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President's Thoughts

The first two weekends in November will be active and important ones for our club. If you have been on Facebook or the Ceres Motorsports website lately, you know that Ceres Motorsports is having a Cars & Coffee on Saturday, Nov 6th at their shop in Oviedo. This is an opportunity to get top-notch advice on your car, or to just listen. You will probably learn something that will help you down the road while enjoying the company of your fellow car enthusiasts.

One of the most critical meetings in the MG Club calendar is on Saturday, Nov 13th. This is the organizational meeting for GOF LVI 2022. The success or failure of this one event determines whether we can operate for the next two years solvent or not. Our club has signed guarantees on room occupancy, and we will be doing the same with meals and venues. So, everyone needs to attend the meeting at the Perkins Restaurant prepared to volunteer for at least one of the different committees. Time and location details are in the ad in this Octagon.

The Flankey British Car Show and Chili Cookoff is set for Sunday, Nov 14th at the Flankey Horse Ranch in Apopka. What we need for this event is more chili chefs. Make it, bring it, and you might be in line for an award. Details of how to help with other food or setup, and how to RSVP are in the ad in this Octagon.

The ongoing discussion about meeting times and locations has led to the forming of a volunteer six-member committee to develop alternatives that can be voted on by members. The Committee Chairman will be John Avallone. The following other members who volunteered to be on this committee will be hearing from him soon: Lonnie Cook, Scott Buie, Mark Tidwell, Richard Drweyer, and Mike McCormick.

My last thought for this month concerns the Jan 1 changing of the guard of two Classic MG Club of Orlando officer positions. Jim McSweeney has decided to take a well-deserved break from the position of Secretary, so we need someone to volunteer to take over the task of taking minutes at the club meetings. Please call or email me to volunteer. The other position up for grabs is mine. Anyone who wants to discuss the job of President, please contact me at 407-257-1953 or trouble150@gmail.com.!

Safety Fast,

Mike McCormick





October Meeting Notes

Submitted by Jim McSweeney and Carol McCormick

Mike McCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Dodie Beach reported that the bank account gained 5 cents in interest.

The following new members introduced themselves: Dan Phillips lives in Kissimmee and owns a '79 Midget. Paul and Kristine Dobson live in Orlando and own a 1962 MGA 1600. Jim Ireland lives in Longwood and owns a 1952 red TD with his friend Chris Chernus. Joel Theard hosted some members of the club before the meeting outside his beautiful Lakeshore Drive home with his black '57 MGA on display.

Old Business

Patrick Raley reported that the attendees at the **Lunch and Darts event at Fiddler's on the Green** enjoyed great food, drinks, and darts.

Mike McCormick reminded the members that the Saturday **Avon Park Overnighter** participants need to contact either John Camichos or Mark Tidwell, depending on whether they are leaving from Orlando or Clermont. Mark Tidwell passed out maps of our route to members leaving from Clermont.

The large 40+ group present had a spirited discussion of the possibility of **weekend daylight meetings** rather than a third Thursday evening. The large room with poor acoustics made for a rather chaotic conversation at times, but important points were made. Lonnie Cook gave some history of our MG Club founded in 1963 by young men in their late 20's interested in MGs. He suggested we should honor these founders and our new members by focusing on our cars during the daylight rather than at dinner meetings in dark, crowded parking lots. He also mentioned that in Florida, Thursday night 7-9 PM has the highest rates of traffic deaths and Saturday/Sunday mornings the least. Doug Rothwell said that other British clubs also meet on weekends so we should try to avoid overlap with their meetings. Nancy Payne thought that finding a private room for a breakfast meeting is a lot easier than finding a free meeting room at dinner time. Robin Messina repeated her oft-made request of the past that the club have meetings in at least three different locales in Central Florida so our far-flung club gives everyone some access. John Avallone said that there are many variables involved in the meeting location decision and that it should not be made from a vote of those present at tonight's meeting, as was suggested. He later promised that he would research how other clubs are handling their meeting places. Mike McCormick suggested that we could post a ballot in the Octagon and have the membership who attend meetings vote yea or nay on weekend meetings via email once we establish some viable options for weekends. Patrick Raley voiced how much the club enjoys the social aspect of dinner out, and that it works better for those in the club who are not retired. Dodie asked for volunteers for a committee to research the possible change and the following volunteered: Lonnie Cook, Scott Buie, John Avallone, Mark Tidwell, Richard Dweyer, Mike McCormick.

