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One way to beat the Florida heat
and stay close to your MG affliction
is to have a Valve Cover Race!



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Presidential Thoughts

Hello Members,

July has been a scorcher! We kicked things off with fantastic fireworks on the Fourth of July, followed by a fun Cars and Coffee event at the Lee Vista Promenade that the boys and I attended, and Daniel proudly drove his MG to the show!



Our Thursday meeting at Grills brought out a full house, featuring wonderful food and plenty of great suggestions from members. *(Note: Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday at Grills!)* To wrap up the month, our July signature event—the Valve Cover Race at Sickies—was a massive success. Check out the details later in this edition of the Octagon.

Looking Ahead:

- August Event: Join us for our Dart Tournament at Fiddler's Green in Winter Park. I'm not sure we've ever handed out a trophy for darts before, but we are definitely having one this year!
- September Event: Get ready for an overnight getaway in Winter Haven, complete with a free Water Ski Show on Lake Silver

Safety Fast,
Jim Young
President, Classic MG Club of Orlando



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Sandusky, OH

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The Classic MG Club of Orlando

Meeting Minutes



Location: Grills Lakeside Seafood Deck & Tiki Bar, 4301 N OBT, Orlando

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm Thursday July 16, 2026.

Treasurer's Report: Dodie reported we had sufficient funds in the account.

New member introductions: No new members were present

Old Business:

- June event recap – Host Scott Buie gave a report that about 15 people attended this event at his residence. It was an informative session with MG friends enjoying good food and fellowship while learning about 3-D printing.

New business:

- No new business was discussed.

Announcements:

- Our July event is on the 18th. The Valve Cover Races and lunch at Sickie's Garage, 11701 International Dr. It starts at 11:00 a.m.
- Updated Meeting times: Club meetings for the rest of 2026 will continue to be at Grill's Lakeside. The August meeting will be on Thursday night, and the Sep-Nov. meetings will be on Tuesday nights. Due to the great turnout, we are not being charged for the meeting room.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

August

08/20 Thursday! Club Meeting Grills Lakeside, 4301 N. Orange Blossom Trl,
6:30PM Drinks, ordering food or tire kicking.
7:00PM Monthly Club Meeting Begins

08/22 Saturday Darts, Fiddler's Green 544 W Fairbanks Ave, Winter Park
Noon Host-Patrick Raley

*** More info on the following pages ***

September

09/15 Tuesday! Club Meeting Grills Lakeside, 4301 N. Orange Blossom Trl,
6:30PM Drinks, ordering food or tire kicking.
7:00PM Monthly Club Meeting Begins

09/19-20 Overnighter! Cypress Gardens Ski Show, Winter Haven, FL
10:00AM Drive Begins at the Publix on Stoneybrook in Winter Garden
Noon Lunch at the home of George & Kelly Butz
3:00PM Hotel Check-In
4:00PM Ski Show
6:30PM Dinner at Tanners Lakeside

9/20 Return to Orlando Area
9:00AM Breakfast at Hotel and Depart

*** More info on the following pages ***

October

10/18 Sunday Founders Picnic, Quail Hollow on the River Rec Center and Park
Noon - 4:00 1968 Quail Hollow Drive, DeLand, FL
Hosts: Tracey and Keith Waggoner

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August's Upcoming Club Event



