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President's Thoughts

What a great GOF!

Certainly, the biggest one I've ever seen. Whether it was pent-up demand, or something else, there were 60 plus cars in the First-Timers Class! Unbelievable, you could not help but be impressed.

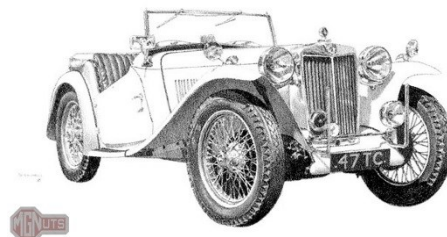
I want to take a few minutes at our next meeting on May 19th at the Nauti Lobstah, Apopka, and discuss this GOF and the next one our club does in 2024. The Jacksonville MG club will host next year's GOF in 2023. They have chosen Gainesville as the location.

We should start our long-range planning as soon as possible. Bring your thoughts and ideas to the meeting, folks start gathering around 6pm and the meeting is called to order around 7pm.

Right now, I would like to thank all the folks who came from near and far, all the volunteers without whom we could not have done this, our sponsors, and Scott Buie for putting all the pieces together. It was a great GOF!



Jim McSweeney



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A Gathering of the Faithful South 2022 Thank You!!

GOF South LVI was a success and a fantastic time!

Well, another Gathering of the Faithful South has come and gone. We had a final count of 122 MGs registered, and well over 200 people in attendance.

WOW!

Everybody seemed to enjoy the many Rallyes and Drives that were a part of the weekend, and the 60th Anniversary of the MGB seminar presented by Larry Norton of NAMGBR was a huge hit! Brian and Jack Collins, of Ceres Motorsports fame, gave a wonderful presentation on electrical upgrades and repairs for your MG, so if this is something you might be in need of, reach out to them.

I guess that's enough of a synopsis for now, but you can look forward to some more in-depth coverage of the entire event in upcoming newsletters, so stay tuned!

I hope you were able to attend and enjoyed yourself, but if you weren't, the Gathering of the Faithful South LVII will be April 21-23 in Gainesville, FL. Start making your plans now!

Questions or comments? GOFSouth2022@gmail.com

Scott Buie
GOF 2022 Chairperson





GOF 2022-Award Winners

First Timers

- 1st Place: 1949 MG TC, Glen & Jill Moore
- 2nd Place: 1952 Arnolt MG, Stan Cryz
- 3rd Place: 1966 MGB GT, Zachary Merrill

Class A - MG TC

- 1st Place: 1949 MG TC, Glen & Jill Moore

Class B - MG TD

- 1st Place: 1952 MG TD, Alberto Naon
- 2nd Place: 1952 MG TD, Doug Pfitzenmaier
- 3rd Place: 1952 MG TD, Sharon & Pete Rogers

Class C - MG TF

- 1st Place: 1954 MG TF, Jo Ann Cook
- 2nd Place: 1955 MG TF 1500, Pete Rogers
- 3rd Place: 1954 MG TF, Pete Rogers

Class D - MGA

- 1st Place: 1960 MGA, Oliver Hoffmann
- 2nd Place: 1960 MGA, Reinout Vogt
- 3rd Place: 1960 MGA, Tony Kimball

Class E - MGB Chrome Bumper

- 1st Place: 1971 MGB, Michael Ruckman
- 2nd Place: 1970 MGB, Richard Gross
- 3rd Place: 1974 MGB, Michael Patterson

Class F - MGB Rubber Bumper

- 1st Place: 1977 MGB, John Spadaro
- 2nd Place: 1980 MGB, Derek Kramer
- 3rd Place: 1979 MGB, Tom Nadelhoffer

Class G - MGB GT

- 1st Place: 1967 MGB GT, Joseph Paez
- 2nd Place: 1974 MGB GT, Carl Tierney
- 3rd Place: 1967 MGB GT, Glenn Lenhard

