

“Don’t it always seem to go ...” Joni Mitchell, 1970

(Click the title to hear the song)

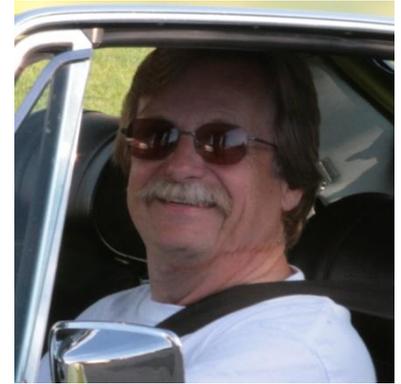
Light a candle and sing a song for Joni Mitchell. I had friends who knew her when Joni hung around Wayne State and University of Windsor. What a lady.

The link to the song didn’t work last month when the newsletter got published so I repeated it this month and provide an update for those who remember Joni and her “*Big Yellow Taxi*”. As of April 28 the Joni Mitchell website reports, “Contrary to rumors circulating on the Internet today, Joni is not in a coma. Joni is still in the hospital - but she comprehends, she’s alert, and she has her full senses. A full recovery is expected.” That is good news indeed.

Yesterday, May 2, was “*Drive Your MGA Day*”. The weekend is beautiful and today it will be 80 degrees. I hope you have your MG on the road and are enjoying the start of another great driving season.

Donna and I got a head start on the season driving the MGA to Key West for the 2015 Brits in Paradise and Conch Republic Independence Festival. We left on April 16 (tax season done) for a four day drive to Key West, four days of party fun and four day return - 12 days, 3,500 miles. About forty people attended and we had 12 cars in the parade on Thursday night. The dog stayed home this time.

Steve Finch - Club President



Monday evening was the poolside reception meet and greet. Tuesday was the annual Bocce Ball championship elimination tournament. Wednesday was mostly open to do whatever in KW. Thursday evening was the Independence Festival Parade. The Key West British Car Club is a featured participant in the parade. In typical Key West style, it was a wild and crazy time.

The great part of the KWBCCC annual event is that it is unlike typical national MG conventions where they schedule activities for most every moment of every day. KWBCCC purposely includes only a few scheduled events and leaves plenty of free time to enjoy everything that the Keys have to offer. There

is plenty to do on your own or with new friends, great restaurants, relaxing beaches and tourist attractions. An evening stroll up Duval Street to Mallory Square for the sunset celebration every night is something to behold. The journey is an adventure; the destination is a “*trip*”. It was unseasonably hot this year but way, way cool!

I almost made it all the way home before going on the trailer this time. Like Dale’s return trip, the MGA developed a high rpm misfire on return trip day 2. Evenings in the hotel parking lot looking for fuel starvation proved unsuccessful. It finally died 12 miles from home. A Good Samaritan with a pickup truck and empty flatbed trailer came along, stopped, loaded us up and took us home. There is an old adage saying that “90% of all carburetor problems are electrical”. Rick Astley thinks it is the coil, and now tests look as if he is right.