

# Key West British Car Club



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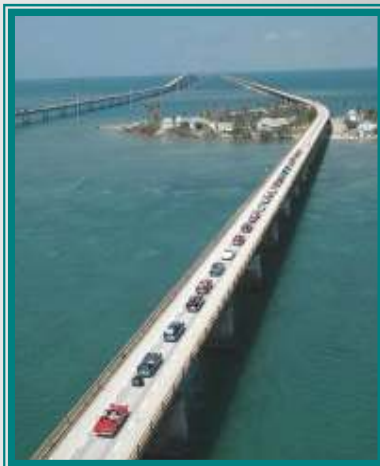
*Drive on Down* ———

## KEY WEST BRITISH CAR CLUB ESTABLISHED 2010

### An Invitation from Key West, FL

There is a new British Car Club in my hometown of Key West, Florida, the southern-most city in the U.S.. A very hardworking group of NAMGAR (North American MGA Register) members from all over the country has made the Key West British Car Club (KWBBC) a reality. This is an open invitation to join the club.

The group has honored Cindy and me by asking us to participate as Officers of the new club. I will serve as Admiral, my wife, Cindy Skomp will look after the books as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Serving with us will be Vice Admiral Rob Camblin, and our Scribe will be Carol Woodson. Since some of the officers and most of our members will come from all over North America, maybe even from around the world, we will not be having weekly or monthly meetings. But that does not mean that we will not stay in touch with our membership, nor offer benefits of joining our little group. We will have one general meeting per year in Key West, in April.



Do you own a British classic car, or are you a "wannabe", would you like to be associated with an international fun-loving group of people whose mantra is, "It's the cars that get you here, it's the people that bring you back"? The group of people who assembled this club are folks who enjoy life just a bit more than normal people. Couple that with the island style of life in Key West, and the ambience that brings, and our love of our cars; it will be fun to be part of this "one-of-a-kind" club.

You do not need to live in Key West or the Florida Keys, you do not have to own a Classic British car, you do not even have to like the British, but liking their cars is important. So, to all British car enthusiasts, from anywhere, we would invite you to become a member of our NEW club. Contact Carol Woodson for a membership form at [cvmga@aol.com](mailto:cvmga@aol.com).



Welcome Aboard, we'll see you in Key West!

For the Key West British Car Club

*Fred Skomp  
Admiral*

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### KEY WEST BRITISH CAR CLUB OFFICERS

FRED SKOMP—Admiral  
ROB CAMBLIN—Vice Admiral  
CINDY SKOMP—Chancellor of the Exchequer  
CAROL WOODSON—Scribe

### CALENDAR of EVENTS

April 9-11, 2010  
MGT Register GOF South  
MkXLIV Jeckyll Island, FL  
Hosted by the MG Classics of Jacksonville, FL

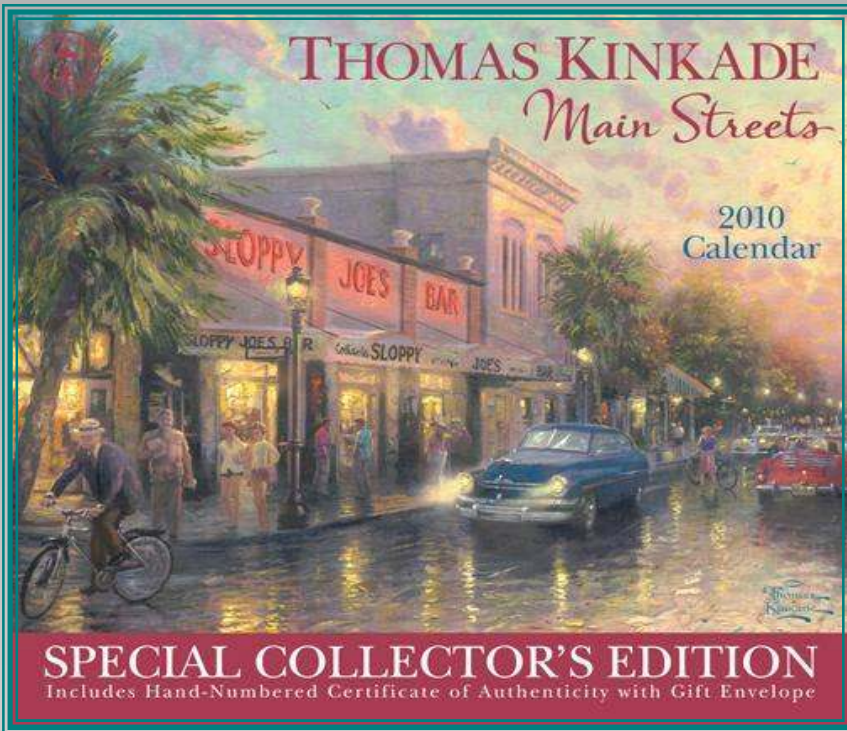
April 19-23, 2010  
NAMGAR Key West Gathering  
Key West, FL  
Hosted by the Key West British Car Club

