

The Octagon

The Newsletter of The Classic MG Club of Orlando

Founded 1963

March 2022

Vol. 60, No. 3

Issue 701



The Classic MG Club of Orlando

Club Leadership

President

Jim McSweeney
jimspeedmaster@aol.com

Vice President

Mike McCormick
trouble150@gmail.com

Secretary

Tom Redditt
tredditt@mac.com

Treasurer

Dodie Beach
mg_enthusiast@aol.com

Editor

Glen Moore
editor.cmgc@gmail.com

GOF South 2022 Chair

Scott Buie
gofsouth2022@gmail.com

Webmasters

Dodie Beach
Lonnie Cook
webmaster@classicmgclub.com

Website

www.classicmgclub.com

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/classicmgclub>



© 2022 CMGC Orlando
All Rights Reserved

President's Thoughts

I'm thrilled with the reception the members have given to the Nauti Lobstah restaurant. We had 36 for our second meeting there, not only that, but we're getting there earlier than usual, too. I can't say enough for their staff which swings into action as soon as we start arriving.

We'll be going back there on March 17th.

Our next big thing is our annual St. Patrick's Party and Planning Meeting. The new location is the Cooks residence in Lithia, Al and Kathy had been doing it at their Orlando house, however, after moving to Lithia, this will be the second time at the new house. I know the old members will be there, I hope some of the new members will also make the trip. As it is a bit of a trip, Dodie has signed us up for the night at the Brandon Motor Lodge. Kathy is a great cook and organizer - bring a side dish, and ideas for the next year's activities. When the party is over, we'll have the next year's events scheduled.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the GOF. We need folks to help with parking and other "day of show" activities. The Mission Inn is now entirely booked. Scott will be doing a monthly update for the GOF, there will be some suggestions for alternative hotels and other GOF news.

Jim McSweeney



FOUNDED 1963 - ORLANDO



March 2022

Classic MG Club of Orlando

1

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](#)
***Rooms at The Mission Inn are sold out, but we've compiled a list
of alternative hotels!***

Click [here](#) for the list. ***Rooms everywhere are limited so book soon,
before it's too late!***

You know those goodie bags you get at GOF? Well, they don't stuff themselves, so we're having a bag stuffing party, and we'd love to have you there!!! The details:



MOTORSPO RTS

640 Kane Court

Oviedo, FL 32765

Saturday, April 9, 2022 9:30 am-11:30 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.

Until next month, enjoy your Morris Garage classics!

Questions or comments? GOFSouth2022@gmail.com

Scott Buie, GOF 2022 Chairperson



The Classic MG Club of Orlando

Nauti Lobstah, Apopka

February 17, 2022



February Meeting Notes

Submitted by Tom Redditt

The general membership meeting was held at the Nauti Lobstah Restaurant in Apopka, Florida. Tire kicking began at 6:30 PM and Jim Mc Sweeney opened the meeting at 7:14 PM.

Treasurer's report: Dodie Beach reported that the Club has \$13,000 in the bank but some expenses connected with the GOF are yet to be paid out of those funds.

New members: There were no new members attending the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Eaton's Beach Ride - This January 22, 2022 event was well attended. Several MGs were driven in spite of the cold rainy weather that day. A show of hands was taken at the meeting and many who attended voted to do the trip again when the weather is sunny and warmer. So, another trip to Eaton's Beach will be scheduled in the future this year.

North/South Picnic - A successful picnic event was held at Lake Idamere Park in Tavares on February 5, 2022. In spite of the cold windy weather that day, many members drove their MG's and enjoyed having lunch and fellowship.

NEW BUSINESS:

St. Patrick Day party – A planning meeting for determining the club's annual events will be held March 12, 2022 at Al and Kathy Cook's house, 5910 Esker Falls Lane, Lithia, FL 33547. The trip may include an overnigher at the Brandon Motor Lodge nearby. Patrick Raley volunteered to organize the ride from Orlando and John Spadaro volunteered to plan the trip from Lake County.

