

# The Octagon

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## Presidential Thoughts

July was really hot so the MGs got little exercise. Even with the heat, the Morse Museum event hosted by Lonnie and JoAnne Cook was well attended and a great success



I am hoping for a break in the heat to get the MGs out on the road.

I want to thank Patrick Raley for his work on the update of the bylaws. He has worked with the members and their ideas to create this document. Great job Patrick!

I am happy to announce we have reached an agreement with Central Florida British Car Club to share links on our websites.

If you are intending to go on the Lake Panasoffkee Airboat Ride on August 24th, pay early and save almost \$10 a person.

I apologize for the confusion on the August meeting which will be at the Nauti Lobster, Thursday, August 15, at 7:00 PM.

See you down the road

Mark Tidwell



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## Your Club's Affiliations



Their Website: [New England MG T Register](#) ✓  
Nat'l Meeting: GOF 110 Mystic, CT to Bristol, RI Jun 7-8  
Local Contact: Mike McCormick



Their Website: [NAMGAR.com](http://NAMGAR.com) ✓  
Nat'l Meeting: GT-49 Welches, OR Jul 15-19  
Local Contact: Jill Moore



Their Website: [NAMGBR.org](http://NAMGBR.org) ✓  
Nat'l Meeting: MG2024 Katy, TX Apr 21-24  
Local Contact: Jim McSweeney



# The Classic MG Club of Orlando

## Meeting Minutes



*submitted by Tom Redditt*

**Location:** Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka, FL 32703

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM on July 18, 2024

**Treasurer's report:** Dodie reported the bank balance. Others remarked it was nice!

**New member introductions:**

- Dave Sherard from Orlando, FL – Owns a red 1972 MGBGT that he purchased in 1973. It is currently not running, but Dave will be retiring soon and is interested in making it operational and participating in club activities.

**Old business:**

- Mark Tidwell gave a final accounting of the 2024 GOF which produced a net loss (cost to the club) of \$650 after all bills were paid so very nearly a break-even event.
- Bylaws committee - A copy of the proposed revised Bylaws will soon be sent to the Board members for final review to be ready for vote in September.
- Founder's Day picnic – An invitation to this event was sent to the Jacksonville Club and has been accepted, so some of their members will attend.
- Adding British Car Club to CMGC website: It was decided that both clubs would affiliate with each other by posting a link for their respective websites reciprocally. This will mutually benefit both clubs by enhancing and promoting the British Car Brand which will hopefully increase interest and membership in both clubs. This action is for advertising purposes only with both clubs remaining separate entities.

**New business:**

- GOF committees: Volunteers are needed to form committees for 2026 GOF site location and art work. If interested contact Mark Tidwell.
- Octagon help needed: Keith Waggoner is in need of assistance in preparing the Octagon newsletter information each month. If you can help, please contact Keith Waggoner or Mark Tidwell.

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# Meeting Minutes *continued...*