Class H - MGC

- 1st Place: 1969 MGC, Richard Drewyer

Class J - Midget

- 1st Place: 1979 Midget, A J & Daniel Young

Class K - V8/Modified

- 1st Place: 1966 MGB GT, Zachary Merrill
- 2nd Place: 1979 MGB, Brian Collins
- 3rd Place: 1954 MG TF, George Pardee

Class L - Sedan/Variant

- 1st Place: 1952 Arnolt MG, Stan Cryz
- 2nd Place: 1964 MG 1100, Fred Zesewitz

Class M - Pre-War

- 1st Place: 1933 MG J2, Robert Carr

Class P - Premier

- 1st Place: 1946 MG TC, Mark Tidwell
- 2nd Place: 1955 MG TF, Bill Dixon
- 3rd Place: 1947 MG YA, George Pardee





Tom Redditt Photo



Jill Moore Photo

**Just A
Couple of
Photos
From
GOF South
More Photos
And
Articles
Next Month**



Tom Redditt Photo



Glen Moore Photo



Glen Moore Photo

MG Jackets for Men or Women

The club, through Pete Rogers, will be ordering Club Jackets for club members on two separate dates - April 10th and June 10th. This should allow ample time for members to make their decision.

Cost of the Jacket is \$53.00

The jackets (available in ladies' or men's sizes) will be a light tan with a hood in the collar. Pricing will include the cost of the embroidered MG logo and the individual's first name. An additional \$5.00 will be charged for 2 plus sizes and larger.



To Order

Send the name to be embroidered, the size desired, a check for the number of jackets ordered, and contact information: shipping address, home phone, cell phone, and email to:

Pete Rogers
31104 Fairvista Dr.
Tavares, FL 32778

For Questions: 352-406-1948, 352-343-1845, pfrslot@gmail.com



MG Calendar of Events

Note - Exposure to COVID-19 is an inherent risk wherever people meet. Please weigh carefully your personal risk before deciding to participate in our functions. CMGC expects all to adhere to CDC guidelines and take appropriate precautions. You alone are responsible for your health.

Stay healthy, for everyone's sake.

May

- 5/19 **CMGC Club Meeting** The Nauti Lobstah, Apopka, <http://thenautilobstah.com/>
6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm. 311 S. Forest Ave, Apopka
- 5/21 **The Friar Tuck**, a British restaurant in Clermont, 601 Kargan Park Ave, Suite 401, 12 Noon
Group drives will originate in Clermont and Orlando <https://thefriartuck.com/>

June

- 6/19-23 **MG 2022**, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada,
<https://mgtoronto.com/mg2022/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaVUUEmyVzc>



September

- 9/15-18 **Southeast British Car Festival 2022**, Dillard House, Dillard, GA
Peachtree MG Registry <https://peachtreemg.com/>



Lunch at Friar Tuck's

Saturday, May 21st, 12:00 Noon

Club members will gather at The Friar Tuck for a British lunch

601 Kegan Park Ave, Suite 401
Clermont, FL 34714

Two Caravans will provide group drives
One leaving from Clermont, one from Orlando

RSVP Mark Tidwell, 1mwtidwell@gmail.com 352/874-5242



Typos and a Correction

Typos are the bane of all editors. Usually, the typo is a wrong keystroke creating a misspelled word or deleting an important section of text. Even an extra space drives this editor bonkers. There are fine folks who review this newsletter before publishing to allow other sets of eyes to have a fresh view and catch errors of typos and content. Typos still slide through.

In the March and April editions of the Octagon there was a typo - an extra "0". Zero by itself is nothing, but following another number it has great value. Two issues, same mistake.

Question #3 in the MG Knowledge Quiz was asked by John Spadaro at the North/South picnic as:

3. Which MG sold more than 10,000 cars in four years breaking all MG sales records up to that time?

That question, with the production number of ten thousand (10,000) is searching for the answer **MGTC**. There were 10,001 MGTCs built between 1945 and 1949.

