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MEETING LOCATION: The October 18th 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, where we had dinner last month. The specific address is 5820 RED BUG LAKE RD, WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708-5082. We will have a limited menu but still many choices. See attached.

Fall is a very busy season. With the weather turning cooler we are anxious to get our cars out for a spin. Fall also ushers in various car shows and the holidays. We enjoy combining friends and MGs and look forward to seeing you all!

REPORT ON THE SEPTEMBER DRIVING EVENT: Our September 22 driving event to the Proper Pie Company in Davenport, Florida, had people coming from all directions to eat some marvelous British food. Nancy and Richard coordinated the event with us arriving about 12:45 to enjoy lunch. The morning drive was not too bad although it did warm up during the afternoon. Some of the people met in Winter garden, some at the Cooks, and the rest just joined us as they could. We had approximately 30 folks with lots of MGs! I just wish we could have a branch of this restaurant near our home! It was truly authentic and delicious.

OCTOBER DRIVING EVENT:

October – Carol McCormick and Dodie Beach have worked hard to coordinate the **overnighter to Vero Beach**. If you missed the September 30th deadline at the Sea Spray Inn, (772)231-5210

<https://www.seasprayinnverobeach.com/> , you may be able to still contact the hotel, but we are unaware of any cancelations. You are still welcome to join us, and we have a wonderful weekend planned. We are excited to have Norm Ridgely and the MGCC-Florida (East Coast MG folks) joining us! We will be visiting and having lunch at the Sealantro Café in the McKee Botanical Gardens.

Saturday Morning, we will Meet at Gatorland at 9:30 for a departure at 10:00. It is an hour to Yeehaw Junction for a pit stop. Another hour to McKee Botanical Garden, <https://mckee garden.org/> . Norm Ridgely arranged a special admission of only \$5.00!

The hotel has a roof top deck for our Cocktail Party from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. **Bring a snack to share and BYOB.** Dinner will follow at Waldo's at 6:00 PM. <http://www.waldosvero.com/index.html>

On Sunday morning, we will meet 9:00AM at the Seaside Grill, 4200 Ocean Dr., at Jaycee Park for breakfast. Following breakfast, we will travel north on A1A to the McLarty Treasure Museum. The Museum is small and it won't take long to go through, and they have a nice lookout spot, great photo options: <https://verobeach.com/explore-vero-beach/mclarty-treasure-museum>. We will continue north on A1A to Indialantic to connect with US 192 back to Orlando. **See attached flyer for the summary.**

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to extend a warm Florida welcome to our newest members!

Bob and Elaine Hooker from St. Cloud, Florida, are originally from New Zealand. They moved to Central Florida to be near their children. They have a 1980 MGB that has been converted to chrome bumpers including lowered to the "correct" chrome bumper stance.

Richard and Maria Nodarse have a 1972 MGB.

Gus Vileta, is a new Orlando member. Gus, you will need to tell us what car you have (or want!) at the meeting.

Jim Allen lives in Sanford. His MGB was previously owned by his brother and by his father. We love "family MGs."

WEBSITE: Check out our updated website www.classicmgclub.com.

OTHER EVENTS:

GOF 2019: For those of you who may have missed it, it's official that we are having the GOF in Daytona Beach next year. It will be held at the Plaza Resort & Spa on the beach. **Save the date: 11th thru 14th of April.** The main feature will be taking a drive on the road course around the race track on a Friday afternoon. We will also have a few driving MG's road events in the Daytona area. We are starting on a Thursday for the early birds with something for them to do, a meet & greet as well as a driving tour. Go to <https://www.mgclassics.org/gofsouth> for registration and Hotel information. A copy of the registration form is attached.

MG Jamboree: The Florida Suncoast MG Club is holding their biennial Jamboree November 16-18, 2018 at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa which is located on the west side of Tampa

Bay. This is a fun event which has been attended by many of our club members. See the attached flyer for more information.

The MG Car Club-Florida has invited us to attend their trip to Bok Tower on December 8, 2018. The attached flyer will give you the information and I am sure we will discuss it at the meeting.

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:

November – Flankey Picnic. With so much going on during the month, we will be very flexible. We ask each person bring a dish (main, side, or dessert) for at least 6-8 people. We will again invite all our British Car friends for a showing of cars.

December – Paul Plasschaert will do the Tour of Lights

The holiday party

Happy New Year – 2019

January – Kathy Cook. will do a trip to the Lone Cabbage Fish Camp

February – Dodie is planning the excursion to Cross Creek

March – Al and Kathy Cook will host the St. Patrick's Day Party and planning meeting

FOR SALE ITEMS:

If you would like to list any items for sale, please send the information to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter.

1. Bill Hebal is selling his 1969 MGC roadster. It has 55,411 original miles. He describes it as "one of the best." The car is in Door County Wisconsin, Sturgeon Bay is the closest town (about ten miles south of us) If you need any other information, call Bill Hebal, 920-823-2187, whebal@yahoo.com



2. Ray Hartinger has a 1977 MGB. This car was purchased in 1977 and has new carpeting and Bimini top but has the original flame red paint. Lovingly maintained, professionally serviced, and always garaged, it has only 58,400 original miles and runs like a charm. The Price is \$12,500. Phone 352-357-4202

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