## Announcements:

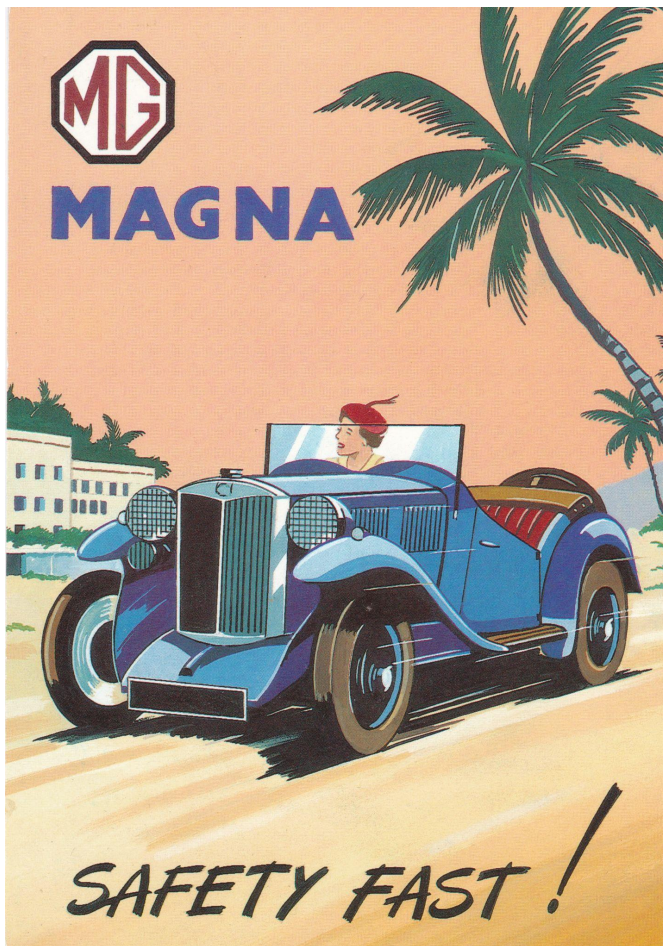
- Longwood Historic Tour – Tom Redditt provided a recap. He shared that this event was a trip back in time of local area Florida history that was fun and enjoyed by all who attended.
- The August 2024 club meeting will now be held at the Naughty Lobstah in Apopka. Tire kicking starts at 6:30 with meeting at 7PM
- Harry P Leu Garden tour: This event will be held on 9/21/24. Please note that RSVP is required and the cost is \$17.00 that **MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY 9/7/24** to Dodie. Best time to pay for this is at the August 18th meeting or contact Dodie by e-mail to arrange payment.

## Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM.

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## MGs in the Post



*From Reinout Vogt...*

This card was published by Santoro Graphics Ltd. in England. Artist Colin Ashford created a MG Magna, a six cylinder (prewar) MG F or L-type, in a beach setting with palm trees and a resort-like building in the background. He perfectly captured speed with the wire wheels, the white lines, the font and layout of the Safety Fast slogan, and the pompom of the hat of the female driver blowing in the wind.



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## August

08/17 **Club Meeting at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka**  
**6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm**

08/24 **Lake Panasoffkee Airboat Ride** Hosts-Marcia and Scott Buie  
8:00AM Meet for breakfast at Twisted Biscuit Diner  
4101 County Rd 561 Tavares, FL 32778  
9:00AM Leave the diner for 1 hr drive to Swamp Fever Airboat  
Adventures, 4110 NW 42nd Pl Lot 1,  
Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538  
*More details can be found later in this newsletter*

## September

09/?? **Club Meeting** date-time-location TBD  
**\*\*\* Tentative info only \*\*\***

09/21 **Harry P Leu Gardens Tour** Hosts-Penny and Jim Young  
***You will need to register by September 7th.***  
10:00AM Meet in the parking lot of Leu Gardens for tour  
1920 North Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803  
12:30PM drive to Lunch at TooJays  
2624 E Colonial Dr, Orlando, FL 32803  
*More details can be found later in this newsletter*

## October

10/17 **Club Meeting** date-time-location TBD  
**\*\*\* Tentative info only \*\*\***

10/19-20: **Overnighter excursion to Micanopy,**  
Drive start location TBD: lunch at Yearling restaurant Hawthorne, FL  
Paynes Prairie Preserve state park,  
Stay at Equus Inn in Ocala,  
Shop Micanopy,  
Drive home w/ possible stop for lunch/dinner;  
Hosts-Ellen and Mark Tidwell, with Tom Redditt

*More details will be published in next month's newsletter*



# August's Upcoming Event

*Who's up for a boat ride?*

Hop in your MG, and join the Club for an airboat adventure  
Saturday, August 24 on Lake Panasoffkee in Sumter County.

Start the day with friends by meeting for an 8AM breakfast  
at the Twisted Biscuit Diner, 4101 County Road 561 Tavares, FL 32778  
[Click here for their website](#)

*If you'd like to skip breakfast, just meet at the Twisted Biscuit by 9AM*

Around 9AM, the group will caravan for approximately one hour to



4110 Northwest 42nd Place Lot 1, Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538

[click for the Swamp Fever website](#)

By acting now, you can save almost \$10 a person,  
Just click the link below to register for the tour..

