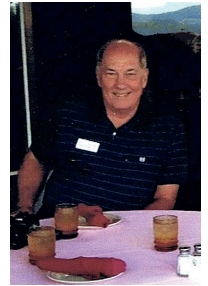




# Coordination Director's Message

BY RICHARD STEPHENSON, #3

It's a great day to know that our 2020 'C' event of *Brutal Aggressives*, CBA 40, will offer a warm and beautiful vacation on Pensacola Beach in April. A respite from the ravages of winter. Many of us will be very happy with the choice; while, many members will know it's a far piece to drive. I belong to the latter group. Last year the same dichotomy occurred, as it does every year, and was true for our choice of Michigan. We are an international register and, thankfully, we serve and entertain a scattered family of MGC enthusiasts. Michigan was chosen for many reasons, not the least of which was it's proximity to over 25% of our membership. The truly wonderful Gilmore Car Museum and the welcome of the Southwestern Michigan Motoring Association aka Mad Dogs & Englishmen to join its British show there were very appealing, as was the nearness of Lake Michigan, the Airzoo and other attractions, such as Holland (MI). Of course, closeness can't be accomplished for everyone; and, we regret that it can't reasonably be done often, or ever for some. However, in the last few years we've gathered in Oregon, Ontario, Canada, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, New York, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Years ago, Tom Boscarino, our Founder, took us to England. Several of us were in England two years ago to help the MG Car Club, Ltd celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the MGC. You may offer to host a CBA or to do a mini-CBA in your area; AMGCRA will help.



Next April, our Chairman Emeritus, Keith Sanders, with many, many years of experience organizing enjoyable CBAs (and a long-time member of the Panhandle British Car Association in Pensacola, as well as a past director of the Brits on the Bay show) has volunteered to Host, along with the more able help of Gail Sanders, the CBA in Florida on Pensacola Beach. On our 'C' Notes' back cover, you will see that our host hotel is on the beach of the Gulf of Mexico. It has given us a reasonable rate, for an in-season stay at a resort at around \$100 less than standard. It's more than I'm used to or would prefer but a bargain for Pensacola Beach in high season.

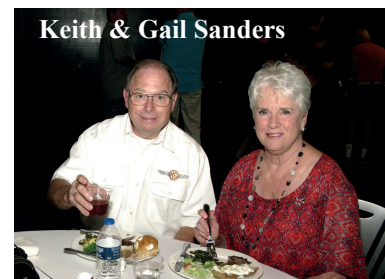
The PBCA *Brits on the Bay* car show will be in its 28<sup>th</sup> year of showing beautiful Brits. They will give us a welcome party Friday night with dinner and drinks and a great British show on Saturday. Our awards banquet is Saturday evening in the buffet dining room in Fish Heads restaurant, next door to our Beachside Resort, with seafood, beef and chicken entrees. Keith has two other adventures and attractions planned for us. As you wish, a road trip to Destin, with lunch at Sandestin Resort; and, a visit to the National Museum of Naval Aviation, are offered. Pensacola Beach is on the sound at its back and the Gulf of Mexico on its front, where Beachside Resort is. Since the Gulf joins the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic, Keith's calling our adventure the 'C's on the Sea' (with a little license in play). Regardless, it will be fun in the sun, so we'll 'C' you there.

Hosts for our CBAs are critical to our enjoyment of our annual meetings together. None have worked harder and been more thoughtful and pleasant than Bill and Mary Ellen Weakley, in making, with your help of course, Kalamazoo, Michigan's CBA 39 a great success. THANK YOU. We were all thrilled with the Gilmore Car Museum and that superb awards banquet inside the museum and among those perfectly beautiful classic Duesenbergs. The Gilmore staff and Maggies Catering could not have been more pleasant and helpful. The Mad Dogs & Englishmen were the maddest to welcome us and they put on a very grand British automobile show. We say none better.

We were grateful for all and to all.



Mary Ellen & Bill Weakley



Keith & Gail Sanders