In the March and April newsletters, that question was mistyped with an extra zero, making the figure one hundred thousand. With the error, the question, if you ignore the four-year time frame, is still a valid question, but it does have a different answer.

3. Which MG sold more than 100,000 cars in ~~four years~~ breaking all MG sales records up to that time? **MGA** There were 101,081 MGAs built.

The Octagon is sent to over 300 people every month. Only one, Manley Ford, who lives in Michigan, saw the error. The editor thanks Manley for pointing out the error, since it is a typo that makes a factual error. The purpose of the article was to focus on MG history. It is important to be accurate. (editor)



10,000+



100,000+



MGTF Seminar March 26

Glen Moore

This story begins with Ken Ball deciding that his life-long hobby (and sometimes job) of working with cars would be focused on taking on a long-disassembled 1954 MGTF basket case. (Yes, we could have an extensive discussion on the wisdom of challenging a basket case, but that is a different story.) For assistance in this task, Ken looked for a local MG club and found the Classic MG Club of Orlando. The membership contact is Lonnie Cook, who happens to be deep into an MGTF restoration himself. Easy to see how a quick friendship and kinship developed.



"I play with cars for the people I meet"
Ken Ball

After many questions and answers, Lonnie chose to make a trip to Ken's shop to examine the pieces and parts that Ken intends to assemble into an MG. They both realized that many of the challenges facing TF restorers could be solved by sharing information. At this same time, a number of new members were joining CMGC with MGTFs in the process of restoration. Why not get all the TF restorers together and share information?

Lonnie and Ken worked on the content and curriculum for a valuable learning experience. Ken and his wife, Lynn, worked on making the gathering a complete event. Ken and Lynn say that the reason to have a car hobby is not just about the cars, it is about the people. They have found enjoyable folks in the classic MG group and wanted an event that would include the whole family.

Thus was born the TF Seminar.

Using the Classic MG Club membership roster, TF owners were identified and invited. On Saturday, March 26th, TF restorers and their spouses arrived at Spruce Creek Fly-In for the seminar. Ken's outstandingly-organized shop had the appearance of a seminar with tables and chairs arranged in a "U" shape and a projector displaying a PowerPoint presentation. Everything

"Everyone should host a workshop at their garage every two years . . . it is the only way you will get your garage cleaned out." Ken Ball

from where to get your tires balanced to how to mount the shock absorbers was covered.

And, that was only half of the workshop. The women gathered on the lanai for a discussion on helping others, led by Susan Carter, the local chapter president of the American Association of University Women. The major topics were programs of giving and mentoring.

Both groups took a break together for lunch, a scrumptious one provided by the Balls. Oh, the weather was perfect for dining out on the lanai. Conversations and merriment broke out easily. After lunch, it was back to work.



Universally, everyone found the day to be enjoyable and educational. It was a great family outing built around our love of MGs and MG people.

Over the past year, many people with MGs have found the CMGC and become new members. When asked on the membership form what they hope to get out of the club, the most common answer is to learn more about working on and maintaining their MG. More technical sessions are needed to provide opportunities for members to learn the mechanical and electrical aspects of their MG.



Ken Ball and his TF. Not much farther before completion

What could you share about keeping MGs running smoothly, or how to get that new wood frame for the body to fit inside the old sheet metal of a t-series, or how to install those taller gears in the rear end for quieter and smoother highway cruising, or how to troubleshoot a non-charging generator? Why does the MG parked next to mine have so much shinier paint? There are tricks to detailing and making older paint glow. There are thousands of topics about our MGs that would be interesting to members and increase the enjoyment of their cars, as well as provide opportunities to make new MG friends and spend quality time together.

What workshop would you like to host?

Many thanks to Ken and Lynn Ball for hosting the TF Seminar, and to Lonnie Cook for the planning.

There is a side story to tell about the Balls that illustrates their love for cars. Their honeymoon was spent at Watkins Glen, watching a Formula 1 race. Transportation to Watkins Glen was Lynn's 1961 blue MGA.



