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Prime Minister's Message

Even though it is hotter than blue blazes and most likely will continue to be through September, cooler weather HAS to be coming soon, but not soon enough. With the cooler weather comes Fall events, which means driving our cars on tours and having fun. Oh yeah, football also. Some of us will be in **Hiawassee** for the **GOFSE** September 7-9th admiring the British cars and soaking up the mountains of North Georgia where we hope for a little cooler climes. **Saturday, September 15th** will be our next meeting for BBMGs for a breakfast get-together at **Huttons at 9 am**. I am sure there will be some discussion on the status of Rendezvous '07 and a general overview of what needs to be done. We are getting closer and it is exciting to think about what a good time this is going to be. Oh, Huttons (formerly Torreys) is at 1415 Timberlane Road, or behind Old Town Restaurant. Breakfast prices are very reasonable.

Another event that may be of interest is an all **British swap meet** at Jerry Wise's property in Gadsden County Saturday, September 22nd with food, some vendors and plenty of British parts to look over. There is no entry fee and you can bring some of your surplus parts to try and sell if you like, or just show up to look. There is talk of another auction like last year, where you can pick up some great deals on donated British car parts and related items. It kicks off about 10 am and winds up around 3 in the afternoon.

If that doesn't suit your fancy, then consider an all car club event on Saturday, September 29th at Lee Vause Park from 9 am to 3 pm. Plans are in the making to possibly move it to the new antique car museum at I-10 and Mahan if it is open by then. Its called the **Motorama** and every car club in Tallahassee is invited. It's for a good cause for the Food bank and FHP. Everyone is asked to bring one non-perishable food item and one stuffed animal for the Florida Highway Patrol troopers who give them to kids involved in accidents to relieve the stress. Each club is asked to bring one item for a raffle to raise money for the Food bank as well. The plans are to just show and shine cars, enjoy food vendors, listen to DJ music, admire cars, mingle and mix.

That's just September, a warm up for the big event **Rendezvous 2007** October 12 & 13th here in Tallahassee. I hope by now everyone has registered to attend this event to help support our club and have a great time. It's also a good time to think about detailing our cars to make them shine. Our last meeting in August was a lot of fun and with a great turn out. We have some interesting new members we need to welcome and get to know. As our numbers increase, so does our opportunity for more activities to do as a group - get out there and ride. Safety Fast!

Bill

Safety  *Fast!*

Rendezvous 2007

October 12-14, 2007

Tallahassee, Florida

The Canopy Road Drive

One of the truly special parts of Rendezvous 2007 will be the opportunity to drive your car down Tallahassee's famous canopy roads. Centuries ago, native Americans traveled the hills of Leon County, creating a network of trails followed later by Spanish explorers and American settlers bringing their goods to town. We travel these same historic routes whenever we want a great drive. Venture with us along picturesque canopy roads where majestic live oak trees drip with Spanish moss and embankments cut deep into the rich red clay.

Another interesting route could take you to the quaint, antiquing town of Havana via good rural roads.

We hope you can join us for one or both of these unique adventures. You can take any of these drives on your own or caravan on the canopy tour immediately after the car show at 2pm on Saturday.

Registration form on Page 2

The next weekend make the short trip to
St. Augustine for this Annual Show !



British Car Classic Mk XIX

October 20, 2007

King's Head British Pub
St. Augustine, Fla.

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Rendezvous 2007



The MG display area will be behind buildings "B & C". To be close to your car ask for reservations "down & out" in building "B" or "C". ("B" is closer to the display area.) Rendezvous Hospitality & Registration room is in "B 1217" & open until 9:00 pm on Friday.

Friday Afternoon & Evening - October 12

Upon arrival at the Ramada Inn, join us in the hospitality room "B 1217" where you will find Rendezvous Registration, complimentary beverages & snacks. We invite you to bring Auction items. Drop off your Auction items here. Hospitality room will be open until 9:30 pm. The Bar-B-Que picnic, 6 to 7:30 pm, will be held adjacent to the hospitality room & MG Display area. Silent Auction & Raffle tickets

Saturday Morning - October 13

Hospitality Room opens at 7 am.

