

BBMG PM message for June 2007 Tally Ho

Our May meeting was a joint club gathering of BBMG and NFBMC members at Blair Engle's home for a seminar on rebuilding SU carburetors. Fifteen guys formed a half circle around Blair's work bench as he explained in detail each procedure of dismantling an SU carb from a MGB. Coffee and doughnuts were served while we watched and listened. Blair is well known for his expertise with British carburetors, a skill he has honed from his previous years of racing TDs. He also learned many of his mechanical skills from his hot rod days.

After the seminar we joined the women for a fine spread of covered dish salads, desserts and beverages. Everyone enjoyed the food and friendship as we talked LBCs and upcoming events. A short meeting of announcements followed and recognition was given to Blair Engle for his first place trophy and \$100 winnings as the "People's Choice" car at the Quincy Blues and Barbecue Festival the previous weekend. His 1953 TD won over 17 others including two Shelby Cobras, a 1959 Ferrari, several Austin Healey 3000s, assorted MG's and some old Detroit Iron. Three new members joined BBMGs at the meeting. Jim Thompson from Havana, who has taken on Obin Hamrick's two MGB coupes to restore, and a charming couple who's name we did not write down (shame on me) who are the recent owners of a Midget and expressed delight in finding fellow LBC owners in town. Welcome to the club! (and we will find out your names..). We had a 50/50 drawing won by Gary Sisco, and door prizes given out, compliments of Blair: two bottles of SU carb oil, one to Bob Lumsden and the other to lucky Gary, and a set of four MG beer glasses, won by Charlie O'Connors, president of NFBMC.

British Car Week was May 27 - June 3rd and to commemorate this, I hope most of you got out there and drove your LBC. Even though we have enjoyed these past wonderful days of breezes, low humidity and below 95 degrees, really hot, muggy weather will soon be upon us. With that in mind, let's think of some ideas to purposely use our cars, have summer meetings and still enjoy the hot weather. I'm thinking a drive to Wakulla Springs for lunch as one idea, a spin to TCBY on a Sunday afternoon as a possibility, and just a nice drive to Havana for breakfast then back in Centerville Road under the canopy of trees as another. The point is to drive the cars and still do things together as a club. Speaking of that, our June meeting will be at LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE on Apalachee Parkway (where the old Howard Johnson's used to be). We'll gather for dinner between 6:30 and 7 pm then have a short meeting. This is your club and I am open for ideas so please contact me with your suggestions. Meantime, keep 'em on the road.

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