A Postcard from Karel & A Greeting Card from Reinout

Reinout Vogt

A postcard from Camogli in Italy. Parked between the two Fiats, a 500 on the left and a 600 on the right, is an MGA.

What a great, period, photo of this beautiful harbor town on the Ligurian Sea, just East of Genoa. I wonder whether the child, climbing on the railing of the stairs on the left, is daydreaming about one day owning one of these boats or Fiats... or the MGA?



This card is from an original painting by Peter Miller G.M.A named: Spitfire MKX At Hendon. Of course, Spitfire refers to the airplane and the MG is, probably, a TC. Until the late 50s, Hendon was an RAF



base in North London. The card was sold by AvIATion Trading, a division of The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund Enterprises. Please note that there is, what looks like, a German Shepard by the right front wheel. A few weeks ago, I sent this card to Neil Estes, from Neil's Restorations in Decatur, GA to wish him a speedy recovery from his heart attack.

PS: I'm happy to report that Neil recovered quite well and just celebrated his 80th birthday!



MG Marketplace

1950 MGTD - Rare, early 1950 TD with solid wheels. Painted in a duo maroon. Fully restored and has new interior and top, and a bimini top for those hot days. The car was purchased through Will Bowden. Sterling needs space in his garage for a planned purchase of an electric vehicle, parking and a plug for recharging. He would like to sell it to a local person to keep the car in the area. \$19,500.
Sterling Frey 352/217-9054



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Contact the editor each month to keep your ad current.

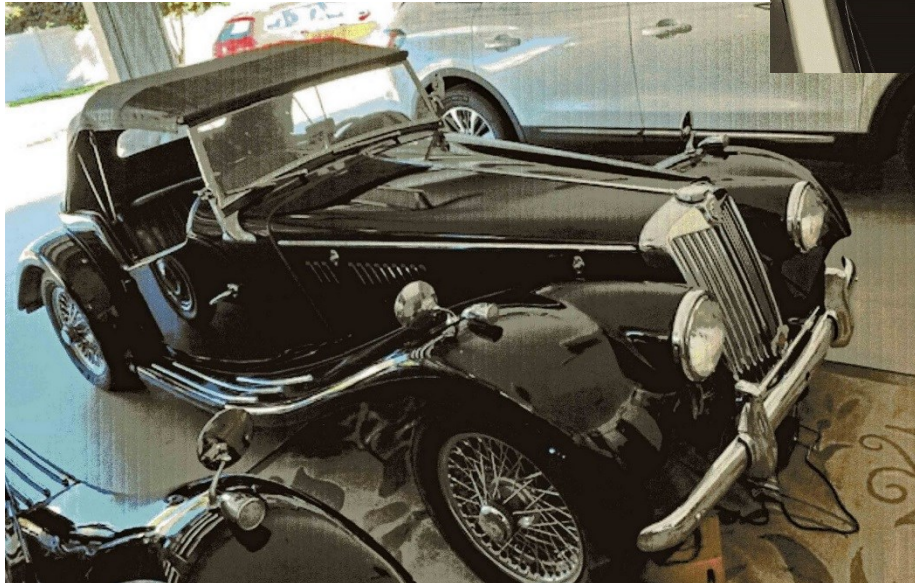
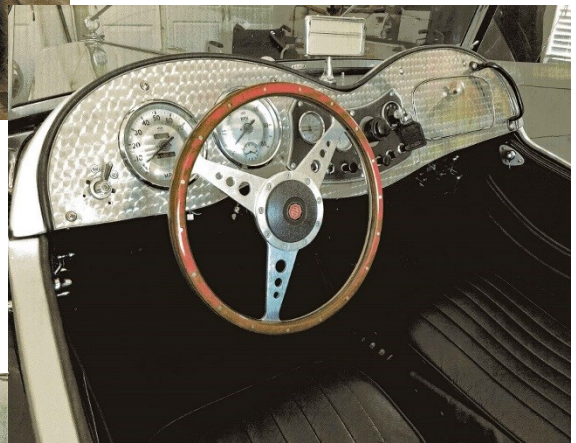




