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MEETING LOCATION: AS USUAL! The OCTOBER 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 hope to have the full menu.

Last month Carol McCormick arranged for us to meet at The Tavern, in Apopka, FL. It was a packed meeting, and everyone enjoyed trying a new place. We had over 30 people at the meeting which stretched the capacity of the Tavern. It was wonderful to see new members there as well as Kerry and Camille Flankey who graciously provide a wonderful location for the annual Flankey Memorial Picnic.

Patrick will be back from his trip for our October meeting. We will have updates on the 2020 GOF. If you have Facebook, check out the GOF page. It has regular contributors! We will hopefully have an update on the activity with the Chesapeake Chapter, NEMGTR. We will also be discussing future events such as the overnighter and Flankey Picnic. This is where the business of the club takes place punctuated by our MG fellowship.

OCTOBER EVENT: Our October event and drive will be an overnighter October 19-20, to beautiful Avon Park and the Jacaranda Hotel. John Camichos is planning a fun filled weekend

with a drive though some of the less traveled roads and stops for food and beverages. We are always treated graciously, and we will have room for our cocktail party so be sure to bring a goody to share and the beverage of your choice. **Reminder for those going on the overnighter leaving from Orlando: Arrive at Panera's, 3138 S. Orange Ave, no later than 9:00 [or earlier if you plan on eating] for a departure time of 9:15. Our ETA for lunch and meeting those from other areas at the "Frostbite Ice Cream" diner in Frostproof is 11:15.**

More information is attached.

NOVEMBER EVENT: The Annual Flankey Not So Ordinary Car Show and Picnic at Camille and Kerry Flankey's will be on November 24th. This will be a popular event and the challenge will be to judge all the delicious chili's! Bring a side or a pot of chili to feed 8. Kathy Cook (407-963-5349) will coordinate the food and RSVPs. Club will provide non-alcoholic beverages otherwise BYOB! 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 A-V and Clarcona-Ocoee Rd. The time will be from 12:00 Noon until approximately 4:00. As usual, we will extend a warm welcome to other the British car folks.

REPORT ON SEPTEMBER EVENT: Sharon and Allen Wyman arranged for us to have a nice drive and lunch at Crabby Bills in St. Cloud. We had a taste of fall with the drop in the temperature and humidity. This is located on beautiful East Lake Toho in the Lakefront Park Marina, with panoramic views. We had good food, good friends and plenty of our favorite beverages.

FUN TIMES AT CRABBY BILLS





GOF 2020:

The 54th annual Southern Gathering of the Faithful is blasting ahead with the speed of a Cape Canaveral rocket!



Check out our new GOF-South website and register on-line today. Book your room at the Mission Inn before they are gone. A big thank you to Ian Massey at the MG Classics of Jacksonville club for countless hours that he spent creating the website. Please send the link to all of your MG friends.

<https://www.gofsouth.org/>

Also, check out our new GOF-South Facebook page. If you have Facebook, then go to the page for GOF updates and MG information. We need traffic to the page. Please like, follow, comment, and share.

<https://www.facebook.com/gofsouth>

Dodie added a link to the GOF-South website on our CMGC web page. While you are looking at the revised website, look at other information on the site - it's your one-stop location for past - current - future information about the club.

<https://www.classicmgclub.com/>

Twenty-four club members participated in an extremely productive GOF planning meeting on Saturday Oct 5. Everyone contributed to its success. We finalized the schedule and added more events and fun activities based on a wealth of ideas and suggestions. Volunteers stepped up to manage each of the activities.

We still need volunteers to help out at the GOF please call Lonnie or Pete!

Get your MG ready ... it's going to be a jam-packed weekend of beautiful drives, helpful knowledge, wonderful resort activities, and life-long MG friends.



MEMBER NEWS:

1. Glen & Jill Moore's gorgeous MGA has been selected to show at the Lake Mirror Classic Auto Show! They are much too modest! Here is what Glen said, "We know that the Little Blue Coupe is not a Concours quality car. We see it as a very nice driver quality car. Our purpose of entering the Mirror Lake Concours is to get an MG in front of many people who do not know MGs exist and those who remember them from their youth but do not realize that they are still being driven. They claim that 35,000 spectators will attend. We are happy they accepted our application.

They gave us the option of being in the Concours, judged with all those cars, or in a special group they have this year, British cars. We chose the British group. Being a Concours, this event is a bit different from other British shows. There is a dressy cocktail reception and the cars cannot be displayed with any signs or the hood or trunk open (they don't understand bonnet and boot). One of the main features of the MGA is under the hood. We do see this as a way to promote our hobby."



2. Sick Call:

Jack Collins is recuperating from knee surgery is at home if you want to wish him well. Larry Micelli's wife Susan is in the hospital; send any get well wishes to Larry. A speedy recovery to both.

