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## “A Journey of ...”

by Bruce & Bert Rauch



From July 10 to August 4, 2014 we took Mr. Blue, our '62 MGA MkII, on a journey totaling over 6,000 miles. Mr. Blue rode the AMTRAK Auto Train for 855 miles, drove for 5,500 miles and took 6 ferry rides on this trip. Our tour covered 12 of the United States, 5 Canadian provinces, the NAMGAR GT39 and enough sights, stories and adventures to talk about for a long time.

With Jack and Lorrie Maniscalco (and Black Pearl, their '62 MGA MKII) we traveled by AMTRAK Auto Train from Orlando to the DC area. There we joined a dozen other MGs with the Mid Atlantic MGA Club for a scenic 2-day drive to NAMGAR 39 in Ottawa, Canada.

From July 14 – 18 we were with 180 other MGs enjoying the sights of Ottawa and the surrounding Ottawa Valley, the GT39 Car Show, camaraderie with fellow MG enthusiasts and a fun wrap-up GT Banquet gala.

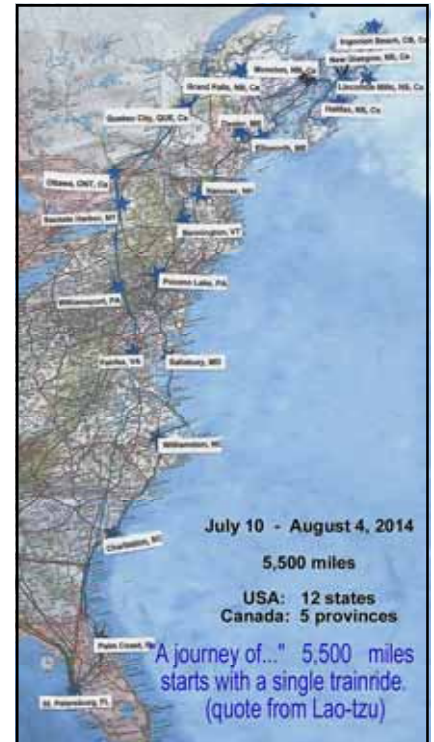
After the GT, we set off on our own adventure driving through the eastern parts of Canada, including New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton & the Cabot Trail, Nova Scotia and Campobello Island. Once back in Maine, we explored Acadia National Park and then drove on through Maine, New Hampshire,

Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and back home to Florida.



Amtrak train departure

Our dependable, steadfast MGA never missed a beat. Mr. Blue got compliments, conversations and photo-ops everywhere we went. We saw



**Membership Meeting; Saturday, September 13, 8:30 AM  
at the Clearwater Country Club Grill Room, 525 North  
Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755 (727) 446-9501**

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to review all articles  
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as necessary.

wonderful sights and met many fine folks. Yet, on August 4th as we crossed Tampa Bay, we were thrilled to be home again in St. Pete.



White's Ferry- a dozen MGs crossing the Potomac River together



Hartland Covered Bridge, New Brunswick, Canada



Bert & Royal Canadian Mounted Police



Ottawa GT39 Car Show



Prince Edward Island-Wood Islands



Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia



Hemmings Motor Museum, Bennington Vermont



near St. Simons, GA



Home !!



## SEPTEMBER 2014 FELLOWSHIP

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 7 Rick & Ellen Bucchino  
September 12 Rich & Prudy Olson

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 2 Warren Maxon  
September 7 Richard Paxton  
September 10 Janet Hessey  
September 13 Jack Maniscalco  
September 18 Barrie Carson  
September 26 Sharon Alonso  
September 28 Dave Wilgus

### Fellowship News

Dot Britton remains in a nursing home, struggling with serious health issues. Cards can be sent to:

Dot & Harry Britton  
5142 Londonderry Lane  
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543.

Lee Strickland continues to regain his strength at home, two steps forward, one step back. Send cards & notes to:

Lee & Bobbie Strickland  
7697 Caponata Blvd.  
Seminole, FL 33777

Our recently-joined members, Mike & Rosita Boyd, have moved from Pinellas Park to Wilmore, KY where Mike has taken a position as Director of Operations at The Francis Asbury Society. They took their MGB with them.



Synchroneshift rings and bronze bushings are damaged by GL5 transmission gear oil. Use GL4 or GL3 in your old car if you can find it.

