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Drove to Drive In – delightful time

The Drive In Movie Night event was fun. The movie was *Halloween 20* (the 20th anniversary issue of the series of films), and I didn't get *too* scared. Guess I'm finally growing up. Sorry I don't have any pictures, but it was dark! Sharon & Jim Alonso kinda looked like the photo on the right on the way to the drive-in though...

Club members Bill & Joanne Bannon took a MG "fling" along the Blue Ridge Parkway & points north. Thank you so much Bill & Joanne for sharing the adventure with us in this newsletter.

Is everyone planning on helping Bruce Rauch with the MG Jamboree? Please give him a call and volunteer. Our Club signature event is right around the corner, and all member attendees should help to insure its success. A registration form is in this issue.

Get your water blaster and come to the Canoe Trip next month, gonna be fun!

Dave Tietz

Monthly Meeting Minutes

*Florida Suncoast MG Car Club
August 12, 1998*

Jim Alonso called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. He welcomed back new members, Jim Norwood and Brian and Lori Adornato who brought their son Sean along. Jim also acknowledged Chuck Helt's wife, Laila and welcomed back Rosemary and David Knight from the Mother country..

The Minutes of the July meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. The Treasurer's Report, given by Glenn Lenhard, was approved.

Membership: Glenn announced that the Club currently has 83 member families.



Lookout! Sharon & Jim Alonso on Fun Mountain Run up Lookout Mt., TN. This was one of the many events Club members enjoyed at NAMGAR this year. Please read Jacqueline Murdock's full account in this issue.

Activities: This month's Club event, MGs at the Drive-In, will be held on Saturday, August 15.

The next Breakfast Club will take place on Saturday, August 22, hosted by Bill and Marianna Graham. A caravan will leave the Blackthorn Memorial at 7:30 for the drive to Venice. The Graham's have selected a restaurant called Oscar's for this event.

Gail Lenhard reported that the Club received a confirmation letter for Pioneer Days at Dade City on Monday, September 7 along with gate tickets for those attending. They would like us to be there by 8:30 a.m..

September 12: there will be a canoe trip in Nobelton. More information will be printed in the *Morris Garages Informer*.

October 17: All-British Field Meet & Autojumble at Picnic Island, Tampa, FL. John Gilley asked those who will be attending to bring a salad or dessert to share. John will cook the main dish.

Past Activities: The Kosey's wrote an article in the July *Morris Garages Informer* on the July 8-12 NAMGBR event which they attended.

On July 11, the Club traveled to Lakeland to tour Florida Southern College including buildings designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Architect and FSMGCC member Irbye Giddens provided some keen insights to the campus. The tour was followed by a trip to Irbye's house to see his collection of cars and then to the Branch Ranch Restaurant for lunch.

The Chattanooga NAMGAR event from July 21 - 23 was attended by several Club members. See Jackie Murdock's article in this newsletter. There were 127 MGAs shown, with about 80 of them painted red. The 1999 NAMGAR event will be held at Lake Tahoe.

The NAMGCR event on July 25 in Pensacola went well even though there were only 10 cars competing. Bob Carr reported that the car display was outside the Aviation Museum, where the hosts also provided a tour. He won first place in the MGGC class.

MG Jamboree 10: Bruce reported that everything is coming along as planned. Registration flyers have been mailed. Club Members will receive their registration flyers with this newsletter. Bruce suggested that people who are planning to attend should make room reservations ASAP as several were reserved even before the flyers were sent. He asked that Club members set aside articles for the Auction. The auction items do not necessarily need to be auto related, but that they should have interest for other people.

Fellowship: Ralph Przybeck mentioned that Tom and Pat Bradshaw have enjoyed the cards that have been sent. Please keep sending them.

Old Business: The new Club membership tri-folds are at the printer and will be available soon.

New Business: Jim reminded everyone that election time is only a few months away. If anyone is interested in volunteering for an office, give Jo Ann Hamilton a call (672-2943). If you would like to nominate some-

one, Jim suggests that you contact that person and make sure they agree to the nomination before submitting it. The nominations must be submitted by the end of the October meeting. Votes will be tallied at the November meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. for Round Table.

