



MG Car Club—Florida

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FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

If you did not make the January tour, you missed another of Ed's award winning (if we had awards for such things) excursions on Brevard's back roads and the well traveled roads. Amazing how many combinations that can be put together with the roads we have locally.

This month we have the tour to Strictly British Motorsports, in Apopka for Lift Day. Lift Days are usually quite enlightening to the car owner so I would encourage all to take this opportunity to see the dirty side of that jewel you have been polishing, and maybe take away some of the mystery as to what it takes to keep that jewel motoring. Lift Day, Saturday, Feb 23 – 14 members and 9 cars signed up so far!!

Read more about these and other events further down.

Al Allen has taken on the responsibility for sales of club merchandise (shirts, hats, etc.) so if you need anything in stock or have an idea for something we could offer, please contact Al – patalallen@msn.com.

Don't forget it is dues time, and a necessary increase has been imposed, now 15 whole dollars, that's \$1.25 per issue of the news letter and the bragging rights to belonging to the oldest British car club in Brevard, if not central Florida, if not all of Florida, I really do not know, but it sounds good.

DUES ARE DUE

Good news/bad news!! The 2008 dues are now due. Our dues are the lowest of most MG car clubs, and most all car clubs. That is the good news. Board of Directors voted to increase the dues. It was strongly felt necessary to do so due to newsletter that have been going unreimbursed in insurance premium, and to establish a reserve for show expenses. Please mail your check to the Club's address on the last page or pay at the next meet in Apopka.



The bad news is that the from \$10.00 to \$15.00 a year. covering expenses of the to date, anticipated increase

JANUARY MEETING & TOUR

On Saturday, January 19th, 12 members driving seven LBCs (5 MGs) toured central Brevard County, under the guiding hand of Ed Price, Master Tourer, along with Pam. If you've seen the photos on



the club's website, you'll notice they all had dessert (Schwan's Ice Cream) before lunch. It seems they were cruising through Suntree and Schwan's had three trucks set up in a park as a promotion which Ed bypassed. However, President Dave Alexander immediately directed a U-turn and back to



the ice cream trucks they did speed. Then they travelled to lunch at the Burger Inn on US 1 in Melbourne, which all enjoyed. Attending were Ryan Bierweiler, Saul Klein, Curt & Noah Coleman, Richard & JoAnn Jensen, Al & Pat Allen, Ed & Pam, Dave, and Dave's friend, Gail. After lunch, all drove out to Tom & Ritva Bowman's home for a garage tour of their many British (plus one Italian) cars and to check the progress of the '48 YA. A good tour and interesting day. Hope to see all of you on the February tour to Apopka and Lift Day event.



BRITISH MOTOR TRADE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Pat & Norm Ridgely drove to St. Petersburg Friday, January 18th, for the annual BMTA convention, held at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, South St. Pete. (This will be the location of the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club's bi-annual MG Jamboree, formerly held at Homosassa.) The Saturday sessions were open to the public (for a fee) and were very interesting. Saturday was the second of a 3-day convention. There were a number of members of west coast clubs there. The speakers

covered topics ranging from appraisals, insurance, proper tires, often-seen problems on our LBCs, restoration projects, and a tech session featuring John Twist of University Motors (Michigan) and Glenn Lenhard. Glenn's shop was the host for the event. BMTA is a trade group of manufacturers, wholesale-retail companies, catalog companies, appraisers, insurers, restoration shops, service garages, and anyone who is involved in keeping our cars on the road.

MGCC-F UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 23RD, 2008 (4TH SATURDAY) – LIFT DAY

You have been reading about this for the last two months. Well, it's time. This will be a great event BUT only if you participate. Granted, it's not in Melbourne, but it will certainly be worth the time and effort to drive some back roads to Apopka. You will get an impartial 100 point inspection of your car for FREE. Plus food and drink, tech sessions, seminar on fuel efficiency, and good fellowship. The ladies are welcome, also, and the Altamonte Mall is only 20 minutes away. Please call Saul at 321.626.9176, or email sklein@cfl.rr.com to sign up. We need to let them know in advance how many are coming. Contact Saul by Wednesday the 20th please. This event was set up specifically for our club, although we have invited others. So far, we have 14 members and 9 cars signed up.



The north & central group will meet at McDonalds, north of Titusville at the intersection of I-95 & 46 (exit 223..) at 9:30 – 10am. We will travel west on 46 thru Sanford, via the Marina and Lake Monroe, then continuing on 46 to Mt Plymouth, turning south on 435 to Apopka and ending up at Strictly British by noon or before. Those going from the south areas, please call Norm at 772-567-2231 and we'll figure the best way to go.