July 26-30, 2010  
NAMGAR GT-35 A Gathering of the First "Magnette-Tude"  
Delavan, Wisconsin  
Hosted by the Milwaukee and Great Lakes Motorcar Group



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Thomas Kinkade

## MG’s on KEY WEST Special Collectors Edition ART

*Upon close inspection of the above picture of Key West, you will notice a red MGA and a yellow MG TD. Wonder if there was a special event that inspired artist Thomas Kinkade to include the MGs in his picture?*

Thomas Kinkade artfully depicts the “Main Streets” of twelve of his favorite cities in this 2010 calendar.

### IN HIS OWN WORDS.....

"Key West has long attracted literary luminaries and world figures. Like many visitors, I was attracted by its small town

charm and vividly colored tropical vistas. I have hidden a number of world figures in my Key West print, most notable Ernest Hemingway, who stands in front of his beloved Sloppy Joe’s Bar, where he held court during the last years of his life. I’ve included a number of vintage cars in my painting to suggest the nostalgic charm as evident today as it was in earlier decades in “Key West”. In the clear air and luminous sky of the Caribbean colors rise to vivid heights. I

utilized a broad stroke technique along with much fine detail to capture the festive atmosphere of “Key West”. Between ten and twenty layers of paint, featuring delicate glazine, create the opalescent hues of the Caribbean.

If you have fond memories of America’s southernmost city, if you long for the tropics, or if you simply enjoy the dramatic charm of a bustling town, Key West could be a treasure in your home.”

## KEY LIME PIE — Official State Pie

**Florida State Pie** The road to becoming the official state pie, was not an easy one. In the 1980s, North Florida lawmakers felt that a pie made of pecans, grown in Florida, would better reflect the state’s history. In 1994, the State Legislature officially recognized Key Lime pie as an important symbol of Florida. In 2006 Key Lime Pie Lovers won the battle and Florida’s Legislature voted to make it the official state pie as of July 1, 2006.

**Versions of the Pie** Every restaurant in the Florida Keys, and especially in Key West, serves this wonderful pie. There seems to be a key lime pie for every palate, with numerous versions made throughout the region/ Graham-

cracker or pastry crust? Plain, Meringue, Whipped Cream or chocolate syrup on top? Cooked or uncooked filling? Any way you make it or serve it, do not ever, not ever, under any circumstance add green food coloring! The filling of authentic key lime pie is a light yellow. The color is derived from the egg yolks and the key lime juice!

**History of the Pie** Legend says the first key lime pie is attributed to William Curry and his cook known as Aunt Sally. They say that it was Aunt Sally who created the pie in the late 1800s. Some historians think that Aunt Sally didn’t create the Key Lime Pie, but probably perfected a delicacy that was the creation of area fishermen.

No fresh milk, no refrigeration, and no ice was available in the Keys until the arrival of tank trucks with the opening of the Overseas

Highway in 1930. Because of this lack of milk, local cooks had to rely on canned sweetened condensed milk, which was invented in 1856 by Gail Borden. Key lime may be the star ingredient of the key lime pie, but it is the sweetened condensed milk that makes it so smooth and delicious. Sample them all on your next visit to Key West!





# Key West British Car Club Membership Application



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. (Mo/Day at least) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk. Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Companion: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. (Mo/Day at least) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk. Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Hm. Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you been involved with British Cars? \_\_\_\_\_

Other Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

What other British Car Clubs are you a member of?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in helping KWBCB with the following?  Events  Committees  Activities

Tech. Info.  Newsletter  Website  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send the KWBCB newsletter to this e-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Membership year starts April 1st and expires March 31st**

Any individual wishing to attain status as a Founding Member must pay initial dues of \$50 for the first year. Founding Member dues must be received by the COE by April 1, 2010. Continuing membership for Founding Members continues on at the standard dues rate for the second year and beyond Annual dues are: \$15.00 Family Unit membership *which includes* the emailed KWBCB newsletter. Singles are a family unit. Please enclose check made to KWBCB and give to the treasurer or mail to KWBCB, c/o Membership, Carol Woodson, 7106 Club Road, Richmond, VA 23228

# NAMGAR KEY WEST GATHERING

## WHAT TO EXPECT

### April 19—23, 2010

#### 19 April Monday

Blue Marlin Motel Arrival Reception  
6:00 pm to 8:00pm Free

#### 20 April Tuesday

Sonny McCoy Indigenous park  
Bocce Ball Tournament and Cookout  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm Free

#### 20 April Tuesday

Park Warf Tour USS Mohawk  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
\$5 per person

#### 21 April Wednesday

Stock Island Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden  
10:00 am to Noon  
\$5 per person

