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Positively Grounded—Howard Beckner, Editor

What a wonderful holiday season! The club had a very nice holiday party in December. I'm sorry that my wife and I were not able to attend. I was leading a musical performance in our church that night. From all reports a good time was had by all.



Our first event of 2015 was to move my '74 Midget from my yard to Randy's garage. The club helped me disassemble the Midget about 8 or 9 years ago in preparation for a ground up restoration. The old body (tub) was riddled with rust and Bondo, so the work needed to be done. Well, in the meantime, life happened, and I never got around to working on it. As I looked at my retired years, I don't see me having enough time to work on it now either, so I decided to donate it to the club as a project car. The new tub is in good shape and just needs a little work before painting. The engine needs rebuilding and new wiring will need to be provided. Of course there will be a host of other things that will need to be provided, repaired or replaced. That's the way it is with restorations. It should, though, be a fun project.

Upcoming events include the annual Winterfahrt, Brew Pub tours, and our regular club meetings. If you are planning to participate in the Winterfahrt, please let Lee or Randy know ASAP so they can get a headcount for lunch.

I hope to see you all tonight at our first 2015 meeting! Don't forget to pay your dues!!!

Cheers - Howard

## Club Calendar

### January

13—Regular Club Meeting

17—Winterfahrt

### February

10—Regular Club Meeting

21—Brew Pub Run

### March

10—Regular Club Meeting



## Winterfahrt

*(Winter Drive)*

**Saturday Jan. 17th**

Event planners; Jim Roberts & Randy Remington,

Weather forecast for Saturday is sunny and 58°, so you won't even get your car dirty.

We are getting a great response from Alabama Section of Mercedes-Benz Club America along with our friends in the Porsche Club, Birmingham Motoring Club, and Mt. Brook Driving Club. Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum assistant manager Lee Clark has graciously volunteered to open the museum's lobby for us at 8:15 to allow us to register and sign releases indoors as well as to use their restrooms, have a brief meeting, and hand out route directions.

Our drive will take us down Alabama 25, across Logan Martin dam, stop at the Motorsports Hall of Fame Museum at Talladega Speedway before the challenging run through Talladega National Forest and to the summit of Mt. Cheaha followed but the breathtaking Talladega scenic drive.

The wonderful Classic on Noble is opening for us for lunch in Anniston.

Plan on arriving with your car full of fuel, as it is 200km (122 miles) to the restaurant for lunch. It is important for us to know that you are participating as both we and the restaurant need to prepare for the appropriate number.

Bis Samstag!

## BMC Holiday Party



Donations to Toys for Tots



## BMC Holiday Party-cont.



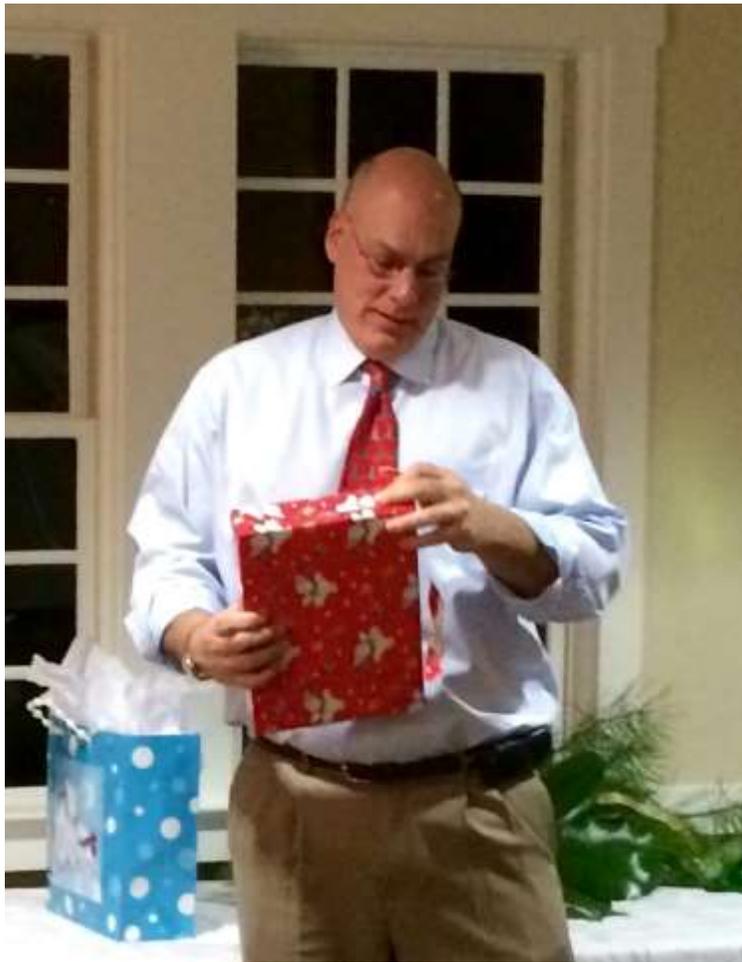
The night was simple but fun  
Meeting new friends  
Having a meal with all  
Presents to be stolen  
And toys for the tots  
Slide show of the years club activities  
And pot-luck for dinner  
Laughs and tall tales by the fire  
We celebrated the holidays in style



BMC Holiday Party—cont.



BMC Holiday Party—cont.



## Tech Session—Moving the Midget

Howard Beckner has graciously donated a project car and 3/4s to the club. It could be 1½ but it was definitely more than one car. Saturday Dec. 10th was moving day and lots of help showed up on this brisk but sunny day.



Tech Session—cont.



Tech Session—cont.



Body #2



This looks illegal and dangerous

Tech Session—cont.



Made it to Chelsea!



More air in the tires

Tech Session—cont.



Will this buff out?



Double-decker Midget or stretch limousine? Which will it be?

## Tech Session—cont.

Come to Tuesday's meeting to discuss what the plan really is, keep it original or make a track car. Do you want to help/watch rebuilding the engine, interior? We will talk about it at the meeting, so come and participate!

## Classifieds

I am sending this Email to you to see if any one in the Birmingham area might be interested in a 1957 MGA that my sister in-law is looking to sell. I have pictures of the Car that can be sent for viewing. The Car was restored by her husband a few years ago. The car belonged to Ron Harris but when I spoke to my sister in-law she said that some of the members of the Club came to Ron`s funeral. So if you new Ron you would know his car. The selling Price that is set to start is \$27000.00

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