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Prime Minister's Message

LADEEEEEZ and Gentlemen..... It's all over now and the results are in. Rendezvous was a HUGE success. From all indications, everyone had a great time and had nothing but good things to say about it. I give you examples, "When are you guys going to do this again"? Or "This has been the most fun show we have been to in a long time". Or my favorite, "The drive was spectacular". I'd say the club has much to be proud of. The 18 months of planning showed in a flawless presentation to our friends from around the Southeast.

But let's face it; this show would not have been the success it was without the hard work of a number of people. First and foremost on the list is Julie Miller. Her persistence, planning and foresight gave this show the foundation. We all know that great things are built on sound foundations and this was no exception. Mike was there with her all the way providing his time, expertise and support. Next on the list is Joe Kaiser. He designed the brochure, dash plaques and the door prize clocks. I had a few people ask me on Sunday if there were any brochures left because they wanted to add them to scrapbooks they kept. Bill Thompson explored and laid out what can only be called the most beautiful drive available in North Florida. I'm sure there will be thousands of pictures posted of the winding canopy roads he found to wow us. Speaking of thousands of pictures, Jane Streit and Loretta Harpham did what can only be described as a magnificent job of documenting and chronicling the event.

Accolades fail when I try to describe the job that Jane and Wanda did preparing the gift baskets. They were simply terrific and the smiles on the winner's faces only served to prove that. The food for the entire event was coordinated by Wanda Phares. For sure, no one was walking around hungry. Wanda also designed the table settings for the banquet. They gave an eloquent and fitting touch to a wonderful time. Tom Phares worked hard to lay out the parking and make sure every class of car was displayed perfectly. Dave Streit and Nancy Ayotte spent hours behind the registra-

tion table not only checking everyone in but also being the information booth for those who needed help. Gary Cisco and Rob Barfield were there to lend a hand when needed and provided traffic cop duties when the cars came in on Saturday to park. Blair and Randy manned the Moss table and managed to talk a few people into things they absolutely needed.....even after the tent blew down. And then there was JP Brown. Not only did he transport the beer (how important is that!) but also he was the go to guy for all the hundreds of small chores that needed to be done during the weekend. He also graciously allowed me to relive my Jag days by letting me use the XJS on the drive.

Finally I want to mention the Tallahassee Car Museum and the Staybridge Hotel. I think the venues were absolutely perfect and the staff at both places worked hard to make sure we kept thinking that through the entire show. Also, how valuable is it to have a resource like Glenn Lenhard present? The many of you who attended his tech sessions walked away with some of the best knowledge in the industry for the maintenance of these cars.

However, it has to be said that any event is only as successful as the people who attend it. I think we had a group that could not have been better than if we designed it. The cars were all meticulously prepared and the camaraderie was beautiful. It's true that these little cars of ours can bring together for fun and friendship, at least for a few days, a very diverse group of people. For sure if you needed a hug that weekend, Rendezvous was the place to be.

We at BBMG's thank each and every one of the entrants and their guests for allowing us the privilege of your attendance at Rendezvous. Just to indicate how well the cars were prepared, we had numerous ties for awards in the various classes. You have to remember, the voting was by popular ballot and not by some stuffy judges walking around in jackets, hats and carrying clipboards. So everyone who received an award was getting the recognition of their peers. A true honor for all. A listing of the class winners is below.

All in all, I think Rendezvous 2009 was

an event that everyone can be proud of. The officers and board of the club thank each and every one of you who worked, attended and enjoyed Rendezvous. We are now confident that we should start planning for Rendezvous 2011. Keep the date open.

P.S. Many of the pictures taken at our previous club events are now being posted on the club website, www.bigbendmgs.com thanks to the efforts of our webmaster, Vera Darby. Go ahead, take a peek in there. I think you'll enjoy.

