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**MEETING LOCATION:** **AS USUAL! The MAY 16 TH 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, where we had dinner last month. The specific address is 5820 RED BUG LAKE RD, WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708-5082. We hope to have the full menu.

Lonnie Cook and Pete Rogers who are cochairs for the 2020 GOF will be reporting; we will have updates at the meeting of future GOFs. too. We will also make final plans for the overnighter to Vero Beach. This is where the business of the club takes place punctuated by our MG fellowship. April was a busy month!

## **REPORT ON APRIL EVENT PART II:**

The Theme for the GOF 2019 was *Safety Fast at the Speedway Track*.

Here is a link to hundreds of photos and videos from GOF-South 2019.

<https://classicmotorsports.com/news/gof-south-2019/>

For those who arrived on Thursday, there were tours to the Lighthouse and “North Turn”. For more pictures and information about show winners, see the Jacksonville clubs website:

<https://www.mgclassics.org/gofsouth> . Also, if you want to purchase a shirt for the racetrack drivers, there should be information posted.

Thanks to the MG Classics of Jacksonville!

**MAY EVENT:** Warmer weather and sunny skies are upon us. We will be having our Overnighter to the Sea Spray in Vero which is coordinated by Carol McCormick and Dodie Beach. The event was moved to May 18<sup>th</sup> because of the red tide issues. Saturday Morning, **we will Meet at Gatorland at 9:00 for a departure at 9:15.** It is an hour to Yeehaw Junction for a pit stop. Another hour to Mrs. Mac's Fillin Station at 951 Old Dixie Highway in Vero Beach. After lunch, McKee Botanical Garden, <https://mckeearden.org/>, is 1.5 miles away for those who want to tour the Gardens. Admisson is \$9.00.

Roof top Cocktail Party at Hotel from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. **Bring a snack to share and BYOB.** Dinner will follow at Waldo's at 6:30 PM.  
<https://locu.com/places/waldos-at-the-driftwood-vero-beach-us/>

On Sunday morning, we will meet 9:00AM at the Seaside Grill, 4200 Ocean Dr., at Jaycee Park for breakfast. Following breakfast, we will travel north on A1A to the McLarty Treasure Museum. The Museum is small and it won't take long to go through, and they have a nice lookout spot, great photo opt. <https://verobeach.com/explore-vero-beach/mclarty-treasure-museum>. We will continue north on A1A to Indialantic to connect with US 192 back to Orlando. **See attached flyer for the summary.**

PLEASE TAKE PICTURES AT THE EVENTS AND EMAIL THEM TO KATHY SO SHE CAN PUT THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER!!!!

**JUNE GARAGE TOUR:** Lonnie Cook, Jim McSweeney and Paul Plasschaert are hosting a Garage tour on June 8, 2019. Lunch will follow at a place TBD. This is limited to the first twenty people so be sure to RSVP to Lonnie Cook, [lonniecook@aol.com](mailto:lonniecook@aol.com), 407-670-9679. See the attached flyers for more information and a map. This is sure to be a great learning opportunity as well as fun for the shade tree mechanics in our group.



PLEASE NOTE: The response to the 2019 Shop Tour has been fantastic. All 20 available spots were reserved within 48 hours after the announcement was made. However, you can still get on the wait list in case someone cancels. We will contact you.

**OTHER:** Jack Bradley Collins was born on April 17th at 12:24am. He weighs 8lbs, 5oz and is 21" long (and has tons of hair!). As his father said, "He's certainly not running on MG time since he arrived about a week and a half early! We've been blessed with a perfectly healthy baby and we couldn't be happier." Congratulations Brian and Jessica!

### **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! Let us know and we will introduce you in our newsletter.

Scott Buie lives in Orlando and is getting his 1954 TF back on the road. This car is a near-original car. His dad bought it used in 1954 and was his dad's daily driver until the early 60s. Scott's goal is to get it reliable and safe. He has been working steadily on the car for the past month or so and looks forward to the knowledge that the club can give to the project.

New members Bernie and Judy Horne live in Longwood. They have a great reason for choosing The Classic MG Club. They are looking to buy a T-series MG and know that they will learn about the cars by meeting our members to prepare for the purchase. Bernie is retiring this year as President of Mechanical Services of Central Florida. Welcome to the MG Life, Bernie and Judy.

### **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):

**June** – 8th Garage Tour (Lonnie Cook Coordinating)  
20th Monthly MG club meeting  
22nd DeBary House -Swamp House Restaurant /Cassadaga or similar (John and Sharon Spadaro Coordinating)

**July** – 18th Monthly MG Club meeting  
20th Fiddlers Green Darts

**August** – 15th Monthly MG Club meeting  
17th Willow Tree in Sanford (Paul Plasschaert)

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

**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.

1. Larry Burris has a 1952 MGTD for sale. It was purchased 2014 and at the GOF in 2014. Asking \$28,000. Good condition as a driver. It has no tonneau cover or top but there are frames for the side curtains. Contact :Larry J. Burris, Newberry, FL, by Cell: 407-448-1087 or [ljburris3@gmail.com](mailto:ljburris3@gmail.com) .
2. On their recent trip, Kathy and Al met Will Hochndorf an MG lover from the Villages. He has a 1966 MG B that was prepared for the “Great Race” in 2017. He no longer has time to work on it and would like to sell it. Please contact him at 252-255-9821 for price and details.



3. 1952 MGTD For Sale: Patricia Gruver in Ocala is selling her original 1952 MGTD. Recently painted ivory/cream, beige top & windows, black interior. Includes car cover, tools, manuals & documentation of work done. Runs & drives well. Mileage 28,783. Asking \$16500. Contact: Patricia Gruver, Ocala, 267-454-1088, [pateclair@gmail.com](mailto:pateclair@gmail.com).



4. 1976 Midget For Sale: Dee and Bob Becker from Orlando are selling their 1976 Midget. Fair condition, 63,000 miles, \$4,500, Orlando area. Contact: Dee and Bob Becker text 262-498-1177 or [Bob@rbmachineanddesign.com](mailto:Bob@rbmachineanddesign.com)

**WANTED TO BUY:**

Bernie Horne is looking for an MG T-series, most likely a TD or TF.  
Contact: [horne.bernie@gmail.com](mailto:horne.bernie@gmail.com)

