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**MEETING LOCATION:** **The FEBRUARY 20TH 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](mailto:mg_enthusiast@aol.com)

This month we will have fun at the picnic d'elegance! The information is in the newsletter and will also be discussed at the meeting. See the news about the GOF which is quickly approaching. The meeting is where the business of the club takes place punctuated by our MG fellowship. We welcome your participation and enthusiasm! There will also be a discussion on whether we will have a meeting in April since it is a day before the GOF. Often we substitute a stuffing party to get ready.



Passing the Gavel between President Patrick and President Mike

**REPORT ON THE JANUARY EVENT:** On Saturday, January 18, our resident historian, Patrick Raley, arranged for a beautiful drive and lunch. We first visited the Dade Battlefield followed by lunch at Riverside Restaurant in Nobleton, which is 10 miles west of the park. I never knew about this part of history in Florida. The docents did an excellent job and Patrick elaborated on what his research had found. Lunch was good and it was truly amazing that Patrick found a place to eat which could accommodate our large group. We definitely saw some different areas of Florida which were undeveloped! Great job finding this gem for a back roads drive.

Thank you Jerry Kroeger for the great photos below!





**FEBRUARY DRIVING EVENT:** Mount Dora is always a beautiful city to visit. On February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 AM we will have a Picnic d'Elegance. Our hosts, Lester and Anne Ariail, live at **352 East Third Avenue, Mount Dora, FL.** They have a lovely older home with a large back yard which will accommodate our cars. Anne loves to garden, so maybe she will show off some of these talents to us. Lester and Anne also have a beautifully restored 1955 TF which I am sure you will want to see.

I know we have some folks in the club that love a friendly competition. The picnic is a wonderful opportunity to pull out your competitive nature and have some fun. A prize will be awarded for the most elegant picnic brought to the site in an MG. Bring your own food and beverages; tables, chairs, etc. are optional. The event is open to all club members but sorry, only MGs can win. Nevertheless, we would love to see how elegant everyone can be. Yes, you may dress for the part. I will definitely bring a chair.... Otherwise I would not be getting off the ground.

As a bonus, this is also the weekend of the arts festival so you may want to bring a pair of comfortable shoes and see the art which is only a couple blocks away!

**CMGC 2020 MEMBER DIRECTORY:**

Have you updated your information for the 2020 Member Directory? It will be distributed in early March. If your information in the 2019 Directory isn't correct or if you haven't already done so, then please send the following information to Lonnie Cook, [lonniecook@aol.com](mailto:lonniecook@aol.com). We do not publicize your email or home addresses.

Last Name  
First Name & Spouse (optional)  
City  
State  
Preferred Phone #  
MG & other collector cars

**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):

**February 2020** – 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> Event- Picnic d'Elegance (Cook at Ariail's in Mt. Dora)

24<sup>th</sup> – GOF Planning meeting (see GOF)

**March 2020** – 14th MG St Patrick's Day and Planning Party at the Cooks in Lithia,

12:00 noon

19<sup>th</sup> meeting

**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

PLEASE TAKE PICTURES AT THE EVENTS AND EMAIL THEM TO KATHY [KATHY.COOKUCF@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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. As announced it will be held 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 week end, two MG shows, banquets, 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 already 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 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/>



### **GOF South LIV - Silent Auction and Raffle**

### **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](mailto: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.



**GOF PLANNING MEETING:** All CMGC members are invited to participate in the next GOF-South planning meeting. We will tour all locations on-property that will have GOF functions and will discuss the staff and the setup of each. Please share your knowledge and experience from your work-life and from your MG-life. The meeting will be **Monday, February 24, Mission Inn, 10:00 AM, 10400 FL-48, Howey-In-The-Hills, FL 34737.** Meet in the lobby

**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](mailto:lonniecook@aol.com)

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**

Please welcome Len Coppold to the Classic MG Club. Len lives in Melbourne and is an example for all of us. He doesn't just look at his MG and collector cars. He drives them. He is 98 years old and has been driving his cars to British car events for years including Georgia and Tennessee. He has driven and explored the mountains and the Tail of the Dragon with Saul

Klein for the past seven years. His beautiful cars include 1979 MG Midget, 1975 Triumph TR7, 1979 Mercedes 450SL, 1981 Imperial Coupe, and a 2004 Chrysler Crossfire. Love it!

**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](mailto:marton1879@gmail.com) or 407-656-7472.



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