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Hall of Fame for Rendezvous 2009

MG T-Series

Best in Class Blair Engle 1950 MG TD
 2nd Place Gene & Ann Gillam 1949 MG TC Road Prep
 3rd Place Mark & Charles Morgan 1952 MG TD

MGA

Best in Class Tom & Wanda Phares 1956 MGA
 2nd Place Roger & Janet Bailey 1957 MGA 1500
 3rd Place Pheona & Joe Kaiser 1958 MGA Coupe

MG Midget

Best in Class - TIE David & Amy Christian 1974 Midget
 JP & Wanda Brown 1963 Midget
 2nd Place - TIE Bob & Phyllis Asztalos 1979 Midget
 Saul Klein 1979 Midget

MGB-GT

Best in Class Norman & Pat Ridgely 1967 MG GT Special
 2nd Place Marshall & Lynn Fleury 1970 MGB GT
 3rd Place Brad & Ericka Baumgartner 1970 MGB GT

MGB Chrome

Best in Class - TIE Marshall & Lynn Fleury 1970 MGB
 Ben & Danica Stone 1974 MGB
 2nd Place Helen & Fauk Kingston 1967 MGB
 3rd Place Gregg & Darlene Miller 1973 MGB

Board of Puzzlement

Gregg Miller 11/12 Correct

MGB Rubber

Best in Class Mike & Julie Miller 1979 MGB
 2nd Place John & Nancy Leenhouts 1980 MGB
 3rd Place - TIE Dave & Jane Streit 1979 MGB
 Mick & Susan McGuire 1974 1/2 MGB

MG Other

Best in Class Mike Lewis 1950 Y-Type.

Also the Distance Award winner

Austin Healey

Best in Class Robert & Marsha Hiller 1961 3000 BT7 MK1

Triumph

Best in Class - TIE Peter & Donalee Koenig 1967 TR4A
 Bob James 1974 TR6
 2nd Place Oben & Marilynn Hamrick 1959TR3A
 3rd Place - TIE Andre Pozzuoli 1974 TR6
 Oben & Marilynn Hamrick 1973 Stag

Jaguar

Best in Class JP & Wanda Brown 1991 XJS V12, Collection Classic

British Other

Best in Class Bill & Melissa Silhan 1967 Marcos 1600 GT











SVRA's Vintage "Collier Cup" MG Entrants at Watkins Glen – September 1985

MGs in the first Collier Cup race in 1985. L to R: Greg Prehodka, MGTD; Ed Henning, MGA; Tony Roth, MGTD; Tony Simms, MGA; Bob Colaizzi MGTD; Alex Quattlebaum III, MGA; Jim Bok, MGTC; Mike McLaughlin, MGTF. Photo credit: Art Eastman.

Press Release May 7, 2009

MG Racing Milestone 25th Running of the MG "Collier Cup"

It is hard to imagine, but SVRA's vintage "Collier Cup" race for MGs at Watkins Glen will celebrate its 25th running this September at the U.S. Vintage Grand Prix, as some vintage events are now becoming vintage themselves! It was initiated by SVRA in 1985 along with the support of the MG Vintage Racers and with the blessings of Miles C. Collier, to carry on the early pioneering MG racing spirit of Sam and Miles Collier, both of whom passed away in the early 1950's. There were only eight MGs in that first Collier Cup race, but vintage racing and MG participation were growing. Bob Colaizzi racing a MGTD was the first winner. Over the years, the vintage Collier Cup grew in importance, with larger fields of MGs. In 1994 there were 60 MGs racing in it, and in 2004 an incredible record breaking turnout of 143 racing MGs! Today, MG is the largest single marque group involved in vintage racing, and a large turnout of MGs is expected for this year's historic event. The vintage "Collier Cup" is a spirit award determined by a vote of the drivers in the race who select a MG racer from their own, who best demonstrates the "Spirit of MG Vintage Racing". In addition, the following awards have been added to the race over the years by various other sponsors, making the race even more prestigious: "Denver Cornett Jr. Trophy" – first MG overall; "T Cup" – first MG 'T'; "Bucher-Decker Trophy" – for the first MGA; and the "Bill Glanville Memorial Cup" – first MG Midget.

For more information, contact: Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) at: www.svra.com <<http://www.svra.com/>> , or MG Vintage Racers at: MGVR.org.

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Baronet dies at 81

By ROBERT BARR, Associated Press Writer



LONDON — Sir Sacheverell Reresby Sitwell, who restored the stately home of his famously eccentric family to its former glory, has died at age 81 in a London hospital following a short illness.

