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**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

*Join us for Breakfast at 9 am on the 2nd Saturday of every month at Silverthorn Country Club located just off Barclay Ave, near the intersection of Powell and Barclay just west of the Suncoast Parkway. Enter the main gate and go straight ahead. Follow the noise to our room once inside. .*

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Hi All,

As you read thru this months newsletter, you will get Ralph's input about the hot & wet summer weather's effect on our member participation in the LBC activities. A lot of our members have been out of town or has had out of town guests that have put the LBC events on the back burner. Maybe in a few weeks, with vacations being over, September will give us a little break in the hot weather and we'll start seeing more and more of your friendly faces at our events.

With fall just around the corner, a lot of planning meetings will be held for the Annual Club Christmas Party and the GOF South show in April of next year. Linda Rothenberg is also working on the Toys for Tots show which we are co-hosting in early December so check the upcoming events and the information thru-out the newsletter and mark your calendars. We need all hands on deck so the work doesn't fall on just a handful of people. Please volunteer to help....there is a job for everyone and no experience is needed. You just might enjoy yourself. It can be a lot of fun.

We have been working on the plans for the GOF show and most of the details are worked out and it sounds like this is going to be another great show. Diann and I have been working on the web site for the show. Go to [www.gofsouth.com](http://www.gofsouth.com) to check it out. Just the basic details are there now, but it will be updated, as other details are firmed-up.

Keep On LBC'n,  
*Ron*

We will start collecting toys for the TOYS FOR TOTS campaign at Breakfast every month so we can "Fill the MINI". With the economy so tight this year there will be more families in need of the Toys for Tots program. Let's help put a smile on the face of our children.

# From the Event Corner . . .

by Ralph Decker

**Hibernation** is a state of inactivity and metabolic depression in animals, characterized by lower body temperature, slower breathing and lower metabolic rate.

Unlike our animal friends, Floridian LBC Owners, Hibernate by enclosing themselves in air cooled cave like surroundings. Venturing out only at the early morning, or late afternoon hours. The later of which usually results in participation of the late afternoon monsoon. The hardier of LBC Owners, abandon Florida for the Northern regions, mistakenly believing that cooler temperature will exist. HA!

*The Month of July we hibernated!*

Breakfast was modest with about 25 attending; there are no British Car Shows in Florida, because the above hibernation is State wide. So announcement only covered our normal monthly activities.

Shelley and I hosted a work party after the breakfast. Due to my back surgery, my cars have been neglected. President Ron and Diann Phillips, Ron Fitch, Bob Shutler, Jay and Paula Gerding, Steve and Lana Catlett all gave a hand starting the Austin Healey that has been dead for several years, and trying to get brakes on the "bugeye". The cars were moved around, which made me long for the day to come, when I can get back in one of them! Thanks you all.

We attended the Beef O'Brady's car show, with three British Cars, out of five cars in the show. We received our 15% off, and proved hibernation is not just a British Car ailment.

No one hibernated for Bay Port, maybe it was Terry Mathes, who took it upon himself to slow cook several racks of ribs for the get together. Terry explained his secret is three cans of beer poured over the ribs during cooking and allowed to slowly dissolve, then a light touch of Bar BQ sauce. Trust me they were good. Everyone brought some type of cold dish, from chicken to shrimp, to share. The monsoon had run up and down the center of the County, and Bay Port was spared any rain. Making the afternoon perfect..



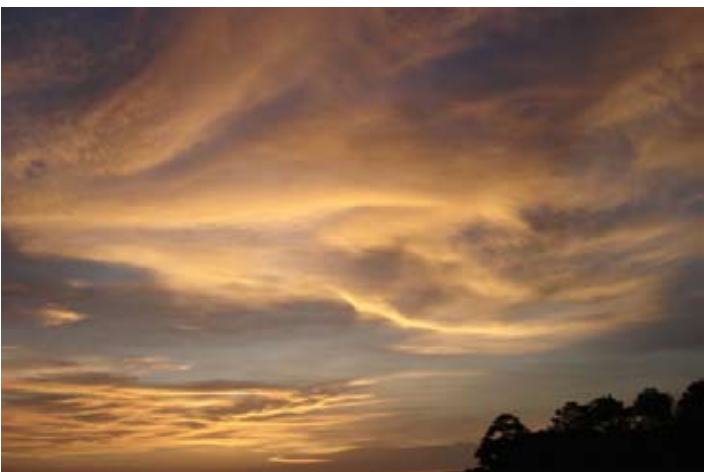
One of the nice treats was Joe Renda, a multi LBC owner, who drove up in his TR-8. Joe had been one of our members' years ago, but unfortunately life's duties, pulled him away. He is back now, and will be highlight in an upcoming issue.



