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The Florida Orange Groves Winery

by: Gail Lenhard

Ten members met at the South Pasadena, Florida winery for a tour and wine tasting. The tour was led by Jill, who started with a video on the winery’s history, which opened in September 1997 by the Shook family.

After the video, the group (Rich Olson, Margaret & John Lester, Karen & Mike Silvernail, Bert & Bruce Rauch, Gail & Glenn Lenhard, and friend Loretta Bourgoin) walked through the various rooms where their unique wine is made. Jill went on to describe the process and offered many samples along the way. It was very interesting to hear that they make 37 different types of wine in this small winery. From their website: www.floridawine.com:



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What I found interesting was that there are six “S’s” to drinking wine:

- See for the clarity of the wine
- Swirl to release the flavors
- Sniff to tease your palette
- Sip
- Swish to enjoy the taste
- Swallow

Who knew that it was an art to drinking wine?

When the tour was over, many browsed the gift shop and stocked up on their favorite wines and other goodies.

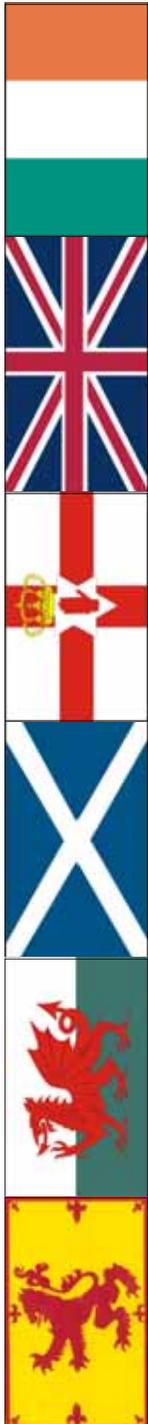
Next it was a short drive to the Horse & Jockey Restaurant where the group enjoyed the good food and watched Prince William greet the

**Next Meeting Location on June 14, 2014
At O’Keefe’s following the Capital Theater Tour**

Note: Location Change

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international football (soccer) players on the restaurant's many televisions that were covering the matches. There was a group rooting one team on, and they got a bit loud, but it was all fun.

May Breakfast Club and More

by Bert Rauch

Saturday, May 3rd was Drive Your MGA Day, Breakfast Club and Tampa Bay Auto Museum Tour for more than a dozen FSMGCC folks. The rainy weather eliminated the British cars, but we still had a good day together. After a hearty breakfast at Lil Bit Kuntry in Pinellas Park, the group caravanned a few miles to the Tampa Bay Auto Museum, 3301 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Pinellas Park.

Our visit to Tampa Bay Auto Museum was especially interesting thanks to museum staffers, John and Gary, who provided information and anecdotes about the collection of 58 cars we viewed. Each car in the museum has been chosen based on the engineering achievement that made it an important part of the evolution of the automobile. Although no MGs were on display, there were UK cars there – Alvis, Allard and BSA (England) and DeLorean (Ireland).



We were interested to see a huge, fully-functional replica of the French steam-powered 1770 Fardier (wheeled cart) de Cugnot, the world's first self-propelled vehicle. Another fascinating auto on display was a 1935 Audi (German), which was found "...rusting away beneath a tree..." for the past 54 years! The museum described it as "...in need of a few modest touch-ups; a complete restoration is scheduled to take 18 months." What a sight it was to see the 'before restoration' version. We look forward to viewing the end result on a subsequent visit in a few years.

Down Memory Lane: A Classy Little Lassie

by Marion Mason

It was shiny and black and cost \$700; a used car in 1963 and already 10 years old. It was our dream car, and somehow with the new baby, a mortgage and other household bills, we managed to buy it; our 1953 MG TD small two-seater convertible.

It was a most impractical family car, no room for the baby or luggage, but as seatbelts were unheard of, we found room behind the two seats for both.

On cold winter days, we put the top up, scraped the inside and the outside of the windshield, put on our parkas and took off. The gas gauge was a stick to put down into the tank; there was no heater, no radio, no rollup windows and no clock.

On spring and summer days, while driving north up the gravel Gore Road to teach in a

one room schoolhouse, I would pick up schoolchildren on the runningboards. One morning, a herd of cattle were loose on the Gore and as I slowed down, they nosed their big heads into the top down little car, scaring the daylight out of me.

