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# SMOKE & OIL

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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.)*



## YOUR CHAIRMAN SPEAKS...

### Member profile for Feb 2010: CE-CIL PUGH

Cecil Pugh and his daughter Nancy are well known to many MGMG members as they are frequently in attendance at meetings and various club events, often arriving in their glamorous Rolls Royce.

Cecil is a native of Mobile whose parents were originally from Clark County . He graduated from the American Academy of Art in Chicago which led him to ownership of an advertising agency and graphic arts design firm.

Cecil reluctantly retired in 1999 commenting that he just loved what he was doing. Nancy owns a Dance Studio in Mobile and derives a great deal of satisfaction from this activity.

Cecil currently owns an award winning 1967 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow which he acquired in 2002. He has restored the interior and exterior and shows the car whenever possible. It is a beauty. He also owns a fully restored 1930 Model A Ford which has received 1<sup>st</sup> place awards in a number of shows. Another prize winner is his fully restored 1960 Willys Jeep done in authentic military detail. In the past he has owned a 1958 Vauxhall Victor and built a Bradley GT kit car. When asked which car he most wishes he had kept, Cecil did not hesitate to name a 1926 Whippet 4 door sedan which remains dear to his heart. We should add that Cecil has personally done most or all of the restorations on many of his vehicles. Nancy is following in his footsteps and is completing restoration of a 1978 Dodge Challenger now awaiting new carpet.

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#### Club Wheels

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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. Our meetings are held at the Lake Forest Yacht Club on the first Wednesday of the month at 630 PM .

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Please send any letters , photographs or items for the newsletter to:

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## AN INTERESTING V8 CONVERSATION



## TECH SESSION FEB. 10



Inspite of the weather the Feb. Tech session at Chris Myers was a great event, and very productive. We changed oil and filters and greased several cars, isolated annoying rattles, and replaced a throttle cable, drank a lot of coffee, and enjoyed sharing stories and british cars. Its unfortunate the we did not have more participation.

## TECH TOOLS

**Hammer:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive car parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.

**Mechanic's Knife:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing convertible tops or tonneau covers.

**Electric Hand Drill:** Normally used for spinning steel Pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age, but it also works great for drilling rollbar mounting holes in the floor of a sports car just above the brake line that goes to the rear axle.

**Hacksaw:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**Vise-Grips:** Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**Oxyacetylene Torch:** Used almost entirely for lighting those stale garage cigarettes you keep hidden in the back of the Whitworth socket drawer (What wife would think to look in *there?*) because you can never remember to buy lighter fluid for the Zippo lighter you got from the PX at Fort Campbell

**Zippo Lighter:** See oxyacetylene torch.

**Whitworth Sockets:** Once used for working on older British cars and motorcycles, they are now used mainly for hiding six-month old Salems from the sort of person who would throw them away for no good reason.

**Drill Press:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against the Rolling Stones poster over the bench grinder.

**Wire Wheel:** Cleans rust off old bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar callouses in about the time it takes you to say, "Django Reinhardt".

**Hydraulic Floor Jack:** Used for lowering a Mustang to the ground after you have installed a set of Ford Motorsports lowered road springs, trapping the jack handle firmly under the front air dam.

**Eight-Foot Long Douglas Fir 2X4:** Used for levering a car upward off a hydraulic jack.

**Tweezers:** A tool for removing wood splinters.

**Phone:** Tool for calling your neighbor Chris to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.

**Snap-On Gasket Scraper:** Theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for getting dog-doo off your boot.

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## **FEBURARY MEETIN NOTES**

### February Meeting Notes

#### Mardi Gras MGs British Car Club Meeting

- 36 total membership; 18 in attendance. Renewal reminders have been sent.
- a membership profile will be included in upcoming newsletters.
- six months of club activities have been sent to members. Some of the dates are still not set but that will change as the event gets closer.
- Mike will check with Fly Creek to see if the owners are interested in becoming sponsors and if the club could hold a meeting there on occasion.
- the club's annual picnic has been reserved at Silverhill Park and the Irish Band has agreed to entertain us. More information coming.
- club Shirts-if you want to order a new shirt, contact Dick Bishop.
- in May, the club may attend the First Friday event in Fairhope. Michelle will check to see if permission is needed. Cars would need to show up early to park in one group.
- a decision was made to hold a 50/50 drawing at each club meeting. Dick will assume responsibility for this project. Stu will pay for the tickets. The funds will be used to balance the activity budget for the upcoming year.
- a motion was made and passed to continue the club webpage at the expense of \$140 annually.
- examples of other club by-laws will be needed for the next club meeting. This will mark the beginning of an effort to update the present by-laws.
- a check has been sent to NMBRGR for this year's membership, which qualifies us for that group's li-

# MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

## **MGMG Activities Schedule for 2010 (First and Second Quarters)**

### **January**

- 06 Jan (Wed) – Club Meeting @ LFYC
- 13 Jan (Wed) – Club Board Meeting
- 23 Jan (Sat) – Fun Run Rally

### **February**

- 03 Feb (Wed) – Club Meeting
- 15 Feb (Mon) – Fairhope Mardi Gras Parade (OOMM) 1830
- 20 Feb (Sat) – Orange Beach Car Show
- 27 Feb (Sat) – Tech Session @ Chris Myers Nissan in Malbis (Pending)

### **March**

- 03 Mar (Wed) – Club Meeting @ LFYC
- 06 Mar (Sat) – CUMC Car Show in Mobile
- 20 Mar (Sat) – Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival / MGMG Car Display

### **April**

- 03 Apr (Sat) – Camellia Classic in Mobile (optional event)
- 07 Apr (Wed) – Club Meeting @ LFYC
- 10 Apr (Sat) – Club Picnic
- 17 Apr (Sat) – PBCA Car Show in Pensacola

### **May**

- 05 May (Wed) – Club Meeting @ LFYC
- 15 May (Sat) – Gulf Coast Zydeco Crawfish Festival & Parade at Daphne  
MGMG participates in the parade (Pending)
- 22 May (Sat) - Tech Session @ Chris Myers Nissan in Malbis (Pending)
- 29 May (Sat) – Silverhill Car Show

### **June**

- 02 Jun (Wed) – Club Meeting @ LFYC
- ? Battleship Cruise-In (Pending)
- 19 Jun (Sat) – Foley Hot Air balloon Festival
- 26 Jun (Sat) - Cheese Farm Visit at Elberta w/PBCA (Pending)

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