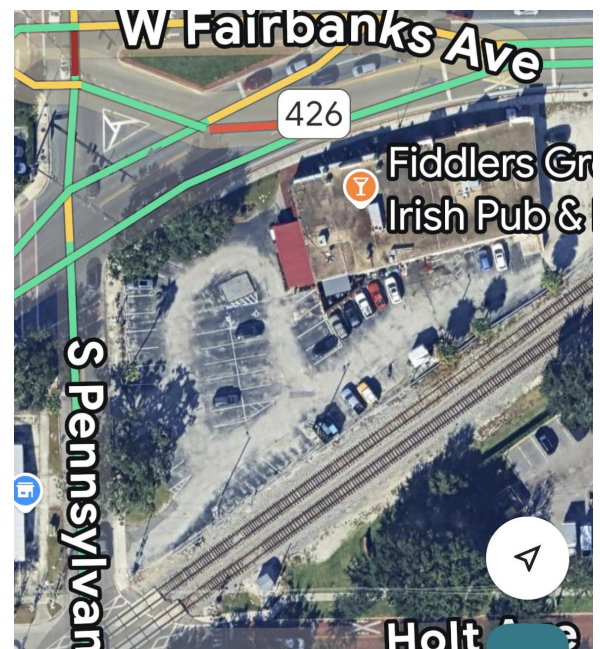
Fiddler's Green for Darts and Craic

544 W Fairbanks Ave, Winter Park, FL

Join us at Noon on August 22, the Saturday following our monthly meeting, at Fiddler's Green Irish Pub & Eatery in Winter Park for fellowship, darts, and a good time. The pub opens at 11. Please reserve the tables near the dart boards if you arrive first.

Fiddler's address is located at 544 West Fairbanks Ave, but its parking lot is accessed only from Pennsylvania Ave. Attendees approaching along Orange Ave will find it easier to turn right onto Holt Ave, then left. Those approaching from Aloma Ave should turn left at New York Ave, then right onto Holt as left turns are not allowed onto Pennsylvania Ave.

ps, it's also Scott's Birthday, shhhh



September's Upcoming Outing



It's time to fuel your MG, check the oil and kick the tires. Your MG needs some exercise. Come join us for a trip to one of Florida's original and historic attractions, The Cypress Gardens Ski Show. You'll need a folding chair, change of clothes and possibly a cooler. We start the adventure at Publix in Winter Garden, where we will caravan through rural scenic roads to Winter Haven. There, we will have a modified picnic lunch at the home of George and Kelly Butz. We also have an early check-in at the Holiday Inn where you can freshen up in preparation for the legendary Cypress Gardens Ski Show. The event gets started after 4 so it shouldn't be too hot. After the show, we head to Tanners Lakeside for dinner. It's a beautiful location to wind down after a full day. The following morning is hot breakfast at the hotel, which is included in your room rate. Then we will retrace our route back to the starting point. If you should choose to take a more direct route home, that's always an option.

Check the next page for the drive details, hotel info, and all the rest of the logistics needed for the trip.



**** Overnighter Logistics! ****

Saturday 9/19

10:00AM: Meet-up location for our drive to Winter Haven:

Publix- 15502 Stoneybrook West Pkwy Winter Garden, FL. 34787

**** Orange/Seminole drivers may want ****

**** to organize a drive to this starting point. ****

12:30PM: Arrive at the home of George and Kelly Butz for lunch,

We'll order sandwich platters and drinks from a Winter Haven Publix

3:00PM: Drive to Holiday Inn (our overnight hotel) for check-in

202 Cypress Gardens Blvd. Winter Haven, FL. 33880

When you call to make a reservation; mention Classic MG Club for the special Room rate of \$119 which includes hot breakfast

4:00PM: Take a short drive to Lake Silver to see the ski show

275 S. Lake Silver Dr. Winter Haven, FL. 33881

<https://www.cypressgardensskiteam.com/>

5:00PM: Show Starts! Remember to bring your collapsible chairs, or blanket for watching the show on the lawn.

After the show, we head to dinner at Tanners Lakeside Restaurant:

1006 S. Lake Howard Drive; Winter Haven, FL. 38800

<https://tannerslakeside.com/>

Sunday 9/20

9:00AM Complimentary Hot Breakfast at the Holiday Inn

After checking out, you can retrace our route back to Winter Garden as a group or if you choose, travel home in a more direct route.

Additional Notes:

-RSVP to Mark Tidwell

1mwtidwell@gmail.com or call/text 352-874-5242

-Bring collapsible chairs or blankets for the ski show

-Bring your own Beer, Wine or Hard spirits



October's Upcoming Club Event



**It's Picnic Season, It's Driving Season.
Let's do both!**

Sunday, October 18th from Noon to 4

Community Park and Rec Center of Quail Hollow on the River
1968 Quail Hollow Drive DeLand, FL 32720

You're invited to the CMGC Orlando Founder's Picnic.
It's all about a good ole' southern get-together

Fried Chicken and all the fixins.

