

# Tally Ho



## Join us at our Club Meeting:

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30pm, at various locations around town.

Occasionally, breakfast meetings are held.

Next month's meeting is September 13, 2005, 6:30pm, at Cabana's Restaurant

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## Prime Minister's Message

### Prime Minister's Message:

Well, it happened. Our MGs weren't orphans for long.

The Chinese Nanjing Automobile Group reached a deal with collapsed MG-Rover Company in late July to buy the assets of MG-Rover for 60 million pounds sterling. The good news is that for the foreseeable future MG-Rover automobiles will continue to be built in England under the MG and Rover marques. Nanjing said it plans to employ up to 2,000 staff in the UK within five years and to produce at least 80,000 MG sport and saloon cars a year in the UK. Cars built under the MG marque will include sports models as well as small and medium

sized vehicles.

Soon after the sale was announced, Nanjing also struck a deal with a British team of automotive designers to develop a new range of cars. The British team will help develop a line of MG vehicles to be manufactured at the huge Longbridge plant in Birmingham.

So there you have it. Like Daimler-Chrysler, Ford and GM, our beloved MG marque is now a truly multi-national company and the MG octagon name plate will continue, for the time being at least, as a Chinese-owned-and-operated British company. Wouldn't it be something if that British design team came up with a retro-looking MG! Think of a modernized version of the T-series, A-series or B-series cars, much like Ford has done with the Thunderbird and new Mustang! We'll just have to wait and see what new designs they come up with. Of one thing you can be sure: a production rate of 80,000 MGs a year means the cars appear to be planned for world-wide marketing and distribution. One has to think sale of the MG marque in the lucrative U.S. market must be in the five-year plans of the Nanjing Automobile Group!

MG-Rover, Britain's last major automaker, produced 40 percent of the cars bought in Britain in the 1960's, but had not produced a new model since 1998 and held only a 3 percent share of the market at the time of its collapse. Sadly, the Rover nameplate was sold to BMW and the rights to manufacture the Rover 73 series SUV were sold to another Chinese auto manufacturer.

Best regards,  
Bud Nocera  
Prime Minister

## Minutes of Meeting

### Big Bend MG Club Minutes

July's BBMG meeting was a Saturday meeting. Six MG's met early for a morning cruise in the country-side, led by our fearless leader/Prime minister Bud Nocera.

Old Business: The next two meetings will not be at Killlearn C.C. The August meeting will be at Gill's Tavern and Sept.'s will be at Cabana's. Cross Creek was also brought up as a possible meeting place in the future. There will be a breakfast-drive to Monticello on Aug. 27. The Hiawasse, Ga. trip was discussed with Bud promising an awesome tour through the mountains.

Rafael will host a tech session on Sept. 10 to make sure the cars going are up to speed, and make extra sure brakes are in order.

The Motorama show featuring local car clubs is on Sept. 24. There was also talk of a ride to Panama City that same day.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Contact 321.698.7594 or e-mail [rickpalmabay@aol.com](mailto:rickpalmabay@aol.com)

**Safeway Automotive** - British Car Repair & Restoration, New & Used British Car Parts business, Orlando Florida.

<http://safewayautomotive.alterxp.com>

**Mobile MG Mechanic:** Jody Miller at 850-562-7472

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[www.bigbendmgs.com](http://www.bigbendmgs.com)



Can you guess what car this is?

**Tech Tips from the Little British Car Company**

([www.lbcarco.com](http://www.lbcarco.com))

**Rust and Paint Removal**

This Tech Tip from Tim Wozniak.

This tip concerns rust and paint removal. I have been using the method outlined at the link: [www.stovebolt.com/techtips/rust/electrolytic\\_derusting.htm](http://www.stovebolt.com/techtips/rust/electrolytic_derusting.htm) lately in the restoration of some of my under hood ancillary items, such as the heater, wiper motor/gear, radiator shroud, and various brackets. These items have a combination of the original black paint and surface rust. My goal was to remove the original paint and the rust and then repaint the items for reinstallation. I have found this 'electrolytic de-rusting method' to be very effective - it is non-toxic, safe and does not hurt un-rusted metal. Also, as an added bonus, it completely strips the original paint back to bare metal. It has turned what I thought would be a long, terribly messy job into a pleasure.

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### 2005 Meetings At A Glance

September 13, 2005 - Dinner Meeting, 6:30pm

Location: Cabana's, 2915 Kerry Forest Parkway

October 15, 2005 - Breakfast Meeting, 9:00am

Tentative Location: Cross Creek Restaurant, 6725 East Mahan Drive  
(US 90) near I-10

November 8, 2005 - Dinner Meeting, 6:30pm

December 13, 2005 - Dinner Meeting, 6:30pm

Big Bend MG Club Cash Position  
For August  
Not Available



### **Remember:**

Dues for the year have increased to \$25 and were due by the end of January. If you have not paid yet, please Mail a check (payable to Big Bend MG's) to Wanda Brown, 1981 Charlais St., Tallahassee, FL 32317.

If you have paid the original \$15, please send the balance of \$10 to the above address.

## Welcome to the Big Bend Mgs Club

The purpose of the Big Bend MGs club is to encourage the members in the acquisition, preservation, restoration, exhibition, and use of the MG automobile.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.bigbendmgs.com](http://www.bigbendmgs.com)



## Upcoming Events – British Car Clubs

### August & September

**August 27:** Early Morning Drive: meet at the NEW Publix parking lot on E. Mahan (US 90) near I-10 between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. for a morning breakfast drive to Monticello

**September 10:** Tech Session for cars going to Hiawassee, GA to check clutch, brakes, belts, hoses, electrical systems.

**September 24:** Motorama Car Show (Tallahassee) The Big Bend MG Club has been invited to join the other car clubs of the area for a picnic and car show on September 24. There will be live music and there is a media relations effort to get the public to attend for the purpose of viewing the cars and talking to the club members (and perhaps joining the club of their interest). There is no cost to enter, either to the club or to the individuals bringing cars. However, everyone is asked to bring a small Teddy bear as a donation to the Florida Highway Patrol to assist in re-stocking troopers' cars. The troopers use the bears to calm children at accident sites. Each club is responsible for their club's picnic lunch. The event will be from 9-4 on Saturday, September 24 at J. Lee Vause Park on Lake Jackson,

off old Bainbridge road not far from US 27/ N Monroe Street. Clubs are asked to bring portable tables and tents to house their club's kiosk and have information on display such as membership application forms, etc. BBMGs will be there and we are looking for a few good members to volunteer to work the information booth. If you have a portable tent or can bring tables or help staff the booth, email Bud Nocera at [fnocera@aol.com](mailto:fnocera@aol.com).

**September: 24:** Panama City tour with lunch at Captain Anderson's

**October 6-9, 2005:** Location: Hiawassee, GA 100 miles north of Atlanta near the NC state line All MGs welcome. Registration is Thursday and Friday. Car show on Saturday with banquet and entertainment on Saturday night. Many self guided tours and rallies in the North Georgia Mountains. Please contact Wayne Stewart for details: 770-992-2498. Ellis Carlton, Publicity Chmn. 770-457-4561. E-Mail addresses: [callelaine@mindspring.com](mailto:callelaine@mindspring.com) (or) [calineel@aol.com](mailto:calineel@aol.com) Bud Nocera will plan a special scenic mountain leaf peeping tour for Big Bend MG Club members who go on this long weekend trip, including a lunch stop at his home in the mountains near Ranger, NC.

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