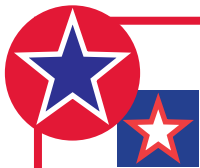
The sunset was breathtaking for those who decided to stay around until it was too dark to see each other across the table. Thanks to Sandy Sanders for providing us a pictorial history of the July sunset from beginning to end. This is what it is all about.....spending a casual picnic, conversation and watching the spectacular Gulf Sunsets with friends.

*This month at Sunset on August 26th we will be toasting Bill and Mary Marques to honor their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Terry will be providing the main course yet to be decided and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. A cake will be provided for dessert for this celebration. If the weather isn't on our side we will all meet at Terry and Milena's home.*





Now . . . for something **IMPORTANT**:



## MG JAMBOREE 17

On November 5 – 7, 2010, the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club will be hosting MG Jamboree 17 at the beautiful Homosassa Riverside Inn Resort, home to Monkey Island and located in Homosassa Springs, Florida. This was the location for numerous MG Jamborees and we are so excited to be able to return to this wonderful venue.

Our theme for the weekend is obvious – Homecoming – and as our club's motto states, "It's Gotta Be Fun!" will be fulfilled with the variety of activities planned. Dave Tietz's infamous "LBC's in the Movies" and a Homecoming Float down Crystal River are just two of the activities scheduled. Many of our participants dress accordingly to our theme, and our club encourages this. This event is open to *all* Little British Cars and their families.

For more information on this exciting event contact Gail Lenhard at 727-521-9890 or [gail@glensmg.com](mailto:gail@glensmg.com) Come join us – you'll be glad you did.



*That was from the [www.FSMGCC.com](http://www.FSMGCC.com). which has all the details.*

Over the years Shelley and I have attended a number of the Jamborees. They are open to all British Cars, its not a show, it's a place for everyone to get together.. I will be honest, the most fun we had, was when we were surrounded by our Club Members participating in the Jamboree fun and games. So I would really like to see a great Nature Coast turnout for the Homosassa Jamboree this coming November, see ya there.

As Terry would say, "**Italllbeeeefun!**"

*Ralph*

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## GOF HOSPITALITY MERMAIDS



Ladies,

Everyone is excited about our plans for the GOF to be held 4/8/11 – 4/10/11. In planning this event we will need all hands on deck. We plan to host two hospitality suites and will need your expertise once again.

Ask anyone participating in the GOF we held at Silver Springs 2 years ago. We had a blast. The more volunteers we have helping the easier our job. There is a job for everyone... We will be "The Mermaids" for this show. We will start meeting in October, so please let me know if you want to be part of the team.

My e-mail is [shuthouse@aol.com](mailto:shuthouse@aol.com)

*Betty*



## September Sunday Night Dinner . . .

*Why?*

*We just love to eat and try out new places!*

**WHEN:** *Sunday, September 5th*

**WHERE:** *Dukes*

*1320 Commercial Way, Spring Hill*


*(used to be St. Sebastians Micro Brewery)*

**TIME:** *6:00 pm*

**RSVP:** *Friday, 1:00 PM to Diann at*

*799-5152 or email [englishcarclub@yahoo.com](mailto:englishcarclub@yahoo.com)*

*Make your reservation so you will have a seat since many restaurants have limited seating.*

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MARK YOUR CALENDER . . .  
SUNDAY , DECEMBER 5TH - 3 PM - 5 PM

## Car Club Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY

I know.....everyone thinks it is too early but time is passing by really fast this year.

It is time for the 'Golden Girls' to put on their Santa hats and dancin' shoes and start making plans for this years Club Christmas Party. Everyone loved the party last year and so we have decided to revisit High Point Community Center for this years celebration.

Our fearless leader, Betty "Twinks" Shutler, has invited the "Golden Girls' to hold the first official planning meeting at her home, 10119 Holly Berry Drive, Weeki Wachee, Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm. So please join us and bring your fresh ideas so we can make this years party one to remember. It will be tough to beat the surprise visit from Santa and his sleigh, complete with elves . . . Terry Mathes and the Catletts instigated. How they ever pulled that off without any of us knowing still has us stumped. Ha! It was just the best time ever.

