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Presidential Thoughts

April was a busy month. Started with the All British Car Show at Henry's Depot and ended with GOF South.

The All British Car Show was a great show. The theme was 100 years of MGs. I was happy to see our club well represented. It was a nice Saturday.



For me, GOF South 2024 was a great success! Thanks to all of the clubs and participants that attended the event, you made it what it was. I met so many interesting people at this GOF. I hope with time, these acquaintances will develop into friendships and I will see them more than once a year. A lot of time and work had been done by the club in preparation for the event and by the participants preparing their MG's for the show. This was evident by the quality of the MGs starting with the 1st timers through the Saturday show. The events were fun, informative and well attended. Thanks to Glen and Jill Moore for hosting the Tweed drive and Glen's 100 years of MGs seminar. The hospitality room seemed to be always full with MG enthusiasts. Many thanks to sponsors and for raffle item donations. Thank you Carol McCormick and all your staff for a job well done. Thanks to the parking staff, the Saturday show started like a land rush but by the end, we were able to get everyone parked on the point. Thanks to all members of our club for the work done on GOF South 2024 over the past 2 years. A special thanks to Scott Buie for chairing GOF South 2024, and all the innovation he brought to the event.

I am looking forward to the May events, beginning with Saturday, May 4th Indian River Drive, RSVP to Bob Moore. Then on Saturday, May 18th Weekends at the Winery-Lakeridge Winery, Clermont. Contact details for both are found later in the newsletter.

See you down the road.

Mark Tidwell



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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



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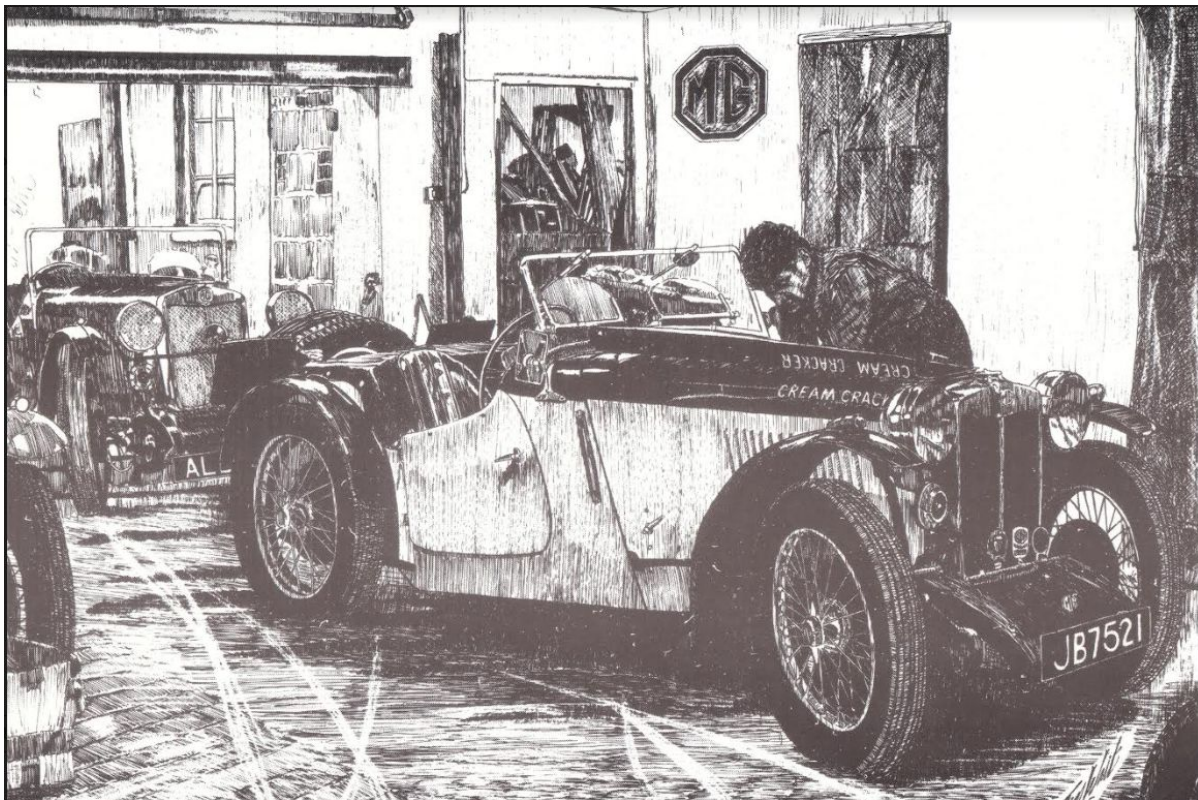
Meeting Minutes



No meeting was held due to GOF South 2024.

