# The Octagon

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#### **Presidential Thoughts**

The Young family hosted a fantastic September event—Valve Cover Racing at Sickies Garage Burgers and Brews-Orlando. We had 11 cars lined up at the starting line, and AJ Young kept us all honest by inspecting each entry for compliance before the races began. The competition was lively, with around 20 heats run before



Lonnie Cook claimed the trophy. We created such a stir that several restaurant guests joined in the fun. After the awards, the talk quickly turned to one question: "How can I make my car faster for next time?" With that kind of enthusiasm, the upcoming GOF promises to be a real hoot.

This month we look forward to the Overnight at the Radisson in Port Canaveral, a chance to get familiar with the future home of GOF 2026 and explore the surrounding area. In November, we'll gather again for the always-popular Founders Day Picnic at the Waggoner's, where MG enthusiasts from other clubs are also welcome.

Plans for GOF 2026 continue to move ahead. Registration is open—*don't forget to take advantage of the 10% early registration discount available through January 1*. While you're signing up, be sure to browse the MG apparel shop; it offers more than just T-shirts.

We're entering the best time of year for MG driving. Get out, enjoy the cool fall weather, and put some miles on those cars.

See y'all down the road! Mark Tidwell







### Your Club's Leadership

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Club Website classicmqclub.com

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### **Your Club's Affiliations**



Their Website: New England MG T Register

Nat'l Meeting: All MG 8/24-27

Sandusky, OH

Local Contact: Mike McCormick



Their Website: NAMGAR.com

Nat'l Meeting: All MG 8/24-27

Sandusky, OH

Local Contact: Jill Moore



Their Website: NAMGBR.org
Nat'l Meeting: All MG 8/24-27

Sandusky, OH

Local Contact: Keith Waggoner



# The Classic MG Club of Orlando Meeting Minutes



**September 18, 2025** 

Location: Carrabba's Italian Restaurant, Winter Springs, FL

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Mark Tidwell at 7:10 PM

Treasurer's report: Dodie reported that we have a significant amount in the bank.

**New Members:** No new members were present **Old business:** 

- 2026 GOF status/update: Tracey Waggoner reminded us the GOF 2026 registration site is now up and running. Scott Buie reported brisk activity on the site. The event runs from noon Tuesday April 14 noon Friday April 17, 2026. A flyer/poster has been created for the GOF with a QR code you can scan to access the registration website for the GOF or you can just go to the website directly at GOF South 2026 Registration. A copy of the flyer/poster with the QR code will be available for viewing in the October newsletter.
- Club apparel and GOF merchandise; t-shirts, polo shirts, hats, etc. are able to be ordered on the event registration page. If you'd like to get them sooner for wearing this fall or the holidays, you can order them separately using the form found in the Classy Finds of the October newsletter, as well as on the club's GOF website.
- Review of a recent club activity: August 23rd, 2025 Darts and lunch at Fiddler's Green Irish Pub and Eatery, 544 W Fairbanks Ave, Winter Park. Attended by approximately 12 club members. A good time was had by all playing darts, eating lunch and socializing with MG friends.

#### **New Business:**

- New Club Officers 2026: New club officers will need to be selected for the upcoming term early next year- in particular a new president. Anyone interested in assuming this vital club position, contact Mark Tidwell.

#### **Announcements:**

- September 20,2025 There will be a lunch and valve cover races at Sickies Garage, 11701 S. International Dr, Orlando. - Host: Jim Young.
- October 18-19, 2025: Our overnighter event is at Radisson Resort at the Port.
   Cape Canaveral. 9:00 AM meetup in E. Orlando (location to be determined) for the drive to Cape Canaveral with dinner at the Pig & Whistle Traditional English Pub, 240 N Orlando Ave, Cocoa Beach, Fl 32931. Hosts: Mark & Ellen Tidwell.
- Next club meeting is at Nauti Lobstah October 16th.

