

Key West British Car Club

SPECIAL EDITION
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Drive on Down -----

2010 Key West Gathering

We've just about completed all the arrangements and I am happy to report that we currently have a total of 13 cars registered with 23 folks attending. I'm hoping to get a few more in the next couple of weeks.

Fred and Cindy have made some great arrangements for us and we've added two new locations to visit and enjoy. The first is the Key West Botanical Garden located on Stock Island and the other is the USS MO-HAWK museum. Both are very nominal in cost and should make for good side trips between pina colada's refills.

For the parade Bert and Bruce Rauch are lending us some great Busby hat's that they have and we'll be providing some matching T-shirts for those walking "Honor Guards" in the parade. This year's parade will be the introduction of Key West to the newest chapter of NAMGAR.



We've got the beads on order, but you're always welcome to bring more as we seem to run short near the end of the route.

In looking over the registrations I am so happy to see a mix of familiar and unfamiliar names. It seems each year we gain some new adventurers.

I hope they will come to enjoy this gathering of friends as much as I do.

As always if you have any questions or need something that I may be able to help you with please drop me a line or give a call.

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

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See you in Key West!

UNIQUE NAMGAR CHAPTER IS BORN

At the End of the Road

Who would have thought that 6 years ago, a harebrained idea to get some MGA activity going in the South East corner of the United States would turn into the Key West British Car Club?

Under the unfaltering care and guidance of Cindy and Fred Skomp, an enormously fun series of events from 'How Low Can You Go' to the 'Last Sunset', and all in between, have culminated into the birth of a unique chapter in automobile annals as well as a unique Chapter in the eyes of NAMGAR!

It is wonderful that the seed which was planted seeming long ago has taken root and is firmly entrenched in the sandy soil of Key West!

On behalf of NAMGAR and all of the friends you have made on the way, Welcome! It is an honor, with beads in one hand and an appropriate beverage in the other, to be able to say 'See you at the end of the road!'

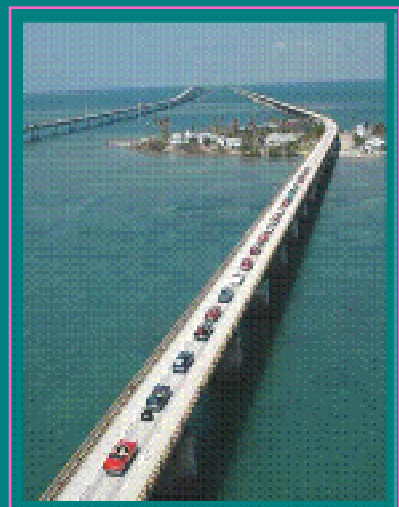
Sincerely,

George Merryweather

Chairman

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LIVING ON KEY WEST TIME!

April 19—23, 2010

There's a lot to like about living on Key West time, especially during your visit in April!

THE WEATHER..... WARM AND SUNNY

The best thing about Key West is the weather. In April the average temperature ranges from the low to middle 70s and is always sunny!



And of course, there are always the Famous sunsets!

But, in case you were wondering about this winter in Key West, the temperature did drop to 42 ° F on January 11, 2010, during a span of seven days of lows in the 40's °F.

THE HOTEL..... BLUE MARLIN

19 April Monday

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

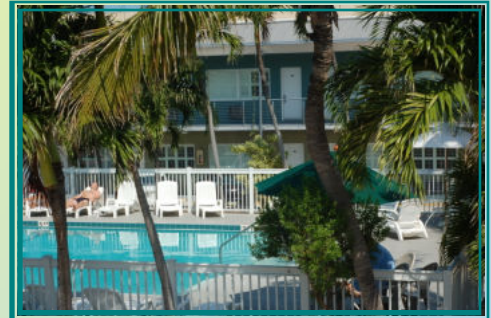
The Blue Marlin Hotel is a great little hotel for this Gathering! This is the third year that it has served as the host hotel. Please make your room reservation directly with the hotel:

Blue Marlin Key West,

1320 Simonton Street, Key West, FL 33040
phone 1-800-523-1698 or 305-296-7903.

Always a bustle of activity, it is located in the South Beach area of Key West. It is a couple of blocks from the Southern Most Point Marker, and one block from Duval Street. It is located near many of the locals favorite restaurants and there is a deli and grocery store about 75 yards from the hotel. Great for late night snacks and beverages!