New Business

Mike McCormick announced that Brian and Jack Collins had emailed and posted online today about a Saturday, Nov 6 **Cars and Coffee** to be held at Ceres Motorsports from 9 AM until noon.

Scott Buie, Lonnie Cook and Mike McCormick encouraged attendance at the Saturday, November 13th **organizational meeting for our April GOF**. The meeting will begin at 9 AM at Perkins Restaurant and Bakery in Apopka. Bill Dixon has been working on getting sponsors for the GOF and encouraged all members to think of contacts they may have that would want to sponsor and advertise at our event. Bill thought we need at least \$15,000 in sponsors not to lose money on the event.

Dodie talked about the change of date to **Sunday, November 14th for the Flankey Picnic/Chili Cookoff** in Apopka. She passed around a signup sheet for food and said that we need more volunteers to make chili.

Ann Plasschaert would like us to meet at her house at 6 PM before the **Paul Plasschaert Memorial Tour of Lights**. We will leave at 6:30 on the Tour led by her son Jeff and finish at 7:30 for dinner. Ann has made arrangements at the nearby Outback Restaurant after the Tour for those who wish to participate. She will need a headcount closer to the event. Mike McCormick said that the Tour and Dinner would officially be our Christmas event this year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59.



Paul Plasschaert Memorial Tour of Lights

The regular Thursday night business meeting of the club will not be held in December, but instead will be replaced by the Paul Plasschaert Memorial Tour of Lights.

Thursday, December 16, 2021, 6:00 pm

The tour will start at the home of Ann Plasschaert
1304 Wellington Terrace
Maitland, 32751

Please park in the homeowner's lot, right next door to 1304

Meet at 6:00 pm for cider and goodies,
We will leave to start the tour at 6:30 pm and end the tour at
7:30 pm at

The Outback Steak House

1927 Aloma Ave
Winter Park 32792 (located in Winter Park Corners)

Please RSVP to: 407-331-7531 and leave a message
or email: annp1304@gmail.com





CMGC October Meeting at Puddle Jumpers

Lonnie Cook, story and photos

BIG TURN OUT FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING - We had a near-record turnout of over forty members at the October meeting at Puddle Jumpers Lakeside Grill. Thank goodness for the cool temperatures and clear skies of Fall. The restaurant overlooks Lake Dora and the famous seaplanes. Large parking lots have space to show off our MGs. We packed our private dining room. Some members even sat at the private bar, which was convenient! Everyone enjoyed meeting new members and discussing the history of their MGs. We continued our discussion of the best days and times for club meetings. A committee will develop suggestions. Scott Buie emphasized the importance of participating in the planning meeting for GOF that will be on November 13th in Apopka.

PRE-MEETING STOP OFF - Our thanks to Joel Theard for inviting members to a "Pre-Meeting Stop Off" at his home overlooking Lake Dora. He parked his beautiful black MGA on the lawn in front of his house to guide members. Richard Drewyer, Mike McCormick, Carol McCormick, and Lonnie Cook enjoyed kicking the tires on Joel's MGA and admiring the sunset over the lake. Afterward, a short drive along Lake Dora brought us to the meeting at Puddle Jumpers Lakeside Grill.



Mike and Carol McCormick, Richard Drewyer, and Joel Theard admire the MGs at the pre-meeting gathering. Lonnie Cook is behind the camera.



MG Calendar of Events

Note - Exposure to COVID-19 is an inherent risk wherever people meet. Please weigh carefully your personal risk before deciding to participate in our functions. CMGC expects all to adhere to CDC guidelines and take appropriate precautions. You alone are responsible for your health.

