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President's Thoughts

If this is August, it must be time for the McCormick's annual pilgrimage to Maine. We will be there for the month of August. That's thirty days with no wi-fi, no cable TV, and iffy phone reception and a 30-minute drive to a store of any type. Pretty much anything that needs to be dealt with will have to be in September. The McCormick family has been going to the same place for sixty- five years. As a kid I played with the guy who rents us our current camp.

Our location is in the mountains on a lake between Portland and New Hampshire. Mainers call the place a camp... no insulation, no AC, and the only heat is provided by a wood fire-place. It may sound strange, but a good fire in the middle of August is a wonderful thing when the temperature is in the forties or fifties.

Our camp is on McWain Pond. In Maine, you are required to have a lot of acreage to qualify as a lake. There are fish to be caught, loons to listen to all day, and water to swim in or kayak on that is just a bit warmer than the snow that melted to keep it full.

Sorry we are going to miss Jim's August event at Black Hammock Restaurant. Where else can you look out and see big gators float by and then order up his tail on a plate? Truly Old Florida.

As per our bylaws, in my absence, the Presidency goes to Patrick Raley. I expect he will have straightened out all my screwups and have the club back to working like a well-oiled machine. Seriously, thanks Patrick. See you in September!

Safety Fast,

Mike McCormick



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Carrabba's Italian Grill, 5820 Red Bug Lake Road, Winter Springs
July 15, 2021



July Meeting Notes

Submitted by Jim McSweeney and Carol McCormick

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Treasurer Dodie Beach reported that we have spent no money this month.

New members included the following:

Fred and Eileen Deyo from Deland who have a 1978 MGB
Daniel Cook from Lake Mary who has a 1956 MGA
Paul Whitehouse introduced his wife Caroline
Pam Redditt accompanied her husband Tom to the meeting

Old Business

Mike McCormick relayed the sad news from Kerry Flankey that his mother Camille passed away at home on June 19th. Kerry also said that he wanted to hold the Nov 21st Flankey Picnic/Chili Cookoff at his ranch. Dodie Beach volunteered to coordinate details of the event with Kerry. Traditionally, Kathy and Al Cook and Carol and Patrick Raley also helped to set up the event. Kerry's address at the Flankey ranch is PO Box 437, Clarcona, FL 32710

Mark Tidwell and others commented that the JB Boondocks/ Clermont Brewery June event went very well, with over 40 participants at Boondocks and 15 members that drove on to the Brewery. Comments included compliments on the beautiful shady drive to the Brewery and the fantastic atmosphere with music and beautiful scenery at Boondocks.

Lonnie Cook reported that he and Scott Buie met with our 2022 GOF contact at the Mission Inn about 2 weeks ago and toured the venues that we plan to use. They thought she was helpful and knowledgeable about our previous agreement. He also advised club members to check out the GOF website at <http://www.gofsouth.org> to register for a room at the Mission Inn as we have been allocated only 75 rooms. Lonnie said Scott plans to have a GOF planning meeting soon to identify committees and participants.

New Business

John and Sharon Spadaro requested that the members discuss the menu and financing for the Feb 5th Winter Tour Picnic hosting the Chesapeake MG Club as this is the first year the club has sponsored the event. They volunteered to head an organizing committee for the event. Members present agreed that the club would finance the event and that a menu of hot dogs and hamburgers with members contributing side dishes/desserts would be a good idea.

Bob Moore informed the group that he and Pat are working on the October 22-24 overnigher drive to St Augustine. They have sketched out a 2-2.5 hour drive with three rendezvous points. He foresees those attending will find their own lodging.

Ellen Tidwell shared information that the Tidwells and the Paynes uncovered about a possible club meeting location in Tavares called Puddle Jumpers. It has an upstairs room we can use privately on the third Thursday for free and serves a varied menu. Ellen volunteered that they would visit the location. For more information, visit the website at <https://puddlejumperlakeside.com>

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.



MG Calendar of Events

Note - Exposure to COVID-19 is an inherent risk wherever people meet. Please weigh carefully your personal risk before deciding to participate in our functions. CMGC expects all to adhere to CDC guidelines and take appropriate precautions. You alone are responsible for your health.

Stay healthy, for everyone's sake!

