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"It's gotta be fun!"

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BY DAVE TEITZ

MG Musings

July 18, 1999. As they say in Wisconsin, "uff-da!" Dianne & I just got back from an afternoon cruise in Molly, and it was HOT. It was so hot, that I believe it was only the 2nd or 3rd time in 36 years that I heard Dianne complain about being hot! As they say in Texas, "hotter than the hubs of Hell." I gotta remember to keep the July and August cruising limited to evenings, and then just to the ice cream shop - an air conditioned ice cream shop.

It's still better than being "snow-bound" like our fellow hobbyists up north, where they may go 4, 5 or even 6 months without being able to use their MGs. I know the Northerners with the heated garages can get out and putter, and "MG dream" and that is worth a lot. For us in Florida, we get to keep the wheels turning even if it has to be in the cool of the evenings.

We had a big turnout for Glenn's "No Hard Feelings" July 3rd Car Show and wienie woast - chip chomping - iced tea tasting - lemonade slurping - key lime pie sampling - under hood huddling (below the bonnet bantering for you motherland terminists) - garage gathering - grand opening. Lots of people were enjoying each others' company and wishing Glenn Lenhard the best in his new "digs." Thanks Glenn & Gail.

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See the U.S.A. in your MGA!



Photo by John Murdock

The Rauchs and the Murdocks go for a new Land Speed record (for MGA's) on the Bonneville Salt Flats.

As we sat at the banquet during NAMGAR GT-23 in Chattanooga in July, 1998 and heard plans for GT-24 in Lake Tahoe, Bruce & I looked at each other and said, "Let's go out West in the MGA!" The idea became reality when we traveled over 7000 miles in Li'l Red, our '61 MGA roadster, from June 4 to June 27, 1999. By tour's end, our adventure to "see the USA in our MGA" encompassed 15 states and 5 National Parks & Monuments in addition to four super days at NAMGAR GT-24 in Lake Tahoe.

Our friends, John & Jackie Murdock, seasoned MGA tourers who completed an 11,362 mile trip to Alaska in 1997 in their '57 MGA, traveled in tandem with us most of the trip. Both cars remained trouble-free, thanks to careful preparation by Bruce and John. The tour was made avoiding interstates as much as possible. We did take the time sample the "Mother Road", Route 66, through Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

In Texas, our first Historic Route 66



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stop was at the Big Texan in Amarillo, where if you can eat a 72-oz. steak dinner, it's free. We didn't try. At sunrise the next day, we viewed Cadillac Ranch where 10 fin-tailed Caddies are buried nose-first into the land by the highway. Driving on into New Mexico, we jiggled up the Old Santa Fe Trail to Santa Fe with all its adobe architecture. A walk-about was followed by a lovely, cool luncheon in a courtyard restaurant, a nice celebration of our 36th anniversary with friends. We got more "kicks on Route 66" driving by Tee Pee Curios in Tucumcari and the Uranium Cafe in Grants, NM (site of the huge uranium boom in the 1950's), visiting the beautifully restored El Rancho Hotel in Gallup (the on-location hotel for stars of early Westerns including John Wayne, Spencer Tracy, Kate Hepburn, Bogart, Hayworth and Reagan) and taking snapshots at the corny Wigwam Motel in Holbrook, Arizona.

The MGAs carried us on into Arizona and the Painted Desert to a 28-mile



toric cabins" at Bright Angel Lodge were excellent and the rim of the Canyon could be seen from the front window. While John & Jackie toured rimside and hiked into the Canyon, Bruce and I mounted mules and went down the Bright Angel Trail to Plateau Point. It was a great ride with memory-making sights all the way. After 7

hours on a mule, the MGA felt like a Cadillac the next day.

We enjoyed driving on Old Route 66 through the western part of Arizona from Seligman to Kingman. The road was a winding 2-lane pathway shaped by the land, made

for MG scenic touring. There was an excellent photo op at the Rusty Bolt Antique Shop in Seligman, complete with Edsel. We crossed Hoover Dam (hot!) for a one-night stay in Las Vegas.

