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Inside this edition of your club newsletter: Catch George Pardee's recollection of his and wife Elyn's activities that were part of their recent pilgrimage to New England.



Photo provided by George Pardee

Here's our club member George Pardee in his #66 '54 TF wheel-to-wheel during the White Mountain Vintage Grand Prix at Club Motorsports in Tamworth, NH. One might think at first glance, the vehicle to his right is a Lotus Mk6, but it's a specially modified '49 MG TC built in 1952.



Presidential Thoughts

Hello Members,
August has been a scorcher—way too hot to take my MG out for a spin! Even so, we had a fantastic Thursday evening get-together at Grills, and the dart tournament at Fiddlers Green was an absolute blast.



I'm looking ahead and keeping my fingers crossed for cooler weather that will make our upcoming schedule even more enjoyable:

- **September (Overnight Trip):** Headed to Winter Haven to take in the Cypress Gardens Water Ski Show.
- **October:** Gathering for the Founders Picnic at a community park on the St Johns River near Deland.

And one last thing!

Moving forward for the rest of the year, our meetings are shifting to the **third Tuesday of the month** at Grills. Make sure to mark your calendar for our next meeting on **Tuesday, September 15**.

Safety Fast,

Jim Young

President, Classic MG Club of Orlando



Editor's note: We see a better view of the front end of that highly modified '49 TC "Lotus look-alike" from our first page. In a race at Put-in-Bay 2023, #409 is about to be passed by our own Glen Moore in his #56 '55 TF.



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Safety  *Fast!*

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The Classic MG Club of Orlando

Meeting Minutes



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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm Thursday August 20, 2026.

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

New member introductions: No new members were present

Old Business:

- July "valve cover races". Event host, Jim Young, reported that 23 people attended with 10 people entering the races. Lonnie Cook won again (3rd time). Jim reported that the wood track works but could stand some improvements such as the release gate mechanism, new paint and where some sections of the track fit together. Jim said he would arrange a "pop-up" meet at his house soon to set up the track and get input from attending members on the best way to make these improvements.

New business:

- The Treasure Coast MG Club has requested that they be allowed to place their club link on our website and in return they will put our link on their club website. This is a reciprocal arrangement that would benefit both clubs and we have done this in the past for other MG and British car clubs as it helps promote all clubs. The club voted to allow this and Scott Buie will see this gets done.