August

- 8/14 **Cars & Coffee with Ceres Motorsports**, Brian Collins
640 Kane Ct., Oviedo, Saturday, 9:00 am to Noon, 407-476-9121
- 8/19 **CMGC Club Meeting** Carrabbas Italian Grill, 5820 Redbug Lake Rd, Winter Springs 32708
6:30 Tire Kicking, Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 8/21 **Black Hammock Restaurant**, Oviedo, Jim McSweeney
11:00 am, 2316 Black Hammock Fish Camp Road, Oviedo, FL 32765

September

- 9/16 **CMGC Club Meeting** Carrabbas Italian Grill, 5820 Redbug Lake Rd, Winter Springs 32708
6:30 Tire Kicking, Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 9/18 **Fiddler's Green Lunch & Darts**, Winter Park, Kathy and Al Cook
- 9/23-26 **Brits in the Valley**, Columbus, GA, Peachtree MG Registry
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October

- 10/22-23 **St. Augustine Overnighter**, Pat and Bob Moore
- 10/28-31 **Classic 24 Hours of Daytona**, Daytona International Speedway

November

- 11/21 **Flankey Picnic/Chili Cook Off**, Clarcona, Kerry Flankey and Dodie Beach
- 11/19-21 **MG Jamboree 22**, Safety Harbor, Florida Suncoast MG Car Club
<http://www.fsmgcc.com> Ted Badger, marited@verizon.net, 727-295-9669

December

- TBD **Christmas Party**
- 12/16 **Paul Plasschaert Memorial Tour of Lights**, Winter Park, Ann and Jeff Plasschaert

January 2022

- 1/22 **Eaton's Beach**, Weirsdale, Tom Redditt



February

- 2/5 **Winter Tour Picnic**, Tavares, Lake Idamere, John and Sharon Spadaro
- 2/18-20 **SVRA Vintage Races**, Sebring International Raceway, Oscar Petree
Residence Inn Sebring, make reservations through Expedia for cancellable reservations
To RSVP or obtain more information, contact Oscar at onpetree@gmail.com

March

- 3/3-6 **Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance**, Cars & Coffee 3/5, Show 3/6
- 3/12 **St. Pat's Party and Planning Meeting**, Lithia, Kathy and Al Cook

April

- 4/22-24 **GOF South 2022**, Mission Inn, Howey-in-the-Hills, Scott Buie
<https://www.gofsouth.org/>



Saturday, August 21st The Black Hammock Restaurant

Summer is a time for cooler events since both the cars and the people find it too hot to be out in the sun for very long. We will once again visit The Black Hammock Restaurant on beautiful gator-filled Lake Jessup. Arrange a drive with some MG friends in your area or head out on your own. Join other club members for good food, great times, and maybe an airboat ride.

Please RSVP to Jim McSweeney at jimspeedmaster@aol.com or 407-695-2981 by August 19th

For directions and menu go to the website at <http://www.theblackhammock.com>

The Black Hammock
2316 Black Hammock Fish Camp Road
Oviedo, FL 32765
407-365-2201



Saturday, August 14th
9:00 am - Noon

Ceres Motorsports

640 Kane Ct.
Oviedo, FL





Racing MGs In New Hampshire

George Pardee

George and Elyn Pardee recently made a trip to New Hampshire to support their son, Nick, run his first race at Tamworth. George's report is below. *Editor*

Just back from Club Motorsports, Tamworth, NH, where Nick Pardee successfully raced the family TF in the VSCCA White Mtn Vintage GP, July 9th and 10th. To quote from the track website:

"Club Motorsports is a premier country club for enthusiasts of vintage and performance cars and motorcycles at the edge of New Hampshire's White Mountains. On hundreds of rolling wooded acres with breathtaking views, we've built a heart-pounding ribbon through the woods: 15 turns over 2.5 miles with an elevation change of 250 feet. Club Motorsports may well be the most dramatic and scenic performance course in the country." - All quite true; it is very challenging. Nick had never been on the track before, but he had it dialed in by his fourth session. He modestly stated that much of the credit went to the car builder and to his Blockley Tyres.



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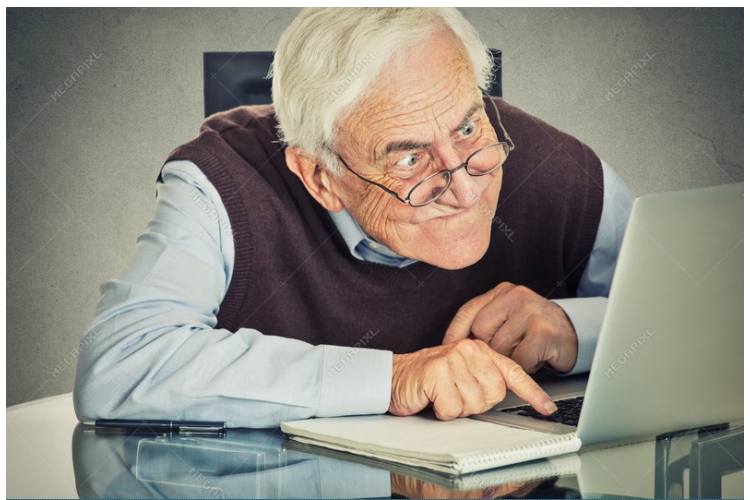
It has been pointed out to the newsletter editor that a few of our members are over 55 years old and that their vision may have become weaker due to those advanced years. They sometimes find *The Octagon* difficult to read. A bigger font would be helpful, they say.