Early, very early, on the morning of June 13th, after an elegant linens-and-all-the-trimmings breakfast at the 4-star 1927-built Furnace Creek Inn, we started across Death Valley National Park. The trip across the desert was hot, desolate and flat. We drove our work-horse MGAs over 100 miles through Death Valley on the lowest paved road in North America, well below sea-level. However, to get out of the Valley we had to climb over 2



**Left: Bert & Bruce, having lost their MGA in Las Vegas, find alternative transportation...
Top: Beef. It's what's for dinner...
Above: On into Death Valley.**

peaks, up to 8,000 feet. While the temperature gauges hovered near the top, we were gazing at snow-capped mountains. A long afternoon rest for cars and people in lovely Bishop, California revived us and that evening we enjoyed a memorable rainbow trout dinner.

The next day, leaving John & Jackie to explore Yosemite National Park, we "headed for the mountains" and lovely Lake Tahoe for NAMGAR GT-24. Four days at the elegant Cal-Neva Resort felt GOOD! The hotel straddles the California-Nevada border at the north end of the lake. Bruce & I thoroughly enjoyed our glass-walled lakeview villa at the hotel, including a very restful Jacuzzi in our suite.

Besides meeting old and new MG friends from other places in the USA (one couple told us they had spotted our 2 red MGs at the Furnace Creek Inn), we had a visit from Bob & Leona Elkins of Tampa, actually greeting us as we arrived, and FSMGCC members



tour through Petrified Forest National Park. We were awed by the sights of its huge trees-turned-to-stone 225 million years ago. On the drive north to the Grand Canyon, we visited Sunset Crater Volcano and Wupatki National Monuments. The Wupatki pueblos were inhabited in the 12th century AD by the Sinaguan and Anasazi Indians, ancestors of the modern Hopi Indians of the Southwest.

The Grand Canyon is GRAND - what a wonder to behold - just as awe-inspiring in its ever-changing beauty as it was on prior visits in 1954 & 1964. Our "his-

Photos Courtesy of the Murdocks & Rauchs

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Ralph Przybeck & Carolyn Shields who were partway through their RV/MGB tour of the USA & Canada. GT-24 activities and tours were great - although each tour involved a climb over 8,600 ft. peaks to get out of the Tahoe Basin. We did it anyway - Virginia City, The National Auto Museum (the Harrah Collection) in Reno and the Empire Gold Mine in Grass Valley, California. The Car Show display was held in a lovely sort-of-British-looking meadow in nearby Incline Village on the shores at the north end of Lake Tahoe. Awards Night brought 2,000 mile award dash plaques to both Rauchs and Murdocks. We'd actually gone over 3,000 miles by then.

On June 18th, our trusty MGAs headed eastward across Nevada with a stop at the Bonneville Salt Flats International Speedway in Wendover, Utah. Salt crusts were about an inch thick! John tried a speed test in his '57 MGA, but didn't come close to the land-speed record of 254.53 mph set by Phil Hill in 1959 in the MG EX 181.

After a quick tour-about Salt Lake City, we pointed the MGAs to the mountains of Colorado and rolled up, down and around Rocky Mountain ski resort towns to the Trail Ridge Road through Rocky Mountain National Park. On our unobstructed top-down drive, we saw deer, elk, moose and marmots as well as a variety of hawks. We admired snow-mantled peaks, flower-dotted meadows and tundra, sometimes driving as high as 12,000 feet with high snow still piled at the roadsides. We made a stop to see the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, built in 1909 by the inventor of the Stanley Steamer automobile.

The next day we toured down the spine of the Rockies west of Denver to the next challenge for our MGAs - a "hill-climb" to the summit of Mt. Evans, 14,264 feet. The highest paved road in North America ends at 14,130 feet, high enough. For the first time on our trip, we needed the hood (roof) up, not for rain but for SNOW!! The road up Mount Evans Scenic Byway is carved in the mountain. The shoulder on the right was solid rock & still covered with snow-banks and on the left there were sheer end-of-the-earth drop-offs down 600 feet. The last 2,000 feet of the climb

MG 2001: St. Paul, Minnesota

A report.

