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Visit to Morgan Factory, Malvern, England, June 2009

By John Lester



While in England this year visiting relatives etc., my wife and I paid a visit to the Morgan Factory. We arrived in Malvern at 9 am and joined a group that had just arrived on a Factory Tour. Absolutely fascinating, there are no production lines. A rolling chassis is built and then wheeled around from shop to shop. After the chassis are assembled, everything is hand built from the Ash frames to the aluminum body panels to anything else needed to finish the car. The workmen are extremely skilled; a minimum of a 5-year apprenticeship is required. We watched an apprentice practicing making body panels, which they called

“Potty Training”! Our Tour Guide told us the story of a British Leyland Senior Exec who came and toured the factory and told Morgan they would never last building cars that way, they should get production lines etc. Well, Morgan is still building cars and British Leyland is not!!!

After touring the factory I treated myself to an item on my “bucket list” i.e. things to do before you kick the bucket,” I rented a Morgan for the afternoon and my wife and I had a delightful time cruising the English country lanes in a Plus Four. I really did not want to take it back but at \$45,000, and this is the cheap one, I thought I had better.

Morgan is celebrating 100 years of production this year in August 2009.

MG Car Club Cruise on the Starlight Majesty

By Gail Lenhard

What a great night of dancing and fellowship seventeen people shared aboard the Starlight Majesty Dinner Cruise on June 13th. Bert and Bruce Rauch, with Kristen; Gail and Glenn Lenhard, along with their daughter, Jennifer and her friend Jose and Jennifer’s girls Laci, and Liliana; Becky and Jay Waldo (friends of Gail & Glenn); Darlene and Iggy Miller; Bobbie and Lee

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Strickland, and their friends Jane and John Hartley enjoyed a spectacular sunset, great food, and terrific music during our three hour cruise.

The musical duo announced our club's name during a break along with the two anniversaries and one birthday that our group was celebrating that night – Bert & Bruce – 46 years, Becky & Jay – 28 years, and Bobbie – a birthday (although she wouldn't reveal how old she would be).



It was a mixture of sadness and happiness when the ship docked and the group headed off towards home. Definitely a good time and one that the group will remember.



Pistorius Olde Car Rally Report

By Fred Humberstone

Ignoring the warnings of free food, cold drinks and warm camaraderie, on Saturday, June 6th, six brave and intrepid souls of the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club braved cloudy weather and warm breezes to participate in the Pistorius Olde Car Rally. The entrants, including, Chester and Joanne Baumgartner, Barrie Carson and Lorraine Spicer, John Soler, and yours truly, were welcomed at the Cuban Breezes Restaurant at 13980 W. Hillsborough Avenue with a free buffet of hot pressed Cuban Sandwiches and other Cuban food delights and cold drinks.



Twenty antique and classic cars participated, each receiving a goodie bag, with the first car leaving the parking lot at 2:00 PM following route instructions which led us on a 35 mile trip through the cities of Oldsmar and Safety Harbor then north along the county line towards Odessa and back again. Along the route, stops were planned to answer questions in the route instructions or enjoy hospitality from the rally sponsors. Our first stop was at the Car Quest Auto Parts store



who made this event so enjoyable.

Each of the FSMGCC members survived the event and finished without any drama but alas we did not bring home any hardware. The rally was won by first time rallyist, Veronique DeGuenther and her experienced navigator, Kathy Brown. Many of you will recognize Veronique and her 1985 Citroen Deux Chevaux named 'Dolly' from their appearance at the Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and Car Show. The Peoples Choice Award went to the 1931 Studebaker entered by Ed Prince with navigator, Gary Walters. The oldest car entered was the 1913 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost driven by Michael Sierra with navigator Cynthia Sierra. The Calamity Car Award went to the 1914 Ford Model T, which required driveline repairs as soon as arriving at the rally site,



on Tampa Road in Oldsmar where each of the participants was given a free quart of the motor oil of their choice. From there it was on to R. E. Olds Park on the north shore of Tampa Bay to locate the answer to a trivia question regarding R. E. Olds himself. The route continued to Safety Harbor where the Safety Harbor Museum of Regional History (go to: www.safetyharbormuseum.org) waived their fees to the rally competitors for a fifteen-minute break. From there we continued north to Philippe Park where a color Polaroid photograph was made of each car with Old Tampa Bay in the background and given to the driver as a free souvenir. I want to say thanks to each of the sponsors for their generosity and



and later broke down during the rally. Many cheers go to the Model T's driver, Bill Brown and his navigator, Nereyda Brown for their perseverance.

