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**MEETING LOCATION: AS USUAL! The NOVEMBER 21ST MEETING AND DINNER**

**WILL START AT 7:00 P.M. and tire kicking at 6:30 at CARRABBA'S**, near the corner of Red Bug Road and Tuskawilla Road, in their meeting room. The specific address is 5820 RED BUG LAKE RD, WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708-5082.

November starts the busy holiday season. We will have updates on the 2020 GOF. If you have Facebook, check out the GOF page. It has regular contributors! Unfortunately, our Northern counterparts from the Chesapeake Chapter, NEMGTR will not be able to come down in January as planned. We will be recapping the October Overnighter and be discussing future events such the Flankey Picnic. This is where the business of the club takes place punctuated by our MG fellowship.

**REPORT ON THE OCTOBER EVENT:** Our October event and drive was an overnighter to beautiful Avon Park and the Jacaranda Hotel. John Camichos always does a great job on events and he planned a fun filled weekend with a drive though some of the less traveled roads and stops for food and beverages. Always a favorite, the group met up at the Frostbite Dinner for lunch. This gave the group coming from Orlando a bit of time to dry out. Kathy and Al reported little rain on their drive and were very fortunate. The group enjoyed a private tour of Avon Park's Railroad museum where local docents spent the time to acquaint us with the history of the

areas as well as acquisitions from daily life. We are always treated graciously, and we had the porch for our predinner gathering and then went to the restaurant across the street. It was a fun and relaxing trip and the Jacaranda Hotel is better than ever with its redecorated rooms.

**NOVEMBER EVENT:** The Annual Flankey Not So Ordinary Car Show and Picnic at Camille and Kerry Flankey's will be on **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a popular event and the challenge will be to judge all the delicious chili's! Bring a side or a pot of chili to feed 8. **Kathy Cook (407-963-5349) will coordinate the food and RSVPs.** Club will provide non-alcoholic beverages otherwise BYOB! The Flankey Horse Farm located at 8098 Gillam Road, Apopka 32703. Directions: Turn East off Apopka-Vineland Rd. at Gilliam Rd, 1-mile North of the intersection of A-V and Clarcona-Ocoee Rd. The time will be from 12:00 Noon until approximately 4:00. As usual, we will extend a warm welcome to other the British car folks. We also need a few volunteers to help set up on Sunday morning. Camille has Albums from past events and hopefully will bring them out. Thank you to the Flankeys for helping us to keep the memories alive.

**HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE PAYNES:** Please see the attached flyer for the annual party at the Paynes. Please RSVP 352-394-4969 by: Dec. 1, 2019. Bring a gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange, and BYOB.

**FUTURE CLUB EVENTS:**

We try to do a driving event on the weekend after the meeting (local drives during the summer). This of course is subject to availability and changes. Events planned for the next few months include the following (subject to change):

**November – 21<sup>st</sup>** meeting at Carrabba's

16<sup>th</sup> - Party at Dan and Judy Duran's fly in home, their address is 4819 Southwind Ct, Mulberry, FL 33860

24<sup>th</sup> - Annual Flankey Not So Ordinary Car Show and Picnic at Camille and Kerry Flankey's. This will be a popular event and the challenge will be to judge all the delicious chili's! Bring a side or a pot of chili to feed 8. Kathy Cook (407-963-5349) will coordinate the food and RSVPs. Club will provide non-alcoholic beverages otherwise BYOB! The Flankey Horse Farm located at 8098 Gillam Road, Apopka 32703. Directions: Turn East off Apopka-Vineland Rd. at Gilliam Rd, 1-mile North of the intersection of A-V and Clarcona-Ocoee Rd. The time will be from 12:00 Noon until approximately 4:00.

**December – 14<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Party, at 5:00 (Richard and Nancy Payne's). Food will be provided by the Payne's but BYOB and optional gift for the auction/gift exchange  
See attached invitation!

18<sup>th</sup> Tour of lights (in lieu of regular meeting)

**January 2020 – 16<sup>th</sup>** MG Meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> Event TBA (Raley)

**February 2020 – 20<sup>th</sup>** Meeting

Event- TBA

**March 2020 – 14th MG St Patrick's Day and Planning Party at the Cooks in Lithia, 12:00 noon  
19<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**April 2020 – 17-19th GOF by Classic MG Club Orlando, April 17-19th at Mission Inn**

**PLEASE TAKE PICTURES AT THE EVENTS AND EMAIL THEM TO KATHY  
[KATHY.COOKUCF@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KATHY.COOKUCF@GMAIL.COM) SO SHE CAN PUT THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER!!!!**

**GOF 2020:**

**GOF-South Mk LIV Update:**



We are all looking forward to the 54th annual "Southern Gathering of the Faithful" Friday April 17 through Sunday April 19, 2020. As announced it will be held at The Mission Inn Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida,  
<https://www.gofsouth.org/>

Don't put it off. Sign up now for GOF-South. Tell your MG friends around the nation to sign up, too. A hundred MGs and over 200 enthusiasts are expected.

