



TALLY HO

Prime Minister's Message

I think Big Bend Mgs has found our new meeting location!!! Po Boy's was a great host, the food was great and the service was excellent. The room is quiet and private with the ability to use the on premise audio visual equipment. Did I mention that there is no room charge!! That being said I need to remind everyone the next meeting is going to be held at the St. Patrick's Day festivities at the Auto Museum on March 14th. We are meeting at 11:30 am. I'll bring a tent and a few chairs and a table. Please bring yourself something to sit on. The Tallahassee Irish Society will be hosting the event and there will be food, drinks, and music. Last year they had 400 people. If we get it together quick enough we also can put a couple of cars in the parade. It's only a half mile parade route around the grounds. One or two of us should be able to make it around the turn without overheating. We plan on having a quick meeting under the tent and walk the grounds to size up the site. Gonna need to pick some locations to put things for the May Rendezvous!! After the meeting some of us plan to take advantage of the food and drink. Of course I'm speaking of myself.

Once again I urge you to register now for our upcoming event to give us a better idea of who and how many to expect for the show. Whilst you are paying for registration go ahead and make that annual due check out too. I got word today that we should expect to see a few more T-series this year. In the spirit of British car shows, the NFBCC would love to see our cars at their event in April. It would be a great excuse for getting the cars out again and fliers for our event could be passed out there. Let's all get together and caravan over and show some Big Bend MGBs pride. If you are planning to attend please send me an email so I can give Charlie an idea of Big Bend MGBs head count.

If you haven't heard, Jan Gardner had an accident earlier this month. She's feeling much better now says an inside informant and she will be coming home from the rehab hospital this Thursday. Everyone at Big Bend MGBs wishes her the best and a speedy recovery.

Hopefully this will be the last cold snap for our region and we can get our cars out there on the road. Speaking of drivability, does anybody out there have a decent shape hard top for sale that could be painted? I've been toying with the idea for a while and thought since I drive my

"B" all the time it might make things more comfy during the winter. Shoot me an e-mail if you have a source.

See you all next meeting,

Mike Miller, PM



Nancy Is Still Looking!

Interested in the Key West trip?
Need a ride?

Nancy Ayotte is going and has the
passenger seat of an MG TD
unoccupied.

She can be reached at
nancyayotte@comcast.net
or call 850-893-8813.

Leave April 20. Caravanning

Tally Ho Distribution Notice

The Tally Ho is distributed exclusively by email. Production and mailing costs of the printed version were almost exceeding the cost of club membership. So rather than increase the dues, we are following the lead of most other car clubs and switching to an all-electronic version (PDF.) for all members with an email address.

In addition to saving the club money, there are several advantages: We get it to you quicker, and you see all the photographs in color. And you can print it out on your own printer at your leisure, if you'd like.

Please make sure to include your email address printed neatly when renewing your membership.



**May 1st - 3rd
Schedule of Events**

Friday Afternoon and Evening - May 1st

After arriving at the Staybridge Suites Tallahassee, join us in the hospitality room on the 1st floor where you will find Rendezvous Registration, complimentary beverages & snacks. You will be able to view all raffle items and purchase raffle tickets. The Staybridge Suites Hospitality Room will be open from 12:00pm to 8:00pm. Join us outside the Hospitality Room on the back deck at 6:00 pm for a BBQ Buffet dinner, with the fun continuing until 9:00pm.

Saturday - May 2nd - (8am- 5pm)

Enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet for Staybridge guests before heading over to the event site located at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum. The Hospitality Suite at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum will open at 8:00am on site in "The Tucker" meeting room overlooking the car show display area. You will find registration, raffle items, and complimentary beverages & snacks. Tour the museum anytime during the event.

10:00am - 2:00pm All British Cars displayed. People's Choice Voting Begins (Ballots in by 2 pm).

Light complimentary lunch served in "The Tucker" meeting room. Scenic guided/ unguided driving tours, Mechanics Tech Session/s, Vehicles diagnosed by Glenn Lenhard

Saturday Evening - May 2nd - (7pm-10 pm)

Banquet begins in the Tallahassee Automobile Museum "Duesenberg" Banquet Hall with Full Cash Bar, Plated Salad & Buffet Dinner. Last chance to view raffle items and purchase tickets. Raffle and Door prize winners will be announced after the People's Choice Awards Presentation.

Sunday Morning - May 3rd

Enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet for Staybridge Suites guests & Good-Bye

Visit: www.bigbendmgclub.com & www.bigbendmgs.com for more information!