GOF South 2022

There are very few reserved rooms left at Mission Inn. If you or anybody you know still plans to attend that has not yet reserved a discounted room, be aware that time is running out very quickly to get a room.

There will be a GOF "goody bag" stuffing party held at Ceres Motorsports, 640 Kane Ct, Oviedo, FL 32765 on April 9, 2022 at 9:30 AM. If you can be there to help with this contact Jim McSweeney or Scott Buie. Volunteers are needed to complete this task.

Carol McCormick said items are needed for the silent auction. Most anything of value is acceptable. If you have things to donate contact Carol. Donated items for the auction can be brought with you to the GOF but please let Carol know in advance what they are prior to the GOF date - cmcarol17@gmail.com

Mike McCormick needs help setting up the show field on Friday afternoon and parking cars on Saturday morning. There will be over 100 MGs to organize and arrange. If you can help, contact Mike - trouble150@gmail.com.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.



New Members

Dale and Cat Harsbargar, Sebring, 1948 MGTC, 1950 MGTD, 1953 MGTD

I have been an avid British car fan for the past 50 years. I have owned many different ones but the older MGs were always my favorite. My daily driver is a 94 Jaguar XJS and I am currently restoring a 48 MG TC and finishing a 50 MG TD. Here is a picture of



my 53 TD that I restored and my last show award. We are also avid bowlers and built our own regulation lane with my MG influence. We are looking forward to becoming members of the MG club.

Jon Davis, Orlando, 1971 MGB-GT

James and Wendy Kennedy, Davenport, 1966 MGB



GOF Hospitality

Needs **YOUR** unique donation!

Questions? Contact Carol McCormick

407-257-1953

cmcarol17@gmail.com



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!

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, 1:00 pm
5910 Esker Falls Lane, Lithia, FL 33547, details on next page
- 3/18-19 **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

- 4/2 **37th Annual All British Car Show**, Henry's Depot, Sanford, Central FL British Car Club
8am cars arrive, 9am - noon judging, 2pm Awards, Friday evening meet and greet
[Car show information](#) [Registration](#) info@allbritishcarclub.com
- 4/9 **GOF Goodie Bag Stuffing Party**, Ceres Motorsports, 640 Kane Ct., Oviedo, 9:30 am
- 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/>



MARCH DRIVING EVENT AND PLANNING MEETING

On **March 12, 2022**, we will have The Annual St. Patrick's Day party and planning session at the Cook's home 5910 Esker Falls Lane, Lithia, FL 33547



March 12th, 1:00 PM

Of course, we will have the traditional corned beef and cabbage, provided by the club. We will have soft drinks and water available, also. We ask that you provide your favorite beverages (if you don't want tea, sodas, or water) and a side dish. **Please RSVP and call Kathy Cook, (407-963-5349) or email kathy.cookucf@gmail.com** so that we can coordinate all the items necessary for a true Irish Feast. We will conduct our annual planning meeting where we will

plan the driving events for the next year and assign the Action Officers to organize those events, so **BRING YOUR IDEAS!** Write them down on a piece of paper with your name and we will put them in a hat for a prize drawing at the beginning of the meeting.

We anticipate that a number of you will be driving in a caravan to our meeting. We can discuss this at the February meeting and further rendezvous points and time of departure will be sent to all club members.

Lithia Overnighter: Since Lithia is quite far away we checked into a place to stay overnight. Dodie found this gem and we are so excited.

Brandon Motor Lodge brandonmotorlodgefl.com

906 East Brandon Blvd Brandon FLUS 33511 Phone 813-689-1261

We hope that many of you will join us in our traditional overnighter in a classic motel. Let us know if you are staying overnight and make your reservations!



Driving Directions - St. Pat's at Al and Kathy Cook's house, 5910 Esker Falls Lane, Lithia, FL 22547, home # 407-678-6814, cell # 407-963-5349

Directions from I-4:

Take exit 22, Park Road. Turn left at light onto N. Park Road.

Continue straight onto Jim Johnson Road and turn right onto Alexander Street

Turn left onto FL 39, James Redman Parkway, and drive about 9 miles (past Hwy 60)

Turn right onto Lithia Pinecrest Road go 3.7 miles

Turn left onto Fishhawk Blvd.

