# The Octagon

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#### **Presidential Thoughts**

March has been a busy month, with many club members working very hard on the annual Event selection and on GOF preparation. The St. Patrick's Day party and event selection was a great success.



Thanks to Carol and Mike McCormick for hosting the party at their home. I also want to personally thank Kathy Cook for preparing the Corned Beef and Cabbage and Irish Coffee.

Monthly interesting events were selected and members volunteered to organize and host them for the upcoming year. The host of the events are now working on the details which will be posted in the Octagon newsletter as they are completed.

The GOF is fast approaching and volunteers are still needed in many areas, please contact Scott Buie. A special thanks to Scott for his work on GOF and the club website.

Don't forget the Indian River drive hosted by Pat and Bob Moore which is scheduled for May 4th, RSVP early.

See Y'all at GOF.

Mark Tidwell









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## **Your Club's Affiliations**



Their Website: New England MG T Register

Nat'l Meeting: GOF 110 Mystic, CT to Bristol, RI Jun 7-8

Local Contact: Mike McCormick



Their Website: NAMGAR.com

Nat'l Meeting: GT-49 Welches, OR Jul 15-19

Local Contact: Jill Moore



Their Website: **NAMGBR.org** 

Nat'l Meeting: MG2024 Katy, TX Apr 21-24

Local Contact: Jim McSweeney

# The Classic MG Club of Orlando Meeting Minutes



submitted by Tom Redditt

Location: Nauti Lobstah seafood restaurant, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka, FI 32703

**Tech Session:** Scott Buie held a special tech session starting at 6:00 PM demonstrating. How to upload MG pictures from our events digitally. Events and Pop-Up Drives: This can be accomplished by accessing the MG Experience website at www.mgexp.com. If you didn't attend the meeting and need help doing this contact Scott Buie.

Add photos: An e-mail link will soon be sent out to all members that can be easily used to upload pictures. These pictures will be much easier for Keith Waggoner to access them to complete the monthly newsletter.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on March 21, 2024

**Guest Introductions:** Alan and Rebecca Ginsberg from N.J. They have a 69 MGB.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dodie reported that Club is well funded for all activities.

#### **Old Business:**

By-Laws are still under review and will be tabled until after the GOF.

GOF Preparation – Scott Buie gave an update of the GOF. The CMGC website has all the necessary information posted on the events page. There are three unscheduled drives posted with directions that can be taken at any

time by anyone as well as croquet as an added activity.

Events committee: The events committee met and established the activities for the club for the next 12 months. The full list of suggested activities compiled will be saved on the CMGC Google Drive for future use. Anyone can add a suggested outing to this list going forward.

Meetings: The June club meeting will be a daytime meeting at a location to be determined and announced later.

#### Recap:

North/South picnic – This event was very popular and well attended with 57 people enjoying the outing and displaying their MG's. It has been scheduled again for next year.

St. Patrick's Day Event Planning Party at the McCormick's – This event was very well attended by many club members and the upcoming year's event schedule was established as well as a master list of possible future outings.



Meeting minutes continued...

#### **New Business:**

Indian River Drive – Rescheduled for May 4. Information will be posted using the new event notification system described during the earlier tech session by Scott Buie.

Request for \$2/month for purchase of 100GB cloud storage and also \$80/year for purchase of Google Sheets (spread sheet software). Both requests were voted and approved.

Pop Up event – First one will be Tuesday, March 26 at 10:00 am. It will be a tech session on detailing hosted by President Mark Tidwell at his home is Clermont.

It was suggested that we consider a donation to the MG Experience Website since we are using their service for free for the pop up events.

#### Other items:

Christmas Party: The Parlee's have not yet fully committed to hosting this event again this year so it is still in the planning stages. Caravanning to the GOF – Mark Tidwell will lead a caravan of anyone

who wishes to go to the GOF on Thursday leaving his house about 10:30 or

11:00 am. Contact Mark if you wish to join this group.
There will also be a caravan on Friday leaving from Eustis lead by John Spadaro. Contact John for more information if you wish to join that group. GOF raffle - Items are needed for the raffle. Please donate. Contact Carol McCormick or Mark Tidwell if you have items to donate.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM



Not so sure this picture would make a good ad for selling mud guards.

Also ... The French word for mud guard is bavette. Which is also the same word used for flank steak. So, if you're speaking to a French MG enthusiast and you say you're having bavette for dinner. Don't be alarmed if they look at you funny...

