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NEWSLETTER OF THE BIG BEND MGBs

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Co-Prime Minister's Message

I have been out of circulation for a solid month. Just got the last box unpacked and computer running yesterday. Been using my cell phone for communication and my stitches out on Friday. The only thing I have as far as a message is thanks for all the well wishes and support and hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Mike Miller

I have nothing for the month sorry.

Joe Torre



Drive and/or Touring Tips and Protocol

Traveling in a caravan presents a unique set of conventions that, when followed, will help insure a safe and pleasant trip as well as extending consideration to other motorists who share the road. A tour consists of a leader, the cars in the group, and a sweep vehicle.

The Leader will hold a brief meeting prior to departure. The leader's car will pull out first from the start and follow a pre-determined route. There will be comfort stops planned at frequent intervals. The leader will spend a lot of time looking in the rear view mirror to check on the group and will be in communication with the sweep vehicle.

The Sweep vehicle will always be the last car in line. The sweep will be in communication with the leader. Together they will monitor the position of the group at all times. (Example: If the entire group did not clear the stoplight, the leader will pause or slow the first part of the group until eye contact can be regained between cars.) After a roadside stop, the sweep vehicle may pull onto the roadway first and hold position to allow the leader and the entire group to pull onto the road at the same time. But the sweep will always remain at the end.

Group members can help the leader and the sweep by extending these courtesies:

1. Follow the group leader. Turn when the leader turns and so on.
2. If the leader stops the whole group stops. The leader will look for a good spot to pull over that will allow all cars to get safely off the roadway.
3. Watch the car in front of you and the car behind you. Try to keep both in sight at all times, while maintaining a safe and comfortable driving distance between cars.
4. Do not pass other members of your group. Generally, try to stay in the same order in line as when you pulled on to the road. (Example: If you are the 5 car in line try to stay the 5th car in line.) This is very important to the leader when looking back in the rear view mirror.
5. Adjust your speed as needed to assist other motorists trying to pass thru the group.
6. If either the car in front of or behind you gives a signal, you need to pass the signal along up or down the line.

SIGNALS:

If you need to STOP: Signal by flashing your lights, blowing your horn, and give the standard hand signal for stop. (Arm out the window, bent at the elbow with hand pointing down), this will tell the car in front and behind that you want to stop.

Emergency: (If you need to pull off the roadway immediately, and cannot use the stop signal.) The car in front and behind will be watching and signal to the others for you. The group will stop.

If you want to Leave the group and not return: Signal by, flashing your lights, and blowing your horn, while waving BY-BY. If you know you will be doing this, tell the leader in advance. (Example: On the way back home you will be leaving the group at an intersection near your house).

If you have a cell phone, exchange numbers with the group at the start.

Friday & Saturday
October 16-17, 2009

Lake City Car Show



30th Annual
Presented By:
Suwannee River Region AACA

Veterans Benefit

Open Show

Fri. 6pm - 9pm Cruise-in

Classic Car Parade at Hardees-US 90 West...

**Sat. 9am-2pm Car Show at
Columbia County Fairgrounds,
US 90 W to Bascomb Norris Dr.
Lake City, Florida**

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

**50/50, Goody Bags, Door Prizes, T-Shirts,
Trivia Contests, Food & Beverages.**

Many trophies to be awarded.

Suwannee River AACA Open Veterans Benefit Show

Registration @ Fri. Night Cruise \$15.
Day of Show \$20.00

Car Year _____ Make _____ Model _____
Body Style _____ Club Affiliation _____
Please Print _____
Name _____
Address _____ State _____ Zip _____
City _____
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 Stratton 386-365-8839, or
Chuck Graham 386-365-3101.
email: suwanneeriveraaca@live.com
Mail to: SRRRAACA, PO Box 7095
Lake City, FL 32056



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



GOF South - Mk XLIV

Additional Information

Hotel: Our host hotel is the Oceanside Inn & Suites, 711 North Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA, 31527. It is located directly on the beach and offers large rooms with kitchenettes, a pool & whirlpool, beach access, and plenty of parking. They are blocking six categories of rooms for us at special rates. *Please make your reservation directly with them by calling toll free 866-553-5955. Mention that you are attending the MG Car Show Event in April, 2010.* They will require a one night advance deposit to secure your reservation. A 48 hour cancellation is required to receive a full refund of the deposit. You can extend your reservation at these rates for up to three days before and three days after the event (if space is available). **Please reserve early.** To ensure these rates please reserve by March 4, 2010.

