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MEETING LOCATION: NOT AS USUAL! The December meeting is replaced by the Tour of Lights followed by dinner.

This month's meeting date is on December 20, which is the third Thursday. Our regular meeting is being replaced by the Seasonal (and semi-famous) **TOUR OF LIGHTS**. It will start at Paul and Ann Plasschaert's home at 1430 Wellington Terr. Maitland FL 32751 at 6:00PM. Please drive into the empty lot next to the house. We welcome and encourage you to decorate your MG with lights, signs, or any other gaudy displays that appeal to you. We will follow a pre-planned route to view neighborhood light displays in the surrounding communities, after which we will dine at Tibby's, 2203 Aloma Ave., Winter Park, FL 32792, where we will have warned the owners of our arrival. For those of us who do not have MGs in running condition or are unable to meet for the Tour, you can meet us at the restaurant at 7:30pm.

REPORT ON THE NOVEMBER EVENT: Our Annual Jim Flankey Memorial Picnic and Car Showing was at its original location, the Flankey Horse Farm on Gillam Road in Apopka. It was a tremendous success and we had great weather. A big THANK YOU to Camille and Kerry for hosting us. It is always fun to see what people bring to eat and there was a variety of offerings. The variety of cars displayed was also impressive. As usual, it was BYOC with C standing for folding Chairs. Camille and Dodie arranged for numerous awards for our nontraditional car showing. Several new members came as well as All British Cars, and MG friends from far away. With approximately 50 people at various times, we were able to see some

of our old friends who still enjoy the MG fellowship including Yvonne Floyd, Beau Gabel, Roger Helmuth, and Joan Stuart. Our newest members included Mark Grant and Brian Corkal, and their significant others.

Camille Flankey has a priceless album from the picnic over the years and has done an excellent job documenting this wonderful event.





MG JAMBOREE: The Cooks, Durans, Rogers and Richard Drewyer attended the MG Jamboree at the Spa in Safety Harbor. While the weather was a bit cooler, it did not chill the enthusiasm for the MGs. Friday included a showing of cars and a delightful feast near the pool. (Thank goodness for outdoor heaters!). Saturday was a fun day at the Celtic Music and Beer Festival which was a lovely drive to Dunedin. Saturday night included the awards banquet. A fun time was had by all.

OTHER EVENTS: We will have reports on all December events in the January Newsletter. Please send photos and reports to Kathy.cookucf@ucf.edu .

DECEMBER HOLIDAY EVENTS: The Classic MG Club of Orlando will have their Holiday party and gift exchange on **December 15, 2018** at the Cooks, 8554 Amber Oak Drive, Orlando, FL. To help people locate our house, we will begin at 5:00 in the afternoon. The club will provide the main dish and nonalcoholic beverages. Members are to bring a side. Please coordinate with Kathy and RSVP by December 9th by calling 407-678-6814 or her cell, 407-963-5349. You can also email her at Kathy.cookucf@gmail.com . Mark your calendars now for this event which will arrive **before** the usual third Thursday meeting that month. The gift exchange can be any unmarked gift valuable or not so valuable! We are still looking for the naked lady vase. These may be traded so don't despair if you get something very original.

The traditional **Holiday Tour of Lights** is offered in lieu of our meeting on the third Thursday in December (**12/20/17**). We usually gather for a dinner after touring around looking at the local holiday displays of lights. Paul Plasschaert has graciously offered to coordinate this event for the group. See the information under Meeting Location.

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!

Welcome Todd and Christina Honeycutt who recently bought a 1975 MGB. They look forward to learning more about their car. They live in Casselberry and have two 1972 Chevelles. This is their first British car and they are enjoying it. Yellow with wire wheels.

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 next 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

Bok Tower: The MG Car Club-Florida has invited us to attend their trip to Bok Tower on December 8, 2018. The deadline to attend was December 3rd. Should you have any questions, please contact Norman C. Ridgely, 772-532-4265, or normridge@yahoo.com, P.O. Box 651068, Vero Beach, Fl. 32965.

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

January – Kathy C. will do a trip to the Lone Cabbage Fish Camp

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

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

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. Donald Harvey contacted us with the following request, "I am looking for a finished well sorted out Sprite MK IV or MG Midget. I have reached an age where I no longer want a project (been there ... done that). I am however very fussy and enjoy a fine finish (engine bay included) restored or cherry original. I do prefer red. Please advise if you have any leads for me." You can contact him at donald_harvey@mac.com

2. Tom Lempicke has an axle for a TD or TF. It has been converted to 4.3 to 1 ratio using a pair of like new gears. It has new bearings (\$200 worth) and runs just fine. One problem - it whines. The price is for the axle outright with no core or trade-in needed, thus you have your existing axle to sell when you get done. He believes the problem is simple and just needs a gasket added to the assembly. Price \$900 outright. Contact Tom@lempicke.com

3. Barry M Giacobbe, who lives in Plant City, has a 1975 MGB Convertible for sale. It is reported to be in very good condition, with 56,478 original miles, wire wheels (original MG wheels included) with black leather interior. It has a new exhaust system. The top is in good condition. Functional vehicle. Start it up-drive it away.

Asking \$3600 (firm). Can be seen & take a test ride on request. Phone:813-756-3051, **Email** bbgiacobbe@tampabay.rr.com.



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