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MT TWO CENTS WORTH OR SHOULD IT BE TUPPENGE?

Happy New Year one and all! I want to begin by thanking Jack Nelson for his service as the MGMG Chairman and Helen Nelson for her support of Jack. I also want to thank my better half, Karen, for her efforts as the secretary/administrator and welcome Wendy Gosnel to that post. In addition, kudos to those officers who agreed to continue in their positions: Dick Bishop, Mike Shiebert, Jon Gosnel, and Roger Reetz.

While still in a grateful mode, we must give a very special thanks to Mike and Michelle for hosting this year's club Christmas Party. Speaking of which, those of you who missed it really lost out on some great eats. We had guests from Dick's Tuesday morning men's group, one of whom brought red fish sticks from fish which he caught that very day. Then there was the sliced beef tenderloin, cold shrimp, chili con queso, etc...but I digress. Mike and Michelle's home was dressed to the nine's for Christmas, truly elegant but also very comfortable.

2011 will start out with a bang as we go on the tour of the Hyundai plant on the 5th and then scurry back to make the January meeting at 'LFYC'. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and we hope to see many of you there.

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Club Wheels

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WHO WE ARE

We are a membership organization composed of MG and other British Automobiles in Fairhope and the Eastern shore area who have joined together to preserve and enjoy our cars. Since it's the cars that brought us together, our events stem around British cars. We have monthly activities of different types. Including Rallies, tours, Car Shows, Social Functions, Tech Sessions and Valet Parking Lessons. *We welcome anyone who has an interest in British Cars. You do not have to own one to become a member. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at The Lake forest Yacht club.*

EDITOR NOTES

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As your new chairman I am looking forward to a more active and inclusive club. Inclusive because I want every member to feel they are part of something worthwhile. Going to meetings for meeting's sake is no big thrill. I contend that there has to be some "meat on the bones" and while I promise to keep these meetings concise (read SHORT) I do hope to make them as interesting as possible. I will propose some changes and will encourage suggestions for the good of the club. I am deeply concerned about flagging attendance at our meetings and club sponsored events. What can we do to encourage participation? I am suggesting an additional activity to Dick Bishop, one of which I will agree to be the first host, a "Saturday Morning Garage Tour" to see who is working on what. The coffee would be on

about 9 in the morning on that scheduled Saturday. This would also provide incentive for the host to clean up his shop.

Any other suggestions? Please contact me at roloson@bellsouth.net 251-990-5199 and look forward to my next "tuppence worth" for more rambling.

David Roloson

Chairman, Mardi Gras MG, a British Car Club

PENSACOLA SHOW & RALLY

The downtown Pensacola National Show will be Saturday, May 14. The British classes and a new Replicar class is below. There will be splits for either make or model.

Note 3. New class added for Replicars, class 42. Replicars are defined as specially constructed vehicles that are built to closely resemble an original factory model, for example, Replicar Cobras.

36. British cars through 1999 4-Cylinder

37. British cars through 1999 6-8-12 Cylinder

38. British cars 2000 and newer

39. Modified Sport Compact American

40. Modified Sport Compact European

41. Modified Sport Compact Asian

42. Replicars (cars specially built to resemble a factory model - see Note 3)

Good news! --- Dick and I spoke last night to confirm that there are no MG-MG schedule conflicts.

The Pensacola-Atmore Road Rally is officially Saturday, February 26.

Start will be the same, Shopping center - Burger King at Nine-Mile Road, but will take another route to Atmore.

Finish again at David's Catfish House because their food is great and they can easily handle over 200 people.

Afterwards, we will meet at the Wind Creek Casino for those who would like to go.

Still sponsored by Pensacola Austin-Healey Club and Panhandle Cruisers Car Club.

Also, Porsche Club of America will list it on their schedule as an official PCA event thanks to Sonneschein Porsche Club.

I sincerely hope you can attend our meeting tomorrow night. **Thanks – I'll be in church this Wed. night.**

Bill

RARE BRITISH CAR



1920 ALBION LORRY

GREETINGS!

*HAPPY
NEW
YEAR*

BRITISH HUMOR

Haynes: Rotate anticlockwise.

Translation: Clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with hammer anticlockwise. You do know which way is anticlockwise, don't you?

Haynes: Should remove easily.

Translation: Will be corroded into place ... clamp with adjustable spanner then beat repeatedly with a hammer.

Haynes: This is a snug fit.

Translation: You will skin your knuckles! ... Clamp with adjustable spanner then beat repeatedly with hammer.

Haynes: This is a tight fit.

Translation: Not a hope in hell matey! ... Clamp with adjustable spanner then beat repeatedly with hammer.

Haynes: As described in Chapter 7...

Translation: That'll teach you not to read through before you start, now you are looking at scary photos of the inside of a gearbox.

Haynes: Pry...

Translation: Hammer a screwdriver into...

Haynes: Undo...

Translation: Go buy a tin of WD40 (industrial size).

Haynes: Ease ...

Translation: Apply superhuman strength to ...

Haynes: Retain tiny spring...

Translation: "Crikey what was that, it nearly had my eye out"!

Haynes: Press and rotate to remove bulb...

Translation: OK - that's the glass bit off, now fetch some good pliers to dig out the bayonet part and remaining glass shards.

Haynes: Lightly...

Translation: Start off lightly and build up till the veins on your forehead are throbbing then re-check the manual because what you are doing now cannot be considered "lightly".

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I have been involved with English cars for many years. I prepared and successfully raced a Triumph TR-4 in SCCA competition. I have been active with British car clubs in Mobile (SABCC) Pensacola (Panhandle British Car club), and the Gulf Coast Region of SCCA, and the Mardi Gras MGs of Fairhope.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2011



CHRISTMAS PARTY cont.



TECH TIPS

Here is an easy way to check your speedometer. Road test your car on the highway to check the odometer's accuracy against the speedometer highway markers.

Check the TPM (turns per mile) number on your speedometer. The number is normally in the center of the gauge (i.e. 980, 100 1 1325). The TPM number shows the amount of times that the cable will rotate in one mile. See figure 1.

To check how many TPMs your cable is doing you must first mark 52.80 feet (1 / 100 of a mile) on a level surface such as a garage floor or a driveway. Remove the speedometer cable from the rear of the speedometer unit. Fit a cardboard counter on the inner flex of your speedometer cable as shown in figure 2. Count the number of turns the counter makes when you push the car the marked distance of 52.80 feet (52 feet. 9 1/2 inches). Then multiply the number of turns by 100. This number should equal the TPM number marked on your speedometer face plate.

If the TPM number does not equal the turns of the cable, your problem could be:

Incorrect Speedometer gauge for vehicle
Incorrect tire size

Incorrect size wheels

Incorrect rear axle ratio

Fault at cable drive end

Drive that is on/or to the main shaft is faulty

Check for a kink in the inner flexible shaft by rolling it on a clean flat surface. Kinks can be seen and felt as shown in figure 3.

Norman Nock
British Car Specialists, Stockton, CA

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