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## Prime Minister's Message:

It has been wickedly hot in Tallahassee the majority of this summer, not to mention moist, a combination which means more maintenance for our cars. With our upcoming meeting Thursday, September 16th at PoBoys Restaurant at 1425 Village Square Boulevard (Tallahassee), I plan to spend some time this weekend polishing and primping the Midget to make it presentable. With any luck, it will be cool enough to enjoy the drive on the day of the meeting next week.

With the onset of Fall comes the busy season for car shows. Future planned events include:

The 22nd edition of the British Car Classic in St. Augustine on October 2nd, an event I have attended several times. It is on the site of an authentic British Pub and has always had a very interesting assortment of vehicles, attendees, pub food and beers from across the pond, a hard combination to beat.

The Sixth Annual Tallahassee All Car Club Show and Shine will be held at the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum on October 23rd from 10 am to 2 pm, rain or shine. This event is billed as a memorial to Dan Isaacs, Dick Heburn and Doris Ramsey and is used as a support of the Florida Highway Patrols program collecting stuffed animals for distribution to children who are victims of car accidents.

Also, what has become an annual event sponsored by Big Bend MGs with cooperation and participation with other clubs, the Picnic at Wakulla Springs, this year scheduled for October 30th. Blair Engle and Joe Torre are coordinating this event.

Look elsewhere in this newsletter for information on other events and please participate in at least one!

I hope to see everyone at the meeting next week.



## MG Handling Primer

by Don Schmidt

Some of our young at heart owners may have an interest in MG driving games, such as solo, slalom or gymkhana. Some may just want a car that carves corners more to their liking. Just a little improvement in the handling department would suit some of you just fine. Stock is OK but what is "stock" for these cars that have been restored, fixed, worn in, worn out, bent, and unbent. We are using modern tires and springs that are either worn out or replaced with units from who knows where.

A car either over-steers, under-steers or is neutral. A NASCAR racer once described these conditions as so "If it under-steers it runs straight into the fence. If it over-steers it snaps around and runs into the fence backwards." A chart for suspension tuning follows:

### Adjusting Under - Steer

**To increase under - steer**  
Larger front roll bar  
Raise front ride height  
Less negative camber  
Higher front spring rate  
More front tire pressure

**To decrease under - steer**  
Smaller front roll bar  
Lower front ride height  
More negative camber  
Softer front spring rate  
Less front tire pressure

### Adjusting Over - Steer

**To increase over - steer**  
Larger rear roll bar  
Raise rear ride height  
Stiffer rear spring rate  
More rear tire pressure

**To decrease over - steer**  
Smaller rear roll bar  
Lower rear ride height  
Softer rear spring rate  
less rear tire pressure

If you elect to do a handling tune up make one change at a time so you can judge the results. Lastly toe and caster settings affect handling dynamics (responsiveness and stability) so have these checked before you start tuning.

When a car is completely neutral it will slide the front and rear equally at the limit in the classic four wheel drift. Increasing or decreasing throttle or applying brake will cause changes in the cars balance. That — you will need to sort that out in drivers ed.



# 6th Annual Tallahassee All Car Club Show & Shine

Location: Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

Near I-10 Exit: 209 & Mahan Drive

Date: Saturday Oct. 23rd, 2010

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

All Cars & Motorcycles are welcome

Rain or Shine

Memorial to Dan Isaacs, Dick Heburn

& Doris Ramsey



Bring a stuffed animal for FHP  
Public Welcome



# Lake City Veterans Benefit Car Show

**Sat., Oct. 23, 2010**

**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**at Columbia County Fairgrounds,  
US 90 W to Bascom Norris Dr.**

**Lake City, FL 32025**

***Street Rods, Classics, Antiques,  
Muscle Cars, Customs, Trucks, Tuners***

***50/50, Goody Bags, Door Prizes, T-Shirts,  
Rockin' DJ, Contest,  
Great Food & Beverages.***

**Many trophies and plaques to be awarded.**

Registration is \$20.00

Mail to: SRR AACA, P.O. Box 7095, Lake City, FL 32056

Call: 386-365-8839 or 386-365-3101

**Don't forget to pre-register for \$15.**

**Also, come to the Cruise-in the night before!**

**Fri., Oct 22, 6pm - 8:30 p.m. Hardees, US Hwy 90 W**

# Suwannee River AACA Open Veterans Benefit Show

Oct. 22, Friday Nite 6-8:30 Cruise-in @ Hardees US 90 W  
 Show Oct. 23, 9 - 2 @ Columbia County Fairgrounds  
 Cost: Pre-registration \$15., Day of Show \$20.00  
 Vendor \$50.00

