
SMOKE & OIL

The Official Mardi Gras MGs of Fairhope, Alabama
A chapter of the North American MGB Register.
An affiliated chapter of *THE MG OWNERS CLUB (U.K.)*



Getting ready to begin
the Feb. Fun Run

Your Chairman Speaks

Greetings from your Atmore Connection...

Our club year began with a good turn out at our January meeting. Just a reminder that as our days grow longer in the late winter, we have a better opportunity to see the beautiful sunsets over Mobile Bay.

The sunsets should be between 5:30 and 5:45 at our February 4th meeting..... come early and enjoy, if you can.

MGMG had our board meeting on January 7th here in Atmore. The board authorized Don Malton to secure a Post Office Box for the club, which will simplify mail

communications in the future. We also reviewed the brochure and made a few suggestions and put the final version in the hands of Karen, Don, and Jon. If Karen's daughter can work it into her schedule, we will have a preview at the February meeting. Sterling was unable to attend the meeting, but he and Don are talking care of the transfer/accounts. As usual, Don has our records in good shape, plus the fact that renewal checks have been received from 80 to 90 percent of our membership. If you have not done so, please do it ASAP.

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Who We Are

We are a membership organization composed of MG and other British Automobile enthusiasts in the Fairhope and Eastern Shore area who have joined together to preserve and enjoy our motorcars. Since it is the cars that brought us together, our events although are varied, stem around British cars. We have monthly activities of different types including Rallies, Tours, Car Shows, Social Functions, Gymkhanas, Tech Sessions. and lessons on Valet Parking We are affiliated with the North American MGB Register. We welcome anyone who has an interest in British cars. You do not have to own one to become a member.

Club Wheels

CHAIRMAN:

Herb Hackman

EVENTS CHAIRMAN:

Dick Bishop

SECRETARY:

Karen Roloson

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Jon Gosnell

TREASURER:

Sterling Bingham

FROM THE EDITOR

There were several spelling errors in the January issue if "*Smoke & Oil*" for which I apologize. Please let me know what you would like to see in your newsletter. I welcome articles from you as well as photos you wish to share.

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Jeff Hackman and Tony McLaughlin enjoying refreshment after the February Fun Run

REMEMBER
When putting coolant in your radiator, you should mix the coolant and water 50/50 for the best heatincooling, and performance of the

TECH TIPS

When in a real pinch for setting most Lucas points, a hacksaw blade can be used to the point clearance. The width of a hacksaw blade is almost .025 in.

Try not to over rev engine when starting it. You should always be sure and have sufficient oil pressure indicated.

Automatic transmission fluid, and power steering fluid can be used in you SU and STROMBERG carburetor dash pots if you don't have a thin oil to use. Using engine oil is not recommended.

Using synthetic gear lubricant can help preserve the wear on the syncro rings in the transmission. Also make shifting gears in the winter time very



Tony, Jeff and Sterling waiting for The start of the Feb. Fun Run

MGMGs February Fun Run 2008



Dick Bishop at the February Fun Run



All cars are welcome to participate in our events



Moody, Don and Herb after the rally at "Big Daddy's"

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TECH SESSION

All motor fuels are rated by Octane or Cetane Numbers.. Octane numbers represent the anti-knock quality of gasoline while the Cetane numbers evaluate diesel fuels. The anti-knock quality of a gasoline is the single most important factor in selecting the proper grade for an engine. If the anti-knock quality is too low, the audibly annoying detonation will occur. This detonation can cause overheating, burning of piston crowns, and other combustion surface chambers. Octane numbers are based on the knocking two pure hydrocarbons, N-heptane and Iso-octane. N-heptane represents the anti-knock number of 0, while the Iso-octane represents 100. Gasoline's are sometimes rated by two Octane rating systems, the Research Octane rating system and the Motor Octane Rating System. The Research Number represents a number that was derived from an engine operating under mild conditions. While the motor number was derived under sever operating conditions. The higher the octane number the better combustion quality's.



The finish of the Fun Run at *BIG DADDY'S*



Don and Moody reading the label on the bottle



Nancy and Cecil Pugh, Dick Bishop, and Herb Hackman after the Fun Run

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Roger Reetz with the help of his son has agrees to get our website in gear. Thank you Roger from all of us! He is in the process of obtaining website information, including basic access information, password, ect. If you have any information, please get it to roger as soon as possible.