At the Carlisle Import show this year there was a meeting of the MG Council of North America. Following is a report from Doug Madson, Chairman of the Minneapolis-St. Paul MG Club on MG 2001 which will be held in Saint Paul, Minnesota:

The dates are set for Tuesday the 3rd of July through Friday the 6th, with departure on the 7th. The car show will be on the 4th, with the balance of the week devoted to driving tours, tech sessions, MG race car running on the fairgrounds track and nightly entertainment featuring some Minnesota personalities. The venue will be the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St Paul. Its a beautiful place with shady tree lined streets that are great for a car show. The city

of St Paul is a great city with many things to see and do and there has been excellent cooperation from both the fairgrounds executive and the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The local effort is headed by Dick Wallrick, who is in the convention transportation business when he is not MG'ing. The Minnesota MG Group will be responsible for the local planning and registration coordination will be done at the national level. We look forward to a great follow-up to Indy 96."

More information will be posted as and when it becomes available. ☺

Rick Brown
MG Council of North America

For Sale:

Cooling system hoses (new), '77-'80 MGB,
Moss #470-360, 470-350, 363-280. (Set of three main hoses.
Moss price \$37. plus shipping. \$25. takes them out of my garage.

Simulated sheepskin seat covers for MGB's with a headrest. (New.)
\$20. for the pair.

Hella headlamps (flat glass), halogen bulbs.
List over \$100. International Rally quality; really neat headlamps and bright!! (New - still in boxes.)
\$50. for the pair.

Call Tom Jevcak (813) 837-3111 in Tampa.

was one after another downshift-to-first-gear-no-synchro hairpin switchbacks. We pulled into the parking area below the peak (14,130 ft.), dizzy in the thin air, almost as exhausted as our cars. Through snow flurries, we peered deep into the western Rockies and to the Great Plains to the east. Of course, we had to go down again. WHEW!!

Murdocks had had enough of mountains and headed toward Florida the next day, while we still needed to do "Pikes Peak or Bust!" Li'l Red got a well-deserved day of rest while we rode the Cog Railway to Pikes Peak Summit at 14,110 feet. It was a glorious, sunny day and we could well understand how Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to write "America the Beautiful" after visiting Pikes Peak in

1893. We were thrilled to look east towards the Great Plains and home!

Five days later we were home in St. Petersburg, Florida, after missing a tornado by just 30 minutes in Kansas, visiting family in Tennessee, Georgia and Florida, and having lunch with FSMGCC members Gregg & Darlene Miller as we passed through Ocala.

What a trip!! We sure did see the USA in our MGA. Li'l Red took us 7,092 trouble-free miles collecting memories for a lifetime. Drive your MGs! Support the National Park Service! Preserve Abingdon's auto heritage and our nation's natural and cultural heritage. ☺

Bert Rauch

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Florida Suncoast MG Car Club
July 14th, 1999

Vice President **René Reno** called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Minutes of the June 9, 1999 meeting were approved. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Correspondence: The Club received several newsletters from other clubs including several upcoming MG car show events. See Other Club MG Events in this newsletter. One of the newsletters, Sparks & Spangle, thanked **Dave & Dianne Tietz** for their article on their May trip to Mississippi. A letter from the Mother Club in England requesting a story on the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club for the 70th anniversary celebration was given to Dave Tietz.

Membership: **René Reno** reported that the Club currently has 71 member families with more renewals received in the mail.

Fellowship Committee: **Bert Rauch** reported that **Carl Morris** is having some medical problems and asks that we keep him in our thoughts. Please contact Bert with fellowship information.