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

## **April**

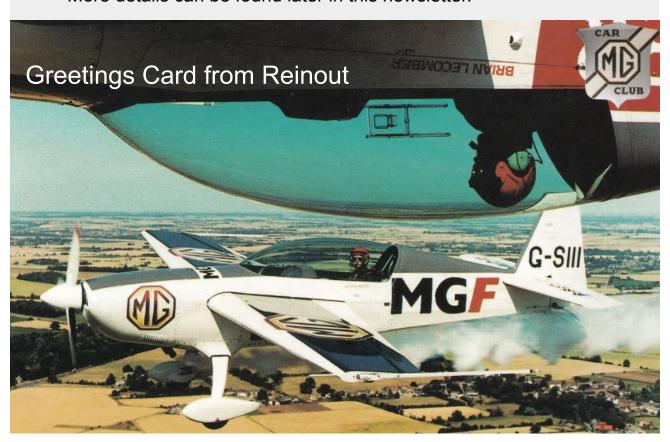
04/06 **British Car Show** at Henry's Depot 212 W 1st St, Sanford More details can be found later in this newsletter.

04/18 **2024 Gathering of Faithful South** Crystal River Plantation More details can be found later in this newsletter.

#### May

05/04 **Indian River Drive** Hosts-Pat and Bob Moore More details can be found later in this newsletter.

05/18 **Weekends at the Winery** Hosts-Sharon and Allen Wyman 12PM - 4PM Lakewood Winery and Vineyards 19239 US Hwy 27, Clermont, FL More details can be found later in this newsletter.



This card is from The MG Car Club from England, the mother of all MG clubs, with a photo from the Rover Group, that re-launched MG in 1995 with the mid-engined MGF. The back of the card reads "MGF and Rover liveried Aerobatic Team used throughout 1996 and 1997 to promote the MGF". Note that the Rover plane, in the upper half of the card, is flying upside down.



## **GOF South 2024**

## Big GOF news this month!!

We've added some events and activities to the weekend schedule, and there is an update Schedule of Events on the website, so head on over there and take a look.

## Now the really big news...

We're simplifying the voting this year, and I think you'll love it.



It's a very simple form,
Just click on the Car Class,
and cast your vote!
Here's just a couple of pictures to
show you, and I'll be sending to you
complete instructions soon.



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If you're registered for GOF, thank you and I look forward to seeing you there.

If you have not registered, time is running out (registration closes April 11!!)

April 18-21, 2024

The Plantation on Crystal River,

Crystal River, FL

www.classicmgclub.com/gofsouth2024

The Plantation on Crystal River, Crystal River, FL

Make sure you come back to the website often for exciting updates and event information.
Until next month, enjoy your Morris Garage classics!

Scott Buie GOF 2024 Chair



## **GOF South 2024**

Contributed by Carol McCormick

#### What can I donate to the GOF Hospitality Room Raffle?

This year we are hoping that most of our raffle items will be provided by our loyal members.

Also, we are not holding a Silent Auction.

#### Please consider...

- Creating a themed basket or other container\*\*\*
- Donating a gift certificate or gift card
- Passing along a car related item
- Any other creative gem(s) you think someone..
   male and/or female...would buy a ticket to win

Your donations do not need to have bows or be wrapped in plastic...they just have to be able to be placed on a flat surface and displayed.

Please bring your donation to the Hospitality Room at the Plantation Inn when you arrive. If space is an issue in your teeny MG, you can bring your item to the McCormick home at 716 Oak Leaf Ct, Apopka 32712 anytime before the event.

Thanks in advance for helping to create a fun Hospitality Room!

## First of May's Upcoming Events

## **Indian River Drive**May 4th

**RSVP to Bob Moore** 

407.790.9570





The drive crosses the Haulover Canal

For those that don't want to meet for breakfast, be at The Town House Restaurant by 8:45AM. We will be on the road by 9:15AM.

