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What's a better way to celebrate the 4th of July than painting your MG **red**, **white**, and **blue**?



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Presidential Thoughts

Hello Members,

June has been an absolute whirlwind for the Young family! The boys and I hit the road again for the **2026 Hot Rod Power Tour** (June 8–12), trekking from Joliet, IL, all the way to Tulsa, OK.



While we didn't bring our MGs this year, I made sure to represent the brand by rocking my trusted MG straw hat and keeping it proudly displayed on the dashboard for the entire trip. We did spot one lone, awesome '67 MGB-GT from Kansas tackling the tour!

We had another good turnout for our meeting at **Grills**, bringing with it some big news and upcoming schedule changes. For our July and August meetings, we're having them on the third Thursday of the month. Then, for the rest of the year, we'll be having the meetings on the third Tuesday of the month. Our events calendar will reflect the actual dates.

There has been a committee established to determine if there may be a better facility to hold our monthly meetings. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

A massive thank you to Scott and Marcia Buie for hosting an outstanding event this month! Scott gave us an absolute masterclass on 3D printing. It was an incredibly insightful presentation, paired with a wonderful atmosphere and fantastic food. I truly appreciate your hospitality as did the rest of the attendees.

I'm looking forward to hosting the valve cover races this month at Sickies Garage on International Drive. So, get those valve cover racers ready for the event. Now that the club owns the track, the competition is bound to heat up!

Safety Fast,
Jim Young

President, Classic MG Club of Orlando



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

Local Contact: Glen Moore



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Their Website: NAMGAR.com

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Local Contact: Jill Moore



Their Website: NAMGBR.org

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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 7:02 pm Tuesday June 16, 2026.

Treasurer's Report: Dodie was not present and Jim announced the current amount of funds in the account.

New member introductions: No new members were present

Old Business:

- Valve Cover Race Track Purchase: Jim announced the purchase has been completed and the track is being stored at his house.

New business:

- No new business was discussed.

Announcements:

- Our June event is on the 20th - Saturday at Scott Buie's house, 1618 Pepperidge Dr, Orlando. Scott will provide a tutorial on 3D printing. Be there at 11:00 a.m.
- 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 July and August meetings will be on Thursday nights, and the Sept.-Dec. 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



July

07/21 Thursday! Club Meeting Grills Lakeside, 4301 N. Orange Blossom Trl,
6:30PM Drinks, ordering food or tire kicking.
7:00PM Monthly Club Meeting Begins

07/18 Valve Cover Races, Sickies Garage 11701 International Drive, Orlando
Noon Host-Jim Young

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

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 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 Overnighter! Cypress Gardens Ski Show, 300 Ave M NW Winter Haven
10:00AM Drive Begins Location TDB
Noon Lunch TBD
4:15PM PreShow
5:00PM Ski Show
6:30PM Dinner TBD

9/22 Return to Orlando Area
TBD

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



July's Upcoming Outing



Valve Cover Races
at Sickie's
11701 International Drive,
Orlando
July, 18 at Noon

Jim Young is hosting this event
for the 2nd year.

There are quite a few that are
fine tuning their car's alignment
hoping to dethrone Lonnie Cook.

It's an open competition
Questions? Contact
Jim Young at
magicbucfan95@gmail.com

Interested,
but don't know where to start?
[Click Here!](#)



The club has recently
purchased the track.

Jim's version of racer
design and race rules
can be found on the
next page.



Valve Cover Races at Sickie's

THE CARS: There are many 'Rules and Regulations' for CAR DESIGN ...
(these are Jim's)

- 30" Maximum overall car length
- 21" Maximum wheelbase
- 10" Maximum height
- 10" Maximum width (including wheels)
- 12 LBS Maximum weight determined by official scale for the event
- No engines or propulsion of any kind
- No moving weights
- Covers must have 4 wheels each less than 6" diameter. (Inside or Out)
- Wheels must have a non-metallic surface contacting the track
- Covers shall be based on an actual valve cover from a 4 cylinder MG
- Nothing shall extend beyond the cover's front gasket surface
- Covers must have a permanent number affixed
- The Cover can have an integrated chassis, but it cannot be interchanged with any other body parts after being registered and inspected.
- **All covers must be clean. If it drips, you lose**

THE RACES:

- The Track will consist of 2 Lanes
- The track manager will release the covers.
It is up to you to line your cover up straight
- If a Cover Interferes with the Opponent Cover during the race,
you lose that round
- If a Cover is hampered by a track issue, they will receive a Re-Run
- If neither Cover makes it to the finish line,
the Cover that makes it the farthest is declared the Winner
- The Finish Line Judge's decision Is Final in all races
- This will be a single elimination bracket style race



August's Upcoming Club Event

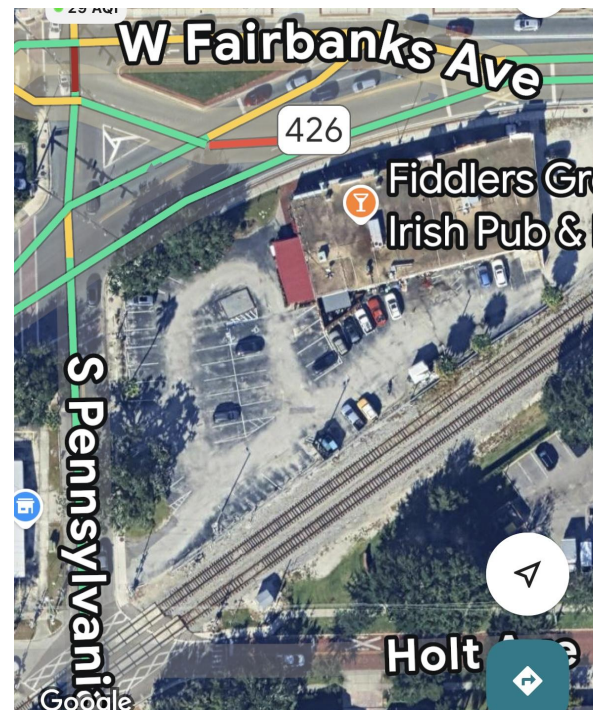


Fiddler's Green for Darts and Craic 544 W Fairbanks Ave, Winter Park, FL

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



Join your fellow club members as they make their way to Winter Haven to view the reimagined Cypress Gardens Ski Show. The plan is to leave Orlando early Saturday morning on September 19th, have lunch on the way, check in to the hotel, then rendezvous at Lake Silver for the show. Dinner will follow as will socializing. After a great night's rest, the gang will gather for breakfast at a nearby establishment and get set for a return trip home.

Please make sure to check back next month when this page will contain answers to the many questions you currently have.

The trip is being hosted by Mark and Ellen Tidwell as well as club members and Winter Haven residents George and Kelly Butz.

Cypress Gardens Ski Show on Lake Silver
300 Ave M NW in Winter Haven



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

Sanford Museum Tour

On Saturday May 30th Saturday Event, 15 people gathered in Longwood to begin a scenic drive to Sanford. The weather was beautiful for the "top down" MG drive from Longwood north through Enterprise, FL, around the scenic north shore of Lake Monroe to downtown Sanford. We made our way to the Sanford Museum and viewed well-curated exhibits and artifacts. We even learned how Sanford became a major hub for mass celery production and global shipping, after all that food for the brain, we followed that with a delicious lunch for the rest of our bodies at Hollerbach's German Restaurant nearby. Everyone who went had a great time and the weather was perfect.



Did you know?: 'Safety Fast!' became the slogan and watchword of the MG Car Company in 1929. In April 1959, 30 years later with the MG Car Company's permission, it became the title of the MG Car Club's official publication, which was then sent to all members.

The slogan 'Safety Fast!' was the brainchild of Ted Colegrove, MG Car Company publicity manager in the 1920s. In 1929, Ted was driving through Oxford late in November. He came up behind a bus, which had painted on the back of a large triangle with the words 'Safety First' running through it; this was to show that it was fitted with brakes on all four wheels – a new innovation then, and that it could stop quicker.

Ted thought it would be a great slogan if altered to read 'Safety Fast!'. Back at the Abingdon works, Cecil Kimber, the father of MG, was sitting at his desk with an advert featuring the current slogan 'Faster Than Most', to which someone had added the word bicycles, it now read 'Faster than most bicycles'. Kimber was livid and seeing that 'Safety Fast!' could not be tampered with, he instructed Ted Colegrove to go ahead and use it. Since then, the MG Car Company used the 'Safety Fast!' slogan in a lot of their advertising from 1929 to 1979, till the closure of the Abingdon factory.



Club Adventures

3D Printing by Scott Buie

The 3D Printing Demonstration at my wife's and my home was a fun time, and I think a few people walked away with a better grasp of just what 3D printing offers the hobbyist and homeowner. We discussed the basics of 3D design, modelling and printing, and discussed a few items I have actually made, both for my TF and my house.

