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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.

This month's meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2006, 6:30pm, at Beef O'Brady's, Kerry Forest Pkwy.

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## Prime Minister's Message

By Mike Miller

Man, oh man! Where do we start? I guess I should touch on a few things that went down at the last meeting. First, if you haven't yet heard, Rafael has stepped down as Prime Minister and I have taken over. Things are a bit too busy right now for him and he felt that he wouldn't be able to handle the extra load. I'm happy to accept the position and have appreciated all the support so far. Also, Jim Collins was promoted to a big time management position with Publix and has been relocated to Alabama. We wish him and his wife JoAnn the best of luck.

Ok, more official business; we have decided as a group to once again host a Tallahassee "Rendezvous". We are hoping to hold the event in November 2007. J.P. has agreed to chair the planning party and I'm sure we will be hearing from him shortly about some preliminary ideas for the extravaganza. You are aware that we have just opened our proverbial mouths on this...right? It's going to take a lot of work, but if start now and knock out some of the big details early it's definitely doable. I'm up for it so you know yer gonna get a call. Turn on your caller i.d.'s

Quick little announcement - if you want or are required to submit anything to be printed in the newsletter it must be turned into Vera Darby two weeks following the meeting. If you miss the dead line it will have to be considered for the next issue.

The last meeting was also the first meeting for Gary and Barbara...our newest members. They have a great 30k original mile 1977 MGB. It ran great as well as looked sharp. They joined Paul and Vera Darby, Tom and Wanda Phares and me and Julie for a sunny drive over to Apalachicola for lunch after our light breakfast at Bruegger's. The Gibson Inn was a super host for our get together. I only wish we would have had a bit more participation from the club. Hint, hint...I know it was a bit short notice and it was a Holiday weekend. We had a fancy lunch and some cold beverages (use your imagination). Oh yeah, the newbies won the door prize. The prize was a cooler full of goodies and a great coffee table book on our favorite LBC. We played a little riddle solving game on the way there and they pretty much aced the thing. (They're pretty smart) Tom said he let the new guys win, but I don't know.

Oh my gosh! If you haven't been to a GOF you really have to get to one. The Classic MG Club put on a seriously nice show in Crystal River. I have caught the bug big time. We are planning already to attend next year's hosted by the Jacksonville club. By the way, I was asked several times while there, about when we will host another Rendezvous. Everyone had very nice things to say about the last one. We had quite an entourage from Tally that attended and from what I could tell everybody had a great time. J.P. will have a good story about how he and the boys put the car together in the parking lot. With a little help from Rafael I think they got everything worked out.

Speaking of J.P., his tough LBC won its class and yours truly also came home with a surprising "best 74 1/2 to 80 MGB". Let's not forget that Joe Kaiser (you remember him, don't ya) also represented with a top three in the MGA category and a "best driver" award. We were especially impressed with the quality group of people that put on the show. Everyone Julie and I met there was super-helpful in getting us settled and making sure we had what we needed. The crowd was so diverse; there were people from as far away as Tennessee, North Carolina and south Florida. It was refreshing to be around that many enthusiasts.

Whether the people we talked to were other participants, locals that got wind of the show via club promotion, or even the resort staff, everyone had something nice to say. "Wow nice paint job" or "I drove a car like that in college".

At one point during the banquet, the club president of the Jacksonville group asked for a show of hands of the people who have had continuous ownership of a MG. First he asked for ten years, twenty, then thirty, and when he got to forty years there were only a few hands remaining. He got to forty-nine years and one man still had his hand raised. They awarded him a prize for being the most dedicated MG owner.

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**Prime Minister's Message**

*Con't from Pg. 1*

When I finally made it home (major sunburn BTW), I told my dad, who is my inspiration for doing the restoration on "KILR-BE" the story of the 49-year veteran. My dad then proceeded to remind me that he has had the same 49' T-C for 51 years and scolded me for not bringing him with me to collect his award (next time dad). I can't say it enough that the event was first class. Check out the web site for some pictures of the show and the drive.

