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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

Along with March (a little chilly this year), the next three to four months seem to be among the best time to enjoy your LBC. Looking at a calendar of events covering the automobile community, you can find something to do – a show, cruise, rally or tour - every weekend, sometimes a different event for each day. The reason I am mentioning this is I have noticed more of the 50s, thru 70s cars on the road during weekends. We are also seeing more participation at our monthly events. With so many opportunities (read “excuses”) to use your LBC. Your board and fellow club members would like to encourage you to come on out and join in the fun.



NEW PROPOSED CLUB LOGO

The board has agreed to a proposed new club logo, which will be presented to the membership for a vote at our April 17th War Bird Museum monthly event and meeting. Hope to see y'all there.



Example

THE MARCH EVENT – “Picnic in the Park”

On a beautiful Sunday morning, March 21st, 12 of our members gathered on Wave Crest Drive in Indialantic at 10 am in preparation for the drive south on A1A to Riverside Park in Vero Beach, all were MGs except one Triumph TR-3 and a BMW motorcycle. This event was to be a picnic in the Park prior to the group’s review of the show field for Brit Bash in October. Ben Stone and Danica Perhacs had arrived earlier at the park to secure the large pavilion to set up for the group and get the fire started for burgers and dogs.



The full group of 23 gathered about 11:30 for lunch and socializing.

About 1 o’clock, most of us walked over to the show field to get a feel for what is to be our NEW venue for Brit Bash. This is the same park where many special events are held, such as the Antique Auto Club of America’s

annual car shows, Vero Beach Art Club’s “Art under the Oaks”, and many other popular events. Everyone agreed it will be the best site yet for our show as well as adding that the picnic was great, the food abundant and delicious, the dishes brought by the members superb and a great big thanks to “Chef” Ben for his work on the grill. Those attending were: Ben & Danica, Norm & Pat Ridgely, Al & Pat Allen, Ken & Betty Gregory, Cathi & Bob Bates, Michele Price, Christian Havneraas, David Alexander & Louise Husband, Linda Knoblock & Mitchel Senical, Brian & Ginny Mitchell, Saul Klein, Helen Kingston, Kris Trillo, and Roger & Jeanne Jusseaume.



THE ZEPHYRHILLS CELTIC FESTIVAL & BRITISH & EUROPEAN CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The Club was well-represented on Saturday, March 6th in Zephyrhills, which is northeast of Tampa. Ben Stone & Danica Perhacs, Norm Ridgely, Dave Alexander & Louise Husband drove over on Friday, the 5th, enjoying dinner at the local Ruby Tuesday’s. Saturday, Saul Klein drove over early, so we had 4 cars on the show field, 2 of which trophied (Saul’s and Norman’s). The show’s sponsor, The

Florida Suncoast MG Car Club of St. Petersburg,

allowed us to set up an information booth, under a

tent loaned by Ken Gregory, to promote our Brit Bash Show in October and we THANK them very much for that. Everyone took turns staffing the booth which also included Al Allen who was in the area visiting his brother. Danica even sold some of the t shirts. Norm and some others stayed over till Sunday and had a great dinner at



John's Steak House. The Celtic Festival was great. We plan to go again next year. Join us.

UPCOMING MGCC-F EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH, VALIANT AIR COMMAND

A repeat of a great tour we did in January 2007 of the VAC War Bird Museum just south of Titusville. There is a good possibility that we will be able to park near some aircraft, where photos can be taken. Also, our entrance fee will be reduced to \$10 per person – regular \$18 and \$15 for seniors and Military thanks to Saul who talked with his neighbor, Tom Etters, who volunteers at VAC. We will gather at the Rockledge McDonald's on US1 at 0900 for a departure at 0930, with an ETA of 1000 at VAC. If you have not been here before, you are in for a real treat. And for those of us who are returning, there are new aircraft and memorabilia to see. Afterwards, we will drive up to Titusville to the famous Dixie Crossroads for lunch.



MAY AND BEYOND EVENTS – TBA (Good ones coming up)

MALCOLM MAKES THE NEWSPAPER

Much to the surprise of many, upon opening The Florida Today on Monday March 22nd, we saw Saul Klein's beloved "Malcolm" struggling home in a downpour after our picnic at Riverside Park in Vero Beach. Also evident in the photo is that Saul put Malcolm's hood up;

he also could have used a periscope, I think.. (and a bilge pump –Saul).



Road hazard. Cars plowed through a blinding rain on U.S. 1 north of Melbourne on Sunday.

OTHER EVENTS

1st Sunday of each month: British Car Breakfast Club 9:00 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.

April 17th – 16th “Brits on the Bay” – British Car Show, Pensacola – www.pbca1.com

April 19th-23rd – Mile Zero GT6, Key West

April 24th – British Motor Classic, Tampa – www.britishmotorclub.net

April 24th – Legends on the Green – Concours d'Elegance, Ponte Verde

June 23rd-27th, 2010 – “MG 2010” NAMGBR – Belleville, Ontario, Canada

September 24-26 – Southeast British Car Festival, Dillard, GA – www.peachtreemg.com

October 15-17 – EURO 2010 – Greenville, SC

October 29-31 – SBCC Annual Car Show – Chattanooga Choo Choo (Tennessee)

October 30 – Brit Bash, Riverside Park, Vero Beach – britbash@comcast.net 772-713-1188

November 5-7 – JAMBOREE 17 – Riverside Inn, Homosassa - www.fsmgcc.com

June 12-18, 2011 – MG 2011 NA Council of MG Registers – Reno/Tahoe, NV

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

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS:

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

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

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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!

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FOR SALE – MGB Overdrive Transmissions – I have 6 late model MGB overdrive transmissions for Sale: 3 for Chrome bumper cars 1968-1974 and 3 for Rubber bumper cars 1974 ½ -1980. The transmissions were purchased from Andy Jennings Spares, (www.mgcars.org.uk/andyjennings), an English salvage yard near Southampton. These transmissions have been bench tested and run on a Dynamometer to check the overdrive unit, by Man-Trans (www.manual-transmission.com), one of the leading re-manufacturers of manual transmissions and transfer cases in the U.S.. man Trans is located in Tallahassee, Florida. I have recently installed an overdrive transmission in my 1971 MGB and am exceedingly pleased with it. I am asking \$500 per transmission, plus shipping costs (estimated to be somewhat less than \$100). Please contact me at in Tallahassee at 850-562-1334 or by email ddevick@comcast.net Dave Devick

FOR SALE - 1971 TR6 Triumph – No Rust, low mileage. Trade for MG of equal value – up or down. 863-763-0894 Please leave message Albert Mace (Okeechobee)

WANTED – TF in restorable condition. Contact Joe Smith (Ocala) at 352-804-5877 or smiithlin@embargmail.com

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