We bought our first TV at Harvey's Electronics where they gave away a three foot tall stuffed pink rabbit with every purchase. Home we drove, top down, with the huge rabbit and a two-year-old behind the seats, and a TV on my lap.

The kids at the country school knew I loved peas and brought me a bushel of them one day in June. I placed them on the passenger seat for the drive home. There was no power steering in this car and as I crossed Highway Seven, I turned too sharply and ran up and over a ditch, and ended up on someone's front lawn with peas all over the place. I put the car in reverse and swung over to the driveway, backed down it and returned to the road home, wondering what the homeowners would make of the tracks of peas on their front lawn!

Whenever Bill worked on the MG, he would tie a rope around the waist of our young son Chris, and take him under the car as well. It became a family project to keep this car on the road.

This marvelous roadster took off all over Canada and the eastern United States. Whenever it broke down there was no CAA to call. I sat on the curb while Bill fixed it, and sometimes I was lucky enough that it broke down near a shopping mall. As the car grew older, many drivers stopped to see if we needed help, or to take pictures of the neat little car. Everyone had a dad or friend or relative who had owned one, but had sold it when they started a family or grew older.

The older the car got, the more attention it attracted. We joined two Ontario MG clubs and found many great friends with similar splendid cars. We named our car Posey because everyone wanted to take her picture or be photographed with her. In 2003, our classy little black car turned 50. It has not retired; it is just as peppy as ever and just when we get a little too complacent, it coughs and stops, just so we can experience the great folks who pull over to see if we need assistance. Just last month, while waiting at the side of Mayfield Road for MG club members to come along and meet us, the Caledon police pulled in and asked if we needed their help.

Our son Chris insists we never sell Posey as he also grew up with this little treasure and would love to own it. We are so glad we have kept this little beauty, and for all the wonderful experiences and memories of trips and tribulations. It finally has a prominent garage space next to our 1954, 1961 and 1968 MGs. Not only did we not sell our MG TD, we enjoyed it so much, we bought three others!

This charming article was written to celebrate the occasion of Bill and Marion's 50th Wedding Anniversary, on Sunday, June 27th, 2010.

Return to Paradise – MGs in Key West

by Bert Rauch



A cast of about 40 characters and a dozen or more MGs met in Key West, Florida for this year's annual gathering April 21-25th. It was called Return to Paradise. The event was hosted by the Key West British Car Club, to which Bruce & I belong.

We drove the 100-mile Overseas Highway just like tourists, stopping for breakfast with family and getting our first Keys libation at the No Name Pub on Big Pine Key. We arrived at our host hotel, the Blue Marlin, on "vacation time," ready for a week of relaxation, fellowship and fun. The Blue Marlin is a perfect venue, located just 2 blocks from the Southernmost Point Marker and a block from Duval Street. It's got a great pool, exceptional rooms, off street parking and great staff to care for us and our cars.

The week's activities included the annual Bocce Ball Tournament; an evening "Ghost Mystery Tour" in downtown Key West; a drive up the Overseas Highway to the Bat Tower on Sugarloaf Key, to Iguana Beach (no iguanas were seen) on Cudjoe Key and to lunch at Boondocks Grille and Draffhouse on Summerland Key; participation in the Conch Republic Independence Day Parade and lots of free time for socializing around the pool and exploring Key West. There was a wake for Fred Skomp, first Admiral of the Key West British Car Club, at Finnegan's Wake Irish Pub on Wednesday evening. As a result of things learned on the Ghost Tour, which also included historical stuff about Key West, we spent some time exploring downtown sites like Captain Tony's Saloon (built around a hanging tree which is still there), stained glass windows at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, "Robert the Doll" at



June 2014 Fellowship

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 2 Howard & Kathy Mills
 June 2 Paul & Nancy Reese
 June 2 Buzz & Jan Van Dyke
 June 3 Derek & Jean Kirby
 June 8 Bruce & Bert Rauch
 June 22 Bob & Ruth Faria
 June 22 Jeff & Jan Zorn
 June 24 Jack & Lorrie Maniscalco
 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 John Gilley
 June 10 David Knight
 June 12 Teresa Griffith
 June 15 Bobbie Strickland
 June 24 David Smith
 June 28 Michael Milligan

Fellowship News:

Sandra Petch is rehabbing well following hip replacement surgery on April 24th.