We'll furnish the chicken, water, tea, sodas and tableware

You bring any other drink and one of the following to share:
Appetizers, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Mac'n'Cheese, Tater Salad
and, of course, any dessert.

*Oh, and don't forget your lawn chairs
for "sittin and storytellin" along the St Johns River bank*

Please let Keith Waggoner know you're coming
and what you're bringing.

He's at mkwaggoner@yahoo.com or 407-920-2013

RSVP by October 14th.

If you need suggestions, he can offer options
based upon what others are bringing.

Come rain or shine. We can go inside the clubhouse if inclement weather

See you there!



CMGC Activites Outlook



2026

- May 30th 9:15AM Visit Sanford Museum; lunch at local restaurant;
Host-Tom Redditt
- Jun 20th Noon Educational Session: Learn about 3-D printing;
1618 Pepperidge Dr, Orlando Host-Scott Buie
- Jul 18th Noon Valve Cover Races; Sickies Garage International Dr, Orlando;
Host-Jim Young
- Aug 22nd Noon Darts: Fiddler's Green Irish Pub, Winter Park;
Host-Patrick Raley
- Sep 19th TBD Overnighter; Drive to Winter Haven;
Watch Cypress Gardens Free Ski Show; Eat at local restaurant;
Hosts-Ellen and Mark Tidwell
- Oct 18th Noon-4 Founders Picnic- Deland;
Hosts: Tracey and Keith Waggoner
- Nov: TBD Drive to Inverness for Air boat ride followed by lunch in downtown
Host-Bob Moore
- Dec 17th 5:30 Tour of Lights: Racquet Club of Winter Park
Hosts Rebekkah and Brad Parlee

2027

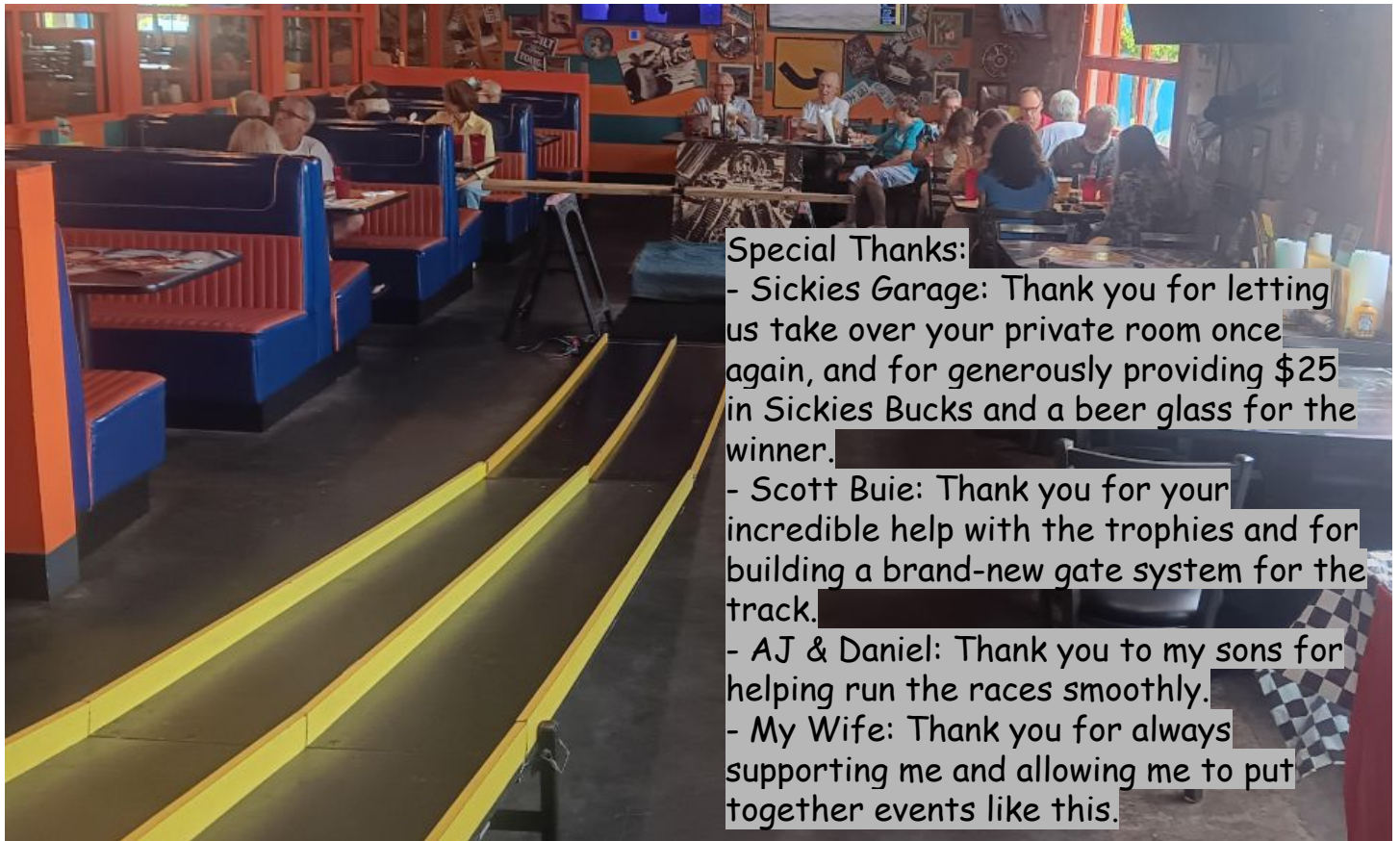
- Jan 30th Noon North/South Picnic, Magnolia Park Apopka;
Hosts- Sharon and John Spadaro
- Feb TBD Visit Birds of Prey Center Maitland, FL; lunch at local restaurant;
Host- Dodie Beach
- Mar TBD Planning for club 2027-2028 events calendar- Tibby's Winter Park
Host- Jim Young
- Apr TBD GOF South; TBD;
Host- MG Classics of Jacksonville