Islandside Room	\$107.00/night plus taxes
Oceanside Room	\$117.00/night plus taxes
Superior Ocean	\$146.00/night plus taxes

Lanai or Ocean Efficiency	\$156.00/night plus taxes
Oceanfront Loft	\$174.00/night plus taxes
Sand Dollar Suite	\$288.00/night plus taxes

Tentative Event Schedule

Thursday	7:00pm	Get Together for Early Arrivers
Friday	2:00pm	Registration Opens / Hospitality Room
	5:00 - 7:00pm	First Timer's Show
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Low Country Boil Dinner near pool...next to the First Timer's Show
Saturday	8:00am	Registration Opens / Hospitality Room
	8:30am	Begin Parking Cars On Show Field
	10:00am - 1:00pm	Grand Show Of Cars
	1:30pm	Driving Tours and other Jekyll Island Activities
	6:00pm	Wine and Cheese Gathering
	7:00 - 10:00pm	Awards Banquet / Raffle / Auctions
Sunday	8:00am	Farewells / Hospitality Room

Shirts: Special GOF South Mk XLIV shirts are available for purchase through the MG Classics Club. There are two types: Tee's (100% cotton, Sand color only, with silk-screened event logo front & back); and golf shirts (100% cotton with embroidered logo, choice of colors). *Please check the web (www.mgclassics.org/gof2010) to see examples of the logos.* **All shirts (golf or tee) must be pre-ordered.** They will not be available after the show.

Mens Tee@\$12	Qty	Size (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)
	___	_____
	___	_____

Ladies Tee@\$12	Qty	Size (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)
	___	_____
	___	_____

Mens Golf @\$25 (addl \$2 for 3X)	Qty	Size (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)	Color (White, Red, Bimini Blue, Spring Green, Putty)
	___	_____	_____
	___	_____	_____

Ladies Golf @\$25 (addl \$2 for 3X)	Qty	Size (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)	Color (White, Red, Lt Blue, Pink, Chino Khaki)
	___	_____	_____
	___	_____	_____

Total For All Shirts (Carry to other page) \$ _____

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY: Sept. 25

- REGISTRATION 10:00 - 12:00, 2:00 - 6:30
- SELF GUIDED MOUNTAIN ROADS TOUR
- HOSPITALITY 10:00 - 12:00, 2:00 - 6:00
- FIRST TIMERS CAR SHOW 4:00 - 6:00
- BBQ DINNER 7:00
- ENTERTAINMENT
- HOSPITALITY to 10:00

SATURDAY: Sept. 26

- REGISTRATION 9:00 - 12:00, 2:00 - 4:00
- CAR SHOW 10:00 - 12:00
- SILENT RAFFLE
- SELF GUIDED MOUNTAIN ROADS TOUR 1:30
- SELF GUIDED MOUNTAIN ROADS TOUR
- TECH SESSION 3:00
- LADIES TECH SESSION 3:00
- VALVE COVER RACES 4:00
- BANQUET, AWARDS, 7:00

Dear Fellow MG Enthusiast,

The Southeastern MG T Register invites you to the Fifteenth Biannual "SOUTHEASTERN FALL GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL". We emphasize the term "Gathering of the Faithful or GOF" because the event is exactly that - a gathering of those unique individuals who enjoy, even love their MGs and find nothing better to do or more fun than simply getting together to share their cars and experiences.

