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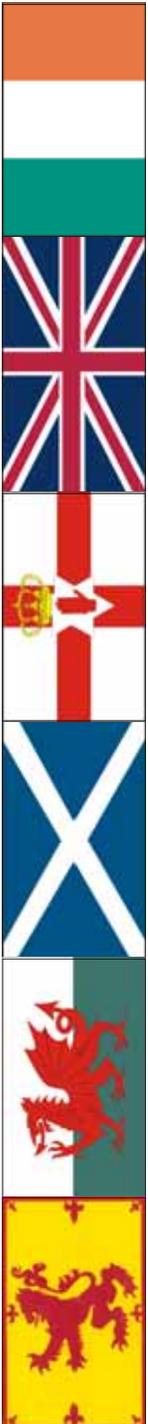
February 2009

Wear’n of the Green

By Dennis J. Nagee, CPM, Editor

Although not everyone was wearing green that night at O’Keefe’s Irish Pub to honor Bruce and Roberta Rauch, everyone was wearing a big smile. Over 70 people attended the event representing the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Suncoast Classic MG Car Club, Suncoast British Car Club, Tampa Bay British Car Club, and the Tampa Bay Austin Healey Club. The longest distance traveled was over 120 miles to attend this even, travel by Darlene and Iggy Miller. Two newly elected presidents from local clubs were there as well, Alex Manzo, Suncoast classic MG Car Club, and Bruce Rauch, Florida Suncoast MG Car Club.

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club periodically has been hosting these special event to honor those individuals who have contributed greatly to the Little British Cars, with their dedication, promotion,



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Phyllis and Don Graham



Darlene and Iggy Miller

preservation, and support for the LBC Community and Clubs. After joining the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Bruce teamed up with John Gilley in 1994 to chair the very successful SE Regional MG Festival and Car Show held at the Belleview Biltmore Resort. In 1998, Bruce and Roberta chaired MG Jamboree 10. Bruce has held several official positions with the Club as well, including Vice President (2002), President (2003 & 04), member of the Board of Directors from 2004 to 2007 and as Activities Coordinator providing information for the events

calendar in the Club newsletter. In addition, Bruce and Roberta have hosted several Club Christmas Parties at their home in Saint Petersburg. They have worked tirelessly for the cause and have gone beyond the call of duty. This evening event celebrated their dedication.

Not only was there good food and beer at O'Keefe's Irish Pub, but the group was delightfully entertained by Ennis Pruitt of the Wyndbreakers, a Celtic Musical Group from Orlando, Fl. As the night wore on, there was sing-a-long, clapping to the Celtic music, and dancing. This was the first time the group was so moved to dance, which capped the lovely evening at O'Keefe's.

The next Irish Night Celebration will be on April 25, 2009 and we will be honoring two individuals for their long and dedicated service to the Little British Car Community.

January Breakfast Club and Tour

By Fred Humberstone

Thanks to all of you who attended the January Breakfast Club meeting at Eve's Restaurant in Woodlands Square in Oldsmar, Florida. There was a great turnout with many of our Snowbird members in town taking a respite from the cold and snow up in the hinterlands. There was much enjoyable visiting and conversation among all who attended. And I believe everyone enjoyed the meals served by Eve's Restaurant.



The bright sunny day was perfect for a tour but only a handful of members accepted the invitation to take a short drive to the Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center. Those of us who did make the trip had a fascinating time.

Leading the group through the entrance drive to the educational center, I had to come to an immediate stop for a



doe and her fawn were in the middle of the road. The doe ran into the woods to the right while the fawn ran to the left and realizing it's mistake, remained at the side of the road. I just remained stopped and patient waiting for the fawn to decide it was safe to follow mama and it did. After the fawn trotted across the road to the right and into the woods to join the doe our drive continued to the Education Center parking lot.

The facility, built in 2003, is a 25,000 square foot, three building complex designed to appear as old Florida Pioneer-style buildings. It includes a 6,000 square foot exhibit area, three classrooms, an auditorium with seating for 200 and over 2.5 miles of nature trails. The Center is located in a wetland forest alongside Brooker Creek. Brooker Creek Watershed originates in a region of cypress swamps in northwestern Hillsborough County and meanders southwestward for 15 miles, into Pinellas County, until it



flows into the south end of Lake Tarpon. The Center offers lecture programs, guided and self-guided hikes, exhibits, special events, workshops, a resource center, picnic

facilities, research classrooms and equipment and the Nature Store.

