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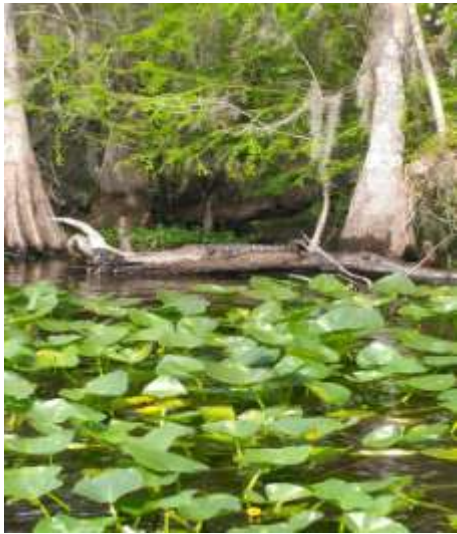
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MEETING LOCATION: **AS USUAL! The March 21st MEETING AND DINNER WILL START AT 7:00 P.M. and tire kicking at 6:30 at CARRABBA'S**, near the corner of Red Bug Road and Tuskawilla Road, in their meeting room, where we had dinner last month. The specific address is 5820 RED BUG LAKE RD, WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708-5082. We hope to have the full menu.

A couple of members are still negotiating for the 2020 GOF; we will have updates at the meeting. We will be planning our drive to the upcoming GOF at the next meet. There will also be a recap of the St. Patrick's Day Party and planning session. This is where the business of the club takes place punctuated by our MG fellowship.

MARCH EVENT: On **March 16, 2018** we had the The Annual St. Patrick's Day party and planning session at the Cook's home. We had a true Irish Feast with lots of good food and around 35 people in attendance. We were able to conduct our annual planning meeting where we will planned out the driving events for the next year and assigned the Action Officers to organize those events. There was a drawing from the Irish hat for people who submitted ideas in writing. Oh yes, and lets not forget the Irish coffee!

REPORT ON FEBRUARY EVENTS:



FEBRUARY DRIVING EVENT: Sharon Spadaro picked an excellent location for our February Driving event. The weather was perfect and we had 30 or so people for it. We had two meeting points for the group, one at the Publix in Sorrento and one at the Publix on 17-92 in Maitland. After a beautiful Drive we arrived at the St. Johns River Grill and parked in spaces reserved for us! After a leisurely lunch, Sharon arranged a boat ride with commentary of the area, birds and other wildlife by Blue Heron River Tours. This was definitely a fun day and we will want to go back again.



TOPS OR BOTTOMS: Thank you CERES MOTORSPORTS for having a MG Tech session on February 16 on replacing the top of your MGB! They did get to the dreaded rear end clunk, too. Tech sessions are a great tradition and really help people. We have one planned for the upcoming events in June and (hint, hint) hope to have more.

PLEASE TAKE PICTURES AT THE EVENTS SO KATHY CAN PUT THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER!!!!

OTHER EVENTS:

Jacksonville MG Club Meet and Greet at Ft. Mose: The Jacksonville MG Club is arranged for a meet & greet for the Winter Tour Group, on the 3rd of March @ 12 noon. The group drove down from Virginia Beach, Tidewater MG Classics. Our members were invited to attend this as well. We hope to have a report in the next newsletter.

GOF 2019: Information and registration forms are available on the Jacksonville club's website, <https://www.mgclassics.org/gofsouth>. 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. There will also have a few driving MG's road events in the Daytona area. They are starting on a Thursday for the early birds with something for them to do, a meet & greet as well as a driving tour. **Be sure to get your reservations into the hotel and register for the GOF!** Sign-up early. You are encouraged to stay at the Plaza Resort during your visit. The GOF cost is defrayed

based on the number of guest nights. We encourage all guests to sign-up for the Racetrack drive on a Friday evening. Also, if anyone is bringing a trailer, the host club will need to know because space is limited. Any overflow of trailers not registered there might incur an additional charge to park in spaces in the area. We believe this GOF will be unique & a fun place to gather together.



The All British Car Club Show on April 6th: For convenience you may register and pay online at: www.allbritishcarclub.com. On-site registration will be possible on the day of the show, if you are unable to complete this form prior. Please especially take note of the NEW VENUE, Central Winds Park is in Winter Springs, Florida. 1100 East State Road 434, Winter Springs, Florida 32708. For questions you may contact Jeff at moose1050@aol.com or Rick @ rickbrown123@gmail.com.

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):

- April** – 6th All British Car Show
 11-14th GOF Daytona Beach
 18th Monthly MG Club meeting at Carrabba's
- May** – The trip to the Sea Spray in Vero which is coordinated by Carol McCormick and Dodie Beach has been moved to May 18th. Contact John Comichos, pjcamicos@aol.com, if you would like his room reservation.
 16th Monthly MG Club meeting at Carrabba's
- June** – 8th Garage Tour (Lonnie Cook Coordinating)
 20th Monthly MG club meeting at Carrabba's
 22nd DeBary House -Swamp House Restaurant / Cassadaga
- July** – 18th Monthly MG Club meeting at Carrabba's
 20th Fiddlers Green Darts
- August** – 15th Monthly MG Club meeting at Carrabba's
 17th Willow Tree in Sanford (Paul)
- September** – 19th MG Club meeting at Carrabba's
 21st Crabby Bill's in St Cloud (Alan and Sharon)
- October** – 17th MG Club meeting at Carrabba's
 19&20th Over-Nighter at Avon Park (Jack and John)
 Possible Bok Tower Oktoberfest and/or Sebring Additions
- November** – 21st MG Club meeting at Carrabba's
 23rd Flankey Picnic and Mini Car Show
- December** – 19th Tour of Lights and Holiday Party
- January** – Patrick to organize event or Lonnie to look into Tampa
- February** – Picnic at Carl & Debbie's place or Okeefe's Irish Pub, (Pete)
- March** – GOF by Classic MG Club Orlando, April 17-19th at Mission Inn

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.

