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MEETING LOCATION: The February MEETING WILL BE HELD AT CARRABBRA'S, near the corner of Red Bug Road and Tuskawilla Road, in their meeting room on February 15th, the third Thursday of the month. The address is 5820 RED BUG LAKE RD, WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708-5082. We invite you to arrive at 6:30-6:45 PM (to allow time to park and talk, before going in to the meeting. We will be discussing upcoming events including the North vs. South Meeting (discussed below) and the GOF (and its history)! Bring your Honey for a late Valentine's Day dinner and kill two birds with one stone!

REPORT ON JANUARY EVENT: On January 20th Classic MG friends converged from all over to meet at **JB's fish camp** in New Smyrna Beach. We had an excellent turn-out, but we arrived in 3 waves. Let me explain. The group from Lake County arrived early (for MG time) but the group from the South had a little problem: the accelerator cable on Steve Hill's little Midget snapped in two within a mile of our destination. Thanks to Steve's knowledge and skill with MG repairs, Mike Messina googling a nearby bicycle shop where a suitable cable could be purchased, and President Patrick's curiously large collection of pliers, he made the repairs right on the spot. The balance of our group carried on to arrive as the first wave was finishing lunch. By the time the second wave of intrepid lunchers finished, Steve and the MG Rescue Squad arrived. Finally, all were fed, stories of MG adventures were shared and all arrived home in one piece (or so it was reported). Another adventure to add to our long list of successful driving events.

FEBRUARY 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, we will meet at High Noon at Lake Idamere Park 12335 County Road 448 Taveres, FL. PLEASE RSVP to JOHN JJS852@aol.com, OR SHARON SPADARO, SAS852@aol.com. Or you may call 352-357-8812. The Club voted to fund the fun, but as they did last year, John and Sharon Spadaro will head it up. At our February meeting on the 15th, we will ask folks to volunteer to help with the preparations. John has prepared a flyer to remind us and to provide directions. This was a wonderful meeting last year and will be an opportunity to share some “MG Spirit” with our neighbors to the North.

GOF-SOUTH UPDATE:

THE GOF-SOUTH Mk LII IS ONLY A MONTH AWAY! Club members have worked for two years to make this an outstanding GOF. Don't miss it!!!

When: March 22-25

Where: Hilton Altamonte Springs

Website: <http://www.gofsouth.com/>

WE NEED HELP:

NEEDED! RAFFLE / AUCTION ITEMS

We are still collecting your valuables for our GOF raffle and silent auction. Please bring any items you wish to donate to a meeting or event and give them to Carol McCormick, Robin Messina or Sherry Rogers. So far, we have a good response on car parts and other MG related items, but we have only one themed basket...a gorgeous large candle basket from Marcia Geraci and no food/drink baskets. Contact Carol McCormick [407-880-5793](tel:407-880-5793) cmcarol17@gmail.com for further information.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR HOSPITALITY ROOM AND TICKET SALES

Please consider signing up to help with raffles, auctions, food and drink in the Hospitality Room at the GOF...always a fun job! The Signup Sheet with shifts is attached to this newsletter. You can sign up at the Feb 15th meeting or the Feb 17th Picnic. Signup instructions via email or phone are on the attached signup sheet.

DEADLINES:

DEADLINE: TEE SHIRTS & CAPS

February 19 is the last day to mail your GOF registration form to order shirts and caps.

DEADLINE: REGISTRATION

March 2 is the last day to mail your GOF Registration form to be able to pick up your packet at GOF. If you register later, then you will be in a long line to create your credentials and may miss some events. You must have your name tag to participate in all GOF events. **Registration form attached to this newsletter.**

DEADLINE: HOTEL ROOMS

The hotel The Hilton Hotel is full. You may be able to book a room at the Extended Stay America Hotel next door. Address: 302 Northlake Blvd, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701, Phone: (407) 332-9300. It is a short walk or drive to the Hilton. As of 2/7/2018, a search of most internet hotel booking sites showed a rate of \$109/night for March 22-25.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

CARS FOR SALE

You can sell or buy an MG in the Car Corral at GOF. \$15 to display your car in the corral. The perfect audience.

AUTOJUMBLE

Sell and buy MG parts in the Autojumble. No charge for members of any MG club. Bring a table to display your wares.

SPECIAL COLLECTOR CAR TOUR

We were presented an opportunity so wonderful that we cancelled the shop tour that was scheduled on Thursday. Instead we will drive to a guided tour of one of the most unique concours-quality car collections in Central Florida. You will be talking about it for months afterward. The drive starts at 3:00 on Thursday afternoon.

PHOTO CONTEST

Mail photos of memorable moments in your MG to Ann Plasschaert, 1304 Wellington Ter, Maitland, FL 32751.

KITCHEN TOOLS CONTEST

We have all used a turkey baster from the kitchen to transfer fluids in our MGs. I bet that you have used other kitchen tools to work on your MG. Bring them to GOF and give to Elyn Pardee. This is a fun contest and display!

40th ANNIVERSARY OF MG AT DATONA AND SEBRING

The driver of the last MG to race at the Daytona 24 and the Sebring 12-hour races will be at GOF. Be sure to say hello. He no longer owns the car, but he will show another race car with at least three other vintage MG racers on the show field.

OLD FRIENDS

We have talked to MG owners who are coming to GOF who haven't attended for years. They are looking to meet old friends. Don't disappoint them. Kick back and relive tall tales, or go non-stop.

FUTURE EVENTS:

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.

Ceres Motorsports info@ceresmotorsports.com, has graciously let us use the space for the stuffing party which will be on **Thursday, March 15th** and will go out to dinner following the meeting. They are located at 640 Kane Court, Oviedo, FL 32765.

The Annual St. Patrick's Day party and planning session will be on **Saturday, March 17th** at the Cook's home 8554 Amber Oak Drive, Orlando, FL. Of course, we will have the traditional

corned beef and cabbage, provided by the club. We will have soft drinks and water available, also. We ask that you provide your favorite beverages and a side dish. **Please call Kathy Cook, after 6:00 PM (407-678-6814)** so that we can coordinate all the items necessary for a true Irish Feast. At some point we will conduct our annual planning meeting where we will plan out the driving events for the next year and assign the Action Officers to organize those events, so **BRING YOUR IDEAS!** Write them down on a piece of paper and your name and we will put them in a hat for a prize drawing at the beginning of the meeting.

Don't forget to preregister for the All British Car show on April 7th. More information will follow.

FOR SALE ITEMS:

1. For Sale 69 MGC_GT red, 50000 original miles like new has o/d in Orlando call Gastavo [321-230-8995](tel:321-230-8995)

2. This sweet MGB (I'm the 3rd owner) has been garage kept and it shows NO RUST in its documented 87,858 miles. The old carburetors have been replaced w/ Weber Down-Draft, I changed the distributor and points for a dependable new Petronix Electronic Ignition, replaced the Dealer installed air conditioning w/ a complete Second-Generation Sander compressor, fans, dryer and switches from front to back, added a 3rd suck-thru thermostatically controlled fan behind the radiator. AM/FM, wood steering wheel and shifter knob and carpet kit. It has all of the original zip Tonneau cover, convertible cover, complete convertible top w/ zip out window in good shape w/ clear window, jack & hammer cover for the beautiful genuine knock-off wheels. This car does not burn oil, overheat or leak fluids! It's a great little car that you can drive daily, and it doesn't take too much room in the garage. Call or text Dave ☎ (813) 323-7261 Follow link for more info <https://tampa.craigslist.org/hil/cto/d/1979-mgb-with-air-cond/6472685829.html>. See the picture below:

