



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.

This month's meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2006, 6:30pm, at Los Amigos Mexican Restaurant, 2471 Capital Circle NE.

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Prime Minister's Message

By Mike Miller

Well so much for that meeting, my apologies for the total cluster...oops I guess that would be an inappropriate remark. The manager of the restaurant called and promised that it wouldn't happen again. I assured him that it wouldn't as well. Let's hope the next gathering will be a bit more intimate. Remember, it's at Los Amigos, formerly Scales and Tails. I ate there last week and it was very good.

Even though the meeting was a bit on the chaotic side (my throat was sore for a week) we did get a few things done. Most importantly, the honorable Paul Darby stepped up and volunteered to take the Vice Chancellor position. We appreciate...and when I say we, I mean me, appreciate you stepping in Paul. Hopefully it won't hurt a bit. I know it was tough to hear in there but, probably the most discussed topic was the possibility of some type of effort to unite the Big Bend MG Club with the North Florida British Motoring Club. Points were made to maybe have a few informal meet and greet drives with the chaps of NFBMC to test the waters so to speak. I'll be contacting their club and attending the next meeting on behalf of BBMGs to parlay our thoughts.

I don't know about you, but I love driving my LBC these days!! I'm aware that it's been pretty hot lately but the looks I get driving down Capital Circle on the way to work are priceless. People love our cars. I haven't driven Killer anywhere that someone hasn't stopped me, honked or given the thumbs up. I'm always hearing people moan about how bad traffic is, or

how long it took them to get home. I tell them buy an MG. Slow moving traffic gives the commoners a better look at our jewels. I especially love when the kids in the souped up foreign cars pull up next to me wanting to know what kind of car that is or, better yet, want to give it a go at the stop light. You guys know my cars got about 98 horse power but they don't. I love revving my car up (cuz it sounds kinda bad...good bad). In third gear and about 3500rpm I can give a Civic a lesson or two in throttle response. Of course it helps if we are going down hill and the wind is in my favor. All I'm saying is we have to drive these labors of love to really appreciate them. Plus, it definitely makes the local commute more interesting if you dot traffic with a few sweet cherry red British roadsters. Ok toss in a blue, green, yellow, orange, brown and white. Sorry if I missed a color or two but, you get the point. By the way since I mentioned color, MG opened their factory doors in 1929 and M&M's were introduced in 1930. Hmmmmm makes ya think.....discuss amongst yourselves.

Finally, next meeting should be fun, we have a totally new venue and the food is great. We might actually be able to hear ourselves. I just can't let it go. I should have the final details on the July drive and a report on the possible co-opt of the two clubs.

Until we meet again, ZOOM, ZOOM!!!

Mike Miller

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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.

Submitted by Mike -
Joke of the month: (hey I'm trying here!)

What do you call the shock absorbers inside an MG?

Passengers!

MG

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

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 HEAVY DUTY UPGRADE.....10.00 10.00
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Big Bend MG Club Cash Position

As of May 9, 2006

Balance Forward
 \$1,605.75
 Expenses
 \$103.18-Postage
 \$8.00-British
 Marque
 Deposits
 \$25.00-
 Memberships
 Total Bank Balance
 \$1,519.57



The following renewed their annual membership to Big Bend MG's in the last month:

Paul and Vera Darby
 Hope Keating
 Peter and Donalee Koenig
 Harry D. Scott

The registrar apologizes for not recognizing the early 2006 renewal by Steve and Katherine LaRosa in last month's newsletter.

New members for 2006:

Gary and Barbara Hudson - 1977 white MGB
 Dave and Jackie Mankin - 1965 red MGB

Welcome!

Key West Pictures – More on the web site



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



Dues

Dues not paid by 2/1/06 will be considered delinquent. Dues are \$25.00

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

Membership forms for new members are available on the web site.



Upcoming Events – British Car Clubs

June 21-25, 2006: MG International 2006- Gatlinburg, TN. Put on by MGRNA every 5 years. Visit <http://www.mg2006.com> for more information.

October 28, 2006: All Brit 2006, Tampa, FL. "MG the Featured Marque".

November 10-12: 2006-MG Jamboree 15, Holiday In Sunspree Resort, Tampa, FL.

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Upcoming Meetings:

June 13, 2006 - 6:30pm: Location: Los Amigos Mexican Restaurant, 2471 Capital Circle NE (next to CJ's)

July 15, 2006 - 7:00am: Location: 6011 Ox Bottom Manor Dr., drive and breakfast-location TBA

August 8, 2006 - 6:30pm: Location: Huston's Oven & Grill, Southwood, Tallahassee

September 12, 2006 - 6:30pm: Location: La Fiesta Restaurant, 2329 Apalachee Pkwy.

October 14, 2006 - 9:00am: Location: Golden Corral, 1630 N Monroe St.

November 14, 2006 - 6:30pm: Location: Ramada Inn North, 6:30 pm to re-introduce the club to the site of Rendezvous 2007.

December 12, 2006 - 6:30pm: Location: 1981 Charlais Street (JP Brown's house) for cookout.

Meeting on Tuesday, 5-9-06, at Beef O'Bradys:

Old Business:

- Rafael resigned as Prime Minister and Mike assumed the position.
- The position of Vice Chancellor remained open.
- All articles for the newsletter need to be turned in 2 weeks after the meeting.
- Mike recapped that a board meeting was held to discuss everyone's position and duties in the club.
- If you haven't paid your dues....PLEASE PAY THEM SOON!!

New Business:

- Mike asked if anyone was interested in filling the position of Vice Chancellor. Paul Darby offered, and the motion was carried making Paul our new Vice Chancellor.
- Next meeting will be held at Los Amigos on Capital Circle NE (the old Scales and Tales restaurant) on Tuesday, June 13th @ 6:30 pm.
- The Saturday, July 15th meeting was brought up to see if there was any interest in doing a drive to Cairo to the antique car museum with lunch at Mr. Chicks restaurant after a tour. The only catch is that it would be a later morning/ early afternoon drive in the heat. Mike is getting more details as to the exact time and will report at the next meeting.
- It was asked if anyone objected to having their personal information listed on the website or if a members only section would be a good idea for the personal information. It was agreed that it wasn't a big deal to list the member's information.
- It was suggested that we have Vera take the dollar amount off of the door prize in the newsletter and website.
- Mike gave JP the floor to discuss "Rendezvous 2007". JP gave us the update that the date will need to be moved from sometime in November to mid to end of October. Location will be the same as before at the Radisson on N. Monroe Street. He will be getting information on advertising, sponsorships, and vendors. We will need volunteers to help getting everything arranged.
- Mike brought up the idea of getting together with the N. FL British Car Club to possibly merge together. Maybe a drive or a picnic to see if the interest is there.
- JP announced that everyone is invited to his pig roast at his lake house Memorial Day weekend.
- Mike asked if anyone would be interested in ordering club shirts for approx. \$21.00. They are white polo shirts with our logo in forest green. If anyone is interested please contact Mike or Julie by the end of June.
- JP had patches for \$5.00 and magnets for \$7.00. Please contact JP if you are interested.
- JP gave the Treasury report.
- Randy Engle won the pot and Wanda Phares won the door prize (picnic blanket).
- Joe Kaiser's car won 2nd place in the people's choice at the "Legends on the Green" car show where Jaguar was the featured marquee.
- Mike is going to get an email list together for other clubs that are interested in getting our newsletter.
- Meeting adjourned.

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