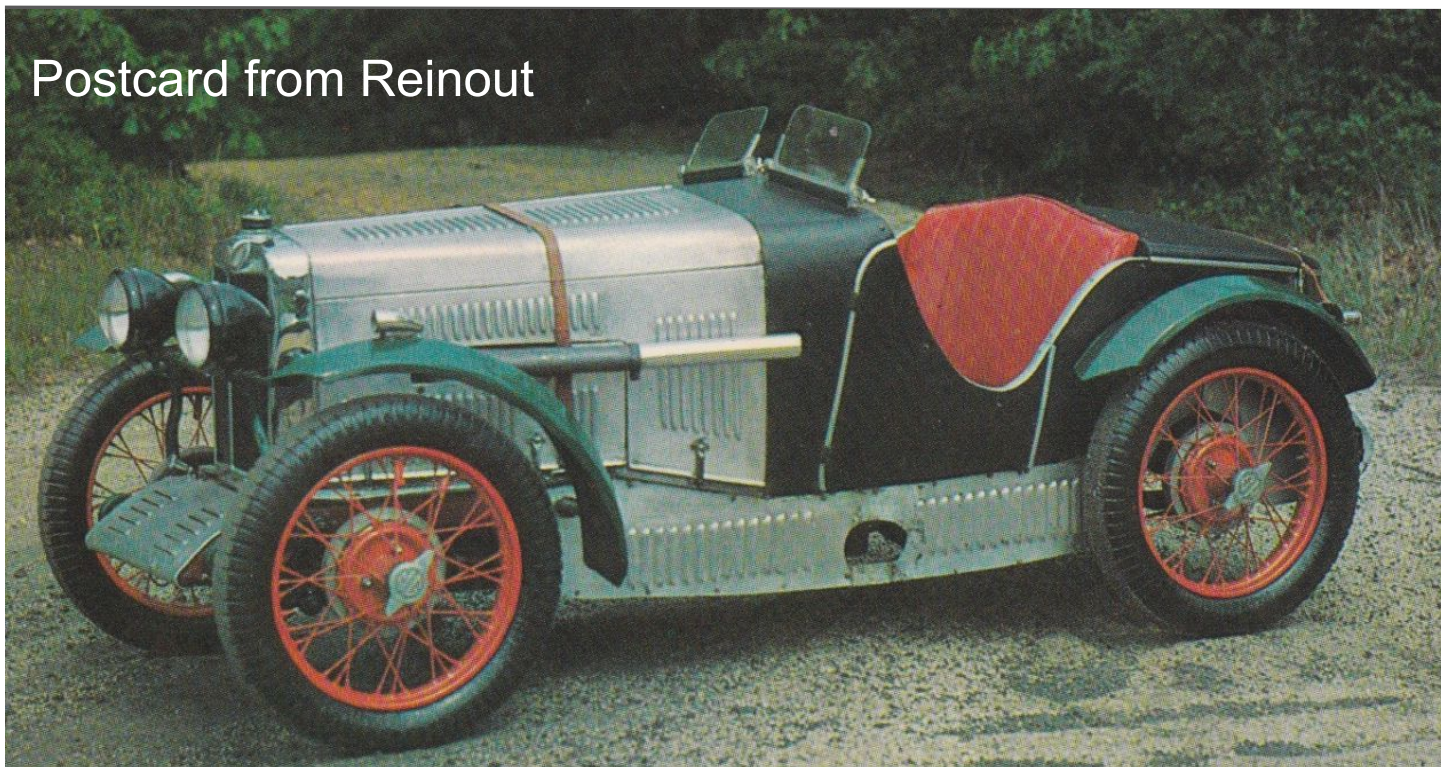
Announcements:

- August event: August 22, 2026, Fiddler's Green, 544 W Fairbanks Ave, Winter Park, FL. Pub opens at 11 so you can arrive any time after that, but darts contest begins at noon.
 - September event: September 19-20, 2026 - Overnighter and Water Ski Show in Winter Haven. Mark and Ellen Tidwell are hosts. (See splash page in the newsletter for details).
 - Next meeting: TUESDAY, September 15, 2026 at Grills (meetings will be on Tuesdays for the rest of the year).
 - The MG International is August 24-27 in Sandusky, Ohio. John Avallone is planning to attend. Contact John if you plan to go.
- For more information or go to their website:

<https://mgcarclubdc.com/event/mg-international-2026-sandusky-ohio/>

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

Postcard from Reinout



This modified M-Type is from the Long Island Auto Museum in Southampton, New York. The card suggests that the M is "1929 MG Type M12/12 Racing Midget - Team car in first racing by MG on Brooklands Track, now owned by Ralph F. Curtiss 141 Summit Ave., Hackensack, N. J.". The museum, owned by Henry Austin Clark, and who also made the photo of the M-Type, closed its doors in 1980. I have not been able to find any more information on the car.



Calendar of Upcoming Club Events



September

09/15 Tuesday! Club Meeting Grills Lakeside, 4301 N. OBT, Orlando

6:30PM Drinks, ordering food or tire kicking.

7:00PM Monthly Club Meeting Begins

09/19-20 Sat/Sun Overnighter! Cypress Gardens Ski Show, Winter Haven, FL

10:00AM Drive Begins at various locations in central Florida

Noon Lunch at the home of George & Kelly Butz

3:00PM Hotel Check-In

4:00PM Ski Show

6:30PM Dinner at Tanners Lakeside

9/20 Return to Orlando Area

9:00AM Breakfast at Hotel and Depart

Hosts: Mark and Ellen Tidwell

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

October

10/18 Sunday Founders Picnic, Quail Hollow on the River Rec Center and Park
1968 Quail Hollow Drive, DeLand, FL

Noon - 4:00 Food and Frivolity!