Stay healthy, for everyone's sake!

November

- 11/6 **Cruisin' The Hill for School Supplies**, Holly Hill City Hall (car show and fundraiser)
10 am - 2 pm, check Facebook, Tony Cassata, tonyc@bsrgames.com, 386-405-6602
- 11/6 **Ceres Motorsports Cars & Coffee**, Oviedo. Jack and Brian Collins
9 am - noon, 640 Kane Ct., Oviedo
- 11/13 **GOF 2022 Committees Meeting**, Apopka Perkins, Scott Buie
9:00 am - 11:00 am, 989 W Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka
- 11/14 **Flankey Picnic & Chili Cook Off**, Apopka, Kerry Flankey and Dodie Beach
New Date! Noon to 4:00 pm Details in the following pages
- 11/18 **CMGC Club Meeting**, Puddle Jumpers Lakeside Grill & Bar, Tavares
6:30 pm tire kicking, 7:00 pm meeting, 111 W. Ruby St.
- 11/19-21 **MG Jamboree 22**, Safety Harbor, Florida Suncoast MG Car Club
<http://www.fsmgccc.com> Ted Badger, marited@verizon.net, 727-295-9669

December

- 12/16 **Paul Plasschaert Memorial Tour of Lights**, Winter Park, Ann and Jeff Plasschaert
6:00 pm at Ann's home. Dinner at Outback after the tour.

January 2022

- 1/20 **CMGC Club Meeting**
- 1/22 **Eaton's Beach**, Weirsdale, Tom Redditt

February

- 2/5 **Winter Tour Picnic**, Tavares, Lake Idamere, John and Sharon Spadaro
- 2/25-27 **SVRA Speed Tour**, Sebring International Raceway, Oscar Petree
Residence Inn Sebring, make reservations through Expedia for cancellable reservations
To RSVP or obtain more information, contact Oscar at onpetree@gmail.com

March

- 3/3-6 **Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance**, Cars & Coffee 3/5, Show 3/6
- 3/12 **St. Pat's Party and Planning Meeting**, Lithia, Kathy and Al Cook

April

- 4/22-24 **GOF South 2022**, Mission Inn, Howey-in-the-Hills, Scott Buie
<https://www.gofsouth.org/>



The Gathering of the Faithful 2022 Monthly Update:

The rooms at the Mission Inn Resort are going fast, and we only have so many reserved at the significantly reduced rate. If you haven't done so already, stop acting like treacle on a January day and make your reservations!



We have some exciting news. We're having our ever-popular ***Committees Meeting***, where we will be going over the various opportunities that are available for everyone to chip in and help with the event. You don't want to miss this one, or your favorite committee position may be gone!

***Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
989 W Orange Blossom Trail
Apopka, FL 32712***

**Saturday, November 13, 2021
9-11 am**

Remember, the Gathering of the Faithful 2022 is

**April 22-24, 2022
The Mission Inn Resort & Club,
Howey-In-The-Hills, FL**

For more information, including a full schedule of events and other interesting information, go to our event website www.GOFSouth.org.

Questions or Comments? GOFSouth2022@gmail.com

Until next month, enjoy your Morris Garage classics!

Scott Buie

Scott Buie, GOF 2022 Chairperson





The Classic MG Club of Orlando

November 14th

Annual Flankey Picnic
& British Car Showing
& Chili Cook-Off

Noon to approximately 4pm

Location - Flankey Horse Farm
8098 Gilliam Road
Apopka, 32703

**The Classic MG Club of Orlando
extends an invitation
to all British car enthusiasts.
RSVP by November 10th**

Directions: Turn East off Apopka-Vineland Rd. at Gilliam Rd, 1 mile North
of the intersection of A-V and Clarcona-Ocoee Rd.

