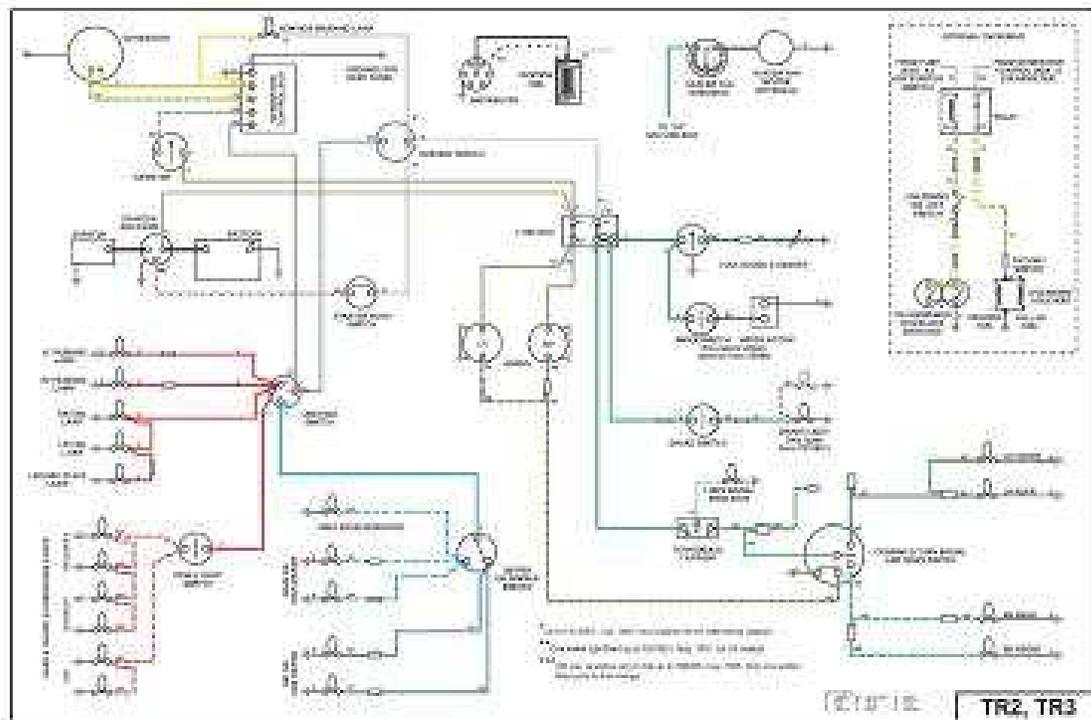
<http://triumph.daveola.com/NOTES/Wiring-Diagram.pdf> TR2 – TR4A

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/49643720/TR8-schematics> TR8

<http://www.mgexperience.net/article/lucas-colours.html> MG, this site has an excellent legend for colors used in almost all British cars

<http://www.advanceautowire.com/mgb.pdf> most complete site for MGB, MGC, and MG V8

The main thing about this is **do not pay for a wiring diagram**. There are plenty of sites out there if you just search. Don't have a printer capable of doing 11"x17"? Copy the diagram to a thumb drive as a .jpg and take it to Office Depot, Office Max, or other office supply store. Most can open the file for you, print, and laminate it. Below is an example of a wiring diagram for TR2 and TR3 in color.



Planning an Event

This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody asked Anybody.

Does Anybody want to plan an event?

I know you understand what you think I said, but I'm not exactly sure that what you heard is what I meant!