3. You've got the cutest little baby face.....

Here are updated pictures of our future MG owners!



Richard Payne holding Baby Oliver



Glen and Jill's first grandchild, Simone, was born 9/09/2019 in New York City. Here she is at 3 weeks.

Baby Jack Collins isn't driving yet
But he is trying~



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

John and Candy Avallone live in Orlando and are looking for an MG to buy and enjoy. John contacted the club's website for help. They will join us soon at a club meeting to be introduced to the "MG Life." Welcome John and Candy.

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 (subject to change):

October – 17th MG Club meeting at Carrabba's

19&20th Over-Nighter at Avon Park (John Camichos)

November – 21st meeting at Carrabba's

16th Party at Dan and Judy Duran's fly in home, Mulberry, FL (Durans)

24th Annual Flankey Not So Ordinary Car Show and Picnic at Camille and Kerry Flankey's. This will be a popular event and the challenge will be to judge all the delicious chili's! Bring a side or a pot of chili to feed 8. Kathy Cook (407-963-5349) will coordinate the food and RSVPs. Club will provide non-alcoholic beverages otherwise BYOB! 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 A-V and Clarcona-Ocoee Rd. The time will be from 12:00 Noon until approximately 4:00.

December – 14th Christmas Party, at 5:00 (Richard and Nancy Payne's). Food will be provided by the Payne's but BYOB and optional gift for the auction/gift exchange
See attached invitation!

18th Tour of lights (in lieu of regular meeting)

January 2020 – 16th MG Meeting

February 2020 – 1st Get together with Chesapeake Chapter- Pete said that Debbie Winner is organizing this event. More at the meeting.

20th Meeting

March 2020 – 14th MG St Patrick's Day and Planning Party at the Cooks in Lithia, 12:00

noon

19th meeting

April 2020 – 17-19th GOF by Classic MG Club Orlando, April 17-19th at Mission Inn

PLEASE TAKE PICTURES AT THE EVENTS AND EMAIL THEM TO KATHY
KATHY.COOKUCF@GMAIL.COM SO SHE CAN PUT THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER!!!!

OTHER EVENTS:

October 12th, Saturday, 3rd annual British Car Show at Boys Town in Oviedo.

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:

1. 1975 MGB for sale. This car has been owned by John Upperco since 1989. It was completely restored in 1996, the engine was rebuilt, and a custom red leather interior was installed. It has been a daily driver on and off until 2006. Since then it has been garaged and driven in the fall and to MGB shows and events. The MGB has 77,000 original miles; the engine is sound, and it drives great. It has been updated to dual carburetors, the brakes were updates 3 years ago, tires have less than 2000 miles on them. The top is 7 years old with one small tear, included is a tonneau top used 3 times. Many parts included. \$5,400 OBO

John also has a 1975 MGB that currently does not run but is restorable or may be used as a parts car, It has a tan interior package purchased 2012, and an older Webber carburetor.

If interested in all or parts of this collection, please call. John Upperco 407-496-7942.

2. CMGC member Conrad Wienckowski is selling his 1977 MGB. The car has a ton of new parts and is in storage. Asking \$5500. Contact Conrad Wienckowski, Altamonte Springs, FL, 407-576-7703 or dadrad56@gmail.com .



3. 1953 MGTD 1 owner, Cream/w Green Interior. 2460 miles on frame- up restoration completed early 2014. 3 Bow tan stayfast top, full tonneau and side curtains, luggage and driving lights. Portfolio of receipts and over 350 pictures of restoration process. \$ 25600 contact Tony Geraci, E-mail marton1879@gmail.com or 407-656-7472.



4. MGB Engine & Transmission: Wes is pulling the engine out and doing a swap-in, so he has a 1970s MG MGB that that he doesn't need. He can prove it runs before he pulls it. He lives in Orlando. Contact Wesley Howard, slammedtomeiZ32@gmail.com, 407-773-1988.

WANTED TO BUY:

Beau Gable is looking for a TC or TF. We are happy to have him going back to his roots. phone 407-365-7219.

PARTS WANTED:

Richard Hebb has started restoration on his 1964 MGB MKI. A lot of work is planned, including body/frame/sill work and engine/transmission rebuild.

To simplify the work required there are a few body parts needed to replace the worst parts. Ideally any parts should have minimal to no rust, and minimal or no sheet metal damage. Contact Rich Hebb at (407)-259-8756(cell) if you can help him.

1964 MGB MKI Parts Wanted

- Right (passenger side) Pull Handle Door
- Pull Handle Door Internal Parts
- Right (passenger side) Fender
- Boot Lid
- Also interested in Speedometer and Tachometer, cable drive

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