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President's Thoughts

Thank you, Mike McCormick, I will do my best to follow your great stewardship.

From my first month as the new President, it looks like a very good year ahead for us.

We had 30 members for my first meeting at the Nauti Lobstah in Apopka. Everyone had a great time, the location works better for some members, we liked the place, and best of all - they liked us. We'll meet there again on February 17th - be there by 6:30pm for drinks and orders, the meeting starts at 7pm.

Our monthly event was organized by our new Secretary, Tom Redditt. Although the weather was not cooperating with us, we still had many brave members drive their MG's. I saw one TF, two A's, and 4 or 5 B's. The rest of us were in warmer and drier cars. Twenty-six MG members in all. We are all looking forward to another run at this when we can all go topless. Thanks, Tom.

We all have, hopefully, been vaccinated and boosted, and I got my flu shot, however, this latest variant, while not as bad as Delta, is very easily spread. Several of our members are suffering its consequences and we pray for their speedy recovery. Keep up with your shots and be careful when in crowds.

We still have work to do for our long-postponed GOF. If you know any person or company that serves the old car hobby, just ask them if they would like to be a sponsor. We always need volunteers at the GOF to help with everything from setting up signs to hospitality room.

If you have not called the Mission Inn for a reduced rate on your room, do so immediately. Make sure to tell them you are with the MG GOF. If you, like me, have not registered for the GOF, either go online or fill out the form and mail it to us at Dodie Beach, 3516 Seaford Ln., Casselberry FL 32707. I promise I will do ours this week.

One more thing regarding the GOF, if you have items you no longer need or want, please consider donating them for the silent auction. I have a pair of new six-volt batteries and battery acid that I will never use. They will be going to the auction.

While we still have challenges, we also have opportunities. Lonnie Cook is registering new members almost weekly. Some will, I hope, want to volunteer for some aspect of the club that interests them. Could be planning a monthly event at their favorite place, or helping with the GOF, or working on a committee. Whatever your strengths are, we have a need for them. Get involved, meet new friends with MGs, see what you might want to do. Most importantly, have fun with us and your MG!

Happy New Year to all our old and new members!

Jim McSweeney



The Classic MG Club of Orlando

Nauti Lobstah, Apopka
January 20, 2022



January Meeting Notes

Submitted by Jim McSweeney

The meeting was called to order after meal orders were taken, just past 7 pm, as tire kicking and comradery took a little longer than usual.

Dodie Beach gave the Treasurer's Report. We have 37 registrations for the GOF and have collected a fair amount of money. Please get your registrations in soon.

Scot Buie reported on the GOF saying we need sponsors and please call the Mission Inn for the discounted rooms.

Old Business

Jim McSweeney spoke about the December Paul Plasschaert Memorial Tour of Lights and Dinner at Outback Restaurant. Wonderful event, as always, hosted by Ann and Jeff Plasschaert.

John Avallone said he was gathering information regarding his role as leader of the Future Venue Committee, as well as helping Bill Dixon with sponsorships.

Tom Redditt discussed the Eaton's Beach trip stating 23 people had signed up so far.

New Business

John Spadaro discussed options for the North/South Picnic. Everyone thought keeping the venue and time the same and changing it to a bring your own picnic lunch would be the best option.

Management at the Nauti Lobstah introduced the Chef, who received a standing ovation from our membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Eaton's Beach Road Trip Tom Redditt organized a new experience for the club - a back road drive to Eaton's Beach Restaurant. Even though the weather was far from Chamber of Commerce quality, over 20 members and guests made the journey on a cold and damp Saturday.

Great food and fellowship took the sting of the weather away, everyone having a great time. Voices were heard suggesting a return trip in the future. Tom provided a video, link below.

https://youtu.be/bWIV_SO85OA



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!