Overnighter to Savannah May 12, 2012

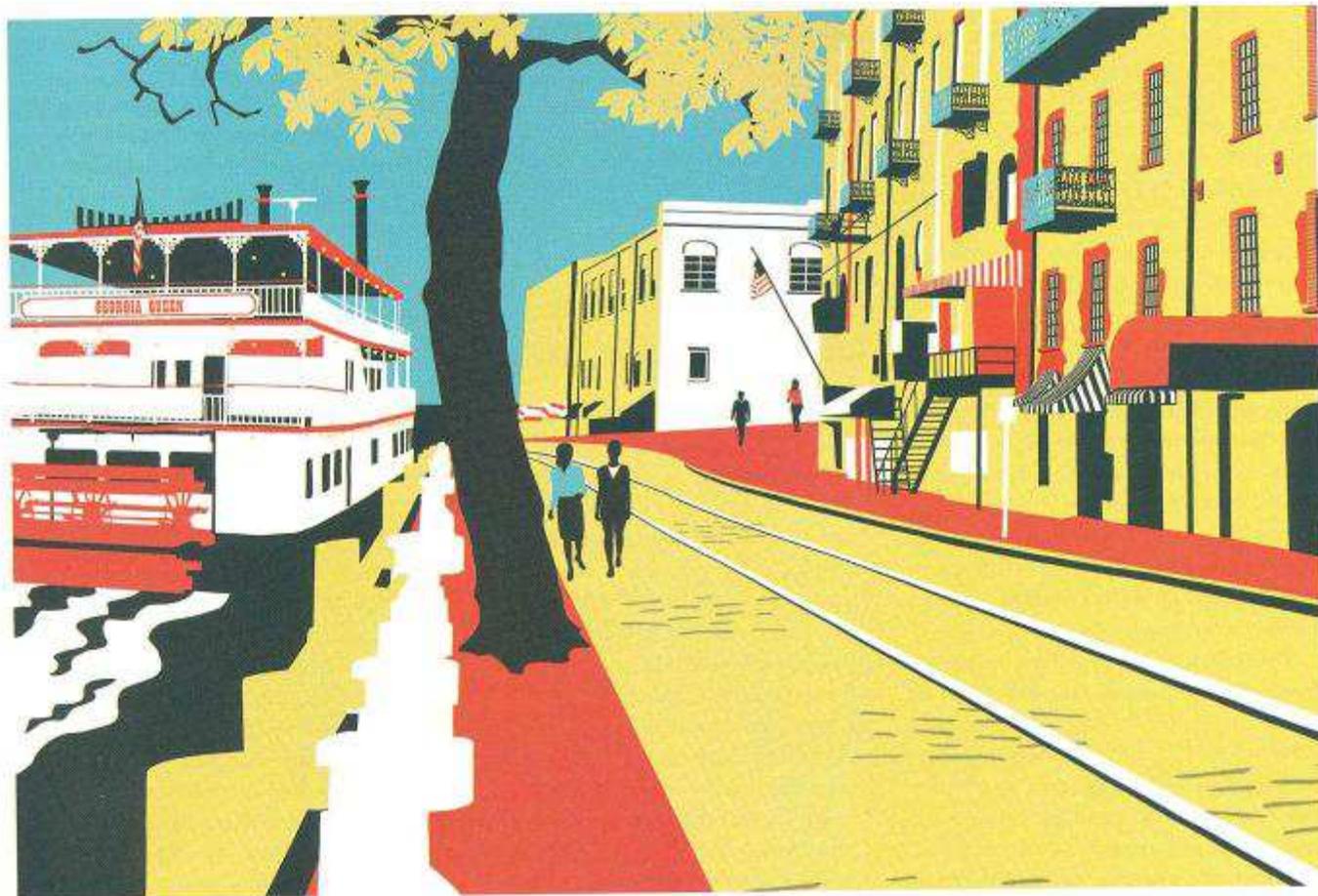
The overnight trip to Savannah, Georgia is planned for May 12-13, 2012. We will depart Jacksonville from a site to be determined before the May newsletter goes out. Currently we have 5 room reservations at the Fairfield Inn, Midtown we would like to have to add more rooms. This hotel was chosen because it has its own (self) parking lot. All of the hotels in the historic district have valet parking with a separate charge each time the car is parked, and none of us want to have someone else driving our Triumphs. The Fairfield Inn rate will be around \$115 with taxes for the night and breakfast is included.

