



## 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, September 12, 2006, 6:30pm, at Gill's Tavern, N Monroe St.

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## Prime Minister's Message

By Mike Miller

**I want to remind everyone the meeting place has been changed for next month, to Gill's Tavern on North Monroe. It's still the usual time Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.** If anyone has a problem with the location please bring a reasonable option for another restaurant.

Next month is the Dillard Ga. show September 22-24<sup>th</sup>; you can get more information at [www.peachtreemg.com](http://www.peachtreemg.com). Julie and I would love to get another couple or two to make the trip. I can guarantee a slow ride up and back, 65 tops. We are probably going to take 441 most of the way. We might be hooking up with members of the Jacksonville club to caravan up with. Please get in touch soon if you might be interested so we can work out the details. My will is already in order.

A quick recap of the meeting, NFBCC has asked us to participate in a multi-club swap meet on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. The Triumph club and the Bay British club will be there. Let's clean out the garage and make a few bucks. Bill Thompson via me put out feelers for a workshop to be hosted by Neal Davis. We didn't get many bites on that one, sorry Bill.

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> is the big car show at J. Lee Vause Park in Tallahassee from 10am-4pm. The organizers are getting a picnic together for the participants. Everyone will bring a covered dish and the hosts will provide the main dish. Details will follow soon. Randy and Peggy Dender visited the club by an invite by the Koenig's'. Randy is the one driving the Cobra. He expressed an interest in building a Bugeye Sprite with the possibility of retro fitting a V8. I think we

need to find him a car.

And now for a completely different subject, my car is leaking like it has no windshield. I'm hoping someone has had some experience trouble shooting possible holes to be filled. Please bring suggestions and or remedies for this unfortunate problem.

Lastly, and I will bring this up at the next meeting on the first weekend in December. The Sebring International Raceway will host an event called Sebring Historic Fall Classic. This is going to be a very big deal. Over 300 historic race cars will be present and running with cars from the 50's and 60's. I've talked with the event coordinator and he will set up a car corral just for our club or group from Tally for a small fee. Earlier in the year he mentioned that he could get us on the track for free for some parade laps. I just received the brochure and he is now charging 30 bucks for track time. I'll get back with him before the meeting and see if he is still offering the free track tours. This is most likely an overnight trip and will require some planning. Mark your calendars for December 1-3.

P.S. Unfortunately my email inbox hasn't been overflowing with cute little stories about LBCs or vehicle updates, please help a guy out here.

See ya at the meeting,

Your friend in MGs,  
Mike Miller

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

A friend went to a dealer the other day and said, "I'd like a petrol cap for my MG." The dealer replied, "Okay. Sounds like a fair trade."

Tech Tips from the Little British Car Company ([www.lbcarco.com](http://www.lbcarco.com))

### Make a Visible Timing Mark

Our Tech Tip this week is from Ben Pender.

To more easily set ignition timing, line up timing marks and then put a dab of correction fluid (like Liquid Paper) on both of them. If the marks are seen from underneath, such as on some 1800 B-series engines, simply put a dab of white out on the crank pulley and a corresponding reference mark on the timing cover or other stationary part of the engine where it is easily visualized from above. These will then correspond to TDC. You can make additional marks on the pulley to correspond to advance in the same way, or dial the desired advance on the timing light if equipped.

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\$8.00 - Money Pot

Total Bank Balance:

\$1,446.93

**Classifieds**

**For Sale:** 4 Cylinder - Dual Carbs - Engine cranks but does not run. Partially Restored - Solid body w/first primer coat - Gas tank cleaned and sealed. Great project car, \$800 OBO. Call Dick at 561-967-5135

**For Sale:** 1963 Austin Healey Sprite. Red with new black interior, engine has been reworked. Call Rob Herbert. Phone: 850 508-1296. Asking \$7,000 OBO.

**For Sale, NEW MGB / MGC Hard Top.** Purchased from Victoria British part # 10-121-T, a little over a year ago for a restoration project. Project was scraped and top was taken in for partial payment. It has never been installed or used on any car. I have pictures that I will be glad to email to interested buyers. In one picture I have it sitting on my 1967 MGB just to show how it looks. It is primer finish, ready for your choice of color. It sells for \$1,379.99, plus tax and freight. My price is \$ 1,000.00 FIRM. For local pick-up ONLY. email me at [mkay@gulfnet.com](mailto:mkay@gulfnet.com) or call me at (251) 962-2592. Mickey Kay.

**For Sale** New Weber DGV carburetors and Chrome air cleaner. Victoria British says \$514.90 for both plus shipping on page 23 of the Summer catalog. I will sell both for \$325.00 and ship for free. If interested call (979) 574-9330 and ask for Cecil Ware Bryan, TX.

