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BREAKFAST 05/01/10

Another great group for breakfast at the Golden Corral on Forest Drive . Dave Behning, Bob Blundy, Walt and Iris Brown, Ray Burns, Lonnie Caughman, David and Jo Davis, Steve and Margaret DeGroat and granddaughter Derrick, Fred and Betty DeShong, Brad Fowler, Jeff and Pam Jones, Hal Kievlan and Gail Bragg, Ron Kuebler, Dennis Lambries, Cecil and Connie Myers, Charlie Nichols, Steve and Glenda Noble, Chris and Brenda Powell, Steve Ratcliffe and Madell Dobrushin, Mike Speer, Wally and Sonya Stewart, Phil and Norree Wicks, Brad and Val Wik, David Wirth. Guests were Jim and Sheroyne McCormac, Ann and Adam Hart, Adam C. Hart, Clark and Elizabeth Gregory.



May Breakfast at Golden Corral

CAR SHOW

Our October breakfast will be moved to October 16, rather than the 2nd which is show day.

MEMBER UPDATES

John and Sandy Burrows are still not doing well. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Cecil, Sonya, and Steve Degroat had May birthdays. Sonya's is more of a season than a day or week.

NEW MEMBER

Cheerio and welcome to Eddie and Frances Pearce and their 1968 MGB (bought from Bill Bigler). Also, we welcome new members Jim and Sheroyne McCormac to our club. Jim was a guest of Phil and Norree Wicks at our breakfast. They have a 2007 & a 2009 Mini.

THE INVASION X - A NATIONAL SUNBEAM SHOW

A fine time was had by all! We had about 35 Sunbeams there and 75 people from states as far away as Texas, Illinois, Ohio, Florida, and a visitor from South America. The most senior owner at 85 years young was Madeleine who drove her Tiger to the Sunbeam car show Saturday morning.

There was no rain during the event. The Sunbeam car show site on the edge of Lake Lure was a beautiful setting -- in the last two attached photos you can see Chimney Rock in the background. Some of us took a relaxing boat ride on Lake Lure as well. A group of cars drove along the Blue Ridge Parkway and then to the top of Mt. Mitchell where they had lunch at the restaurant at the top which had just opened for

the season.

Next year's event will be in Minnesota. Maybe by then Todd, Denise, Bonnie and I will have recovered from organizing this event!

Eric Gibeaut

SONIC

HOT is the word for Saturday, May 15th. We gathered at the SONIC on Platt Springs Road. There were 6 British cars and a few 'others'. We also got two new members, Eddie and Frances, Iris Brown's daughter and son-in-law. They bought Bill Bigler's beautiful MGB.



Look who arrived first!

QUARTERLY DINNER

On May 22nd, we met at 5:00 at Antonina's in Lexington. We had a room to ourselves but had to extend to another table or two. Those that attended were Bill and Judy Anderson, David and Jo Davis, Fred and Betty DeShong, Bruce Edge, Harold and Barb Ewing, Dave and Millie Headrick, John Hill, Charley and Edith Hylton, Jeff and Pam Jones, Jim McCormac, Cecil and Connie Myers, Chris and Brenda Powell, Steve Ratcliffe and Madell Dobrushin, Charlie Nichols, Tony and Pat Stakis, Wally and Sonya Stewart, and Val and Brad Wik. The food was good and the service was good and the prices were good, parking was plentiful and the timing was perfect. What more could we want? We can recommend the stuffed shells, chicken cacciatore, Italian salad, lasagna.



We had a cute waiter too.

TRIP TO TOWNSEND, TN

We left for the Tally Ho Inn, Townsend, TN on Friday, May 7, 2010. It's a 278 mile trip, but we took a little short of 6 hours due to four brief stops. Driving through the mountains was like a roller coaster, with all the winding roads, and heaven when driving in an MG! We went through Pigeon Forge, a first for us, and looks like an exciting place to visit.

We arrived at the Tally Ho Inn just after 10PM. Our room had a balcony that overlooked a lush, green field and a mountain.

