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## President's Thoughts

Kathy Cook prepared another great corned beef and cabbage dinner for us, as well as getting the planning portion of the annual St. Patrick's Day Party and Planning Meeting off and running. Mark and Ellen Tidwell volunteered for the most events. Thanks to everyone for their side dishes and great ideas. Speaking of which, next year's St. Patrick's Day Party will be an overnighter. Details and hotel information will be available later.



Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 9th at 9:30 am. The goodie bag stuffing for the GOF will be at Ceres Motorsports, 640 Kane Ct., Oviedo. The more help we have, the faster it goes.

We will not have our regular third Thursday meeting in April as we get ready for the GOF. Please read The Octagon for the latest GOF news and updates.

If you can't attend the entire GOF weekend, come for the day on Saturday to see the car show. There will be a fantastic gathering of over 100 MGs, some very rare pre-war cars, and outstanding representatives of all years and models. You don't want to miss this!

*Jim McSweeney*



# *The Gathering of the Faithful South 2022*

## *Monthly Update:*



**GOF South 2022 Registrations are closing VERY soon!**

We cannot accept any new registrations after Sunday, April 10, so if you haven't registered already, get yours in before it's too late!

**[Link To The Registration Information](#)**

Remember, we're having a GOF Goodie Bag Stuffing Party, and we'd love to have you there!!! Here's the details:



MOTORSPORTS

640 Kane Court

Oviedo, FL 32765

Saturday April 9, 2022

9:30 am-11:30 am

RSVP to me at [GOFSouth2022@Gmail.com](mailto:GOFSouth2022@Gmail.com)

The Gathering of the Faithful 2022 is

**April 22-24, 2022**

**The Mission Inn Resort & Club,  
Howey-In-The-Hills, FL**

For more information, including a full schedule of events and other interesting information, go to our event website [www.GOFSouth.org](http://www.GOFSouth.org).

Until next month, enjoy your Morris Garage classics!

Questions or comments? [GOFSouth2022@gmail.com](mailto:GOFSouth2022@gmail.com)

Scott Buie, GOF 2022 Chairperson





## GOF South Rallyes and Drives

### Print the Rallye Route Instructions

Get out on the back roads and enjoy your MG. That's why you bought the car, isn't it?

The GOF South has multiple drives placing you on interesting back roads and trips to historic and quaint towns. Some popular and great restaurants will be visited and there is even a picnic. But, you need to be prepared.

First, read the General Instructions. They give background, safety notes, and the shorthand used in the instructions. [Click for General Instructions](#). Print a copy to bring with you so you don't have to remember all the details.

Second, go to the GOF South webpage with the summary of all the rallyes [Here](#). On that page are links to the rallye instructions for all the drives – Mt. Dora Meander, The World's Shortest Rally, the 3 different Rallye d'Montagne routes, and the Blueberry Run. Select the rallyes you plan on challenging. Continue reading down the description page until you find [Click Here for Route Instructions](#). That click will open the route instructions. Click on the printer and you will have the route instructions on paper. Pack them in your bag now so they are not forgotten.

If questions remain, Rallye Headquarters will be next to the registration table on Friday.

Enjoy driving your MG with all your MG friends.



## GOF Hospitality Room

Silent Auction    50/50    Raffle

GOF Trophy Memorabilia

Car Parts    British Quilt

Free Welcome Table



# The Classic MG Club of Orlando

Nauti Lobstah, Apopka  
March 17, 2022



## March Meeting Notes

*Submitted by Tom Redditt*

Dinner was served and then Jim McSweeney called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.

Treasurer's report: Dodie was not in attendance but Jim reported that currently there is over \$22,000 in the account so the club can meet its obligations.

There were no new members present at this meeting.

The St. Patrick's Day party was held as scheduled this past weekend and was successful in planning some upcoming events for the remainder of this year. An event is scheduled after the GOF in April for May 21<sup>st</sup> at Friar Tuck's Restaurant in Clermont. More details about this outing will be forthcoming in the newsletter.

New Business: Sherry Rogers said that the beige jackets that many members have with the club logo will be available once again and she has the information to order them. They are \$42.00 with logo plus \$4 for name addition and \$4.00 tax. There is a small additional charge for plus sizes.

Mike McCormick suggested that we should hold off on ordering any for now until after the GOF as the club may have funds to pay for these jackets for club members. So, the matter was tabled until after the GOF.

GOF updates:

The GOF goodie bag stuffing event at Cere's Motorsports is scheduled for April 9 at 9:30 AM. Please advise Jim if you can attend and come help out. Many hands make light work so try to come help, please.

