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Prez Sez

John Leenhouts

With the GOF-S and NAMGAR Mini-GT Key West in our rear view mirror, it's time to look through the windshield and get ready for the once every five years National Gathering in Gatlinburg, Tenn. 21-25 June.

Right now those who want to caravan up are planning on departing Jacksonville sometime Tuesday 20 June, spending the night 2/3rds of the way there and then drive through the mountains Wednesday to be in Gatlinburg before 3 PM. The return trip would start early Sunday morning and make it all the way back to JAX for those that have to work or a mid-way stop for those fortunate enough to be "jobless". Either way this should be a great trip to a beautiful driving part of the country. We will have a planning meeting for this adventure at our next Club Meeting at Buffalo's South Western Grill on Blanding Blvd Monday 22 May. I hope those of you brave enough to take the challenge will fit it into your schedule and join the 10 of us that are already scheduled to go north for the making of new friends, stories and photos.

Lots of roads to travel and our British beauties are frugal gas consumers so put the top down and go cruising on over to our meeting Monday the 22nd. See you there!

Safety Fast, John

AACA, May 6th Car Show Report

By Ed Altomare

Northeast Florida Region of the Antique Automobile Club Of America, better known as the AACA, held their Annual Car Show on Saturday May 6th behind the Dog Track in Orange Park. There were nine (9) classes one of which was sport cars, Vetts and MGs. First place in the class was won by a 1961 Vett, Second was Bob Wrenn's 1959 MGA, Third was Dick Shinn with a yellow 1979 MGB, he said he is an old MG Classics member. Now to the big timer, namely Wayne Snook. He took it hands down, The Best Of Show with his 1953 MG TD. Larry Dawkins had his red B there but due to the way people voted he did not place in the sport car class but did get second place with his Model A in that Class. Other members that attended were Jim Hall and Helen and Henry Hirschman.

NAMGAR Mini-GT (Get Together) Key West 2006

By: Henry and Helen Hirschman

We would like to report on the trip we took with Joe and Pheona Kaiser to Key West for the Mini-GT of the North American MG Association Register (NAMGAR). Terry & Chic Holliday also caught up with us in Key West for the celebration.

We left on Tuesday from Palatka in the MGs and headed down Hwy 19 and onto 27 to Clewiston where we had a rousing good time. The motel where we stayed, recommended Four Star Duncan Hines rated restaurants in Clewiston. Two of these fine establishments were closed. We had drinks at one of them, and Henry then suggested we go to the fourth, the famous R & R Steakhouse & Lounge. It was one of those places where it was figured looks were deceiving, and since the outside looked like a leftover from the civil war, that the inside would be good as well as the food. WRONG ! We knew something wasn't right when the waitress brought our drinks, not on a tray, but with Henry's opened bottle of beer under her left armpit!! Guess what, he drank it anyway. "She was a nice girl" said Henry. So much for the R&R.

Next day, on to Marathon where we spent Wednesday night and met the next morning with about 26 cars, mostly MGAs, a Healy, several MGBs, two Triumphs, a Sunbeam Tiger and a VW SUV. The cars were all beautiful. A trip over the old Seven Mile Bridge to Pigeon Key was next. Professional pix of the cars on the bridge were taken from a helicopter, as were pictures of the cars arriving at Pigeon Key. We

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Helen Hirschman awaiting the start of the Conch Republic Independence Parade. That is Terry Holiday on the far left.

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MG Classics of Jacksonville

(Founded in 1971)

Membership Application/Renewal Form

The purpose of MG Classics of Jacksonville is the enjoyment, preservation, maintenance, and appreciation of all MG automobiles. Full club membership is open to titled owners of all MG cars and the owner's immediate family members. Associate membership is available to persons who have an interest in the club but are not owners of an MG. A full copy of the by-laws of the club is available upon request.

The annual fee for dues is $25.00. Dues are due and payable in January of each year and are delinquent after March 1.

For new members annual dues are prorated as follows:

Jan. 1 - Jun 30	$25.00
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Email address (Opt.) _____

Please email my newsletter to help the MG Classics save printing and postage costs _____

Special talents/expertise that you would be willing to share: _____

_____

MG Automobile Currently Owned (use reverse side for more):

	Year	Model	Condition
1.			
2.			
3.			

Club Use

Date Received: _____ Dues Received: $_____ Added to Roster: _____

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Mini-GT (continued for page 1) had a picnic and a presentation of the history of Pigeon Key, which was the location of the barracks for the workers who built the original Seven Mile Bridge in the early 1900's. It was truly a marvel of engineering and construction, especially for those times.