The 2 story hotel overlooks the pool courtyard and the collector cars are parked around the courtyard. When you are not out exploring the island or participating in one of the events, the pool is a great place to hang out and visit with friends.



Even the parking lot is a great place to hang out, swap stories and look at all of the cars.



The Arrival Reception this year will be held at the hotel around the pool area on Monday evening. As always the reception gives everyone an opportunity to see old friends and meet new friends, while you're checking out who drove what car, who has a newly purchased or who just restored their car.

THE TOURNAMENT..... BOCCEE and COOKOUT

20 April Tuesday

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



Our 2009 Bocce Ball Champions Bruce & Bert Rauch, Jeff Zorn and Carol Shamonsky will surely be back in 2010 to defend their title!

There is nothing quite like NAMGAR Bocce in Key West. It is filled with competition. mixed with a little humor and captures the essence of what life

on the bocce court for visitors is all about! This ancient game, whose modern adaptation most closely resembles bowling, requires skill, strategy and just a little luck. You will be playing on the seven regulation Bocce courts that are the home courts of the Southernmost Bocce League.



The "Sonny" McCoy Indigenous Park is a tiny stretch of land facing the Atlantic Ocean, across from the beach. In addition to the permanent bocce ball courts, the park showcases about 75 different Florida Keys native trees and plants. It also provides a natural habitat for many migrating birds and butterflies. The Park was founded in 1981 to help preserve and protect some the trees and plants.

Now the best part about last year's competition was the celebratory LUNCH! A lunch that was carefully prepared by Cindy Skomp and was masterfully cooked on the grill by Chef Fred Skomp. The menu included hamburgers, hot-dogs and of course brats. Cindy's secret brat

preparation...simmer them in beer!

THE TOURS.....

The USS Mohawk

20 April Tuesday

Park Warf Tour USS Mohawk

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

\$5 per person

The city of Key West boasts a rich maritime history. Key West's role during World War II was significant. Prior to 1941, Florida was home to only eight military sites. During the course of the war, more than 200 airfields, camps, and bases were activated in the state. Many were U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guardsmen. Even merchant mariners were trained in the Key West area. In total more than 2.1 million service personnel received training here.

It is most fitting that the community of Key West creates a venue in which to honor Key West's role in the defense of the United States. Enjoy your visit to the USS Mohawk CGC Memorial Museum. It will be a reminder of those who's past efforts allow us to live in freedom today!

Key West Tropical Forest And Botanical Garden Tour

21 April Wednesday

Stock Island Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden

10:00 am to Noon

\$5 per person

Enjoy this "one of a kind" U S tropical forest and garden filled with butterflies, birds and beautiful flowers. Your visit begins with a smiling volunteer greeter at our education center. See a short film and browse the photo walls. Pick up one of 4 self-guided information tours. The lush courtyard has a waterfall wall of orchids and below turtles happily show off their home. Meander through a one acre butterfly habitat with over 23 species discovered! Stroll through a lush canopy

of tropical palms and trees. Discover the hidden pond and maybe get lucky enough to see a rare resident white crowned pigeon or bald eagle! Restrooms and refreshments available.

THE HUNT.....

21 April Wednesday

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

Whether it's your first time visiting Key West or your 6th, The SOUTHERNMOST SCAVENGER HUNT offers a unique, fun and exciting way to explore Key West!



Since winning the prestigious "Venture Award" from the Key West Chamber of Commerce, The Southernmost Scavenger

Hunt has expanded to offer a wider variety of custom designed features to their ever-popular scavenger hunts. Participants are able to enjoy all the sights and sounds that make the "Southernmost City" such an unforgettable destination.