In 1965, Reresby Sitwell inherited Renishaw Hall in Derbyshire, the family seat since 1625. At the time, the rambling three-story, battlemented house near Chesterfield had neither central heating nor electricity, so Sitwell and his wife Penelope were said to retreat to the warmth of their car after breakfast.

The couple restored the house as well as the Italianate garden laid out by his grandfather in 1895. The garden's attractions now include the National Collection of Yuccas and boasted a vineyard, which was once certified as the most northerly in the world.

"His greatest legacy would be the revival of Renishaw Hall, but along with his brother Osbert and sister Edith, they were famed for their literary talent and their quirks.

The trio's oddity no doubt was influenced by their father, George Reresby's grandfather—who delighted in telling guests: "I must ask anyone entering the house never to contradict me or differ from me in any way, as it interferes with the functioning of my gastric juices and prevents my sleeping at night." George Sitwell dined alone, in full evening dress, ex-

clusively on a diet of roast chicken; he invented a revolver for shooting wasps, and wrote a book on "The History of the Fork."

Despite his undistinguished achievements at Eton, Reresby Sitwell won a scholarship to study medieval history at King's College, Cambridge. He soon changed his field of study to economics, then modern languages, then English literature before leaving university without a degree.

He met his future wife when both were working in the antiques department of Fortnum & Mason in London. They married in 1952 despite the opposition of Sitwell's mother, Georgia, who discouraged friends from sending wedding presents or inviting the couple into their homes. Reresby Sitwell's interests included his collection of odd memorabilia from World War II including Field Marshal Montgomery's pajamas, Benito Mussolini's cigarette case, Adolf Hitler's pocket diary and Eva Braun's nightdress, embroidered with tiny swastikas.

Sitwell is survived by his wife and their daughter, Alexandra. A funeral service was planned for April 20 at St. Peter and St. Paul Parish Church, in Eckington, near Renishaw Hall.

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Completely retract the slide and install rivet nut finger tight on the stud. Place the stabilizing rod in the provided hole. Insert rivet nut into the drilled hole and tighten the slide screw to draw the slide up the ramp. A light coating of grease on the ramp and a drop of oil on the tightening screw will ease the operation of the tool. Typically, the slide will be 0" to 1/4" closed, depending on the thickness of material, when using 1/4-20 rivet nuts. This will set the rivet nut. [When using the 10-32, test to see how far to draw the slide up the ramp. Usually 1/8" to 3/8" gap.] Additional rivet nuts are available from your distributor or call 570-587-5934.

TIP: To expedite operation of the tool use a 7/16" socket with a variable speed drill.

This procedure sets the rivet nut in place providing an anchor point where you cannot normally install a regular nut and bolt.

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May 21 - BBMGs Meeting - Po'Boys on Village Square Blvd - 6:30pm

May 30-Jun 7 - British Car Week www.britishcarweek.org

Jul 13-17 - GT-34 the NAMGAR Annual Gathering in Hot Springs, Ark. at the Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa, Info: www.namgar.com

Sep 25-27 - Southeastern Fall GOF at Lake Chatuge Lodge in Hiawassee, GA Reservations 1-800-613-4349 Ask for GOF rate of \$89 - Host - Southeastern MG-T Register - Info: www.semgtr.org

Oct 17 - 9th Annual Navarre Beach Car & Bike Show - Host: Navarre Area Board of Realtors - Info: navarreacarandbikeshow.com or nabordana@bellsouth.net

Nov 7 - BRIT BASH at Wickham, Melbourne, FL

Nov 7-8 - Roar & Soar at the Fantasy of Flight

Apr. 8-11, 2010 - MG GOF South Mk 44 - Jekyll Island, GA - Back to Jekyll for the 44th Gathering Of the Faithful. Info coming !!

Jul 1-3, 2010 GOF Central XXXII at Lake Erie in Sandusky, OH - All MGs Welcome - Host Ohio Chapter, NEMGTR

Nov. 12-14, 2010 - JAMBOREE 17 - probably at Holiday Inn SunSpree, St. Petersburg

Jun 12-18, 2011 MG2011 NACouncil of MG Registers, All-Register Gathering at Reno-Tahoe, Nev. - Info:www.mgcars.org.uk/mgcouncil

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