Turn left onto Circa Fishhawk Blvd. and go straight through traffic circle

Turn right onto Esker Falls Lane. House is blue with white trim with large front porch.

For parking, turn left onto Barrington Stowers Road and right at the pool on Quarry Lake Rd. There is parking for the pool and a walkway to the left of the house at 14212 Quarry Lake. Our house is right in back of this house.



37th Annual All British Car Show

Central Florida British Car Club
Saturday, April 2nd
Henry's Depot, Sanford, FL
212 W. First Street
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Registration is available online through 3/30. Day-of-event registration 8:00-10:00 am. Parking of cars begins at 8:00 am. Participants can enjoy the many fine options of foods at the multiple restaurants in Henry's Depot Culinary Collective.

<https://www.allbritishcarclub.com/annual-car-show>



Friday/Saturday March 18-19

A car show and gathering of auto enthusiasts for a great cause - school supplies for local kids.

Friday evening BBQ: 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Saturday Show: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Entry fee: Bring some school supplies to give or a cash donation.

All enthusiast cars welcome all years, all types, all models

Food trucks, racing round table, unique awards, live music

Holly Hill City Hall
1065 S. Ridgewood Ave (US1)





Glen Moore Photo

North/South Picnic

John Avallone

The Classic MG Club held the North/South Picnic at Lake Idamere in Tavares on Saturday, February 5, 2022. John and Sharon Spadaro organized the event. As most members know, the group from the North (Chesapeake Chapter of NEMGTR) who normally join us decided it would be best not to travel this year due to the continuing COVID pandemic. The format was changed to bring-your-own picnic lunch. Forty club members attended a rather cold weather event. Several club members offered to bring the event to their homes nearby; however, a vote was taken and the majority decided to remain at the park. Nonetheless, all enjoyed a great time. There were many beautiful MGs driven to the event by members, some with the tops down.



Glen Moore Photo

Activities at the picnic included a test of participants' MG knowledge by way of questions from the Essential MG book by Graham Robinson. Those questions are on the following page to test your MG knowledge. Answers will be provided in the next newsletter.



John Avallone Photo



John Avallone Photo



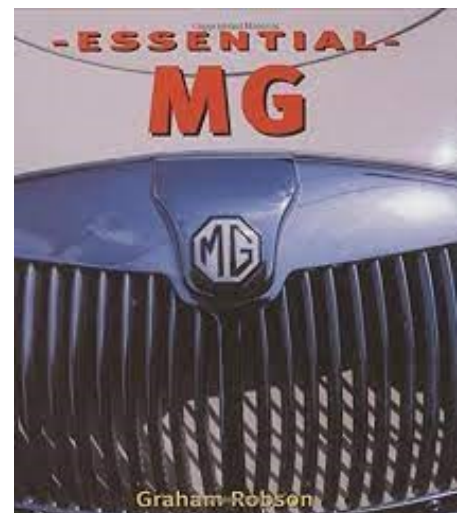
MG Knowledge Quiz

Presented at the Picnic by John Spadaro



1. What parts of the MGA body are not made of steel?
2. Which popular Austin Healey shared the assembly line with the MG Midget?
3. Which MG sold more than 100,000 cars in four years breaking all MG sales records up to that time?
4. What was the MSRP for the MGTD when it was first introduced to America?
5. What was the first MG sports car built with unibody or monocoque structure?
6. MGTF was produced from 53 to 55. What were the total production numbers for this model?
7. Who created the MG marque in 1924?
8. Which post-war MG sports car did not offer center hub mount wire wheels?
9. What was the first car manufactured by MG with an independently recorded top speed of over 100mph.
10. The MGB was the bestselling MG of all time. What MG was the second best selling MG?
11. What two-seater roadster overtook MGB as the bestselling car of its type in the early 2000s?
12. Which MG sports car was never officially launched in the UK?
13. Which MG sports car was the first to be fitted with front disc brakes instead of drums?
14. According to manufacturer's spec's, what was the top speed of an MGTC
15. What specific group of people is credited with introducing the MG to America?