February

- 2/5 **North/South Picnic**, Tavares, Lake Idamere Park, John and Sharon Spadaro
Noon, 12335 County Road 448, RSVP 352-357-8812, 352-406-3373, jjs852@aol.com
Format Change! Bring your own picnic lunch. Details in the ad on the next page.
- 2/17 **CMGC Club Meeting** The Nauti Lobstah, Apopka, <http://thenautilobstah.com/>
6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm. 311 S. Forest Ave, Apopka
- 2/19 **Scottish Highland Festival British Car Show**, Mt. Dora, Evans Park, 11am - 3 pm
carsonc@cityofmtdora.com 352-455-3171 mountdorascot.com
- 2/20 **27th Annual All British Car Show**, Gold Coast British Sports Car Club, Coconut Creek, FL
10am - 3pm Info: goldcoastbscc@gmail.com registration: goldcoastbritcar.com
- 2/25-27 **SVRA Speed Tour, Haggerty Cars & Caffeine** (Saturday 2/26), Sebring Int'l Raceway
Residence Inn is sold out, use Expedia, Trivago or other search for accommodations
To RSVP or obtain more information, contact Oscar Petree 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
- 3/17-18 **Cruisin' the Hill for School Supplies**. Friday BBQ at Pictona, 5 pm - 7:30 pm
Saturday Show at Holly Hill City Hall, 1065 S. Ridgewood Ave. (US1) 10am - 2pm
Tony Cassata tc72chevy@aol.com

April

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

June

- 6/19-23 **MG 2022**, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada,
<https://mgtoronto.com/mg2022/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaVUUEmyVzc>
Registrations are coming in fast. As of January 1st, only 10 rooms are left at the two host hotels. Make your plans early.

September

- 9/15-18 **Southeast British Car Festival 2022**, Dillard House, Dillard, GA
Peachtree MG Registry <https://peachtreemg.com/>





The Classic MG Club of Orlando

NORTH / SOUTH PICNIC

Saturday, February 5, 2022 at Noon

STOP THE PRESSES!



Unfortunately, once again Covid has intruded on our ability to live our lives. Our friends from Northern Virginia have decided to cancel their trip. I suppose we shouldn't be surprised. I think they figured that getting sick at home was a problem but getting sick away from home driving 60-year-old cars was not a risk they were willing to take. We wish them well and we all hope we will come out of this fog soon.

Anyhow, we will not be deterred. We have decided to go ahead with the picnic with some changes. We welcome you to join everyone at Lake Idamere County Park on Feb. 5th at high noon. Bring with you the picnic of your choosing. You may go to Publix and get a sub or make a picnic basket that would make Yogi Bear envious. We will kick tires, swap stories, and with Mother Nature's blessing, we will enjoy a nice Florida winter day. We have a large pavilion, so even if the weather isn't great, we are ok. As a bonus, the 47th Mt Dora Art Festival will be taking place right down the road in Mt. Dora. So come early to go to Mt. Dora first or stay late and go to Mt. Dora after lunch. Or just take a nice ride with your favorite person, enjoy the day and enjoy the ride. What more can you ask. We hope you can join us, see you there.....John Spadaro

John Spadaro Home phone 352-357-8812 Cell 352-406-3373 Email JJS852@aol.com



SVRA Speed Tour February 25 - 27

Haggerty Cars & Caffeine Saturday, February 26, 10am - 5pm

The Sportscar Vintage Racing Association is holding their annual race at Sebring at the end of February. They have expanded the event by adding a car show and a tour of the track in partnership with Haggerty Cars & Caffeine. Plans are for MGs to meet Saturday morning and drive to the track as a group so that they can park at the show together. The show field is next to the race track.

Registration for the Speed Tour is at <https://speedtour.net/st/?lib=product&pid=630&cat=11>.

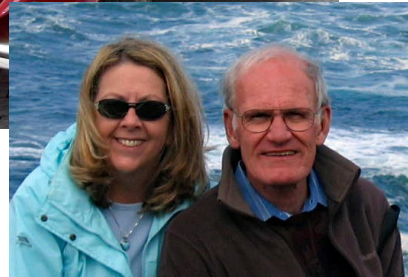
The \$50 fee includes 2 passes to the races, VIP parking, a tour of the race track in your MG, access to the pits and paddock, an event poster and program. This is a great deal compared to other vintage race events, in fact, any racing event.

Contact Oscar Petree to RSVP and obtain final information onpetree@gmail.com



New Members

Bob and Carol Flanagan are returning to Central Florida from the Northern Shenandoah Valley after moving from Altamonte Springs 14 years ago. They now reside in Mount Dora. While in Virginia they became actively involved in collecting and showing cars, many of which were in judged shows. At one time owning five classics, they are bringing their remaining three cars to Florida. These are a 1952 MGTD, a 1967 Cobra replica, and a 2006 Corvette. Their MGTD, pictured, was restored by Pete Rogers and has been quite successful in judged competitions.



