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MEETING LOCATION: As we did last month, 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. We plan to speak to Steve to locate an appropriate parking location where we won't be parked-in by the many motorcycle fans who share the evening with us.

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 October 18, which is the third Thursday. As before, we can order dinner from their menu and eat after our meeting is concluded.

GOF '18 PLANNING: Our energetic GOF Chairman Lonnie needs us to come with our ideas and energies to the Planning Committee meeting at 10:00 on Saturday, October 28 at the Altamonte Springs Hilton. The address, for those who have not been there, is 350 Northlake Blvd. Altamonte Springs, FL 32701. Discussion topics will include looking for sponsors and donors, obtaining good and valuable items for our silent auction, locating and obtaining useful items for door prizes and goodie bags, and encouraging everyone to both register for our event and to register to stay at the Hilton. Visit our website at <http://gofsouth.com> and call the Hilton at (407) 830-1985. Attached is information on sponsorships and more information and flyers touting the advantages of our GOF will be handed out at the meeting.

REPORT ON SEPTEMBER LIFT DAY EVENT: To get our vehicles ready for the trip next month to Amelia Island for our October/November over-night event, Pete Rogers invited our group to his Sterling Equipment and Mfg. Company to use his facilities, expertise and his lift on September 9th. Your editor was out of the country (hiding?) and could not attend, but this has always been a very popular event for both gear-heads and shoppers (close to Mt. Dora). Pete reported there were 16 people today. We never lifted a car. But we had lots of conversation about

the cars there. MGB_GT, MGB, MGA ,TF . Everyone went on tour of Sterling including lady from Local newspaper. This may help Sterling not the MG club. everyone was from Lake county except 2 people

Pete's report of Mayhem in the Mountains-- It was Terrific. 61 cars and 136 people attended. Car show brought George Pardee a 1st in other cars Mark Tidwell a 2nd in TC class and Pete Rogers a 1st in TF as well as 1st in color (to be explained later) All in all a great show. Ask Lonnie Cook who got some inside tips from Beth. It was announced that Pete's TF got 60 votes out of 61 and was 1 vote off from best of show. They really liked the TF. More later

Amelia Island on November 3-5. See below.

OCTOBER (REALLY NOVEMBER) DRIVING EVENT: In true MG (late) fashion, our October over= night event will take place on November 3-5 at Amelia Island. We plan to stay at Richard (Choo-Choo) Germano's hotel, the Amelia Hotel on the Beach, located at 1997 South Fletcher Avenue, Amelia Island, FL 32034, Telephone (904) 206-5600 or (877) 263-5428. You can also email to Jayla at ja@ameliahotel.com. It may be too late to meet their requested cut off date, but most MG owners know how to beg, so put your skills to the test. You will want to tell them that you are with the MG group and ask for the special rates (which includes breakfast). Planned events include a visit to a wonderful car collection, and dinner on Saturday night at The Crab Shack in lovely downtown Amelia Island. We are hoping to meet up with our friends from the Jacksonville Club. Details of the trip up will be discussed at the meeting on 10/19/17 and published in a special Bulletin before the event.

ANNUAL FLANKEY PICNIC: On **SUNDAY, November 19, 2016**, we will return with the Annual Jim Flankey Memorial Picnic and Mini-Car Show at its original location: the Flankey Horse Farm located at 8098 Gillam Road, Apopka 32703. Directions: Turn East off Apopka-Vineland Rd. at Gilliam Rd, 1 mile North of the intersection of Apopka Vineland and Clarcona-Ocoee Rd. The time will be from 12:00 Noon until approximately 4:00. We will have some fun with a new twist – bring an ethnic dish, or a salad, dessert, or appetizer. It will be BYOC with C standing for folding Chairs. The club will provide nonalcoholic beverages. We ask that you telephone Camille to let her know that you are coming and so that we can avoid having too many 3-bean pickled salads. Her telephone #s are 407-886-3347 (home) or 407-247-2447 (cell). As we have in the past, we will extend the invitation to the rest of the English Car Nation (The BCBC).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: **Jim Zirkel** lives in Longwood and is currently building an MG Midget as a SCCA track car. He has other interesting vehicles and I am sure he will be happy to tell us about them. **Mark Buringrud** grew up with MGs. He and his Dad have had both TDs and TFs. **Eduardo Rodriguez Arriaga** has recently moved to Orlando and is interested in our Club. He has owned his 1971 MGB for years and was a member of the Keystone Region MG Club.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Oct. 14th 2017, 8:00am – 11:00am, Ceres Motorsports is hosting their monthly "Cars and Caffeine" event. We will meet at Ceres Motorsports where Brian Collins will be hosting a tech session on electrical wiring techniques- reviewing soldering and crimping methods complying with IPC J-STD-001 standards. If you plan on modifying the electrical system on your car, this