Top score at the picnic was 9 correct.
How will you will your knowledge compare?

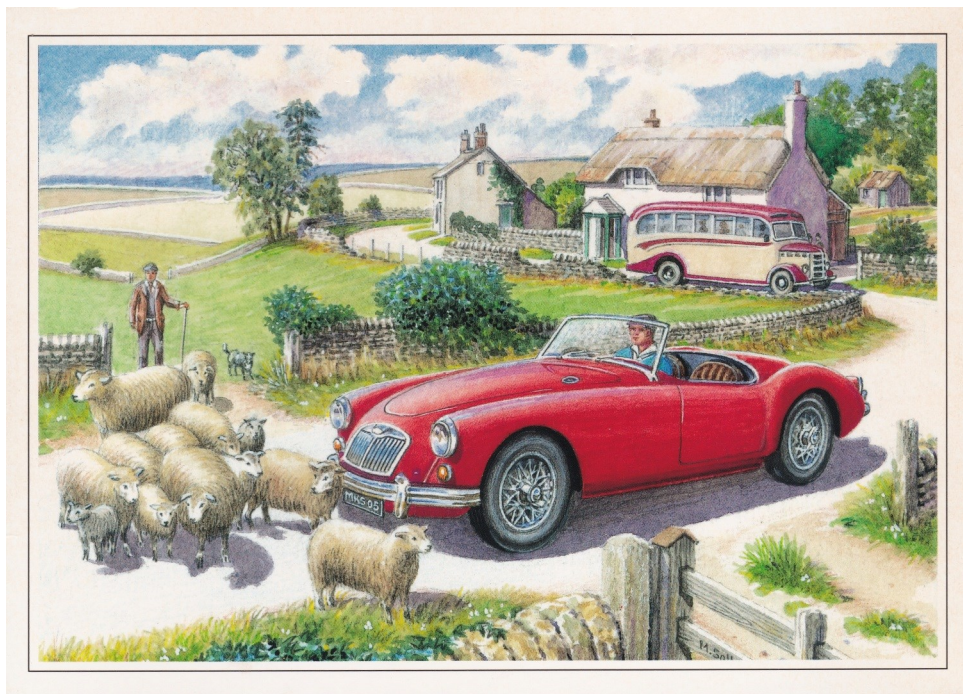




A Postcard from Karel & A Greeting Card from Reinout

Reinout Vogt

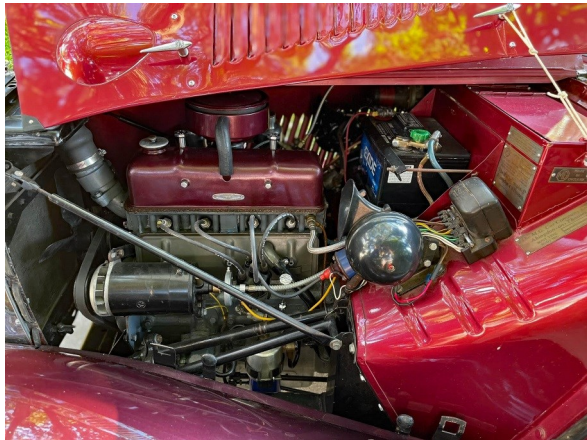
An MGA parked on Plaza Santa Maria Novella in Florence, Italy. The construction of the cathedral (with the same name), started in ca. 1276 and lasted for 80 years. The marble facade was added between 1456 and 1470 (source Wikipedia).



A red MGA in a typical English setting. The artwork is a watercolor by Michael Salter and is copyrighted to Greetings Card by Graham Dexter and published by GD Publishing in the UK. Interestingly, although the MGA has wire wheels it is identified as an MGA Twin Cam.

MG Marketplace

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



Adverts are free. Send information to editor.cmgc@gmail.com.

Contact the editor each month to keep your ad current.