Many of the displays in the Center are interactive and describe the geography of the area and all of the creatures that call Brooker Creek home. Kids can crawl through a very large gopher tortoise burrow. Some of the creatures on display are preserved and others are alive. Corner areas of the building have large glass windows so bird watchers can make themselves comfortable and watch the birds attracted to the bird feeders outside.

One of the features in the Center is a small movie theater the interior of which was designed and built to resemble an old wood barn. The movie is instructive and all of us watching were amazed to see a character in the movie leave the movie screen and come into the audience as a hologram type effect. As the character in the hologram would shine her flashlight around the barn, the beam would light up the barn surfaces and the objects being discussed. Really amazing. Afterwards several of us took the opportunity to enjoy a self-guided hike through the woods on one of the several trails provided for the purpose. All in all we had a most enjoyable morning.

MG's and Balloons

By John Lester

We are now on our way home having just finished a trip to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta held in October 2008. A great experience to see all the balloons take off from the Fiesta Field, about 600. Only bad thing is you have to get up early, about 4:30 am to get to the field and see first the Dawn Patrol, which is about 10 balloons sent up to check the winds. These take off in the dark about 5:45 am and then the mass ascension begins at first light about 7 am.

We were parked adjacent to the Fiesta Field in our RV, about a mile away and they ran a free shuttle to the Field and back. We did take a ride in a balloon, fantastic experience lifting



John and Margaret Lester in the Balloon Ride

off with 600 other balloons. We have been for a balloon ride before in Florida but this is another whole experience. We were supposed to be in an antique car show on the Fiesta Field on Sunday but Saturday night and Sunday morning it rained about 1.5 inches which may not sound much to us but Albuquerque only gets about 8 inches per year so it was a big deal for them.



Anyway the car show was cancelled I have attached a variety of photos, one of us in the balloon basket just before lift off, one from the balloon basket in the air, one from the dawn patrol and three showing Noddy and how close the balloons come to our RV's. We had a wonderful time

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Board of Directors Meeting, Summary January 7, 2009

President, Bruce Rauch, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and stated that one of the reasons for meeting at CDB's Southside was to evaluate the restaurant as a possible venue for future Club meetings.

Secretary's Report: The October 1, 2008 BOD minutes were approved as printed in the Informer.

Treasurer's Report: Dave reported that the Club currently has a favorable balance. Bruce asked that Dave break out the income and expenses for the Zephyrhills Celtic Car Show.

Membership Report: Glenn Lenhard stated that there are currently 25 renewal members for 2009. The board approved the following new members:

Bruce Hornberger – 1969 MGB

David Owen – 1979 MGB

Sheena & Roland Watkins who own a 1946 MG TC

Judy & Charles Carl who own a 1935 MG PB and a 1952 MG TD

Gerthe & John Woelf who own a 1964 MGB
Laura Lee & Robert Rice who own a 1971 Triumph TR6

A letter will be sent out to remind members to renew. Renewals after January 15 may experience a delay in receiving their issue of the British Marque Car News

Regalia: It was suggested that the Regalia ads be updated in the newsletter and the web site.

Activities: Bruce read off the list of monthly activities and breakfast meetings. The calendar is full through April. Additional ideas are necessary to fill out the year. The Club newsletter lists activities and events that are hosted by our Club as well as other clubs throughout the area. Numerous ideas were suggested to increase participation in the events. The Club is still looking for a volunteer to assist in coordinating Activities.

Guest Speakers: Guest speakers enhance the monthly meetings and have been appreciated in the past. The Club will attempt to identify interesting people to speak at the meetings - including Club members. It was suggested that the Club purchase a "voice amplifier" so that everyone can hear.

Newsletter: Dennis Magee wants all articles by January 25th. A suggestion was made to include a member profile and Glenn Lenhard will work on this. The Club attempts to keep the newsletter under 12 pages because of cost and handling concerns, but pictures and articles from the membership are interesting and welcome. Classified ads from non-members will be listed as space is available; however, they will be listed on the web site.

New Business:

Don Graham mentioned that the Club meetings should be less business and more of a social event. It was agreed that the business portion would be shortened, allowing more time for interesting exchange including bringing back "Round Table."