[Swamp fever Registration Link](#)



Your hosts for the event are Marcia and Scott Buie





# September's Upcoming Event



**Leu Gardens:** Explore an amazing 50-acre botanical oasis. Each garden is designed specifically to inspire visitors to appreciate and understand plants.

Meet you there at 1920 North Forest Avenue, Orlando

Tour starts at 10:00AM, so meet in parking lot at 9:30

***Tickets are \$17 and must be purchased by Sept 7th***

See purchase info below,,,

After the tour we plan to gather for lunch at TooJays  
Found at the corner of N Bumby Ave and E Colonial DR  
2624 E Colonial Dr, Orlando, FL 32803

***If you are planning to come  
Please contact Dodie Beach to discuss payment***

[flutterby670@aol.com](mailto:flutterby670@aol.com) 407-695-2981

***Tickets must be purchased by Sept 7th!***



# Classic MG Club Year-at-a-Glance

## May 2024- April 2025 Calendar

May 4th Saturday: Indian River Drive; Hosts-Pat and Bob Moore

May 18th Saturday 12PM-4PM: Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards "Weekends at the Winery" <https://www.lakeridgewinery.com/> live music; Hosts-Sharon and Allen Wyman

June 22nd Saturday: Longwood Mansion Museum Tour; Host-Tom Redditt. Begins 9:30 Drive, Tour and Lunch

July 20th Saturday 9:30AM a visit to Morse Museum <https://morsemuseum.org/>; Hosts-JoAnn and Lonnie Cook

August 24th Saturday Airboat; Hosts-Marcia and Scott Buie  
8:00AM Breakfast in Tavares:  
9:00AM Drive to Lake Panasoffkee for airboat ride;

September 21st Saturday a visit Harry P Leu Gardens <https://www.leugardens.org/> lunch TBD; Host-Jim Young

October 19-20: 2 Day Overnighter excursion to Micanopy, lunch at Yearling restaurant, Paynes Prairie Preserve state park, stay at Equus Inn in Ocala, shop Micanopy, drive home possible stop for lunch/dinner; Hosts-Ellen and Mark Tidwell, with Tom Redditt

November 9th Saturday 12PM-4PM: Founders Picnic, at the park of Quail Hollow on the River Deland; Hosts-Tracey and Keith Waggoner

December: Date and time TBD; Tour of Lights;  
Hosts- Rebekkah and Brad Parlee

## 2025

January: Drive from Clermont, drive west through great roads to Richloam General Store <https://www.richloamstore.com/> ending at The Friar Tuck British restaurant in Clermont <https://thefriartuck.com/> for lunch; Hosts-TDB

February: North/South Picnic; Hosts-Sharon and John Spadaro

March: Parrish, 2 day, Florida Railroad museum, <https://www.frrm.org/>, hotel to be identified; Host-Dodie Beach

April 24-27: GOF South 2025; Hosts-MG Classics of Jacksonville





# Classic MG Club Ideas for the Future

In addition to the regularly scheduled monthly events, additional club-initiated events are being considered to add to the MG Adventures for club members.

## Rallyes and Drives

Recreate past CMGC Rallyes and Drives - hare and hounds, drive with clues, scavenger hunt type.

## Potential Pop-Up Events

A Pop-Up Event can be announced by any club member through the club website portal. If a member plans a trip with their MG, they can announce it to all the membership by posting on the website and others can choose to join. Some suggestions include:

- Drive to Kissimmee, Old Town car shows and/or music

<https://myoldtownusa.com/category/events/>

- Drive to Lake Mary, Cars and Coffee, 3rd Saturday of the month

- Webster Flea market (Open only Monday) with Lunch at Southern Hospitality

- Drive to Winter Garden, Cars and Coffee, Last Saturday of the month

## Suggestions for Long Trips

CMGC has traditionally scheduled two overnight drives each year. However, there are appealing destinations and events worthy of a visit that will take multiple days.