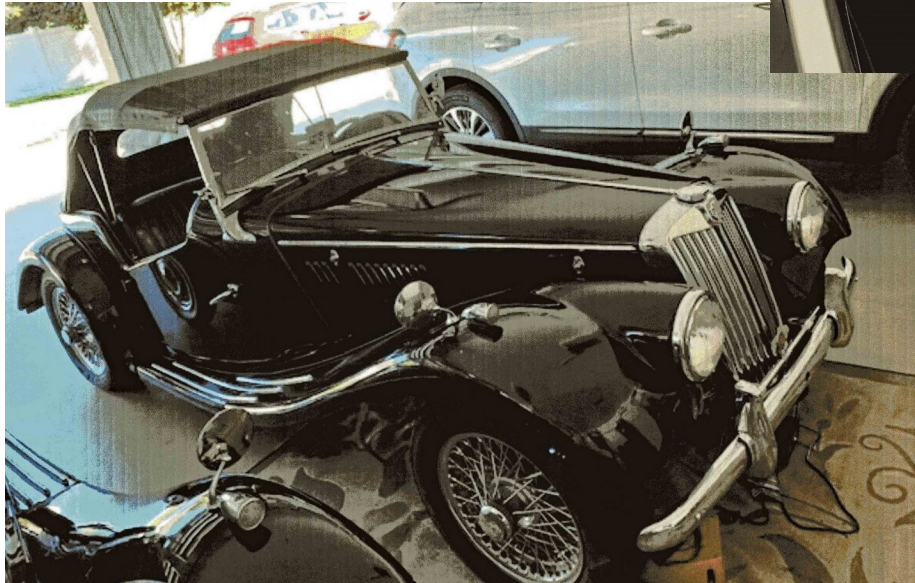
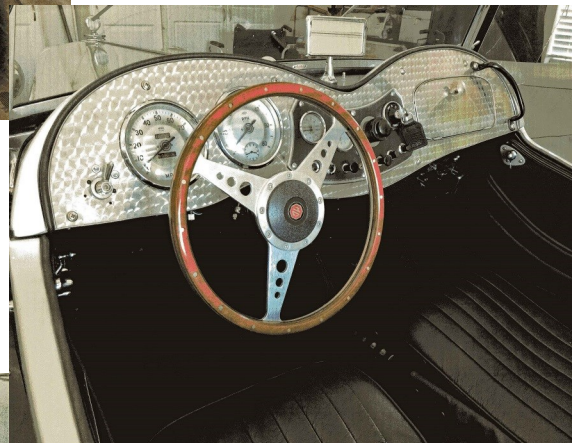




Pete Rogers has two of his T-Series cars for sale

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



1975 MGB Garage kept and well maintained with odometer reading of 13K (not original). Major mechanical work done 3 years ago including re-built 1800 cc engine, new dual Mikuni carburetors, new PerTronix distributor, new aluminum radiator, new stainless steel header and exhaust, lowered body with new 15" VTO wheels and tires, and miscellaneous other parts by Ceres Motorsports (Oviedo, FL). Runs great and clean body with little rust. Black vinyl interior and carpeting all in good condition. Convertible top in good condition. To inquire, call or text Dave at 407-790-2353. Need the garage space, so priced to sell at \$6900.



I have some old unused GOF patches and brass plaques dating between 1975 - 1987 for sale or swap (eg. this year's tee shirt and badge). I also have some duplicates and others that I would rather keep but could be persuaded!

I am in the UK and my car TD24625 EXLNA, which I've owned since 2014, is now over here with me, still left-hand drive! It joined my 1958 Bugeye Sprite. I can be contacted in the first instance by email. apfastsol@gmail.com
Alan Jones



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
FOOD BANK
 OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FeedHopeNow.org



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.

The Classic MG Club
 of Orlando
 is an affiliate chapter
 and active supporter of:



NAMGAR
 North American MGA Register



North American MGB Register



We end the March edition of *The Octagon* with the rear end of Dave Burrows' MGC. Beautiful car in its original Tartan Red.

The dual exhaust tips are indicative of a true dual exhaust system - sweet sounding. The license plate describes the model of the car and Dave's location close to the Atlantic Ocean,

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

