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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

March is here, and I am still gearing up for February, where does the time go? The weather has been nice for sporting around in our Little British Cars (LBC's), so remember, the more you drive them the better they seem to run. I hope some of you are taking the time to enjoy your little treasures.

I want to remind everyone of the Breakfast at Ray and Mary's on the 19th, an event you do not want to miss. Details are posted further in this newsletter. Please remember to RSVP directly to Mary, 321-636-9473 by March 12.

The other event, the AACA car show on the 26th is worth your time, on a number of counts, nice drive, not too long or too short, laid back (let the antique owners sweat the results), lots of nice cars to see. A British car class and a specific MG class are featured.

Remember, traveling in packs is the safest way to go, so if there is somewhere you want to go and would like company there is usually someone in the club that would like the company also.

A reminder to please fill out the club membership form as completely as you can. Among other things, the form is used to help your board plan future events.

The future sure isn't what it used to be.

McKee Motor Car Exhibition, Saturday, February 12th

Early on a beautiful, sunny, cool Saturday morning, the first of 37 exceptionally selected cars started pulling into the parking area in front of the entrance to McKee Botanical Gardens in Vero Beach. This was not a "car show" as one would think of such a gathering, but rather an "exhibit" of rare, exotic, limited production vehicles that were chosen and invited to exhibit by a committee of automobile enthusiasts from the Vero Beach area who volunteer to assist McKee to present an unusual exhibit each year for the public to view without charge. There is no judging or awards. The great majority of these cars do not go to car shows. Many are of very limited production, some even are "one off" by a

manufacturer; names such as Aston Martin, Maserati, Lamborghini, Porsche, Mercedes Benz, BMW, Ford GT, Corvette ZR1, Ferrari, and Cadillac XLR.

The grounds opened at 10 AM to the public and the place was packed with people. Even after 3 PM when the exhibit was over, the public still showed up to view the cars before they left or as they drove out. Twelve of our members enjoyed viewing these beautiful cars: Ken & Betty Gregory, Tom & Ritva Bowman, Al & Pat Allen, Frank & Helen Kingston, Ben Stone & Danica Perhacs, and Pat & Norm Ridgely. Eight of us had an enjoyable lunch at the Vero Beach Too Jays. Great cars, great lunch and good companions. (see more photos on our website) Won't you join us next month for "Breakfast at the Pollock's?" (see below)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to Harry & Terri Landes of Orlando who have a 1979 MGB.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Esther Adams (March 3rd) and Diane Grassick (March 24th)

THIS MONTH'S EVENT - BREAKFAST AT THE POLLOCK'S - 9 AM SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH

This day will start out with a fantastic breakfast at the home of Ray and Mary Pollack. Those who attended last year will attest to the fact that Ray and Mary are wonderful hosts and you do not want to miss this!! We will gather at their home at 9 o'clock. After breakfast, Dave Alexander will take us on a tour ending at the Veterans Memorial Center & Park on Merritt Island. This is a great museum, about $\frac{3}{4}$ the size of the one at Tico Airport. After that you are on your own. Some of us plan to visit Cocoa Village. VERY IMPORTANT!! Mary needs



to know how many are coming (we had over 25 last year) so she can make a sufficient purchase of eggs for her special omelets and other breakfast items. She does not have e mail, so PLEASE phone her at 321-636-9473 by March 12,

2011 and let her know the number in your group. Leave a message if they happen to be away from the phone. Their home is at 1013 Indian River Drive, Cocoa, just north of the 520 Causeway. All cars will have off-street parking at their home. Please join us.

LIFE'S LITTLE SAYINGS

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Never buy a car you can't push.

NEW CLUB NAME BADGES

The new style name badges are ready to order. They are 1³/₄" x 3¹/₂" white plastic with red lettering (engraved) and feature our new club logo. You have a choice of magnetic or dual tie tack attachment. The price is \$11 and must be prepaid as they are being custom made (personalized) to your specifications. If you want an order form or additional information contact Danica Perhacs by e-mail at britbash@comcast.net or call 772-770-0083.

SCHEDULED CLUB EVENTS

April 16, 2011 – MGCC-F – “Picnic at Wickham” with photo shoot of members cars for our website. Really would like to have all your cars turnout for this “Photo Shoot”. Details to follow.

October 28-29, 2011 – MGCCF Brit Bash – Vero Beach, FL - OUR BIG SHOW!!

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.

March 6, 2011 – AACA Southeast National Car Show, Homestead, FL - at the Homestead Miami Speedway (pre-registration by AACA members only)

March 11-13, 2011 – 14th Annual Amelia Island Coucours d'Elegance, www.ameliaconcours.org

March 26, 2011 – AACA Car Show, Riverside Park, Vero Beach – Our club usually has the highest number of British cars there. www.local.aaca.org/Indianriver - or call Norman for registration form at 772-532-4265

April 1-2, 2011 – 26th Annual All British Car Show, Winter Park, FL – Let's support their show; we plan a caravan to it - www.allbritishcarclub.com/carshow.htm - Call Dave Alexander for caravan information at 321-213-7051

April 8-10, 2011 – GOF South MK XLV Weeki Wachee, Suncoast Classic MG Club – we plan a caravan to and from this event. www.gofsouth.com – Call Dave Alexander for caravan information at 321-213-7051

April 23, Wheels Across the Pond 2011– Jupiter– www.wheelsacrossthepond.com

April 25-29, 2011 – NAMGAR Mile Zero CT 7 Key West (All MGs invited)

May 28-June 5, 2011 – British Car Week, Drive Your British Car!!!

June 12-18, 2011 – MG 2011 North American Council of MG Registers – Reno/Tahoe, NV – there will be over 1000 MGs there www.mg2011.com

Sept. 17th, 2011 – British Invasion, Stowe, VT – www.britishinvasion.com

Oct. 14-16, 2011 – Euro 2011 – Greenville, SC

Oct. 14-16, 2011 – Southeastern Fall GOF – Athens, GA (past years in Hiawassee)

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June 6-10, 2012 NAMGBR “MG2012” – Dillard, GA

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

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Members are invited to submit interesting articles about their MG or MG's and themselves. We need as many articles written by members as we can get. Submit yours to Norm 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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