There is no better place to drive MGs than the North Georgia Mountains in the Fall. With a nip of fall in the air, the winding roads, scenic mountains and valleys, interesting little shops, traditional festivals and the fall color all contribute to make driving an MG as good as it gets. Located just four miles from the North Carolina border, Hiawassee, Georgia is an excellent base to enjoy the Georgia mountains to the south and the Nantahala and Smokie Mountains to the north. The Lake Chatuge Lodge has given us the entire lodge for our use at the summer rate of \$89.00 per room and you know how difficult and expensive it is to get reservation in the mountains in the Fall. The Inn will even let us keep the low rate into the next week if you want to extend your stay and use the Lodge as a base for touring the mountains.

The Motel will furnish a Continental Breakfast each morning in the lobby. Our famous Hospitality Room will be open Friday at 10:00 AM along with Registration. There are numerous nice restaurants available for lunch on Friday and Saturday before the afternoon activities start. Self guided tours on Friday and a guided tour on Saturday will be offered. See our schedule for all activities.

We encourage all "new" MG owners to bring their car, regardless of condition, for our First Timers Car Show on Friday. We welcome all MG's from A to Z.

The Saturday afternoon Valve Cover Races have gained popularity second only to NASCAR.

This GOF is not to be missed so fix up and drive or drag you MG to the Georgia mountains. We expect to have and welcome all MGs from A to Z at the GOF, so if you can get your MG to North Georgia please try to bring it, we all want to see it. We will have fun!

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The Southeastern Fall
"Gathering of the Faithful"

Mark XV
Ramada -
Lake Chatuge Lodge
Hiawassee, Georgia
September 25 - 27, 2009

Register Early -

We must release our Block of rooms on September 10th
To make reservations, Call 1-800-613-4349 before Sept. 10th, and tell them you are with the MG Club to get the GOF rate of \$89.

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Mail to: Elaine Stewart, Registrar, 3883 Andrews Crossing, Roswell, GA 30375 GOFreg@gmail.com

Registration: Southeastern Fall GOF MK XV, Ramada - Lake Chatuge Lodge, Hiawassee

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____
 Address _____ Additional Guest _____
 City, State, Zip _____ MG Club _____
 Phone No. (____) _____ e-Mail Address _____
 1st MG Model _____ Year _____ Color _____
 2nd MG Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

Date Recd.	_____
Car # 1	_____
Car # 2	_____

Registration:	\$35.00 per MG Owner + 1 Guest	\$
2nd Car or each additional Car	\$5.00	X
Attendees Without Cars	\$10.00	X
Friday Evening BBQ	\$13.50 per Person	X
Saturday Banquet	\$32.50 per Person (12 years and older)	X
	Children/Pizza & Coke \$10.00	X
Grand Total		\$

There will be NO T-SHIRTS SOLD AT SHOW Other Regalia will be available

(Make check payable to The Southeastern MG T Register)

Mail to: Elaine Stewart, Registrar, 3883 Andrews Crossing, Roswell, GA 30375 770-992-2498 GOFreg@gmail.com

Did you know this?

by Geoff Wheatley - October 2008

I have been driving since the 1950s, both in the US and Europe. In all those years I could never remember which side the filler cap might be when I hired a rental car. Just a few weeks ago I was visiting the UK with a rental vehicle and, without exception, always seemed to end up on the wrong side of the fuel pump. This simply added to the frustration of paying almost ten US dollars for a gallon of fuel. Looking back I can say without exception that I usually forget where the gas filler cap might be, especially when I am driving my wife's car or one of my toys (MGs excepted!).

The procedure when I arrive at the pump is/was to stick my head out of the window, strain my neck and look, trying to see in the side mirrors and then usually get out of the car to find, nine times out of ten, that I am on the wrong side! When I returned my hired car to Gatwick airport UK I mentioned this to the young clerk behind the desk, who looked at me with that look that only the young can express when dealing with a semisenile individual three times their age! Without hesitation he asked me if I looked at the gas gauge when filling up. Sure, I replied, why? He then pointed out that if I look at the icon of a gas pump on the gauge I would notice that the handle of the gas pump is either pointing left or right. That is the side where the filler cap is located. In short, if the handle points left, that's where you put in the fuel or if it's pointing right, it's the right!