Registration Form

Name: _____
 Guest: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Contact Phone Number/s: _____
 E-mail Address: _____
 Year/Make/Model: _____
 Year/Make/ Model: _____

Registration Fee

The fee is for one car, 2 people and their children up to 14 years. Fee includes Hospitality Room complimentary beverages, snacks and Saturday light lunch for all registrants and (1) ticket to tour the Tallahassee Automobile Museum. (Additional tickets \$5.00 each/ Children under 5 are Free)

BEFORE MARCH 30th: **\$35.00** - AFTER APRIL 1st: **\$40.00** - ON-SITE May 1st-2nd: **\$45.00** \$ _____
 Extra Car(s): _____ X 15.00 = \$ _____
 Extra Tour Tickets: \$5.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 Friday BBQ Buffet Dinner: \$18.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 Awards Banquet: \$40.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Number of People Attending: _____

Rendezvous Regalia

These quality T-Shirts are sure to be a big hit!

T-Shirts: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$15.00 X _____ = \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please note: Guest are welcome, but must be registered to take part in any Rendezvous meal functions or planned activities.

Mail Completed Registration & Check to:

Big Bend MG's c/o Julie Miller, 3116 Capital Circle NE, Suite 2, Tallahassee, FL 32308

*All British Cars
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**6800 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308
(850) 942-0137
www.tacm.com
cars@tacm.com**

Directions: I-10 to Tallahassee Exit 209A Hwy 90 E.
Tallahassee Automobile Museum is on your Right.

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? AMGBA NAMGAR

NAMGBR MG Drivers Other _____

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

Social Activities Tech. Info. Committees Other _____

Send the *Tally Ho* newsletter to this email address: _____

REALLY, I DON'T HAVE EMAIL. Please continue to mail me the *Tally Ho* Newsletter

Membership year starts January 1st and expires December 31st

Annual dues are: \$25.00 Family Unit membership *which includes* "British Marquee" 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 Julie Miller, 3116 Capital Circle NE Ste. 2., Tallahassee, FL 32308

Why You Should Become A Member of Big Bend MGs

Interesting Monthly Meetings

Great Camaraderie and Fellowship

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British Marquee Newsletter Monthly (Free Classifieds)

Club Website - www.bigbendmgs.com

Arguably the most interesting group of people in Tallahassee or anywhere!

BBMGs is a NAMGBR Chapter

You'll Love The People!



North American MGB Register

Big Bend MGs

Meeting Minutes

2-19-09

Present: Mike and Julie Miller, Bill and Nancy Thompson, Randy and Blair Engle, Tom Phares, Nancy Ayotte, Don Schmidt, Dave and Jane Streit

Next meeting: March 14, 11:30AM, Antique Car Museum

I. Announcements

Mike announced that Chris and Alexa Handcock, who recently purchased the MG we have all admired sitting for sale outside the Light and Fan store on Capital Circle have joined the club.

Blair reminded all present that the Extravaganza Under the Oaks British Car and Doll Show is scheduled for April 4th in Micosukee. Registration forms are available at <http://www.nfbmc.com/show/register.pdf>

Mike has talked with Peter Newman of the Irish Society. Peter invited us to participate in their annual parade. Folks are gathering at 11:30AM at the Antique Car Museum with the parade starting at 1PM. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. It was decided that we will combine the event and our next meeting. Participation in the parade is not mandatory. The BBMGs will meet at 11:30AM. Look for the tent.

Blair noted that Vera has been updating the website.

Blair Engle announced a Moss Motors 20% off sale.