Past Activities: **Tom Jevcak** reported that 13 MGs were present at Philippe Park for the June Moon Zoom, with 12 MGs on the tour. After dinner, **Eileen** and Tom passed out "Moon Pies" for dessert. The group then went by caravan to Honeymoon Island where they were met with rain. Games were played under the cover of a pavilion with flashlights handed out as prizes.

Gail Lenhard reported that there was a good turnout for the 1st Annual "We Hold No Grudges" MG show at Glenn's MG Repair Shop on July 3rd. Many members from our Club and the Suncoast Classic Club attended. Hot dogs and chips were the fare for the day, with **Mike Durig** supplying homemade Key lime pies for dessert and **Dennis Autry** arriving with chili for the "dogs".

Upcoming Activities: The July Breakfast Club will meet at Philippe

Park on Saturday, July 24 and will caravan to breakfast, led by **Dave and Dianne Tietz**.

Sunday, August 22 will be the Malibu Grand Prix Challenge in Tampa against the Suncoast British Car Club of Sarasota. **John Gilley** explained that each "racer" will be allowed 3 laps at \$1.85 per lap. Trophies will be given out for the 1st & 2nd place overall for both men and women, and 1st place overall. He reminded the group that those who wish to race must currently have a valid driver's license. See ad in the August *Informers*.

Jim Alonso will secure a volunteer for the August Breakfast Club and it will be announced in the August *Informers*.

On Labor Day, Monday, September 6, we will participate in the Pioneer Florida Day Festival in Dade City, FL along with the Suncoast Classic Car Club. An announcement will be in the August *Informers*.

September 10-12 will be the MG Beach Weekend at the Casey Key Resort near Venice, Florida. **Gail Lenhard** handed out brochures from the resort. More information will be in the August *Informers*.

New Business: **Gail Lenhard** reported that President **Glenn Lenhard** wants to call a Board of Directors Meeting August 4th, 7pm at the East Bay Applebee's in Largo.

Tom Jevcak had two post office box keys made up. He has one and **René Reno** has the other.

Holly Bird would like photos for the newsletter and asked for a volunteer to write up a car profile for August. **René Reno** volunteered.

Tom Jevcak showed the group a cover photo of the *Safety Fast* magazine showing an MG on its side on two wheels. He also read an article from another magazine regarding an English club donating money for the year 2000 celebration.

Dave Tietz asked if anyone had a chance to see to topiary sculpture of an elephant on Ninth Avenue North and 51st Street on the NW side in St. Petersburg. It was also mentioned that the same "bush artist" designed some sculptures at 37th Street North and 17th Avenue North.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15

a.m. for Round Table, at which time four guests were welcomed: Dominic Giglio, David Wren, Amy Garvin and Marcia Garvin. ☺

Gail Lenhard

Fellowship Corner



August Anniversaries:

August 2 Hugh & Amelia Moran
August 2 Lee & Bobbie Strickland
August 3 Tom & Lori LaVecchia
August 10 Tom & Eileen Jevcak



August Birthdays:

August 12 Barbara Robinson
August 13 Lenore Hiers
August 14 Bob Carr
August 17 Frank Spirek
August 20 John Robinson
August 26 Hugh Moran
August 26 Bruce Rauch

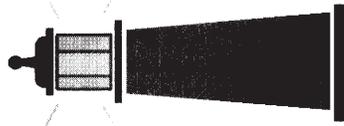
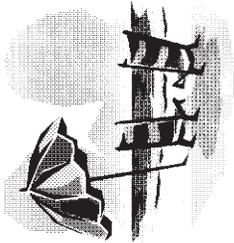
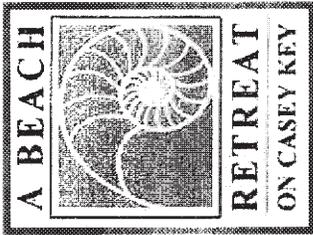
Ralph Przybeck & Carolyn Shields

have been touring the USA & Canada in their motor home and their '66 MGB. They visited with **Rauchs & Murdocks** at NAMGAR-24 in Lake Tahoe & went on to MG'99 NAMGBR Convention in Vancouver, BC.