Right on Central Avenue to Red Light

Left on CR 419 (approx 11 miles) to Hwy 50 (Colonial)

Left on Hwy 50 (approx 4 miles) to Hwy 520

Right on Hwy 520 (approx 25 miles to McDonald's @ Hwy 520 and I-95

BREAK for restroom and coffee

Right on Hwy 520 (4.5 miles) to Delannoy Ave (just past Truist Bank)

Left on Delannoy, 1 block, Left on Willard St 1 block, Right on Brevard Ave

Brevard Ave becomes Indian River Drive (6 miles) to Black's Road

Left on Black's Road (1.2 miles) to US1

Right on US1 (toward Titusville) (15 Miles) to 406

Right on 406 (Max Brewer Pkwy) (3 miles) to fork 'Y'

Left at the 'Y' SR3 Max Brewer Pkwy) to Haulover Canal (12 miles)

(STOP REGROUP - SEE MANATEES)

Right on SR3 (Courtenay/Kennedy Pkwy) (approx 8 miles) to US 1

Right on US 1 (3 miles) to E Halifax Ave

Right on E Halifax Ave (2 miles) to River Dr/Rd

Left on River Dr/Rd (1 mile)

GOODRICH'S Parking & Restaurant on right

GOODRICH's Seafood

253 River Road

Oak Hill, FL

(386-345-3397)



## **Second of May's Upcoming Events**

## Lakeridge Winery

May 18th
Noon to 4
RSVP to Sharon and Allen Wyman
407-869-1475 It's a landline, so no texts!



Enjoy the expansive vineyard green, including delicious food, live entertainment, and of course, the Lakeridge wines at the outdoor bar.

Live Entertainment, Food Court & Wine Bar:

Saturday, May 18 NOON - 4:00 pm

No outside food, beverages or coolers allowed.

Be sure to bring your lawn chairs!

Meet up with your friends and drive your MGs to Clermont!

Orange County meet at 9:45 the CVS, 3905 Wekiva Springs Rd

Lake County meet at 10:30 the Mobile Station, 441 and Sadler Rd

### Classic MG Club Year-at-a-Glance

May 2024- April 2025 Calendar

May 4th Saturday: Indian River Drive; Hosts-Pat and Bob Moore

May 18th Saturday 12PM-4PM: Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards "Weekends at the Winery" <a href="https://www.lakeridgewinery.com/">https://www.lakeridgewinery.com/</a> live music. Hosts-Sharon and Allen Wyman

June: Longwood Mansion/Museum tour, lunch TBD in area. Host-Tom Redditt

July: Drive to Winter Park, visit Morse Museum <a href="https://morsemuseum.org/">https://morsemuseum.org/</a>, lunch in Winter Park area. Hosts-JoAnn and Lonnie Cook

August: Drive to Inverness for airboat ride followed by lunch in downtown Inverness. Host-Scott Buie

September: Drive to Orlando, visit Harry P Leu Gardens <a href="https://www.leugardens.org/">https://www.leugardens.org/</a> lunch TBD. Host-Jim Young

October 12-13: 2 Day Overnighter in Micanopy, Yearling restaurant for lunch, Paynes Prairie Preserve state park, drive home possible stop for lunch. Hosts-Ellen and Mark Tidwell, with Tom Redditt

November 9 Saturday 12PM-4PM: Founders Picnic Hosts-Tracey and Keith Waggoner

December: Date and time TBD; Tour of Lights; Hosts- Rebekkah and Brad Parlee

#### 2025

January: Drive from Clermont, drive west through great roads to Richloam General Store <a href="https://www.richloamstore.com/">https://www.richloamstore.com/</a> ending at The Friar Tuck British restaurant in Clermont <a href="https://thefriartuck.com/">https://thefriartuck.com/</a> for lunch. Hosts-TDB

February: North/South Picnic. Hosts-Sharon and John Spadaro

March: Parrish, 2 day, Florida Railroad museum, <a href="https://www.frrm.org/">https://www.frrm.org/</a>, hotel to be identified. Host-Dodie Beach

April: GOF South 2025; Hosts-MG Classics of Jacksonville



### **Classic MG Club Ideas for the Future**

In addition to the regularly scheduled monthly events, additional club-initiated events are being considered to add to the MG Adventures for club members.

#### Rallyes and Drives

Recreate past CMGC Rallyes and Drives - hare and hounds, drive with clues, scavenger hunt type.

#### Potential Pop-Up Events

A Pop-Up Event can be announced by any club member through the club website portal. If a member plans a trip with their MG, they can announce it to all the membership by posting on the website and others can choose to join. Some suggestions include:

- -Drive to Kissimmee, Old Town car shows and/or music https://myoldtownusa.com/category/events/
- -Drive to Lake Mary, Cars and Coffee, 3rd Saturday of the month
- -Webster Flea market (Open only Monday) with Lunch at Southern Hospitality
- -Drive to Winter Garden, Cars and Coffee, Last Saturday of the month

#### Suggestions for Long Trips

CMGC has traditionally scheduled two overnight drives each year. However, there are appealing destinations and events worthy of a visit that will take multiple days.

