

## PM Message for July 2007

Here we are in Tallahassee with summer time heat and humidity wondering the typical summer time questions: What are we doing for vacation this year? How much is my utility bill going to be this month? And finally, when will I drive my MG again? I'm sure that's a big one on your list, right? It seems the heat is that dreadful phenomenon that causes great resistance to getting out and driving this time of year, but here's some good news. It's cool in the mornings and at about dusk which is a great time to drive your sports car. Most of the remaining club meetings for BBMGs this year will be either one of those times so we can now ease up the angst about the heat and driving the LBCs.

All fun aside, please drive your MG to our next meeting Thursday, July 19th at FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD restaurant at 1950 Thomasville Road. We start at 6:30 pm with drinks and ordering first. It's a cool restaurant with good food, full bar and our very own private dining room. Many of you are seriously considering vacation schedules about now and our numbers will drop off somewhat over the next few months, but please try to make the meetings.

The club is gearing up for our Rendezvous 2007 event that is now just 4 months away, and quite a few of us have NOT registered yet! Those who are on committees are working to make this a great event for our hobby and the rest I hope are planning on at least attending with your British car. Take a few minutes after you read your newsletter and go fill out a registration form, write your check, address an envelope, add one 41 cents stamp and mail it in. There are only 15 registrations at this point, and sadly less than half of our own members have registered. Please don't put this off until the last minute. We need you! Also, we need door prizes for our R07 banquet. If we all just get one, it will help out.

OK, pep talk over. Now I want to pass along some friendly advice regarding driving our sports cars that you already know, but I'm reiterating here. Drive like your life depends on it, because it literally does. We all see the crazy drivers out there who speed, cut you off, pull out in front of you, etc. that can cause a serious accident in the blink of an eye. We are at a disadvantage in our small cars compared to the many huge pick-ups, SUVs and other vehicles that may not even see us. Be sure you drive defensively, looking out for the other guy constantly, always wear your seat belt, check your mirrors each time you change lanes or stop, and have a workable horn that is LOUD. Face it, little cars don't get much respect from the huge gas guzzlers and goofs who are talking on their cell phones while driving - and there are a bunch of them. We want to live by our motto - SAFETY FAST - which means "be careful out there". Enjoy the summer and driving your LBC.

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