Join us Wednesday evening as we set out on our own exploration!

THE PARADE..... BEADS AND MORE BEADS

22 April Thursday

Duval Street Conch Republic Parade
6:00 pm Free

Beads, parrots, pirates and British Sports Cars.... What do these have in common, why of course the Longest parade in the Country...from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, where locals

dressed as pirates toss Mardi Gras beads to the crowds that line Duval Street in Celebration of the Conch Republic Independence!



This is one of the most exciting events of the trip.

Be sure to bring plenty of beads! Hang beads from the

windshield for easy access or place them across your arm for effortless tosses!

Pace the bead tossing! Crowds are thin at the beginning of the parade but pick-up in volume as you pass Petronia Street. Then crowds are spilling out into the street and sidewalks as you make your way up to Fleming St., Caroline St. and eventually to Sloppy Joe's at Greene Street!



After the parade head over to the Schooner Warf Bar and listen to the all original

tropical island sounds of *Howard Livingston and Mile Marker 24!*

FAREWELL.....

23 April Friday

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

Join us at our Farewell Party at the picturesque Key West Golf Club.



Skomp's Speed Shop Gears Up for THE HEAT OF THE BATTLE



Reported by Bruce Woodson

Here at the Speed Shop, one of the hottest topics is cooling systems ... especially when it comes to the infamous Duval Street parade. Billed as the longest parade in the world

(stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico), it's really just barely a mile long, but can test your car's cooling system to the max.

Mission: Finish the Battle

This is without a doubt, the most fun parade you will ever participate in. The tropical setting, the cars, the crowds on the street and up in the balconies, the beads, and the unexpected ... it all adds up to an amazing experience! Yet it can be tough on your car if not properly prepared.



I often equate the Conch Republic parade to a WWII bombing mission. You start out with a full squadron. Then, some begin to fall

from formation. As a pilot in the last five missions, I've seen good people bail when they're hit with fluids that begin to spill, or smoke appears in the cockpit. Others, you can hear the engine tone change, and with a stern face, they stall out. I even saw one pilot bail without warning, leaving the navigator to take over ... but I believe that was more an issue of "the pilot just needing a little relief." Anyway, you've got to make sure your equipment is in good shape for a successful mission, and here are a few tips.

The Heat of Battle

Preparation is the key for a successful landing as you round the corner at Sloppy Joes. Aside from

an efficient radiator and proper tuning, check your radiator cap. On many older British cars, especially the MGA, the cap is of a slightly deeper design

than most cars, so you really need to make sure you have the right cap. The original design (on the MGA) was a 4lb cap. A replacement 7lb is a much better option. While this does not actually lower the temp, a good cap will allow for a higher operating temperature without boiling.



Another easy thing to do is turn on the heat and run the blower fan. Yes, it makes for a bit of discomfort inside, but the heater is actually a mini radiator, and when put in use, can be a significant aid in reducing the engine temperature.

The standard radiator cooling fan is adequate in most situations, but when faced with a mile of bead tossing, you may find yourself watching the temp gauge needle move up to about 70lbs of oil pressure! An electric fan placed in front of the radiator certainly can help. Either permanently add an electric fan, or simply add one just for this event. I've prewired my car with bullet connectors, so I can just "slip a fan in for the parade."

Gotta Stay Cool.....Relax

One last point to consider ... DON'T run your engine any more than you need to prior to the start of the parade. The staging area is just around the corner from the Blue Marlin, so run your car as little as possible to get staged.

Then you can relax and party while allowing the engine to cool again. Don't start it until you are actually signaled to "move out." This in itself will get you beyond La Te Da without even breaking a sweat!



GOOD EATS and DRINK IN THE KEYS

Our Key West "Gatherers" have found some great places along the Keys to eat, drink and kick-back.....and they want to share them with you. So get readyhere they are:

Mike and Sandy Hickman recommend the following:

Alabama Jacks at 5800 Card Sound Road

This place, at the beginning of the Keys is right on the water. We had lunch and watched the Manatees as we dined.