Don and Juan Soler suggested that the Club and its members do more to interest young people in our LBCs, including involvement with high schools and vocational schools, driving our MGs more and going to public car shows where young people hang out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club

Monthly Minutes Summary

January 14, 2009

President Bruce Rauch called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He introduced guests: John Riesz, Bert's brother; new/old members Bill & Marion Mason and former members Lee & Jennifer Robertson and their children, Sara and Kate.

Secretary and Treasurer Reports were approved.

Membership Report: Glenn reported that the Club currently has 59 member/families including four new members: Marion & Bill Mason who own a 1953 MG TD & a 1955 MG (new/old members)
Laila & Chuck Helt who own a 1980 TR8 (new/old members)
Kathy & Howard Mills who own a 1979 MGB
Nancy & Tim Kasprzyk who own a 1978 MGB

Regalia: Barrie Carson will be putting together an ad for the newsletter and website. The Club has several FSMGCC logo clocks for \$10 each. Contact Gail Lenhard at 727-521-9890.

Past Activities: Bruce reported on past activities which were written up in the Informer. He thanked Deb & Bob Cannarella for hosting the Christmas party. He remarked that our donations and the leftovers were well received by the Ronald McDonald House and put to immediate use. The social event at O'Keefe's was well attended and a lot of fun. Glenn thanked Dennis and Jean for putting these events together in a wonderful format.

Future Activities: Bruce encouraged Club members to participate in the Zephyrhills Celtic Car Show on March 7th. We would like to see our members interact with the young people who will be at the show and get them interested in our cars. The Club has activities planned through May. If anyone has an idea for an event, please contact one of the board members. See FSMGCC Activities in every Informer.

Fellowship: Bert Rauch reported that Dennis Magee and Patricia Soler were both recovering well from their recent injuries and surgeries. Both were present and thanked the Club for our cards and support.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles is January 25, 2009.

New Business: The Board of Directors met at CDB's Southside Restaurant located at 3671 South Westshore Boulevard, Tampa. They found it to be a good central location for our Monthly Meetings. The Members agreed to hold the Club's February 11th meeting at CDB's Southside.

At the January Board Meeting, a suggestion was made to add Pay Pal to the Club's website. Bruce asked Dennis Magee, Glenn Lenhard, and Dave Tietz to get together and develop a proposal for the next Board Meeting in April.

Dennis Magee offered an incentive program as a way to get members to participate in Club events. Members will be given tickets (the number varies per event) when they attend a Club event, which they will fill out and give to Gail Lenhard who will put them in a large container. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Club's Christmas Party. The winner will receive a Champagne Brunch at the Belleview Biltmore. Club officers will be exempt. This incentive program will begin with the February 11th Club meeting.

Correspondence: All items were given to the appropriate parties.

Announcements: Bill Mason won the 50 – 50 Raffle. Welcome back to FSMGCC, Bill!

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. for Round Table.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary

February 2009 Fellowship

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 15 Bill & Carol Boyd
February 17 Alex & Marion Galambos

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1 Kristine Weatherby
February 3 Joyce Reddish
February 6 Marge Weintraub
February 8 Ruth Faria
February 8 Lee Roberts
February 9 Gary Moore
February 9 Tyrone Reddish
February 13 Bill Mason
February 15 Bill Baker
February 17 Cindy Cameron
February 17 Bill Graham
February 21 Terry McCarroll
February 21 David Owen
February 22 Martha Robinson
February 22 Nell Spirek
February 26 Stephen McDowell
February 26 Lorraine Spicer
February 27 Jeff Zorn

MG Club Announces Reward Program

By Dennis J. Mageem CPM, Editor

At the general membership meeting on January 14 2009, the board announced that MG Club Rewards Program of which a member can win a Champagne Brunch for Two At the Belleview Biltmore Golf and Spa Resort

To enter the drawing, all you need to do is attend the general monthly meeting, special events, such as the club breakfasts, driving events, and the Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and British and European Classic Car Show. Each time you attend an event, you will be asked to complete a card(s) with your name and deposit it for the drawing which will be held at the annual Christmas Party. Events will be weighted by the number of cards you can deposit. Drawing will be conducted at the Annual Christmas Party, and Award presented at that time. Officers and Board Members are excluded from entering a card for attending: Regular Business Meetings, Board of Directors Meetings, or any Special Meetings that are called by the President or Board, as they are required to attend these meetings. The Club Secretary, or his/hers designee will be the Official Keeper of the records/cards

The following events will be scored as follows:

Regular Monthly Business Meeting = 1 card
Club Breakfast Event = 1 card
General Social Event = 1 card
Driving Event with Little British Car = 2 cards
Christmas Parade with Little British Car = 3 cards
Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and British and European Classic Car Show—March 7, 2009 = 4 cards

To Be Eligible

- You must be a member in good standing with membership dues current..
- You do not need to be present for the drawing.
- You must complete and submit your card(s) at the time of the event.