Hosts: Tracey and Keith Waggoner

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

10/20 Tuesday! Club Meeting Grills Lakeside, 4301 N. OBT, Orlando

6:30PM Drinks, ordering food or tire kicking.

7:00PM Monthly Club Meeting Begins

November

11/14 Saturday Drive to Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science
2201 Michigan Avenue, Cocoa FL

Time TBD Details to follow

Hosts: Bob and Pat Moore

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

11/17 Tuesday! Club Meeting Grills Lakeside, 4301 N. OBT, Orlando

6:30PM Drinks, ordering food or tire kicking.

7:00PM Monthly Club Meeting Begins



September's Upcoming Club Event



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

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



**** Overnighter Logistics! ****

Saturday, September 19th

8:30AM: **Tom Redditt will start an early drive from the Lowe's on 17-92 in Fern Park to meet Mark Tidwell's group.**

10:30AM: Separate meet-up locations for the drive to Winter Haven:

–Mark Tidwell: Publix, 15502 Stoneybrook West Pkwy Winter Garden

–Jim Young: Walmart at John Young Pkwy and Sand Lake Rd, Orlando

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

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

There'll be a nominal charge

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

202 Cypress Gardens Blvd. Winter Haven, FL 33880

(863) 292-2100

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

[Click here to register](#)

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

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

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

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

1006 S. Lake Howard Drive; Winter Haven, FL 33800

<https://tannerslakeside.com/>

Sunday, September 20th

9:00AM Complimentary Hot Breakfast at the Holiday Inn

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

-RSVP to Mark Tidwell

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

-Bring collapsible chairs or blankets for the ski show

-Bring your own Beer, Wine or Hard spirits



October's Upcoming Club Event



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

Sunday, October 18th from Noon to 4

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

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

Fried Chicken and all the fixins.

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

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

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

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

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

RSVP by October 14th.

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

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

See you there!



November's Upcoming Club Event

Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science

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Brevard Museum...Where history comes alive!

The Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science covers local history from the Ice Age to the Space Age! Be amazed by the life sized skeletons of "Bones" the mastodon, a giant ground sloth, and other prehistoric beasts. The People of Windover exhibit allows visitors to experience one of the most significant archaeological discoveries in the world. Discover pioneer culture. Rotating exhibits mean there's always something new to see.

2201 Michigan Avenue, Cocoa FL, 32926 • 321.632.183

November 14th
More details to follow
Check back here next month.

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 Various 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 14th Time TBD Drive: ~~Inverness for Air boat ride followed by lunch in downtown~~
~~Brevard Museum in Cocoa Beach and lunch~~
Hosts-Bob and Pat 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



What I did on my Summer vacation

by George Pardee

Photos provided by George Pardee

I would never reveal a lady's age, but this July marked a milestone Birthday for my lovely wife, Elyn. Our son Nick, with his Goldseal partners and brother Will planned a surprise party for her at her family home in Hebron, NH. My assignment was to keep the secret and produce the guest of honor at the appointed time - a good cover story was essential. Fortuitously, the White Mountain Vintage GP fell close to the party date. Our grey TF was loaded into the trailer, and soon we were celebrating with friends and family, the surprise complete!



Elyn Pardee celebrating her ??th birthday with a lobster dinner

Days later, the TF rolled off the trailer at Club Motorsports, Tamworth NH. The fast and technical purpose-built road course features dramatic elevation change and spectacular views of Mt Chocura and the Ossipee Range. It is a challenge and a thrill. Our VSCCA groups were mixed, but the TF was enjoyably competitive, wheel to wheel with a Lotus 6 and a modified Volvo 122 (the 1967 Volvo had driven to the event from Baltimore!)



Summer vacation continued...



The TF was to remain free of the trailer for most of the rest of our month in New England. Despite dire weather forecasts, we strapped our redneck Patagonia bag to the spare tire and headed up the Kancamaugus pass (elev. 2,855') thru clouds and light showers. Our TF top was up; last year we braved a similar forecast top down and were saved from a thorough soaking only by zipping under the canopy of an abandoned gas station. Down from the mountains, we made our way on rolling blacktop around the lakes of southern Maine to a favorite destination. We visited Pemaquid Point in a TF as recent-weds in 1973 and stayed at Sea Acres Tourist Cabins, where we still return. It is little changed in 53 years. A 20 mile long rocky finger aiming into the Atlantic Ocean, the Point in Summer sports abundant flower gardens, winding roads and weathered villages. Every cove is filled with work boats and sailboats and offers dockside lobster: this year, ours was at the Coveside, South Bristol.