Complimentary Coffee, Tea, Juice & Pastry.

MG Flea Market, Regalia. Silent Auction & Raffle tickets

10am MGs Displayed on the Grass & People's Choice voting begins (deposit in ballots box in display area by 2pm)

Saturday Afternoon - October 13

MG Display continues & People's Choice voting continues,

(deposit in ballots box in display area by 2pm)

Silent Auction & Raffle ticket sales continue

Scenic driving tour of beautiful countryside *or*

Mechanics Tech Session

Saturday Evening - October 13

6pm Cocktail hour - Cash Bar - Silent Auction & Raffle tickets

7pm Dinner & Outrageous Shirt Judging

Wear your most outrageous shirt for great prizes!

Silent Auction & Raffle Winners

Peoples Choice Awards

Door prize drawings

Noggin n' Natter at Hospitality Room afterwards!

Sunday Morning - October 14:

Hospitality Room opens at 7 am.

Complimentary Coffee, Tea, Juice & Pastry.

Safety Fast & Cheerio until next **Rendezvous !**

Information call (904) 940-5848 or email:

josephkaiser@bellsouth.net **until September 7th.**

After (850) 681-6332 ext. 35 or email: jp@boutinbrown.com



Make room reservations directly with the headquarters hotel:

Ramada Inn & Conference Center

2900 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32303

(850) 386-1027 • Fax (850) 422-1025

Don't Call Ramada National number for these rates

You MUST ask for "Rendezvous 2007" rate when reserving

your room. THESE SPECIALLY PRICED RESERVATIONS

WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER SEPTEMBER 13TH.

Reservations must be made prior to September 14th to get the special room rates starting at \$69.95 per room per night.

These reduced rates are available to *Rendezvous 2007* registrants only for 1 day before and after our event, if you want to come early and/or stay later. If the hotel fills, there are alternate accommodations listed on our Form.

Registration Fee

The fee is for one MG two people and their children up to 14 years. Fee includes Hospitality Room Complimentary Beverages, Snacks, Coffee, Tea, Juice and Pastry for all registrants.

REGISTER NOW!

Registration before September 14: \$30.00 \$ _____

Registration after September 14 \$35.00 \$ _____

Registration October 12 or after \$40.00 \$ _____

Friday Bar-B-Que Picnic @ \$15.00 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Pork, Chicken, Bake Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread, Iced Tea

Saturday AM: Coffee, Tea, Juice, Pastry in Hospitality Room
Complimentary to registrants (number of participants) _____

Saturday Evening:

Register early because Banquet seating is limited.

"Rendezvous" Banquet @ \$32.00 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Please check type & number of meal(s) desired:

__ Veggie Plate __ London Broil __ Chicken Cordon Bleu

Sunday AM: Coffee, Tea, Juice, Pastry in Hospitality Room
Complimentary to registrants (number of participants) _____

"Rendezvous" Regalia

These quality white with 3 color T-shirts and Sweatshirts are sure to be a big hit! Order now.

Sweatshirt @ \$18.00 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Sweatshirts Size & Quantity

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

T-Shirt @ \$12.00 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

T-Shirts Size & Quantity

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: **Big Bend MGs**

Please note: Guests are welcome, but must be registered to take part in any "Rendezvous" meal function or planned activity. The Hotel has rooms reserved for "Rendezvous 2007".

Other Area Accommodations:

Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn, Days Inn, Hampton Inn all handy.