There are at least 90 cars registered for the GOF right now. The Classic MG Club still has many members who have not registered and should be encouraged to do so since we are hosting the event. The registration deadline has been extended to April 10, 2022.

Bill Dixon said it is very important that our club patronize the GOF sponsors to show our support of their help:

Moss Motors - \$500 plus many extra items  
Copy-Cat upholstery – Tavares - \$500 worth of upholstery  
Hagerty Insurance – various items  
Hendricks Wire Wheels - \$250  
Spacecoast Plating - \$250.00  
Abingdon Spares - \$100.00

It was mentioned that some attending the GOF may have personal event-related items they wish to sell at the event as a vendor. It was recommended that those wishing to be a vendor should contact Scott Buie to discuss further.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.



## MG Jackets for Men or Women

The club, through Pete Rogers, will be ordering Club Jackets for club members on two separate dates - April 10<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>. 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!

### April

4/2 **37th Annual All British Car Show**, Henry's Depot, Sanford, Central FL British Car Club  
8am cars arrive, 9am - noon judging, 2pm Awards, Friday evening meet and greet  
[Car show information](#) info@allbritishcarclub.com

4/9 **GOF Goodie Bag Stuffing Party**, Ceres Motorsports,  
640 Kane Ct., Oviedo, 9:30 am

4/22-24 **GOF South 2022**, Mission Inn, Howey-in-the-Hills, Scott Buie  
<https://www.gofsouth.org/>



### 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

### June

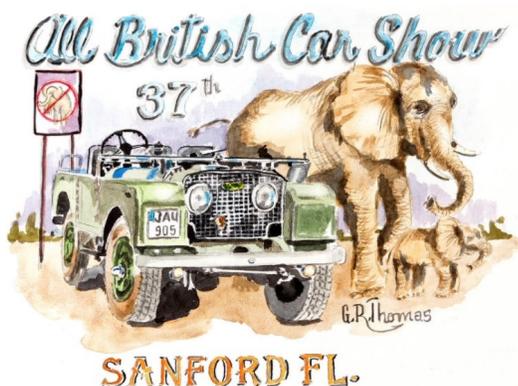
6/19-23 **MG 2022**, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada,  
<https://mgtoronto.com/mg2022/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaVUUEmyVzc>



### September

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

THE NEXT GENERATION



### 37th Annual All British Car Show

Central Florida British Car Club  
Saturday, April 2nd  
Henry's Depot, Sanford, FL  
212 W. First Street  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Day-of-event registration 8:00-10:00 am. Parking of cars begins at 8:00 am. Participants can enjoy the many fine options of foods at the multiple restaurants in Henry's Depot Culinary Collective.

<https://www.allbritishcarclub.com/annual-car-show>



# The MG Girl

*Glen Moore*

One of our long-time members, George Butz, had his MGTD pictured in the most recent edition of *The Sacred Octagon*, the magazine of the New England MG 'T' Register. You did notice the car, didn't you? The photo is the entire back cover of the magazine, a position of importance.

Recognition in a national publication is quite an honor, for the car, and more so for the talent of the photographer who created the image. There is a big difference between a snapshot and a quality photographic image. Interestingly, while George is an experienced photographer, using quality cameras and lenses, and easily talks about shutter speeds, aperture settings, and the proper ISO, he captured this image with his iPhone.



*As seen in the Sacred Octagon, David Lawley, Editor*

When asked about the photo of The MG Girl, George responded:

“The MG Girl is Paige, our 28-year-old daughter. She is a professional musical theater performer, with a degree in Public Relations from UF as well. Super smart. Did Grease on a cruise ship, the main dancer in In The Mood Live big band show, Wizard of Oz in Saudi Arabia, etc. Career great until Covid shutdown. She saw "The MG Girl" on the back cover of an issue of TSO a couple of days before and said she wanted to do that. She suggested doing it while dressed up before our family Christmas deal on the 23rd. We were racing the sun to get good lighting without harsh shadows. Rosebush happened to be cooperative with Christmas colors. At the last second, Paige grabbed some clippers and cut the pink roses she is holding. So, clothes and roses were her ideas. Five minutes and a few snaps with an iPhone X and that was it! Check this out: <https://www.paigebutz.com/> .“

Congratulations to George Butz and thanks for your efforts in keeping MGs and CMGC in the limelight.





