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The Official Mardi Gras MG's of Fairhope Alabama
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An affiliated chapter of THE MG OWNERS CLUB
(UK)



YOUR CHAIRMAN SPEAKS

Club Wheels

Dear Overseas Friends,
Please see the below message from MG Car Club Chairman John Day.
Kind Regards
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IT IS with great sadness that I must inform you all that MG Car Club President Bill Wallis died on the 22nd August after an illness, borne with great fortitude.

Bill was an enthusiastic supporter of the MG Car Club and a friend to many since joining in 1949. In his long association with the Midland Centre Bill tried most aspects of motor sport except actual racing.

He was at one time very active in auto-testing and was an RAC scrutineer for 10 years. As an RAC Rally Marshall for 22 years he did everything from administration at HQ to standing in the snow on Welsh mountains.

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Killroy was here

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*

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Bill served with distinction as Chairman of the Club from 1980 to 1985 but he will be remembered most for his role as our President, a post that he has filled in every sense of the word since 1996.

He was unanimously elected each year at the annual AGM and this was no surprise to anyone who was privileged to know the man.

In writing this tribute to Bill I referred back to a Personality Profile I wrote about him three years ago. In it I wrote;

“Bill is the staunchest of supporters of the Club and all it tries to achieve. He is unassuming, knowledgeable, approachable, friendly and professional but above all, wise...”

Looking back now these words defined the man and what he has meant to his many, many MG friends

Bill was a warm hearted man with a unique style who managed to get on with just about anyone he met. He used this talent, as our President, to guide us through times of difficult Club politics and could always be counted on to provide just the right words of encouragement when they were needed.

His passing leaves a huge void in the Club but his wisdom and kindness will live on as an example of what being a member of the MG Car Club should be all about.

The Club motto is “The Marquee of Friendship” but to Bill it was a code of conduct which he tried to live by and instill in all members.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his ever supporting wife June and his daughter Louise and family at this sad time.

John Day

MG Car Club Chairman

23 August 2010

TECH SESSION AUG. 2010



Rodney McDonald of SABCC prays over his Mini



Tech Session coffee and donut break



Stu Reisinger ... our Tech Session photographer?



MGMG and SABCC join for the Aug. Tech Session



An excellent SABCC MGB on



J B Clark lines up his 2010

TECH. SESSION CONTINUED



J B Clark gets an oil change and lube job for his walker from Jon



New MG Van series ?????!?!??



**MGMG's Donutmobile ... on the ropes and DNF.
Down in flames, but rescued by
Roger Reetz.**

TECH. ADVICE cont.

HAYNES GUIDE TO TOOLS OF THE TRADE

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

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 mounting holes just above the brake line that goes to the rear wheel.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads.

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.

MOLE-GRIPS/ADJUSTABLE spanner: 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.

OXYACETELENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your garage on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside a brake-drum you're trying to get the bearing race out of.

WHITWORTH SOCKETS: Once used for working on older cars and motorcycles, they are now used mainly for impersonating that 9/16 or 1/2 socket you've been searching for for the last 15 minutes.

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 that freshly painted part you were drying.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans rust off old bolts and then throws them somewhere under the work-bench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls in about the time it takes you to say, "F...."

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering car to the ground after you have installed your new front disk brake setup, trapping the jack handle firmly under the front wing.

EIGHT-FOOT LONG DOUGLAS FIR 2X4: Used for levering a car upward off a hydraulic jack.

TWEEZERS: A tool for removing wood splinters.

TECH TIPS cont.

SNAP-ON GASKET SCRAPER: Theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for getting dog-doo off your boot.

BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR: A tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit.

TIMING LIGHT: A stroboscopic instrument for illuminating grease buildup.

TWO-TON HYDRAULIC ENGINE HOIST: A handy tool for testing the tensile strength of ground straps and brake lines you may have forgotten to disconnect.

CRAFTSMAN 1/2 x 16-INCH SCREWDRIVER: A large motor mount prying tool that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end without the handle.

AVIATION METAL SNIPS: See hacksaw.

INSPECTION LIGHT: The mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate as 105-mm howitzer shells during the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper- and-tin oil cans and splash oil on your shirt; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off Phillips screw heads.

AIR COMPRESSOR: A machine that takes energy produced in a fossil-fuel burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a pneumatic impact spanner that grips rusty bolts last tightened 30 years ago by someone in Dagenham, and rounds them off.

PRY (CROW) BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 pence part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to cut hoses 1/2 inch too short

TOOLS: Remember that a FIRE EXTINGUISHER is an important addition to your toolbox. If you are a REAL LBC fanatic your toolbox should be filled with spanners etc made by BRITTOOL! **Just ask Dick Bishop!**

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EVENTS SCHEDULE for 2010

July 2010

7 July (Wed) - Club meeting at LFYC in Daphne

18 July (Sun) - 1200 Pig Roast at Schmitz's home in Lillian. This will be a PBCA, MGMT, and SABCC gathering.

31 July (Sat) - Road Tour and Lunch Run to Big Daddy's Restaurant.

1000 Rendezvous at Jubilee Shores Methodist Church at Hwy 181 and Hwy 32 intersection

August 2010

4 Aug (Wed) – Club Meeting LFYC

13 Aug (Fri pm) – 5 Flags Speedway with PBCA info pending

21 Aug (Sat) – Tech Session

September 2010

1 Sep (Wed) - Club Meeting LFYC

18 Sep (Sat) – Fun Run Rally

24-25 Sep (Fri-Sat) – EMC Car Show Brits by the Bay, Vidalia, LA (This is an optional club event.)

Fourth Quarter

October 2010

2 Oct (Sat) – Ice Cream Social at Cunningham's (SABCC) in Daphne

6 Oct (Wed) - Club Meeting LFYC

9 Oct (Sat) – Wales West Steam Up Meet (we have been invited)

17 Oct (Sun) – Polo at the Point at Point Clear

23 Oct (Sat) – SABCC British Car Festival at the Pier Park

November 2010

3 Nov (Wed)- Club Meeting LFYC

5 Nov (Fri) -Fairhope First Friday Car Display (1800-2000)

13 Nov (Sat) – Fairhope Veterans Day parade (starts 1000) date pending

December 2010

1Dec (Wed) Club Meeting LFYC

4 Dec (Sat) – Foley Christmas Parade (starts 1000)

11 Dec (Sat) – Lillian Christmas Parade (starts 1300)

17 Dec (Fri) – MGMT Annual Christmas Party date pending

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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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