Check back here next month!

Greetings Card from Reinout



This greetings card, from my collection, is a pen drawing by Tom Wait of JB7521 the Cream Cracker PB. It was a trial car campaigned in the 1930's by Maurice Toulmin, C.A.N. May (author of Wheelspin) and currently owned and raced by Andy King (of Prewar MG Limited)



Calendar of Upcoming Events

May

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

05/16 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka
6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm

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.

June

06/20 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka
6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm
*** ***Tentative info only, possible date/venue change*** ***

06/22 **Longwood Mansion/Museum Tour** Host-Tom Redditt
9:30AM Drive begins at the Publix parking lot
corner of Hwy 434 and Wekiva Springs Rd, Longwood
More details can be found later in this newsletter

July

07/?? **Drive to Winter Park** Hosts-JoAnn and Lonnie Cook
Date/Time TBD a visit to Morse Museum <https://morsemuseum.org/>
Brunch will be next door at George's Cafe prior to the museum visit.

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6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm
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First of May's Upcoming Events

Indian River Drive May 4th

RSVP to Bob Moore
407.790.9570



The drive crosses the Haulover Canal

Start at 7:30AM with breakfast at:
The Town House Restaurant
139 N Central Avenue
Oviedo, FL 32765

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



June's Upcoming Event



Longwood Historic District Tour

The CMGC will be visiting the Longwood Historic District on Saturday, June 22, 2024. We will begin the event by meeting up at the Publix Store parking lot, (behind the Publix Liquor Store) at the corner of Hwy 434 and Wekiva Springs Rd in Longwood at 9:30 AM. We will then drive to the Downtown Longwood Historic District. There we will take a tour of the Bradlee- McIntyre House Museum, a 3 story Queen Anne style Victorian Mansion constructed in 1885 for prominent Boston Architect, Nathaniel Bradlee as a winter home.

Then we will learn about the history of Longwood by taking a guided walking tour of the Longwood Historic District conducted by the historian of the Longwood Historic Society, Jason Byrne.

At the conclusion of the event, we will all drive down S. Ronald Reagan Blvd. to Altamonte Springs for a delicious lunch at Bubbalou's Bodacious BBQ.

***RSVP is necessary if you plan to attend this event
Contact Tom Redditt at tredditt@mac.com***



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" <https://www.lakeridgewinery.com/> live music; Hosts-Sharon and Allen Wyman

June 22nd Saturday: Longwood Mansion/Museum Tour; Host-Tom Redditt. Begins 9:30 Drive, Tour and Lunch

July: Date/Time TBD a visit to Morse Museum <https://morsemuseum.org/>; 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 <https://www.leugardens.org/> lunch TBD; Host-Jim Young

October 19-20: 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 9th Saturday 12PM-4PM: Founders Picnic, at the park of Quail Hollow on the River Deland; 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 <https://www.richloamstore.com/> ending at The Friar Tuck British restaurant in Clermont <https://thefriartuck.com/> for lunch; Hosts-TDB

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

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

April 24-27: 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.



Other Events of Interest

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 <http://www.grandprixfestival.com/>

Reinout's MGs in the Post



This post card, from my Dutch MG friend and postcard collector, Karel, with a J2 with license plate KJ9231 comes from the village of Crich, about 65 miles South of Leeds in Derbyshire. Crich is home to the National Tramway Museum in the Crich Tramway Village. The postcard, of unknown date, shows two more MGs behind the tram. Could they be a swept wing J or P and maybe an M-Type?

Club Happenings

Photo by Lonnie Cooke. Winner's list from Scott Buie

GOF South 2024



Your Winner's Circle!

l-r 1966 1100 Glen & Gail Lenhard, 1954 TF Ann Plasschaert, 1980 MGB Barrie Carson and Lorraine Spicer, 1947 YA George & Elyn Pardee, 1974 MGB Michael & Darlene Patterson, 1978 MGB Fred & Geri Groenert, 1949 TC Ben Gilbert Sr&Jr.