Julie presented the treasurer's report. Current balance is \$5,082.42

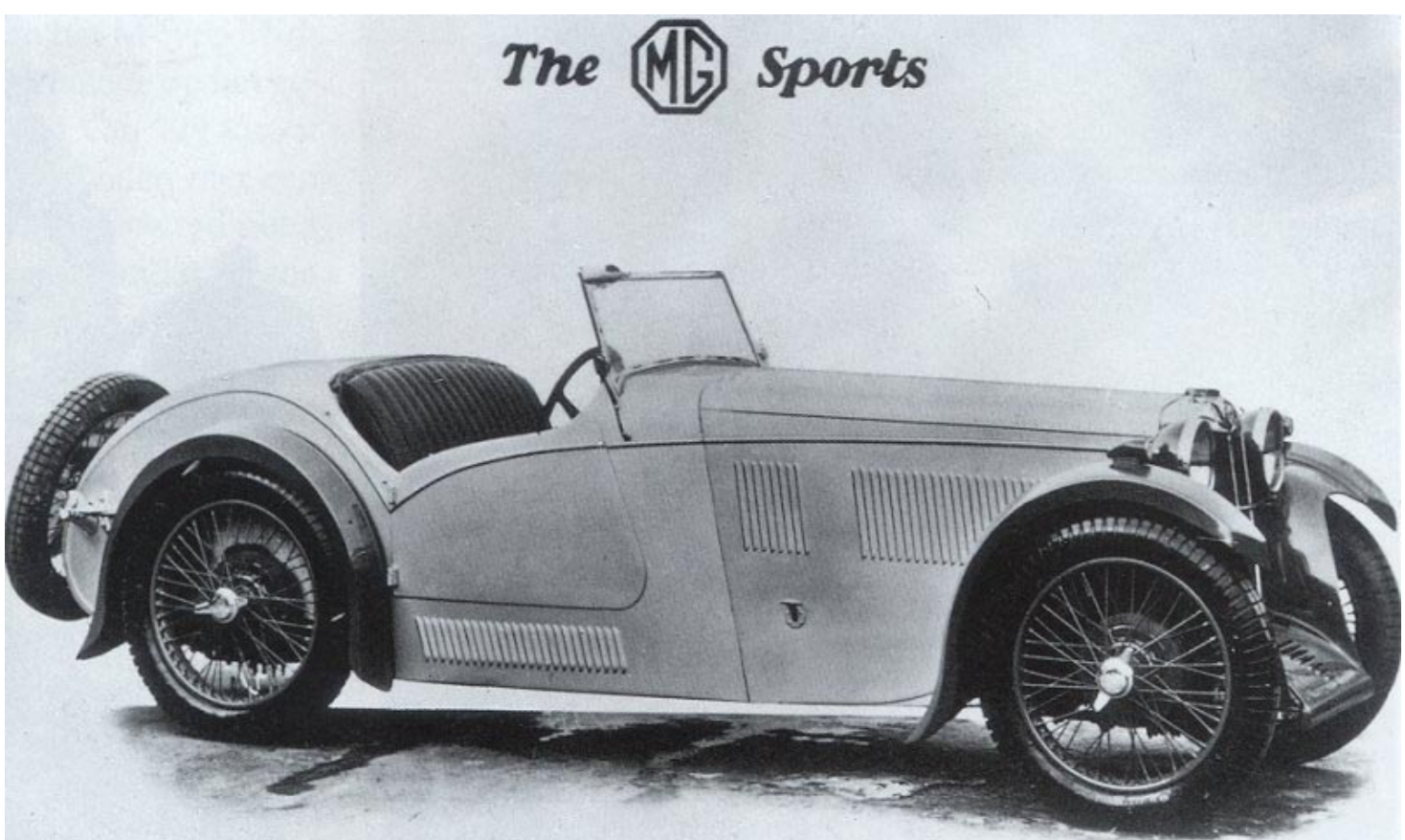
II. Discussion

Rendezvous Update- the group discussed the Rendezvous in light of the current economic downturn. The club has put down one deposit with the Car Museum for \$500 which is not refundable at this point, the next expenditure will be April 1st. Members present discussed the pros and cons of pushing forward with the event. It was decided that Julie will develop an analysis based on break even points relative to registrants which we will use at the March 14th meeting to make a decision about continuing with the Rendezvous in May. It is anticipated that we will decide the minimum number of registrations needed prior to April 1 to proceed. At present, 14 are registered for the event.

Members were encouraged to share information about the upcoming show and begin soliciting donations for door prizes.

Members present were very pleased with the new meeting place. PoBoys has a separate meeting room with audiovisual equipment available, food and service were good, and PoBoys does not charge for the room. In case we are rained out on the 14th, we will meet at PoBoys at 6PM on the 19th of March.

Jane Streit, Secretary



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MARCH 27-29, 2009

For our 43rd annual Gathering, we will return to this beautiful resort on US Highway 19, at the southern end of Crystal River Florida. Since we were there three years ago, the facility has undergone a \$7 million renovation and expansion, including new rooms, meeting facilities and an on-site AVEDA spa. The car park will again be on the lawn of the Resort, on the banks of the river. It is a great place to sit and watch the water flow by while enjoying MG fellowship.