Car Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Body Style \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned agrees to hold harmless members of the Suwannee River Region AACA and Columbia County Fairgrounds for accidents, injury, property damage or any other loss occurring before, during, or after this event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Show Hosted by Suwannee River Region AACA

For More Info call Terry Strattan 386-365-8839, or  
 Chuck Graham 386-365-3101.

email: [suwanneeriveraaca@live.com](mailto:suwanneeriveraaca@live.com)

Mail to: SRRAACA, PO Box 7095  
 Lake City, FL 32056



Directions to Columbia County Fairgrounds  
 438 SW State Road 247 L.  
 Lake City, FL 32025







Peachtree  Registry

# The Southeastern British Car Festival 2010 Dillard, Georgia

September 24-26, 2010

*The Peachtree MG Registry Presents*

A Southern British Car Weekend in the  
mountains of North Georgia at:

**The Dillard House Inn  
Dillard, GA**

## Registration: Southeastern British Car Festival 2010, Dillard House, Dillard, Georgia

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Guest \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ MG Club \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

1st MG Class # \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

2nd MG Class # \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Car # 1	_____
Car # 2	_____

Registration: First Car	\$25.00, after 9/1/10 \$30.00		\$ _____
2nd Car or each additional	\$5.00, after 9/1/10 \$10.00	X _____	\$ _____
Friday Evening BBQ (Family Style)	\$30.00 per Person	X _____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet & Awards Ceremony	\$35.00 per Person	X _____	\$ _____
T-SHIRTS Short Sleeve @ M___ L___ XL___	x \$13.00 XXL___ x \$15.00		\$ _____
T-SHIRTS Long Sleeve @ M___ L___ XL___	x \$13.00 XXL___ x \$15.00		\$ _____
Logo Ball Cap	\$12.00	X _____	\$ _____
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Attending the Railroad Excursion Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

(Make check payable to Peachtree MG Registry, 3780 Old Norcross Road, Site 103, Box 395, Duluth, GA 30096)



**November 5 – 7, 2010 • Homosassa Springs, FL**  
**All British Car Owners are invited to join the Fun!**

**Theme: "HOMECOMING"**

It's Jamboree 17! The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club invites **ALL** British Car Enthusiasts to celebrate with us. We'll have a Pizza party Friday night and a Homecoming Party Saturday night. As in past years, costumes are encouraged, and fun is mandatory (can't be helped).

**We will be having a Raffle in lieu of an auction. Purchase tickets and place them in the bucket by the Raffle Basket you would like to win. The more tickets you purchase the more chances to win.**

**Location:**

We'll be having the event at the gorgeous Homosassa Riverside Inn, 5297 Cherokee Way, Homosassa Springs, Florida, 34448 overlooking the famous Monkey Island.  
Overflow hotel – MacRae's of Homosassa 352-628-2602 – rates start at \$85 for a standard room per night.

**Friday:**

Upon arrival at the Resort, join us in the Hospitality Room where you will find the MG Jamboree Registration and complimentary beverages and snacks nearby. Relax and pick up your registration packet.

**6:00 p.m. Pizza & LBCs in the Movies!** Dress as you did in High School. Dinner will be served in the banquet room. After dinner, it's time to make your own ice cream sundaes. Then relax and test your movie knowledge as Dave Tietz regales us with movie clips!

**Saturday Morning:**

- Continental Breakfast – Hospitality Room
- Flea Market & Regalia Sales
- British Cars Displayed on the Grass
- Fun Judging of Cars and/or People
- And Much More....

**Saturday Lunch:**

Grab your boxed lunches and head under the trees.

**Saturday Afternoon:**

**Homecoming Float** – Space is limited – see reg. form.

**Siesta Time** or unwind by the beautiful pool.

**Saturday Evening:**

**5:00 p.m. Games** –!

**6:00 p.m. Homecoming Party** – wear your favorite Sports team colors!

- Dinner
- Awards (if any are deserved) & Raffle

**Sunday Morning:**

- Continental Breakfast – Hospitality Room
- Fond Farewells – until 2012

**For More Information Contact:**

Gail Lenhard @ (727) 521-9890 or [gail@glennsmg.com](mailto:gail@glennsmg.com) or  
 Steve McDowell @ (813) 508-2078 or [mcdowell4152@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdowell4152@yahoo.com)

**Make your reservations directly with:**  
**Homosassa Riverside Inn**  
**(800) 442-2040 or (352) 628-2474**

Please mention the "MG Jamboree" when reserving your room. Reservations must be made prior to July 30<sup>th</sup> to get special room rates starting at \$65 for a standard room per night. The resort also has one & two bedroom suites available. These reduced rates are available to MG Jamboree registrants only. In addition, the hotel will honor these special rates for one day before and after our event, if you want to come early and/or stay later.

