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2012 Key West Gathering, April 22 – 27, 2012

By Bruce Rauch

Two cars from the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club made the trip to Key West for this event, Bruce & Bert Rauch and Dave Wilgus, both in MGA Mark II’s. Although we encountered some showers on the journey south, the cars performed well for the entire 1000 mile round trip.

We stayed the first night in Florida City, planning to do the organized rally to Key

West the second day. Since we were in no real hurry, we took country roads through central Florida and south along the great Lake Okeechobee stopping at the quaint Clewiston Inn for lunch; then later dining at the Capri Restaurant in Florida City.



Gathered for the Key West Parade



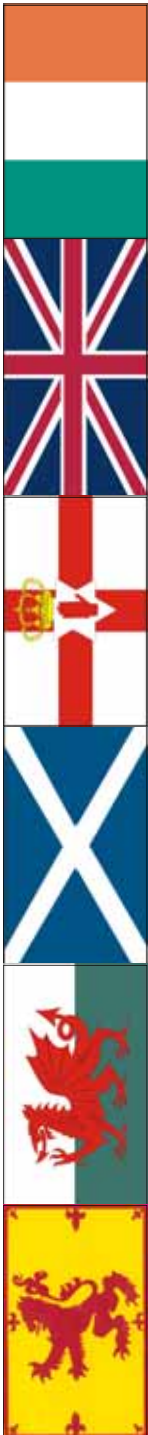
Key West Golf Tournament Champs

The following day we joined about 20 MGs and the N A M G A R crowd in Key Largo to start the scavenger hunt/poker rally along the 100 mile Great Overseas Highway to Key West. The

rally, designed by Dennis Urick, took most of the day and led us to some known tourist attractions, tacky tourist stops and a few stops known only to the locals...like the Bat Tower on

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all articles submitted and make
changes as necessary.**



Sugarloaf Key and the No Name Pub, an institution on Big Pine Key since 1935. Our destination was the 1950's style Blue Marlin Motel, a short walk from the Southernmost Point.

On Tuesday we started a three-day whirlwind of activities including a bocce ball tournament and bar-b-cue, miniature golf (Bruce was on the trophy-winning team), a sunset picnic, participation in the Conch Republic Independence Day Parade and lots of socializing around the pool. Everyone did have time for sightseeing, fishing, shopping and eating. On Friday Dave, Bruce and Bert packed up, said good-bye and headed for home.

These "Regional NAMGAR GTs" are great for getting to know one another. With about fifty people in the group, we were able to share ideas, experiences and develop friendship which will last a lifetime. Our host, the Key West British Car Club, led by Fred & Cindy Skomp and Jim & Dottie Ferguson must be congratulated for putting on a wonderful event.

Breakfast at The Club

By Bert and Bruce Rauch

The fifth of May was an active day for a lot of us. Cinco De Mayo is a Spanish Holiday. It was also the day that Dave Wilgus hosted a Club breakfast at the Treasure Island Yacht Club. Over twenty people attended the breakfast which was a very elegant affair in the dining room overlooking the yacht basin. Everyone there enjoyed the venue and the casual atmosphere.



May the fifth was also “Drive your MGA Day.” In addition to FIVE MGAs, there was a fine assortment of British cars including a MG TD, an MG 1100, two MGB’s and a Triumph 1800.

We are all looking forward to the next event at “The Club.”

MGB Hitory

The MGB is a sports car launched by MG Cars in May 1962 to replace the MGA. Introduced as a four-cylinder roadster, a coupé with 2+2 seating was added in 1965. The six-cylinder MGC debuted in 1967; a later derivative fitted with the Buick-based Rover V8 was made from 1973 to 1976.

MGB/MGC production continued until October 1980 variously by the British Motor Corporation and its successors, British Motor Holdings and British Leyland Motor Corporation. The MGB was a relatively modern design at the time of its introduction, utilizing a monocoque structure instead of the traditional body-on-frame construction used on both the MGA and MG T-types and the MGB's rival, the Triumph TR series. The lightweight design reduced manufacturing costs while adding to overall vehicle strength. Wind-up windows were standard, and a comfortable driver's compartment offered plenty of legroom. A parcel shelf was fitted behind the seats.

