

Tally Ho



Join us at our Club Meeting:

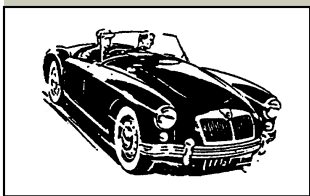
Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30pm, at various locations around town.

Occasionally, breakfast meetings are held.

Next month's meeting is October 15, 2005, at 9:00am, Cross Creek Restaurant (Tentative Location)

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Prime Minister's Message

Enjoy the Ride

The early morning sky was gray and remarkably cool for a late August Saturday in Tallahassee. A hurricane was out in the Gulf that had cut across South Florida the day before. It was now gaining strength in the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Landfall for this storm was now predicted for Monday morning, somewhere in a wide cone of probability along the Gulf Coast that, at this point, still included the Florida Panhandle. But Katrina was on this morning off the Southwest coast of Florida, too far away for us to feel any of its effects. No looming hurricane would stop this morning's drive. This morning was the long awaited (by

me anyway) Big Bend MG Club morning drive to Monticello, Florida. An hour's drive in the country followed by breakfast and good conversation with fellow club members at the Courtyard Café, in the center of the quaint North Florida town.

So we backed Penelope, a red '57 MGA roaster (not a typo; an MGA in the South in the summer IS a roaster) out of her garage. She started right up, settling in at just under one thousand RPM as the choke worked its magic on the cold engine. My favorite blonde passenger remarked that it certainly looked like rain. I responded that previous day's forecast says temps in the low 80's and only a 20% chance of showers.

So off we went to meet up with the intrepid club members in the parking lot of a Publix Supermarket on the way out of town. And a great turnout it was. Art and Nancy Ayotte in their MGTD. Art looked the of back country explorer in a proper British colonial pith helmet. It was great to see Art and Nancy on the tour as Art had recently had another pacemaker installed. I guess he just keeps wearing them out. You go, Art! Dave and Jane Streit arrived in their MGB fresh from the paint shop. The gorgeous orange B looks darn-near concours. Tom Phares drove his beautiful gray MGA, Gary Sisco and Gwen Beatty were also there, as were Peter and Donnalee Koenig in modern iron. Obin, Marilynn and Terry Hamrick were present in their Triumph and MGTF. We soon learned that on a recent trip Obin had been deer hunting with his beloved Triumph, and the bent grille and nose of the car spoke to the danger of getting up close and personal with large animals at highway speed. Luckily neither he nor Marilyn was injured.

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Minutes of Meeting

Big Bend MG Club Minutes

A brief meeting of the BBMG Club was held on August 9th at Gill's Tavern on N. Monroe St. It was reported the tech session at Rafael's shop was a success. Some progress was made on Mike Miller's B. The next tech session will be an inspection of the cars going to Hiawassee. The last item discussed was the Motorama Show. Please let Bud know if you can bring anything (awning, table, etc.) or man the club table. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned for dinner.

Submitted by Jim Collins, Secretary

MG

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The Hamrick's friends, John and Ginna Plott led the almost-hour-long morning tour in their Triumph, through the country back roads, past the rural communities of Miccosoukee and Lloyd. John is a motorcyclist and knew the back roads well. Bill Thompson, our volunteer tour planner, had checked out the routes and the restaurant the previous day and had suggested the same route John took. He met us at the Courtyard Café, having driven there early in some kind of beautiful, but decidedly un-British, fiberglass Detroit sports car from the mid-to-late-50's. He did have the good grace to park it around the corner. The drive was wonderful and the camaraderie at breakfast was great. Sometime after nine my favorite blonde and I said our good-byes and headed out on a mission near Monticello. We have reason to believe all participants made it back to Tallahassee in good shape, as we later saw no extraneous LBC parts nor LBCs on the road home later that morning. That Saturday morning was, to me, what car clubs are all about: sharing triumphs (small t) and tribulations with kindred spirits while driving and enjoying the LBCs we love. How sad that the happy memory of the morning was soon shattered by the horror of the following Monday as Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast. One lesson we have learned in the past year here in Florida is that life can change in a flash. Truly, it is important to take the time to enjoy the ride.

Bud Nocera

Prime Minister

Tech Tips from the Little British Car Company

www.lbcarco.com

Brake Shoe Installation

This Tech Tip is from Ben Pender.

When installing brake shoes, keep the linings clean by applying a strip of duct tape to the linings. That way, the risk of contamination from dirty hands, leaking fluids, and grease is reduced. Take the tape off just before final fitment of the drum.

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2005 Meetings At A Glance

October 15, 2005 - Breakfast Meeting, 9:00am

Tentative Location: Cross Creek Restaurant, 6725 East Mahan Drive
(US 90) near I-10

November 8, 2005 - Dinner Meeting, 6:30pm

December 13, 2005 - Dinner Meeting, 6:30pm

Big Bend MG Club Cash Position
For August
Not Available



Can you guess what kind of car this is?



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



Upcoming Events – British Car Clubs

September

September 10: Tech Session for cars going to Hiawasse, GA to check clutch, brakes, belts, hoses, electrical systems.

September 24: Motorama Car Show (Tallahassee) The Big Bend MG Club has been invited to join the other car clubs of the area for a picnic and car show on September 24. There will be live music and there is a media relations effort to get the public to attend for the purpose of viewing the cars and talking to the club members (and perhaps joining the club of their interest). There is no cost to enter, either to the club or to the individuals bringing cars. However, everyone is asked to bring a small Teddy bear as a donation to the Florida Highway Patrol to assist in re-stocking troopers' cars. The troopers use the bears to calm children at accident sites. Each club is responsible for their club's picnic lunch. The event will be from 9-4 on Saturday, September 24 at J. Lee Vause Park on Lake Jackson,

off old Bainbridge road not far from US 27/ N Monroe Street. Clubs are asked to bring portable tables and tents to house their club's kiosk and have information on display such as membership application forms, etc. BBMGs will be there and we are looking for a few good members to volunteer to work the information booth. If you have a portable tent or can bring tables or help staff the booth, email Bud Nocera at fnocera@aol.com.

September: 24: Panama City tour with lunch at Captain Anderson's

October 6-9, 2005: Location: Hiawasse, GA 100 miles north of Atlanta near the NC state line All MGs welcome. Registration is Thursday and Friday. Car show on Saturday with banquet and entertainment on Saturday night. Many self guided tours and rallies in the North Georgia Mountains. Please contact Wayne Stewart for details: 770-992-2498. Ellis Carlton, Publicity Chmn. 770-457-4561. E-Mail addresses: callelaine@mindspring.com (or) calineel@aol.com Bud Nocera will plan a special scenic mountain leaf peeping tour for Big Bend MG Club members who go on this long weekend trip, including a lunch stop at his home in the mountains near Ranger, NC.

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