Pete Rogers has two of his T-Series cars for sale

1952 MGTD Silver body with black fenders, black leather Interior. Complete ground-up restoration 14 years ago. This MG was built for Show and Go. It is a constant TOP prize winner. Rear axle ratio - 4.33, many extras, drives like new. Miles driven since restoration, approximately 1,000. \$37,500

1954 MGTF 1250 Black body with black interior. Ground-up restoration completed in Spring 2021. Frame detailed, engine built to 1400cc, 3.9 rear end, front disk brakes, chrome wire wheels, new tires, new tonneau cover. Miles driven since restoration, approximately 125. \$50,000



Reason for selling - serious illness which has caused partial blindness.

Contact: Pete Rogers
Home: 352/343-1855
Cell: 352/406-1948

31104 Fairvista Dr.
Tavares, FL

Wanted to Buy CMGC Club medallion, any vintage. John Avallone, Hrtpace1@aol.com 217-714-1819



1975 MGB Garage kept and well maintained with odometer reading of 13K (not original). Major mechanical work done 3 years ago including re-built 1800 cc engine, new dual Mikuni carburetors, new PerTronix distributor, new aluminum radiator, new stainless steel header and exhaust, lowered body with new 15" VTO wheels and tires, and miscellaneous other parts by Ceres Motorsports (Oviedo, FL). Runs great and clean body with little rust. Black vinyl interior and carpeting all in good condition. Convertible top in good condition. To inquire, call or text Dave at 407-790-2353. Need the garage space, so priced to sell at \$6900.



I have some old unused GOF patches and brass plaques dating between 1975 - 1987 for sale or swap (eg. this year's tee shirt and badge). I also have some duplicates and others that I would rather keep but could be persuaded!

I am in the UK and my car TD24625 EXLNA, which I've owned since 2014, is now over here with me, still left-hand drive! It joined my 1958 Bugeye Sprite. I can be contacted in the first instance by email. [apfastsol@gmail](mailto:apfastsol@gmail.com)
Alan Jones



My MGB has sold and I have many parts that I would like to pass on to club members. Most are from 73, 74, and my 1977 MGB. The trunk lid is Tahiti blue and is near perfect. I replaced it on my 1977 with a lid that didn't have a luggage rack. There is a complete original carb, intake, air cleaner, exhaust manifold and emissions system from my 1977 B (removed with only 40,000 miles), 5 Rostyle wheels, perfect cockpit cover, original jack/lug wrench, and a bunch more. I am located in Ocala just north of the downtown square. Open to offers for some of it or all of it. Frank Zadnik, 352/361-1030 fzadnik@yahoo.com



Second Harvest Food Bank is the official charity of the Classic MG Club. Many people in Central Florida go to bed hungry every night. In the U.S., 50 million people are food insecure - one in four children. As a club, and as individuals, we can make a major difference in our neighbors' lives.



Second Harvest is an efficiently-run charity with 97% of contributions going directly to help local people in need. Every \$25 donation can provide 100 meals for struggling families and kids.

Donate Online: www.tinyurl.com/GOF-FoodBank

By Mail: Checks payable to Second Harvest Food Bank of Ctrl FL, 411 Mercy Dr., Orlando, FL 32808

The MG Community is special throughout the world. Thank you for any support that you can give to the Food Bank and to your MG friends who may need help and a kind word.

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Lonnie Cook Photo

Multiple rear ends of MGs ends this edition of *The Octagon*. These four TFs and a TD added to the décor and spirit at a wedding at the Howey Mansion. Many thanks to Lonnie Cook for this photo and to the CMGC club members who contributed their time and cars for this occasion.

The editor is still collecting photos of MG rear end shots. Take a photo of the back of your MG to serve as the ending note for the newsletter and send it to: editor.cmgc@gmail.com