Will Bowden Award Winner

Lonnie Cook (center) receiving the award from George Pardee (award creator) and Mark Tidwell (club president)



Club Happenings

GOF South 2024 Awards

Tops in class by category:

Best in Show: 1949 TC Ben Gilbert Sr&Jr

1st Timers - 1949 TC Ben Gilbert Sr&Jr, 1949 TC Glen & Jill Moore,
1952 TD Neil Nelson

TC - 1949 TC Glen & Jill Moore, 1949 TC Ben Gilbert Sr&Jr
1946 TC Skip & Claudette Lenz

TD - 1952 TD Neil Nelson, 1952 TS George & Kelli Butz
1951 TD Bruce Sedelmeyer

TF - 1954 TF Ann Plasschaert, 1955 Bill & Linda Dixon
1954 TF Paul & Caroline Whitehouse

MGA - 1958 MGA Roger Hartman, 1961 MGA Peter & Priscilla
Holbrook, 1961 MGA Jeff Plasschaert

MGB (Chrome) - 1974 MGB Michael & Darlene Patterson, 1965 MGB Ted &
Marilyn Badger, 1970 MGB Marshall Fleury & Susan Kimmel

MGB (Rubber) - 1980 MGB Barrie Carson & Lorraine Spicer, 1978 MGB
Michael & Patti Deck, 1977 MGB Allen & Sharon Wyman

MGB GT - 1967 MGB GT SE Dave & Rita Houser, 1974 MGB GT
Carl & Barbara Tierney

MGC - 1969 MGC Fred Mannering,
1969 MGC GT Ronald & Michelle Edwards

Midget - 1979 Midget Paul & Judy Stedman,
1979 Midget Kathy Albers & Chuck Warde

Modified/V8 - 1978 MGB Fred & Geri Groenert,
1961 MGA Thomas Lempicke & Carol Lempicke

Sedan/Variant - 1966 1100 Glenn & Gail Lenhard,
1996 MG F Kenneth & Deanna DeLeeuw

Pre-War - 1931 M Type Reinout & Henneke Vogt
1930 M Type James & Alice Hester

Premier - 1947 YA George & Elyn Pardee, 1946 TC Mark & Ellen
Tidwell, 1957 MGA Coupe Jill & Glen Moore



Central Florida All British Car Show by Glen Moore

Henry's Depot, Sanford

Beautiful, clear, cool weather created wonderful conditions for enjoying interesting British cars, sharing time with friends, and making many new acquaintances. Henry's Depot had ample parking area for the over 200 cars that participated in the show and provided a great benefit of having multiple choices of restaurants for food and drink only a few steps away from your car. Every aspect came together perfectly for a great event.

The theme for the 39th annual event was the celebration of the 100th year since MG production began.

Gary Thomas created a colorful artwork for the celebration with an MGTA Tickford, an MGA, and an MGB prominent. The t-shirts included with registration will be a collectors item. Many thanks to all the members of the British Car Club of Central Florida for their time and effort to make the All British Car Show happen.

Of course, MGs made up a large part of the show with 45 MGs entered.

Judging results and photos provide the details.

Best of Show – MGTC, Mark Tidwell

MGTC – 1st Mark Tidwell

MGTD – 1st Angelo Gaziano, 2nd Mike McCormick, 3rd Steve Bradley

MGTF – 1st Jo Ann Cook, 2nd Ian Massey

MGA – 1st Randall Cohen, 2nd Jill & Glen Moore, 3rd Jeff Corenblum

MGB Chrome – 1st Mack Buring, 2nd Michael Patterson, 3rd Keith Kramer

MGB Rubber – 1st Andrew Ansley, 2nd John Powling, 3rd Jim Carino

MGB GT – 1st Doug Rothwell, 2nd Gary Cardamane, 3rd Carl Tierney

Best of Show
Mark Tidwell's
1947 MG TC



Central Florida All British Car Show continued



A nice field of MG TDs and TFs participated in the show

Florida MG Car Club's All European Car Show

Adding to a very busy month for car shows was the All European hosted by the Florida MG Car Club of Melbourne (postponed from February). As one would expect, being the 100th anniversary of MG, it was the featured Marque of the event. MGs were well represented, with a majority of the show's car classes being MG types. A few of our own CMGC members were participants.