The MGB's performance was introduced, with a 0–60 mph (96 aided by the relatively light weight MGB's strong points. The 3-produced 95 hp (71 kW) at 5,400 October 1964 to a five-bearing reliability. A majority of MGBs 1974, as US air pollution emission market MGBs were de-tuned for reduction in performance, the MGB height and the distinctive rubber chrome for all markets.



considered brisk at the time of its km/h) time of just over 11 seconds, of the car. Handling was one of the bearing 1798 cc B-Series engine rpm. The engine was upgraded in crankshaft in an effort to improve were exported to United States. In standards became more rigorous, US-compliance. As well as a marked gained an inch (25 mm) in ride bumpers which came to replace the

The MGB was one of the first cars to feature controlled crumple zones designed to protect the driver and passenger in a 30 mph (48 km/h) impact with an immovable barrier (200 ton). Combined production volume of MGB, MGC and MGB GT V8 models was 523,836 cars. A very limited-production "revival" model with only 2,000 units made, called RV8 was produced by Rover in the 1990s. Despite the similarity in appearance to the roadster, the RV8 had less than 5 percent parts interchangeability with the original car.

Reprinted from Wikipedia

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club

Monthly Minutes Summary

May 9, 2012

President, Glenn Lenhard, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Report & Treasurer's Report: These reports were approved as presented

Membership Report: There are currently 70 member/families.

Regalia: Contact Barrie Carson if you would like to purchase any Club regalia.

Activities:

June 2012 Fellowship

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 2	Howard & Kathy Mills
June 2	Paul & Nancy Reese
June 3	Derek & Jean Kirby
June 8	Bruce & Bert Rauch
June 22	Robert & Ruth Faria
June 24	Jack & Lorrie Maniscalco
June 22	Jeff & Jan Zorn
June 25	Warren & Suzy Maxon
June 26	Norris & Nancy Williams
June 28	Bill & Marie Terlop
June 30	Walter & Stella Bumby
June 30	Chester & Joanne Baumgartner

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Mike Silvernail
June 4	Alex Galambos
June 7	Henry Howard
June 8	Lee Robertson
June 10	David Knight
June 12	Teresa Griffith
June 15	Bobbie Strickland
June 24	David Smith
June 28	Michael Milligan

Fellowship News

Jack & Lorrie Maniscalco welcome their new granddaughter, Skylar. She is their 3rd granddaughter!

We were all so glad to see Bob Cannarella and Debra looking well at the May FSMGCC Monthly Meeting!

Past Activities:

April 14 – Mystery Run tour – Mike Silvernail. This was a great event and was written up in the last Informer.

April 23 – 27 – Key West NAMGAR Regional. There were over 20 cars and the event was well attended with a number of “mixer” activities with the other attendees.

May 5 – Breakfast at the Treasure Island Golf and Tennis Club and Drive your MGA Day event was well attended with many members driving their MGAs. Pictures were taken of the cars.

Future Activities and Breakfast Club: Glenn and Bruce outlined upcoming activities. See Activities in this Informer.

Fellowship:

Lorrie and Jack Maniscalco welcomed new granddaughter, Skylar, to their family.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles is May 20th.

New Business:

A Motion was approved to donate a \$100 gas card and grille badge or clock to the NAMGAR GT-37 event in Dayton, Ohio in July.

With the increase in the subscription price of British Marque News, increased postage costs and Christmas Party expenses, we may need to consider a dues change or another source of revenue. The Treasurer will present some expense figures to President Lenhard.

The Clearwater Country Club, site of the post-rallye luncheon, has offered their venue for our monthly meetings. The facility is more centrally located than our present meeting site. Mike Silvernail will have a proposal for review at the next meeting.

Karen Silvernail presented a possible venue for a catered Christmas party at Freedom Square in

Seminole. She will check with them to see what dates are available.
The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary



FSMGCC
Activities



Bold type is club sponsored event.

June 2: 9th Annual Vietnam Veterans of America Memorial Day Car Show at Veterans Memorial Park, 3602 Highway 301, Tampa, FL - Registration begins 8:00 AM, show 10 AM - 2 PM; Contact Mike (603-234-3363) or Jim (813-352-2764) for more information

Jun 6-10, 2012: Dillard, Georgia - North American MGB Register Annual Convention - hosted by Peachtree MG Registry at the Dillard House - More info will be posted on <http://www.mg2012.com>

Jun 13: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Jun 16: Club Breakfast, 9:00 AM at Stella's, 3119 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport (727) 498-8950 hosted by Gail & Glenn Lenhard

Jun 30: Brits by the Bay Picnic, Philippe Park, Safety Harbor - hosted by the Tampa Bay British Car Club

Jul 9-13: North American MGA Register-GT 37 held in Dayton, OH hosted by the Southeastern Ohio Centre MG Club. For details go to: www.gt37.namgar.com

Jul 14: Monthly members meeting and breakfast; 8:30 AM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767. After breakfast, we will tour the McDonald House.