Technology to the rescue! One advantage of receiving the newsletter digitally is that it can be made larger on your computer screen. There are two tricks to make this happen.

1) On the upper left side of the PDF screen there should be 3 small horizontal lines. Click on those lines and the small fingernail images of the pages will disappear, leaving the entire screen for the newsletter.

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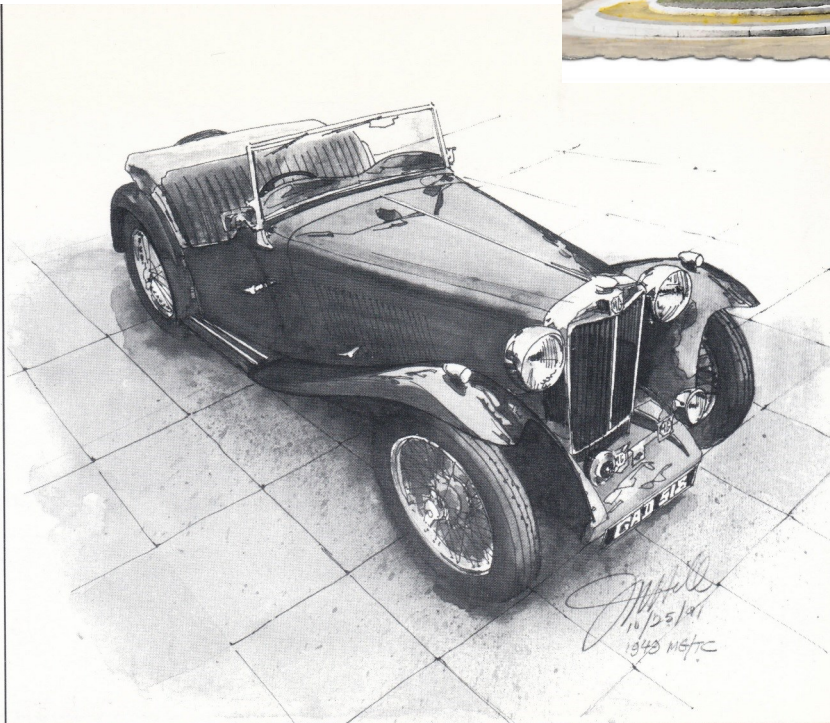
A Postcard from Karel and A Greeting Card from Reinout

Reinout Vogt

August is vacation month and this postcard is from Nice on the French Mediterranean coast about midway between Monaco and the city of Cannes. There is an MG T-Series on the Promenade des Anglais (in the lower right hand corner).



AutoGraphic/Collector Series
1949 MG TC



A greyscale painting of a 1949 MG TC by artist John Napier Hill, published by Auto-Graphic in Western Springs, IL, USA.



MG Marketplace

T-Series Parts for Sale or Trade - 1. Valve cover and original oil cap for I believe a TD as it has a breather pipe on the driver's side, probably for the top mounted air cleaner. Valve gap badge states .019, but will fit a TF. 2. Steering wheel Boss for a TC and Moto-Lita wheel. 3. Wiper motor for a later MG but same internal works. 4. Various badges. Contact Brian Cunnison, hot1929rod@yahoo.com



Wanted to Buy - Looking for a nice MGB. Had a '67 in High School, David Snyder, 561/706-7696

1977 MGB This car has been garage kept for the past 20 years. It has been recently evaluated by Ceres Motorsports. They found the car to have solid bones with no rust, but needing multiple mechanical repairs. Their list of needed repairs is available. **\$3650** Contact Gus Rabito, 407-883-6945 or grabito4@gmail.com



Wanted to Buy - MGB 5 Main Block; all we need is a rebuildable bare block with caps, but will consider any combination, including an entire parts car. Will pick up. George Pardee 727-709-2881

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Contact the editor each month to keep your ad current.



Second Harvest Food Bank is the official charity of the Classic MG Club. Many people in Central Florida go to bed hungry every night. In the U.S., 50 million people are food insecure - one in four children. As a club, and as individuals, we can make a major difference in our neighbors' lives.



Second Harvest is an efficiently-run charity with 97% of contributions going directly to help local people in need. Every \$25 donation can provide 100 meals for struggling families and kids.

Donate Online: www.tinyurl.com/GOF-FoodBank

By Mail: Checks payable to Second Harvest Food Bank of Ctrl FL, 411 Mercy Dr., Orlando, FL 32808

The MG Community is special throughout the world. Thank you for any support that you can give to the Food Bank and to your MG friends who may need help and a kind word.

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Nick Pardee's TC, "Rachel," joined the family on August 21, 2020. Named by Will Bowden for his granddaughter, Nick has her back in running condition. Here she is awaiting the installation of new hubs, half shafts, steering knuckles, and Alfin brakes. Perhaps by 2022, she will be a street-driven vintage race car.

*Story and Photo by
George Pardee*