We will have Rallies on old Florida back roads, hands-on MG seminars by nationally known experts all week end, two MG shows, banquets, shopping and sightseeing, tea and fashions, and of course new and long-time MG friends make GOF-South the largest and most important MG event in the Southeast.

The GOF-South website is up and running. It looks great and is already receiving registrations and payments. Click on this link to see for yourself and register online or with a paper form:  
<https://www.gofsouth.org/>

The Mission Inn has a limited number of rooms at a special GOF rate so, book your room while they are still available. Phone 800-874-9053. Ask for Reservation Code: 1218G8.

Please Like, Follow, and Share the GOF-South Facebook page with your Facebook friends. We need your help to spread the word. Click this link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/gofsouth/>

Dodie added a link to the GOF-South website on our CMGC web page. While you are looking at the revised website, look at other information on the site - it's your one-stop location for past - current - future information about the club.

<https://www.classicmgclub.com/>

Get your MG ready ... it's going to be a jam-packed weekend of beautiful drives, helpful knowledge, wonderful resort activities, and life-long MG friends.



#### **MEMBER NEWS:**

Usually we do not publish writeup of car shows from non-MG groups, but this month we decided to publish the wonder write up and activities of Glen and Jill Moore. Glen & Jill Moore's gorgeous MGA (Little Blue Coupe) was selected to show at the Lake Mirror Classic Auto Show! Here is a report of the Event:

Club member, George Butz, suggested in a conversation at GOF South that we consider taking the MGA to the Lake Mirror event in Lakeland. A review of their website found that the Lake Mirror Classic (an abbreviated form of the long name) was a large show with many activities happening – an auto show, Concours d'Elegance, Road Rallye, food trucks, new car dealer displays, live music, and more. It looked like it could be fun, so the application form was printed out and completed, then submitted with the required photos of specific areas of the car attached. Our goal was to be able to share a British car, and more so, an MG, with many people who appreciate cars, but do not know about classic MGs. A few months later, the acceptance letter was received; The Little Blue Coupe was accepted into the Concours.

We had never been a part of the “showing” side of a Concours. Participated in the “looking at” side of the Concours at Amelia Island for many years. It is different than a car show. On Friday evening there was a cocktail party hosted by MidFlorida Credit Union on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of their building overlooking the lakes in downtown Lakeland. A large array of food, an open bar, and live music created a festive atmosphere. The people were open and accepting and conversation flowed easily. It was a fun evening.

For the Saturday morning show, an appointment time for arrival was given to each car to avoid any traffic jams. A volunteer guided every car to its reserved parking spot and placed a

professional sign describing the car in front. Mid-day, a buffet lunch was provided for all participants, inside an airconditioned building. Everything is first class.

This year, the Concours focus group was British Cars, the class in which the MGA was placed. The lead judge was Bob Tullius, of Group 44 racing fame, one who knows British cars. His favorite British sports car at the Concours? Jill's Little Blue Coupe. The blue ribbon sure looked nice on the blue car. The Best-of-Class award is a swan sculptured in alabaster.

The Road Rallye was run on Sunday morning. It is a competitive fun rally, with cryptic directions, ending in an unknown, but always interesting location. Scoring is calculated on the accuracy of measuring the mileage of the route and answering challenging questions about sights along the roadways. While the Lake Mirror Classic is about classic cars, there is no requirement to run the rally in a classic car. In fact, there were few classic cars. Not all were even sports cars with many SUVs running. Ford Heacock entered the oldest car, a 1930 Model A Ford racer. The rally was a quality event, designed by a team of people whose hobby is designing fun rallies. The ending point this year was the airplane hangar of the Kathleen High School Aerospace Academy, where a lunch was served, and students conducted a presentation about their airplanes and activities in the program.

The Lake Mirror Classic is a great event. We will return, maybe only as spectators. You should consider attending this event. Many of our members' cars could be considered for the show or Concours. There are no requirements for entry into the rally – just register and send a check. On Saturday, there are more cars and activities than can be visited in a single day. The atmosphere is laidback and fun. A group drive could be considered to add club comradery to the journey. An overnighter would also be possible since, unlike the Amelia Island Concours, the hotel rates are reasonable that weekend. The 21<sup>st</sup> annual MidFlorida Auto Show & Lake Mirror Concours will be October 16 – 18, 2020.

If you are interested in more detail and photos, click on the links below to see the reports on the Lake Mirror Classic in our blog.