#### **Extended Journey Suggestions**

- -Naples, Fl. 3 day Revs Institute and Car Museum Revs Institute/Car Museum day-1 drive down, day-2 guided tour with walk through workshop \$35, Drury Hotel, Day-3 Drive home.(If interested, contact Mark Tidwell)
- -Dillard Ga., 5-6 Days Southeast British Motor Car Festival. Sept. 12-15
- -Fall Blue Ridge Parkway drive with lodging along the Parkway.

#### **Tech Sessions**

Events at member's homes to explore mechanical maintenance and repair techniques, tools, and tips.



The following are featuring the MG marque celebrating its 100th anniversary

All British Car Show, Sanford, FL April 6, 2024

More details can be found at <a href="http://www.britishcarclubofcentralflorida.com/">http://www.britishcarclubofcentralflorida.com/</a>

Link to registration



#### Carolina British Classics XVI Car Show

Date April 6, 2024

At the Tartan Day South Festival

The Historic Columbia Speedway

2001 Charleston Highway, Cayce, SC 29033

#### **Click to Register**

#### Watkins Glen Festival 2024

September 5 & 6, 2024 This year they are honoring MG! MG is a big part of the racing history at Watkins Glen, with MGTCs finishing in 8 of the top 10 finishing positions in the inaugural 1948 Grand Prix. The Festival has honored MG in 1994, 2004, 2014, and will again in 2024. There will be an MG-only car show and dinner on Thursday and a Tour De Marque on Friday, beginning at a winery and including laps on the current Watkins Glen International race track and two laps on the old street course. Friday includes multiple drives in the area with MGs eligible for most of the drives. Details can be found at <a href="http://www.grandprixfestival.com/">http://www.grandprixfestival.com/</a>

## **Club Happenings**

Photos by Glen Moore. Story by Ellen Tidwell

## St Patty's Planning and Party



The club's St Patrick's Day Party and Event planning was a fun and productive event. Many thanks to Carol and Mike McCormick for hosting, Kathy Cook for preparing the Corned Beef and Cabbage and Irish Coffee, and to all who attended and brought delicious side dishes and desserts. Thanks to the event committee and to Scott Buie for providing the web-based survey used to vote and narrow the list of proposed events. Everyone had an opportunity to visit with each other and enjoy the meal before the survey results of suggested club monthly and overnight events were discussed. Mark Tidwell shared a list of local MG and car club events that are scheduled for 2024 so as to try and not conflict with these should members want to participate in other car related activities. The Tidwells presented the survey results which were then discussed and selected by the attendees for the upcoming year's monthly events with organizer hosts. The calendar will be included in the newsletter. If not otherwise noted, the dates and details of the monthly events will be provided after the hosts have had an opportunity to explore the suggested event location availability.

Check the Octagon newsletter each month for the specific event information as each event host provides more specific details. We look forward to a fun-filled year of Club activities. In addition, watch for Pop-up events!



## **Club Happenings**

St Patty's Continued



## **Club Happenings**

Story and pictures contributed by Mark and Ellen Tidwell

#### **Tech Session in Detail**



On March 27, Mark Tidwell held a Tech session on "Detailing his red MG TC 825". The session was well attended by 6 members. The goals were to show how to properly detail and maintain your MG and to familiarize the attendees with the equipment and products needed to accomplish these tasks.

The car areas covered were aluminum, chrome, brass, rubber, vinyl, paint and glass. The group was shown how to polish metal parts, and maintain their appearance. An in-depth discussion of paint care was covered; washing, spot removal, compounding, polishing and sealing.

The group was shown how to maintain the show ready appearance with very little effort.

Upon conclusion of the tech session, the group went to lunch at the Clermont Oyster Bar.

Editor's note: If you missed the session, check out "Under the Bonnett" later in this issue for some of Mark's paint care tips!



## **Other** Happenings

Editor's Note: Photos thanks to Jim McCrory and Classic MG Magazine of Facebook

## 100 Years of MG and Still Producing Winners! The Amelia Concours d'Elegance, 4 entries, 3 award winners



1949 MG TC owned by our own Glen and Jill Moore, Deland, FL Best of Class, Race Cars 1946-1955



1934 MG PA owned by Al Warner, Bloomfield, CT Class Award



1932 MG J2 owned by Tom Metcalf, Ashland, OH People's Choice Award



1953 Arnolt-MG Bertone owned by Craig Burchsted, Austin, TX



## From Under the Bonnett

by Mark Tidwell



"The solution to detailing is using the right solution"

