

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 will be held at the January party, January 14, 2006, at Dave & Jane Streit's house.

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Prime Minister's Message

Prime Minister's Farewell Message

It's now 2006 and the time has come to ceremoniously remove the Big Bend MG Club's jewel-encrusted, solid-gold Scepter of Office and coveted Diamond Tiara from my tool cabinet and hand them to our newly elected Prime Minister, Raphael Gonzalez. While most previous rulers have understood the club's scepter is only a symbol of authority, I found it very useful to bang against the sometimes-stuck starter on my MGA. And I must admit, I have never understood the tiara thing and why the club members insisted I wear it at all times this past year; or that constant snickering of the membership during our club meetings. I will

say that it drew some envious looks from little girls. But I think it also kept me from really enjoying the redneck bars I frequent. Such is the heavy price of elected office.

As Raphael assumes the leadership position with tiara and scepter, I would like to reflect on the past year and the year to come.

The success of this or any club depends on the participation of its members. Given the size of our club, this past year we had excellent participation from almost everyone. For that I thank each of our members. Starting with the After-the-Holidays Party last January at the home of Peter and Donalee Koenig (thank you, Peter and Donalee!), and going all year right through the November meeting, our attendance was really very good. It is crucial for our club's future that good attendance continues. Without it there is no reason to have a club and no way for a club to survive. With good attendance there is the camaraderie, friendship, positive feelings about our individual decisions to be a member, and the ability to exchange information and give and receive assistance for our beloved LBCs. It is my hope all members will look back with favor on all or most of the club's meetings and events, and will make every effort to attend the events of 2006.

The success of any club also depends on volunteerism. This past year we saw many members step up and take on responsibilities for running the club. My thanks to Raphael as Vice Chancellor who had to run so many meetings for me when my job had me traveling on business. Thanks also to Secretary Jim Collins for taking minutes at each meeting. And to Chancellor of the Exchequer Wanda Brown for handling the club's bookkeeping responsibilities.

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Minutes of Meeting

Big Bend MG Club Minutes

No Meeting in December.

Dues

Dues for 2006 must be paid by February 1, 2006. Dues are \$25.00

Please mail your check, payable to BBMG Car Club, to:
JP Brown
1981 Charlais St.
Tallahassee, FL 32317.

Dues not paid by **2/1/06** will be considered delinquent.

Membership forms for new members are included in this issue of the newsletter and are available on the web site.

MG

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

SHOCK ABSORBERS: Front Rear
 MGC..... 165.00 165.00
 MGD & 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
 Brake & Clutch cylinders brass sleeved.....\$40-60
 Kingpin swivel axle rebushed.....\$40-\$80
 Front end a-arm (Midget).....\$75.00

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 Disassembly, cleaning, bodies rebushed, new
 throttle shafts, jets, needles, float valves, gaskets,
 Flow bench tested.....\$345.00/pair

CARB BODIES REBUSHED;
 and new throttle shafts.....\$55.00 each

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 day turnaround). Core charges apply if items are
 ordered prior to (and are refunded after) our
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 British Car Parts Business, Orlando Florida.
<http://safewayautomotive.alterxp.com>

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

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 business, Orlando Florida. <http://safewayautomotive.alterxp.com>

Rafael's AutoWorks ASE Certified

New Address & Phone # for Rafael's AutoWorks
 1011 Capital Circle NW, Tallahassee, FL 32304
 Call: 212-3689 or 850-575-9767

Check the website for more classifieds!
www.bigbendmgs.com

Please review all on-line information for accuracy. Report any
 inaccuracies to Vera Darby (850-903-4659) or e-mail corrections to
verad04@comcast.net. Changes may also be reported to JP
 Brown (850-681-6332 x35) or e-mail jpbrown@BoutinBrown.com.