Aug 04: Rays baseball game vs. the Baltimore Orioles, 7:00 PM at Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg - hosted by Roberta and Bruce Rauch

Aug 11: Breakfast Club and the Monthly members meeting; 9:00 AM at Gators Café on John's Pass, 12754 Kingfish Drive, Treasure Island (727)367-8951

Sep 12: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Sep 22: Breakfast followed by a scenic drive through the country to Dinosaur-World – pack a picnic lunch; hosted by Bert & Bruce Rauch

Oct 10: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Oct 19-21: Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival. Info at: www.lakemirrorclassic.com

Oct 26: Meet and Greet Friday night for the All British Car Show, Safety Harbor

Oct 27: All British Car Show, Safety Harbor, Fl. Hosted by the Tampa Bay Austin Healey Club 8 AM.

Oct 27: Breakfast at the Paradise Restaurant followed by the All-British Auto Jumble & Car Show, Safety Harbor

Nov 1-4: MG Jamboree 18, Homosassa, FL All British Car Display, games, driving tours, river cruises, and lots of good food.

Nov 11: St Petersburg Yacht Club Vintage Motor Classic Show. Info at: www.spyc.org/classic

Nov 14: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Dec 10: Tour the Ringling Brothers Circus Museum and estate in Sarasota

Dec: Saint Petersburg Santa Parade and lunch at Chattaways

Dec: FSMGCC Christmas Party

For Sale **\$11,500**

1976 Triumph TR-6, Hardtop/Convertible Third Place Winner in class at the All British Car Show, Winter Park, Fl. on March 31, 2012. New Tires, New convertible Soft Top, 74689 Original Miles, New Hardtop Mounting Gaskets, Extra Parts Include: New Fan Blower Motor, New Headliner for Hardtop, New Radiator Shroud, Repair Work Completed November 18, 2011 includes the following: New Front and Rear Brakes, including Ceramic Brake Pads, Calipers rebuilt, new rear cylinders, New Clutch (heavy duty with extra heavy duty throw-out bearing; new pilot bearing, new transmission mount, reseal transmission, all new brake hoses, new front wheel bearing, new water pump, new thermostat, new hoses, new fan belt, new radiator cap, new radiator brackets, new fuel sending unit, new retractable seat belts--both sides, added new emergency hood release system, Plus additional other parts. For additional information, contact 727-385-1188. Email dimagee@ij.net for additional photos. Or contact Mike at 727-515-0753.





Tampa Bay British Car Club's Brits By the Bay Picnic

June 30, 2012
10:00 AM to 2:00
food at Noon

At
Phillippe Park
Shelter 8
2525 Phillippe Pkwy
Safety Harbor, Fl
34695

All Cars, clubs and individuals are welcome to attend

TBBCC will provide the burgers, dogs, fixings & supplies. Just bring your British Car, favorite side dish or dessert and an appetite. Starts at 10:00 AM and Eats at noon; great Tampa Bay British Car Camaraderie before during and after..

So that we can plan appropriately please RSVP before June23 to picnic@tampabaybritishcarclub.org.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Saturday, August 04, 2012

Game Time 7:10 PM



Rays vs. Orioles



Join fellow Club members and friends for a night at the "Trop." Tropicana Field, for a game between the Tampa Bay Rays and the Baltimore Orioles...the two teams at the top of the American League East. This game is very popular and good seats are selling fast. I have reserved 20 seats for our Club, so act quickly!

We will be in the lower reserved section. Tickets are \$35.00 each which includes a free Rays cap.

Send your check payable to FSMGCC to: Bruce Rauch, 8632 18th Way North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

I will send the tickets to you, so there is no waiting in line at the ballpark.



See you at the ballgame!



When: Saturday, June 16, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m.

What: Breakfast

*Where: Stella's Deli, 3119 Beach Blvd S
Gulfport, FL 33707
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Hosts: Gail & Glenn Lenhard

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