Please register early. Advanced planning & ordering of items needed to host this event is much easier if we know the number of people who will be attending. **Thank You! BBMGs**

"Rendezvous" REGISTRATION

Please mail with your check made payable to Big Bend MGs:

BBMGs, JP Brown, 346 Office Plaza Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32301

Name/s _____

Name/s _____

(Please print the first and last names of all attending)

Address _____

City State ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Year/Model MG _____

Flea Market space needed? __ Yes __ No

Vendors must be registered • Free Flea Market space to registrants

Tables or chairs not provided for Flea Market spaces.

www.bigbendmgs.com for information & updates

Rendezvous 2007 “MG Rescue Squad”

“MG Rescue Squad” will assist any participant stranded en-route to Tallahassee on Thursday - Oct. 11th thru Saturday - Oct 13th. The MG Rescue Squad will also offer a car dolly & trailer service within a 100 mile radius of Tallahassee. “MG Rescue Squad” cell numbers: 850-559-9393 or 850-545-6898

There will also be a list of MG car spares available at Rendezvous 2007. Should someone break down enroute or during the event we will know if a replacement part is readily available.

Grand Door Prize Drawing is for a *Packaged* weekend consisting of a two night stay at **The Coral Springs Marriott Hotel, Golf Club & Convention Center**

Weekend includes a complete bumper to bumper detailing of YOUR car at Palace Car WashÉ and a round of golf for two at www.heronbaygolfclub.net. Two tickets to the Packard Auto Museum in Ft. Lauderdale www.anticquecarmuseum.org, and a personal tour of Dr. Dauer’s personal automobile collection located in a beautiful warehouse just 8 miles from the hotel. www.dauerclassiccars.com

Other Destination Get-Away-Weekends & Timeshare stays are in-hand!

*Cleaned plates at BBMGs August meeting at the Wharf Restaurant,
but it’s not jut the food, it’s the fellowship!
Join in at Huttons on Saturday morning, Sept.15th for the meeting!*



Photos by Gary Sisco

Cruising To Alaska

By Karen & Ed Altomare of MG Classics

In January of 2006, Karen's company (Crowley) travel department put together a one week cruise to Alaska scheduled for May 2007. It seemed like a long time to plan for a vacation but the time flew by very quickly.

There were 36 cabins reserved for Crowley personnel, friends and family on Carnival's Spirit. The cruise departed from Vancouver late in the day on Wednesday, May 16th with everyone making their own travel arrangements from Jacksonville to Vancouver. Some people went early and spent several days touring Vancouver before the cruise; some people flew to Seattle, WA and then took a transfer bus to Vancouver the day of departure. Ed and I had three other couples join us, one couple in their early 70's had never been on a cruise before.



We elected to fly to Seattle the day before departure to do some sightseeing, then taking the transfer bus to Vancouver the following day. We rented an eight passenger vehicle in Seattle and Karen was elected to do the driving. We were lost several times (too many people giving directions) but we did manage to find Pike's Market in downtown, where we had lunch. We then went looking for the Space Needle since someone told us it would be better to visit late in the day. We finally found it, found a parking place for \$10 and then walked to the Space Needle. When we arrived, it had



closed at 4:30 for a private party, needless to say there were eight very disappointed tourists. So we took pictures and went back to the hotel. The next morning we all piled back into the van and headed back to the airport to catch the transfer bus to Vancouver. We were able to catch the second bus about 10:30am. I happened to mention along the way that I collected rocks from every place that I visit and the next thing you know the bus driver stopped along the roadside for me to retrieve a Vancouver rock. The trip took about four hours by the time we had a rest stop and went through customs at the Canadian border, where they made everyone get off the bus, go inside and we each had to show our papers.



We arrived at the ship about 2:30 pm. Ship was very nice and everyone settled in their cabins, then regrouped for early dinner at 5:45 pm. Food was great and plentiful.



The first port we pulled into was Ketchikan where we spent the day walking through the little community where the Tlingit Indians used to spend their summers fishing for salmon. Ketchikan is derived from a Tlingit Indian word



meaning Salmon Creek. In the 1930's Ketchikan had 11 canneries producing more than 2 million cases of salmon per year. Ketchikan is also the Totem Heritage and Cultural Center established to preserve and save weather-damaged totem poles found in nearby Tlingit and Haida Villages.