On July 21, Bruce & Bert Rauch talked with them on the phone & they were at a "Celestial Observatory" outside Vancouver. Next week they're going 500 miles north to Granisle, BC and then plan to go beyond Hope (that is Hope, BC).

We've asked for them to send the Club some postcards to publish.

COME JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF *FUN*,
SUN, MUSIC, GOOD TIMES, CAMARADERIE
 AND *CREATIVITY*
 AT THE BEACH RETREAT ON CASEY KEY.



ESMGOE Beach WEEKEND

Travel Directions:
 From I-75 (S), exit 36 (SR681) to US 41 South. Travel South on US 41, turn Right onto Albee Road. At end of road, turn Right onto Casey Key Road. The office is immediately on the left after the parking lot for the park.

September 10, 11, 12.

Friday evening dinner is at a local restaurant. Anyone wishing to do this should be ready to leave for the restaurant by 7:00.

For more information, contact Gail or Glenn Lenhard. (727) 822-5118, or 521-9890. PLEASE RSVP with the Lenhards so plans can be made for food, etc.

For room reservations contact 1-888-235-6161. Please reserve soon, as this is a very desirable resort.

You can also check them out at <http://www.venice-fla.com/beachretreat.htm>

More July Events: (2) The 1st Annual "No Hard Feelings" MG Show & (1,3) The "Mystery" Breakfast Club at Safety Harbor Spa & Philippe Park



Mystery Breakfast, July 24, 1999 (Safety Harbor Spa)
 L-R: Ted & Karol Policantriotes, Rosemary Knight, Bobbie Strickland, Marge & Dave Wilgus, Bruce & Bert Rauch, Sharon & Jim Alonso, Dave & Dianne Tietz, Darlene & Gregg Miller, Lee Strickland, David Knight, Eileen & Tom Jevcak, Martha & John Robinson



CAR PROFILE OF THE MONTH

"Magdeline Gertrude"

By René Reno

I was born in 1966. My father was a man of steel; my mother was a bit softer and made of aluminum. I was so shiny in my bright blue coat of paint and shiny seats. The way I was put together, I was able to go topless and didn't even need a bra.

My first years saw a lot of wear and tear. I may be seeing the first stages of Alzheimer's disease, as I was once wrecked, but don't remember how or when. All I know is that those body shop guys put so much bondo into my delicate skin that I gained about 60 pounds. I was eventually driven some more and finally ended up in Pinellas County as a trade in. Whoever owned me must have wanted something newer, something more peppy I'll bet. So I sat and waited.

One day, some people from Tampa, the Wagners, saw me and liked me. I'm not sure if they were responsible but somewhere along the way, I ran into a very big pot hole. My front wheel was dented and my front end gave me fits too. Those knuckleheads at the factory made my front wheel sit crooked when they drilled holes in the wrong spot on one side.

However, my time with these people was over. Something was going on. I had been parked for a long time, but suddenly lots of people were coming around to see me. There were all kind of people looking at me under the bonnet, in the doors and in the boot. Finally one lady came and looked at me. I knew she liked me because she drove by a few more times. I was alone again. One Sunday morning she came back with a friend and a hand-operated tire pump. What was she thinking - air in those tires? I didn't think they would

hold germs, but they did. In a few moments we were going for a roll. I really hoped none of my old friends saw me getting pulled like that. It was a disgrace.

We didn't have too far to go to my new home and bonus, a carport! Soon all kind of things started happening to me - a new battery, new plugs, new oil, cleaned up carburetor and, wow, a new gas tank and some better tires. After lots of tinkering and help from other folks, I was running, but I sounded terrible. We rode around the block a few times but that was it. Another wonderment was discovered, no thermostat! No wonder I was having hot flashes.