Adjournment: Meeting ended 7:30PM



### **Calendar of Upcoming Club Events**

#### **October**

10/16 Club Meeting at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka

6:30PM Drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7:00PM

10/18-19 Overnighter Excursion to Cape Canaveral

9:30AM Meet in Orlando for the drive to Cape Canaveral

Stay at the Radisson at the Port (hotel of GOF-South 2026)

Hosted by Ellen and Mark Tidwell

\*\*\* See more information on this event in the following pages\*\*\*

#### **November**

11/09 CMGC Founder's Picnic, 1968 Quail Hollow Dr. Deland

Noon: A fall weather, fried chicken picnic along the St Johns River

Hosted by Tracey and Keith Waggoner

\*\*\* See more information on this event in the following pages\*\*\*

11/20 Club Meeting at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka

6:30PM Drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7:00PM

#### **December**

#### No monthly meeting!

12/18 Night of Lights Tour, WP Racquet Club 2111 Vía Tuscany, Winter Park

5:00PM Hosted by Rebekkah and Brad Parlee

\*\*\* See more information on this event in the following pages\*\*\*

Hope you get a chuckle like I did.

Unknown whom to credit, but thanks!

Editor





### **October's Upcoming Club Event**



Overnighter at the Cape October, 18-19th 2025 An opportunity to preview the home of the 2026 GOF, Cape Canaveral, Florida

Here's your opportunity to get the skinny on our '26 GOF-South home! You can familiarize yourself with the Radisson Resort at the Port, our hotel for the event, as well as things to do in the local area.

Start your Saturday morning with breakfast in the Oviedo area, meeting up with like-minded CMGC friends. Drive to the port to check-in and check out our digs. (See the drive plan on the next page)

After a swim, walk, shopping at Ron Jon's, taking a nap, whatever, it'll be time to head to the port for some drinks and appetizers. Then off to the Pig & Whistle British Pub for 6pm dinner. This will be the location of the GOF's first-night "Knees-Up" party.

Sunday morning, we head to breakfast at a local establishment and then back on the road to the Orlando area, where we will then say... "Cheers, have a lovely day"

Many have already responded. If you haven't, there's still room!

Let Mark Tidwell know. <a href="mailto:1mwtidwell@gmail.com">1mwtidwell@gmail.com</a>



#### Schedule for Classic MG Club Overnighter October 18-19, 2025

We will meet at 9:30AM on Oct 18th at The Town House Restaurant 139 N. Central Ave. Oviedo, Fl. 32765 This is meant to be a Brunch to tide us over till dinner at The Pig & Whistle.

- 9:30 AM-11:00 AM: Brunch at The Town House Restaurant
- The Drive is approximately 2 hours with one stop
- Arrive and Explore Radisson Resort at Port; 8701 Astronaut Blvd.
   Cape Canaveral, Fl. 32920, with goal to become familiar with and how to maximize the facility for GOF.
- Check in when we can; will request early check in.
- Leave 4:15 PM: Drive to Grills Seafood Deck & Tiki Bar 500 Glen Cheek Dr. Cape Canaveral, Fl. 32920 for a drink and exploring the port.
- 5:45 PM: Drive to Pig & Whistle 240 N. Orlando Ave., Cocoa Beach for dinner @6:00 PM
- On Return to Radisson at Port: Optional Stop at Ellie Mae's Tiki Bar 116 Jackson Ave. Cape Canaveral, 32920. For live music or retire to The Radisson.
- Sunday morning breakfast in Port Canaveral- TBD
- 10:00 AM approx. Leave for Drive to Oviedo; Reverse the route, cars will break from group when beneficial for their return home.

#### Drive from Town House Oviedo to Radisson Resort at the Port

- 1. Right on N. Central Ave. 150ft.
- 2. Left on East Broadway- (CR 419) 6.3 miles
- 3. Left on Lake Mills Rd. 1.1miles
- 4. Right on Fort Christmas (CR 420) 9.7 miles
- 5. Left on East Colonial Dr. (Hwy 50) 11 miles
- 6. Right on Columbia Blvd (Fl. 405) 3 miles
- 7. Stop at Wawa 1245 Grumman Pl. Titusville, FL (Grissom Pkwy)
- 8. Continue on Columbia Blvd. 1.5 miles
- 9. Right South Washington Ave. (US1) 9 miles
- 10. Left on (Fl.528 / A1A) 9.2 miles
- 11. Right to Radisson Resort at Port



### **November's Upcoming Club Event**



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

Sunday, November 9th 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 <a href="mkwaggoner@yahoo.com">mkwaggoner@yahoo.com</a> or 407-920-2013

RSVP by November 4th.