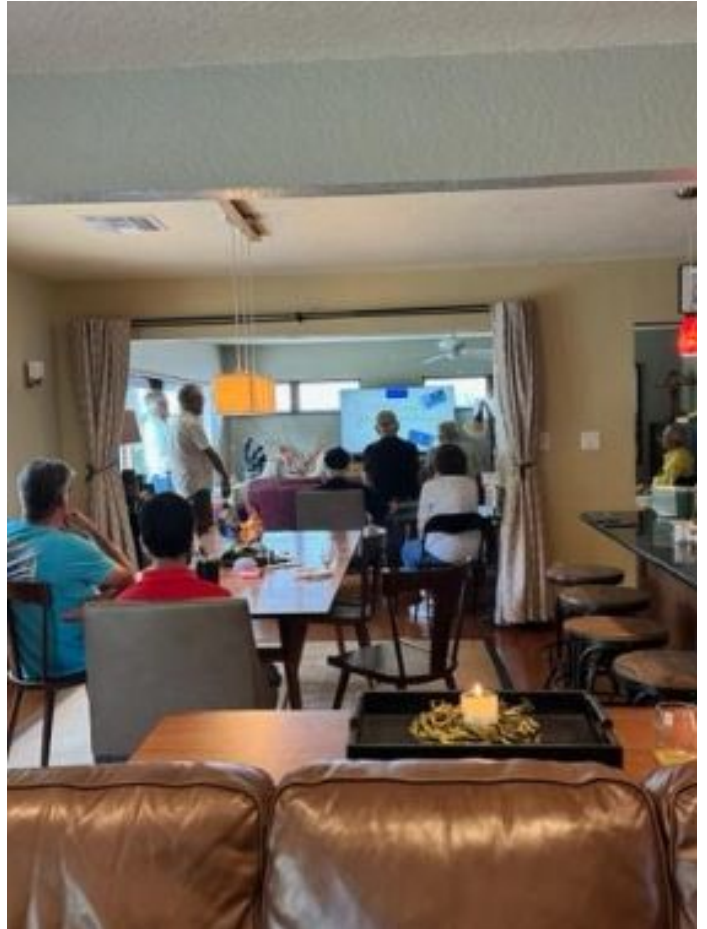
I have been using my printer since February and honestly don't understand how I got by without it. I use it most days, as I constantly come up with something I need to make or at least prototype.

There were a lot of questions, some were actually answered adequately, and I think most folks learned something. Everybody seemed to enjoy the Jambalaya and Shrimp Creole, and the day was an overall success.

There's a lot to 3D printing, but in a nutshell, I use it for prototyping potential designs, manufacturing jigs and fixtures as well as several components for my TF and BMWs, 3D printers really are fantastic machines, with so many uses for the homeowner and hobbyist. There's far too much to go into here, but if you have any interest in 3D printing, or simply have questions, don't hesitate to contact me at cmgcmoderator@gmail.com. I'm happy to help.

The last thing I want to say is that if you're not attending our club events, you're really missing something. We have a great group of folks in the club. I always enjoy my time with every one of them. Whether it's simply the monthly meetings (see the Upcoming Events here in the newsletter or the events on the website), or one of our day or overnight events, I know you'd have a great time.

You won't be disappointed



Other Events of Interest

SAVE THE DATE



Hosted by: The North American Council of MG Registers

AUGUST 24-27, 2026

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Kalahari Resort



Close to Lake Erie



Islands Cruise



Local Self Drives to interesting places

We invite the MG Family to our five-year event to celebrate "The Marque of Friendship" The link below will be open in mid-December, 2025

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!
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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:

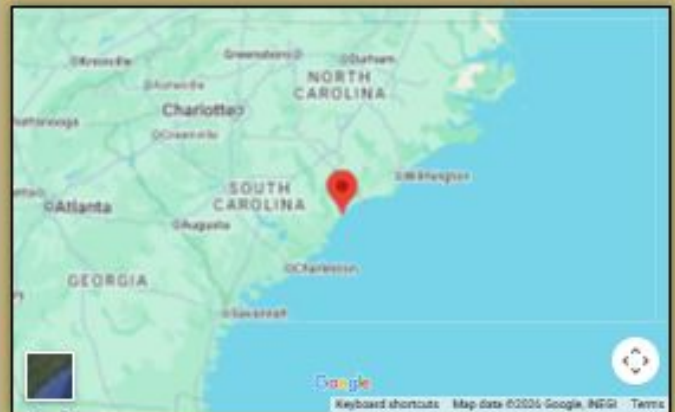
Turn west onto Farrow Parkway, proceed 0.7 mile, turn right onto Johnson Ave, proceed to the BRITFEST car show on the left.