## Extended Journey Suggestions

- Naples, Fl. 3 day Revs Institute and Car Museum Revs Institute/Car Museum day-1 drive down, day-2 guided tour with walk through workshop \$35, Drury Hotel, Day-3 Drive home.(If interested, contact Mark Tidwell)

- Dillard Ga., 5-6 Days Southeast British Motor Car Festival. Sept. 12-15

- Fall Blue Ridge Parkway drive with lodging along the Parkway.

## Tech Sessions

Events at member's homes to explore mechanical maintenance and repair techniques, tools, and tips.



# Other Events of Interest

## Watkins Glen Festival 2024

September 5 & 6, 2024 This year they are honoring MG! MG is a big part of the racing history at Watkins Glen, with MGTCs finishing in 8 of the top 10 finishing positions in the inaugural 1948 Grand Prix. The Festival has honored MG in 1994, 2004, 2014, and will again in 2024. There will be an MG-only car show and dinner on Thursday and a Tour De Marque on Friday, beginning at a winery and including laps on the current Watkins Glen International race track and two laps on the old street course. Friday includes multiple drives in the area with MGs eligible for most of the drives. Details can be found at <http://www.grandprixfestival.com/>



Our friends at Peachtree MG Registry are inviting you to the 16th Biennial Southeast British Car Festival in Dillard, GA at the famous **Dillard House** from September 12 – 15, 2024.

This event started in 1992 and has been held every two years since then. It attracted over 150 cars on average over the course of the 30+ years and they continue to grow the event.

If you haven't been before, this is your chance to join the many others who mark their calendars and help celebrate all those English cars from the UK including our beloved MGs.

[Click here for more information](#)



# Club Happenings

*From Lonnie Cook*

## CMGC VISITS THE MORSE MUSEUM

What a wonderful way to spend a summer morning! Saturday, July 20, nineteen members of the Classic MG Club gathered for brunch, art, and ice cream. Two MGs made the trip. Seems like a lot of MGs are on the injured list, including Jo Ann's TF.

We started at George's Café for brunch, then walked a few feet to the Morse Museum on Park Avenue in Winter Park. Our private docent immersed us into the world of turn-of-the-(last)-century art, design, and of course, the genius of Louis Comfort Tiffany. We ended the morning with a stroll down Park Avenue for gourmet ice cream.





# Club Happenings

*Morse continued*



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*I found this in Autoweek and thought it would be a fitting tribute as we say farewell to a year of 100 years celebrations. Editor*

## Goodwood Celebrates 100 Years Of MG

*Over many owners and a few halts to production, the old Morris Garages continues to make fun sports cars.*

BY [MARK VAUGHN](#) PUBLISHED: JUL 16, 2024

It's a little-known fact that all this racing stuff you see at [Goodwood](#) actually began with a small handful of MGs. "Almost a century ago, my grandfather, the Earl of March -better known within the racing fraternity as Freddie March- put together the first MG racing team," said the Duke of Richmond, formerly [Lord March](#), Freddie's grandson.

Freddie bought the very first C-Type MGs from MG founder Cecil Kimber and promptly won the Double Twelve race at Brooklands,

a 24-hour contest split into two days. Then he won the 500 Miles at Goodwood, the Irish Grand Prix, and the Tourist Trophy. MGs were among the winners at the first races held at the [Goodwood Circuit](#) in 1948 and remained competitive up until the track closed in 1966.

So it seems entirely fitting that the Duke of Richmond would choose this year at the [Goodwood Festival of Speed](#) to celebrate MG's 100th anniversary.







MATT ALEXANDER/PA MEDIA ASSIGNMENTS

Two MGs balanced on a spear.

To that end, a massive sculpture in front of Goodwood House did its best to capture 100 years of the sports car maker, with a gasoline-powered Mk1 MGB on one end and a modern all-electric Cyberster on the other. The two cars balanced above the lawn like a two-headed dart, one end looking back toward what was, the other aimed straight for the future.

A 100th anniversary only comes once, so both MG and Goodwood wanted to do it right. In addition to the sculpture, on hand at this year's Festival of Speed were: an ex-works Magnette K3 in which Tazio Nuvolari had driven to victory in the 1939 Tourist Trophy at the Ards Circuit in Northern Ireland; a 1929 C-Type owned and raced by Freddie March; the EXE181 electric concept that is itself a tribute to the 1957 EX181 that Stirling Moss and later Phil Hill drove to over 200 mph at Bonneville; and modern MGs like an MG HS Plug-In Hybrid SUV and the all-electric Cyber GTS Concept.