<https://classicmg.blogspot.com/2019/10/lake-mirror-concours-delegance.html>

<https://classicmg.blogspot.com/2019/10/road-rallye-midflorida-auto-show.html>



## **TRANSITIONS:**

Many of our members met John Twist recent GOFs and many more follow his YouTube videos about MGs. His son, John Oliver Twist, recently passed away following an ongoing battle with PTSD. We all extend our sincere sympathy. The Register is planning a donation to support his family. See: [https://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/grandrapids/obituary.aspx?n=james-twist&pid=194270621&fbclid=IwAR1wgpTpjDno1BhTcryB\\_4UrKatW1C5Yr8Rkbep20ETamnZUGcS5TSrPxE](https://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/grandrapids/obituary.aspx?n=james-twist&pid=194270621&fbclid=IwAR1wgpTpjDno1BhTcryB_4UrKatW1C5Yr8Rkbep20ETamnZUGcS5TSrPxE)

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**

New members Jerry and Carrie Kroeger live in Maitland and are the proud new owners of a 1953 TD Mk II. Although they are to MGs, they are not new to collector cars. They also own a 1939 Ford conv coupe, 1982 Porsche 911 SC Targa, and a 2005 Porsche Boxster S. Welcome to the club! We hope to see you soon.

There are never too many Cooks! We want to extend a warm welcome to Daniel Cook. Daniel has a 1956 MGA and lives in Lake Mary. His MGA is in a shop in Melbourne. He's looking forward to the day when they will be reunited.

John and Candy Avallone live in Orlando and are looking for an MG to buy and enjoy. John contacted the club's website for help. They will join us soon at a club meeting to be introduced to the "MG Life."

**FOR SALE AND WANTED ITEMS:** If you would like to list any items for sale, please send the information to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter.

## **FOR SALE:**

1. For Sale this very rear 1969 MGC GT with RHD. Powered by a smooth 2.9L inline six-cylinder engine. The external color is Grampian Grey & is trimmed internally in black with red piping. The car has many upgrades: Lightened Kent Cam, Triple Carbs, Aluminum Radiator, Chrome Wire Wheels, MP3 connection stereo. It also comes with a spare reconditioned O/D gearbox, prop shaft, O/D wiring harness & dash switch. Asking Price: \$20,900. The owner, Mark Grant, may be reached at [markg@iris-int.com](mailto:markg@iris-int.com) or cell 407-451-8030. (The car is located in Orlando.)
  
2. 1972 MGTD for sale. The car is red with biscuit interior and has 96,800 miles. The owner has had the car for over 60 years and has always been garaged. It has less than 500 miles since engine overhaul and frame up rebuild; new paint (bare metal), leather, tires, and canvas. \$21,000. Located in Leesburg, FL. Contact Jake Kertz at 352-728-4435 or [jakenan@aol.com](mailto:jakenan@aol.com).

3. 1975 MGB for sale. This car has been owned by John Uppercu since 1989. It was completely restored in 1996, the engine was rebuilt, and a custom red leather interior was installed. It has been a daily driver on and off until 2006. Since then it has been garaged and driven in the fall and to MGB shows and events. The MGB has 77,000 original miles; the engine is sound, and it drives great. It has been updated to dual carburetors, the brakes were updates 3 years ago, tires have less than 2000 miles on them. The top is 7 years old with one small tear, included is a tonneau top used 3 times. Many parts included. \$5,400 OBO

John also has a 1975 MGB that currently does not run but is restorable or may be used as a parts car, it has a tan interior package purchased 2012, and an older Webber carburetor.

If interested in all or parts of this collection, please call. John Uppercu 407-496-7942.

4. CMGC member Conrad Wienckowski is selling his 1977 MGB. The car has a ton of new parts and is in storage. Asking \$5500. Contact Conrad Wienckowski, Altamonte Springs, FL, 407-576-7703 or [dadrad56@gmail.com](mailto:dadrad56@gmail.com) .



5. 1953 MGTD 1 owner, Cream/w Green Interior. 2460 miles on frame- up restoration completed early 2014. 3 Bow tan stayfast top, full tonneau and side curtains, luggage and driving lights. Portfolio of receipts and over 350 pictures of restoration process. \$ 25600 contact Tony Geraci, E-mail [marton1879@gmail.com](mailto:marton1879@gmail.com) or 407-656-7472.



6. MGB Engine & Transmission: Wes is pulling the engine out and doing a swap-in, so he has a 1970s MG MGB that he doesn't need. He can prove it runs before he pulls it. He lives in Orlando. Contact Wesley Howard, [slammedtomeiZ32@gmail.com](mailto:slammedtomeiZ32@gmail.com), 407-773-1988.

**WANTED TO BUY:**

Beau Gable is looking for a TC or TF. We are happy to have him going back to his roots. phone 407-365-7219.

**PARTS WANTED:**

Richard Hebb has started restoration on his 1964 MGB MKI. A lot of work is planned, including body/frame/sill work and engine/transmission rebuild.

To simplify the work required there are a few body parts needed to replace the worst parts. Ideally any parts should have minimal to no rust, and minimal or no sheet metal damage. Contact Rich Hebb at (407)-259-8756(cell) if you can help him.

**1964 MGB MKI Parts Wanted**

- Right (passenger side) Pull Handle Door
- Pull Handle Door Internal Parts
- Right (passenger side) Fender
- Boot Lid
- Also interested in Speedometer and Tachometer, cable drive

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