**There is a NO PETS policy at Riverside Inn & MacRae's.**

**Map and Driving Instructions to the Riverside Inn**

From Orlando

Take Hwy. 528 (Beeline Expressway) west to the Florida Turnpike at S.R. 441 (Interchange #254). Go north on turnpike about 50 miles to last toll booth. As you continue north the Turnpike will join I-75. Take Exit 66 going west on S.R. 44. On S.R. 44 travel west through Inverness (going toward Crystal River) until you reach S.R. 490 (Homosassa Trail). Turn left and continue on S.R. 490 until you reach US 19 (Suncoast Blvd.). There is a traffic signal at this intersection in Homosassa Springs. Turn left at the signal (heading south) and go one short block to Halls River Road. There is a Hardee's Restaurant at this intersection. Turn right (west) and travel on Halls River Road to the first road on the left, which is Fishbowl Drive. Turn left on Fishbowl Drive. Continue past the entrance of the Wildlife Park, crossing over a small bridge. Continue on this road, the name will change to Yulee Drive. Follow Yulee Drive past the Elementary School. The road will curve to the right as it passes the school. At the 4-way stop, turn right into the resort. We are approximately 3 miles from US 19.

From Tampa/St. Petersburg

Follow Veterans Expressway North Veterans Expressway will become the Suncoast Parkway Stay on the Suncoast Parkway North until it ends at Hwy 98 (approx 45 miles)  
 Turn LEFT onto Hwy 98, take Hwy 98 until it ends at US 19 (approx 6 miles)  
 Turn RIGHT onto US 19 continue until you reach Homosassa Springs, FL. (approx 6 Miles)  
 Turn LEFT at the first traffic light (Burger King on the left @ W.Yulee Dr.)  
 Follow Double yellow lines to the first stop sign Turn LEFT (still remaining on Yulee Dr.)  
 Follow the Double Yellow lines to the first 4-way stop sign. Turn RIGHT and you will be at the Homosassa Riverside Resort.

From Brooksville (S.R. 50)

Follow S.R. 50 through downtown Brooksville. After you cross the railroad tracks on the west side of Brooksville you will come to a second light. At this light you must turn right to follow US 98 north. If you continue west on S.R. 50 it will take you 30 minutes out of your way. Both S.R. 50 west and US 98 going north will run into US 19. Turn right on US 19 heading north to Homosassa Springs.  
 Turn LEFT at the first traffic light (Burger King on the left @ W.Yulee Dr.)  
 Follow Double yellow lines to the first stop sign Turn LEFT (still remaining on Yulee Dr.)  
 Follow the Double Yellow lines to the first 4-way stop sign. Turn RIGHT and you will be at the Homosassa Riverside Resort.



**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Please return this completed form with a check made payable to F.S.M.G.C.C. to:**

**Bert & Bruce Rauch  
8632 18 Way North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33702**

Please **PRINT** the **First & Last Names** of all people attending.

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Year and Model MG/ Little British Car \_\_\_\_\_

**I AM AWARE** of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events & specifically release & so indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, & The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club collectively & separately, for any & all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guest(s) while participating in the MG Jamboree 17. I understand & agree that The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club reserves the right to revoke my registration & retain my registration fee should I engage in reckless dangerous and/or unsafe behavior. **I have read, understand, and agree to this release. THIS MUST BE SIGNED BELOW**

X \_\_\_\_\_

Every year our specially designed souvenir T-shirts are a big hit! Also available are neat, "MG Jamboree" golf-style caps. Finally, for those cool morning drives, there are cozy sweatshirts with the "MG Jamboree" logo.

**Please note:** Special room rates and any planned activities or meals are available only to "MG Jamboree 17" registrants. 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!



**REGISTRATION**

**Early Registration before September 1:**

The fee is for **one British Car and/or two people** and children up through 4 years old.

