



TALLY HO

Prime Minister's Message

Oh my gosh!!!! May 1st. is only a few months away and there's a lot to do with our upcoming Rendezvous 2009. Things are going to have to be stepped up. It's time to call in all favors. There will be a committee meeting this month to iron out a few details and fill in some volunteer spots. People, we need people to get this done. I know we have the manpower to put on a great show, I know we have a plan. We need to work it, so everyone clear your schedules.

Next months meeting will be at Po'Boys across from Fresh Market at 6pm. Nice quiet room. Flat screens for powerpoint and a fresh new menu. If you are an officer attend, this is an important meeting so don't miss it.

Finally we have a couple of new members added to the club. This just in, Chris and Alexa Hancock just bought a 1968 Red roadster here in Tally and hope to join us at upcoming events. It's their first MG and they are looking forward to taking the top down and cruising.

Looking forward to this year with the club and airing out my luxurious Corinthian leather seats. We are working on more interactive meetings this season. That means you will have to participate. Mount up, and let's ride!!!

Mike Miller

TALLY HO

Contributor of the Year Award 2008

Don Schmidt has the rare honor of being the First President, First Prime Minister and First Chairman of the Board of Big Bend MGs. He was awarded another First at the BBMGs After Holiday Party held on January 10th when Co-Editor Pheona Kaiser presented him with the First Tally Ho Contributor of the Year Award. Pheona remarked that Beginning with the exploratory meeting on May 18, 1998 Don Schmidt has put forth in many ways to further Big Bend MGs. In 2008 he again was foremost in contributing articles of interest and

value to the *Tally Ho* newsletter of Big Bend MGs. So I am pleased to present him with the First *Tally Ho* Contributor of the Years Awards for 2008.

Pheona first recognized the contributions made by Bud Nocera, Blair Engle, Gene Veirling, Tom Phares, Bill Fortenberry, Gary Sisco, Dave Streit and the others who's names escaped her at the time.



Tally Ho Distribution Notice

Beginning with this issue, the Tally Ho will be distributed exclusively by email. Production and mailing costs of the printed version were almost exceeding the cost of club membership. So rather than increase the dues, we are following the lead of most other car clubs and switching to an all-electronic version (PDF.) for all members with an email address.

In addition to saving the club money, there are several advantages: We get it to you quicker, and you see all the photographs in color. And you can print it out on your own printer at your leisure, if you'd like.

Please make sure to include the email address you'd like your *Tally Ho* sent to when renewing your membership, and make sure it is printed neatly.

2009 Promises to be a Banner Year!

All British Cars
Rendezvous
May 1-3 **2009**

Tallahassee
Florida

GOF South XLIII
CELEBRATING
66 YEARS OF MG MOTORING

CRYSTAL RIVER, FLORIDA
MARCH 27 - 29, 2009

ALL Marques Welcome!

ALL Marques Welcome!

THE LAST SUNSET

ALL Marques Welcome!

SOUTHEASTERN MG

ALL GOF
TALLAHASSEE

Southwestern 1 Jul 2008 - 14 Jul 2008
Tallahassee, Florida



May 1st - 3rd
Schedule of Events

Friday Afternoon and Evening - May 1st

After arriving at the Staybridge Suites Tallahassee, join us in the hospitality room on the 1st floor where you will find Rendezvous Registration, complimentary beverages & snacks. You will be able to view all raffle items and purchase raffle tickets. The Staybridge Suites Hospitality Room will be open from 12:00pm to 8:00pm. Join us outside the Hospitality Room on the back deck at 6:00 pm for a BBQ Buffet dinner, with the fun continuing until 9:00pm.

Saturday - May 2nd - (8am- 5pm)

Enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet for Staybridge guests before heading over to the event site located at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum. The Hospitality Suite at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum will open at 8:00am on site in "The Tucker" meeting room overlooking the car show display area. You will find registration, raffle items, and complimentary beverages & snacks. Tour the museum anytime during the event.

10:00am - 2:00pm All British Cars displayed. People's Choice Voting Begins (Ballots in by 2 pm).