Graham Thomas and I drove to Savannah and it takes about 2 ½-3 hours. We are planning a tour with either Oglethorpe or Old Savannah Tours. Both tours take approximately 90 minutes if you do not get off the tour bus. Both have the option of off and on at any of 15 stops along the way. Prices range from \$15 to \$25 according to choices. The tours leave from the Visitor Center and there is adequate free parking in their lot.

We would like to have as much input from those who plan to go as possible so that everyone will enjoy the trip. Since not everyone can walk great distances, we plan to drive to the Old Town section in the Triumphs and drop off the ladies, then park in a municipal garage, and then walk the distance from the garage to the tourist area, a distance of about three blocks.

If you think you might like to go on this outing, please come to the Pub for the April or May meeting to give your input.

On the following two pages is an article from the April issue of the *Atlanta* magazine for a girl's get-away to Savannah. Guys: There is more to see and do than this article mentions.



Savannah Stroll

SCAD MUSEUM OF ART IS THE NEWEST DRAW TO GEORGIA'S OLDEST CITY • by Rebecca Burns

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My last girls' getaway to Savannah was chap-
eroning a gaggle of middle schoolers on the
ritual pilgrimage to the home of **Juliette Gor-
don Low**: old-money Savannahian, fabulously
feisty role model, and founder of the Girl
Scouts of the USA. Like many Scouts, we
made the trek in March, when the first troop
was started—and thus we ran into pilgrims of
another sort, paying homage to St. Patrick.

Herding a clutch of eleven-year-olds sporting green vests
through the souvenir shops on River Street, my prime motive was
thwarting a collision with frat boys draped in green beads and tot-
ing red Solo cups (Savannah famously allows open containers in
the tourist district). Huddled in a carriage during a nighttime ghost
tour, the girls were more spooked by staggering celebrants than
our guide's tales of romance, vengeance, and murder. Our horse's
hooves clotted on cobblestones, the girls squealed, and I silently

vowed to return for a grown-up Savannah excursion.

I finally went back last fall, timing my visit to another local tradi-
tion, the annual **Telfair Art Fair**, and the reopening of the Savannah
College of Art and Design's **Museum of Art**, which had just completed
a \$26 million expansion. With so many cultural blockbusters—from
spring's **Savannah Music Festival** (March 22 to April 7) to fall's **Savan-
nah Film Festival** (October 27 to November 3)—it's easy to plan visits
around special events. (In April alone, there are festivals featuring
sidewalk chalk art, animation, opera, and historic gardens.)

Looking out from the eleventh floor of the **Westin Savannah Harbor
Golf Resort & Spa**, we toasted the city sparkling across the river, then
strolled down to the dock where the Savannah Belles Ferry departs
from City Hall landing. (The free, adorably retro boats operate every
twenty to thirty minutes from 7 a.m. to midnight. Bonus: You *might*
spot a dolphin.)

As the ferry pulled into the dock, the afternoon sun glistened on
City Hall's gold-domed tower and warmed the old warehouses lin-

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SAVANNAH, GA

Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace 10 East Oglethorpe Avenue, 912-233-4501, juliettegordonlowbirthplace.org

Telfair Art Fair telfair.org

SCAD Museum of Art 601 Turner Boulevard, 912-525-7191, scadmioa.org

Savannah Music Festival savannahmusicfestival.org

Savannah Film Festival filmfest.scad.edu

Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa (from \$229 in April), 1 Resort Drive, 912-201-2000, westinsavannah.com

ShopSCAD 340 Bull Street, 912-525-5180, shopscad.com

Sentient Bean 13 East Park Avenue, 912-232-4447, sentientbean.com

Clary's Cafe 404 Abercorn Street, 912-233-0402, claryscafe.com

The Distillery 416 West Liberty Street, 912-236-1772, distillerysavannah.com

The Paris Market & Brocante 36 West Broughton Street, 912-232-1500, theparismarket.com