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.

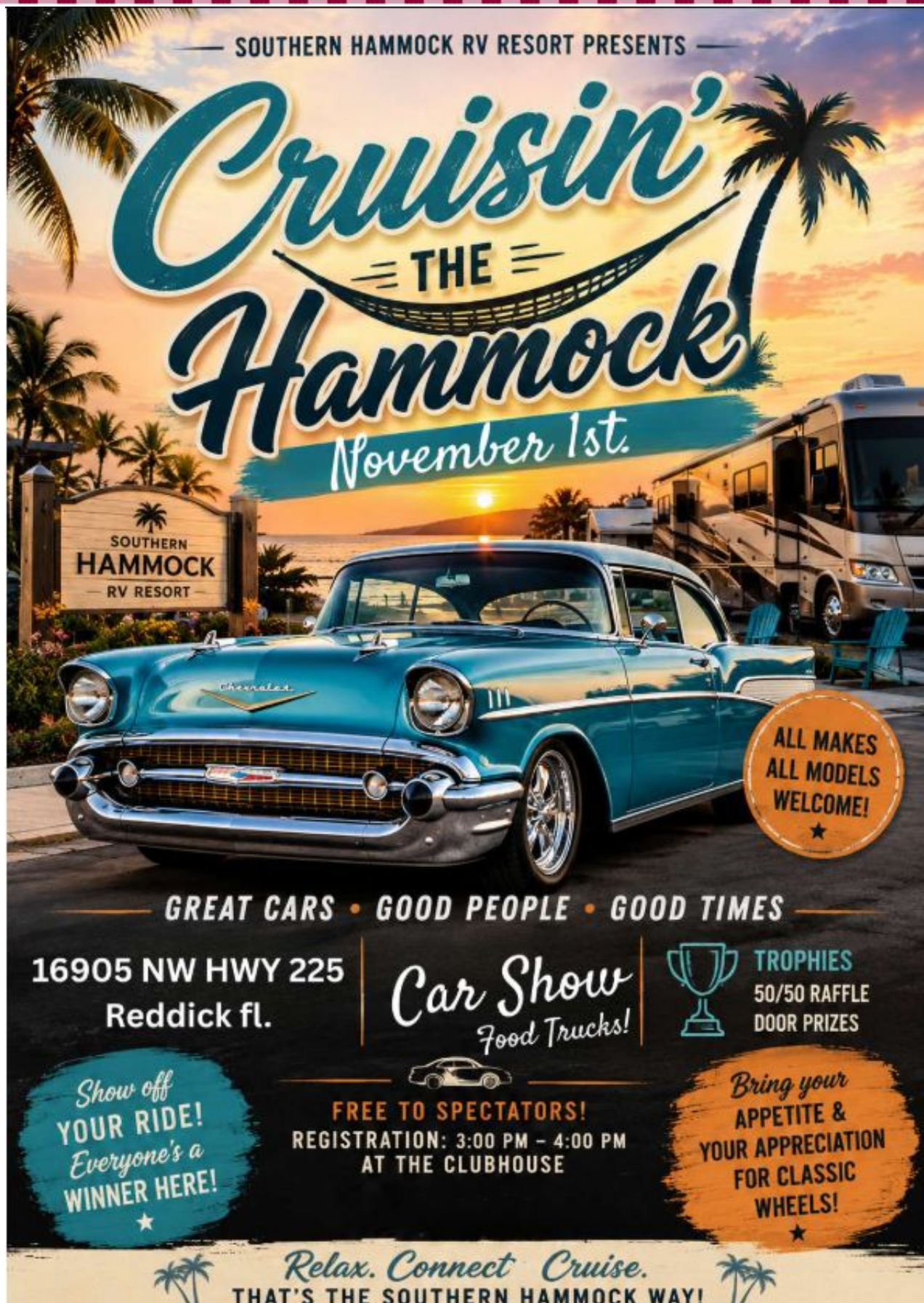
Trailer Parking is available next to the show field. Restaurants, breweries, shops and many Myrtle Beach vacation attractions and amenities are in walking distance of the show!