We have arranged special rates for the event with Standard Double or Standard King rooms at \$89.00 per night with a waiver of the usual Resort Fee for this booking. Palo Double or King rooms and Junior Suites are available for \$99.00 and \$109.00 respectively. You will need to call the Resort directly, at 800-632-6262 and mention that you are with the **Classic MG Event**. If you have special requests you need to make them at this initial time. They don't give written confirmations, but will give you a confirmation number when your reservation is guaranteed. You must act soon, because **the block of reserved rooms will hold only until February 24, 2009**. After that date, you can't be assured of a room.

Room reservations can be cancelled up to 72 hours prior to arrival without penalty (a one night charge for any cancellation after that time), but we urge you to notify us if the necessity arises, because we have guaranteed a block of rooms for the event.

Reservations for the traditional Saturday Awards Banquet (sit-down service - no buffet!) are to be made at the time of your registration for the event.

There will be a First Timers Show of cars on Friday evening in a reserved area in the front of the Resort from 4:00-6:00 PM. The Hospitality Room will be open at 2:00 PM for Registration, delivery and viewing of Raffle prizes and Socializing.

Dinner on Friday Evening will be on your own, but your Hosts will have information about local favorites and will endeavor to "fix you up" so that you can enjoy dinner in the company of friends, both old and new. We will post a list of recommended restaurants in the area on our website www.classicmgclub.com in due time.

The show of cars will commence on Saturday at 10:00AM on the lawn, overlooking the river and continue until 12:00 Noon. We are planning a tour of the local sights starting at 2:30 which will take about 1 hour. We reserve the right to add additional afternoon amusements depending on the creativity of our committee, the weather, etc. There are plenty of activities to please everyone, even those who don't think kicking tires is a fun way to spend an afternoon. Please look at the facilities available to us at the Resort, including their NEW Aveda Spa. Visit their web site at www.plantationinn.com to learn more!

Vendors are both welcome and encouraged, but need to understand that they cannot set up for business on the lawn where the Show of Cars will occur on Saturday Morning. This is because of the recent expansion of the facility which has blocked off the entry point we used in the past. Our small cars will have to drive over a walkway between two wings of the Resort to get to the lawn, but this isn't possible with a modern-sized auto or a commercial vehicle or trailer. We will reserve sufficient space for vendors in the parking lot to the right of the main lobby (as you face the lobby) and you can operate both Friday and Saturday as long as you wish.

REGISTRATION FORM

GOF MK. XLIII SOUTH, 2009

MARCH 27 - 29, 2009



Name (include all in your party - for name badges) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

First Entry: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____
Second Entry: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____
Are you a First Timer? _____ Club Affiliation _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Prices are as follows:

- GOF Registration and two Saturday banquet dinners (tax incl) \$ 115.00
- GOF Registration and one Saturday banquet dinner (tax incl) \$ 75.00
- Registration only (\$40.00 after 3/1/09) \$ 35.00
- Registration, each additional car (no charge) \$ 0
- Banquet only (each) \$ 40.00
- Vendor Pre-Registration \$ 30.00
- Vendor Day-of-Show \$ 40.00
- Tee-Shirts - number wanted Med LG XL XXL _____ @ \$15.00 per
- Polo Shirts - Med LG XL XXL _____ @ \$30.00 per
- (Indicate men's (M) or women's (W))
- TOTAL ENCLOSED (make check payable to "Classic MG Club") \$ _____

Note: The Resort has given us the right to substitute people who want to register late with people who need to cancel their room reservation. Please contact the Chairman (Al Cook at 407-678-6814) to get on the appropriate waiting list

RELEASE AND WAIVER: In consideration of and for the right to participate in the 43rd Annual Gathering of the Faithful, I, on my behalf and on behalf of all members of my party attending the event, release the Classic MG Club of Orlando, Inc., all of the participating clubs, event sponsors and the Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, from any and all liability for damage to myself, my party, my car, or other property, while travelling to and from the event and while attending the event.

Driver and Passenger sign below.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Send to Paul Plasschaert, 1304 Wellington Terr., Maitland, FL 32751 with a check made payable to the Classic MG Club. For more information, contact Al Cook at 407-678-6814 or e-mail ClassicMGClub@att.net.

First Annual

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The Sun Coast Classic MG Car Club and Nature Coast English Car Club, in conjunction with Davis Islands, are proud to sponsor the 1st Annual "British Motor Classic" Car Show. Located at the Seaplane Basin Park on Davis Islands in Tampa FL. This family oriented show attracts 8,000 to 10,000 visitors annually and promises a truly spirited day chock full of fun events.