Early Registration fee.....\$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Normal Registration after September 1:**

Normal registration fee ..... \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests (& children over 4) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS**

**One price covers all meals and food events.**

**These include:**

- Friday Evening – Pizza & Ice Cream
- Saturday – **Continental Breakfast**
- Saturday – Picnic Box Lunch
- Saturday – **Pontoon Homecoming Float \* \***
- Saturday – Dinner – **"Homecoming Party!"** theme
- Sunday – **Continental Breakfast**

The cost is \$69.00 per person – includes **all** meals, tax, and gratuity. \$29.00 for children ages 5 through 12.

**Number of adults and**

Children over 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$69.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of children**

Ages 5 – 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$29.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Friday Pizza & Ice Cream:** # people \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select your Saturday menu:**

Continental Breakfast # people \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch } Ham & Cheese Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_  
          } or \_\_\_\_\_  
          } Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner } Prime Rib of Beef \_\_\_\_\_  
          } or \_\_\_\_\_  
          } Grilled Mahi Mahi \_\_\_\_\_  
          } or \_\_\_\_\_  
          } Chicken Cordon Bleu \_\_\_\_\_  
          } Children's chicken tenders (ages 5 – 12) \_\_\_\_\_  
          } Children's hamburger (ages 5 – 12) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sunday:** Continental Breakfast # people \_\_\_\_\_

**Vegetarian meals may be requested:**

**Vegetarian for all meals:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* # Attending Homecoming Float Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGALIA ITEMS:**

"MG Jamboree 17" T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

"MG Jamboree" Sweatshirt \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

"MG Jamboree" Golf Cap \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate quantity and size on the form to the left)

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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FYI

We're on the Web!  
www.bigbendmgs.com

## COMING EVENTS

**Sep. 16th - BBMGs Meeting - PoBoys Restaurant, 1425 Village Square Boulevard, the meeting begins at 6:30 pm.**

**Sep. 11th - Atlanta British Car Fayre - Info: [www.babg.org/BritishCarFayre.htm](http://www.babg.org/BritishCarFayre.htm)**

**Sep. 24/25 - 11th Annual Autumn in the Mountains Hendersonville, NC.**

**Sep. 24-26 - S.E. British Car Festival - Dillard, GA- Peachtree MG Register.**

**Oct. 2 - British Car Day - Kings Head British Pub - on US1 about 6 miles North of St. Augustine - Look for the double decker bus!**

**Oct. 23 - 6th Annual Tallahassee All Car Club Show & Shine - Tall. Antique Car Museum - 10:00am - 2:00pm**

**Oct. 23 - Lake City Veterans Benefit Car Show - Info. pages 2 & 3**

**Oct 30 - Tallahassee Car Club Picnic - Wakulla Springs State Park**

**Oct. 30 - Brit Bash - Vero Beach, FL - Riverside Oaks Park - Info: [britbash@comcast.net](mailto:britbash@comcast.net)**

**Nov. 5 -7 - JAMBOREE 17 - Riverside Inn in Homosassa Springs Info: pages 6 & 7**

**Apr. 8-11 - GOF S - Weeki Wachee, FL - [englishcarclub@yahoo.com](mailto:englishcarclub@yahoo.com)**

**Apr. 25-28, 11 - NAMGAR Mile Zero GT7 Key West - Key West, FL**

**Jun 12-18, 11 MG2011 NA Council of MG Registers, All-Register Gathering at Reno-Tahoe, NV - Info: [www.mgcars.org.uk/mgcouncil](http://www.mgcars.org.uk/mgcouncil)**

## CLASSIFIED

### 1965 Austin Healey Sprite MK III

The car VIN is HAN8L44445 with engine number 12CD-DA-H7948, so it has a 1275 engine. Recent professional mechanical work includes engine & transmission removed to replace speedo gear, throw out bearing & pilot bearing. Previously brakes were checked, engine tuned and new wiring harness installed. Car has recent new tires, paint, new carpet and amateur interior installed, has top frame but no top. All documentation included. Over 5K spent to make car roadworthy. I MUST SELL IT, so reasonable offers over 3K are welcome. Car is in Tallahassee. Clear Florida title and vintage tag. I will answer any questions and am motivated to sacrifice it to finish my 1967 MGB finally.



bthom32312@aol.com or 850-385-6581 and ask for Bill. Member of Big Bend MGs & Past PM

**Thanks** to the contributors to  
**TALLY HO:**

JP Brown  
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Sure would like to be thanking YOU also!



*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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