21 April Blue Marlin Motel  
Scavenger Hunt  
7:00 pm  
\$25 per person

#### 22 April Thursday

On your on Activity

22 April Duval Street Conch Republic Parade  
6:00 pm Free

#### 23 April Friday

Key West Golf Course  
Dipstick and Tire Kicking Farewell  
3:00 pm \$30 per person

#### WEBSITES

Key West Scavenger Hunt  
[www.keywesthunt.com](http://www.keywesthunt.com)

USS Mohawk  
[www.ussmohawk.org](http://www.ussmohawk.org)

Key West Botanical Garden  
[www.keywestbotanicalgarden.org](http://www.keywestbotanicalgarden.org)



# NAMGAR Key West Gathering Registration Form Due March 15th April 19 – 23, 2010



***Please, print clearly***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

What car will you drive to the event (Make/Model)? \_\_\_\_\_

	Price Each	Sub-Total
Event Registration postmarked on or before March 15, 2010	\$35.00	_____
Event Registrations postmarked after March 15, 2010	\$45.00	_____
Scavenger Hunt	\$25.00	_____
Farewell Event	\$30.00	_____
Total Payment		\$ _____

*Neither my heirs nor I will hold the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR) liable for any personal injuries or damages sustained by me, my party, or my car while traveling to and from this event and while participating in this event.*

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make your checks or money orders payable to NAMGAR** and mail along with this Form to:  
Robin Camblin, 17810 Hidden Valley Road, Independence, MO 64057

***You are responsible for your own accommodations.*** The host hotel will be the:  
Blue Marlin Key West, 1320 Simonton Street, Key West, FL 33040  
phone 1-800-523-1698 or 305-296-7903.

## IN SEARCH OF GOOD EATS and DRINK IN THE KEYS

President Harry S. Truman once said, "I have a notion to move the capital to Key West and just stay."



After visiting the nation's southernmost town, who wouldn't want to pack it up and make this magical place home? If not for just a week in April!



### EXPERIENCED KEY WEST GATHERERS

Over the past 5 years many of our Key West "Gatherers" have found good eats from Miami to Key West! U.S. 1 runs 150 miles south from Miami, ending at this enchanted island--surrounded by sparkling blue waters.



So, we want to hear of your picks of good eats and good drink.

You may have a favorite restaurant for breakfast. Do you know of a "Best View" restaurant, or have you found a shack that serves seafood right off of the boat! Have you discovered where the local's favorite Cuban restaurant is? Where can one find the best stone crab claws, pink shrimp or best hot peppers?

How about your favorite "Watering Hole" along US 1 or in Key West? How about that Key Lime Pie? So, who do you think serves the BEST Key Lime Pie from Miami to Key West!

### PUBLISHED LIST FOR ALL TO TRY

We will publish your list of "Picks of Good Eats and Drink" in the next newsletter... just in time for you to try them on your trip in April. It's all fun. Enjoy the hunt! From north to south along U.S. 1.



Please e-mail your "Picks of Good Eats and Drink" to Barbara Andres at [bnjandres@verizon.net](mailto:bnjandres@verizon.net) by March 15th for publication in the next issue.

## Skomp's Speed Shop Seeks Seasoned Racers for GT 35

Reported by Bruce Woodson



In recent developments, CEO of Skomp's Speed Shop, Fred Skomp, gave the go-ahead to fabricate a new race vehicle. This exciting move is a result of the newly sanctioned racing event to be held during GT-35 in Delavan Wisconsin later this summer.

According to Skomp's Chief Technician Bruce Woodson, "Our new racer will constitute a radical departure for the Speed Shop Design Team." Undaunted though, Woodson is seeking experienced racers to help create the finest racing vehicle ever built for this type of event.

"This new racer must comply with all regulations, and yet project the image of Key West in fine style suitable of carrying the name **Skomp's Speed Shop**." Woodson went on to say, "When the green flag drops, there should be no question which entry is ours!"

Anyone with experience in the design and manufacture of VALVE COVER racing cars should apply directly to Bruce by March 1st: [bruce\\_woodson@verizon.net](mailto:bruce_woodson@verizon.net)



*Updates on this exciting venture will appear in the next issue.*

## NAMGAR GT-35 A Gathering of the First "Magnette-Tude"

Delavan, Wisconsin July 26—30, 2010



Milwaukee and Great Lakes Motorcar Group (MG3) is proud to host this year's NAMGAR GT-35 A Get Together of the **First Magnette-Tude**.

The featured Car is the MG Magnette with activities surrounding it.

The host hotel will be the Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, WI.

In addition to the traditional activities of a car show, rally and tech sessions, there will be Funkhana events, Valve Cover Races, and on your own driving tours of the Harley Davidson Museum, Spring Green and other local attractions and a first timers car show.



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