Gail Lenhard

Round Table

We begin our session tonight with more Internet swap-shopping by Dave Tietz. It seems he can't get enough of those Webers, so he has traded two of his original SU carbs for yet *another* Weber. I'm quite sure one of his stocking stuffers will be the Weber carb book published by Haynes Manual, available through fine book stores everywhere! By the way, June 5th was his 2nd anniversary of using the BGT as a daily driver. Congratulations, Dave.

Dianne is quite exhausted after not one, but two back-to-back trips to Wisconsin for vacation then family affairs. She *did* get to spend some quality time with the grandson, however.

Dave Wilgus was apparently checking out his boat when the sling cables holding the boat up gave way, testing his free-fall abilities. Apparently he landed hard, but it could have been worse... he could have kept on going right through the bottom of the craft. I wonder if this looked anything like one of the Road Runner cartoons, where the coyote falls off the cliff, then gets clobbered by falling debris. We hope you are OK, Dave.

Marge Wilgus is busy grand-kid-sitting (*and* shaking her head at Dave's antics).

Newcomer Jim Norwood recently spent some time at Carabelle, FL. Apparently we are missing some kind of attraction there, as Frank Spirek was also familiar with the sights to be found there.

Ralph Przybeck is attempting to air condition his Metropolitan. Meanwhile his motor home is being completely refinished. Do those things get "Collector" tags when they're that old, Ralph?

Laila Helt (that's right, Chuck really *does* have a wife!) is a piano teacher, and has recently signed up as an SCCA crew member/volunteer. Now THAT sounds like a lot of fun.....(the SCCA part, not the piano-teacher part.)

Chuck Helt (that's right, Laila really *does* have a husband!) finally drove an MGB to a meeting, and is quite happy with the balancing done on his engine during a recent rebuild.

Andy Helgeson has bought *another* MG, this time a full-scale one. (Andy likes to dabble in the car modeling hobby.) Apparently the Nissan (or is that Datsun? or maybe Infinity?... well, it doesn't really matter) is suffering modern car-itis and he wanted something that can be repaired *without* an engineering degree and 25,000 dollars-worth of Snap-On crescent wrenches.

Bruce Rauch had such a fun time putting a clutch in his Red MGA three days before the Chattanooga weekend, he has decided to do it again with the *other* MGA. I guess it's true; some people think this really IS a relaxing hobby... go figure.

Bert and Bruce are awaiting a new grand-baby as son Brian and his wife Kelly are expecting in January. Congratulations.

Jim Alonso had a good time in Tennessee also, but drove back in one day. Apparently the only way to beat the heat during that weekend was to *keep moving*.

John Gilley has sold one of his MGAs to someone in Brooksville. Apparently this person has already done this before, so it wasn't a case of "buyer-beware"!

Frank Spirek has lifted the complete body off his daughter's MGA in order to "freshen things up a bit". This is the only guy who freshens things up by performing a body-off restoration in three months' time!

Lee and Bobbie Strickland have no real
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Fellowship Corner

September Birthdays:

Sept. 6 Bill Dwyer
Sept. 22 Jo Ann Hamilton
Sept. 26 Sharon Alonso
Sept. 28 Dave Wilgus

Lyle Jones reports that he's "...seeing things a lot more clearly..." after recent cataract surgery.

John Robinson reports that Martha is recovering nicely following her most recent "new knee" surgery.

September Anniversaries:

Sept. 2 Bill & Pat Dwyer
Sept. 3 Tad & Jane Bowling
Sept. 3 Ron & Diane Kosey
Sept. 28 Michael Foust & Evelyn Birkey-Foust

Tom Bradshaw is ill with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him & Pat, too, at this time.

The Club was saddened to hear of the passing of Eileen Jevcak's mother.

Condolences to the Tietz family at the loss of Dave's father, Ivan Tietz.

news to report. I think they need a few more MGs to make things interesting!

Dave Knight spent some time at the British Grand Prix. England is the only country where continuous rain during a racing event only means there will be fewer tourists to get in the way of the view of the cars. He is also enjoying his newly purchased MGF. You lucky &\$*^&)#\$& you.

Gail Lenhard will be reporting on all her classes and grades very soon, as the new school year is upon us once again.

Glenn (that's me) gave up on the interior trim and headliner of the 1100, and will be farming it out to someone who actually has the time to install same. Then the front and rear glass can be installed, and the car actually *driven!* (Oh frabjous day, calloo, callay, he chortled in his joy.) A Laurel, and Hearty handshake to anyone who can name that poem *and* the movie from which the beginning of this sentence was "borrowed".

