

## **PM Message for November 2007**

I never had any doubt that Rendezvous 07 would be a big success and a lot of fun to boot. The event went off without a hitch and everybody had a great time showing cars, visiting, making new friends, talking cars, learning new technical information, eating, drinking and laughing until it all ended Sunday morning. The entire event was memorable from opening day to closing. Who will ever forget the cute and colorful "Mini Mokes" or the WWII Morris fighting vehicle loaded with weapons that meant business!

BBMGs came through and showed our out of town guests from as far away as Houston how we like to enjoy our cars, drive them, show them and be proud owners. We received many compliments of how well everyone enjoyed themselves. There are many to thank for making it all happen. First, J.P. did a great job pulling it all together with confidence and class. Mike and Julie Miller did a great job of working on souvenir tour shirts, coordinating events and making it all fun. Joe Carter bought the liquid and snack refreshments for the hospitality party that everyone enjoyed throughout the weekend. Tom and Wanda Phares worked on preparing the hospitality room and helping with the show grounds, and especially appreciated is all the effort Tom put into working out a great route for Saturday afternoon under the canopy tree roads and visiting Bradley's Country Store. We really showed our out of town guests how beautiful it is here in the panhandle and around Tallahassee. The weather cooperated perfectly as we enjoyed cool mornings and evenings and very bearable mid day sun and temperatures. Don and Kathy Schmidt helped with registration and hospitality suite duties, Blair Engle procured the goody bags and many very nice MOSS door prizes for the banquet. Dave and Jane Streit worked with registration and general assistance with many tasks while Jane was our photographer and took many memorable pictures to enjoy at the banquet. Steve and Katherine LaRosa were on the scene helping out with hospitality. Gary Sisco helped with registration and taking down and wrapping up the show. Jon and Jan Gardner helped us tally the final voting slips for best cars in each class. Special thanks and appreciation go to our St. Augustine faithful members, Joe and Pheona Kaiser for their tireless work with the graphics and excellent award clocks handed out at the banquet, as well as providing those great raffle prizes we all hoped to win. Showing total unselfishness, Pheona turned down the grand prize for someone else to win, when their name was amazingly pulled from the raffle tickets! Folks, that is admirable.

We were delighted with the interest shown in BBMGs by local visitors and new members Ed and Brenda Kirkland and we welcome them to the club. It was good to have Bubba and Maria Green from Madison with us who enjoyed the week end and returned home with many nice raffle prizes. Bud Nocera was able to participate in the show although recovering from his recent bout with illness. Paul Darby helped with collecting Friday night barbeque tickets.

We missed some of our newer members and regular club members and wish they could have participated. There is talk of doing this again in '09 now that we have it down.

To wind down the year with some more good memories, fun, food and fellowship, the Thompson's are hosting the **November meeting** of BBMGs at their home on Thursday, November 15, 6:30 - 8 pm for a chili and ice cream event. Just show up at 2431 Oakdale Street and drive your MG if you want. It was suggested we forgo the December meeting, but due to our great R07 event, I feel we're on a roll and someone needs to volunteer for a "Noggin' & Natter" get together at their place for some holiday cheer. The date can be your choice, so just let me know. In the mean time, your Chairman of the board, PM and selected board members are in the process of nominating a slate of new officers for next year, so stay tuned for that to be announced at the November meeting.