*or top plate to make sure nothing is loose. Rear and front clutch shaft and output shaft seals are a more difficult problem as they may require removal of the transmission to fix them.*

*And you absolutely do not want to use GL5 gear oil in a standard transmission or differential of that vintage. In the transmission it will cause the synchroneshift rings, which are made of yellow metal alloys, to wear out quickly, and it will do the same to bushings in either the differential or the gear box. Yellow metal includes nonferrous metals such as brass and copper. GL5 was designed for use in heavy-stress situations such as later transaxle gearboxes that must endure a great deal of pressure.*

*Even GL4 is less than ideal because it too contains phosphorous and sulfur additives, though not nearly as much as GL5 gear lubes. Fact is, when many of our classics were built gear oils had lead additives that were effective for reducing wear, but dangerous to the environment. So they replaced the lead with a phosphorous additive with active sulfur to coat the gears and create a sacrificial layer of material that would protect them. Soon after that it was discovered that the sulfur additives were causing corrosion of brass and other yellow metals used in transmissions, as well as some older differentials.*

*To make sure our information was accurate we consulted Mobil Oil using the Ask Mobil function on their website. Here is what they said: "There are transmission applications that recommend API GL4 type products where we would not recommend using an API GL5 fluid because transmissions typically have components made from yellow metals. However, modern rear axles where GL4 fluids are recommended do not have yellow metal components. As a result, the application of an API GL5 fluid is acceptable."*

*So in conclusion, stick with the GL4.*

### **Q** The correct gear oil is important

My 1949 Chevy pickup has a four-speed "granny" low transmission that performs perfectly but it has been leaking on my garage floor for many months. My mechanic will add gear lube as needed but I understand there are at least two types, GL4 and GL5. How will he know to use the proper type?

Douglas Pomeroy  
Vancouver, Washington

**A** You may need to reseal your transmission in order to stop the leaks, but first tighten all of the fasteners on the side



FSMGCC  
Activities



Celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary the MG marque

**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 – A full buffet dinner followed by the play, Greater Tuna, a comedy about the third smallest town in Texas and its citizens. The cost is \$32 per person (cash only) Please RSVP to Bert & Bruce Rauch at 727-576-9474 or brauch1@tampabay.rr.com by September 01.**

Sep 18-21: Southeast British Car Festival & MGA Regional GT, Dillard, GA in the scenic North Georgia mountains hosted by the Peachtree MG Registry. This four-day event promises to be packed with exciting activities and beautiful MGs. Reserve the date now! Contact: Jack Orkin. Email: jack.orkin@emory.edu or www.peachtreemg.com.

**Sep 27: Lift Day and Cook-Out, 10:00 a.m. -> at Glenn's MG Repair – 3130 39 Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33714 (727) 521-9890. Students & Auto Shop Faculty of NE High School & All British Car owners are invited. RSVP to Gail or Glenn Lenhard at 727-521-9890 or gail@glennsmg.com or glenn@glennsmg.com**

**Oct 04: Ybor City, Cigar City, Tour conducted by historian Wallace Reyes, Ph.D. – to include the Ybor Museum, an inside look at a large cigar factory and employee housing; a walk-about pointing out the architecture, culture, history and lore of old Ybor City...followed by lunch at an authentic Cuban restaurant. Please RSVP to Jack & Lorrie Maniscalco at: 813-968-6138 by September 15**

**Oct 11: 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.**

Oct 17 & 18 - Euro Auto Festival, Greenville, SC at the BMW factory. Registration is CLOSED. 400 of 400 spots are filled...spectators are welcome.

**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](http://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](http://www.sun-n-fun.org/pigsflysouth) - car-a-van from Derby Lanes, St. Pete

**Nov 14-16: MG Jamboree 19 at the Riverside Resort, Homosassa – an inexpensive, down-home fun-filled weekend. Make your reservations today at (800) 442-2040 or (352) 628-2474, just tell them you're there for the MG Jamboree...for more info contact Gail Lenhard at (727) 521-9890 or gail@glennsmg.com**

**Dec ??: St. Pete Santa Parade and burgers at Chattaways**

**Dec 14: A Christmas Special at 1 pm, Ruth Eckerd Hall to see The Bronx Wanderers followed by a "Meet and Greet" with them, then early dinner at the Grind House, British Pub – hosted by Dennis & Jean Magee**

**Dec ??: FSMGCC Annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers**





# YBOR CITY HISTORICAL TOUR

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## Early Bird Dinner Theater

13355 49<sup>th</sup> Street North, Clearwater

**SUNDAY, September 14 at 4:00 p.m.**



Greater Tuna is the hilarious comedy about Texas's third smallest town and the eclectic band of citizens who make up the town...a satire on life in rural America.

Prior to the performance, a buffet dinner is offered featuring a full salad bar, choice of five entrees, side dishes, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee and ice tea.

The cost for the dinner and show is 29.95 + tax per person (the best entertainment deal in town) – cash only, no credit cards are accepted.

Please RSVP to Bert & Bruce Rauch at 727-576-9474 or [brauch1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:brauch1@tampabay.rr.com) by September 1 so that we can arrange group seating.



**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please return this completed form with a check made payable to **ESMCC, Inc.**

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Please **PRINT** the First & Last Names of all people attending.

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_  
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Year and Model MG/ Little British Car \_\_\_\_\_

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X \_\_\_\_\_

Every year our specially designed souvenir T-shirts are a big hit! Also available are neat, MG Jamboree® golf-style caps. Finally, for those cool morning drives, there are cozy sweatshirts with the MG Jamboree® logo.