Jed Wolcott, Tavares, 1960 MGA 1600

Tom and Carol Lempicke, Titusville, 1954 MGTF, 1972 MGB. Long time MG lover. Have owned a dozen over the years.

Old Members

THE CLASSIC MG CLUB MEMBER DIRECTORY

Call, text, email, or write and say, "How's it going?"



March 2021

Well, Current Members would be the more accurate headline, but we needed to get your attention. The membership directory is in the process of being updated and your input is needed.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION FOR THE 2022 MEMBER DIRECTORY

Send your updates by Feb 15 to:
Lonnie Cook, lonniecook@aol.com

Last name; First Name; Spouse; Preferred Phone #; Street; City; State; Zip; MGs & other collector cars. Omit any items that you don't want printed in the directory.

Link to current directory, good until 2/28/22, below:

<https://tinyurl.com/2021MemberDirectory>

Thanks, Lonnie



GOF Hospitality for Fun and Profit

Carol McCormick



When you arrive at the Mission Inn for GOF South, you will find the registration table in the El Gitano Room. While this will be your first introduction to this room, you will be returning many times during the GOF since this room will serve as the Hospitality Room with activities happening all weekend.



The Hospitality Committee hopes you will join us often in El Gitano on the second floor of Mission Inn. We are trying to create a busy Las Vegas-style vibe by selling Yellow raffle tickets for most items, while also holding a Silent Auction for higher value items. In addition, a separate White-ticket(s) auction will allow you to take chances at owning the beautiful British Car Quilt made by Shari Rogers with T-shirts designed by Gary Thomas, a graphic designer. Red Tickets will also be available in the El Gitano and on the Show Field for a 50/50 Raffle that could win you a large cash prize and also profit the MG Club.

The items in the auctions and raffles have been donated by club members, encouraging donations from places they do business, or by creating a unique gift themselves. This year items will range from Old Speckled Hen beer to MGB parts to the British Car Show quilt. The committee heartily encourages you to donate your own special items to the fun so the above activities will help offset the cost of the GOF and add to the party atmosphere. Some common types of items donated are themed

baskets, car tools, small new parts, books, gift certificates or cards for services, restaurants, entertainment, or hotel stays. Use your creativity to contribute items you yourself would want and possibly using whatever unique contacts you have. Please bring your donations to an event or meeting in Feb or March and give them Carol or Mike McCormick so the Hospitality Committee can organize, list and display items before the show starts. If you want to bring your item to the GOF Thursday or Friday, we will need a photo and info about the item to hold a spot for it. Contact Carol McCormick at cmcarol17@gmail.com or 407-257-1953 if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for your participation in and contributions to our efforts!!!



The Gathering of the Faithful South 2022

Monthly Update:



GOF South 2022 Registrations continue to roll in at a torrid pace!

For your convenience, here is a [Link To The Registration Information](#)

***There are still a few discounted rooms at the Mission Inn Resort,
but they are going fast***

If you haven't done so already, reserve your room [HERE](#), before it's too late!

While you're there, don't forget to order some T-Shirts for the event!



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.

Until next month, enjoy your Morris Garage classics!

Questions or comments? GOFSouth2022@gmail.com

Scott Buie
GOF 2022 Chairperson



MG Vintage Racers: Celebrating A 40-Year History

Vintage Motorsport, on-line version, by VM Staff



Collier Cup Race, Watkins Glen

Vintage Motorsport Magazine, Bill Stoler Photo

MGs are in the national racing news. *Vintage Motorsport Magazine* recently published an article in their digital version of the magazine detailing the 40th anniversary of MG Vintage Racers. The article was picked up by *Racer Magazine* and published in their digital version. A broad spectrum of race fans have learned more about the history of and the current state of MG vintage racing. ([link](#))

The article covers MG racing from the 1948 Watkins Glen Grand Prix, to the beginning of vintage racing in 1959 (MGAs were not eligible as they were currently being produced), to the NEMGTR six hour enduro for t-series cars in 1978, to the creation of MG Vintage Racers in 1981, then through the highlights of MGVR history.

Some great photos were used as illustration, two of which are shared here.

A link to the Anniversary issue of the MGVR Newsletter was included ([December 2021](#)) with a “Brief History of MGVR” (the basis of the Vintage Motorsport article) and stories from many of the racers who have built that history. The last section of the newsletter has an introduction to the MGVR Hall of Fame. Two Classic MG Club of Orlando members are listed in the Hall of Fame, Tony Roth and George Pardee.