You may have even owned an MG yourself, back in the day. The MGA and MGB were among the few affordable sports cars of that era, along with the Triumph Spitfire, Austin Healey, and Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint/Spider. You could buy an MGA for \$2,402 in 1958 before taxes. A 1953 MG TD was \$2,115. A 1948 TC was \$2,238. Not terribly cheap for the day, but not completely unaffordable, either, especially if you waited a few years and bought it used.

The MG TC was the first European sports car to be imported into the United States in any great numbers after WWII. Popular history says G.I.s returning from service in WWII brought them. However they got here, they changed the way American drivers thought about the automobile. While domestic coupes and sedans of the day were top-heavy and cornered on their door handles, an MG TC was lightweight and nimble, without squealing from the tormented tires.

“It was mostly the way MGs handled that excited the Americans,” noted Auto Quest, an investment car dealer in Tifton, Georgia. “Here was a car that went where you pointed it and did not roll sickeningly at every bend. The driver was the boss, not the car.”

The MG was the first car of many a later-famous racer, including Carroll Shelby, who won his first race in an MG TC, as well as Steve McQueen and Autoweek’s own Denise McCluggage, to name just three. Other greats who started out in MGs were: Phil Hill, Richie Ginther, Ken Miles, Jack McAfee, Bob Holbert Sr., Briggs Cunningham, Miles Collier, David E. Davis, John von Neuman, and Dick Thompson. There’s even a book by Carl Goodwin called *They Started in MGs* that chronicles the early races of 79 later-famous drivers who launched their careers in an MG.

The MG was also the first of the many post-war sports cars that would later launch the SCCA, the Cal Club, and spur the building of many a road course across America.

[click to continue the article as it discusses the cyberster](#)



# From Under the Bonnett

*Editor's note: At the Paul Whitehouse tech session, George Pardee narrated the restart of the XPAG 1500 engine. I listened and grinned as he peppered his efforts with bits of humor. I recently got an email from his son Nick and noted the fruit didn't fall too far from the tree. Enjoy!*

## More Things to Carry

Hello Classic MG Club members. Living in Ohio this summer I have discovered some truly spectacular MG roads. I eagerly anticipate having my TC here so that we can continue to explore. Mice made a nest in my Nissan D21 pickup over the winter as it hibernated in our decrepit barn. A couple of weekends ago I removed all of the contents of the cab in order to sanitize things. The truck had the remnants of acoustical ceiling tools and sundries, many maps, a winch cord for the sailboat trailer from my youth, Nissan parts, matchbooks, more than four dollars in change, some socks from my move last November and many odds and ends. Driving the truck with the windows down (mouse smell is persistent) through the climbing and diving turns near the house and hearing British exhaust noises in my mind, I began to think about the things that we carry in our cars. This is a list of useful items that you might not have considered including in your MG spares and tools.

**PPE safety vest:** In the event that one's MG decides to stop for an unplanned rest, driver and vehicle may end up in a precarious roadside position. Visibility by the side of the road enhances an MG driver's safety as he tends to the car's needs. Also, the vests frequently have convenient pockets to contain a flashlight, an SU wrench, a screwdriver and a pair of pliers. A fluorescent reflective vest or shirt is a good edition to your flare and reflector kit.



**Wire coat hangers:** The automotive uses for wire coat hangers are myriad. They make excellent temporary exhaust hangers and artistically bent can replace pieces of carburetor linkage that mysteriously disappear from time to time on the road. With some pounding from a ball peen hammer (a tool so obviously necessary that even Primitive Pete carries one) the hanger hook can be flattened thin enough to be used to retrieve a sunk float. An MG driver can even use the hanger to hang up his wet t shirt once he finally makes it to the motel after driving through the rain all day.