Situated on a 22 acre bluff overlooking the crystal waters of Clearwater Bay, The Belleview Biltmore, built in 1897 by the railroad tycoon Henry Plant, sits in a private waterside enclave in the Bellair community of Clearwater, FL. This is a full-service resort that includes the Belleview Biltmore Golf Club - an 18 hole PGA Donald Ross designed course, the Belleview Biltmore Tennis Club, the Belleview Biltmore Spa and the Belleview Biltmore Beach Club on Sand Key. Historical tours are held daily and open to the public. The original hotel is a historic property and one of the last of the great American Victorian "Grand Dame"



**FSMGCC
Activities**



Feb 11: Regular Monthly Meeting at CDB Southside Restaurant, 3671 S. Westshore Blvd, Tampa 33629, 813-805-2327 (see map at www.fsmgcc.com)

Feb 21: Breakfast Club 9:00 AM at the Li'l Bit Kuntry restaurant, 4999 71st Ave. North, Pinellas Park, FL (727-526-5544) hosted by Jean & Dennis Magee

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Feb 28: Scenic drive to Lake Placid, FL to discover the "Murals" hosted by Dave & Dianne Tietz

Lake Placid Mural Tour

Date: Febuary 28, 2009

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Tampa Port Authority

Looking for a nice drive in the old MG? Join Dianne & Dave Tietz on a trip to Lake Placid, Florida to get a guided tour of the famous murals, painted on objects throughout town.

Look for some of the mistakes, "Easter Eggs" (things that shouldn't be in the picture), and many other neat "gotcha's" in the murals.

Meet at the Tampa Port Authority parking lot at 1101 Channelside Dr. in Tampa (just north of the Tampa Aquarium). Please be gassed up, and ready to leave promptly at 9:00. Dave's CEL phone is 727/492-0288.

Mar 07: Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and Car Show, Zephyrhills, FL, hosted by the New World Celts (a non-profit organization) – Lots of Celtic food, music and games – the FSMGCC has been invited to show our cars as part of the celebration – for more info contact Dennis Magee at: 727-

726-1273 or email dmagee@ij.net

Mar 21: Car Show to benefit the U.S. Veteran's Retirement Home in Land O' Lakes, FL

Mar 27: GOF South – The Plantation Resort, Crystal River, FL – go to: www.classicmgclub.com

Mar ??: Breakfast Club hosted by Deb & Bob Cannarella

Apr 18: April 18,; 1st Annual British Motor Classic In Conjunction with Davis Islands - Islands Fest™ Featured Marque For 2009 - Triumph.

The Suncoast Classic MG Club and Nature Coast English Car Club invite you to attend what we hope to be the largest British Car Show in the South. It will be held in conjunction with the Davis Islands - Islands Festival™ which annually draws thousands of people throughout the Tampa Bay area. Bring your classic British Car for a day of fun and sun near downtown Tampa.

Islands Fest™ is held at the waterfront Seaplane Basin Park, right next to the Peter O. Knight airport, on Saturday, April 18 from 10 AM – 5 PM. This event is open to the public and will feature plenty of exhibitions, events, and fun! Visitors in previous years have found a pram sailing exhibition by the Davis Islands Youth Sailing Group, inflatable bounce houses and slides for children, rock climbing wall, a magic show, and a pet parade and contest. Guests will also get an up-close look at airplanes, helicopters, RVs and a fire engine. If the weather permits, airplane rides will also be available. Islands Fest™ plans lots of music, too.

In addition to all of that, the event will feature the Islands Fest™ Art Show. With over 20 participating artists, everyone is sure to find entertaining and interesting displays from creative minds. Previous sponsors of Islands Fest™ include Tampa General Hospital, the St. Petersburg Times, SweetBay Supermarkets, the Davis Islands Community News, Atlas Aviation, Tampa International Airport – Community Airports, and many more. The show field will open at 8 a.m. Awards will be announced at 2:30 p.m. More info and registration form available at <http://www.britishcarclub.net/davisislands.htm>

Apr 25: Evening Social at O'Keefe's Restaurant hosted by Dennis & Jean Magee – please RSVP to hosts at 727-726-1273 or email: dmagee@ij.net

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH at 7:30 PM. /see www.fsmgcc.com for addition info and map.