Paint Care Tips Shared at Mark's Tech Session:

- Most Important, keep your car covered when not in use!
- Car wash: use any 'car' soap , but just a few ounces, clean water, microfiber towels, light pressure, and frequent rinsing.
- Drying: a leaf blower first to blow off excess water followed by a shammy (chamois cloth).
- If the car does not have a lot of dust, dirt or sand, use a cleaner/wax product like Showroom Shine. Spray it on, wipe it off with a microfiber, then buff with dry microfiber. This minimizes the need for washing and your paint has fresh coat of wax/sealant.
- If there are scratches and oxidized paint over a large surface, then you will need to polish the paint. This grinds off a layer of your paint, so take as little of it as you need to restore the appearance.
- Polishing the paint, (it's different than waxing). It uses compounds that are divided by coarseness of the abrasive. From most to least are rubbing compound, polishing compound, ultrafine polishing compound.
- Once the paint has been polished it should be sealed with a wax, polymer, or ceramic coat.
- Spots on the paint? First, use soap and water if not successful, then mineral spirits, if that doesn't work, then you may need abrasives. A clay preparation can be used as this is the mildest of the abrasives

"There are a number of paint types. Older ones are lacquer, enamel, and urethane (Imron, Amerflint). The entire thickness of these paints have pigment.

Modern paints are two layered, usually water-based. Their base coat is the pigmented layer and by itself, has a flat finish. A clear coat covers the base coat and adds depth and shine to enhance the appearance. Normally paint is about 4-7 mil thick. The goal in maintaining the appearance of the paint is to preserve the thickness of that paint layer."



If you have a tip, send it to the editor <a href="mailto:editor.cmgc@gmail.com">editor.cmgc@gmail.com</a>



**April 2024** 

Classic MG Club of Orlando

Aka classifieds



## SUPERCHARGED 1961 MG MGA ROADSTER

Supercharged 1.8 liter engine, 5 Speed Ford T9 Transmission, Black Upholstery w/red piping, New black top & Bimini Top, Chrome 15" wheels, Four Wheel Disc Brakes, Driving Lights, Trunk Mounted Luggage Rack, LED taillights,

Tom Lempicke. 321 747-0749

Price \$42,500



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#### 1952 MG TD



The owner, Ken Grabeau, says "Very good condition, but not a show car." Includes original Owner's Manual and canvas car cover.

Car located in Leesburg, FL \$16,500.00 Call 603-321-7700



Everyday driver, most refurb done by Glenn's MG in St Petersburg, FL

Aka classifieds

## Road ready 1977 MGB



A nice driver. Tons of recent updates Call Wayne. (519) 933-5097 Car in Port Orange. \$7800







Aka classifieds

#### **OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONTINUES**

CLASSIC MG CLUB NEWSLETTER

Fellow Enthusiats

The second meeting of the "Classic MG Club" was held at the home of Will Bowden on August 29th 1963. Present were 16 Enthusists, a vast improvement over the previous meeting. Plans for the upcoming tour (a HARE & HOUNDS) was discussed and it was deceided to terminate at some location for swimming and a picnic. John Camichos and Will Bowden agreed to undertake the layout for same. A date of September 29th, Sunday afternoon was picked. Mrs. Jos. Sires volunteered to host the next meeting, to be September 19th at her home. Hereafter meetings to be held the third Thursday of the month. Dee Lauderback offered the use of her Ranch as a meeting place after the summer mosquito has migrated to warmed climates.

March marks the ninth "official" month of the 60th Anniversary of the Classic MG Club. We will be celebrating the milestone through July 2024, which includes GOF-South 2024 that we will host this April. So, order your commemorative 60th Anniversary stickers and embroidered cloth patches now to proudly display for this anniversary year and for years to come.

Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with appropriate postage, along with one dollar in cash for each sticker and five dollars in cash for each embroidered patch to:

Lonnie Cook, 656 Terrace Blvd., Orlando, FL 32803. (I must have your stamped envelope and cash; no checks.) If you haven't yet returned the Member Update form that you received by mail in May, then please send it to the same address.







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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 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: <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/GOF-FoodBank">http://www.tinyurl.com/GOF-FoodBank</a>

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 celebrates Glen and Jill Moore's 1949 MG TC Seen here finished to a T Awaiting judgement at The Amelia Concours d'Elegance Congratulations on Best of Class, Race Cars 1946-1955

Do you have an end shot? editor.cmgc@gmail.com And until next month ... Keith