I also wish to thank Joanne and Brando Pistorius of the

Antique Automobile Club of America, Hillsborough Region, for organizing and hosting such a wonderful afternoon and their hospitality by opening up their home at the end of the rally route and providing all of the great food and drinks for the rally participants. This rally was just the perfect length to enjoy a nice drive in our classic old cars and not feel worn out at the end. I would look forward to attending this event again.

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Monthly Minutes Summary June 10, 2009

Bruce Rauch called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and introduced a guest, his granddaughter Kristen. Glenn Lenhard showed a short video and answered questions about his recent sailing excursion on the HMS Bounty. Glenn was part of the crew that sailed the ship from St. Petersburg to the Dry Tortugas in May.

Secretary's & Treasurer's Reports: Both these reports were approved as presented.

Membership Report: Glenn reported that the Club currently has 93 member/families

Regalia: Contact Barrie Carson for tee shirts, name badges, or other regalia items. Contact Gail Lenhard for FSMGCC logo clocks @ \$10.00 each.

Past Activities: The Club needs a volunteer to be the Activities Chairperson. Contact Bruce Rauch.

The May 16th Breakfast Club event at Pot Bellies Family Restaurant was a great success!

Future Activities & Breakfast Club: Bruce briefly discussed upcoming events. See Club Activities in this Informer.

Fellowship: Kristen Rauch is visiting for two weeks. She thanked members for their contributions to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Jessica, CDB's manager collected about \$50 from the restaurant's employees. Laila Helt is doing well after having surgery to remove the pins from her wrist. Vera Kearney broke her big toe. Kristen Rauch said that her brother, Kevin, will throw the first pitch at the Kansas City Royals baseball game on Saturday the 13th of June. The KC Royals donated \$5,000 to Alex's Lemonade.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles is June 22.

Old Business:

Ballot/Election of Officers for 2010: Bruce asked for a volunteer to put together a committee to come up with a slate

of officers. He will not be running for re-election next year. Contact him if you are interested in being an officer or board member.

MG Jamboree: Bruce said now is the time to think about venues, themes and chairpersons. Gail said that the Holiday Inn does have the dates set aside, if the Club chooses this venue. We are exploring other venues.

North East High School Auto Body Shop MG Donation: Don Graham said that the purpose of donating a car to this program was to get the younger people interested in them. Any car donated to the school would be theirs to restore and do whatever they want to with the restored car. We have some good leads for a body and for a "whole" car. Both the Tampa Bay All British and the Austin Healey Clubs offered to help where they can on this project. Don also stated that the school would like the Club to have a car show or swap meet at the school.

Guest Speakers: Bruce said that the Club has a great resource within the membership and asked members to consider sharing their hobbies or other items of interest at the Club meetings.

Correspondence: All items were given to the appropriate parties.

Announcements: Kristen Rauch won the 50 – 50 Raffle and donated it to Alex's Lemonade.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary

JULY 2009 FELLOWSHIP

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 7 John & Janet Hessey
July 16 Brian & Lori Adornato
July 28 John & Ann Fox

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 3 Joanne Baumgartner
July 4 John Soler
July 6 Sherrie Fitzpatrick
July 10 Jean Magee
July 11 Ed Mc Carroll
July 12 Robert Rice
July 14 Nigel Petch
July 16 Deborah Jensen
July 17 George Cooper
July 17 Carol Forshay
July 19 Gerry Ostroff
July 21 Fred Kenfield
July 28 Joe Kaiser

Fellowship News:

Get Well wishes have been sent to Phyllis Graham who is home from the hospital and recovering from sepsis.

June 27: Brits by the Bay picnic 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Philippe Park, Safety Harbor, FL

July 01: FSMGCC Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 PM at CDB Southside Restaurant, 3671 S. Westshore Blvd., Tampa



– all members are welcome

July 08: FSMGCC Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM at CDB Southside Restaurant, 3671 S. Westshore Blvd., Tampa 33629 (813-805-2327)

July 11: Breakfast Club 9:00 AM at the Skinny Rooster, hosted by Dianne & Dave Tietz

July 18: Tampa History Center tour, 10 AM at 801 Old Water Street, Tampa 33602 followed by lunch at the Columbia Restaurant hosted by Harry & Dot Britton

Aug 09: Ice Cream Social at Bud Stanley's home, 421 Druid Road, Clearwater, FL 34616. It is suggested that members bring ice cream makers and make some homemade ice cream to share.