Terry McCarroll is mending well following recent knee surgery.

Lee Strickland is home from the hospital and working on gaining his health and endurance. Bobbie is a most excellent caregiver!

Friend of FSMGCC, Alec Knight, is recovering at home in Emsworth, Hampshire from a heart attack he suffered while in England.

the East Martello Fort & Museum, and Old Town including Mallory Square. We had plenty of time, too, for shopping and eating. Thanks to Rob & Tommie Camblin, of Independence, MO, for organizing the event.

This annual vacation in the Keys is so great for getting to know everyone who comes! It is such a relaxed gathering with lots to do and see in the southernmost city of the continental United States, Key West, Florida. Think about joining us next year in the Keys.

Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Monthly Minutes Summary May 10, 2014

Trivia Question: In what year was The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club formed?

President Bruce Rauch called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

The Secretary's Report and The Treasurer's Report were approved as presented.

Membership Report: Per Glenn Lenhard, the Club currently has 63 family/members.

Regalia: Barrie Carson reported that the art work for the MG Jamboree is completed. The Club has only two FSMGCC grille badges left.

Past Activities:

April 21-25 – Key West Return to Paradise was a very good event with about a dozen cars and forty people participating in the various events.

May 3 – Drive your MGA Day, breakfast, & walk-about

of the Tampa Bay Auto Museum were hampered by rain, but well attended and fun anyway.

Future Activities: Bruce briefly went over the list of upcoming events. See Calendar of Events.

Bruce stated that the date for the July meeting may need to be flexible. He also asked if anyone was interested in attending a Ray's baseball game. Events are still needed for July & August.

Fellowship –Sandra Petch is on the mend from having hip surgery. Terry McCarroll is doing well following knee surgery. Lee Strickland was hospitalized recently but is now home. Gail & Glenn Lenhard recently celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary.

Newsletter – Dennis Magee – articles due by: May 20th

Old Business:

Northeast High School: Don Muhleman invited several FSMGCC members to attend the Advisory luncheon. Bruce Rauch, Glenn Lenhard and Ted Badger sat in on the area tech schools meeting to discuss procedures and curriculum. They toured the shop area and saw the two MGs. They also looked at an interactive computer system for the Auto Tech Program that includes pictures and videos to explain steps of different systems. Glenn has hired Hunter, who is a junior, to participate in the Glenn's MG Repair Summer Internship Program.

Trivia Question Answer: 1980 – Gail Lenhard & Bert Rauch knew the answer and received a British flag.

Adjourned @ 9:35 a.m.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary

Addendum: After the meeting adjourned, Lorrie Maniscalco conducted a culinary clinic using her recipe for Cuban-style Black Beans and Rice. Lorrie is an excellent cook and shared not only her recipe, but also tricks to make cooking an enjoyable experience. At the other end of the room, Mike Silvernail discussed research he had done comparing the new LED auto light bulbs to the conventional incandescent light bulbs. Using a 12-volt power source and volt meter, he showed that the LED bulbs provided more light while using less current.

The tech sessions were totally different, but everyone came away a bit smarter. Thank you Lorrie and Mike. BGR



Calendar of Events 2014

Bold type is Club sponsored event..

Celebrating the 90th anniversary the MG marque

Jun 14: Tour the newly retro-decorated Capitol Theater, 10:30 a.m. at 405 Cleveland St, Clearwater followed by lunch at O'Keefe's Tavern & Grill, 1219 S. Ft. Harrison Ave, Clearwater Please RSVP to Gail Lenhard at 727-521-9890 or Gail@Glennsmg.com.

Jun 15-19: MG-2014, the North American MGB Register National Convention at the French Lick Springs Resort in historic French Lick, IN – Go to www.mg-2014.com for registration info.