Editor's Note

There has been some slight changes to the newsletter, as the font size has changed, boxes removed and margins increased. Comments welcomed, please send to the Editor at dmagee119@verizon.net

**Zephyrhills Celtic festival
and
British and European Classic Car Show 2009**

March 7, 2009 ‡ Zephyr Park, Zephyrhills, FL
(formerly the Winter Haven Art festival and European Car Show)



featured Marque
Triumphs



for further information and registration, please contact
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Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and British and European Classic Car Show 2009

March 7, 2009 † Zephyr Park, Zephyrhills, FL

(Formerly the Winter Haven Art Festival and European Car Show)

Send completed registration and checks (payable to FSMGCC)

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Questions: dimagee119@verizon.net www.fsmgcc.com

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Registration Fee \$30 between January 16 to March 6 2009 _____

Registration at the Show \$35 _____

Second or additional cars -\$20 each _____

Total Enclosed _____

Optional Friday Night Ceilidh

A Ceilidh is an Irish dinner with complimentary beer and wine and plenty of fine Celtic entertainment. Cash bar will be available. The food is great – the entertainment better. Make plans to be there. When: Friday, March 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Where: Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club - 11500 Old Tampa Bay Drive, San Antonio Florida 33576 . To join the fun, send for your Ceilidh tickets payable to (Celtic Heritage Society of Florida) and send for Ceilidh tickets to: Joan Serneels, 4545 Debbie Lane, Lutz, FL 33559 Cost: \$30.00 per ticket. If this event is not sold out, there may be some tickets available at the door for \$35.

Car Show Participants—Acknowledgement and Release

I am aware of the hazards with motor vehicle events and specifically release and indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, the Zephyrhills Highland Games and Celtic Festival, the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, and event organizers collectively and separately for any and all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guest(s) while participating in the Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and Highland Games and British and European Car Show . Winners must agree to release copyright of all photos as winners' photos will be used in subsequent publications. Best of Show Winner further agrees to drive/escort the Zephyrhills Festival Queen onto the Awards Parade Field. *In signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand and agree to this release.*

Show Rules

- All Vendors and all show vehicles MUST register with the British and European Car Show registration staff.
- Parking is restricted to assigned locations.
- All show cars must be driven on to the show field under their own power.
- Cars on the show ground at 8:30 am, awards at 3:30 pm.
- Show vehicles must be on the show field at the time of award ceremony to receive an award
- Rain or Shine

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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New Meeting Location

Upcoming Events 2009

Feb 1: Club Rewards Program Begins (see attachment). Your attendance is your entry.

Feb 11: Regular Business Meeting at CDB Southside Restaurant, 3671 S. Westshore Blvd, Tampa ,33629, 813-805-2327 (see attached map)

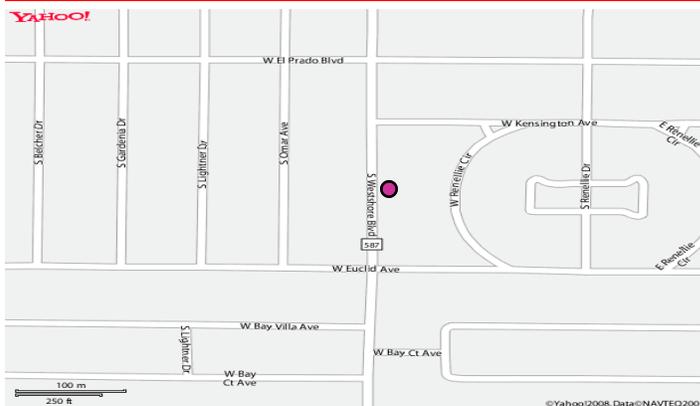
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March 1: - Homosassa, Fl - Citrus County Cruisers 25th Manatee Car and Truck Show - Crystal River Chevrolet, 1035 Hwy 19.

March 7: Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and British and European Car Show, Zephyrhills, FL, - Lots of Celtic food, music and games and more.

**Next Meeting is February 11, 2009
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