## ***MG-Ts Celebrate A Wedding***

I was in the doghouse. Jo Ann promised a friend that I would display my TF to add "period atmosphere" to his wedding at the historic Howey Mansion in Central Florida. She made the promise over a year before the wedding, so she was confident that my TF restoration would be completed. As the date approached the TF wasn't even close to being completed.

*T-Owners to the Rescue* - I desperately called fellow members of the Classic MG Club for help. Five T-Series owners immediately offered their cars, even though they did not know anyone in the wedding party. They helped ... well, because that's what MG people do.

It was perfect. Beautiful wedding, beautiful day, beautiful MGs.

The TFs and TD brought the mansion to life. Guests admired each car and pointed out details to their friends. Most had never seen a T-Series MG. Everyone posed by their favorite MG during the cocktail hour. The couple said it best, "The cars transported the venue to a whole different era."



Our thanks to Classic MG Club members Paul and Caroline Whitehouse (TF), Pete Rogers (TF), Greg Rogers (TF), Bill Dixon (TF), and Richard Drewyer (TD) for getting me out of the doghouse and for making a special day even better.

MG people are the best!

Lonnie and Jo Ann Cook  
TF7211



# MG Knowledge Quiz

## The Answers

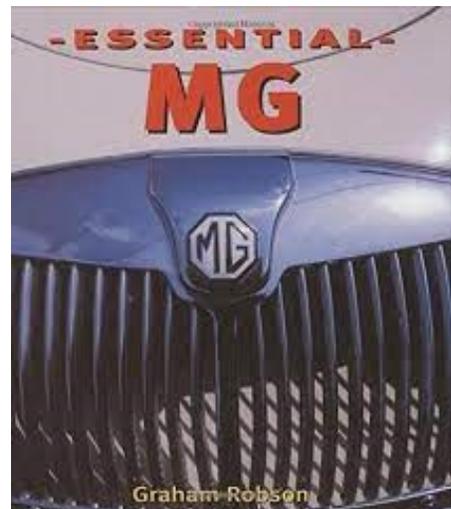
*Presented at the North/South Picnic by John Spadaro*



1. What parts of the MGA body are not made of steel?  
**Bonnet, doors, and boot lid are aluminum**
2. Which popular Austin Healey shared the assembly line with the MG Midget? **Austin Healy Sprite**
3. Which MG sold more than 100,000 cars in four years breaking all MG sales records up to that time? **MGTC**
4. What was the MSRP for the MGTD when it was first introduced to America? **\$2115**
5. What was the first MG sports car built with unibody or monocoque structure? **MG Midget**
6. MGTF was produced from 53 to 55. What were the total production numbers for this model? **9600**
7. Who created the MG marque in 1924? **Cecil Kimber**
8. Which post-war MG sports car did not offer center hub mount wire wheels? **MGTD**
9. What was the first car manufactured by MG with an independently recorded top speed of over 100mph. **MGA**
10. The MGB was the bestselling MG of all time. What MG was the second best selling MG?  
**MG Midget**
11. What two-seater roadster overtook MGB as the bestselling car of its type in the early 2000s?  
**Mazda Miata**
12. Which MG sports car was never officially launched in the UK? **MGTF**
13. Which MG sports car was the first to be fitted with front disc brakes instead of drums? **MGA**
14. According to manufacturer's spec's, what was the top speed of an MGTC? **75 mph**
15. What specific group of people is credited with introducing the MG to America?  
**US service men coming home from WW II**

One of the aspects that makes MGs enjoyable to own and to have value far above their original sale price, is the history of the marque. You now know more of that history.

Source for questions and answers,  
Essential MG, Graham Robson.