VINTAGE
Motorsport.



George Pardee, Lime Rock Park, CT, October 2021

Vintage Motorsport, Bill Stoler photo

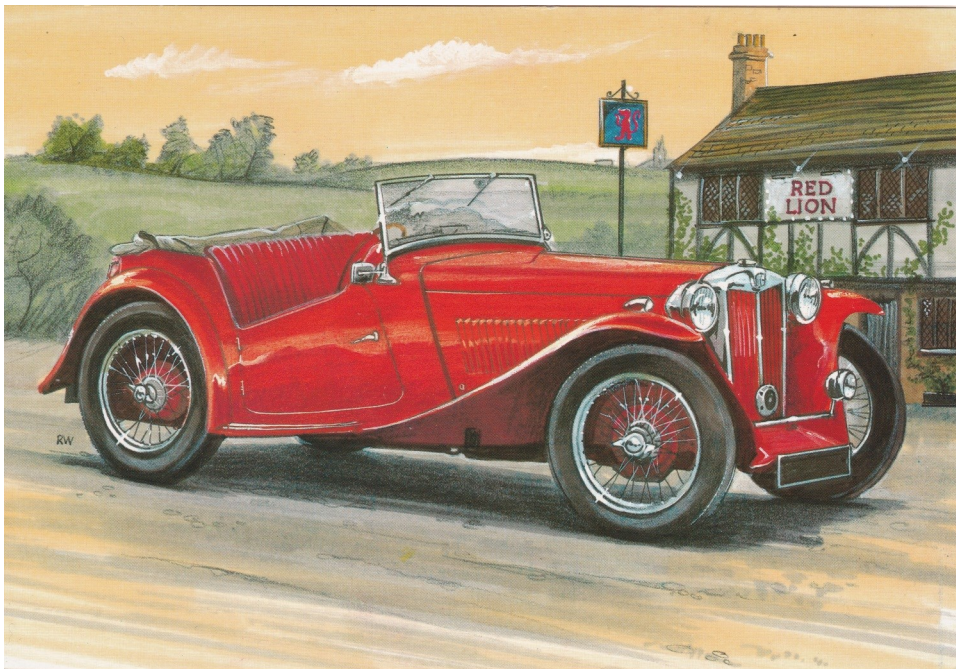




A Postcard from Karel & A Greeting Card from Reinout

Reinout Vogt

This postcard is from the Vintage and Classic Car Collection in the Garden Hotel in Udaipur, India. The twenty cars all belonged to previous Maharanas (Indian princes). The hotel and the semi-circular garage are housed in the former Mewar State Motor Garage. This MG TC, one of a few more affordable cars amongst several Rolls Royces and Cadillacs, is one of the only 49 that were exported to India in 1946. Click [here](#) to read more about the TC.



The card, published by Malcolm Bradburn in England, shows beautiful artwork of a red TC in a typical English environment; in front of a pub. Red Lion must be the most common name of a pub in England

The description on the back states, in part; "The T-Series, with their sweeping wing lines, fold-flat windscreens, cut-away doors, and headlamps hung on the radiator, were for many a glorious introduction to open two-seater motoring." And, I am sure that the T-Series owners in our clubs will fully agree.

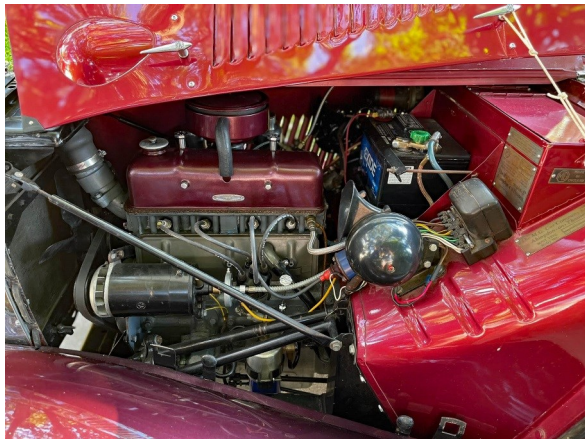
The artist's initials are RW but the full name is unknown.

