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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 August 9, 2005, 6:30pm, at Gill's Tavern, 2545 N. Monroe Street.

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Prime Minister's Message

Prime Minister's Message:
It's OK to Be An Orphan

In recent months we have all read or heard of the demise of the MG brand as a manufacturer of British-made automobiles. More recent news stories out of the U.K. speculated on the possibility of the MG brand being acquired by the People's Republic of China as part of that Nation's efforts to acquire well-known and recognizable brands instead of developing their own brands over a period of many years. Whatever the future of MG, when the parent company ceased to exist as a

manufacturer of motor cars, our MGs became orphans. They have joined the ranks of other orphans, such as Nash Ramblers, Packards, Hudsons, Studebakers, and DeSotos. While all car marques, with the possible exception of Yugo, have loyal and devoted followers who will extol the virtues of their particular beloved marque over all others, we MG orphan owners are truly luckier and better off than most.

I know of no other brand of autos that offers its owners more enjoyment or more fun per mile than does the MG. Yes, they are LBCs and, as such, they come with all the quirks of the genre: oil leaks, overheating and those pesky Lucas electrical gremlins. But if we are honest with ourselves, we secretly love those quirks because they are part of the cars' legend and mystique. Perhaps that makes us more than a little masochistic, hobby-wise. But if it does, so be it. We are lucky because we who drive MGs and other LBCs have some of the best support for our cars of any marque. There are excellent MG web sites which offer excellent advice on restoration and maintenance. There are few orphaned marque owners out there which have the supply of parts that the MG owners have, whether new-old-stock or newly-manufactured. We also have access to information on the manufacturing of our individual cars (well, at least for those MGs made after 1953), thanks to the efforts of the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust.

Minutes of Meeting

Big Bend MG Club Minutes
The June minutes are not available.



Can you guess what car this is?

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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
Brake & Clutch cylinders brass sleeved.....	\$40-\$80
Kingpin swivel axle rebushed.....	\$40-\$80
Front end a-arm (Midget).....	\$75.00

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Classic 1955 – Morgan - Black/Green. Good Condition. Body Type 2D Class 0. WT/Length 1650. \$ 10,000. Call Doris Pollock at (850-893-5274) JK Jackson has serviced it for years.

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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Check the website for more classifieds!

www.bigbendmgs.com

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For \$50 the Trust will tell you on which date(s) your car was assembled, original body color and even which factory options it had. Try getting that information from Detroit for a '56 DeSoto!

So even with the demise of MG, keep that stiff upper lip and know we can keep our cars on the road and motoring into the future with a great support system. Even if MG becomes a Chinese version of the Yugo.

Best regards,
Bud Nocera
Prime Minister

Tech Tips from the Little British Car Company

www.lbcarco.com

Help Keep Your Chrome Wires Clean

This Tech Tip is from Art Greenberg.

I have chrome wire wheels on my 2002 Plus 8. They require a lot of elbow grease to keep clean, even with the regular use of the fine wheel care products available through LBC. Here is an easy way to lengthen periods between major cleanups and make interim dressing up a snap: After use of an approved wire wheel cleaner, coat the wheels with silicone. This serves multiple purposes: Keeps air off the wheels, minimizing oxidation and rust, and makes simple cleanups of road grit, dirt and brake powder as easy as rubbing the wheel gently with a water-soaked rag. Most dirt has trouble adhering to silicone, and it will wipe right off. I have used Krylon brand spray silicone (which has many other automotive and household uses, making it a cost-effective purchase). It is widely available from hardware stores. This brand is very low in oil (which attracts dirt like a magnet).

A few cautions, however: Never spray the silicone directly on the wheels! First, pray it on a cloth, and then use the cloth to apply the silicone to the wheel. Otherwise, the silicone may get into your brakes (especially open disc brake rotors and pads) and you may lose your brakes! Also, Do not use it on painted wires, as it may "melt" plastic based paints. Cautions aside, it works great.

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2005 Meetings At A Glance

August 9, 2005 - Killearn Country Club Dinner Meeting, 6:30pm

Location: Gill's Tavern, 2545 N. Monroe Street

September 13, 2005 - Killearn Country Club Dinner Meeting, 6:30pm

Location: Cabana's, 2915 Kerry Forest Parkway

October 15, 2005 - Killearn Country Club 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

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.

Big Bend MG Club Cash Position
As of July 12, 2005

Balance Forward: \$1,414.78

Expenses:

British Marque: \$14.00

Deposits:

Badges: \$6.00

T-Shirts: \$93.00

Memberships: \$40.00

Money Pot: \$9.00

Total Bank Balance: \$ 1,549.78



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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

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.

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 (or) 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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