On to Key West that afternoon where we all scattered to our hotels. Later, all of the cars and drivers met on Duval Street (Main Drag) for a parade to celebrate the 24th Anniversary of the Independent Conch Republic. This parade is billed as the longest in the world as it goes from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico. The Republic mantra is "We Seceded Where Others Failed". While we waited for the parade to begin, we soaked up a little Key West culture and just had fun. The streets were lined with party goers who seemed to be enamored with our cars. The response was absolutely astonishing and great. In fact, one wildly uninhibited woman jumped into one of the cars, kissed the driver, sat on the back of the car and began throwing beads and waving to the crowd. Later she jumped from his car and unable to contain her passion, ran to our car where she planted a kiss upon Henry. We thought that especially unique since Helen was sitting on the back of their car, also throwing beads to the crowd. This was one hell of a party folks. We also saw a transvestite frisk a young man, right on the sidewalk entrance to a gay bar. She (or was it he) did a very thorough job in full view.

Friday was a day on your own. We took the glass bottom boat tour out to Six Mile Reef and saw much marine life and had a fine boat ride. Later we went to the Hemingway Museum and the Mel Fisher Treasure Museum. That afternoon, we witnessed the battle in the bay, between the U.S. Coast Guard and the Conch Republic. It was a fierce battle and who knows the outcome. At the end of the day we ate dinner with Joe and Pheona Kaiser at El Siboney restaurant, hidden away in the residential section. And yet as secluded as it is, we still met other MG folk on their way out from dinner.



Pheona watches Chickenman!

Saturday was car show day at Hurricane Hole Marina. There we were joined by many more MGAs, all beautifully restored. There was a Morgan, a Jaguar powered handmade custom sports racing car, and others too numerous to name. The classifications were MGA, Other British Cars, and Other Cars. The judges were appointed (we think) by the Chairman of the Event, Mr. Fred Skomp, owner of the 100,000 MGA recently restored. These judges were highly skilled, and could be identified by the fact that they were all holding drinks in their hands. Seriously, they did a very good job on a very difficult task.

The Banquet Saturday evening was beautifully planned and executed. The car winners were announced early on. Everyone seemed pleased with the results and were very generous with congratulations to the winners. There was a Conch blowing contest in which the participants blew into a conch shell to make music-or maybe it was noise. Anyway, the winner was chosen by applause from the crowd. The Secretary General of the Conch Republic, the honorable Sir Peter Anderson was there and gave us a most humorous history of the Republic. He made us all honorary members of the Republic as we raised our left hands and took the oath.

We left in the two cars Henry's 63 B and Joe's 58 A from Key West Sunday morning about 7:45AM and arrived in Palatka about 7:00PM, Joe and Pheona then continued on to St. Augustine arriving around 7:30PM. This was definitely one of the most enjoyable events we've ever attended. We especially enjoyed the company of our travel partners and MG Classics members Terry & Chic Holiday who could certainly add to this story.

ED Note: *While the Mini-GTs are sponsored by NAMGAR all marques of cars are encouraged to participate.*



100,000 MGA

GUS's GARAGE

One Saturday morning Nigel Strangeways drove up to Gus's garage in Thor his red 67 "Hot Rod" MGB. Gus remarked it was more impressive without the cloud of steam and dying flourish of last time.

Nigel replied "Putting the cooling system right fixed that but Thor was still a bear to drive in traffic."

"What is the problem?" Gus asked.

"Well pulling away from a traffic light requires bringing up the RPM and riding the clutch to get off the line. But it pulls well from 4500 up to the red line. It is no fun driving in town."

"It's almost lunch time" Gus said "Let's take a ride over to the Dirty Duck for lunch so we can evaluate driveability."

As they made their way to the Dirty Duck Gus and Nigel discussed Thor's symptoms and their possible causes. Over carburation and camming is a common problem for owners upgrading performance. The idea being, if a little is good a lot will be better. Those changes make horse power but it's low speed torque that makes a car tractable around town. Horse power for road and track performance, torque for around town is the rule. Too much carb venturi area for the engine affects low speed, causes stumble, no power and rough running. Sometimes owners erroneously increase idle speed until it runs smoothly. Gus suggested Nigel start by installing the smaller venturi set in the Weber and using an exhaust gas analyzer to set the jetting.

"Will that get it running right?" Nigel asked.

"It is a start. We will work on the rest later. Here is the Dirty Duck." Gus answered.

All-Register MG gathering in North America. This event is being held 21-25 June 2006 in beautiful Gatlinburg, Tennessee and is being hosted by The North American Council of MG Registers. The Council is a Not-for-Profit Corporation comprised of the North American MMM Register (NAMMMR), New England MGT Register (NEMGTR) North American MGA Register (NAMGAR), North American MGB Register (NAMGBR) American MGC Register (AMGCR).