My new owner said, We're going in for an "overhaul". So another tow ride

took me to St. Petersburg and to Goodyear shop owned by Chuck. This really big workshop had some other MGs hanging around. I even spent the night there with a younger one. For several months, my new owner, this crazy woman, would come and visit me several times a week after work. She took out my old engine and got a newer one ready to go into my chassis. She scraped all the rust off of my engine compartment, put in a new radiator, took my heater box out and painted it to look new and on and on. But I heard her say something about a really cool event I just had to attend - Jamboree 10 in Homosassa, Florida.

I guess this was really special because I went on another roll on a wrecker. This time I went to Glenn's MG shop. Here I got a final going over and a new alternator, a rebuild on my carburetor, a tune up and some alignment work done. I was finally running and I made it to Jamboree 10 in 1998! ☺



August Breakfast Club



Hosted by René Reno
Saturday, August 28th, 9:30 a.m. at
Jackie's (Coffee Unlimited)
1925 E. 7th Ave, Ybor City

Jackie's has free parking immediately behind the restaurant. Take I-4 to the Ybor City exit and travel south to 7th Avenue. Take a right turn (west) and go to 20th Street and turn left (south). The first right turn is into a free city parking lot. Park there and walk through the opening between the buildings (covered by brick pavers).

After breakfast we can walk a few blocks to the Ybor City State Museum and take a \$2.00 tour of the old homes, learn some history and if you still have energy, go to the Ybor City Brewing Co and have another \$2.00 tour.

If there is interest, we can also visit the newly renovated 3-story Italian Club building which is 3 blocks from Jackie's - this is free.

Please let me know if you are going to attend, if there is enough interest she will put together a nice buffet for about \$7.00 each.

Trust me, it will be worth it.

Call René at:
813-238-7621 to RSVP

AUGUST EVENT

2nd Annual MALIBU GRAND PRIX Challenge!

Sunday, August 22nd, 1999

Join the race... Feel the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat! Test your driving skills against drivers from the Suncoast British Car Club of Sarasota. Using the Malibu Grand Prix cars, which are bigger than go-carts and smaller than MGs, each driver will make several timed runs in an effort to beat the best times of the challengers and the track record. Let's recapture the trophy from the SBCC.

Meet at 8:45 am in the northeast corner of the Derby Lanes parking lot on Gandy Blvd., St. Pete to caravan (breakfast with early-risers at 7:30 am at Village Inn Restaurant on 4th St. & 91st Ave. N. in St. Pete) or meet us at the Malibu Grand Prix track in Tampa at 9:30 am. It's just off I-275. Take the Bears Avenue Exit & head east. Turn right at the first light & Malibu is on the right.

Questions?

Call hosts **John Gilley & Pam Vosler**
(727-321-7333).

June Moon Monsoon Zoom

Photo Courtesy of Tom & Eileen Jevcak



Members of the June Moon Monsoon Zoom Flashlight Cult...busy attracting more mosquitoes.

This Club's annual homage to the "Full MOON" in the month of June took place Monday evening, June 28. Hosts, Tom and Eileen Jevcak, greeted members at 7:00 p.m. at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor. Many participants brought their "box dinners" and enjoyed socializing during their meal. They sat at picnic benches that had a superb view of the water and were able to watch the arriving MG's which parked in a row nearby. For dessert, Tom and Eileen distributed MOON Pies and recipes using MOON Pies. These were accompanied by a verbal history of the MOON Pie itself. After dessert, and after everyone was properly "MOONed", the group departed for a destination known only to the hosts.

With the Jevcak's MGB at the lead, thirteen MGs and nearly double that number of "Zoomers" headed Northwest out of the park, except for Bert and Bruce Rauch's MGA which headed home due to their recent lengthy western trip in the car. This was the largest turnout for a Club event so far this year and the caravan was comprised of all of the major MG models, including "T" series, MGA, MGB and MGC.

As the Zoomers, convoy approached the scenic Dunedin Causeway, a mini "monsoon" struck and six enthusiastic "top-downers" had to stop and relent to having to put up their "hoods" (convertible

tops to us colonists). Those included Gail and Glenn Lenhard (MGA), Deborah and Robert Jensen (MGB) and Jennifer Lenhard and Jaime Chadwick (MGB).