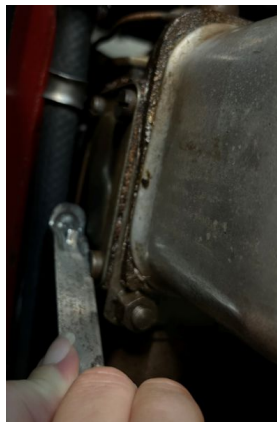
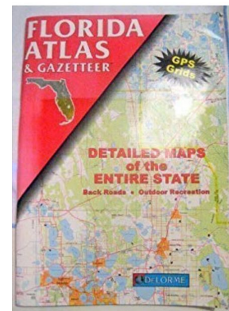
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**Water repellent glass cleaner:** MG windscreens have less surface area than modern cars and the wipers meant to clear them can leave something to be desired. Accumulated bug debris is a visibility hazard especially at twilight and facing oncoming headlights after dark. Whichever brand of water beading glass treatment that one already uses, there is most likely a compatible water repellent cleaner available.

**Newspaper:** Quite possibly the ideal MG quotient of newsprint, including a storage container that doubles as a complimentary pet waste or onboard trash bag, is being delivered weekly to a gutter near you. An issue of the local free newspaper provides enough newsprint to use to clean your windshield with the aforementioned water repellent glass cleaner and to absorb inevitable fluid spills and drips. Keep a few pages to place on the floor when you check the lubricant level in your gearbox

**State gazetteer:** A detailed paper map of the back roads that you are traveling is a necessity both for planning and execution. Frequently, when one is far away from civilization enjoying an MG drive it is unwise to trust cell service for navigation. The scale and format of the gazetteer make it superior to a folding map.



**Church key:** The Ultimate roadside tool for cheese headed screws on the rear cover on an XPAG cylinder head, a church key is also a useful pry. If one imbibes, the intended use of a bottle opener can also be welcome after the end of driving for the day.



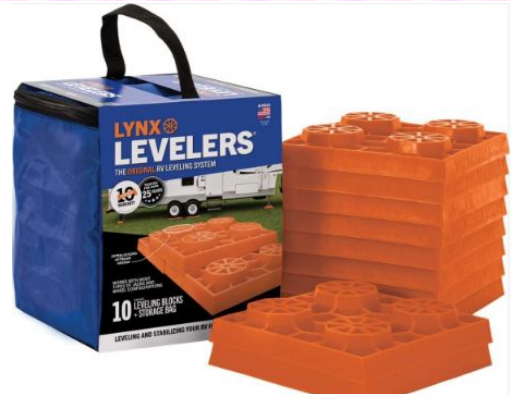
**Assembled breaker plate with preset points and known good (not just new) condenser:** Regardless of whether or not one has fitted a modern optical or inductive ignition to his MG, problems under the distributor cap still occur. An assembled breaker plate makes ignition repair by the side of the road into a part swap.



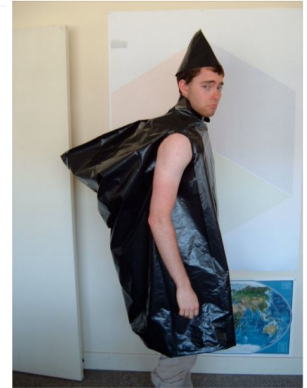
If you have a tip, send it to the editor [editor.cmgc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.cmgc@gmail.com)



**RV leveling blocks:** An entire bag of these lego like blocks is about the size of a single jack stand. They can be configured as wheel chocks or stacked to securely hold an MG off the ground for under chassis work. A stack of leveling blocks is a much safer support than the onboard jack when working under the car.



**Garbage bags:** If one sports a mohawk hairdo these can make a fashion statement along with the safety pins that one should be carrying. Between waterproofing and garbage collection light weight seamed plastic sheeting is a must have. Under fifteen minutes searching YouTube will prove the point



Picture credit howtorn from <https://www.instructables.com/GarbageBag-Mohawk/>



**Canvas bucket:** Never leave home without a flat folding watertight vessel.

**Toilet Paper:** One should have a roll in every vehicle. Its primary use is, well, primary. Also, in any case TP is very absorbent.