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[www.bigbendmgs.com](http://www.bigbendmgs.com)

**Minutes**

Meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 2006 @ Café Huston's in Southwood

**Old Business:**

- Drive to Cairo was great. Great showing with 19 cars participating from 3 different clubs. (Big Bend MG's, Porsche Club & the Cobra Club)
- Articles for newsletter are still needed to beef it up it's looking very empty.

**New Business:**

- Welcome to our guest Randy and Peggy Dender.
- Tallahassee Moto-Rama Old Tyme Picnic 2006 will be on 10/28/06 from 10am to 4pm. @ J. Lee Vause Park. Please bring a covered dish side item with a \$5.00 entry fee per car. They will have a scavenger hunt and will be collecting teddy bears for FHP. Mike will attend the next meeting for more details.
- NFBCC will be hosting a British Car Swap Meet on 10/7/06 and would like to invite us to participate along with Temple of Triumph and Bay British Cars. Bring item you would like to sell/ swap. They are still looking for a place and time.

- British engine rebuild workshop by Neal Davis at his shop in Quincy. Need 10 guys to commit at \$20.00 per session for 5 training sessions.
- Still looking for a permanent meeting place for our monthly meetings that is quieter. Gill's Tavern, Marie Livingston's and Summer Brooke Country Club are on the list to check on.
- Next meeting is at La Fiesta on Appalachia Parkway.
- Would like to see a showing from our club at the show in Dillard, GA on September 22, 23 & 24. Hosted by Peachtree MG Registry.
- Any updates regarding the website makeover? Mike will check with Bud Nocera.
- Need to call advertisers for fee for advertising in newsletter.
- J.P. update for Rendezvous 2007: Need to compile email list of the contact persons for all clubs within 200 miles, we will send out a mailer when the time comes for solicitation of door prizes, need to decide on size of banquet room.
- Nancy Ayotte won the dollar pot and Peter Koenig won the door prize (MG Hat).

Submitted by Julie Miller

## Upcoming Events – British Car Clubs

**September 22-24, 2006:** Southeast British Car Festival, Dillard House, Dillard, GA. Hosted by the Peachtree MG Registry. More information at [www.peachtreemg.com](http://www.peachtreemg.com)

**September 30, 2006:** 18th Annual MGs on the Green at Fairview Park, Mint Hill, NC. Hosted by the Metrolina MG Car Club. Call Scott Hughes-704-821-1138, or go to [metrolinamgcarclub.com](http://metrolinamgcarclub.com)

**October 14, 2006:** Autumn in the Mountains, Chimney Rock Park, Bat Cave, NC. Hosted by British Car Club of Western NC. Go to [www.bccwnc.org](http://www.bccwnc.org) for more information.

**October 14, 2006:** British Car Classic Mark XVIII, King's Head Pub, St. Augustine, FL For info e-mail [suenorm@comcast.net](mailto:suenorm@comcast.net)

**October 28, 2006:** All Brit 2006, Tampa, FL. "MG the Featured Marque".

**November 10-12, 2006:** MG Jamboree 15, Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, Tampa, FL.

**December 1-3, 2006:** Sebring Historic Fall Classic, Sebring FL. For mor info call 1-800-626-7223

**Mid-Late October, 2007:** BBMGs Rendezvous 2007

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### Welcome to the Big Bend Mgs Club

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.bigbendmgs.com](http://www.bigbendmgs.com)

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.



### Upcoming Meetings:

**September 12, 2006** - 6:30pm: Location: Gill's Tavern, North Monroe St.

**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.

## Update - Rendezvous 2007

Where: Ramada Inn North, Tallahassee Florida. This is the Interstate 10 and US 27 exit, a short 3 hour± drive for participants from Jacksonville to Pensacola, Ocala to Macon.

When: Due to the commitments that Ramada Inn North has made to the FSU football program, we cannot finalize the date of the event until the football schedule is set in 2007 (typically by February 1). So, for now, we have two dates reserves, the weekends of October 13 and 14, 2007 and the weekend of October 19 and 20, 2007.

What: People's choice voting by marque, Friday night BBQ, Saturday night awards banquet with door prizes and raffle, hospitality suite, vendors, a drive over beautiful canopy roads, a tech session, etc.

We will be seeking volunteers for planning committees at the next meeting (September 12, 2006). Committees will include advertising, registration, door prize solicitation, food planning, hospitality suite coordinator, drive planning, tech session coordinator, t-shirts design, etc. We need volunteers to be part of making Rendezvous 2007 a great time for all. Update - Rendezvous 2007

Article for submission may be sent to Vera Darby ([verad04@comcast.net](mailto:verad04@comcast.net)) for possible inclusion in this newsletter.

Stories about events attended, pictures and information about your cars are always welcome!



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