**RSVP to Dodie Beach 407-695-2981 leave message or
email flutterby670@aol.com**

Bring chili for the chili award contest

An appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share with 6 to 8

Non-alcoholic beverages provided by the MG Club

Bring chairs

Volunteers needed for Sunday setup
contact Kerry Flankey at frontgrip@yahoo.com



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Cruisin'



The Hill for School Supplies

Holly Hill City Hall

1065 S. Ridgewood ave., Holly Hill, FL 32117

November 6, 2021 10AM-2PM

Food

Live Music

Drinks

Cruisers

Classics
Street Rods
Trucks & Jeeps
Motorcycles
Foreign & Tuners



**All Years
&
Models**

Awards

Mayors Pick
Founders Pick
Police Chief Pick
People's Choice
Club Participation



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For More Info Contact — tc72chev@aol.com 386-405-6602





MG Jamboree 22

November
19 - 21, 2021

"2 Cool 2 Miss"



*All British car enthusiasts,
British cars, & their
owners welcome!*

**Safety Harbor
Music &
Street Fair**

**Two Car
Shows!**

*Safety Harbor Resort and Spa
105 North Bayshore Drive
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
1-727-726-1161-ext 7100*

*For Reservations Mention: FL Suncoast MG Car Club
Group #39K4W1*

**Dunedin Celtic
Music & Craft
Beer Festival**

*For more information Contact: Ted Badger
marited@verizon.net
(Due to Covid, some activities may be cancelled)*

**Silent
Raffle**



New Members



Tom Yearick lives in Clermont and has no MGs. I do have this cute Bugeye (Frogeye for the British) that I have owned for 50 years. Originally purchased and used for daily commute between Oakland and San Francisco while in the Navy. The car shares garage space with a very nice 1965 Austin Healey 3000, three American cars, two German cars, and a Baja. I have always enjoyed cars and like to talk to others with similar interests.

Dan Phillips, Kississimee This is me and Abby. Abby is a 1979 Midget that I bought earlier this year. I originally had a 1978 Midget Special that I bought brand new off of the showroom floor. I work at Universal Studios Orlando and I am trying to put Abby back to original as much as I can.



Hi! We are **the Carter's, Wayne and Connie**, and we are really happy to have found a group of MG enthusiasts here in Central Florida. Our love for the cars began when Wayne bought his first MG, a red 1970 B, in 1974. Since then we have restored three more, a 79 Midget, a 74 GT, and our latest, a 79 B. We are really looking forward to meeting you all and riding together soon!





Anthony Garcia, Orlando Hi everyone, I'm Anthony and I recently became more active in the automotive scene during COVID with the purchase of my first project cars to restore and enjoy (1974 MGB GT and a 1977 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce). Unfortunately, due to personal financial reasons, I had to step away from the projects and recently sold my MGB to a local gentleman who plans on continuing what I was unable to

finish and get the car back on the road. I became interested in cars due to my father being passionate about collecting and restoring before he passed away in 1995. It was always a dream of mine to follow in his footsteps to keep the family legacy going and attempt the hobby on my own, but life has a funny way of changing plans on things. . . My goal is, at some point in the future, to obtain another project MGB GT to enjoy when I am able and make great connections along the way with like-minded individuals in the car community. Thank you for allowing me to join and I look forward to meeting more of you!



Jennifer Horning, Maitland Growing up my mother, Nickie, loved her white '73 MGB Roadster for years. I remember the first time I was in a taxicab and asked, "Mom, why is this car so quiet?" Riding along with the top down and my hair blowing in the wind is one of my favorite childhood memories. In addition, my father, Paul, is a retired well-known mechanic in South Florida who had a '71 MGB GT in British Racing Green in his garage from the time I was

in diapers. Sadly in 2019 & 2020, I lost my mother & her husband. In their honor, I am excited to finally take the leap to purchase my very own '71 MGB Roadster! I tell my husband; I made a poor financial decision but a great life decision. Life is short right?! My Mother & Stepfather lived on a boat they called Alibi. Alibi gave them so much joy, there was no question when it was time to pick a name for my MGB, hence "My Alibi" or "Ali" for short. Excited to meet everyone and have new MGB friends! P.S. My Alibi has her own Instagram page if any members want to follow!

