

PM message for January 2008 BBMG newsletter

Happy New Year to all of our members of Big Bend MGs! I hope all of you had a happy and memorable holiday season and are thinking ahead for the new year. 2007 is gone and just good memories now and a time to reflect and to anticipate the future. What will you make of your new time opportunity for this year? My goal is to finish what I have started with refinishing my British cars! They are still waiting patiently in my garage for me to get with it and finish them. So many parts, so many turns of the wrenches and so little time I bemoan. Baloney! Our days are what we make of them, so no excuses this year - "get 'er done!" is my battle cry.

We are looking forward to our new PM Joe Torre to lead the club this year and make new good memories. Joe is handy with a wrench and enjoys keeping his MG on the road. We *all* need to keep our cars in shape because *we enjoy* driving them. Our new officers and directors are ready to take on the challenges of making it another good year. This is the beginning of a new year and I can't let it slip by without stating at least one good tried and true motto: "If you aren't part of the solution to a problem, then don't be a reason for a problem" (loosely translated). Everybody can contribute to making BBMGs a great club by 1) attending meetings 2) paying dues 3) offering suggestions, not criticisms unless they are warranted 4) supporting other members 5) welcoming new members and 6) inviting new prospects to join, just to name a few.

OK, sermon over. Are you ready for the after holidays party? We are convening at the home of J.P. & Wanda Brown next Saturday, January 12th by 3 pm for the MG tour then the party begins on the return. Check out the details in your January newsletter. Not mentioned previously is we are doing the **WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE**. Please bring a wrapped gift for around \$10 but not over \$20 either serious or fun for a male if you are a male, or for a female if you are a female. We will be drawing numbers 1 through however many are there and proceed through each number choosing a gift. Rules vary about swapping gifts so we will set the rules at the party. Let's have some fun with this, as we always do.

Finally, thanks again to all of you who have made 2007 such a good year for BBMGs. You know who you are and we appreciate you - keep up the good work. Without you, there would be no club and the LBCs would suffer at the hands of junkyards, as outdoor sculptures, mosquito breeding grounds and other terrible fates. Only YOU can keep them going and a part of automotive history, not to mention having FUN with them. Remember the good times at our 2001 & 2007 Rendezvous and how people admire these cars. Let's have fun out there and always remember - Safety Fast!
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