
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.)*



Dick Bishop

Your Chairman Speaks

Greetings from your Atmore Connection...

March gave us some great days to get our cars on the road, which resulted in a good turnout at the Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival. But the past few days certainly has shown us the other side of our weather picture! I am pleased that we got our MGB out for a brief maiden run this month. I had hoped to get the top installed this week but the weather did not cooperate, so it is on the docket for the first week of April.

Nearly every weekend in April offers an opportunity to get our cars on the road to an event somewhere. The cars draw us together for the best kind of fellowship. Joan and I hope to have the little green car at the Loxley Strawberry Festival and hope to see all of you there.

Don Malton has the Treasurer/Membership post under full control and will turn it over to Mike and Michelle when they return to town. Roger Reetz and Frank Straub have made progress with the website situation and Roger will report on the status/options at our meeting next week.

The current issue of "Classic Motorsports" magazine has an article about finishing up a project and then "sorting out". Roger and I agree it could not have come at a better time for my car. The article has some excellent pointers aimed toward assuring safety and reliability when you put your car on the road. We have all heard, and probably used, the term "good enough" but that may not be good enough in the long run. Some of you will recall a friend of Bob Mason from Maryland who restored his MGB. He drove it from Maryland to Fairhope, attended one of our meetings, and then went to St. Louis, where he won a top prize (as I recall) and then he drove back to Maryland without any problems. I have to believe that he had it fully "sorted out" before he left home; maybe he never accepted "good enough".

See you Wednesday at our meeting.

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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.

FROM THE EDITOR

Please send any letters or items for the newsletter to:

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I would like to thank all of you who attended the Fairhope Arts and Craft Event. Especially those of you who came from Pensacola! There was 14 British cars on display and Dave Roloson's 1946 Dodge Pick-Up Truck. Dennis Hansen and his son brought two very nice looking triumph motorcycles. We also had a great selection of snacks and food to nibble on thanks to the many thoughtful members who contributed. Not only does this club have a beautiful cars.....I want to express my thanks to those who were there for the warm and friendly way in which you welcomed Debbie, my girlfriend. She was delighted in meeting all of you. I have been involved in several car organizations (SCCA, SVRA, & IMSA), and I can assure the Mardi Gras MGs is the friendliest car club I have ever belonged to. Thank you!!!!

Dave and Karen Roloson added a new member into their family while at the Arts and Crafts show. They adopted a puppy from the adopt a pet display. Name pending.

Once again I welcome any letters to the editor. Especially if you have something **good** to say. If you have something to sell, trade or you are looking for a particular part....or advice, please let me know, I will put it in the newsletter.

TECH TIPS

When you are changing spark plugs, it is advisable to change your plug wires also. As long as your under the hood you might as well remove the distributor cap and check the inside contact points to be sure they are clean. Check also for cracks in the distributor cap.

2009 FAIRHOPE ARTS AND CRAFTS



Gus Fell's 1974 TR-8 FROM
PENSACOLA



JON GOSNELL'S 2004
COLORADO
SUPPORT VEHICLE



1963 TR-3A

THINK ABOUT IT

Mary's mum has 4 children
The first child is called April\
The second May
The third is June
What is the name of the forth child?

answer: Mary

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DAVE ROLOSON'S 1946 DODGE
PICK UP TRUCK



CHUCK BYRNE'S 1994
JAG XJS



1964 TR-4



MAXIMO ANGELES 1995 LAND
ROVER



CECIL PUGH'S 1967 ROLLS
ROYCE



DICK BISHOP'S 1966 MGB

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MOODY STEADHAM'S 1979 MGB



BILL SPECHT'S 1974 MG MIDGET



RICH WILLIAM'S 1958 AUSTIN HEALEY 100 6



ROGER REETZ'S 1978 MGB



MARDI GRAS MG MEMBERS ENJOYING THE DAY



CHUCK BYRNE'S 1994 JAG



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JACK NELSON'S 2004
JAG

THANKS

Thank you to all of you members who participate in the 2009 Fairhope Arts and Crafts. We had a great representation of English Cars and Motorcycles. There was 18 cars in display. The members shared their cars and experiences of owning a British car with the many people who stopped by our location to see the cars. Hopefully we will have an even larger participation next year.