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MEETING LOCATION: **The MARCH 19TH MEETING AND DINNER WILL START AT 7:00 P.M. and tire kicking at 6:30** at **The Tavern, 625 Rock Ridge Blvd, Apopka, FL 32712.** <https://thetavernrsr.com/>. Their phone is 407-814-7474. Please let Dodie Beach know if you are going to attend so there are enough servers. mg_enthusiast@aol.com

March and April are the best months in Florida. The weather is good and there are lots of things to do in our old cars. There are numerous car shows, but the GOF is OURS, a combination of love for the MG marque and fellowship. The meeting is where the business of the club takes place accentuated by our MG fellowship. We welcome your participation and enthusiasm!

Please note: our event on March 14th is before the meeting this month. Remember to RSVP to Kathy Cook immediately for the St. Patrick's Day Party and Planning event. For more information on the event, see the March Event below!

REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY EVENT: Mount Dora is always a beautiful city to visit.

Thank you, Lester and Anne, for hosting the Picnic d'Elegance! Lester and Anne also have a beautifully restored 1955 TF and Lester proudly displayed the car which reflected all the work it took to restore this beauty.



Everyone brought their own food and beverages, but the diversity was incredible. Many folks in the club love a friendly competition, and people really got into the theme both in terms of food and wardrobe. Only those who drove an old car could win but others creatively staged their picnic.

John and Sharon certainly deserved the best dressed award, but we didn't have one!





Most authentic British food!

Pete and Sharri won the most elegant picnic award. I think it was the silver champagne bucket that did the trick.





A good time was had by all and certainly the weather was good for driving!

MARCH DRIVING EVENT AND PLANNING MEETING: On **March 14, 2020** we will have The Annual St. Patrick’s Day party and planning session at the **Cook’s home 5910 Esker Falls Lane, Lithia, FL 33547**

March 14th, 12:00 Noon



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 (if you don’t want tea, sodas, or water) and a side dish. **Please RSVP and call Kathy Cook, (407-678-6814)** or email kathy.cookucf@gmail.com so that we can coordinate all the items necessary for a true Irish Feast. We will conduct our annual planning meeting where we will plan 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 with your name and we will put them in a hat for a prize drawing at the beginning of the meeting. Directions are attached from I-4 and other directions will be sent separately.

OTHER EVENTS:

April 4TH - 36th All British Car Show at Central winds Park, Winter Springs., www.allbritishcarclub.com.

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):

March 2020 – 14th MG St Patrick’s Day and Planning Party at the Cooks in Lithia, 12:00 noon
19th monthly meeting at The Tavern, 625 Rock Ridge Blvd ,Apopka Fl

April 2020 – 11th - Stuffing Party, Saturday, 10:00AM, Ceres Motorsports - 640 Kane Ct, Oviedo, FL 32765. Optional lunch to follow. (See GOF)
17-19th GOF by Classic MG Club Orlando, April 17-19th at Mission Inn

May 2020 – 21st Meeting at Carrabba's, Winter Springs

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

GOF 2020:

We are all looking forward to the 54th annual "Southern Gathering of the Faithful" Friday April 17 through Sunday April 19, 2020 at The Mission Inn, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida,
<https://www.gofsouth.org/>

Don't put it off. Sign up now for GOF-South. Tell your MG friends around the nation to sign up, too. A hundred MGs and over 200 enthusiasts are expected. We will have Rallies on old Florida back roads, hands-on MG seminars by nationally known experts all weekend, two MG shows, Meet & Greet, Awards Banquet, shopping and sightseeing, tea and fashions, and of course new and long-time MG friends make GOF-South the largest and most important MG event in the Southeast.

The GOF-South website is up and running. It looks great and is has been receiving registrations and payments. Click on this link to see for yourself and register online or with a paper form:
<https://www.gofsouth.org> .

HOTEL ROOMS FOR GOF:

Attendance and participation at GOF-South has exploded! The Mission Inn has run out of rooms. **Don't despair.** Other hotels are nearby. Book your room in a nearby hotel that is only a few minutes from the Mission Inn. MGs will be driving in groups to and from the hotels. Don't miss GOF-South 2020! Click this link for a list of hotels near the Mission Inn:
<https://tinyurl.com/GOF-Hotels>

Dodie has 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/>

Your Opportunity to Support GOF

One of the fun aspects of GOF South is visiting the hospitality room to see all the items in the silent auction and raffle.

Where do all those goodies come from? Some from sponsors, but most from Classic MG Club members. Do you have a new favorite tool that makes tasks on the MG easier? Buy another one and donate to the GOF to share your find. Planning on purchasing an MG book for your collection? Order two and donate one. Have a part you ordered from Moss that you have decided not to use? Clean off your shelves donating the part to GOF. Enjoy putting together a nice basket of wine and cheese? Make one for the GOF. Did you get two Echo Dots (or other electronics) for Christmas? Donate the duplicate to GOF. Those gift cards you received that are lying in a drawer – donate to GOF. Items appealing to women, such as a Vera Bradley gift basket, are always popular. Let your imagination run, thinking of interesting and useful items that you could add to the array of goodies. **Please bring your raffle/auction donations to the**

February or March MG meetings. We are open to any type of donation. Rule of thumb...make it something that YOU would want to take home! You can also coordinate your contributions with Carol McCormick – cmcarol17@gmail.com The silent auction and raffle add to the fun of the event and add to the bottom line of the financial statement. The funds raised make a significant difference in the budget, allowing the club to keep the costs to the participants lower. This is an area where all members can participate in contributing to the success of the GOF.



Calling all Members: Saturday April 11, 2020, 10:00AM, Ceres Motorsports - 640 Kane Ct, Oviedo, FL 32765 will you please help assemble GOF-South attendee "Goody Bags" and other GOF items on Saturday morning April 11? We will work until the jobs are done, then have a late lunch at a nearby restaurant. This is an essential task for GOF. We need your help. Please RSVP to Lonnie Cook if you will come, lonniecook@aol.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to the Classic MG Club, Joseph Mack. Joseph owns a 1978 MGB with chrome bumpers. He is a member of the Villages Convertible Club but wanted to join a British / MG club - so he contacted us via the GOF-South website. Welcome, Joseph.

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. 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.



2. For sale: 1971 MGB, \$6,500 OBO

CMGC member Bryan Corkal is selling his 1971 MGB. It was restored in around 1997 and has always been garaged and cared for. The car needs the fluids changed and the driver's side window is off the track---other than that, it should be good to go. Contact Bryan Corkal, Winter Garden, 321-272-3444.

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