Jun 22: Tampa Bay Rays Baseball Game & Car Show at Tropicana Field; the car show includes one lower level ticket to the game, awards, and secure parking; pre-registration by June 16 is \$50 (additional tickets are \$30 each); car show registration opens at 9:00 AM and the game starts at 1:40 PM. For info call Chad Heidel at the Rays (727) 825-3393

Jun 28: Brits by the Bay picnic at Philippe Park, Safety Harbor – hosted by the Tampa Bay British Car Club

Jul 19: Monthly Membership Meeting; Saturday, 9:00 AM at the Clearwater Country Club Grill Room, 525 North Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755 (727) 446-9501- Breakfast served starting at 8:30 AM.

Jul 14-18: GT-39, the North American MGA Register International Get Together in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; for info go to www.gt-39.namgar.com. There will be a train, auto, ferry tour to Ottawa –for more info contact B&B Rauch at 727-576-9474 or brauch1@tampabay.rr.com.

Aug 09: Monthly Membership Meeting; Saturday, 9:00 AM at the Clearwater Country Club Grill Room, 525 North Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755 (727) 446-9501- Breakfast served starting at 8:30 AM.

Sep 13: Monthly Membership Meeting; Saturday, 9:00 AM at the Clearwater Country Club Grill Room, 525 North Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755 (727) 446-9501- Breakfast served starting at 8:30 AM.

Sep 14: SUNDAY 4:00 p.m. – Early Bird Dinner Theater, 13355 49th Street North, Clearwater – BYOB – RSVP to Bert & Bruce Rauch at 727-576-9474 or brauch1@tampabay.rr.com.

Oct 25: 8:00 AM Breakfast at the Paradise Restaurant, Main Street, Safety Harbor followed by the All British Car Show and Autojumble

Oct 25: 28th Annual All British Field Meet and Autojumble on the Main Street in downtown Safety Harbor. Registration forms available at www.TBAHC.com

Nov 7-9: Third Annual When Pigs Fly South BBQ Challenge - Sun-N-Fun Classic Car Show, Fly-In and BBQ Cook-Off, 4175 Medulla Road, Lakeland...see lots of cars, planes and Kansas City BBQ – for info go to www.sun-n-fun.org/pigsflysouth - car-a-van from Derby Lanes, St. Pete

Nov 14-16: MG Jamboree at the Riverside Resort, Homosassa. Please check out the club's website for Registration information. Contact Gail Lenhard if you would like to volunteer for this event.

Additional Photos



1935 Audi (pre-restoration)



Winery Tour

Dash Panel Gauge Light Options

Mike Silvernail mikenail41@live.com

The first time that I drove my MGA after dark, I noticed two things. First, the headlights were not very bright and second, I could hardly make out the gauges because they were so dim. Adding an alternator and new halogen headlights made a remarkable improvement for the first issue.

The second issue has proved more of a challenge. I replaced all the panel lights with new ones from Moss, like the one on the bottom left. Didn't help. With many years dabbling in electronics, I bought a small bag of ultra bright white LEDs on the internet. I then took some of the bulbs from Moss and broke out the glass. I then soldered to the base as many of the individual LEDs that would fit. An appropriate value resistor came up through the center to complete the circuit. To the right is one of those LED lights. That was an improvement, but I could never solder enough LEDs to the socket to get the light level and direction desired.



A short time ago, I found some LEDs on the internet and ordered a few. One is pictured on the bottom right. The only problem was that they came with a bayonet base, but they were very bright. Recently, Moss came out with the LED panel light, which is the 2nd from the right on the bottom. They had the screw base and are quite expensive. I ordered a few to try.

I decided to set up some tests of different panel lights to really see the difference. I borrowed a speedometer from Glenn's MG and mounted it inside a box that was painted flat black. I used a regulated DC voltage supply for the power. Voltage and current drawn was measured with an inline DC wattmeter. Temperature was measured at the light source after a 2 minute burn with a digital handheld infrared temperature meter. Luminance was measured with an app on my phone which used the camera to read the light level. A voltage of 12.0 DC was used in all tests.