Rene Reno has gone as far as she feels comfortable with the work on her MG, and has brought it to the shop for the next step.

Bob Carr is busy at work doing the remodeling at Clearwater Mitsubishi. His MGC won first-in-class at the MGC National gathering in July. Good work, Bob.



All those red MGAs at NAMGAR last month... Wait, is that a MGB in the group? Anyway, only two weren't red in this photo.

Brian Adornato, a new *and* enthusiastic member of the club is quite happy with his car, but is wondering why the *only* electrical device that is *not* working in his British car says "Made in Germany" on it (the clock!).

Lori Adornato is happily quitting work to go back to school. Perhaps she and Gail can

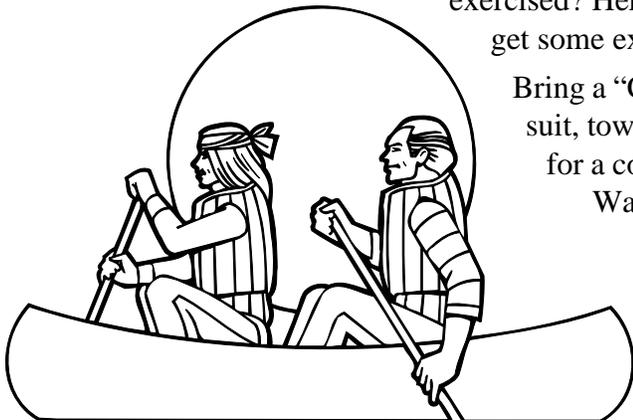
join the same sorority and go bar-hopping together, cruising for guys, staying out all night, getting drunk,... isn't college great?

Sean Adornato, (future MG driver if ever I saw one) insists that dad drives *only* with the top down if *he* is along for the ride. Smart kid!

Glenn Lenhard

Canoe Trip

Saturday 8:00 AM
September 12, 1998



Anyone planning on attending **Dade City Pioneer Days**, meet at the Derby Lane parking lot at 8:00 am September 7 (Labor Day). We will be attending with the The Suncoast Classic MG Club... Chance to meet some good folks!

How about a good outdoor activity? When's the last time you got out and exercised? Here is your chance to enjoy a beautiful Florida waterway, get some exercise (and do some camping if you want).

Bring a "Canoe Lunch", sun block, bug repellent, your swimming suit, towels, a safety strap for eye wear, and if you decide to stay for a cook-out at Glenn & Gail's camp site, bring food for that.

Water pistols are optional (you may wish to be prepared to defend yourself though).

Meet at the Northeast corner of Derby Lanes parking lot to leave with the caravan at 8:00 am. **We will stop for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel at SR-54 & I-75 at 9:00 AM. Join us even if you are not canoeing!**

NAMGAR GT-23

July 21 - 24, 1998

WE HAD A BALL!!! Such was the general opinion of the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club members, Jim & Sharon Alonso, Bruce & Bert Rauch, Don & Kathy Schmidt, John & myself, after the NAMGAR GT - 23 at Chattanooga.

For various reasons, we all set off on different days, and we ourselves arrived on Sunday evening - a day earlier than planned. This seemed to throw the Holiday Inn Choo-Choo into complete confusion - such is the power of computers! In fact, I think we were the first MGA to arrive. Early on Monday morning we found a "welcome" note on the windshield from Linda Lesley. As we had the day to ourselves, we did the tourist bit, including a visit to the Tennessee Aquarium, which was superb - we'd recommend it to everyone visiting Chattanooga.

By late afternoon, we had rounded up the Rauchs and Alonsos. Bert informed me that, based upon prior experience, I had been appointed social organizer and chooser of restaurants. There are so many good ones there (unlike Citrus County, Florida) that it was difficult to choose, but we hit on a good one, the Big River Grill & Brewery, and had a great evening together.

Tuesday was an "odds and sods" day, when we did our own things, including tech sessions and an afternoon nap for most of us - all this MG driving is stressful and necessitates naps and plenty of relaxation by the pool.