**Please note:** Special room rates and my planned activities or meals are available only to "MG Jamboree 19" registrants. Please register early. Advanced planning & ordering of items needed to host this event is much easier if we know the number of people who will be attending. Thank you!

**REGISTRATION**

Early Registration before September 1:

The fee is for one British Car and/or two people and children up through four years old.

Early Registration fee ..... \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Normal Registration after September 1:  
Normal registration fee ..... \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests (& children over 4) @ \$20.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS**

The cost is \$100.00 per person for **ALL five meals** including tax, and gratuity. \$75.00 per child for children ages four through twelve.

Number of adults and

Children over 12 @ \$100.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children  
Ages 4 - 12 @ \$75.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Friday Evening - BBQ Dinner
- Saturday - Continental Breakfast
- Saturday - Cookout under the trees
- Saturday - River Cruise/Tech Session
- Saturday - Dinner - "County Fair"
- Sunday - Continental Breakfast

Friday BBQ Cookout: # people \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Continental Breakfast # people \_\_\_\_\_

Please select your Saturday menu:

- Hot Dog & all the fixins' \_\_\_\_\_
- Hamburger & all the fixins' \_\_\_\_\_
- Prime Rib of Beef \_\_\_\_\_
- Grilled Mahi Mahi \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken Gordon Bleu \_\_\_\_\_
- Children's chicken tenders (ages 4 - 12) \_\_\_\_\_
- Children's hamburger (ages 4 - 12) \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday: Continental Breakfast # people \_\_\_\_\_  
Vegetarian by request: # people \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
River Cruise: @ \$10.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGALIA ITEMS:**  
MG Jamboree 19 T-shirt @ \$15.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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MG Jamboree Golf Cap @ \$12.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate quantity and size on the form to the left)

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



November 14-16, 2014 • Homosassa Springs, FL  
All British Car Owners are invited to join the Fun!

"It's a County Fair at MG Jamboree 19!"

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club invites ALL British Car Enthusiasts to join us. We will have a good old fashion BBQ and The Best of the Best LBCs in the Movies on Friday night and A Night at the County Fair on Saturday. As in past years, costumes are encouraged, and fun is mandatory (can't be helped).

We will be having a Raffle on Saturday so make sure you purchase tickets and place them in the bucket by the Raffle Item you would like to win. The more tickets you purchase the more chances to win!

**Location:**

The event will be held at the gorgeous Homosassa Riverside Resort, 5297 Cherokee Way, Homosassa Springs, Florida, 34448 overlooking the famous Monkey Island.

Overflow hotel - MacRae's of Homosassa 352-628-2602 - rates start at \$85 for a standard room per night.

**Friday:**

Join us in the Hospitality Room where you will find the MG Jamboree Registration and complimentary beverages and snacks nearby. It's time to start relaxing.

6:00 p.m. BBQ & Movie Trivia will be in the banquet room. After dinner, it's time to grab your partner and square up for Dave Tietz's famous The Best of the Best LBCs in the Movies!

**Saturday Morning:**

- Continental Breakfast - Banquet Room
- Regalia Sales
- British Cars Displayed on the Grass
- Fun Judging of Cars and/or People
- And Much More ...

**Saturday Lunch:**

Hamburgers & Hot dogs with all the fixins' grilled under the trees.

**Saturday Afternoon:**

River Cruise - Space is limited - see registration form - \$10.00 per person

Tech Session - Glenn Lenhard

Homosassa Wildlife Demonstration

Saturday Evening: A Night at the County Fair

5:00 p.m. County Fair Games!

6:00 p.m. County Fair

Dinner - Banquet Room  
Awards & Raffle

**Sunday Morning:**

Continental Breakfast - Banquet Room  
Fond Farewells - until MG Jamboree 20 in 2016

**For More Information Contact:**

Glenn Lenhard @ (727) 521-9890 or glenn@glennra.com

**Make your reservations directly with:**

Homosassa Riverside Resort  
(800) 442-2040 or (352) 628-2474

Please mention the "MG Jamboree" when reserving your room. Reservations must be made by September 1<sup>st</sup> to get special room rates starting at \$85 for a standard room per night. The resort also has one & two bedroom suites available. These reduced rates are available to MG Jamboree registrants only. In addition, the hotel will honor these special rates for one day before and after our event, if you want to come early and/or stay later.

There is a NO PETS policy at Riverside Inn & MacRae's.

**Directions:**

From US 19 in Homosassa -

Turn WEST on West Yulee Drive, Route 490, at the traffic light (Burger King is on the corner @ West Yulee Dr.) Follow Double yellow lines to the first stop sign Turn LEFT (remaining on Yulee Dr.) Follow the Double Yellow line to the first four-way stop sign. Turn RIGHT and you will be at the Homosassa Riverside Resort.





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