Join the fun.....RSVP by 10/1/10  
(352) 799-5152 or  
e-mail Betty @shuthouse@aol.com



### 1976 TR6 For Sale

1976 TR6 Mimosa Yellow with Black top and interior. Purchased new in New Jersey and has only 44,350 miles original on it. The car runs trong and has always been garaged, has never seen rain or snow and is virtually rust free. Still have the original sticker for the 4 speed. No or or OD as well as the purple operating manual. It has a vew very minor cosmetic issues i.e. a small ding in the hood. Asking \$10,000.

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### VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER CONVENTION

*This is the national convention for the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) and it will be held at Jekyll Island on October 17 thru 22, 2010. It is seldom that this convention is held this close to Florida so all Triumph owners have a great oppoprtnuity to participate on a national level. All details are available on the website [VTR2010.org](http://VTR2010.org). This week will be very busy including tours, tech sessions, fun rallye, funkhana, concours & participants car shows, and many more activities. Pre-registration is favored.*

**VTR2010.org**

# I.M.S. Stands for Indianapolis Motor Speedway



IMS Pagoda

## Indianapolis Motor Speedway

by Gerry Diepering

After retiring in 2000, this year I was privileged to work again for the Speedway, known to many people living and breathing Open Wheel Racing. I was a Safety Patrol Guard working in the garage area. I was able to observe the cars being worked on close up.

I.M.S. started in 1911 and will be celebrating their 100 Year anniversary next year. I am hoping to be there to witness this great event. If racing runs in your veins and all the members of or L.B.C. surely have it, you owe it to yourself to add it to your Bucket list to see The Indianapolis Motor Speedway, either by attending a race or a pilgrimage to the facility.

The facility is shrouded in tradition. I have been in the offices of Tony Hulman's Empire by being on detail to handle the Borg-Warner Trophy, gloves included.

The 'pagoda' at the track was the scoring center of the 500 mile race for years. It was a wooden structure, which was replaced in the year 2000. This is the center for security, press, electronics and center for running the race.

You need a pass to be in the "hot" garage area. It got its name because it is hot when the cars are running and only Nascar issues a handful of passes. The Safety Patrol does policing in this area. At time we have to control the autograph seekers, guard the entry to the driver's meetings or escort VIP's. One of the benefits of being there is that I am able to obtain autographs of the racers. I have collected autographs of Foyd, Andriette's, Sneva, Jeff Gordon, the Jarret's (gather and son) and many more.

The speedway supplies us with uniforms, including a yellow shirt, cap, ID card and my favorite part the whistle! I love to use the whistle especially on the young women in shorts! The black pants are hot and sweating! The men are mostly big belly, fat and beer drinking guys having a great time with their cooler in tow. I fit right in!





There were not as many fans in the seats this year indicating the hard times in our country. Obama said, "Change is coming" I hope it happens fast so the seats will be full again!

Lynn, asked me if I made \$20.00 an hour and I told her I made minimum wage, a grand total of \$265.00 for 3 days. She said "You stood in the hot garage for 3 days, in a uniform with black pants and it cost you all that money to go there for minimum wage? Are you CRAZY? I guess she does not understand racing, but does understand why I am deaf. The sound of the race cars is like a symphony in my ears.

For those race fans interested in the Formula One race, It is rumored that the Formula 1 group may be returning to the U.S.A. to a track in Texas soon.

Formula 1 group is like a traveling circus, a city within itself. Super deals are forged by the well to do entrepreneurs during the running of the Formula One races.

I hope you enjoy the photos...

*Gerry*



# Upcoming Events

## AUGUST

AUGUST 14TH, SATURDAY - CAR CLUB BREAKFAST HELD AT SILVERTHORN COUNTRY CLUB - 9 AM, ENTER SILVERTHORN COMMUNITY OFF BARCLAY ROAD, BROOKSVILLE; DRIVE THRU THE GATE AND STRAIGHT AHEAD TO THE COUNTRY CLUB.

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AUGUST 18TH, WEDNESDAY - 6 PM - BEEF O'BRADY'S CRUISE IN, 7601 HORSE LAKE PLAZA - BROOKSVILLE - BRING YOUR BRIT RIDE AND RECEIVE 10% OFF YOUR DINNER.

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AUGUST 26TH, THURSDAY - SUNSET AT BAY PORT - 6:00 PM. THIS MONTH WE WILL BE HONORING THE 55TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF BILL AND MARY MARQUES. MAIN DISH AND CAKE WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING DISH TO SHARE. IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT TERRY AND MILENA'S HOME.