Human batteries recharged, we all assembled at Grand Central Station for dinner and an MGA Casino night. The fun was rudely interrupted by the arrival of two police cars flashing their blue lights, and resulted in the arrest of Len Bonnay, NAMGAR Chairman, for not having a gambling permit. So convincing was the raid that a few gullible members dropped their Mickey Mouse money and scuttled for the side doors!

Wednesday saw us up for the Early Bird Historical Tour. We arrived at the Gordon Lee Mansion in Chickamauga, Georgia for breakfast, which was laid out in the very pretty gardens. A beautiful house built in 1840, it was used as a hospital as well as the headquarters of the Union Commander, General Rosecrans. The present owners bought it in the mid-1970's and have lovingly restored and furnished the house. It is now open for tours during the summer months, as well as being a bed and breakfast

inn. It did cross my mind that it could be just a little disconcerting to wake up to see visitors passing by one's bed, admiring the furniture!

We dragged ourselves away from this idyllic spot and headed out to the Chickamauga National Military Park. Chickamauga is the least known, but was the biggest of the three major battles of the Civil War. The battle was a decided Confederate victory, with General Braxton Bragg driving Union General Rosecrans back to Chattanooga. The park was established in 1890 and built by veterans from both the North and the South. Each state was asked to provide monuments to its troops who had fought there. Spread over more than 5,000 acres, Chickamauga is our largest national military park. There is an excellent Visitor's Center - I've never seen so many books about the Civil War!

We were very fortunate in having our own personal tour guide. Cheryl Hornady, a member of the host Southern British Car Club. She is a history teacher at the local high school. She really brought the history alive - why didn't we have teachers like that in our school days? We climbed the tower - 96 steps our guide told us. When we reached 112, we knew she had lied! However, the view from the top was magnificent. It was difficult to visualize that tranquil scene back in the time of one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War, and imagine the unbelievable number of lives lost in two days (over 34,000) many of them no more than children.

Back to the Choo-Choo for some serious tire-kicking (for the men, anyway), which came to an abrupt halt when the heavens opened. The caravan to the dinner cruise on the Tennessee River, aboard the Southern

Belle, was delayed until the skies cleared. It turned into a lovely evening - plenty of good food and good company, hosted by Madame Bouffant (Linda at her most Southern).

The real car polishing began before day-break, so I was told, in readiness for THE SHOW, but not all of us took it so seriously. Still, there was lots of tire-kicking of the 127 !!! assembled MGAs, and of course voting was a necessity. A Fun Mountain Run was on the afternoon agenda, which we did in groups. It was a lovely run, dodging the showers, up and around Lookout Mountain. Mist obscured a lot of the views, unfortunately. Plus, eyes needed to be on the road at all times!

Having recovered from all this activity, we suddenly found that it was the last night banquet - where did the four days go to? As with everything else, the organization was impeccable. There was a delicious meal, followed by an efficient prize-giving ceremony, which included Bruce & Bert being awarded their 1,000-mile plaque. Linda and Bryson Lesley more than deserved their vote of thanks. They are a super couple who put their hearts and souls into presenting an excellent NAMGAR GT-23.

Friday morning farewells - we didn't see the Alonsos as they were up and away at sparrow's f__t. Rauchs and Schmidts headed south, but John & I set off north to see a bit more of Tennessee - what a pretty state!

Much rumbling about next year's GT-24 at Lake Tahoe. Bruce & Bert actually talk of driving there next June... (Couldn't we just fly there, dear?..)

Jackie Murdock - Lecanto, Florida



John Murdock, Bruce Rauch, Sharon Alonso showing off Bruce's neat shirt at the NAMGAR GT-23 meet in Chattanooga. Jim Alonso in the background, and Bert Rauch is behind the camera.

Mid-May Mountain Getaway

8 a.m. Monday, top down, bags in the boot, brakes and oil checked, camera, action! We headed north on I-75 out of torrid Florida through southern Georgia to Macon. With one stop just over the FL/GA line for fuel (25 mpg), oil (keep a supply) and a quick bite, we exited 75 at 3 p.m. taking 129 north out of Macon. At Eatonton Route 441 met up with us. It will take us nearly all the way to the Blue Ridge Parkway, our primary destination. Taking in some of Georgia's interesting historic districts along the way, we once again nourished the car with low-cost Georgia petrol (and don't forget the oil). Vital Statistics: 5 p.m.. Athens, GA, 28 mpg, 481 miles from Seffner, FL. We stopped at a Comfort Inn at Cornelia, GA, already in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Just a quick test of the motel pool ... Brrrr!