We had a day at sea and then the next port was Juneau which is nestled between Mount Juneau and Mount Roberts. These two mountains give the town not only a beautiful, scenic setting, but also a natural protection against cold winds and permafrost, which are so much a part of life in Alaska. Richard Harris and Joe Juneau laid claim to the area on October 4th, 1880 after they found one of the largest gold finds in the history of the Alaska "Gold Rush" Era. That discovery not only changed their lives but the course of history and the face of Alaska itself. Juneau has maintained most of its original Gold Rush architectural history because the town has not suffered any major fires, as have many of the other Gold Rush towns. In 1906 the Capital of Alaska was moved from Sitka to Juneau.



Next port was Skagway which means "home of the north wind". Its location is situated at the top of the Inside Passage which was the perfect starting point for prospectors heading to Canada and the Klondike for the gold fields. Almost 20,000 prospectors and gold miners passed through Skagway on their way to the White Pass and on through to the rivers where "gold was everywhere for anyone to pick up". Many came searching for treasures but few became rich. Of those who did not become rich many settled in Skagway and the town residents can trace their family tree back to the early settlers. You can see the Gold Rush cemetery and the White Pass and Yukon RR which climbs one of the steepest grades in North America.

The next port was Sitka. It was first

founded in 1741 by Alexander Baranov, a Russian colonist who named it New Archangel. He settled there and it quickly developed into a crossroads of culture and commerce, soon to be known as the “Paris of the Pacific”. It served as the capital of the Russian Empire on the North American Continent for over six decades. In 1857 the Russians negotiated with the US Secretary of State Wm. H. Seward for the sale of Alaska for \$7,200,000. On October 18, 1867 Alaska became a US territory and the port was renamed Sitka, the Tlingit word for “this place”.



The next day we cruised through Prince William Sound and into the College Fjords. We arrived in front of the Harvard Glacier around our dinner time, where the ship just rotated around so it looked like we were in a revolving restaurant. The ship stayed at the glacier for several hours so everyone could enjoy the breathtaking sights and take plenty of pictures.

We had perfect weather for the entire week, which was the second cruise for the 2007 season. They are just going into their spring/summer in May. Usually it rains every day but we had almost an entire week of nothing but sunshine. Perfect weather temps. in the mid to high 50s. We didn't need a coat, long sleeves were sufficient. Everyone was thanking us for bringing them the sun.



The cruise ended in Whittier. The eight of us booked a tour of the Portage Glacier since our plane did not depart Anchorage until 8:45pm that evening. As we were getting off the ship it started to rain, wind was blowing hard and we were very thankful that the rest of our cruise had not been this type of weather. It was miserable and if we had that weather the whole week I do not think our memories would



have been as great. I probably would not have left the ship at all. We got on the bus for a short ride to the Potage Glacier, then on to a large covered sightseeing boat that took us out to the glacier. The boat had been specially designed and built at the site about 10 years ago. Due to the weather that day the glacier lake was very rough but the boat was stable in the water. You could see the choppy water but the boat just glided through the water with no problems. We went out to the glacier but were not able to go all the way up to the edge. The boat captain is only allowed to break the ice a little at a time, if he breaks the ice up all at once there could be a problem with flooding down the river, so he just breaks it a little each day. Normally the boat goes up onto the edge of the glacier and you are able to get out on it which we were not able to do. It was very interesting

and made for beautiful pictures. You can tell a glacier by the color, the ice is so firmly packed that it is a beautiful blue.

After the tour, we were taken into Anchorage where we had lunch, collected our luggage and went to the airport. Our plane was delayed leaving Anchorage by about 45 minutes which made us miss our connection so instead of arriving back in Jacksonville at 9:30am we got back at 2:30pm.

It was an amazing trip. Alaska is breathtaking and well worth the trip.

Our next adventure is October 2008, we are going on a 12 day cruise to the Mediterranean where we will depart from Rome, Italy and stop in eight different ports in Italy, Greece and Turkey.

ED Note: We wonder if they sighted any MGs in the frozen North?