Light complimentary lunch served in "The Tucker" meeting room. Scenic guided/ unguided driving tours, Mechanics Tech Session/s, Vehicles diagnosed by Glenn Lenhard

Saturday Evening - May 2nd - (7pm-10 pm)

Banquet begins in the Tallahassee Automobile Museum "Duesenberg" Banquet Hall with Full Cash Bar, Plated Salad & Buffet Dinner. Last chance to view raffle items and purchase tickets. Raffle and Door prize winners will be announced after the People's Choice Awards Presentation.

Sunday Morning - May 3rd

Enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet for Staybridge Suites guests & Good-Bye

Visit: www.bigbendmgclub.com & www.bigbendmgs.com for more information!

Registration Form

Name: _____

Guest: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Phone Number/s: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Year/Make/Model: _____

Year/Make/ Model: _____

Registration Fee

The fee is for one car, 2 people and their children up to 14 years. Fee includes Hospitality Room complimentary beverages, snacks and Saturday light lunch for all registrants and (1) ticket to tour the Tallahassee Automobile Museum. (Additional tickets \$5.00 each/ Children under 5 are Free)

BEFORE MARCH 30th: **\$35.00** - AFTER APRIL 1st: **\$40.00** - ON-SITE May 1st-2nd: **\$45.00** \$ _____

Extra Car(s): _____ X 15.00 = \$ _____

Extra Tour Tickets: \$5.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Friday BBQ Buffet Dinner: \$18.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Awards Banquet: \$40.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Number of People Attending: _____

Rendezvous Regalia

These quality T-Shirts are sure to be a big hit!

T-Shirts: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$15.00 X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please note: Guest are welcome, but must be registered to take part in any Rendezvous meal functions or planned activities.

Mail Completed Registration & Check to:

Big Bend MG's c/o Julie Miller, 3116 Capital Circle NE, Suite 2, Tallahassee, FL 32308

All British Cars
Rendezvous 2009



"NEW" Host Hotel



• Ask for Big Bend MG's Rate •

\$89.99 - Studio or \$109.99 - 1 Bedroom Suite
(Good until 4/10/09)

STAYBRIDGE SUITES TALLAHASSEE
1600 Summit Lake Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32317
(850) 219-7000 or 1-888-299-2208

Directions: I-10 to Tallahassee Exit 209B Hwy 90 E.
Travel 1/4 mi. to the Summit East Business Park.

Hotel is located at the entrance.

"NEW" Event Site



6800 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308
(850) 942-0137
www.tacm.com
cars@tacm.com

Directions: I-10 to Tallahassee Exit 209A Hwy 90 E.
Tallahassee Automobile Museum is on your Right.

Big Bend MGs Membership Application

NEW RENEWAL

Name: _____

D.O.B. (Mo/Day at least) _____

Occupation: _____ Wk. Ph: _____

Spouse/Companion: _____

D.O.B. (Mo/Day at least) _____

Occupation: _____ Wk. Ph: _____

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Hm. Ph: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Model MG: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

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How long have you been involved with MG's? _____

Other Interests: _____

What other MG organizations are you a member of? AMGBA NAMGAR

NAMGBR MG Drivers Other _____

Would you be interested in helping the Club with the following? Events Committees

Social Activities Tech. Info. Committees Other _____

Send the *Tally Ho* newsletter to this email address: _____

REALLY, I DON'T HAVE EMAIL. Please continue to mail me the *Tally Ho* Newsletter

Membership year starts January 1st and expires December 31st

Annual dues are: \$25.00 Family Unit membership *which includes* "British Marque" newsletter subscription. Singles are a family unit. Please enclose check made to Big Bend MG's and give to a member or the treasurer or mail to BBMGs, c/o Julie Miller, 3116 Capital Circle NE Ste. 2., Tallahassee, FL 32308

Why You Should Become A Member of Big Bend MGs

Interesting Monthly Meetings

Great Camaraderie and Fellowship

Outings and Road Trips

Annual After Holiday Party & Lovers Picnic

Technical Repair & Restoration Assistance Sessions

Networking Parts & Repair Advice

BBMGs Lending Library & Tool Crib

Tally-Ho Newsletter Monthly (Free Member Classifieds)

British Marque Newsletter Monthly (Free Classifieds)

Club Website - www.bigbendmgs.com

Arguably the most interesting group of people in Tallahassee or anywhere!

BBMGs is a NAMGBR Chapter

You'll Love The People!