Held at the American Muscle Car Museum, there was ample space for all the show vehicles outside, and if needing a break from the sun, a visit inside the venue you would find air-conditioned comfort and hundreds of muscle cars on display. Some of those cars never used and others actually raced.



Inside the museum, a track-proven Ford GT surrounded by more GTs that were never driven.

Florida MG Car Club's All European Car Show



Gary Thomas, the local artist known for his many British Car Show poster creations, takes time with his wife Sylvia to cool off in the museum.



Bob Sieck, CMGC member since 1965, and Glen Moore take time to catch up with each other as they stand by their 54 TF and 49 TC.

Florida MG Car Club's All European Car Show



Dan Lanier stands by his pre-war supercharged 1933 MG J2 Midget. This Road America veteran duo was a sight for MG fans to behold. Wishing Dan safe travels as he makes his annual pilgrimage back to County Kerry, Ireland.

From Under the Bonnett

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Thank You, and Onward Together

We sincerely thank you for your unwavering support over the years. This exciting merger signifies our dedication to being your partner, not just today, but for years to come. Together, we'll ensure a thriving future for car enthusiasts everywhere.



If you have a tip, send it to the editor editor.cmgc@gmail.com



Classy Finds

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



Classy Finds

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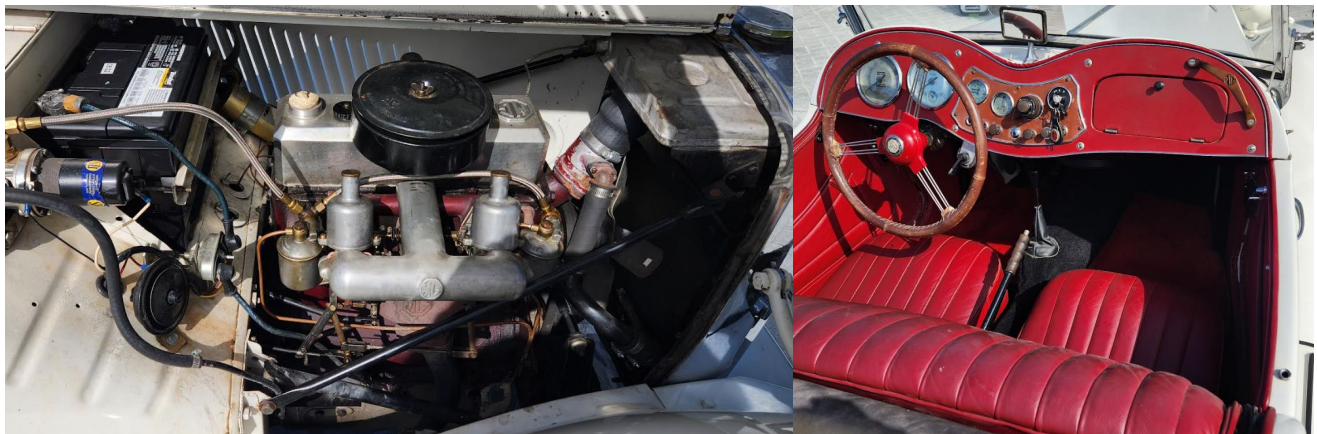
1952 MG TD



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



Classy Finds

Aka classifieds

1951 MG TD



The owner, Dave Smithson, says "It is a true survivor still has original paint. I'm the 2nd owner and have replaced most of the important things."

There are additional new parts that go with the car, which is located in Clermont, FL

\$16,800 obo
Call 407-990-0432



Classy Finds

Aka classifieds

1977 MGB



The owner, Doug McKinney, says "It has 1621 miles on a rebuilt engine."

The car is unpriced at this time.

Please contact him if you are interested

Call 614-802-7100

doug.mckinney10@gmail.com





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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: <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.

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Fighting hunger. feeding hope.

This month's end shot shows the beginning of the GOF South 2024 car show. You see Dan & Judy Duran in their 1954 MG TF waiting with others to access the show field on Saturday morning. It was the beginning of an eventful day, which culminated in that evening's award dinner.

See you next month when there'll be a ton more GOF to see!

Keith

Do you have an end shot? editor.cmgc@gmail.com