In all my years of driving, I never knew this and I would suspect that most of you fall into the same group. We learn something new every day, even when you are past the three score and ten age marker like this scribe. One further observation on my recent trip, the hired car was a small Fiat that could accommodate up to four adults and luggage. It had all the trinkets including A/C and could cruise along at a steady seventy/ eighty MPH on the fast highways of Europe. The onboard computer indicated that my average MPG for the visit was 46 MPG and that included both highway and city driving. The secret has to be the six-speed gearbox that keeps the revs at a minimum on the highways. Yes, I do think we should have cars such as this in the US, despite the American motor manufacturers' objection to these vehicles.

Reprinted from *The Dipstick*, The Newsletter of the Tidewater MG Classics Car Club

1930 MG M Type Midget

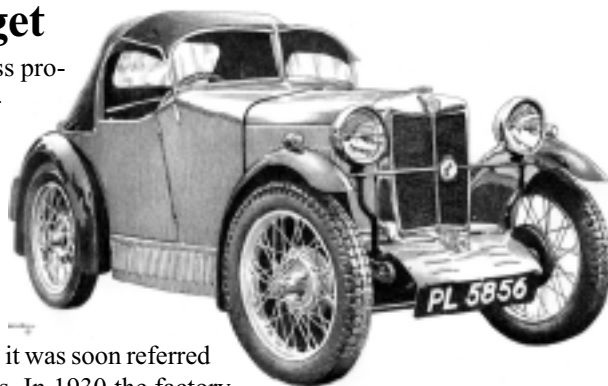
The 1930 MG M type was the first mass produced MG "sports type car" as it was referred to by the factory. It was a four cylinder car with in the early stages a (partially) fabric covered body from the windscreen rearward. Its four cylinder power plant was really a slightly modified Morris engine. The car was designed as a "sporty car" rather than a sports car but it provided such good road holding and performance abilities it was soon referred to as a real sports car by the motoring press. In 1930 the factory entered a team of M type midgets in the Le Mans double twelve race. The cars did well and finished with an average speed of 60.2 miles per hour for the 24 hours.

The M type was available as I've drawn it here as a two seat sports car with the fabric body previously mentioned. They were also available as a "Sportsman Coupe" with either a fabric covered body or metal body with a fixed head roof and two rear seats. It was also available as the Double Twelve midget with cycle wings and a highly tuned engine. Most of these cars were painted in the brown and cream MG factory colours.

The car drawn was owned by Gerry Gougen and was part of his MG Museum in Westminster Vermont. It was red with black wings (fenders) and top and a black interior. After Gerry's death the cars in the museum were sold and I have no idea of where that car is today.

George R. Herschell, Jr.

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"The secret of staying young is to live honestly...
eat slowly, and lie about your age."

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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. Fla. Other/no club affiliation

One FREE Lunch Armband with your Registration. Additional Lunch Armbands _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____

One FREE T-Shirt Size INCLUDED for those REGISTERING BEFORE OCTOBER 2ND — S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

Order Your/Additional Shirts/ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

Additional T-Shirts will be available at the event for \$15.00 each

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

For information call 904-616-8363 or www.mgclassics.org
Paid registrations received before OCT. 2nd get one FREE Lunch & 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 October 2nd receive One FREE Lunch & Event T-Shirt

Entry fee is \$25 for the first car
 \$15 for each additional.
 Additional T-shirts are \$10 each
 Additional lunches are \$5.
 After Oct 2nd entry fees will remain the same, but no FREE Lunch or T-shirt.
 The shirts are \$15 at the event.

Buffalo's will have an *outdoor cook station* located adjacent to the Show Field.

Traditional Buffalo's food will be available in the Cafe. All participants are encouraged to partake of this fine facility and *remember to make sure you maintain your physical hydration!*



presents
British Car Classic

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Balloting Ends at 12 Noon



Located at 6055 Youngerman Circle, which is just off Blanding Blvd, one block south of I-295
 Phone 904-778-1101

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

Paid registrations received before October 2nd receive One FREE Lunch & Event T-Shirt
Additional Cars - \$15.00 ea.



