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MEETING LOCATION: **AS USUAL! The January 17th 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. The specific address is 5820 RED BUG LAKE RD, WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708-5082. We will have a limited menu but still many choices.

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR! After a busy holiday season, we are ready to get our MGs out and take some wonderful drives! Come and join us at our events and our meetings! It takes a village to organize the events that are coming up. A couple of members are still negotiating for the 2020 GOF. We will be planning our drive to the upcoming GOF at the next couple of meetings. If you ordered a club shirt, you may pick it up at the meeting or at the January event.

JANUARY EVENT: Kathy Cook has arranged for a trip to Lone Cabbage Fish Camp. The fish camp is located at 8199 W. King St, Cocoa, FL (also known at Hwy 520). The phone number is 321-632-4199. This is a fun place to go and inspires the nature lovers among us. This is the real Florida with gators, eagles and other birds, and a natural backdrop. The fish camp has airboat rides, \$24 for half an hour (\$2 off with a coupon available online which I will print). We will start at the Cook's home, 8554 Amber Oak Drive, Orlando, FL at 9:00 (coffee will be available) for a 9:30 departure. The drive will take approximately one hour and will allow time for us to have an airboat ride before lunch or just hang out and get a drink. Beer and food are

plentiful. Call Kathy 407-963-5349 or email her at kathy.cookucf@gmail.com if you have any questions.

REPORT ON THE DECEMBER EVENTS: The club had its traditional holiday party and gift exchange at the Cooks. To help people locate our house, we began at 5:00 in the afternoon. There was plenty of delicious food and drink with about 30 people in attendance. Kathy provided a wonderful special coffee to top off the dinner which was then followed by an animated gift exchange and trade! The weather was wonderful, and people enjoyed hanging out on the porch which can only happen in beautiful Florida! Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped make this event successful.

The traditional Holiday Tour of Lights was offered in lieu of our meeting on the third Thursday in December. Offered is the operative word. For the first time in many years, the weather did not cooperate, and half the people decided to meet us directly at Tibby's for dinner. Paul and Ann Plasschaert graciously opened their house to us while we had some lovely refreshments prior to a shortened tour in Tanks. The Cooks may not put their top down for driving (difficult when the MGB-GT top doesn't go down!), but they did have the only MG on the tour. Are we getting soft or what? Tibby's is always a favorite of the group, and they did not fail us.

The Holiday food drive, put on by Ceres Motorsports and McGinnty's Pub, was a huge success and raised money and brought in food for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

I don't have reports on Bok Tower but I will be glad to include it if someone will write it up.

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

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to extend a warm Florida welcome to our newest members! Hope to see you at future meetings and events! Please feel free to come to the parties and events!

A hearty welcome to John Held who lives in Oviedo. He has a 1977 MGB with oomph! It has a Chevy V6. John contacted us through the CMGC website.

John and Debbie Driggers came to us via Pete Rogers. The Driggers live in beautiful Mt Dora, FL. They have a 77MGB rubber bumper. He is retired dentist she is a real estate sales person.

OTHER EVENTS:

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 this 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!**

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:

Happy New Year! – 2019

February – Sharon Spadaro. St. Johns River and Boat Ride

March – Al and Kathy Cook will host the St. Patrick's Day Party and planning meeting

May – The trip to the Sea Spray in which is coordinated by Carol McCormick and Dodie Beach has been moved to May 18th.

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.

For Sale: 1955 TF-1500 restored. Owner George Haldane passed away and family is looking for new home for the TF. George was active in the Atlanta MG club for many years. Contact: Craig Haldane chaldane@hhmec.com



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