Refreshed and stuffed (best motel continental we've seen yet), we set off again by 9 a.m. First stop - Tallulah Falls Overlook. The gorge is over 1000 feet deep, 2nd only in the USA, to the Grand Canyon in depth. There is also a state park if you want to spend more time exploring the gorge. Further north, Bill spotted the sign I was keeping an eye out for. Turning off the main road, we made the steep and winding guard-rail-less climb to the top of Black Rock Mountain. Georgia's highest state park was beautiful. Through the morning haze we could see mountains in North Carolina, too. Somewhere below in the vast trees could be heard the buzzing of a saw, a puzzle to figure out from which direction it originated. On the way down, we spotted a sign marking the Eastern Continental Divide. About 580 miles north of home, we entered North Carolina, but not before topping off with more of that cheap old GA fuel (oil OK) at Rabun Gap.

Leaving 441 at Dillsboro, we headed east to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Unfortunately, due to rock slides, a 22-mile section of the Parkway was closed. The 39-mile detour

through the Pisgah National Forest twisted up through mountain passes and down past small towns tucked into valleys. Back on the Parkway, we climbed and dove while winding 'round mountains, sometimes tunneling through to the other side. Views were breathtaking, and frequent stops were made for photo ops, stretching and just enjoying the vastness all around. The freedom we felt with the wind in our faces and nature surrounding us was intoxicating.

Finally getting a grip on reality (and a tinge of hunger) we decided on Little Switzerland as our exit. Taking this 'black' road (as opposed to a 'red' map road) down the mountain heading south, we immediately came upon the "Swiss hamlet", whereupon my navigational skills, or perhaps sign-reading skills, failed me and we wound up on one of those 'A' roads, 226A to be precise. It took us on a very steep, spiraling descent past mountain habitats of all kinds, for what seemed an eternity. Although my knuckles were white from clutching my seat, we finally reached a highway. The

sign, pointing north, showed Little Switzerland - 7 miles.

I need to stop this long dissertation to give Bill credit as an excellent MG driver. Also considerate - he could have taken the MG 'round the curves at breakneck speeds and made it. I, on the other hand, will admit to being a wimp when it comes to precipitous drops bereft of guardrails.

After stopping the night west of Spartanburg, SC, we continued our trek homeward via 85-S. Between Clemson, SC and the GA line, numerous lakes and rivers were visible, another vacation hot spot. Running on fumes, we made it to Commerce, GA, north of Athens. With a full tank and a healthy 30.8 mpg, we retraced our journey south on 441 to I-75. Before crossing into Florida we top off the tank in Twin Lakes, GA (oops, only 27.56 mpg and 1/2 qt. of oil).

Hot and tired, we arrived home at 6:20 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20. Yet, we were strangely refreshed and more than a little proud of our faithful, top-down-all-the-way MG!!

Joanne Bannon



Bill & Joanne Bannon and their trusty MGB

Going Once! Going Twice! Sold!

The Auction on Saturday night during the MG Jamboree is the FUN & FUNDRAISER for the Club. Donate a car related, household, hobby, or craft item to the auction. It will help us pay the bills!

Don't make that Goodwill run... if it fits in the MG, bring it to the Auction.

If it doesn't fit, you must auction it!

That tool or appliance that you received for Christmas and never used... don't throw it out, donate it to the Auction.

Crafts that you do really well, share them with fellow MGers through the Auction.

A dress your daughter gave you for safe-keeping... bring it to the Auction.

If you're unable to attend, send your auction items to B&B Rauch.

Classified Ads

Restoration Project/Parts Car:

1967 MGB-GT complete excluding windshield, chrome wire wheels, original motor (not running). Car was purchased new in Lakeland, FL in Sept 66 - BRG w/ red interior (have some photos). Many new parts included - Not enough time/room to do this car. \$975 obo. Call Andy Helgeson (941) 686-9764 evenings.

From the Internet

Tandem Story—An assignment actually turned in by two English students: Rebecca and Gary.