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## SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 5TH - SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER - THIS MONTHS DINNER WILL BE HELD AT DUKES, SEE PAGE 4

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SEPTEMBER 8TH, WEDNESDAY - 6 PM THE COVE IN INVERNESS, JOIN US AND THE CITRUS COUNTY MEMBERS FOR GOOD FOOD,

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SEPTEMBER 11TH, SATURDAY - CAR CLUB BREAKFAST HELD AT SILVERTHORN COUNTRY CLUB - 9 AM, ENTER SILVERTHORN COMMUNITY OFF BARCLAY ROAD, BROOKSVILLE; DRIVE THRU THE GATE AND STRAIGHT AHEAD TO THE COUNTRY CLUB.

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SEPTEMBER 15TH, WEDNESDAY - 6 PM - BEEF O'BRADY'S CRUISE IN, 7601 HORSE LAKE PLAZA - BROOKSVILLE - BRING YOUR BRIT RIDE AND RECEIVE 10% OFF YOUR DINNER.

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SEPTEMBER 23RD, THURSDAY - SUNSET AT BAY PORT - MEMBERS START ARRIVING BETWEEN 6 - 6:30 PM TO ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL SUNSET. BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS OR STOP AT BECKYJACKS ON THE WAY TO THE BEACH AND PICK UP A GREAT BURGER. REMEMBER THE FIRST PERSON TO ARRIVE AT BAY PORT GRAB A TABLE.

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## OCTOBER

OCTOBER 6TH, WEDNESDAY - CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNING MEETING - JOIN THE "GOLDEN GIRLS" BETTY SHUTLER'S HOME, 10119 HOLLY BERRY DR., WEEKI WACHEE, 7 PM, RSVP BY 10/1/10 352-597-7564

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OCTOBER 15TH - 17TH, FRIDAY - SUNDAY - LAKE MIRROR CLASSIC AUTO FESTIVAL - LAKELAND, FLORIDA. HONORING WOMEN IN RACING WITH GUEST OF HONOR LYN ST. JAMES. FOR MORE INFORMATION: LAKEMIRRORCLASSIC.COM

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OCTOBER 16TH THRU 22ND TRIUMPH REGISTER (VTR) AND IT WILL BE HELD AT JEKYLL ISLAND - ALL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE VTR2010.ORG. THIS WEEK WILL BE VERY BUSY INCLUDING TOURS, TECH SESSIONS, FUN RALLYE, FUNKHANA, CONCOURS & PARTICIPANTS CAR SHOWS, AND MANY MORE ACTIVITIES. PRE-REGISTRATION IS FAVORED.

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OCTOBER 23RD, SATURDAY - ALL BRITISH FIELD MEET IN SAFETY HARBOR PRODUCED BY TAMPA BAY AH CLUB. LAST YEARS EVENT HAD 230 CARS ON THE MAIN STREET OF SAFETY HARBOR. THIS IS AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED. INFORMATION: WWW.TBAHC.COM

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OCTOBER 30TH, SATURDAY - BRIT BASH @ THE RIVERSIDE PARK OAKS - A CELEBRATION OF BRITISH MOTORCARS AND MOTORCYCLES, RIVERSIDE PARK DRIVE, VERO BEACH, FL 32963 - SPONSORED BY MG CAR CLUB OF FLORIDA. FOR MORE INFORMATION E-MAIL: BRITBASH@COMCAST.NET OR CALL (772) 770-083 OR DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM WWW.MGCARCLUBFLORIDA.ORG.

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## NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 5TH - 6TH, FRIDAY & SATURDAY - MG JAMBOREE 17 HOMOSASSA RIVERSIDE RESORT, HOMOSASSA, FLORIDA - HOSTED BY FLORIDA SUNCOAST MG CAR CLUB. CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.FSMGCC.COM


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## DECEMBER

TOYS FOR TOTS - DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED. ONCE AGAIN WE WILL CO-HOST THE TOYS FOR TOTS EVENT AT WEEKI WACHEE SPRINGS IN EARLY DECEMBER. PLAN AHEAD TO FILL THE MINI AND BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO BREAKFAST ANY TIME. CONTACT LINDA ROTHENBURG IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP. 352- 428-9714

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DECEMBER 5TH, SUNDAY - 3 PM - 5 PM SUN COAST CLASSIC & NATURE COAST ENGLISH CAR CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY. HEY....LADIES...NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN THE "GOLDEN GIRLS" IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP. CONTACT BETTY SHUTLER - SHUTHOUSE@AOL.COM SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAIL FOR OUR FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE "GOLDEN GIRLS"

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