

BBMG's
PM Message 04-08

Springtime is in full bloom in North Florida with the dogwoods and azaleas providing a spectacular backdrop to perfect driving weather. That's the good news. This time of the year also brings the annual "yellow rain" (not to be confused with "yellow snow") of pollen. My nose has been plugged worse than a catalytic converter on a ZS equipped car and it's been a battle just to keep the car showing its original color and not a yellow haze. Still, there are few places better to spend the spring. Driving along an oak-lined, moss-draped canopy road with the top down in the sunshine is just about the best thing anyone can ever do.

Springtime in Florida also brings with it an almost overwhelming schedule of events. In April alone we Brit car owners could spend every weekend somewhere in the state. There will be events in Winter Haven (All British Car Show) on the 5th, Ocala (GOF) on the 11th-13th, Pensacola (Brits by the Bay) on the 18th-20th and Key West (NAMGAR) on the 25th-27th. On the 19th in Tallahassee, the organizers of the Scottish Games have asked for a contingent of British cars to be on hand. Please contact Blair at bengle001@comcast.net or Charlie O'Connors at charlieo@comcast.net ASAP to sign up if you want to join in. The organizers of the event would like to have a head count. It's a busy time and it seems our little British cars are in demand if for no other reason that just to show and shine. But how much fun is it to sit in the warm Florida sunshine and talk up how wonderful it is to own one of them.

Our monthly meeting will be at 6:30PM on 4/17 at the Old Town Cafe on Timberlane Rd. At that time, we can round up who will be going to the fairgrounds and where we can meet Saturday morning.

By coincidence, our March meeting was held at the same restaurant where I first met the BBMG's in 2007. This time we started the process that will lead us to our 2009 Rendezvous. We found out that the management of the car museum is not only willing to let us have the event there but also will help with security, publicity and (if necessary) crowd control. Personally, I can't think of a more appropriate place in all North Florida than the car museum at which to have our event. More to come as plans progress. But one thing is for sure, we will need the help of everyone if the event is to be as successful as last years'. Please contact Mike Miller for more details.

Mark your calendars for May 19. On that Saturday, we are going to have a joint club picnic at Wakulla Springs. The park has just constructed 2 new pavilions and we will be among the first to use them. I understand the springs are beginning to clear and that the glass bottom boat tours may resume again. Nevertheless, the park is running the normal boat tours on the river if you are so inclined. Wildlife from alligators to eagles, to turtles to college kids all can be viewed. Also, if you like, you can go swimming in one of the deepest and biggest fresh water springs in all of North America. If you have never been to Wakulla Springs, it is a real treat. It's a trip back to Old Florida and at a place where they filmed some Tarzan movies and [The Monster from the Black Lagoon](#).

So, as you can see, springtime is a busy time for us. I hope to see all of you at our next meeting and on the 19th as well as at all of the upcoming events.