@myalibimgb <https://www.instagram.com/myalibimgb/>

Jim Ireland, Longwood, 1952 MGTD

Rick Sevcech, Yulee, long-time MG owner and mechanic, 1951 MGTD

Paul & Kristine Dobson, Orlando, 1962 MGA





Update!

HELP ME FIND OUR “LOST” MEMBERS

*Will you please give the club
five minutes of your time?*

We have lost contact with some of our members. I bet that you know at least one or know something about them.

Look at this list and contact me if you know anything about any “LOST” member.

We found 3 lost members last month,

Thanks for your help.

Contact:

Lonnie Cook
lonniecook@aol.com

407-670-9679
656 Terrace Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32803

Last	First	City	MGs
Allen	Jim	Sanford	MGB
Arriaga	Eduardo Rodriguez	Orlando	71 MGB
Barrett	Dennis		
Barton	Bruce	Ormond Bch	75 MGB
Basque	Jim (Antoinette)	NewSmyrnaBch	59 Magnette
Bradely	Steve	Orange City	62 MGA MKII
Brown	Mark B.	Orlando	.
Brown	Rick (Brenda)	Winter Springs	59 MGA
Buckley	Martin	Orlando	70 MGB/GT
Caswell	Bill		
Collins	Thom	Port Charlotte	48 TC
Cook	Al	Brooksville	
Cook	Daniel	Lake Mary	56 MGA

Last	First	City	MGs
Darracott	Ashlea (Rick)	Lake Mary	66 MGB
Dempsey	Mike		
Dempsey	Pat		MGB V8, Jag V8
Dick	Kevin	Orlando	67 Midget
Dougherty	James	Orlando	49 TC
Duce	Roland	Vero Bch & GB	TF, TD, TC
Edwards	Michael	Clermont	79 MGB red
Flemm	Jack	Windermere	MG TD
Freelove	George	Casselberry	CMGC in 80s
Gabel	Beau	Chuluota	YA, YB, more
Gabel	Scooter (Beau)	Tampa	
Hall	Dale Allen (Anna)	Harmony	69 MGB
Helton	Jon	Tampa	
Hernandez	Roberto	Longwood	
Hill	Steve	Orlando	75 Midget
Jevcak	Tom (Eileen)	Tampa	60 MGA; 80 B
Kaminski	Ian (Robyn)	Windermere	73 MGB
Kenny	Sean	Longwood	78 Midget
Kleinschmidt	Charles	Deland	MGA
Kleinschmidt	Peter	Deland	MGB Racer
Lascola	Steve (JoAnne)	Lakeland	TD
Luoma	Don		
Mason	Bob	Ocala	52 TD
Mauch	Patrick (Laura)	Titusville	
McGowan	Jim (Karen)	Clermont	65&79 Midget
Moyano	Luis (Louis)	Auburndale	79 MGB
Nason	Walt	Orlando	53 TD
Negron	Victor	Ocala	76 Midget
North	Tom (Sandra)	Chuluota	47 TC
Phillips	Mike	Orlando	60 MGA, 67 B
Pyle	Jim (Debbie)		
Richardson	Daniel	Deltona	74 MGB
Rogers	Bob		
Ross	David	San Antonio	78 MGB
Schott	Charlie (Jan)	PanamaCtyBch	47 TC, more
Schott	Jan (Charlie)	PanamaCtyBch	47 TC, more
Simmonds	JoAnn (Lee)	Ocala	60 MGA
Simmonds	Lee (JoAnn)	Ocala	60 MGA
Smithson	Dave	Clermont	52 TD
Stewart	Joan	Casselberry	77 MGB
Thomas	Matt	Casselberry	78 MGB
Triana	Jose	Orlando	69 MGB
Upperco	John (Randi Brooks)	Orlando	75 MGB
Viletta	Gus	Orlando	70 MGB
Vincent	Nicholas	Orlando	64 MGB
Wagner	Matthew	Casselberry	78 MGB
Walker	Johnnie (Linda)	Casselberry	07 Miata
Washburn	George	Orlando	55 TF, 65&67 B
Weinert	Karl (Debi)	Tavares	61 MGA
Wong	Bryan (Bethann)	Apopka	79 MGB
Wood	Glenn (Karen)	Clermont	78 MGB
Zirkel	Jim	Longwood	Midget, more





A Postcard from Karel & A Greeting Card from Reinout

Reinout Vogt

Two MG Zs (ZA or ZB, can't tell) in the harbor of Bridlington, Yorkshire. Although the ZA and ZB were built from 1953 to 1958, Karel's postcard was postmarked in 1962. The license plates of the MGs are NYG200 and OWW44.