tech session is perfect for you! 640 Kane Court, Oviedo FL, 32765, 407-476-9121, www.ceresmotorsports.com.

(From our brothers at the All British Car Club): On **October 28** there is a car show at Boystown in Oviedo. Check with Jeff for more details. He reminds us of 2 shows on 10/21/17: the Safety Harbor All British Car Show and the Lake Mirror Classic (on the same day). The British Car Club is also planning to visit the National Parts Depot Car Collection on 11/18/17 so follow Jeff's messages for more information. Flyer attached

If you are not going on our Overnighter in November, you can attend a Classic Car Festival in Downtown Mt. Dora on **November 4, 2017**. The application is attached as well as further information. Or the SuperKids Charity and Truck Show in Clemonte, flyer attached.

On February 17, 2018, we will again meet up with our traveling T Car Friends from Virginia for a Meet & Greet and picnic. 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 which will be sent out in December to remind us to put this on our calendars for early in the New Year.

Loyal MG Club members Jack and Brian Collins and Ceres Motorsports will be hosting the All British Car Club Winter Holiday Party their business location 640 Kane Court, Oviedo, Florida, on **December 10, 2017**. The club will provide main dishes and some other items. Please RSVP by the December 3rd and indicate what you will be bringing to this celebration. A flyer is attached to help you know what you can bring.

The Classic MG Club of Orlando will have their Holiday party and gift exchange on **December 16, 2017** at the Cooks, 8554 Amber Oak Drive. To help people locate our house, we will begin at 4:30 in the afternoon. The club will provide the main dish and nonalcoholic beverages. Members are to bring a side. Please coordinate with Kathy and RSVP by December 9th 407-963-5349. Mark your calendars now for this event which will arrive **before** the usual third Thursday meeting that month. The gift exchange can be any unmarked gift valuable or not so valuable! We are still looking for the naked lady vase. These may be traded so don't despair if you get something very original.

The traditional Holiday Tour of Lights is offered in lieu of our meeting on the third Thursday in **December (12/21/17)**. We usually gather for a dinner after touring around looking at the local holiday displays of lights. Paul Plasschaert has graciously offered to coordinate this event for the group. More details will be announced.

FOR SALE ITEMS: Please send your information to the editor. Current offerings:

Pete Rogers always seems to have a variety of MG parts that he has accumulated in his many restoration projects and rather than a random list (that would miss more than it includes), he suggests that if you have a need, that you call him to see if he has what you need. Pete's telephone # is 352-406-1948.

Derek Starcher (drshbs1@frontier.com) has a 1969 MGC roadster. It is an automatic with 47K miles. He has owned it for 25 years. It is in Auburndale. You can email him or call at 863-967-3496.

Jim Driskell is selling his 1974 chrome-bumper MGB. It has some work to do before it is finished, but he has to move. Asking \$3,500. E-mail him at www.1920lakeside.com.

Nancy Taylor (ntaylorart@yahoo.com or 941-350-6491) has a 1977 MGB that has been owned for 32 years. No price was noted.

Jeff Corenblum notes that his 1980 MGB is still for sale. He wants \$6,400 OBO. Message him at moose1050@aol.com or see him at the BCBC meeting.

CeCe of CeCe's Closet Liquidators has a 1964 AH Sprite to sell. The telephone # 407-677-6277 (evenings) or by Cell after 5:00 pm at 407-340-9304.

Finally, James Jendzejec has a 1979 MGB. In showroom condition with 46K miles for sale for \$8,000. His contact is micharl52@cox.net.

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