Club Adventures

Valve Cover Races Recap: by Jim Young

We had another awesome time at Sickies Orlando for our latest Valve Cover Race! We had a fantastic turnout with 23 members showing up and 10 valve cover racers entering the competition. The competition was fierce, resulting in plenty of great racing and carnage along the way.



Special Thanks:

- Sickies Garage: Thank you for letting us take over your private room once again, and for generously providing \$25 in Sickies Bucks and a beer glass for the winner.
- Scott Buie: Thank you for your incredible help with the trophies and for building a brand-new gate system for the track.
- AJ & Daniel: Thank you to my sons for helping run the races smoothly.
- My Wife: Thank you for always supporting me and allowing me to put together events like this.

For the first time ever, we ran a best-of-three format for each bracket. The finals ultimately came down to an epic rematch of the VCR at GOF, featuring Lonnie Cook and Jill Moore racing head-to-head for the title and trophy. In the end, Lonnie's Elmo racer came out on top, capturing his third 1st place trophy and Jill taking home the 2nd place trophy for the 2nd time!



Other Events of Interest

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www.MGInternational2026.org



Save the Date

This year's British Car Festival, hosted by The Peachtree MG Registry, will be moving to a new location in Young Harris, Georgia, overlooking beautiful Lake Chatuge. This is a regional event for NAMGBR & NAMGAR

The Ridges Resort at 3499 Highway 76 West will be our host for the dates of September 24-27, 2026

<https://www.theridgesresort.com>

Booking code = PeachtreeMG26

All the events you have come to expect from our show will be available, and we have added a few more. Hospitality, drives, tech sessions, food, a fire pit, and a wonderful show field overlooking the lake. Mark your calendars and make sure to join us as we share an exciting new location.



Other Events of Interest

Myrtle Beach BRITFEST 2026
British Car Show
Saturday October 3, 2026
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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British Car Show Open to the Public!
Free Admission for Spectators!