The rest of the caravan were in "anticipation of precipitation" and left Philippe Park either with their hoods up or in a GT. Those included John and Martha Robinson (MG-TD), John Longo (MGB), Frank and Nell Spirek with grand-

daughter Holly Brooks (MGB/GT), Robert Carr (MGC/GT), Lee and Bobbi Strickland (MGB), Dave and Margie Wilgus (MGB), Dennis and Genowefa Autry (MGB), and Neil Appuzio and Patrick Redmond (MGB-LE).

The caravan's destination now became apparent to the group as they reached the entrance to "HoneyMOON Island" as the "June MOON Zoom" destination. A very British light rain persisted as the entourage entered the high and dry picnic shelter. It had been previously chosen and secured just in case all the British cars would bring out the British weather.

Here the hosts posed questions like "What TV show starred Bruce Willis and Cybil Shepard?" (Answer) "MOONlighting"; "What current TV program is Ms. Daphinee MOON a character?" (Answer) "Frasier". As the enthusiasm for this game grew, the group started asking their own questions. "MOON" answers brought prizes of Everready flashlights and batteries which eventually saw all in attendance going home "properly lit!%". Although the June MOON was not actually observed, due to cloud cover, the hardy group that came out on a week-night, under ominous skies, only goes to prove that June "MOON" or no June "MOON", you can still have a great time, hood up or hood down, as long as you "Zoom" with an MG. ☺

Tom & Eileen Jevcak

Musings

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I didn't make it to the June Moon Zoom. Dianne & I took our grandson Travis to the Grand Canyon via Las Vegas, just for fun. I heard there was a pretty good turn-out. Apparently the moon couldn't be seen, but everyone acted crazy anyway. Thanks Tom & Eileen.

Jacqueline & John Murdock and Bert & Bruce Rauch made it back from their 7,000 mile odyssey to Lake Tahoe in their MGAs. The trip went off without a hitch, although I guess they got chased by a tornado in Kansas. Bert says that the trip was such an adventure that the event at Lake Tahoe was anti-climactic in the big picture. It had to be fun. Drive 'em 'til the wheels fall off! ☺

Dave Tietz

SEPTEMBER EVENT

Pioneer Florida Day Festival

AT THE PIONEER FLORIDA MUSEUM, DADE CITY

**LABOR DAY MONDAY
SEPT. 6TH, 1999
9:00AM TO 4:00PM**



A CARAVAN WILL DEPART FROM THE GANDY DOG TRACK PARKING LOT ON GANDY BLVD. IN ST. PETERSBURG AT 8:00 A.M. WE'LL BE DISPLAYING OUR MGs WITH THE SUNCOAST CLASSIC MG CLUB AT THE FESTIVAL. IT'S A GREAT CHANCE TO BE WITH SOME FINE FOLKS AND TO SEE DEMONSTRATIONS OF FOLKWAYS & CRAFTS, TO HEAR MUSIC AND TALES, AND TO SAMPLE "CRACKER" FOODS.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL B & B RAUCH
AT 727-576-9474.**

August

Florida Suncoast MG Car Club

1999

Calendar grid for August 1999 with dates 1-31 and event details for specific dates like 4, 11, 22, and 28.

MG & British Car Events

AUGUST 6-8

Armagh, PA - TRF Summer Party, Triumph TR6 is this year,s featured model, hosted by The Roadster Factory - for info call 1-800-234-1104

AUGUST 22 - FSMGCC ACTIVITY

Malibu Grand Prix Challenge, hosted by John Gilley and Pam Vosler - for info call (727) 321-7333

AUGUST 19-22

Grand Rapids, MI - University Motors 23rd Annual Summer Party, This Is John,s Last Summer Party! - for info call John Twist at (616) 682-0800

SEPTEMBER 6 - FSMGCC ACTIVITY

Pioneer Florida Day Festival at the Pioneer Florida Museum, Dade City; caravan leaves from the Gandy Dog Track parking lot at 8:am - for info call (727) 576-9474

