

Tally Ho



Join us at our Club Meeting:

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30pm, at the Killlearn Country Club.

The next meeting is February 15, 2005, 6:30pm, at the Killlearn Country Club.

Occasionally, breakfast meetings are held at various locations.

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Prime Minister's Message

As the scepter of office is passed to me for the coming year, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Paul Darby who provided this club with such great leadership over the past two years. Paul's attention to detail and diligence kept the Big Bend MG Club strong, solvent and growing. We club members owe Paul our thanks and our appreciation for his years of volunteer work on our behalf. THANK YOU, PAUL!

A strong club is one in which there is good communication, an active membership and appealing activities. It is to these ends that I will work during 2005. At the January 15th After-The-Holidays Party I would like to be able to distribute to the membership our meetings calendar for the year, including those

meeting dates at Killlearn Country Club and the breakfast meeting dates for the entire year.

Vice Chancellor Raphael Gonzalez will be offering his services and his garage for six tech sessions during the year. The purpose of the tech sessions will be three-fold: 1) to help individuals with technical issues and problems; 2) to provide safety checks for our cars before long club trips; and 3) to ensure our cars are safe and to give club members skills and knowledge of the MG's basic systems (brakes, electrical, etc.).

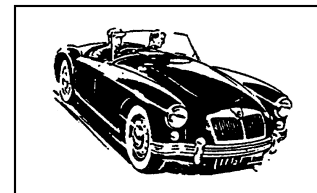
We will also have an optional drive every month in which we will explore North Florida and South Georgia. The first will be at the January 15 party. This will be a 45 minute tour of canopy roads and will depart from the Koenig's home, after we have dropped off our covered dishes. Our February tour will be another Lovers' Drive and Picnic, the afternoon of February 12. Our jaunts will be easy, fun and a great way to get to know each other. It is my hope we will have lots of participation.

Minutes of Meeting

Big Bend MG Club Minutes December 14, 2004

The Dec. meeting was called to order at 7:00. The treasurer's report was accepted. The club made \$218.96 at the garage sale held at the Darbys'. It was suggested that this might be an annual event. **Old business---** T-shirts were discussed with some people expressing an interest in lighter summer-weight or golf shirts. The tool list is still being comprised for the web site. The Christmas party is set for Jan. 15 with a food drop-off at 4:00, followed by a LBC cruise, then meeting back at Peter & Donalee's home for the party. A \$15 limit was established for the gift exchange. **New business----** Information was passed around for the G.O.F Sebring meet April 8-10, 2005. The Suncoast Classic MG Club is hosting this meet. A vote was taken on bar badges for the cars. It was agreed that the badge with the club's banner flag was the best choice. Estimated cost would be \$20 with the club possibly selling them for \$25.

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Remember:

Dues for the year are due by the end of the month. Bring \$15 (check made payable to Big Bend MG's) or cash to the party, or mail to Wanda Brown, 1981 Charlais St., Tallahassee, FL 32317

MG

TC-TD-TF-MGA-MGB-C-Midget

SHOCK ABSORBERS: Front Rear	
MGTC.....	165.00 165.00
MGTD & TF.....	165.00 60/85
MGA.....	69.95 49.95
MGB, MGC, Midget.....	69.95 49.95
HEAVY DUTY UPGRADE.....	10.00 10.00
SHOCK LINK (New or Rebuilt).....	\$call

BRAKES

MGB, Midget caliper.....	\$75.00
MGA, MGC caliper.....	\$125.00
MGA, Midget twin master 1956-1967.....	\$165.00
MGB, Midget master 1968-80.....	\$125.00
MGC brake master.....	\$175.00
MGC booster servo.....	\$375.00
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Black Tonneau Cover with headrest pockets for '70-'80 MGB-\$125; **Tonneau Bow Set w/Bag** for MGBs-\$40; **2 Seat Bottoms** for MG-TF both \$100. Call Obin Hamrick at 850-878-8453

BBMGs MOSS Dealer & SU Rebuilder: Blair Engle at 850-385-2821

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

Older restoration w/overdrive - drive anywhere - new parts include - steering rack - all mounts replaced - new tube shocks and energy suspension on rear - new tank sending unit - all new brake hoses - new calipers & pads - new water pump - new passenger floorboard - drivers side in good condition - fresh tune-up - rebuilt SU's - motor is strong - L or low compression version - clutch is good - however also have new clutch kit - never installed. Tallahassee, FL. Pictures available on request. \$5900.00
Contact Fred Kelly @ 850 321 4587 or fred.kelly@dana.com

Check the website for more classifieds!

www.bigbendmgs.com

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There will also be at least three Grand Tours for those hardy souls who want to venture forth in Little British Cars beyond North Florida and South Georgia. The first is scheduled to be GOF South Mark XXXIX, April 8-10, 2005. It will be held at the Kenilworth Hotel, Sebring, FL, and is hosted by the Suncoast Classic MG Club. Make room reservations by calling 800-423-5939. A week before we leave we will take our cars to Raphael's shop for a check-up.