Myrtle Beach BRITFEST is the area's only British car show, featuring British cars and motorcycles of every kind on **Saturday October 3, 2026** rain or shine!

Myrtle Beach BRITFEST is a 2 day event for all show registrants, so plan ahead and make a weekend of it! On Friday, there's a miniature golf outing, a drive around our vacation destination city, and then our popular Friday evening reception!

Then the **Myrtle Beach BRITFEST car show** is Saturday, October 3! Enjoy raffles, gift baskets, Auto Jumble, an English Tea, Best Hat Competition, club regalia sales and awesome food trucks. Show registrants can vote for their favorite vehicles with awards presented to winners in 31 categories.

British Car Show **In the Heart of Fabulous Myrtle Beach!**

Myrtle Beach BRITFEST is held on a city block sized lot bounded by Johnson Ave, Hendrick Ave, Iris St. and Hackler St. The car show is located just east of Farrow Parkway between Highway 17 Bypass and Highway 17 Business in the heart of Myrtle Beach's Market Common District.

From Highway 17 Business:

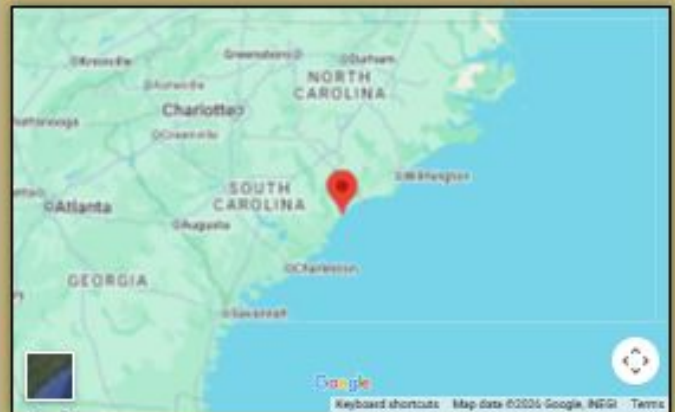
Turn west onto Farrow Parkway, proceed 0.7 mile, turn right onto Johnson Ave, proceed to the BRITFEST car show on the left.

From Highway 17 By-Pass:

Exit onto Hamelton Blvd. toward the airport, proceed past the international airport, turn right onto S. Kings Highway (Business-17), turn right onto Farrow Parkway, turn right on Johnson Ave., proceed to the BRITFEST car show.