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The First Annual Cool Springs Ranch Balloon Classic & Celtic Festival

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This Hot Air Balloon Event will be held at the Rainbow River Ranch on Pennsylvania Avenue, and will feature 25 Hot Air Balloons descending from all over the Southeastern United States and will be hosted by Celebration Aviation. VIP Wine tasting, Pipe Bands and Highland Games will round out the weekend schedule of arts, crafts and non-stop entertainment. Proceeds from the event will benefit The Marion County Boys and Girls Club of Dunnellon, The Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce and Dunnellon Main Street, Inc.

Invitation

To

Nature Coast English Car Club, Tampa Bay British Car Club
Suncoast Classic MG Car Club, Florida Suncoast MG Car Club
Tampa Bay Austin Healey Car Club, Lake County British Car Group
Classic MG Car Club of Orlando, All British Car Club of Central Florida
Jaguar Club of Central Florida, Gold Coast British Sport Car Club
Panhandle British Car Club, Florida Mini Enthusiasts, Alfa Club
MG Classics of Jacksonville, and All Other British Car Clubs

May 20, 2006

First Place, Second Place, and Third Place Trophies



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Automobiles For Sale

49 MGTC
White w/Green interior, runs great, show condition. $22,000 to club member. Ed Fahy 904-687-3077

67 MGB
Black W/Black Interior (new), 92,000 miles, overdrive, electronic ignition, 5 new Goodyear tires, 12V pos grd, show quality car. Have to sell due to family illness. $11,000 OBO. Kimo Silcox 904-910-5381

1972 Midget - Must Sell!
Car in good shape. Engine 1 yr old. New: master cylinder, slave cylinder, clutch, rear brake cylinders, brakes, battery, tires, radio, front shock assemblies. Includes: extra rims, tires, gauges, tonneau cover, lug wrench, jack, 2 service manuals, spot fog lights, new uninstalled air horn, parts and more. Can easily be a daily driver. Asking $4000 OBO. Ranger Inman at 813-882-3153 or 2ranger@tampabay.rr.com.

1974 MGB Under Restoration
MGB in Orlando. Engine has been rebuilt. Comes with many new parts and an extra engine and tranny. Asking $3000 obo. Call John Loudermilk at 407-834-0561, or 407-257-6262.

1976 Midget - Project/Parts
Restoration was begun, but never finished. Car has many new parts and is in good shape, but is not currently running. Very little rust and a clean title. Contact Steve at 904-591-6654 or smschriefer@yahoo.com.

1977 MGB
Red w/Black top. Canvas top is new. 110,000 miles. Runs good, some rust. Pictures available via e-mail. $3000. Contact Charles Stevens at 904-256-4774 or chrimina@comcast.net.

1979 Triumph Bonneville Special
Beautiful condition. 750cc, 5spd, dual disc brakes. Same owner last 11 years. Meticulously maintained. $6000 or trade. Contact Jim White at Hm: 269-9922 or Cell: 742-2933.

1980 MGB
56,000 miles. Runs well. Tires and top in good shape. Garage kept for the past 3 years. Asking $6,000. Car is in Brunswick, GA. Call Mr. Stalvy: (912) 264-2999.

1980 MGB
Great for restoration. Ran when parked. Quarter sized in fenders otherwise sound body. Good carpets. Interior looks ok if cleaned up. Needs dash pad. Steering column locked. Needs paint. $1,000 OBO as is. $1500 if I get her running and clean her up. Drew DeCandis: 904-287-3072.

1980 MGB
Rebuilt and resprayed green six years ago. Runs good, may need minor cosmetics. $4,900 OBO. Call Beth Dyher 407 415 5994

1985 Jaguar XJ6
Car in good shape. Pearl White, new low profile Pirelli tires has not been driven much in past 5 years. Garage kept. Please contact John Stech 904-230-1770

Parts:

79 MGB Carb/Manifold
Manifold (intake and exhaust), heat shroud, Zenith! Stromberg carburetor with adjustment tool, air filter, plate to attach everything. All original equipment. Installed a Weber and no longer need these. All this for $200! Call Udo at 904-573-3547.

62-74 Front Bumper Bar with Overriders. Bumper is in very good condition. $75 takes it.
68-71 Dash Panel. Like new condition. Never been installed. Parts dealers list it at $180 new. Yours for $50
MGB Left & Right window glass w lower channels & glazing in very good condition, $75 for both
MGB Left & Right window regulators in VG condition. One set of window regulators, (left and right windows) in very good condition. Both have been tested and are in excellent working condition. I will also include used l & r rear window channel, $75 takes it all.
MGB window outer frames in fair condition. These frames are no longer available and will fit bodies from 65865 on. Glass and inner frames are available also. $75 for all including glass. Call Bill @ 904 737 9656 for additional information. Jacksonville.