North American MGB Register

GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL MK. 43, SOUTH

The Plantation Inn and Golf Resort
9301 WEST FORT ISLAND TRAIL



CRYSTAL RIVER, FL 34429

MARCH 27-29, 2009

The Plantation
GOLF RESORT & SPA

For our 43rd annual Gathering, we will return to this beautiful resort on US Highway 19, at the southern end of Crystal River Florida. Since we were there three years ago, the facility has undergone a \$7 million renovation and expansion, including new rooms, meeting facilities and an on-site AVEDA spa. The car park will again be on the lawn of the Resort, on the banks of the river. It is a great place to sit and watch the water flow by while enjoying MG fellowship.

We have arranged special rates for the event with Standard Double or Standard King rooms at \$89.00 per night with a waiver of the usual Resort Fee for this booking. Patio Double or King rooms and Junior Suites are available for \$99.00 and \$109.00 respectively. You will need to call the Resort directly, at 800-632-6262 and mention that you are with the Classic MG Event. If you have special requests you need to make them at this initial time. They don't give written confirmations, but will give you a confirmation number when your reservation is guaranteed. You must act soon, because the block of reserved rooms will hold only until February 24, 2009. After that date, you can't be assured of a room.

Room reservations can be cancelled up to 72 hours prior to arrival without penalty (a one night charge for any cancellation after that time), but we urge you to notify us if the necessity arises, because we have guaranteed a block of rooms for the event.

Reservations for the traditional Saturday Awards Banquet (sit-down service - no buffet!) are to be made at the time of your registration for the event.

There will be a First Timers Show of cars on Friday evening in a reserved area in the front of the Resort from 4:00-6:00 PM. The Hospitality Room will be open at 2:00 PM for Registration, delivery and viewing of Raffle prizes and Socializing.

Dinner on Friday Evening will be on your own, but your Hosts will have information about local favorites and will endeavor to "fix you up" so that you can enjoy dinner in the company of friends, both old and new. We will post a list of recommended restaurants in the area on our website www.classicmgclub.com in due time.

The show of cars will commence on Saturday at 10:00AM on the lawn, overlooking the river and continue until 12:00 Noon. We are planning a tour of the local sights starting at 2:30 which will take about 1 hour. We reserve the right to add additional afternoon amusements depending on the creativity of our committee, the weather, etc. There are plenty of activities to please everyone, even those who don't think kicking tires is a fun way to spend an afternoon. Please look at the facilities available to us at the Resort, including their NEW Aveda Spa. Visit their web site at www.plantationinn.com to learn more!

Vendors are both welcome and encouraged, but need to understand that they cannot set up for business on the lawn where the Show of Cars will occur on Saturday Morning. This is because of the recent expansion of the facility which has blocked off the entry point we used in the past. Our small cars will have to drive over a walkway between two wings of the Resort to get to the lawn, but this isn't possible with a modern-sized auto or a commercial vehicle or trailer. We will reserve sufficient space for vendors in the parking lot to the right of the main lobby (as you face the lobby) and you can operate both Friday and Saturday as long as you wish.

REGISTRATION FORM

GOF MK. XLIII SOUTH, 2009

MARCH 27 - 29, 2009



Name (include all in your party - for name badges) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

First Entry: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____
Second Entry: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____
Are you a First Timer? _____ Club Affiliation _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Prices are as follows:

GOF Registration and two Saturday banquet dinners (tax incl) \$ 115.00 \$ _____
GOF Registration and one Saturday banquet dinner (tax incl) \$ 75.00 \$ _____
Registration only (\$40.00 after 3/1/09) \$ 35.00 \$ _____
Registration, each additional car (no charge) \$ 0 \$ _____
Banquet only (each) \$ 40.00 \$ _____
Vendor Pre-Registration \$ 30.00 \$ _____
Vendor Day-of-Show \$ 40.00 \$ _____
Tee-Shirts - number wanted Med _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ @ \$15.00 per \$ _____
Polo Shirts - Med _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ @ \$30.00 per \$ _____
(indicate men's (M) or women's (W))
TOTAL ENCLOSED (make check payable to "Classic MG Club") \$ _____

Note: The Resort has given us the right to substitute people who want to register late with people who need to cancel their room reservation. Please contact the Chairman (Al Cook at 407-678-6814) to get on the appropriate waiting list

RELEASE AND WAIVER: In consideration of and for the right to participate in the 43rd Annual Gathering of the Faithful, I, on my behalf and on behalf of all members of my party attending the event, release the Classic MG Club of Orlando, Inc., all of the participating clubs, event sponsors and the Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, from any and all liability for damage to myself, my party, my car, or other property, while travelling to and from the event and while attending the event.