English 44A Creative Writing Prof Miller—In-class Assignment for Wednesday:

Today we will experiment with a new form called the tandem story. The process is simple. Each person in an odd numbered row will pair off with the person sitting to his or her immediate right. One of you will then write the first paragraph of a short story. The partner will read the first paragraph and then add another paragraph to the story. The first person will then add a third paragraph, and so on back and forth. The story is over when both agree a conclusion has been reached.

The resulting untitled story – Rebecca starts...

R...At first, Laurie couldn't decide which kind of tea she wanted. The camomile, which used to be her favorite for lazy evenings at home, now reminded her too much of Carl, who once said, in happier times, that he liked camomile. But she felt she must now, at all costs, keep her mind off Carl. His possessiveness was suffocating, and if she thought about him too much her asthma

started acting up again. So camomile was out of the question.

G...Meanwhile Sergeant Carl Harris, leader of the attack squadron in orbit over Skylon 4, had more important things to think about than the neuroses of an air-headed bimbo named Laurie with whom he had spent one sweaty night over a year ago. "A.S. Harris to Geostation 17," he said into his transgalactic communicator. "Polar orbit established. No sign of resistance so far ..." But before he could sign off a bluish particle beam blasted a hole through his ship's cargo bay. The jolt from the direct hit sent him flying out of his seat and across the cockpit.

R...He bumped his head and died almost immediately, but not before he felt one last pang of regret for physically brutalizing the one woman who ever had feelings for him. Soon afterwards, Earth stopped its pointless hostilities towards the peaceful farmers of Skylon 4. "Congress Passes Law Permanently Abolishing War and Space Travel." Laurie read in her newspaper one morning. She stared out the window, dreaming of her youth... when the days had passed unhurried and carefree, with no newspapers or television to distract her from her innocent wonder at the beautiful things around her. "Why must one lose one's innocence to become a woman?" she pondered wistfully.

G...Little did she know, but she has less than 10 seconds to live. Thousands of miles above the city, the Anu'udrian mothership launched the first of its lithium fusion missiles. The dim-witted wimpy peace-niks who pushed the Aerospace Disarmament Treaty through Congress had left Earth a defenseless target for the hostile aliens who were determined to destroy the human race. Within two hours after the passage of the treaty the Anu'udrian ships were on course for Earth, carrying enough firepower to pulverize the entire planet. The President, in his top-secret mobile submarine headquarters on the ocean floor off the coast of Guam, felt the inconceivably massive explosion which vaporized Laurie and 85 million other Americans. The President slammed his fist on the conference table. "We can't allow this! I'm going to veto that treaty! Let's blow'em out of the sky!"

R...This is absurd. I refuse to continue this mockery of literature. My writing partner is a violent, chauvinistic, semi-literate adolescent.

G...Yeah? Well, you're a self-centered tedious neurotic whose attempts at writing are the literary equivalent of Valium.

R...Jerk.

G...Wench.

Original source unknown



Isn't this a nice picture of Bobbie & Lee Strickland and their MGB. Look for it on our Club page on the internet (in color).

The group headed for breakfast in Venice: Frank & Nell Spirek, Glenn & Gail Lenhard, Dianne Tietz (Dave behind the camera), Jim Alonso, Bobbie & Lee Strickland.



September Florida Suncoast MG Car Club

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 8:00 am Pioneer Days Dade City	8	9 7:30 PM Monthly Meeting at Steak & Ale Clearwater	10	11	12 8:00 am Canoe Trip Nobelton
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	 CLUB MEETINGS Sept. 9 Monthly Meeting Oct 14 Monthly Meeting Nov 11 Monthly Meeting Dec 9 Monthly Meeting		