Summer vacation continued...

Next morning, after a blueberry pancake and lobster & scallop omelet(!) breakfast we headed inland to visit friends in Winthrop ME (lobster rolls for supper) then on thru Vienna, past Flying Pond, where as a wee lad, I learned to row a wooden boat. Dessert at the Ice Cream Shoppe in Farmington, where the TF was a big hit with the locals. Overnight at Wilson Lake. Next day thru Peru and Mexico toward the Rangeley Lakes, pausing at Height of Land. The 2,247' elevation stunned us with a panoramic view of Mooselookmeguntic Lake and the mountains of Canada and New Hampshire beyond.



The day was crystal clear and traffic pleasantly light; the roads mostly good with the exception of parts of Maine 17 and 16. The TF was joyous on curves and made the climbs with aplomb, occasionally passing vacation laden SUVs.

At lunch in Erroll, NH we watched mud coated ATVs on a long distance rally pass by, intermingled with gleaming Harleys. All were enjoying the height of Northern Summer. Turning South, we followed the Androscoggin River, our smooth and vacant highway mirroring the river's sweeping curves. Thru Berlin, around the North slopes of Mt. Washington and down Franconia Notch, we returned to Hebron. There we passed a few days helping with some of the chores associated with a 250 year-old country house.



Summer vacation continued...

Time for a visit to the Novaks in Connecticut. Long time friends, and MG owners who would crew for us at the Mt Equinox Hillclimb. Logistics had put the TF back in the trailer, emerging for a tour of Southeastern CT. In company with the Novak's MGB. We crossed the Hadlyme Ferry on the Connecticut river and followed some very fine MG roads to lobster (a 3- $\frac{1}{2}$ pounder for two) at Abbott's, riverside in Noank.



Summer vacation continued...

Logistical trailer to VT. Friday before the Hillclimb, VSCCA organized a 100+ mile tour of central VT for race cars and classic sports cars. Our stops included bakeries, potteries, and studios and a delicious lunch (no lobster though).



Mt Equinox, the highest peak in the Taconic range at 3,850', is graced with a paved private auto road, where a Hillclimb has been run yearly since 1950. We have competed here with VSCCA since 1981. Over half of the 5.2 climb is 10-15% grade, with a half mile at 15-20%; the total ascent is 3,200 vertical feet. There are 51 turns, many of them extreme hairpins. Fast cars flirt with 5:00 minute times; our TF ran 7:30 - a 42 mph average. Although fast time of the day is a marvelous achievement, the contest is man and machine vs. the hill - finishers are winners and the winners adjourned to the Arlington Dairy Bar for milkshakes and lobster rolls.