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



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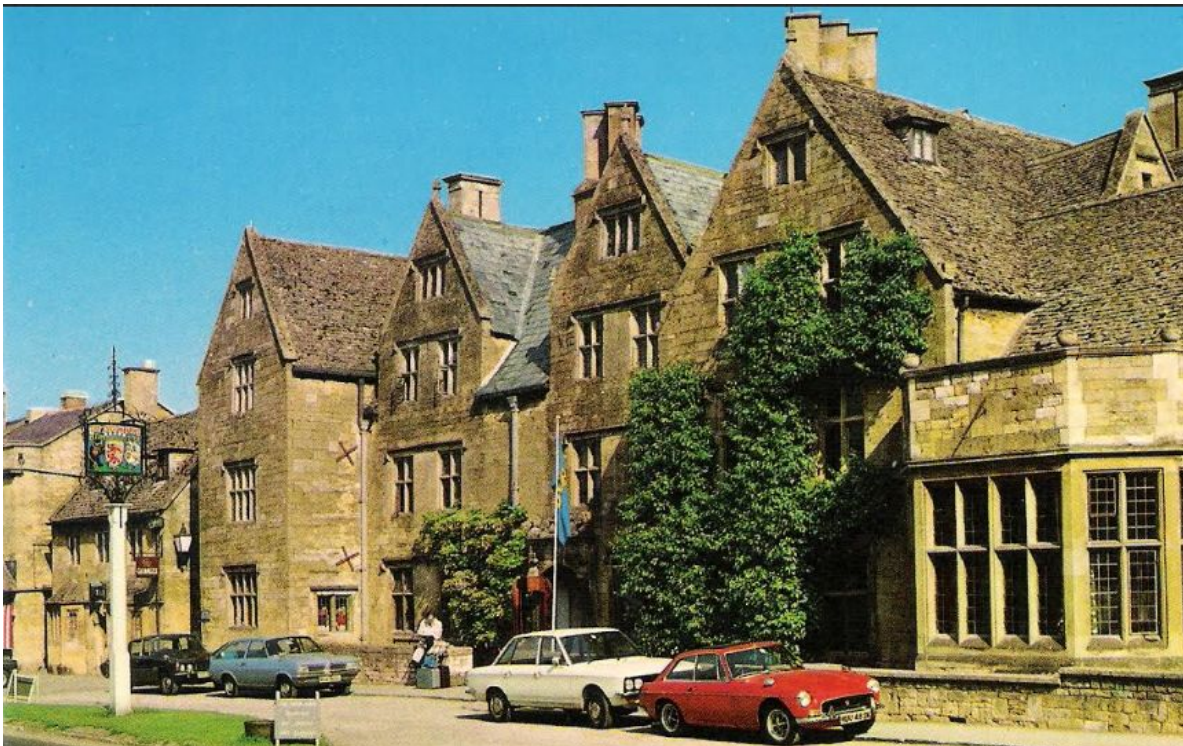
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THAT'S THE SOUTHERN HAMMOCK WAY!

MGs in the Post from Reinout Vogt

Two cards from Karel's collection for this month. They both are from Broadway, about an hour straight South of Birmingham in England. It is a little bit hard to read along the bottom of the card, and on the sign along the road, but this is the Lydon Arms, on High Street. The building dates back to the 17th century and it is still in use as a hotel and pub today.



1930's PA with license plate ABP497 which was still around and participating in MG events in the UK 2003.



The newer card has a 70's MGBGT with license plate HUU482K.
Note the, aftermarket, folding sunroof and aerodynamic fender mirror.
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Classy Finds

FOR SALE

1962 MGA 1600 Mk II ROADSTER

\$23,000



The vehicle was fully restored by a previous owner around 2010 when the engine was replaced with the current 1800cc engine. The original unrestored 1600cc engine has been retained and will be included in the sale of the vehicle. The color was changed from red to British Racing Green and the upholstery from black to saddle. Sale includes side curtains and tonneau cover.

The indicated mileage as of 4/1/26 is 63,000.

The current owner purchased the vehicle in September 2021. An oil cooler was added. Regular maintenance included a new set of tires and battery. The car is currently kept in Orlando, FL.

For more information. contact:

Paul Dobson

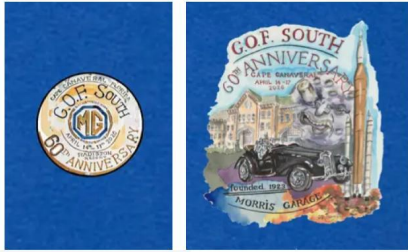
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rating



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Proceeds go to the 2nd Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida





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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
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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...

On the way to Sanford...

with the help of AI, this image was edited to bring Jeff Corenblum's black MGA into frame with Tom Redditt's red MGA. The original picture had them lined up in a civil manner, but it wouldn't fit this frame, so I asked AI to fit them in, and it gave a more compelling story as if Jeff was egging Tom to speed up.



Picture by Ellen Tidwell

See you next month



July 2026

Keith

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