Registration for BRITISH CAR CLASSIC



Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1st Car _____ Model _____ Year _____ \$25.00

Additional Car/s _____ Model _____ Year _____ \$15.00 ea.

I/we are presently members of: MG Classics of Jacksonville, Inc. Triumph Club of N FL Other/no club affiliation

Your One T-Shirt INCLUDED for those REGISTERING BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30th — S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

Order Your/Additional Shirts/ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ Additional T-Shirts/ @ \$10.00 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

For information call 904-278-7118 or www.mgclassics.org
Paid registrations received before SEPTEMBER 30th receive one FREE Event T-Shirt
Send with check made to: **MG Classics of JAX** 2031 Theta Court, Orange Park, FL 32073



Show Field opens at 9:00 am.

People's Choice Balloting ends at 12 Noon.

Trophies will be presented at 2:30 pm.

Trophies awarded for multiple classes based on year of manufacture, Best Of Show and Best MG (as voted by Triumph Club Members) and Best Triumph (as voted by MG Club members).

Paid registrations received before September 30th receive one FREE Event T-Shirt

Traditional British Pub Fare will be available in the King's Head British Pub from 11:30 am until 10:00 pm. All participants are encouraged to partake of this fine facility and remember to make sure you maintain your physical hydration!

The Pub will have a *draught station* located adjacent to the Show Field.

Hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks available from a local charity group outside.



MG Classics of JAX

presents

British Car Classic

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Balloting Ends at 12 Noon

King's Head British Pub

Just 6 miles North of St. Augustine from the intersection of US1 and State Road 16 and just 16.8 miles South of the intersection of US1 and Palm Valley Road (SR 210)
(Look on the East side for the double-deck bus & flag)

To promote an appreciation for All British Cars

View all of the British Classic Cars on display

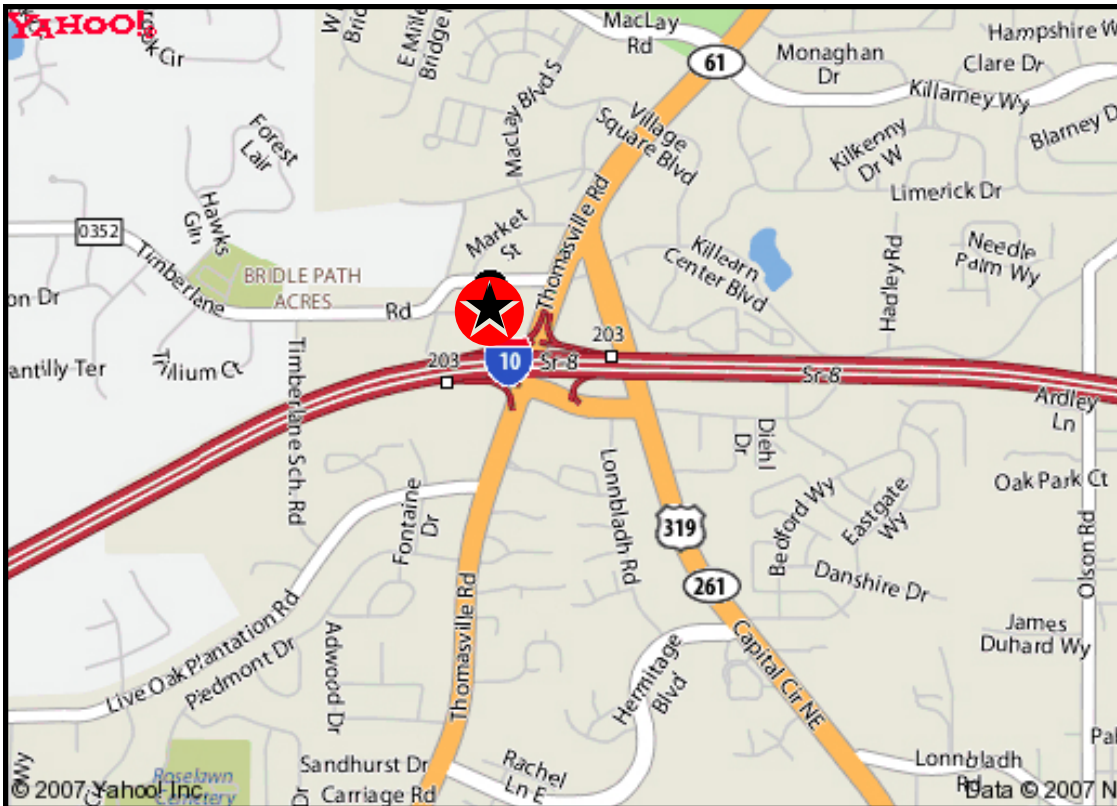
Don't forget to bring your camera and sunscreen!

