

Tampa Bay AHC President's Letter, October 2011

On Saturday, October 1, 2011, around 10-12 TBAHC members arrived at Glenn's MG for Lift Day 2011. Some of the members brought their cars and others came to visit their cars that were currently under the care of Dr. Glenn Lenhard and Head Nurse Gail. Glenn's is a popular place for those of us that don't have enough mechanical skill or body work experience to keep our Healeys on the road and looking good. Lift Day was an opportunity to get your car up in the air so Glenn and his techs could give you an idea of what may need looking after in the near future. Gail was in the air conditioned office with the ladies making crafts while the guys all checked out the undersides of several different British and European autos. While we were looking, some of Glenn's other employees had set up the grill and were preparing a great lunch of brats, dogs and chicken for sandwiches. Thank you Glenn and Gail for inviting TBAHC to join the fun on Lift Day.... (Pictures of Lift Day are attached to this e-mail)



On Sunday, October 2, 2011, TBAHCers and guests Ron Fitch, Bill Emerson, Bill Jr., Gay Hiller, Ron and Jeremy Swiger joined a dozen Tampa Bay British Car Club members at the beautifully restored Tampa Theatre, circa 1926, to see the bio pic Senna about the career and death of Formula 1 champ Ayrton Senna. It was a very interesting movie with a lot of old Formula 1 footage. Thanks to Phil and Fiona Ross for inviting TBAHC.

Tuesday, October 4, 2011 was our monthly meeting at the Perkins Restaurant on Gulf to Bay in Clearwater. The minutes of that meeting have been mailed to each member so I will not add anything more on the meeting other than to note that we had a nice turnout.

The really BIG event for October is of course our 25th Annual All British Field Meet and Autojumble. In a word it was a great success. While we lost a few cars to some competing shows, we still had over 200 British motorcars and cycles on Main Street in Downtown Safety Harbor. I am including in the count the British cars currently being produced in England and sold in the Tampa Bay area by our Title Sponsor Ferman MINI of Tampa Bay, Platinum Sponsor Crown Jaguar and first time Gold Sponsor Dimmitt Automotive Group that brought a Lotus Exige and a Aston Martin to Main Street. They also sell Rolls, Bentley, Land Rover, Range Rover and McLaren. Clete Gardenhour and Warren Maxon as our co-chairs for the event did a super job of planning and execution. The Meet and Greet held at Tapping the Vine on Main Street on Friday evening from 5:30 to 7 PM hosted over 80 show participants who enjoyed a vast spread of delicious hors d'oeuvres washed down with beer and wine from around the world. We once again had perfect weather (knock on wood) for both Friday evening and on Saturday for the show. The TBAHC volunteers all gathered in the dark at 7:00 AM to complete the tasks that Clete and Warren had outlined for us and when the first show cars lined at 8 AM we were ready. We once again selected Special Olympics Pinellas as our sponsored charity. This year under the coordination of Lindsay Ames and Dave Haines the Special Olympics athletes joined with TBAHC to run the silent auction and help on the 50/50 raffle. Early financial returns indicate that all previous records for those activities have been broken. Thanks to Lindsay, Dave and all the volunteers and athletes from Special Olympics Pinellas for the outstanding job. Thanks also to all the TBAHC volunteers, as usual you turned out and worked hard to make the show the success that it was. At our next monthly meeting at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar we will be reviewing the All British including a nice photo slide show.



I have sent out a list of upcoming events for the rest of the year as well as another trip to the Villages in February 2012. We will also be voting on the 2012 officers at our next meeting November 5. We would like a large turnout to validate the nominees. The officers nominated for next year are:

President – Walt Mainberger
Vice President – Tim Jacobson
Treasurer – Dick Austin
Secretary – Mike Weatherby
Membership – Marion Brantley
Board Members at Large – Ed Swartz, Dennis Magee
Immediate Past President – Ron Swiger



We have a lot of activities going on for the balance of the year; I hope you and your Healey can join in the fun.....Ron