Driver and Passenger sign below.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Send to Paul Plasschaert, 1304 Wellington Terr., Maitland, FL 32751 with a check made payable to the Classic MG Club. For more information, contact Al Cook at 407-678-6814 or e-mail ClassicMGClub@aol.com.

BBMGs After Holiday Party 2009





**Another BBMGs
Fabulous After Holiday Party hosted again by
Jane and Dave Streit !**



by Nigel Strangway COB

NIGEL's Garage Mahal

CYLINDER HEAD

Valves

Guides and Seats

Evaluation and reconditioning

Reference:

A) BMC & Leyland B-Series Engine Data, by L Porter

B) Moss MG catalogs

Background:

It is now time to evaluate and recondition the valves. The most common problems are exhaust valve seat recession, excessive wear in the valve stem and guides, and burned valves. Repairing these items falls in the category of the normal reconditioning procedure it is done every day on all kinds of engines. .

Discussion:

The "B Series" cylinder heads were designed at a time when leaded gasoline was the norm. Lead compounds added to gasoline functioned to protect the valve and seat from wear. With the use of "new and improved un-leaded gasoline" wear is more pronounced in the cast iron valve seat as it is softer than the valve material. The fix for this has been around for many years in the form of

hardened valve seat inserts. Most cylinder head rework facilities make it a normal practice to install hardened exhaust seats. The cylinder head itself is designed with removable valve guides and there are a number of styles / materials available from your MG parts suppliers to fit to your engine.

Plan of Action:

Our first order of business is to determine the condition of the valve guide. Valve and guide dimensions as well as operating clearance are specified in ref A. The valve clearance is generally between .0015 and .0030 for most engines. A cylinder head specialist can determine this with an educated wiggle test the rest of us will need a micrometer Condition of the valve guide is critical because it registers the center of the valve and seat and will be the reference for all machine work during re-conditioning. You may want to provide your machine shop a set of replacement guides (4 I & 4 X) as well as the specifications for installation in the head. If guides need replacing they are drifted out and the new ones installed from the top of the head in the same manner followed by reaming to standard size. The machine shop will have a wide variety of hardened valve seats available and the cutter to match. It is essential to cut the pocket for the new valve seat insert based on the finished valve guide center line. The insert is blended into the combustion chamber after installation.

The valve seat will also be registered off of the same center for final seat finishing.

If valves are not bent or burned the other problem usually is excessive wear. In case of excessive valve wear the valve should be replaced with a new standard sized valve. The valves will now be finished to provide a good seal. Now is also a good time to consider valve stem seals as they provide another means of oil control. With some valve stem seal designs the top of the guide will need a slight modification to allow installation.

Nigel

What in the world?



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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COMING EVENTS

Feb. 19 - BBMGs Meeting at Po'Boys - 1425 Village Square Blvd - 6:00pm

Feb. 14-15 - Gold Coast British Sports Car Club 16th Annual British Classic-Boca Raton,FL.-Info: www.goldcoastbritcar.org or Larry@ZZMLaw.com.

Mar. 7 - British & European Classic Car Show - at Zephyrhills Celtic Festival & Highland Games Info: www.fsmgcc.com

Mar. 13-15 - Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

Mar. 21 - New Orleans 19th Annual British Car Day – Info:Keith Vezina: (504) 722-5777, president@bmcno.org or web site at <http://www.bmcno.org>

Mar. 27-29 - GOF-S MK XIII - Plantation Resort & Spa, Crystal River - Info www.classicmgclub.com

Apr. 21-25 - NAMGAR Mini-GT Key West-The Last Sunset

May 1-3 - RENDEZVOUS 2009-Tallahassee - More Info at: www.bigbendmgs.com & www.bigbendmgclub.com

May 30-Jun 7 - British Car Week

Nov. 12-14, 2010 - Jamboree 17



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Where are the contributions from YOU and the other BBMGs members?