OTHER CLUB MG EVENTS

- Sep. 11-13; Watkins Glen, NY - US Vintage Grand Prix & Festival, celebrating 50 years of racing at Watkins Glen - for info call (607) 545-2481
- Sep. 19; St. Augustine, FL - British Car Classic Mk X at the Kings Head Pub, hosted by the Triumph Club of North Florida - for info call (904) 246-0418 or (904) 262-9249
- Sep. 26; Charlotte, NC - MGs on the Green, on the campus of Davidson College - for info call Tom Cotter (704) 455-3500
- Oct. 2-3; Mobile, AL - 8th Annual British Car Festival, celebrating 50 years for the Morris Minor, at Battleship USS Alabama Memorial Park, hosted by South Alabama British Car Club - for info call Richard Cunningham (334) 661-0909
- Oct. 16-18; Greenville, SC - EURO '98, all-European car show, hosted by the Foothills British Car Club, for info call Staged Right 1-888-879-2199 or 1-864-235-2351
- Oct. 17; Tampa, FL - All British Car Show, Picnic Island
- Oct. 17; Natchez, MS - Brits on the Bluff car show and Pilgrimage Tour, hosted by the English Motoring Club of Jackson, MS - for info call Terry Trovato (601) 442-8684
- Oct. 23-25; Chattanooga, TN - 7th Annual Choo Choo Car Show, hosted by the Southern British Car Club - for info call Linda Lesley (706) 375-8750
- Oct. 24; Florence, AL - Brits at the Renaissance Fair, hosted by the North Alabama British Sports Car Club - for info call (888) 356-8687 or (205) 766-8874

CLUB EVENTS

- September 12 - Canoe Trip - Bring your water gun!
- October 17 - Picnic Island - Shine your car!
- November 6-8 - Jamboree 10 - Kick back!
- November - Croquet Match - Challenge the Sarasota Club-proposed
- December 6 - Christmas holiday party/installation of officers
- January, 1999 - Overnight trip to Edison/Ford Mansions in Ft. Myers - Gotta see those Christmas lights!
- February, 1999 - Coast-to-Coast Rallye

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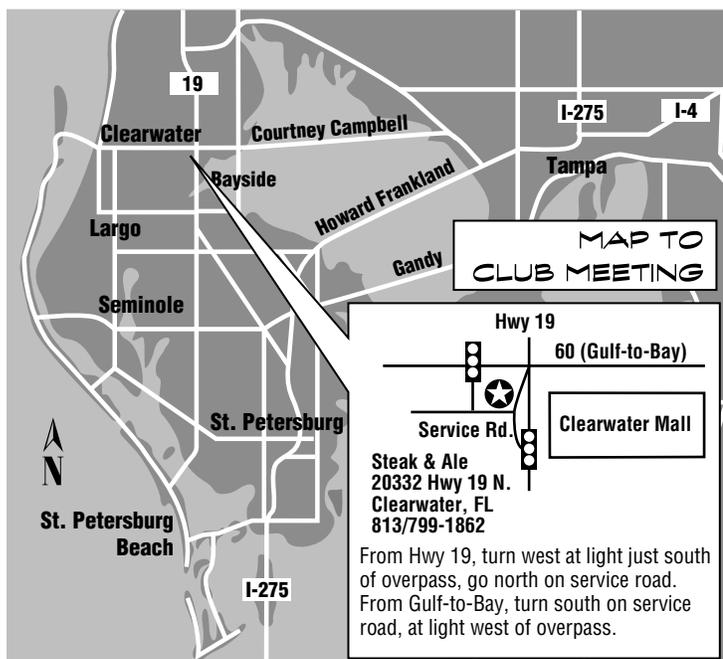
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First Class Mail

Join us at our Club Meeting

We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm

(come at 7:00 for MG gabbing before the meeting)



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If you have received this newsletter and are not a member of our Club... Consider it an open **invitation** to join!

Contact Glenn Lenhard at **(813) 827-0332**.

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EURO '98 Auto Festival



BMW invites you to their Manufacturing Plant and Visitor's Center, The Zentrum, for a weekend gala of European Motorcars, Oktoberfest food and beverages, and special events. The Zentrum has new and fascinating transportation exhibits to experience. Tours of the manufacturing facility will be available to pre-registrants. Special Guests from the automotive industry will join in the event.

Emphasis will be on diversity. The festival is being organized by many clubs enthusiastic about different Marques and eras, but with a shared excitement about collectible cars. There will be class awards and special corporate awards at the show, driving events with prizes, and a special birthday party for Donald Healey's 100th.

EURO'98 is pleased to benefit the disaster relief efforts of The American Red Cross. Generous Sponsors have agreed to underwrite much of the festival's cost so the fees you pay will be returned to the local chapter in your home state. It is a wonderful way to have a great time and help someone else.

ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- BMW Plant Tours for pre-registered Participants
- Show registration at the GREENVILLE HILTON
- Reception
- Hospitality suite at the GREENVILLE HILTON
- Outside Security provided at the GREENVILLE HILTON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- Car show, sponsor displays, vendors
- Oktoberfest Lunch available on site
- Driving event
- Judging and awards
- Banquet with Guest Speaker and Special Awards
- Hospitality suite at the GREENVILLE HILTON
- Outside Security provided at the GREENVILLE HILTON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- Driving events at BMW Zentrum and Prizes
- Lunch available on site
- Goodbyes



REGISTRATION FORM FOR EURO'98

Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Car Club Affiliation: _____

1st Car: _____
Make: _____ Model: _____

2nd Car: _____
Make: _____ Model: _____

BMW Plant Tours - indicate the number of people in requested time slot. As time slots fill, you will be scheduled in the next available tour. There is no charge - limit two (2) tours per registration. No Children under 12 years.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

9:30 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
1:30 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:15 p.m.

Event Registration \$25.00 (Includes one car) \$ _____ *

Each additional car \$10.00 \$ _____ *

Friday Reception No Charge No. Persons: _____

Saturday Banquet \$25.00/person No. Persons x \$25.00 = \$ _____ *

Rally \$5.00/car No. Cars x \$5.00 = \$ _____ *

* TOTAL \$ _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TREASURER EURO'98

* Registration, event and purchase fees are not refundable or transferrable.

* Meal/function reservations required by Monday, October 12.

Indicate if you will require parking for a car trailer at BMW site on Saturday (Yes or No) _____



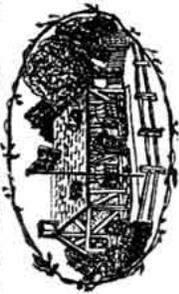
Signature: _____ Date: _____



MAIL CHECK & REGISTRATION FORM TO: TREASURER, EURO'98, P. O. BOX 258, ANDERSON, SC 29622-0258

BRITISH CAR CLASSIC
TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

KINGS HEAD BRITISH PUB • SEPT 19, 1998



BRITISH CAR CLASSIC (10th ANNIVERSARY) MK X
 September 19, 1998 ~ Kings Head Pub ~ St. Augustine, Florida

**** REGISTRATION ****

\$20 VEHICLE #1 ~ \$15 EACH ADDITIONAL VEHICLE

**** EARLY REGISTRATION ****

\$15 VEHICLE #1 ~ \$12 EACH ADDITIONAL VEHICLE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE 9/1/98.
 VENDOR REGISTRATION \$20. ALL VENDORS MUST HAVE A VENDOR REGISTRATION.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TRIUMPH CLUB OF NORTH FLORIDA
SEND TO: 1409 FOREST AV
 NEPTUNE BEACH, FL 32266

EACH REGISTRANT RECEIVES ONE FREE MK X GLASS BEER MUG. EARLY REGISTRATION RECEIVES TWO FREE MK X GLASS BEER MUGS.

FOR INFORMATION: (904)-246-0418 OR (904)-262-9249
LOCATION: KINGS HEAD PUB - U.S. 1 APPROXIMATELY 6 MILES NORTH OF INTERSECTION OF U.S. 1 AND STATE ROAD 16.

REGISTRATION

NAME _____ DAY PHONE (_____) _____ NIGHT PHONE (_____) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CLUB AFFILIATION _____

VEHICLE #1 MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ \$ _____

VEHICLE #2 MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ \$ _____

ADDITIONAL VEHICLES (USE BACK OF FORM) \$ _____

SOUVENIR TEE-SHIRT(S) (\$10 EA.) S M L XL \$ _____

ADDITIONAL BEER MUGS (\$5 EA.) \$ _____

SOUVENIR MK X LOGO CERAMIC TILE (\$5 EA.) \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

SHOW EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

ALL BRITISH CAR SHOW

AUTHENTIC BRITISH PUB RESTAURANT AND BAR

QUALITY AWARDS FOR SHOW CARS YEAR CATEGORIES, BEST OF SHOW, PEOPLE'S CHOICE

FREE COMMEMORATIVE BEER MUGS

LIGHT LUNCH AND SNACKS AVAILABLE ON GROUNDS

BRITISH CAR CLASSIC TEE-SHIRTS

CLUB AND MARQUE REGALIA

VENDORS

LIMITED VENDOR SLOTS

NO "FOR SALE" SIGNS PERMITTED ON SHOW CAR