MG Marketplace

This **1977 MGB** has been in the family for about 15 years. It just turned 41,000 original miles and was treated to a single-stage repaint in its original color (Tahiti Blue). It also has a new black interior. The engine compartment was detailed and cleaned up. Dual SU carbs with K&N filters and new fuel pump were installed. It has an older style exhaust manifold (ceramic paint) and a stainless Tourist Trophy exhaust. One of the greatest upgrades was an MG 5 Speed Company 5 speed transmission (\$4000!). It was lowered to chrome bumper height (shorter front springs and rear lowering blocks), has a recent clutch slave and master cylinder, alloy oil pan, Performance wheels, and compact gear reduction starter from British Starters.com. It has an original tonneau and boot cover (with original metal supports and bag), original jack and lug wrench, plastic battery tray, and more! Asking \$14,500 Please call Frank (352-361-1030) with any questions.



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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Contact the editor each month to keep your ad current.

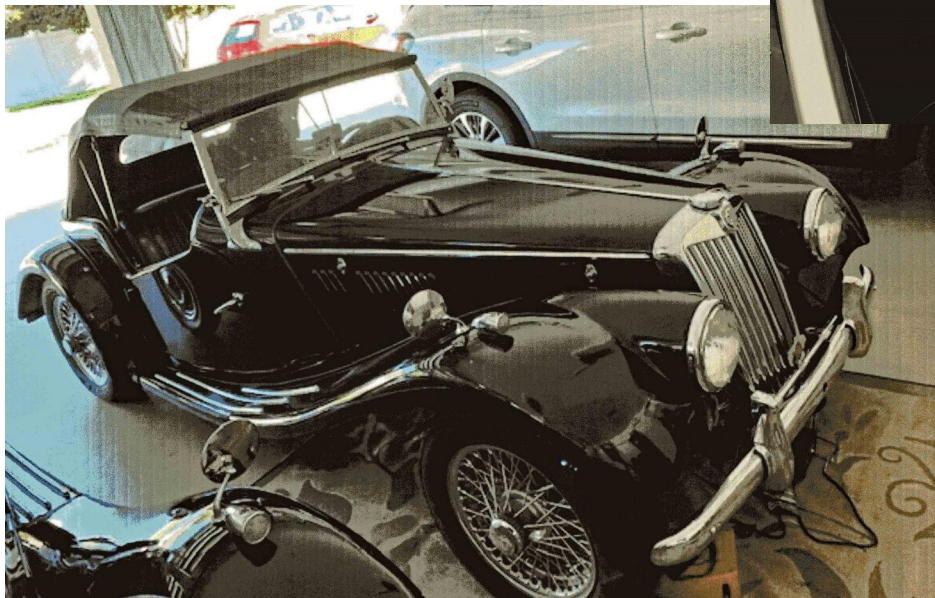




Pete Rogers has two of his T-Series cars for sale

1952 MGTD Silver body with black fenders, black leather Interior. Complete ground-up restoration 14 years ago. This MG was built for Show and Go. It is a constant TOP prize winner. Rear axle ratio - 4.33, many extras, drives like new. Miles driven since restoration, approximately 1,000. \$37,500

1954 MGTF 1250 Black body with black interior. Ground-up restoration completed in Spring 2021. Frame detailed, engine built to 1400cc, 3.9 rear end, front disk brakes, chrome wire wheels, new tires, new tonneau cover. Miles driven since restoration, approximately 125. \$50,000



Reason for selling - serious illness which has caused partial blindness.

Contact: Pete Rogers
Home: 352/343-1844
Cell: 352/406-1948

31104 Fairvista Dr.
Tavares, FL

Wanted to Buy CMGC Club medallion, any vintage. John Avallone, Hrtpace1@aol.com 217-714-1819

Wanted to Buy 2 or 3 old used 15" tubes that will hold air. Restoring a 54 TF, a long process, and need inflated old tires to roll the chassis on. Do not want to buy new tires and tubes until I need them as they are only good for 5 or 6 years before needing replacement. Ken Ball 770-595-8989 toyz4ken@gmail.com



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.



fighting hunger. feeding hope.

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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We end the February edition of *The Octagon* with the rear end of Dave Burrows' and Nancy York's MGTD, Elizabeth II. Well, it was their TD until a sale on Bring a Trailer. The auction ended with spirited bidding but reserve not met. Continued negotiations with the high bidder in the auction resulted in an agreement being struck and the sale made.

Dave is not MGless. Dave and his red MGC roadster will be at the GOF South.

The editor's collection of MG rear end shots is running short. Take a photo of the back of your MG to serve as the ending note for the newsletter and send it to:

editor.cmgc@gmail.com