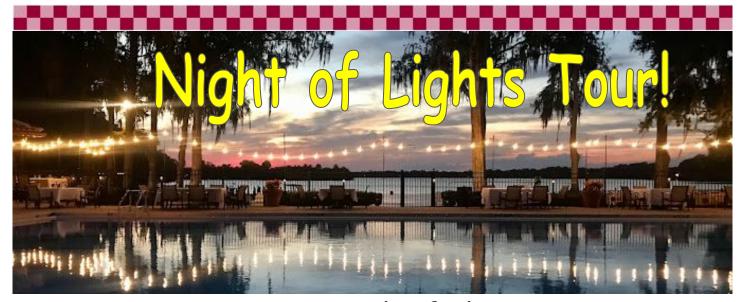
If you need suggestions, he can offer options based upon what others are bringing.

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

See you there!



### **December's Upcoming Club Event**



#### Join in the fun! Thursday, December 18th starts at 5:00PM

Winter Park Racquet Club 2111 Vía Tuscany Winter Park, FL 32789

Brad and Rebekkah Parlee host this year's night of lights tour.

Meet at the Winter Park racquet club at around 5:00 PM Gather by the boat ramp - at the back right of the property.

Have some cider, snacks and tire kicking down by the lakeside. Take some pictures at sunset.

Start the tour around 6:15pm. Return to the club around 7:15 PM.

Have a sit-down dinner ordering from the menu.

Charges at the racquet club should be settled with a credit card.





#### Classic MG Club Year-at-a-Glance

May 2025 - April 2026 Calendar

May 3, Club Drive: Valiant Air Command Inc Warbird Museum;

Saturday 9:30 Titusville -Host: John ne

June 21, Site Visit: Historic DeBary Hall; DeBary Saturday 10:30 w/ Lunch Swamp House F.verfront Grill

-Host: Ann Plasschaert

July 19, Site Visit: Orlando Auto Myseum at Dezerland Park;

Saturday 11:00 International Dr, Orland Lunch at 1:00 -Host: Jim Young

August 23, Darts: Fiddler's Green Irish ub and Eatery;

Saturday Noon Winter Park -Host: Path Raley

September 20, Valve Cover Races: Sickies Garage;

Saturday 11:30 Orlando -Host: Jim Yolma

October 18-19 Overnighter: Radisson Resort at the Port; Port Canaveral Saturday

9:30 -Hosts: Ellen and Mark Tidwell

November 9, Founders Picnic: On the St Johns River in Deland;

Sunday 12-4 -Hosts: Tracey and Keith Waggoner

December 18, Tour of Lights: Winter Park Racquet Club;

Thursday 5:00 -Hosts: Rebekkah and Brad Parlee

2026

January: Site Visit: Chase Wildlife Sanctuary; Webster

-Hosts: Marcia and Scott Buie

February: North/South Picnic:

-Hosts: Sharon and John Spadaro

March: Site Visit: Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens;

Winter Park -Hosts: JoAnn and Lonnie Cook

April 14-17 GOF South LX: Radisson Resort at the Port;

Tuesday-Friday Cape Canaveral -Host: CMGC

# **Club Happenings**

Valve Cover Races Congratulations ELMO! ... and Lonnie-Jo Race Team

The CMGC valve cover races at Sickies Garage last Saturday was definitely one of the best events of the year thanks to the detailed setup by Jim, Penny, Daniel, and A.J. Young. Keep reading for more about their terrific setup.

Over a dozen race cars and thirty drivers and spectators attended. The championship race was one of the best of the day. #46L rusty racer, driven by "Elmo" of the Lonnie-Jo Race Team, nosed out Brad Parlee's #26 beautifully prepared and polished aluminum MG racer by less than an inch.