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

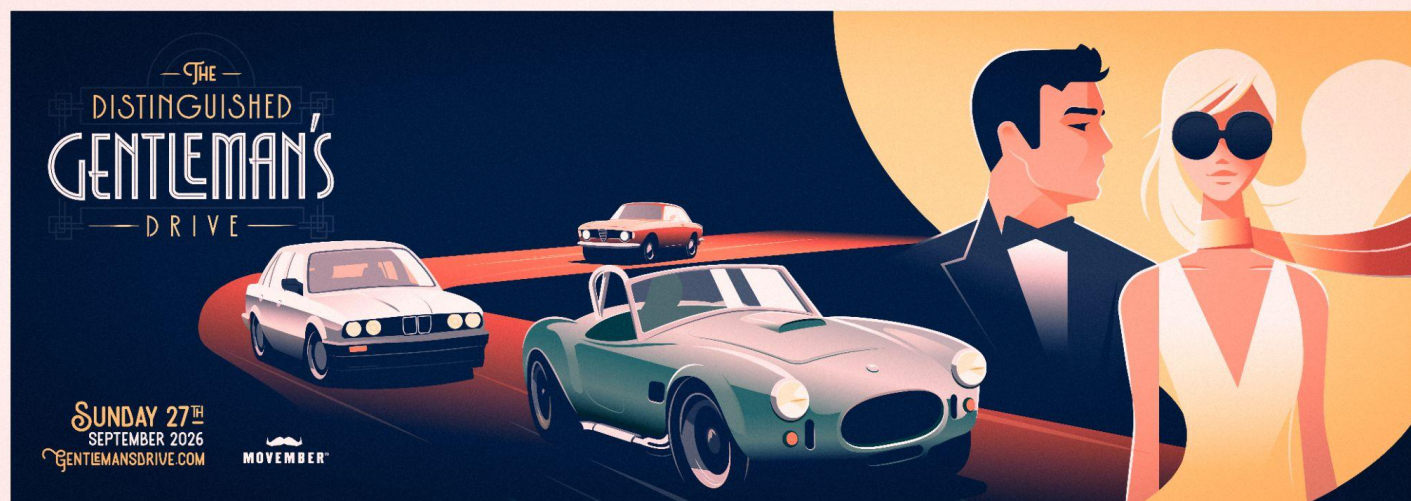
Feel the need for Tweed? New members Erich Wilhelm and Chelsea Lynn invite you to the Orlando edition of a global motoring event called Distinguished Gentleman's Drive.



On Sunday, September 27th 2026 at 9:30AM, gather with fellow classic car enthusiasts for a scenic drive around Lake Apopka in Central Florida. The drive is designed around vintage vehicles and, a disappointment for some MG drivers, will not exceed 55 mph.

Participants are encouraged to embrace the spirit of the event with their finest vintage-inspired attire and classic automobiles. For us, that's Tweed and MGs. Be part of the world's largest classic car charity event, raising funds for prostate cancer and men's mental health. It's not about the destination — it's about the classic cars, the road, the company, and the difference we can make along the way.

[Click here to register!](#)



Other Events of Interest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

From Highway 17 Business:

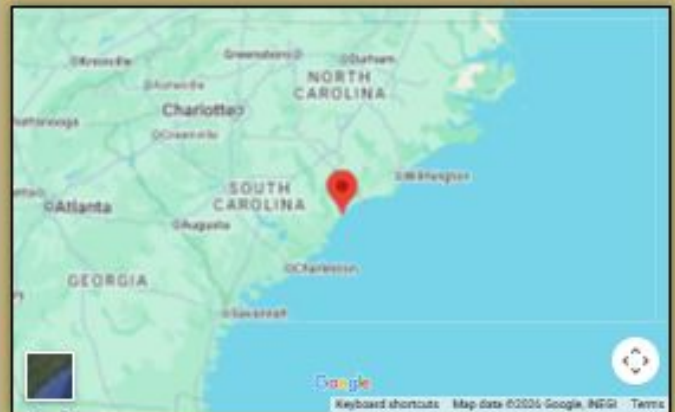
Turn west onto Farrow Parkway, proceed 0.7 mile, turn right onto Johnson Ave, proceed to the BRITFEST car show on the left.

From Highway 17 By-Pass:

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

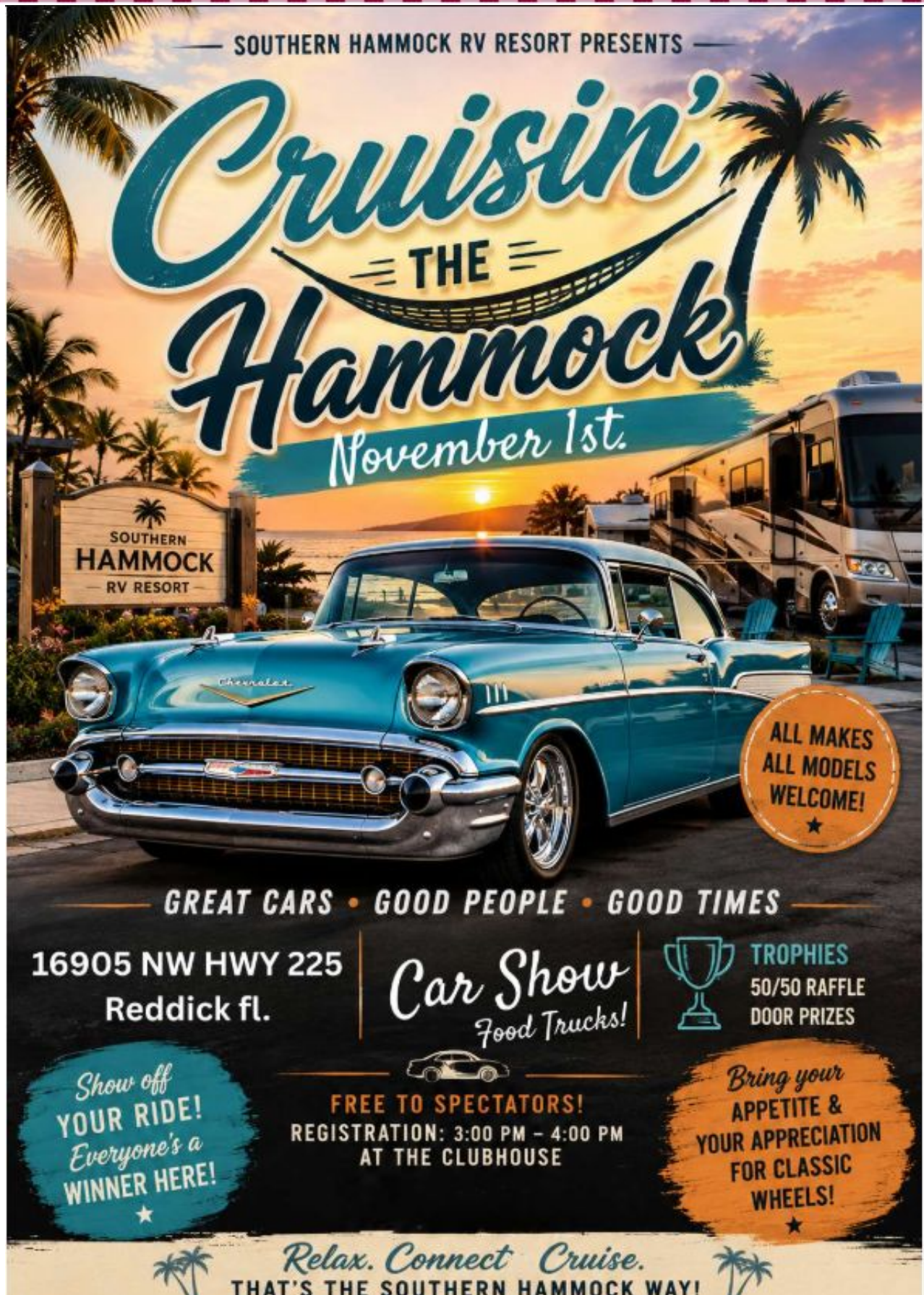
Trailer Parking is available next to the show field. Restaurants, breweries, shops and many Myrtle Beach vacation attractions and amenities are in walking distance of the show!

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



[Click here to register](#)





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Second Harvest Food Bank is the official charity of the Classic MG Club. Many people in Central Florida go to bed hungry every night. In the U.S., 50 million people are food insecure - one in four children. As a club, and as individuals, we can make a major difference in our neighbors' lives.

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Donate Online: <http://www.tinyurl.com/GoF-FoodBank>

By Mail: Checks payable to Second Harvest Food Bank of Ctrl FL, 411 Mercy Dr., Orlando, FL 32808

The MG Community is special throughout the world. Thank you for any support that you can give to the Food Bank and to your MG friends who may need help and a kind word.

This month's End Shot...

For his recent northeast vacation, George Pardee, got creative in his need of more luggage space.

He added this non-concours approved luggage rack on which he would attach his "redneck Patagonia bag". (as seen earlier in his 'summer vacation' article)

See you next month

Keith