This is a perfect time to promote our British Hobby. We invite all British Motoring Clubs to set up a club tent to share your enthusiasm, recruit new membership and host a club swap meet. We will also be looking for clubs to help us find the Best of the Best for our feature "Showcase of Cars". We will feel right at home with "British Invasion" music from the 1960/1970 era and a British Food Concession. The Davis Group will stage Bi-winged Aeroplanes for photo shoots for all participants.

If you or your club is interested in participating contact:

Alex Manzo for information or questions - ambritts@bellsouth.net

Watch our website <http://www.britishcarclub.net> for additional information as we finalize the details.

Come join the fun by Land, Air or Sea

Saturday, April 18th, 2009 - Festivities Start at 10am

On Davis Islands' Seaplane Basin Park

(across from Peter O. Knight Airport)

* Open to the Public - No Admission Fee *

Highlights of 2009 Planned Activities

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Valves and Spring Assembly

Reference:

A) BMC and Leyland B-Series Engine Data by Porter

B) Automotive Engine Rebuilding by Hughes

Background:

We have selected our valve springs and are ready to install our refinished valves in our prepared cylinder head.

Plan of Action:

Last time we determined the need for valve spring shims to achieve the spec. installed spring height. We will need to measure the installed height of our *spring cap* from the spring seat in the head. This distance is controlled by the depth of the valve in its seat. For our "B" series engine it is the installed spring height of 1 9/16 inches.

Variation here makes the valve stem effective working length either too long or too short. If the valve is seated too deep it reduces the valve spring pressure which will limit engine RPM. If the valve is seated too shallow it can cause coil bind, coil bind will allow the valve train to self destruct the weakest part first. Coil bind is measured by passing a .010" feeler gauge between 5 spring coils (Ref B) when the valve is fully opened as it will be with your chosen cam shaft. If you are going to use a high lift cam it is highly recommended that you do not by-pass this check.

Your machine shop should as a matter of normal practice insure that valves be properly seated.

It is up to you to check their work before installation of the head. The order of assembly will be: Insert the valve, install valve stem umbrella seal (if used), place spring shim at bottom of spring pocket, spring locator, spring/s, valve stem oil deflector (if used), "O" ring, keeper, cotters. Repeat 7 times. Figure 1 is the valve and spring assembly.



Figure 1

Nigel - COB

SEE THROUGH TIRES



At rest



Over obstruction

Radical new tire design by Michelin. The next generation of tires.

Yes, those are 'spoke' like connections to the inner part of the tire from the outside tread 'wrap'!

These tires are airless and are scheduled to be out on the market very soon.

The bad news for law enforcement is that spike strips will not work on these.

Just think of the impact on existing technology:

- A. no more air valves...
- B. no more air compressors at gas stations...
- C. no more repair kits...
- D. no more flats...



Moving

Actual pictures taken in the South Carolina plant of Michelin.

Provided by Wayne Snook of MG Classics of Jacksonville



The purpose of the BBMGs is to encourage the members in the acquisition, preservation, restoration, exhibition, and use of the MG automobile

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COMING EVENTS

Feb. 14-15 - Gold Coast British Sports Car Club 16th Annual British Classic-Boca Raton,FL.-Info: www.goldcoastbritcar.org or Larry@ZZMLaw.com.

Mar. 7 - British & European Classic Car Show - at Zephyrhills Celtic Festival & Highland Games Info: www.fsmgcc.com

Mar. 13-15 - Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

Mar. 14 - BBMGs Meeting at Tallahassee Antique Car Museum - 11:00am

Mar. 21 - New Orleans 19th Annual British Car Day – Info:Keith Vezina: (504) 722-5777, president@bmcno.org or web site at <http://www.bmcno.org>

Mar. 27-29 - GOF-S MK XIII - Plantation Resort & Spa, Crystal River - Info www.classicmgclub.com

April 18 - 1st Annual British Motor Classic in Conjunction with Davis Islands - Islands Fest ` Featured Marque - Triumph. Info & Reg. form at <http://www.britishcarclub.net/davisislands.htm>

Apr. 21-25 - NAMGAR Mini-GT Key West-The Last Sunset

May 1-3 - RENDEZVOUS 2009-Tallahassee - More Info at: www.bigbendmgs.com & www.bigbendmgclub.com

May 30-Jun 7 - British Car Week

Nov. 12-14, 2010 - Jamboree 17



Thanks to contributors to this months

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Mike Miller, Jane Streit, Nigel Strangeways, COB and Wayne Snook & MG Classics

Where are the contributions from YOU and the other BBMGs members?



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