

PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE for DECEMBER 2007

Wow; this year has gone by in a hurry. Here it is December already and the year is about over and time to reflect back on the past 11 months. I recall the large turn out at the January "after the Holidays" party at the Phare's home and what a good time we had enjoying the food, exchanging gifts and the excitement of a new year ahead. The February Valentine Lovers Picnic was enjoyed on a balmy winter afternoon at Tom Brown Park with prizes and good times. In April we enjoyed the GOF at Jekyll Island, Georgia and saw some gorgeous MGs. We learned a lot more about SU carbs at Blair's garage workshop in May. Spending the day together at the Quincy Jazz Fest also in May was fun and memorable as we enjoyed good food and fellowship. During the summer we beat the heat, but our main goal as a club this past year was to revive our popular 2001 Rendezvous event, and did we ever succeed! Thanks to the planning efforts of J.P. Brown and the volunteer committees of members, we pulled it off and had a great time doing it. Joe Kaiser out did himself with his outstanding support and we have all read about the event and how well it was received by our fellow MG enthusiasts from around Florida and other destinations. We saw so many nice cars, talked to new friends, learned new ideas and discovered great technical resources, that many of us are still feeling the buzz. There is genuine desire to do this again, only after a year off, then 2009 will be even better after polishing our act this time around and gaining more experience on how to pull these events off.

Now its time to clear the decks and usher in the new blood for our club, and that will happen soon. We will dispense with a December 2007 meeting and instead focus on January 2008 to party in the New Year, install new officers, and get things started off right. We can look back on this past year with some fond memories of good times, interesting events and getting to know some new members. Our long time friend and fellow MG enthusiast Blair Engle will at some point next year have another tech session regarding the rebuilding of an MG front end, demonstrating with his own TD as an example. Our new PM Joe Torre has been nominated and accepted the challenge, but barely had time to let the ink dry on his membership application before being tagged to lead us next year to some good times. We have very capable people in this Big Bend MG club that have very nice cars, lots of knowledge about MGs and enthusiasm to help keep our club strong and inviting for the rest of us to participate and enjoy. So, prepare yourself for another great year in BBMGs and let's get behind our new leadership and show that we are supportive and plan to enjoy our cars in 2008.

For me personally, it has been a fun and rewarding experience to get to know some of you better, plan and coordinate the monthly meetings at different places around our fair town, enjoy the Rendezvous 2007 success, and welcome several new members into our club. Have a fun and happy holiday season everyone and we will reconvene at our January "after the holidays" party/meeting to be announced.

Safety Fast,
Bill Thompson