# **Club Happenings**

**Valve Cover Races** continued.. Taken from The Club's Facebook Thanks Lonnie THE RACE PROMOTERS:

Jim, Penny, Daniel, and A.J. reserved an entire room at Sickies for the races. They erected a professionally built racetrack, and they created a black and white checkered paddock highlighted by an MG flag to display the race cars. And, listen to this ..., they used a computerized scoring program and a Go-Pro at the finish line for photo finishes. Finally, they awarded the winning racer with a special valve-cover-racing trophy and a \$25 reward.



Everyone - start building your valve cover racer now to race in the Championship at GOF-South 2026, April 14-17, 2026...



...and thanks to all who attended and participated.

#### 2026 GOF-South

6 MONTHS TO GO!! 60th GOF South: Your MG Holiday April 14-17 2026

'Radisson Resort at the Port' in Port Canaveral, FL

Fall is upon us! Thank heavens!!

Orders are now being placed for our Autumn MG garb. I am excited to put on long sleeves again and especially excited to finally have MG attire to match the season. I will begin delivery of the long sleeve and polos well in advance of our upcoming overnighter at the Cape. So ready your suitcase for the inclusion!

Please do reach out quickly via the apparel form if you still need for the season, OR dare I say it, a certain December event requiring a gift. Do indicate if you need the order shipped and thank you in advance for including the shipping cost noted on the form. Otherwise, apparel will be delivered at the GOF or at an upcoming CMGC event. In order to keep our unit cost down, we order when we have significant volume. I anticipate a following order won't be placed until the January timeframe. (unless demand dictates it be sooner).

More good news for our GOF; NAMGAR will be joining us! They will be holding a regional meeting during our event. I am so excited for our club to have the honor of their attendance and the addition of their MGAs. Collaboration between owners and sharing the love of these cars is what we share in common. I also want to thank them for their sponsorship of the GOF South by placing an article in their Jan-Feb 2026 edition of their magazine, MGA!

Finally, I want to thank the many members of our club who have already raised their hands to volunteer. It is because of you that we are getting so much energy flowing into our GOF. That said, I do need some extra hands for the registration desk. We anticipate Tuesday and Wednesday the 14th and 15th of April to be our busiest, so I really appreciate having at least 3 folk per day to support and relieve each other. My promise is that the pre-work and preparation will make it a fun and easy effort. Thank you in advance for letting me know you are game!

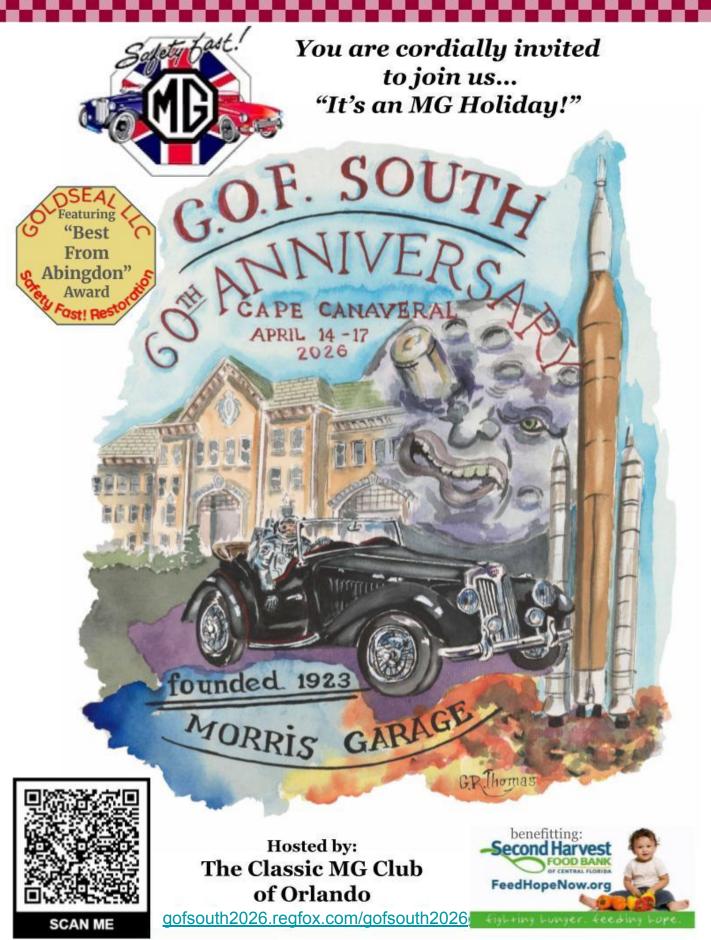
Cheers to the Best GOF 2026!