We are also looking at having the club attend a British car event in Pensacola and to repeat our previously successful fall leaf peeping and MG car show in Hiawassee, GA. The later will be October 6-9, 2005, sponsored by the Southeastern MG T Register GOF

All MGs are welcome. Registration will be on Thursday and Friday with the car show on Saturday. There is a banquet and entertainment on Saturday night. For those who can leave on Thursday, we have a mountain road tour for our club members on Friday including lunch at Gobblers' Knob Lodge on Shuler Mountain.

Communication is an important element of any club's success. While I pledge to get you information by email on a timely basis, I need your help by keeping me posted on any changes in your mailing address and especially your email address. With your help and active participation, 2005 will be a great year for the Big Bend MG Club!

Bud

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The idea for a gymkhana was brought forth with the only problem being where to hold it. A large parking lot would be needed, (the old Sam's Club?). The new officers were sworn in and outgoing officers were thanked for their services. The meeting was then turned over to the new Prime Minister, Bud Nocera. He suggested a driving tour every month. The new Vice-Prime Minister Rafael Gonzalez is willing to hold some tech-sessions at his shop. Joe Carter won the pot (\$16). The out-going Prime-Minister, Paul Darby won the door prize (a MGB manual) and then sold it to Joe Carter. Meeting was adjourned.

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2005 Meetings At A Glance

February 15, 2005 – Killearn Country Club Dinner Meeting, 6:30 pm
March 15, 2005 - Killearn Country Club Dinner Meeting, 6:30 pm
April 16, 2005 - Killearn Country Club Breakfast Meeting, 9:00am
May 10, 2005 - Killearn Country Club Dinner Meeting, 6:30 pm
June 14, 2005 - Killearn Country Club Dinner Meeting, 6:30 pm
July 16, 2005 - Killearn Country Club Breakfast Meeting, 9:00am
August 9, 2005 - Killearn Country Club Dinner Meeting, 6:30 pm
September 13, 2005 - Killearn Country Club Dinner Meeting, 6:30 pm
October 15, 2005 - Killearn Country Club Breakfast Meeting, 9:00am
November 8, 2005 - Killearn Country Club Dinner Meeting, 6:30 pm
December 13, 2005 - Killearn Country Club Dinner Meeting, 6:30 pm

Coming Next Month:

Dates & Topics for the
Saturday Tech Sessions,
hosted by Rafael
Gonzalez.

Tech Tips from the Little British Car Company (www.lbcarco.com)

MGA Air Cleaner Removal

This Tech Tip is from Martin Straka.

One constant aggravation is removing air cleaners on MGAs. With a metal cutting wheel attached to an electric drill, cut down a 1/2" open end wrench so only a stub (1-1 1/2") remains of the handle and grind smooth any sharp edges. Now you've got a special wrench that easily works in the tight space between the carburetors.

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



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Upcoming Events – British Car Clubs

After-The-Holidays Party

January 15, 2005 –Hosted by Peter & Donnalee Koening. 7605 Broadview Farms Lane, Tallahassee. Go north on Centerville Road, past Bradfordville Road and Pisgah Church road. Look for the fire station on the left, and the next left is Broadview Farms Lane. The festivities begin at 4:00pm. Bring your covered dish, drop it off, and prepare for a 45 minute drive!

Southeastern MG T Register GOF

October 6-9, 2005
Location: Hiawassee, GA
100 miles north of Atlanta near the NC state line
All MGs welcome. Registration on 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:
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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.

Gathering of the Faithful XXXIX South XIX South

April 8-10, 2005
Location: Sebring, Florida
100 miles south east of Tampa on US 27
Organizer: Suncoast Classic MG Club, Tampa Bay, FL
Contact: Suzy Maxon
Tel: 727-736-1990
Email: arana-suzy@msn.com
Web site:
<http://www.ranjos.com/britcars/index.htm>

GOF South is rotated between three MG clubs in Florida. This event will be held at the historic Kenilworth Hotel and will feature parade laps around the Sebring Raceway, a classic auto and aircraft museum tour, a 50s style sock hop and banquet with auction/raffle. This event drew over 140 classic MG cars in 2002, some from as far as Canada.