SEPTEMBER 10-12 - FSMGCC ACTIVITY

Beach Weekend, hosted by Glenn & Gail Lenhard - for info call (727) 822-5118

SEPTEMBER 16-19

Hiawassee, GA - Southeastern MGT Register Fall GOF, all MGs are welcome; Lake Chatuge Lodge 1-800-613-4349 - for info call Lyman & Lily Delk (770) 938-8021

SEPTEMBER 24-26

Atlanta, GA - Atlanta Historic Races

OCTOBER 16 - FSMGCC ACTIVITY

All British Car Day, Picnic Island, Tampa;

hosted by the Tampa Bay Austin Healey Club - for info call Marion Brantley (727) 867-7129

OCTOBER 15-17

Greenville, SC - Euro '99, hosted by the Foothills British Car Club - for info write to PO. Box 258, Anderson, SC 29622-0258 or euro99info@aol.com

OCTOBER 15-17

Natchez, MS - Brits on the Bluff, British Car Show & Competition; hosted by the English Motoring Club - for info call Terry Trovato (601) 442-8684

OCTOBER 22-24

Savannah, GA - Savannah Historic Car Races

OCTOBER 29-30

Stuart, FL - Fall Festival, sponsored by the AACA, cars must be more than 20 years old to enter

NOVEMBER 6 - FSMGCC ACTIVITY

Toms Tacky Tourist Tour 3, hosted by Tom & Eileen Jevcak - for info call (813) 837-3111

NOVEMBER 4-7

Daytona Beach, FL - Continental Historic Races

NOVEMBER 12-14

Gulfport, FL - 24th Annual Antique Car Show & Swap Meet, sponsored by the Florida West Coast Region AACA and the City of Gulfport - for info call (727) 595-7554

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DECEMBER 12 - FSMGCC ACTIVITY

Christmas Party and Installation of Officers, a progressive dinner and shake-down tour of area Christmas lights - for info call Sharon Alonso (727) 823-8480

APRIL 14 - 16, 2000

Mt. Dora, FL - GOF South Mk 34, Lakeside Inn. For info., call Warren Wooten (407) 860-4577

JUNE 15-18, 2000

Cleveland, OH - MG 2000, International MGB convention sponsored by NAMGBR - for info: www.namgbr.org

Club Meetings

August 4th - Board Meeting
August 11th - Monthly Meeting
September 8th - Monthly Meeting



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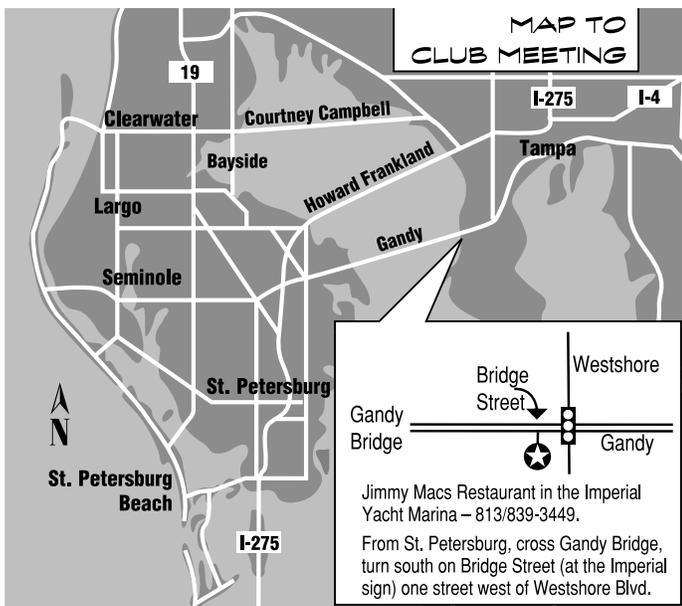
"It's Gotta Be Fun"

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 René Reno at 813-238-7261.

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