This drawing of an MGC at an old gas station is by artist Pete Wilford. The very well proportioned MGC appears maybe a hair too big for the pumps and the shop and phone booth in the background, but the details are fantastic. The card was produced by the UK-based MGC Register and sponsored by the Bromsgrove MG Centre (which, I think, no longer exists). I sent the card to my Dutch MGC friend, Rob Weijers, in December of last year, shortly before he sadly passed away. Rob loved his MGC.



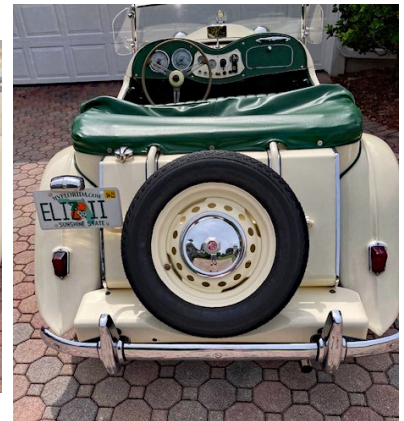
MG Marketplace

Wanted to Buy - Looking for a nice MGB. Had a '67 in High School, David Snyder, 561/706-7696

Wanted to Buy - Crankshaft for XPAG/XPEG (TC, TD, TF) engine. Jerry Kroeger, 407-616-2122, 82SCTarga@gmail.com



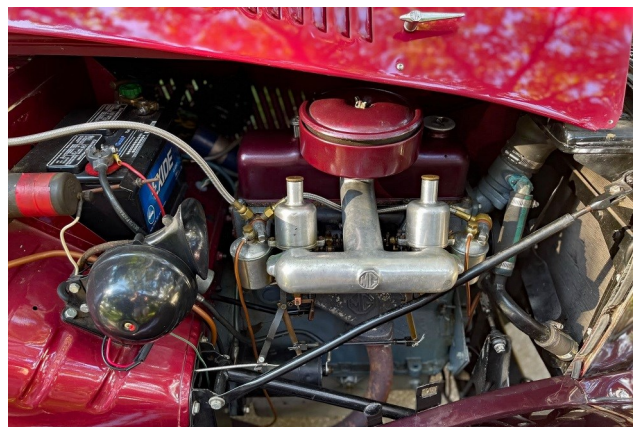
1952 MGTD - Frame off restoration 12 years ago. Rebuilt engine/transmission 4 years ago. Many upgrades since. Car runs great. \$26,500. Dave Burrows mgbman@sbcglobal.net St Augustine



Safety  *Fast!*



1950 MGTD - Rare, early 1950 TD with solid wheels. Painted in a duo maroon. Fully restored and has new interior and top, and a bimini top for those hot days. The car was purchased through Will Bowden. Sterling needs space in his garage for a planned purchase of an electric vehicle, parking and a plug for recharging. He would like to sell it to a local person to keep the car in the area. \$19,500.
Sterling Frey 352/217-9054



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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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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: 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.

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Jeff Plasschaert Photo

This MGA, owned by Ann Plasschaert and her son, Jeff, is parked by a old building in Winer Park. Ann and Jeff took the Editor's challenge of finding an old and interesting background for a photo of the rear end of their MG. Great shot!

Note that the MGA wears a year-of-manufacture plate. The bimini top provides cool cruising in warm Florida weather.

The inventory of rear-end MG photos is slim. Take a photo of your MG and submit it to the editor.