Mangrove Mamas at MM 20 on Route 1.

This is a nice quaint place for a refreshment on the way down



No Name Pub on Big Pine Key North Watson Blvd 1/12 Mi North of US1.

"A nice place if you can find it" is the motto. This is great Fish Dip and other things.

El Saboney in Key West is the local's favorite Cuban Food Restaurant at 900 Catherine Street. Very authentic and muy bueno! If it was in Kentucky, it would be a regular on our list!

Half Shell Raw Bar at 231 Margaret Street in Key West has 1/2 price appetizers including oysters on the half shell starting about 4:00.

Duffy's Steak House at 1007 Simonton Street in Key West has prime rib, steaks and key lime pie.

AB Lobster House at 700 Front Street in Key West is a new place on our list to try this year.

Dennis Urick recommends the following-Shrimp Shack on Stock Island is nothing fancy but the Key West Pink shrimp is great and it's right off the boat.

Hogfish Bar on Stock Island is a new place on my list to try. It is on the water and just before the Shrimp Shack.

Another on my list to try this year is the **Geiger Key Marina Restaurant**.....the Blue Moon soaked burger.

Jerry Andres recommends the following Blue Heaven Restaurant at 729 Thomas Street in Key West for breakfast, dinner and awesome mojitos. At the Blue Heaven you sit outside under the trees, the floor is dirt, the chickens are running about and the food is great !!

Camille's Restaurant at 1202 Simonton Street in Key West for breakfast and lunch. It is only a couple of blocks from the Blue Marlin. Great breakfast and excellent sandwiches.

Banana Café at 1215 Duval Street in Key West for the BLT sandwich! I was so impressed with how much bacon was on the sandwich, I took a picture of it!



Hurricane Hole Restaurant and Marina on Stock Island. Excellent Key West Pink Shrimp. The Marina is a great place to schedule a fishing trip with excellent guides! After your trip, for a fee the Restaurant will cook your catch for all to eat and enjoy.

Bruce and Carol Woodson recommend the following in addition to all of the above mentioned

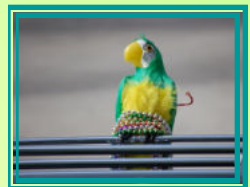
The Seven Mille Grill at 1240 Overseas Highway on Marathon Island just before the 7 mile bridge. Great for a beverage and key lime break!

Flying Monkey's Saloon at 227 Duvall Street has any kind of tropical libation you can think of.



Peppers of Key West at 602 Greene St.

The **hottest** spot in town! That's all you need to know.



Other Recommended Tips



Key Deer on Deer Key Island If you want to see the key deer, all you have to do is take a little drive through some of the neighborhoods on the West side of the island. They are really cool they are about as big as

large dogs

Kino Sandal Factory Located on 107 Fitzpatrick Street, down by the Mallory Square area sells Ladies sandals for \$12.00 per pair. The sandals are handmade using natural leather uppers and natural rubber soles. They are assembled and glued in the traditional sandal factory in Kino Plaza at the corner of Greene and Fitzpatrick Streets.

Coach Purse Outlet Located at 517 Duvall Street, in Old Town Key West. This is a great place to buy those wonderful Coach purses at affordable prices.

Del Sol Located at 123 Duvall Street in Old Town Key West. It's fun, solar totes, nail polish that changes colors, cute kids stuff etc....Blue Marlin has a coupon yearly for a free tote.

Key West Toy Factory is a brand new store located at 291 Front Street in the Clinton Square Market in Old Town. It is housed in the gray/white building next to the Custom House on the 2nd floor. Reviews say it is a must visit, the store has unique toys and looks like a scene from Pirates of the Caribbean.



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: _____

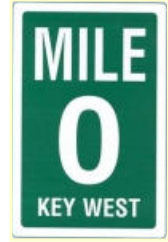
Date: _____

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.



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