The grounds for the car show were just a few minutes' walk from the hotel. We were surrounded by mountains, covered in lush vegetation. In our chrome bumper MG class, there were 18 cars and, altogether in the show, there were 140 cars. They had raffle tickets for sale for the 50/50 Raffle and some good prizes. We enjoyed handing out flyers for our BCCMC car show in October and voting on cars in the different classes. It was a beautiful, hot, sunny day, despite the 30% chance of rain.

At 2 o'clock, there was a 30 mile rally through the Tennessee mountains. 18 cars went on the challenge, in which we had to find answer to six questions. Awards were given at 4 o'clock and shortly thereafter, we were given our photo, which was taken by a professional photographer. We had to pay for the photo, but it was well done and has the two of us with the MG. We went to the Little River Barbecue Restaurant, which was actually beside a river. At 7:30, there was a group sitting around the fire pit. We met so many nice people, including our old friends, Lonnie and Bill.

The next morning, we set off early for home and the drive was so beautiful in the daytime. We even saw where they had the rock slide in October and I40 was just opened again at the end of April. We have already booked our motel room for the car show next year.

Jocelyn and Dave Davis

TRIP TO DOBSON, NC

On Friday, April 16, 2010, as soon as Dave got home from work, he had a cup of tea and we were off in our chrome bumper MG to the Holiday Inn in Jonesville, NC. It was an hour and 40 minute drive with just one quick stop along the way.

Saturday, we followed Todd and Denise Smith and Robert Muckenfuss to the Shelton Vineyards. We took the scenic route, so it took a little longer than necessary, but was worth it. In our class, there were 28 cars. At the meet, there must have been over 200 cars. It was a beautiful, hot, sunny day, but not humid. Brad and Val Wik and Bob Blundy were also at the show. After we went around voting on the cars – there were some real beauts! – we went on a wine tasting tour of the vineyard. We got to keep the monogrammed glass as a souvenir and even bought a bottle of Riesling. We also went on a hay-ride through the vineyard and met the two brothers who own and live in the vineyard.

The awards ceremony went smoothly (we didn't win anything) and then we left, having enjoyed a really great show. This is a date on the calendar for next year!



Jocelyn and Dave Davis

DRIVE SUGGESTIONS

Dennis suggested two opportunities – the winery in Newberry and the Blacksburg Marina. Chris also suggested returning to PC for the weekend of May 28 -31. Seems the drive, eating, drinking at PC is being revived. However, everyone will be staying at the Hampton Inn instead of in the dorms.

NASHVILLE

Phil Wick told us about the Land European Car Museum in Nashville. It is owned and run by Jeff Lane. It's worth a tour on any visit to Music City.

SUMMER WEEKEND

Hello, members. We had such a good time last year on our trip to Hendersonville and Mount Mitchell, so we would like to do it again this summer. We are looking at the weekend of the 18th, 19th, and 20th of June. Please let me know if you can fit it into your schedule, and I will make the arrangements. I need to know ASAP so we can reserve the rooms. We'll be staying at the Quality Inn where we've stayed several times. They even have special rooms for those of us who take our pets.

Fred

DUES ARE DUE BY JUNE 30th The Renewal form is on the last page of this newsletter.

2010 CAR SHOWS AND EVENTS

May 28-30 – Weekend at PC

June 5 - 9:00 Breakfast at Golden Corral, Forrest Drive

June 13th - British Car Day South - Concord NC

June 19 – 4:00 Cruise-in at Rush's

July 3 - 9:00 Breakfast at Golden Corral, Forrest Drive

June 18-20 . Mountain Trip

July 17 – 4:00 Cruise-In at Rush's

August 7 - 9:00 Breakfast at Golden Corral, Forrest Drive

August 21 – 4:00 Cruise-In at Rush's

September . December . breakfast at Ryans, Lexington

September 18 . 4:00 SONIC

September 24-26 . Dillard GA show

October 2 . CBC IV

October 16 . 9:00 monthly breakfast, Ryans in Lexington

Mid-October . EURO 2010

Late October . Charleston Car Show

November 6 . 9:00 Breakfast Ryans in Lexington

December 4 . 9:00 Breakfast Ryans in Lexington

December . Christmas party



MGB Registry

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