Here are some details from Bill Snowden (Owner/LBC Enthusiast):

"STRICTLY BRITISH MOTORSPORTS presents the MG Lift Day -

Tech Day event exclusively for owners and enthusiasts of MG automobiles (and other LBC's). Saturday, February 23, 2008, 9AM to 5PM at 2312 Clark St, Apopka, Florida 32703. For further details, please call 407-523-2277 or email strictlybritish@bellsouth.net. We are pleased to present an event that will combine our traditional "Lift Day" evaluation with a "Tech Session" question and answer period. A professional expert will perform a mechanical and cosmetic evaluation of your MG while you watch. He will then review the results with

you at your car, pointing out specific deficiencies and areas of concern as he elaborates on those conditions and outlines corrective measures. He will also respond to any questions you may have regarding maintenance and repair methods related to the evaluation. For you DIYers, this will be your opportunity to interact one-on-one with experienced MG technicians. At the conclusion of the evaluation period, we will present a synopsis of major issues discovered, along with recommended corrective measures that will be shared among all participants. This will be followed by open discussions among our staff and your fellow members in

an effort to share ideas and technical secrets. Finally and most importantly, especially now during a period of fuel price uncertainty, we'll present a seminar on fuel economy – something our MGs are famous for. It may be time for some of us to place our cars into semi-regular service as a



measure to conserve fuel and money. We'll provide you with a list of maintenance items designed to dramatically improve your car's performance and fuel efficiency – making it a lot more fun to drive in the process. Food and drink will be provided throughout the day. We'll begin with coffee, juice, pastries and doughnuts in the morning. Then at midday, we'll switch to 'brats and 'burgers, cooked to order, with all the sides and trimmings. Beverages will include soft drinks, Newcastle and Old Speckled Hen. Munchies, of course, will be everywhere as well. We'll also be showing classic MG videos in our lounge throughout the day. We live and breathe British cars – especially MGs. They are our passion and we are seriously dedicated to their preservation. We hope you will join us as we devote an entire day to the concept of having fun with your MG."



SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH (5TH SATURDAY)

The club's event for March will be showing your car or attending the Antique Auto Club of America, "Under the Oaks" car show at Riverside Park, Vero Beach. Our club has been participating in this event for the past several years. Hope to see you all there.

OTHER EVENTS:

1st Sunday of each month: British Car Breakfast Club 8:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral in Altamonte Springs. It is just south of SR 434's intersection with SR 436 on the east side between Costco and Robb & Stucky.

February 17, 2008 – All-British Car Show at the Royal Palm Plaza, Boca Raton, FL, hosted by the Gold Coast British Sports Car Club – www.goldcoastbritcar.org.

March 8, 2008 – Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.

March 14/15, 2008 – AACA Grand National & Southeastern Winter Meets, Melbourne, FL (Friday: 2008 Annual Grand National Meet and Saturday: S.E. Division National Winter Meet)

March 29, 2008 – AACA at Vero Beach "Under the Oaks".

April 5, 2008 – 24th Annual All British Car Club Show, Mead Gardens, Winter Park, FL

April 11th/13th, 2008 – GOF XLII – Silver Springs, FL – www.britishcarclub.net

April 19, 2008 – 5th Annual Legends on the Green at the World Golf Village, St. Augustine, FL

April 23-26, 2008 – NAMGAR Mini GT in Key West, FL. For reservations call the El Patio Motel at: (866) 533-5189, rooms range from \$93.00. For event info and registration contact George Merryweather at: (972) 422-9593 or gmerryweather@verizon.net.

June 25/29, 2008 – MG 2008, Valley Forge, PA hosted by NAMBGR. Some members of our club are planning to take the Auto-train north on June 24 with some returning the same way.

July 14-18, 2008 – NAMGAR GT-33 will be held at the Seven Springs Resort in Champion, PA. For reservations call the resort at 866-437-1300, room rate is \$130.00. Additional info can be found at www.7springs.com. The featured car is the Twin Cam.

September 20, 2008 – Fox Lake British Car Show, Titusville, Florida – Our club's annual BIG Show !!! www.mgcarclubflorida.org

October 17-19, 2008 – Euro-Fest 2008 at the BMW plant in Greer, SC.

November 7/9, 2008 – MG Jamboree, St. Pete, FL DTF

For questions on any of the above, call Norm Ridgely (772) 567-2231.

MEMBER PROFILES:

Members are invited to submit photos and interesting articles about their MG or MGs.

FEEDBACK:

The Officers and Board members would like to hear from members concerning their views on current functions and events (likes, dislikes, etc.) and any ideas for the future. This is your club and we want everyone to participate and enjoy. So, please contact anyone on the list on the last page to have your voice heard. Thanks!

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Ads are free of charge to members, run for three months unless renewed and/or canceled by the

Send your ad to Pat Ridgely at the link below or P. O. Box 651068, Vero Beach, FL 32965 by the 25th of each month for publication in the following month's newsletter. In your e mail, please reference MGCC-F ad so it's not considered spam.

We need as many articles written by members as we can get. Submit yours to Pat Ridgely at pridgely83@yahoo.com or P. O. Box 651068, Vero Beach, FL 32965. Thanks for your help.

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