Tracey

Tfradford@yahoo.com



#### 2026 GOF-South



# Other Events of Interest



November 14-15, 2025 Monkey Island Riverside Resort 5297 South Cherokee Way Homosassa Springs, FL 34448

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club invites ALL British Car Enthusiasts to join us for "CARS IN PARADISE"

We've decided to scale back and make this event a tranquil one. No banquets, no tech sessions, or auctions. Just fun relaxing games, meals at local restaurants, a car show at a nearby Assistant Living Facility where the residents and staff select the winners, and a pontoon boat ride.

Meals (other than lunch on Saturday) are on your own, but suggestions will be made to encourage MG friendship and enjoy the real Florida.

Come for the day or for the weekend.

The choice is yours.

#### 50/50:

Everyone loves the idea of winning money – buy your tickets for your chance. Winner will be chosen at the ALF.

#### Location:

The Host Hotel is the beautiful Monkey Island Riverside Resort. The resort offers peaceful, serene surroundings to make your stay memorable.

#### Friday:

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.: MG Jamboree Registration 5:00 – ? p.m. Informal gathering, BYOB and bring a snack to share. Dinner on your own – Caravan to local restaurant

After dinner – Hangout at the Monkey Bar or Lenhard's suite

#### Saturday:

AM - Breakfast on your own

9:00 - Line up for the caravan - in front of resort

9:20 - On-site Registration

9:30 – 11:30 – Car Show at Sunflower Springs ALF 11:30 – Lunch provided by Sunflower Springs ALF Afternoon – Scenic Pontoon Boat Tour – \$25/person or Games and /or on-your-own driving tours

5:30 p.m.- Informal gathering. BYOB. Dinner on your own – Caravan to local restaurant

After dinner – Hangout at the Monkey Bar or Lenhard's suite

#### \*\*Schedule is Subject to Change\*\*

Call Resort for reservations starting May 1, 2025



1-352-628-2474 or 1-800-442-2040 Mention "MG Jamboree" To receive Group Rates For More Information Contact: Gail Lenhard @ 727-452-1752 (text) or GPL54@yahoo.com

FSMGCC, INC is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

#### REGISTRATION

Please return this completed form with a check made payable to FSMGCC to:

> Gail Lenhard C/O Glenn's MG Repair 3130 39 Avenue North St. Petersburg, FL 33714-4530

Please PRINT the names of all people attending.

Name/s		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone Number:		
Email address:		

Year and Model MG/ Little British Car

I AM AWARE of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events & specifically release & so indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, & the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club collectively & separately, for any & all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guest(s) while participating in the MG Jamboree. I understand & agree that The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club reserves the right to revoke my registration & retain my registration fee should I engage in reckless, dangerous and/or unsafe behavior. I (We) have read, understand, and agree to this release PLEASE SIGN BELOW

Use the QR Code to take you to the Event Registration where

you can register, digitally sign, and pay online.



(Convenience Fees may apply)

REGISTRATION - per car and to	wo people
Car Show Early Registration	\$25.00 \$_
Car Show Registration after September 1 Show:	and Day of
Registration fee\$35.0	0 \$_

Scenic Pontoon Boat Tour - \$25/person # people\_

\*\*Cutoff date for boat tour 11/1\*\*

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Total Enclosed: .....\$



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# Other Events of Interest



Aka classifieds

1954 MG TF, finished in Birch Grey with a red interior. Asking \$25,000.00 O.N.O From records acquired with the car, it has undergone a multi-year frame up refurbishment starting in 1999 to present. That included re-wiring, a rebuild of the engine - .060" overbore, regrinding of the crankshaft and the camshaft, new pistons and bearings, lightened flywheel, and replacement seals, new body wood, replacement steel inner and outer quarter panels, fresh paint, a new top, matching side curtains and tonneau cover. Front shocks also were rebuilt and new rubber bushings were installed for the front suspension and steering. The brakes received a new master cylinder, bushings, wheel cylinders, and copper alloy lines.