Zia Boutique 325 West Broughton Street, 912-233-3237, ziaboutique.com

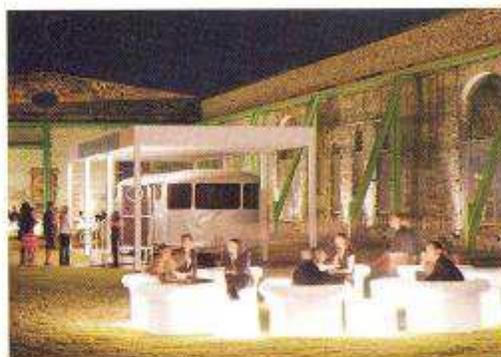
Leopold's Ice Cream 212 East Broughton Street, 912-234-4442, leopoldsiccream.com

ing the river, reminding me of Savannah's rich history. Founded in 1733, the city is more than a century older than Atlanta and represents one of the quirkier efforts of British colonization. Georgia was intended to be an alternative to debtors prison for the "worthy poor" and an outpost for agricultural experimentation. During its first twenty years, the colony banned Catholics, liquor, slavery, and lawyers. Savannah founder General James Oglethorpe envisioned Georgia's capital as the country's first planned city, a quilt of squares and public gardens. Some 278 years after he sketched the town's grid, his pattern of dense commercial and residential blocks interspersed with open, tree-shaded squares is well preserved.

While Savannah has been a little scruffier than older sister Charleston in recent decades, preservation efforts have been on an upswing. SCAD alone has restored more than five dozen buildings, starting with its original home, the grand 1892 redbrick Volunteer Guard Armory at 342 Bull Street. Now called Poetter Hall, the arsenal includes **ShopSCAD**, a boutique carrying student-created fine art, fashion, jewelry, home accessories, and gifts.

We walked up Bull Street to Forsyth Park, admiring its postcard-perfect, two-tiered fountain, and got our caffeine fix at the **Sentient Bean**, an indie coffeehouse-performance venue. On our return loop, we took Drayton Street up the east side of the park, mostly to ogle the opulent Mansion on Forsyth Park, a Victorian-era hotel with grand Romanesque architecture. Then we walked riverward, lingering at Lafayette Square to take in Flannery O'Connor's birth home, in the shadow of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

Dinner at the Westin's Aqua Star restaurant offered both a spectacular waterfront view and superior hotel fare. Skip the buffet and go for chef specials like saffron-imbued Lowcountry seafood stew or potpie bursting with crab, scallops, and local veggies. After s'mores at the riverside fire pit, we headed upstairs, discovering that the hotel TV plays



an endless loop of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, the movie version of John Berendt's bestselling account of a scandalous Savannah murder trial and the city's social eccentrics.

Saturday, still in a *Midnight* mood, we breakfasted at **Clary's Cafe**, a diner that retains a shabby charm despite celebrity status in both book and movie. Our main morning agenda was the SCAD Museum of Art, a marvel of retrofitted structures. The new expansion marries the original Greek Revival space in the 1853 Central of Georgia Railroad headquarters with ruins of the rail depot and sleek new classroom and gallery space, creating an 82,000-square-foot complex. Highlights include African American art from the Walter O. Evans collection, a robust photography selection, and the André Leon Talley Gallery, named for the legendary *Vogue* stylist and showcasing design and fashion.

The **Distillery** was nearby for lunch. The easy-going gastropub is located in a distillery that became a pharmacy during Prohibition (while reportedly churning out bathtub gin in second-floor lavatories). The bar's been restored to its pre-Comstock era mahogany grandeur and offers close to 100 bottled beers and craft drafts such as Original Sin Cider.