Two MGA Engines/ Transmissions
One is from a 1960 and the other 1961. Conditions are unknown, but they will probably need to be rebuilt. Located near Ocala, interested buyer would need to pick them up (no shipping). Pictures can be emailed on request. Contact Joe at originalroadtoad @aol.com.

New 3 Main and 5 Main Engine Blocks
Also, 5 main motor, Pull Handle doors, and a late B trunk. Contact Drew: 904-287 -3072 or drewdecandis@comcast.net.

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Club Polo Shirts
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$20 each

Club Car Badges
$35 each

MG Baseball Hats
(in red, white, or blue)
$10 each

MG Tool Bags
$10 each

Rubber Bumper CB Radio Antenna Mounts
$10 each

Miscellaneous Car Pins
$5 each

To purchase regalia or to ask questions please contact:
Wayne Coker, Regalia Chairman, at:
904-543-0201 or
rwcoker@aol.com.

Hope you won't miss!!



Please help us find a cure for Breast Cancer, by joining with us in "Driving Pink" the all British Car Show designed for the Ladies.

Located on the grounds of The Florida Estates Winery, 25241 State Road 52, Land of Lakes. Saturday, June 3rd, 2006 from 9 AM to 3 PM Easy driving from US 19, Sun Coast Parkway, US 41 and I-75, the Winery is west of US 41 on SR 52.

The Suncoast Classic MG Car Club and Nature Coast English Car Club will donate 80% of the proceeds to the Susan G Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research. This will be a show for the Ladies with Ladies Judging, Arts and Crafts, Wine Tasting, and Classes about wine tasting, and much more.

For more information please visit our website www.britishcarclub.net <http://www.britishcarclub.net> for a pre-registration form, and the flyer. Or call or write Paula 352-398-4401 email is at drivingpink@gmail.com <mailto:drivingpink@gmail.com>

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- May 22 - Buffalo's Cafe, off I-295 at Orange Park Exit - Due to the holiday, we're moving our May meeting up one week to the 22nd. We'll meet at Buffalo's Cafe, 6055 Youngerman Circle, Jacksonville (right at the border of Orange Park). See Map to Buffalo's Cafe on page 8. The restaurant is on Youngerman Circle, which is the first street on the right after exiting I-295 on Blanding Blvd. South (still north of the mall, on the opposite side of Blanding). The number is 904-778-1101.
- Legends on the Green Car Show at World Golf Village on May 6th had six MGs on display. Peoples Choice Awards went to a MGTD in 1st Place and an MGA Coupe in 2nd Place.
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BMW In Talks On Rover Trademark

The Times Of Malta.com, Saturday, April 15, 2006. Reuters

BMW is holding talks with many potential buyers of the Rover brand name - including two Chinese auto manufacturers - but has not concluded any deal yet, it said.

China's SAIC Motor Corp. and Nanjing Auto are both interested in getting the rights to the Rover name that reverted to BMW with the insolvency of carmaker MG Rover a year ago. "We are still in discussions with several parties, two of them being SAIC and Nanjing, but no agreement has been reached," a BMW spokesman said. He could not say when a deal was expected.

SAIC said this week it would spend another £720 million to fuel its ambition of selling its as yet unnamed own brand of cars globally, putting to use technology gleaned from its foreign partners and from MG Rover.

Moving beyond a joint venture with foreign partners, it aims to sell more than 200,000 of its own-brand cars by 2010, with 45,000 of them shipped to overseas markets including Europe.

SAIC last year lost out to Nanjing Automobile in the bidding process for MG Rover, but owns the intellectual property rights to build the Rover 25 small car and Rover 75 saloon under an earlier deal. Nanjing Auto plans to roll out its first locally made MG75 sedans in the first half of 2007 using acquired technology, state media said.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

MG Classics Meeting
May 22nd, 7:30pm
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Youngerman Circle off Blanding Blvd. South from the Orang Park Exit

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All Brit 2006 - Oct. 28, 2006, Tampa, Florida.**"MG the Featured Marque"**

MG Jamboree 15 - Nov. 10-12 - Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, **St. Petersburg, Florida**. 800-227-8045 for reservations - mention MG Jamboree 15 for group rate.

GOF South MK XLI. It is our club's turn to host the GOF South in 2007. We'll be at the Best Western Inn at Amelia Island in Fernandina Beach, FL. Mark your calendars now for 04/20-04/21/07. We'll let you know when registration for the hotel and the show begin.

May Meeting Place - May 22 - Buffalo's Cafe off I-295 at Orange Park Exit



Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are always welcome. Thanks go out this month to John Leenhouts, Don Schmidt, Helen & Henry Hirschman and Ed Altomare
Submissions requested before the 10th of the month for possible inclusion