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Our website is not up to date we, are still looking for a webmaster to take over.

MEETING LOCATION: We welcome our new president, Patrick Raley. As we did in November, we will meet at the ACE CAFÉ, located at 100 West Livingston. We invite you to arrive at 6:30-6:45 PM (to allow time to park and talk, before going in to the meeting. The ACE café is located at the corner of Livingston and Garland in downtown Orlando. Because Garland is a one-way street, the easiest access to their location is from Livingston, west of Orange Avenue. For you GPS folks the address is 100 West Livingston, Orlando 32801. This month's meeting date is on January 18, which is the third Thursday. As before, we can order dinner from their menu and eat after our meeting is concluded. We will be discussing alternatives to this location which a subcommittee has investigated.

REPORT ON DECEMBER EVENTS: December 9th there was a wonderful open house at the Payne's in Clermont. Richard and Nancy met the cold weather with hot soup and warm British hospitality. Many members enjoyed the incredible Christmas collections of the Payne's which certainly they must have spent the last year decorating! Beautiful!

MG Club members Jack and Brian Collins and Ceres Motorsports hosted the All British Car Club Winter Holiday Party at their business on December 10th. The location was festive and provided everyone an opportunity to view the spacious facilities of Ceres Motorsports.

The ever popular Classic MG Club Holiday party and gift exchange was held on December 16th at the Cooks. There was plenty of delicious food and fellowship which was highlighted by the always hilarious gift exchange. There were some interesting and lovely items. Someone must

have believed that we had some big drinkers which could be gauged by the size of the flask This editor ended up receiving. Don't despair if you received a "clunker", it can always be traded next year.

In lieu of our usual meeting, we had a tremendous turnout for our Holiday Tour of Lights. We started at the home of Paul and Ann Plasschaert in Maitland where we had cider and cookies. A well decorated group of MGs with lights and people with hats successfully navigated the excellent route after which we all dined at Smokey Bones at Howell Branch Rd and Semoran Blvd. We had approximately 30 people and ten cars and no one broke down and no one got lost! Certainly a first in my memory!

FEBRUARY EVENTS:

Our February driving event will be to JB's Fish Camp on Saturday **January 20th**. Sharon Spadaro is organizing the drive from Lake County and Dodie Beach has planned a route leaving from Publix in Maitland. For the Publix group, please meet at 10:00 for a 10:15 departure. The address is 859 Pompano Ave. New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169. It is described as 7 miles south of the Islander on A-1-A. The web site is <http://www.jbsfishcamp.com/> and the telephone # is 386-427-5747.

OTHER EVENTS: 2018 Cops 'N Cars Show will be on January 20th from 10 to 4 at the Oviedo Mall. Sponsored by Oviedo-Winter Springs Optimist Club for more information and to register visit their web site <http://owsoptimistclub.com/>

GOF-SOUTH UPDATE: PLEASE ... send in your GOF registration form and payment now. We can't finalize setup for GOF until we receive your forms. Plus, our pre-event payment to the hotel is now due. <http://www.gofsouth.com/>

The next **GOF planning meeting** is 10:00AM **Saturday, January 27**. The location will be at the Altamonte Hilton, the location of the GOF. Contact Lonnie Cook, Chairman, [407-670-9679](tel:407-670-9679) or gofsouth2018@aol.com to let him know you will be attending.

Will you please donate a valuable item to our silent auction? Contact Carol McCormick [407-880-5793](tel:407-880-5793) cmcarol17@gmail.com

Suggested items for our silent auction include:

- Gift cards for good restaurants, theme parks, travel, spa, services.
- A week at your timeshare.
- Valuable items for MGs or shop.
- Re-gift: Don't return unwanted holiday items - donate them to the silent auction.

Ask your company or nearby businesses. Perhaps they will donate items or gift certificates to the auction in return for publicity at the show and in the program. Or bypass the auction and donate cash to GOF.

Another famous MG expert has joined our impressive list of seminar leaders. Manley Ford has successfully raced MGs in vintage races since 1974 and supplies competition-quality components and services for T-Series MGs to customers all over the world. Many of you

remember his uncle and aunt, Tom and Jan Wager who were active members and leaders of the Classic MG Club. Come see Manley and his TD race car in the MG Vintage Racing seminar.

Reminder - **Book your rooms at the Hilton now.** Rooms with discounted room rate are going fast. Let Lonnie if you cannot get a room. Click on "Hotel" on the GOF website <http://www.gofsouth.com/> to book your room or call the hotel at (407) 830-1985.

FUTURE EVENTS:

On **February 17, 2018**, we will again meet up with our traveling T Car Friends from Virginia for a Meet & Greet and picnic and the **North meets the South**. This year, the picnic will be held at Lake Idamere Park in Tavares. As they did last year, John and Sharon Spadaro will head it up, but I am sure they would welcome any help we could provide. More information later, but John has prepared a flyer to remind us to put this on our calendars for February. More will be discussed at the January meeting.

March will be a busy month with Car shows and the GOF. The meeting in March will be a stuffing party to prepare for the GOF and the Annual St. Patrick's Day party will be on the 17th at the Cook's home.

Don't forget to preregister for the All British Car show on April 7th www.allbritishcarclub.com. Need volunteers to help with registration, help park cars and walk the field selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Please contact Jim or Dodie at 407 695 2981, if you wish to volunteer.

FOR SALE ITEMS:

Tommy has his 1978 MG Midget. It's been completely restored and it's been a joy to own and drive. Anyone interested can email me at woodnut12@hotmail.com or call [407.332.8475](tel:407.332.8475). See the beautiful picture below:



Nancy Taylor has her 1977 MG B for sale and is asking \$6,500. It is a beautiful car, well loved and cared for by owner of 32 years. A move to the mountains necessitates this sale. The color of this car is a custom, blue green metallic with a black convertible top and black rubber bumpers. The engine has been rebuilt and it has been rewired. The transmission is manual. The odometer

reading is 100334. It has new seat covers, carpet, door panels, arm rests and visors. It also comes with an installed tow bar, hitch and car cover.



Contact Nancy at [941-350-6491](tel:941-350-6491), Venice, Florida, ntaylorart@yahoo.com . Check it out <https://sarasota.craigslist.org/cto/6394283635.html> for pictures.