Fortified, we meandered over to Broughton Street, the main shopping thoroughfare, to take in local favorites like the **Paris Market & Brocante**, a sort of two-story European flea market, and **Zia**, a boutique of handmade jewelry designs. We savored more comestible history at **Leopold's Ice Cream**, still serving recipes concocted by its founders in 1919.

The rest of the evening, we explored artists' tents as Telfair at Twilight got into swing. With the twangy Americana of local band the Train Wrecks in the background and great globes of lanterns suspended over the streets and squares, we paused for a to-go cup and headed back to the harbor, awarding ourselves a merit badge in Savannah culture. ■

Above: The newly expanded SCAD Museum of Art. Left: Tour guide Savannah Dan in front of the Mercer-Williams House, a museum and an infamous murder site in Berendt's book.



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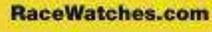
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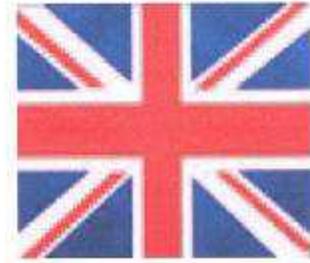
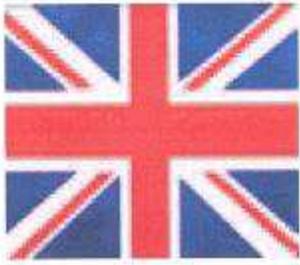
<http://autos.yahoo.com/blogs/motoramic/invisible-mercedes-brings-james-bond-technology-life-171557818.html>

An interesting video—Possible military uses?

Just for Laughs



To all my friends who sent me best wishes in 2011 and promises of good luck if I forwarded something; it did NOT WORK. For 2012, could you please just send either money, chocolate or gasoline vouchers? Thank you and God Bless!



The 16th Annual TRIANGLE BRITISH CLASSIC

**Car Show, Awards, Raffle, 50/50, Band, Food
22 + British Car Display Classes**

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Time: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Location: North Hills Mall

4351 Lassiter Mills Road

Raleigh, NC, 27609

Sponsored by:

The North Carolina MG Car Club

www.ncmgcc.org

Details: TriangleBritishClassic@gmail.com



The Great Dixie Brit Car Rallye Saturday, April 14th, 2012



REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

E-mail: _____ Club Affiliation (if any): _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

DETAILS

Location: The starting line will be at Books-A-Million, 738 Marsh Landing Parkway, Jacksonville Beach, Florida in the South Beach Parkway Shopping Center (just South of the intersection of Butler Blvd and A1A). This fun drive will include some of the most scenic back roads in Northeast Florida.

Time: 10:00 AM Mandatory Driver and Navigator Briefing; 10:30AM, First Car Starts Course (The drive will end no later than approximately 3:00PM, with awards at 4:00PM).

Costs: \$25 per car.

Important Rules: Every driver must have a navigator. Participants must agree to abstain from using alcohol until after completing the rally course. Only British cars are allowed to participate. Detailed rally rules and instructions will be provided by email. Driving route will be provided on day of event.

Awards: Awards will include, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class (Pre-1960, 1960-1980, 1981-Present), First Place Overall, Best Time for Morning Leg, and Best Time for Afternoon Leg.

Information: If you have questions, please contact Mr. Harold Kelly, JCCNF Rally Master, at ph (904) 260-2984 or by email: rallymaster@jagdriver.org.

REMITTANCE

Please mail completed form with a check or money order for \$25 made payable to JCCNF to the address below. Plan to register today as the event is limited to the first 30 British cars.

Mr. Harold Kelly, JCCNF Rally Master
12235 Lashbrook Ct., Jacksonville, Florida 32223



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If you're interested in Triumph cars, You should be a member of TCNF. The benefits are outstanding, a monthly newsletter that is entertaining as well as informative with free ads to members, monthly events, rallies, shows, picnics, tours and camaraderie with fellow enthusiasts...

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