First Car - \$25.00

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Additional Cars - \$15.00 ea.

BBMGs Meeting - 9am Saturday MORNING, September 15th will be at Hutton's 1415 Timberlane Road, behind Old Town Restaurant



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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- Ask the businesses you patronize to contribute a Door Prize or Silent Auction item to BBMGs Rendezvous 2007 - Start asking TODAY!
- **Become a published writer - Contributions to Tally Ho are solicited always! Just put it on paper or email and your editor will clean it up if necessary and publish it! Your articles, stories, technical tips, pictures, or just plain lies are solicited for the newsletter. Please send to your editors!**

COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 23 **MG Car Club Florida Club's 50th Anniversary - Fox Lake British Car Show** - For information www.mgclubflorida.org
- Sept. 29 **British Swap Meet** 10am-3pm, Jerry Wise's in Gadsden County, food, vendors & plenty of British parts to look over. No entry fee & bring your surplus parts to sell or just look. **ALSO that day: Motorama Tentatively** at Lee Vause Park, 9 am to 3 pm. Plans are in the making to possibly move it to the new antique car museum at I-10 and Mahan if it is open by then. Watch the Democrat or TV as your Editors will be in OZ!
- Oct. 6th **211 Oktoberfest** at World Golf Village, St. Augustine, 8am- *Warmup for Rendezvous!*
- Oct 12-14 BBMGs Rendezvous 2007** An MG All Models Event
REGISTER NOW!
- Oct. 20, 07 **British Car Classic**, St. Augustine, Fla., hosted by MG Classics, Info at www.mgclassics.org & page 6
- Oct. 27, 07 **23rd Annual British Car Day**, Historic Patriot's Point, Mt. Pleasant, SC. Information (843) 696-0910 or www.charlestonbritishcarclub.com. Host Hotel is Hampton Inn 1-800-Hampton or www.charlestonisleofpalmsuites.hamptoninn.com
- Apr. 11-13, 08 **GOF-S**, Silver Springs, Fla., hosted by SunCoast Classic MG Club, Info at www.britishcarclub.net
- Nov. 7-9, 08 **JAMBOREE 16**, St. Petersburg, Fla., hosted by FSMGCC. Info at www.fsmgcc.com - soon



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Please provide your email address when submitting ads.

Portable Luggage Rack: No holes in your boot lid, use it only when you need it. Chrome has some flaws, but overall very presentable. 17"x24" \$100 - Contact Tom Phares at twjphares@comcast.net or 850-878-3996



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66 TR4a PARTS: Parting out the remains: windshield frame with glass, complete front and rear ends (wire wheels), drive shaft, steering column, front valance, gas tank, right inner fender, rear deck (the thing the gas tank pops out of), convertible frame, two seats, and radiator. No reasonable offer will be refused. jp@boutinbrown.com

MGB - Dual Carbs - Engine cranks but does not run. Partially Restored - Solid body w/first primer coat - Gas tank cleaned & sealed. Great project car, \$800 OBO. Dick - 561-967-5135

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Check www.bigbendmgs.com website for more classifieds!

Rendezvous 2007



October 12-14, 2007
Tallahassee, Florida



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Where are the other BBMGs contributors?

Rendezvous 2007

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Hospitality!*