Prime Minister's Message

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Thanks to Registrar J.P. Brown for keeping the membership roster in good order. And a special thanks to Newsletter Editor Vera Darby for her work in publishing the monthly newsletter, *Tally Ho*. Thanks also to board members Paul Darby, Terry Hamrick, Tom Phares and Joe Carter for their willingness to serve on our board of directors. And a big thanks to Bill Thompson for stepping forward to plan our driving tours. Without their work and help the Big Bend MG Club would not exist. Every club member needs to be ready and willing to step into a club leadership position as these members have. It does not take a great amount of time. It is important and it does make a difference.

Finally, the success of the club is about communication. I admit freely here that this is an area in which I have not been as good as I ought to have been this past year. There were times when I was remiss in getting information to the members about club events and meetings. I could have also done a better job keeping in touch with every member. For that I apologize to each of you. But successful communication must be two-way, with each party being active. I believe there is also a responsibility of each member to communicate with the club as well. Yes, it is primarily the job of the club's elected leader to keep his or her club's membership informed. But it is also the responsibility of each member to keep informed. It only takes a moment to check the calendar on the club's web site or make a call. As we enter 2006, it is my hope we can quickly get all the year's meetings and many of the events set and on the web site.

In the spirit of volunteerism and better communication, let's make the year easier for Raphael. Can we get six club members to volunteer to take responsibility for two meetings each, planning the location and agenda, including a program for the two meetings? To get things started, I will volunteer to take the first two, in February and March. The January meeting is already set: the After-the-Holidays Party on January 14 at the home of Dave and Jane Streit. No meeting program will take place, other than the gift exchange. Please take a moment and call Raphael and tell him you will take responsibility for two meetings!

Now it is time to close my last Prime Minister's Message. For me it has been a wonderful experience. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Big Bend MG Club. The best part has been getting to know each of you a little better. The worst part has been wearing that darn tiara into redneck bars.

Bud Nocera, Past Prime Minister

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



Upcoming Events – British Car Clubs

January, 2006: January 14, Annual Post-Holiday Party hosted by Dave & Jane Streit's, 3023 Shamrock St. N Tallahassee, FL 32309. (golf course side-approx. .3 miles east of the main entrance off Shamrock into Killearn Country Club).

Covered dish & gift exchange (\$15.00). Please RSVP via phone -584-1402, or e-mail destreit@msn.com.

February Meeting:

Big Bend MG Club Valentine's Meeting For MG Lovers

Date: Tuesday, February 14

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Silver Slipper, 531 Silver Slipper Lane, Tallahassee.

Program: Mr. Toad's Wild Ride: Bud's Slides from the London-to-Brighton Veteran Car Run

Big Bend MG Club Cash Position

As of December 12, 2005

Balance Forward: \$1419.90

Expenses: \$50.00
Donation (Laurie Engle)
Door prize

Deposits: \$13.00
Money Pot: \$13.00

Total Bank Balance: \$1382.90



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Big Bend MGs Membership Application

NEW

RENEWAL

Name: _____

D.O.B. (MO/DAY at least) _____

Occupation: _____ Wk. Ph: _____

Spouse/Companion: _____

D.O.B. (MO/DAY at least) _____

Occupation: _____ Wk. Ph: _____

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Hm. Ph: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Model MG: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

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How long have you been involved with MG's? _____

Other Interests: _____

What other MG organizations are you a member of? AMGBR NAMGBR

NAMGBR MG Drivers Other _____

Would you be interested in helping the Club with the following? Events Committees

Social Activities Tech. Info. Committees Other _____

Send my BBMGs Tally Ho newsletter to my email address: _____

Membership year starts January 1st and expires December 31st

Annual dues are: \$25.00 Family Unit membership *which includes* "British Marque" newsletter subscription. Singles are a family unit. Please enclose check made to Big Bend MG's and give to a member or the treasurer or mail to BBMGs, c/o Wanda Brown, 1981 Charlis St., Tallahassee, FL 32317

Why You Should Become A Member of Big Bend MGs

Interesting Monthly Meetings

Great Camaraderie and Fellowship

Outings and Road Trips

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Technical Sessions & Fixer Uppers

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