I am writing this the afternoon before out first event of the year, a fun rally on the 24th. Jeff and I expect to be there and hope for good weather, and a good turn out. Look forward to seeing all of you on February 4th the Lake Forest Yacht Club.

Herb



Timothy M. Kant, Mayor

November 17, 2008

Richard Bishop
Mardi Gras MGs
19719 Quail Creek Drive
Fairhope, AL. 36532

Dear Richard:

I just wanted to write and thank you for arranging for the MG's you put in the Veterans Day Parade last week in Fairhope; your participation made it special. It is fitting we should honor our veterans and also important that our younger generation understand the sacrifices that have been made and are still being made to protect our great country and our heritage by our soldiers here and abroad.

With kind regards,


Timothy M. Kant, Mayor
City of Fairhope

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PUZZLE

A friend of mine has an old car of which he is very proud of. He is constantly boasting that he has never had a new engine. In spite of the umpteen thousand mile he claims to have driven.

However, all of this is blatantly untrue, The other day I happened to be chatting with his brother, and he let slip that a new engine was installed some years previously while on holiday.

In fact. The car is now three and a half times as old as its present engine was when the car was twice as old as its engine is now. the combined ages of the car and the engine total 15 years. How old is the car?



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Mardi Gras MGs (MGMG) Activity Schedule 1st Quarter January – March 2009

7 Jan (Wed) Club Meeting 1830
17 Jan (Sat) Club Officers Board meeting in Atmore 1200
24 Jan (Sat) Fun Run Rally 1100

4 Feb (Wed) Club Meeting 1830
7 Feb (Sat) PBCA-PanCruisers Road Rally in Pensacola Starts at 1000
14 Feb (Sat) Orange Beach Car Show Registration 0900
20 Feb (Fri) Daphne Mardi Gras Parade 1830
23 Feb (Mon) Fairhope Mardi Gras Parade 1830

4 Mar (Wed) Club Meeting 1830
7 Mar (Sat) CUMC Car Show in Mobile 0900
21 Mar (Sat) Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival MGMG Display 0900

Pertinent information for each event, such as times and event description, will be promulgated at least a week prior to the scheduled date.

If you have questions, please call me.
Richard Bishop
MGMG Activities **928-6078**



February Event

The club kicked off **2009** with a very enjoyable (albeit a sometimes a confusing navigation effort) **FUN RUN** rally. Seven vehicles (with 3 LBCS) and their resolute navigators rendezvoused at the Fairhope Ruby Tuesday restaurant on Saturday the 24th at 11AM. Jon Gosnell dispatched the vehicles separately at 2 min intervals and the groups traveled over a 30 mile course which terminated at "BIG DADDYS" restaurant. No official results have been released as of this event write up. Participating were: Dick Bishop and Moody Steadham (MGB), Sterling Bingham and Don Malton (Rolls Royce), Tony McLaughlin and Jon Gosnell (Morgan plus 8) herb and Jeff Hackman (Kraut Kar), Stan and Robert Anderson (yank tank truck), Cecil and Nancy Pugh (FSU Yank Tank), Roger and Wanda Reetz (Red Cross Rice Burner). The hardy participants were joined at the restaurant by four other MGMG members; Mike Scheibert, Michelle Patton, Dave and Karen Roloson. The companionship and food were excellent.

Submitted
Dick Bishop (Events Chairman)



Fun Run participants. Moody Steadhan, Cecil Pugh, Jeff Hackman, Herb Hackman, Roger Reetz, Wanda Reetz, Sterling Bingham, Jon Gosnell

Fun Run Critique and final analysis.....The guy who laid this rally out, cannot read an odometer ! But it was a nice scenic drive through the county.



Gathering at *BIG DADDY'S* after the Feb. Fun Run



Jon, Jeff, Tony, Stan Robert and DON.
Don is enjoying Sterlings meal



It says here "read all the instructions before doing anything"



Don and Sterling discussing who pays for the dinner at *BIG DADDY'S*