FYI

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

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COMING EVENTS

September 17th - BBMGs Meeting at Po' Boys - 6:30pm

Sep 25-27 - Southeastern Fall GOF at Lake Chatuge Lodge in Hiawassee, GA Reservations 1-800-613-4349 Ask for GOF rate of \$89 - Host - Southeastern MG-T Register - Info: www.semgr.org

Oct 2-3 - Palatka 30th Annual Car Show and Artoberfest. Arts & crafts and home & garden shows, live music & entertainment

Oct 17 - British Car Classic at Buffalo's Southwestern Grill, Orange Park, FL

Oct 17 - 9th Annual Navarre Beach Car & Bike Show - Host: Navarre Area Board of Realtors - Info: navarreacarandbikeshow.com or nabordana@bellsouth.net

Nov 7 - BRIT BASH at Wickham, Melbourne, FL

Nov 7-8 - Roar & Soar at the Fantasy of Flight

Nov 14-15 -2009 Vintage Motor Classic - St Petersburg Yacht Club- Info: www.spyc.org

Apr. 8-11, 2010 - MG GOF South Mk 44 - Jekyll Island, GA - Back to Jekyll for the 44th Gathering Of the Faithful. Info coming !!

April 19 - MileZeroGT6 - Key West - Info coming.

Jul 1-3, 2010 GOF Central XXXII at Lake Erie in Sandusky, OH - All MGs Welcome - Host Ohio Chapter, NEMGTR

Sept 11-12 - 13th Annual BRITS at the SHOALS, Florence, AL Info: www.shoalsbritishcars.org

Nov. 5,6,7, 2010 - JAMBOREE 17 - probably at Holiday Inn SunSpree, St. Petersburg

Jun 12-18, 2011 MG2011 NACouncil of MG Registers, All-Register Gathering at Reno-Tahoe, Nev. - Info: www.mgcars.org.uk/mgcouncil



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Provide an email address in your ad.

MAGNETIC DRAIN PLUGS: Magnetic drain plugs, according to an SAE paper which describes carefully documented tests, will double the life of transmissions and differentials. They extract all ferrous metal which the unit is continually creating and which may pass through and damage highly polished bearings with the unfiltered oil. The same is true of engines that do not have full flow filtration. They are a 100 percent contaminant remover as long as the contaminant is iron based, which we know is not always the case. Magnetic plugs are used extensively in aircraft and heavy machinery oil systems. Perhaps as important, they allow you to see wear in the unit in which they are installed. I found a piece of a gear tooth in one of my gearboxes. Upon disassembly I found a badly chipped tooth, which could have created very expensive damage. Gearboxes do not have a filter as engines do, so they have no protection. A magnetic drain plug is strongly recommended. In that no major parts supplier offers these items for XPAG/EG engines or any MG gearboxes, we can now provide them.

MGTC, TD, TF gearbox magnetic drain plug & gasket. \$35. MGTC, TD, TF engine magnetic drain plug & gasket. \$25. MGA, MGB gearbox magnetic drain plug. \$25. MGA, MGB engine magnetic drain plug & gasket \$12. All prices are plus shipping. **Vintage racers**-let me know if you would like me to drill a safety wire hole!

The Classic MG Shop, 68 Roscrea Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32309, 850-385-2821, bengle001@comcast.net

1952 MGTD Limited Edition Replicar - Manufactured by London Motors Corp., Dearborn, MI in 1984, and sold by GM at Ennesy Buick Cadillac, Vero Beach. **THIS IS NOT A KIT CAR!** Air-Cooled 1.8

liter 4-cyl. rear mount engine, 4-speed manual. Excellent Condition! \$9,990.00 Information: 904-377-1961 or Tiffanysattic@aol.com. Location World Golf Village, St. Augustine, FL



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