

## PM Message 8-08

I just came in from the garage, soaking wet from the Florida humidity but feeling pretty satisfied as to the progress on my little orange roadster. If she is going to be her prom queen best by Rendezvous, then I decided now was the time to start prepping her. She'll need some cosmetic surgery as well as TLC. Can you tell I've been watching the Discovery Health Channel lately? I'm taking this "before and after" stuff to heart. In fact, I went out to buy another memory stick for my camera....just in case.

Anyway, so far so good. One of the good things about cars that have lived all of their lives in the Sunshine State is the general lack of frozen nuts, bolts and assorted paraphernalia. So things are almost dropping off the car. Lights are first, body hardware next and then.....well I guess I'll know when I get to it. All of you who have been through this process know the drill. One of the things I did though was to visit the local Walmart (which doubles as downtown Crawfordville) and pick up a good supply of plastic storage bins. Since space is at a premium around my place, my spare bedroom is now doubling as a parts depository. The plastic keeps things a bit organized. However, you should have seen the look on my mother's face when she came to visit! As she was riding away I heard her mumble something about not wanting to share the bed with an exhaust system ever again. After all these years, you would have thought she knew me better.

The club has been a bit quiet through the summer. But behind the scenes, things are moving in top gear. We all are redoubling our efforts to make R09 a success. Mike and Julie continue to get all the details in order. Thanks to Loretta's huge effort, the website is up and running. You have to check it out at [www.bigbendmgclub.com](http://www.bigbendmgclub.com). One of the features I want to point out is the ability to place a link to our sponsors' websites on it. This should be a great talking point when soliciting donations. Joe Kaiser did a magnificent job designing the flyer and I know Bill and Nancy have checked out a preliminary drive route through the canopy roads and out to Monticello. Bill has suggested we make a morning club outing of driving the route in September or October. I know that everyone who signed up for various committees and tasks are busy at them and will be ready to give us a short report next meeting.

By the way, hooray to Bud Nocera. I noticed in this month's edition of the British Marque that he had a tech tip published. Something about gluing in an MGA grill.....? Once again the membership of BBMG's stands out as being the best and the rest of the MG world notices!

Next meeting will be at the Olde Town Café at 6:30PM on 8/21. See you all there and let's keep having fun.