**Folding funnel:** A shapeable funnel can divert fluid into a container as it comes out of an MG as well as guiding it into an engine or gearbox or rear end or gas tank or a radiator.

In an earlier era of MG fun, Will Bowden always carried a **red Lunchmate full of Old Milwaukee** (or another brand of inexpensive brew) in case he got shot down behind enemy lines.



Your mileage may vary. There will always be disagreement about necessity and utility and I will happily concede that having a carload of spares and tools can diminish the MG experience. AAA will eventually come. The wait affords one the opportunity to watch and smell the traffic pass by. I hope that reading this inspires some rooting around in TD tool boxes and MGB trunks. You too will discover desiccated sunscreen, rusty BUSS fuse boxes and disintegrated plastic bags once full of precious indispensable bits.

**Safety Fast!**

**Nick Pardee, Proprietor Goldseal LLC  
Assessing and Reconditioning  
Vintage Mechanical Assemblies  
419-709-7803  
[goldseal\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:goldseal_1@yahoo.com)**

# Classy Finds

*Aka classifieds*

Keep this for future reference to our ads, thanks Tom Redditt

## OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART

### HOW TO INTERPRET

### ANTIQUE CAR ADS

#### IF IT SAYS:

#### IT REALLY MEANS:

Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more





# Classy Finds

*Aka classifieds*

In appreciation for helping make the GOF a success,  
we are running a series of ads to recognize these businesses.  
Please support them!

3130 39th Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33714  
Toll free (888) 521-9890  
Local (727) 521-9890  
Fax (727) 521-9890

## Glenn's MG Repair

[glennsmg.com](http://glennsmg.com)



Glenn Lenhard began working in the automotive industry in 1973, including independent repair shops and large dealerships, in his hometown of Rochester, NY, and later in St. Petersburg, Florida. In 1979 he began his own shop in St. Petersburg, Bay Imports. He found the most rewards working on MGs. In a conversation with friend, John Twist, owner of University Motors, an MG shop, he stated he wished that he could specialize in MGs. John replied, "Why not?"

In 1991, Glenn opened Glenn's MG and British Car Repair in St. Pete. He keeps MGs running sweetly through tuning and repairs and takes on full, frame-off restorations. Many a barn find has left the shop as a great example of the MG marque.

Glenn is also a professional musician, having the role of principal trombonist in the Tampa Bay Symphony. He also is busy freelancing in local big bands, jazz band, dinner theaters, and church groups.

Gail Lenhard is a big part of Glenn's MG Repair. An auto shop is much more than twisting wrenches, it takes a lot of organization. Gail a teacher, was coaxed to take a sabbatical to help manage the business for a short period. She never returned to teaching. She loves all British cars and owns a 1966 MG 1100 Sports Sedan, named Millie Grace. She has served as chairperson of the British Motor Trade Association and secretary of the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club. Gail was the copy editor of the NAMGAR magazine, MGA!, for over ten years. Gail's side interest is writing. She co-authored a book, *I TALK WITH MY HANDS, The Contest*, which was published in 2022. She is currently working on several books and enjoys attending Writers Conferences and Seminars.

The Lenhards and Glenn's MG Repair have been long-time supporters of the GOF South. Glenn shares his expertise at GOF conducting technical sessions on the display field with detailed analysis of MGs, many of which leave the GOF running much better. He has also presented seminar-type tech sessions. This year the Lenhards donated two Led-lighted money trees, filled with many gift cards, for the raffle.

*Thanks to Glen Moore for the write-up*





# Classy Finds

*Aka classifieds*

Club member Dan Duran is offering his trailer for sale. Many of you have been fortunate to be able to use it in the past. Now you can own it. This dual axle trailer with four recently added new tires is priced at \$5500  
His number is 863-409-5328



**1971 MGB GT** Car in Orlando with clear title. Missing clutch and alternator.  
Many parts in boxes taken off at beginning of restoration  
Call Dave to see it 407-579-2223  
Call Ginger (owner) to talk price 407-615-0682







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Allen and Sharon Wyman's 1977  
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*Keith*

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