The chart below shows the test results

	Volts	Current	Luminance	Temperature
Small Bulb	12.0 VDC	.19 Amp	193	122° F
Large Bulb	12.0 VDC	.5 Amp	218	193° F
Single LED	12.0 VDC	.025 Amp	197	81.5° F
Moss Multi-Layer LED	12.0 VDC	.1 Amp	231	112° F
Single Layer LED	12.0 VDC	.06 Amp	230	108° F

 = Good
 = Not So Good

Notes:

- The single layer LED shown with a bayonet base is available in a screw base and is otherwise identical.
- The MGA uses 4 gauge light devices, so if you use the large bulbs, they would draw 2 amps of current., while the single layer LED would draw .24 amps.
- To the eye, the light from the LEDs appears much whiter that the 2 incandescent bulbs.
- Though costing more, the LEDs have a much longer use cycle.
- The LEDs are not dimmable.



Small Incandescent Bulb
Moss Part# 171-000

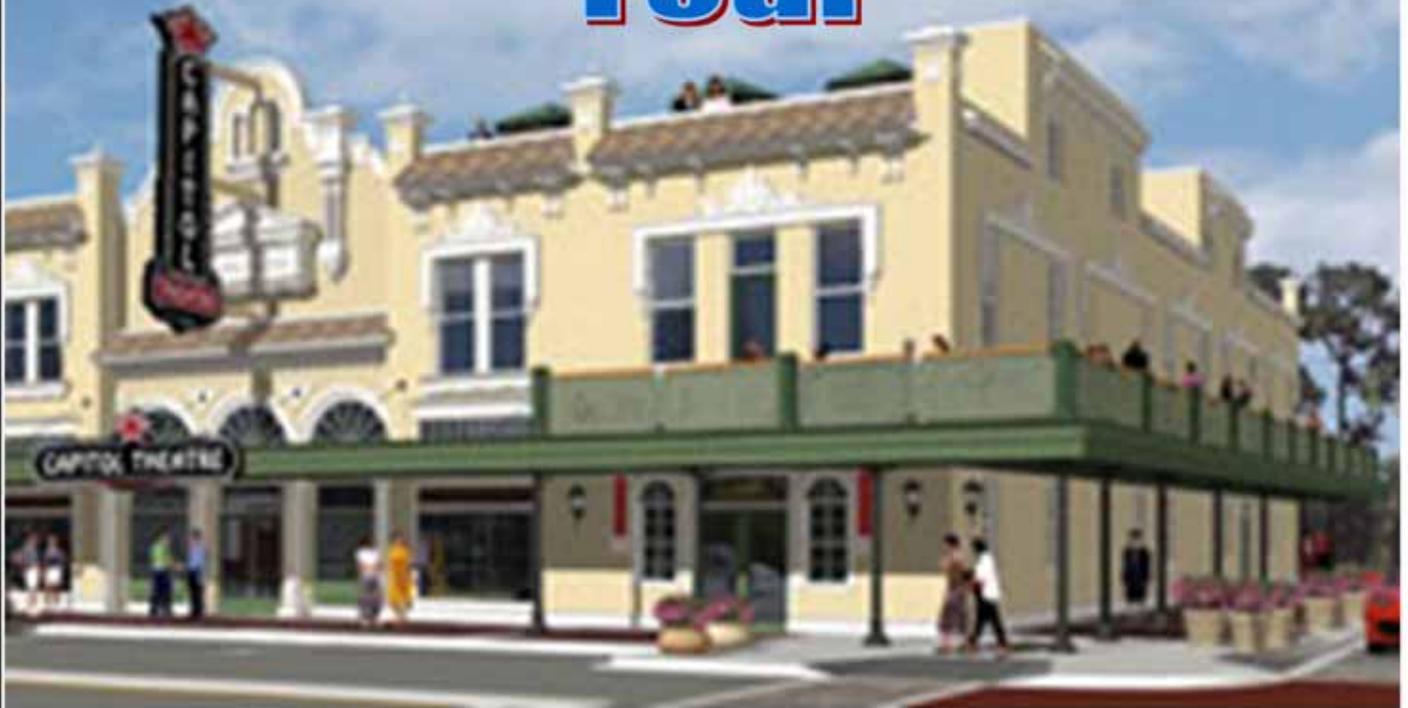
Big Incandescent Bulb

Single LED

Moss LED
Part# 170-970

Single Layer LED

The Capitol Theatre Tour



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