Finally, I'd like to say that I'm really going to try my best to keep this club going and hopefully growing over the next year. There are some cool things coming up that I'd like for us to participate in - like the fall picnic put on by the Panhandle Ponies. We are a fun bunch and I'd really like to see some more interclub events put on. Maybe a progressive dinner, dotted with a garage tour here or there may be a tech session. I know I'm a dreamer. I mentioned at the meeting that I'd like to have a BBQ at my house in May. Looks like that's not going to happen due to ... well just ... there's not enough weekends available but I would host a garage tour.

Until the next meeting, which incidentally will be at Beef O'Bradys on Kerry Forest Pkwy. May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. BRING your dues if you haven't paid.

TALLY HOOOOOoooooooooo!!!

Revved up, Mike.

**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](mailto:verad04@comcast.net). Changes may also be reported to JP Brown (850-681-6332 x35) or e-mail [jpbrown@BoutinBrown.com](mailto:jpbrown@BoutinBrown.com).

<b>Big Bend MG Club Cash Position</b>	
As of March 12, 2006	
Balance Forward	\$1,700.75
Expenses	\$24.00
British Marque	
Deposits	\$75.00
Renewals	
<b>Total Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$1,751.75</b>



## 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](http://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

**May 6, 2006:** QuincyFest Car show. Starts at 9 am, cars in place by 10am. Placement will be on Adams Street between Washington Street and Franklin Street (the street will be blocked off to normal traffic). Over 40 BBQ teams from the Southeastern Area will be there. Live entertainment on stage all day up until 8pm. Stuart Johnson, president of North Florida British Car Club

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

How do you make an MG go faster?

A tow truck.

## Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of April 15, 2006 Meeting:

Meeting on Saturday, 4-5-06, Bruegger's Bagels

- Rafael called the meeting to order.
- Rafael has resigned from the position of Prime Minister and Mike Miller has taken his place.

Old Business:

- No old business to discuss.

New Business:

- Jim Collins is transferring with Publix to a new store and will no longer be able to continue as Secretary.
- Julie Miller was nominated and accepted the position as club Secretary.
- Next meeting will be at Beef O'Bradys on Kerry Forest Parkway May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- Rafael volunteered to host the next 2 meetings. Locations to follow.
- The topic of a permanent place for meetings was brought up and was noted that we are still looking with hopes that we will find somewhere by hosting meetings at different places.
- Mike brought up Rendezvous 2007 - J.P. volunteered to be the chairman with Mike offering to 2<sup>nd</sup> him. The motion was carried and monies will be put aside to begin the planning stages. A checklist from the last rendezvous will be at the next meeting for review.
- We have been contacted by the Panhandle Ponies Club to participate in their annual fall picnic. No expense to the club to participate. More info to follow. Motion was passed to participate.
- Mike and Julie Miller are planning a BBQ at their house. More info to follow.
- Don Schmidt gave info on a Gasurit paint seminar coming mid May or June. Free admission. More info to follow in newsletter.
- Vera Darby needs all articles for the newsletter by the end of the month or they will not make the newsletter.
- It was mentioned that some people have still not paid their dues.
- Tom Phares had a great experience with Discount Tire on Magnolia. The manager there is Todd. All employees are great and they work on our great cars with no problem. Bud Nocera had similar experiences as well.

The following are the members who the records reflect as paid in full for 2006 dues. If your name does not appear on the list and you did pay dues, please contact Wanda Brown to resolve the issue. Otherwise, please bring your dues check to the May 9th meeting or mail them directly to her at 1981 Charlais Street, Tallahassee, 32317. All non-current members will be dropped from the mailing list for the newsletter.

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Upcoming Meetings:

**May 9, 2006** - 6:30pm: Location: Beef O'Brady's, Kerry Forest Pkwy.

**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: TBA

**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.



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