Aug 12: FSMGCC Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM at CDB Southside Restaurant, 3671 S. Westshore Blvd., Tampa 33629 (813-805-2327)

Aug 15: Breakfast Club 9:00 AM at the Four Coins Restaurant, 2700 4th Street N. St Pete 33713 - hosted by Gail & Glenn Lenhard

Sept 07: Breakfast/Lunch Club hosted by Dot & Harry Britton in conjunction with the Pioneer Days Festival in Dade City

Sept 09: FSMGCC Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM at CDB Southside Restaurant, 3671 S. Westshore Blvd., Tampa 33629 (813-805-2327)

Oct 03: Hope Children's Home Car Show, hosted by Jim & Vera Kearney

Oct 07: FSMGCC Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 PM at CDB Southside Restaurant, 3671 S. Westshore Blvd., Tampa – all members are welcome

Oct 14: FSMGCC Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM at CDB Southside Restaurant, 3671 S. Westshore Blvd., Tampa 33629 (813-805-2327)

Oct ??: Breakfast Club hosted by Fiona & Phil Ross

Oct 24: All British Car Show and Auto Jumble, Safety Harbor, FL hosted by the Austin Healey Club of Tampa Bay

Nov ??: Fun Rallye directed and planned by Bill Forshay & Dave Tietz

Nov 11: FSMGCC Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM at CDB Southside Restaurant, 3671 S. Westshore Blvd., Tampa 33629 (813-805-2327)

Dec ??: St. Petersburg Santa Parade

Dec ??: FSMGCC Christmas Party and Installation of officers

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Join the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club

July 18, 2009

10 am

11:30 am Lunch following the Tour

The Tampa Bay History Center is more than a mere repository for historical facts. Functioning as a liaison between the past and the present, the museum honors our community's character and heritage, stirring the spirit of adventure found in all its visitors with the generations of stories it has to tell.

Step inside the new, 60,000-square-foot History Center in Tampa's bustling Channelside district and take a journey through 12,000 years of powerful stories. Follow in the footsteps of the first native inhabitants, Spanish conquistadors, pioneers, presidents, sports legends and railroad tycoons. Stroll through a 1920's-era cigar store. Explore exhibits about the places and people who shaped the Tampa Bay area. The four-floor History Center boasts a stunning atrium, interactive and immersive exhibits, theaters, map gallery, research center, event hall, museum store and the internationally acclaimed Columbia Cafe. The history of the Tampa Bay region comes alive within these walls.

Breakfast Club

July 11, 2009 at 9:00 am

At the:

Skinny Rooster

552 Clearwater Largo Rd N

Largo, FL 33770

(727) 581-7993

Join Dianne & Dave Tietz for breakfast at The Skinny Rooster in Largo. I know we have been there a couple of times before but breakfast on the deck, overlooking the lake is always a good way to start a Saturday!

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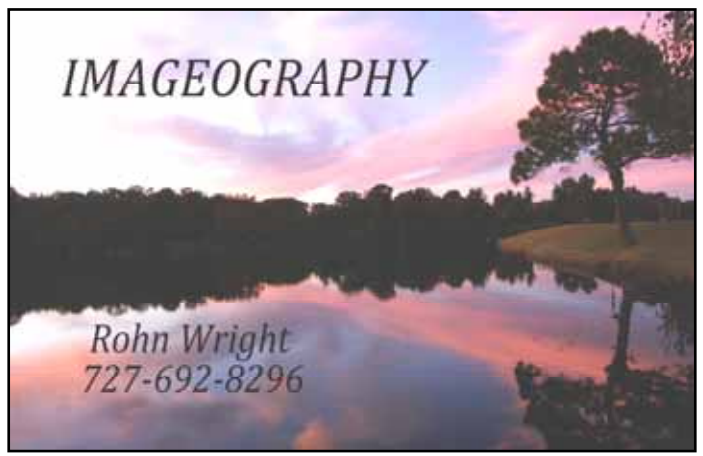
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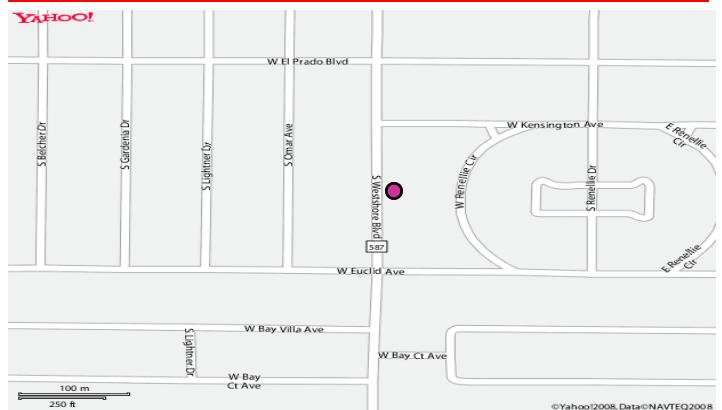
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