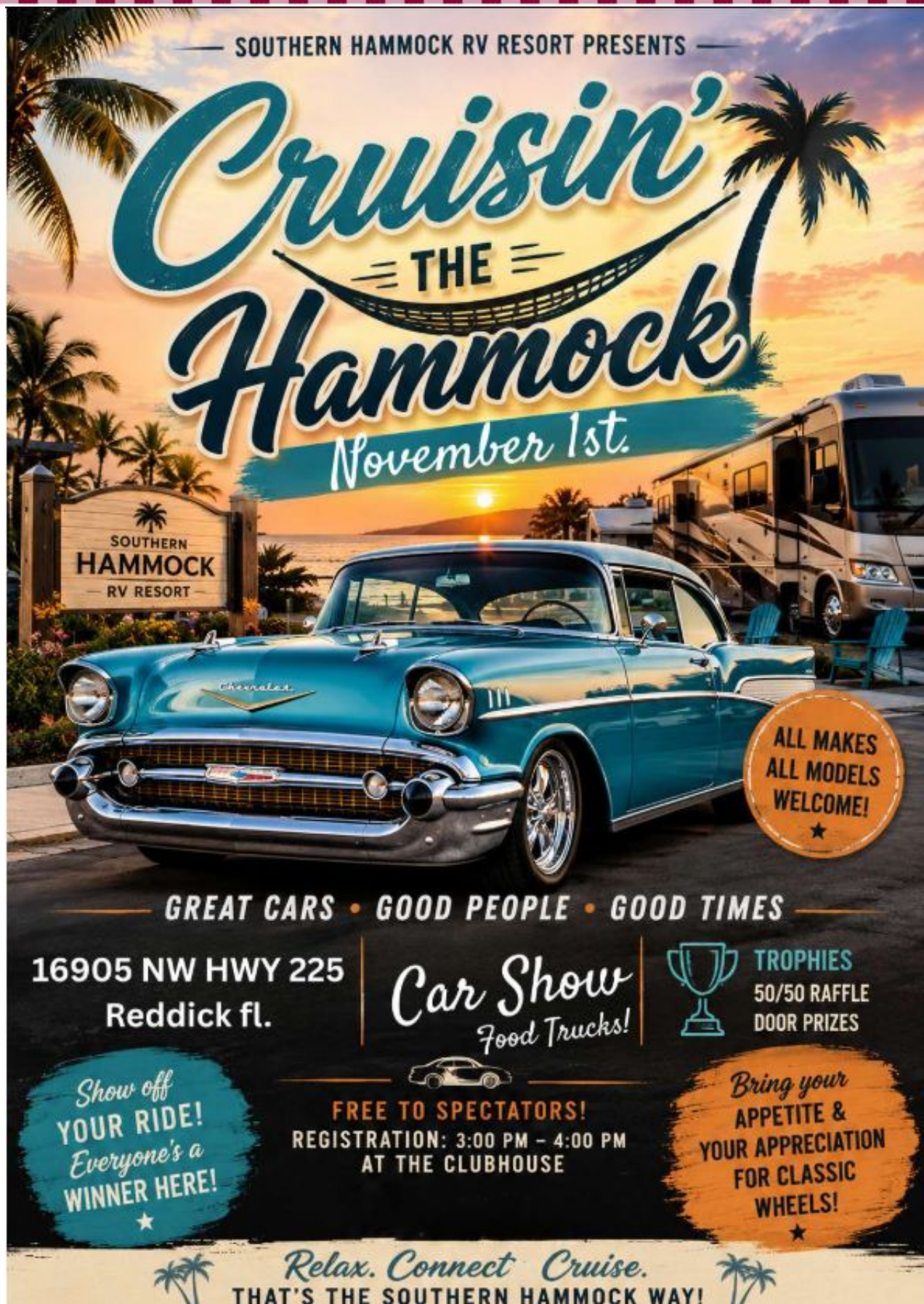
Trailer Parking is available next to the show field. Restaurants, breweries, shops and many Myrtle Beach vacation attractions and amenities are in walking distance of the show!

Click For a Map to **Myrtle Beach BRITFEST 2026**



[Click here to register](#)





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Karel's postcard for this month comes from Harderwijk in the Netherlands. Harderwijk was an old commercial fishing community on the Zuiderzee, a very large saltwater inlet with access to the North Sea. It was dammed off in 1932 by the Afsluitdijk and was renamed IJsselmeer. It was also a popular vacation destination and I have photos of our family there on the beach. The windmill, The Hoop, still exists but the restaurant, named IJsselmeer, has been replaced by modern developments.

The MG on the card is an MGA 1500.

Classy Finds

FOR SALE

1954 MG-TF Current Owner is selling after 65 years ownership.

Selling amount: \$ Priceless



This LHD's provenance starts with it being delivered to Germany in 1954 and purchased by an American serviceman who, later, brought it to Texas with his duty station change. In 1960, it was purchased by its current owner who, then in 1962, shipped it to the space coast of Florida. During the 60's and 70's it was a daily driver to work at Cape Canaveral. In 2000, it received a body off partial restoration (new paint, wire harness, MGA ring and pinion rear axle, stainless exhaust, vinyl upholstery and some wood).

Numbers: Car HDP36/5912, Engine XPAG/TF/35016 (Engine numbers match), Body 16396. Included in sale are new and used spare parts, original tools and owner's manual.





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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.

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Donate Online: <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.

This month's End Shot...

The picture says it all...

I was perusing the Classic MG Magazine Facebook page and came across this picture. Its headline called out T-type owners, but I'm sure ANY MG owner can identify with it

See you next month

Keith