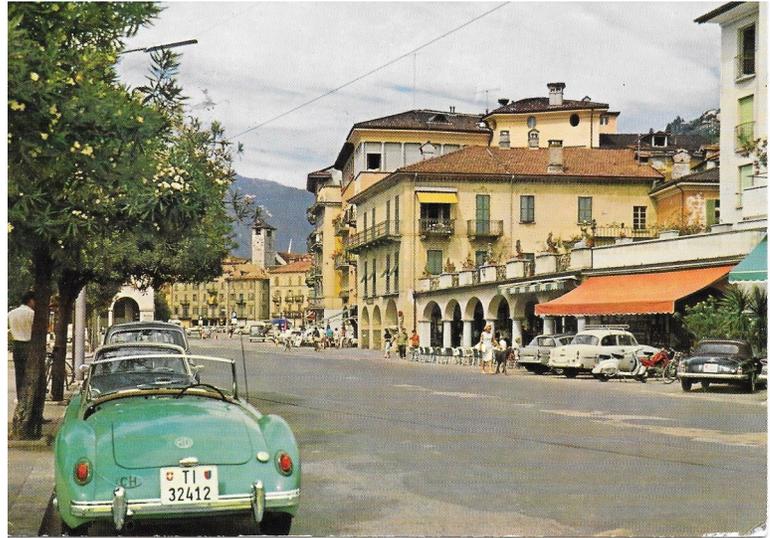


## A Postcard from Karel & A Greeting Card from Reinout

*Reinout Vogt*

This postcard is from Locarno in Switzerland and features a right-hand drive (RHD) MGA 1500. Locarno is a resort town on Lake Maggiore in the Italian-speaking south of the country. The interesting part of the postcard is the RHD MGA. The Swiss drive on the right side of the road and therefore, most cars are left-hand drive. The MGA's license plate shows that it is local from the Canton of Ticino, where Locarno is located.

Why are there RHD MGA's in Switzerland? For an answer, we need to look no further than our own Swiss, Oliver Hoffmann, who drives an RHD MGA that his uncle purchased new, through the importer, in Switzerland.



(Oliver is a member of the Peachtree MG Registry, the local MG club here in Georgia). It turns out that some drivers in Switzerland prefer RHD cars for narrow mountain roads with deep ravines on one side and/or vertical rocks on the other side. Many Swiss army trucks and old yellow Postal Service busses are also RHD making it easier for the driver to position the vehicle on to the edge of the road: not too close to the rock wall and damage the car, or not too close to the ravine and fall down. And the MG importer in Switzerland offered, new, RHD cars with a speedometer/odometer in kilometers instead of miles and a temperature gauge that reads degrees Centigrade instead of Fahrenheit. Although we can't see the dashboard of the MGA in the postcard, it is very well possible that it is one of these rare models, just like Oliver's.



Because Karel's postcard is about right-hand drive MGAs, here is one of my favorite cards. The photo is the dashboard of a right-hand drive 1958 MGA TwinCam. The photo is by Henry Rasmussen from his book *The Survivors - European Sports Cars of the Fifties*. The card is a 1979 Picturama Publications print from Arroyo Grande, CA, USA, and was part of their *Survivors Series Greeting Cards*.



# 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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**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

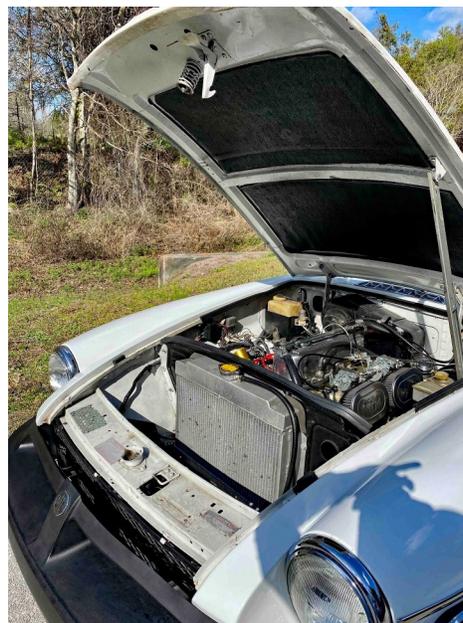
31104 Fairvista Dr.  
Tavares, FL

**Wanted to Buy** CMGC Club medallion, any vintage. John Avallone, [Hrtpace1@aol.com](mailto:Hrtpace1@aol.com) 217-714-1819

**Wanted to Buy** 2 or 3 old used 15" tubes that will hold air. Restoring a 54 TF, a long process, and need inflated old tires to roll the chassis on. Do not want to buy new tires and tubes until I need them as they are only good for 5 or 6 years before needing replacement. Ken Ball 770-595-8989 [toyz4ken@gmail.com](mailto:toyz4ken@gmail.com)



**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.com](mailto:apfastsol@gmail.com)  
Alan Jones



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.



*fighting hunger. feeding hope.*

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](http://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.

The Classic MG Club of Orlando is an affiliate chapter and active supporter of:



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North American MGA Register



North American MGB Register



Jennifer Horning's MGB boot lid catches the color of a crape myrtle in bloom. Her car sure has a mirror-like finish.

Jennifer is a new CMGC member and is enjoying driving and taking photos of her 1971 MGB.

This image has to get the award for most creative to date. Jennifer, thanks for sharing your MG and photos with us.

The editor's collection of MG rear end shots is running short. 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](mailto:editor.cmgc@gmail.com)