I acquired it in 2021 and changed the interior from black to red, restoring the original factory color combination. Other additions by myself include a new clutch, new tires, replacement bumpers, fender-mounted mirrors, new starter motor, oil change, tune up, (MG club team effort led by George Pardee!) and lots of little fixes. It's a lovely example and drives really well but is not perfect so there's always more to do. Spoiler alert – it leaks oil and the windshield wipers suck – go figure!

- Paul Whitehouse email pcw6770@icloud.com / 352 409 6770 Minneola





Aka classifieds

Extraordinary Provenance - Extraordinary Car: One family 1950 MG TD For Sale MG TD car #2932 was purchased new from International Motors NYC by Blair Engle's father, a member of the Westchester Sports Car Club. Blair became an MG fanatic at an early age and proudly took custody of the TD in 1962. A graduate Engineer, Blair was a founding member of the Classic MG Club and of MG Vintage Racers; #199 in the New England MG 'T' Register. While serving as the engineer in charge of the FSU Physics Lab, he operated The Classic MG Shop in Tallahassee. A Moss Motors Distributor since the 1970's, he performed the exacting restoration of the TD with NOS parts and accessories, which now, if available at all, are only reproductions.

The engine was upgraded to TD MkII specs with dual fuel pumps, large valves and 1-1/2" carbs, resulting in outstanding performance. For the last 50 years, the car has been kept in an air conditioned garage, driven and shown periodically by Blair's son Craig. The TD's lacquer paint has minor flaws, and the power unit has the usual slight leaks. The car presents beautifully, enhanced by the correct period accessories.



\$22,500.00 or near offer. Craig Engle 850 566 1433 (Tallahassee, FL)





Aka classifieds

Offered for sale is a true collectible with timeless style. This beautifully maintained 1959 MGA Roadster with the original 1500cc engine has been garage kept, well cared for, and is ready to be enjoyed by its next owner. It starts, runs, and drives beautifully, offering the pure open-air motoring experience these cars are famous for.

Additional Details
Classic light blue finish with grey interior
Luggage rack with vintage suitcase
Original-style wood steering wheel and shift knob
Dual SU carburetors for authentic performance
Transmission: 4-speed manual



Aka classifieds

Our friend and frequent Octagon contributor, Nick Pardee, asked me to put in a good word for his new business website.

I thought 'a picture is worth a thousand words' (editor)





Assessing and Reconditioning Vintage Mechanical Assemblies

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# Classy Finds Aka classifieds

Order Your GOF ar	d Club Merchandise Now for the Fall or Holidays
Name	
Address	
City	StateZip
Phone ()	
Email	
	Blu   Dk Gry  Wht  Size S - 4XL  Mens Crew
\$20	Wmns V-nck   100% Cotton GOF Art T-shirt is trim cut! Size up for looser fit. Add \$5 for 3XL and 4XL
	Navy   Red   Size S- 3XL  Mens
\$25	Wmns  UPF Polo club insignia shirt is Regular Cut Additional \$5 for 3XL
	Lt Blu   Dk Gry  White  Size S - 3XL Mens
\$30	Wmns       UPF outdoor club insignia shirt is Regular Cut Additional \$5 for 3XL
\$25	Checks payable to: Classic MG Club  Items will be  Mail this form and check to Tracey Waggoner - GOF 1976 Quail Hollow Dr Deland, FL 32720
UPF Safari Hat	delivered at Club functions or
One size fits most	





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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.

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: 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...



Jeff Plasschaert's #84 "Muffy" faces off with Jo Ann Cook's #46J "Merlin" at the Valve Cover Races in Orlando.

GOF is gonna be special! Register now.

> See you next month! Keith

