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Great Weather, Great Food, Great People, Great Cars
An enjoyable Founders Picnic for many, many reasons.











Presidential Thoughts



Hello Members,
We've had some fantastic driving weather lately, which made for a perfect drive for Daniel and myself out to the Founders Picnic.
It was great to see so many members out enjoying the crisp air and bringing their MGs along!

A big thank you to Keith and Tracey for putting on such a wonderful event. The food was absolutely top-notch.

I also want to extend my personal thanks to Mark Tidwell for stepping in to chair our last meeting. I was under the weather for a few days and wanted to make sure I didn't pass anything along to the group. I appreciate Mark seamlessly taking the wheel.

Looking ahead, we have a couple more great driving events on the horizon: our drive to the Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science coming up in November, followed by the festive Tour of Lights in December.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **November:** We will meet at Grills on **Tuesday, November 17th**.
- **December:** No monthly meeting (enjoy the holiday driving!).
- **January Look-Ahead:** We are planning to kick off the new year at Gator's Dockside in Tuskawilla (Winter Springs) for our Thursday night monthly meetings. Stay tuned for more details on that transition!

Hope to see you all there!

Safety Fast,
Jim Young
President, Classic MG Club of Orlando

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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 7:09PM Tuesday October 20, 2026.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Dodie Beach advised our bank balance has not changed since last month and we have sufficient funds in the bank at this time to run the club.

New member introductions: There were no new members present

Old Business:

- **Review of our club activities:**
  (Overnighter event) Ellen Tidwell reported that the September 19-20 trip to Winter Haven was a very successful, well-attended event and the water ski show was enjoyable. After the clearing of some late afternoon thunder showers, the ski show went on as scheduled. Many young people and professional adults participated using costumes that made it a very entertaining show loved by all. Another enjoyment was those driving their MGs not encountering breakdowns or problems along the way.
  (Founders picnic) Our October 18 picnic was a great success with 35 attendees and 14 MG cars. The fall weather was beautiful and rain free and everyone enjoyed the tasty dishes brought by the attendees. Special thanks to Keith and Tracey Waggoner for the beautiful location and wonderful smoked and fried chicken.
- **New club meeting location:** The Gator's Dockside on Red Bug Lake Rd in Winter Springs is a potential location being considered for next year.

New business: No new business was discussed.

Announcements:

- November's club outing is set for November 14th. Bob Moore is hosting the event which includes a morning meetup, drive to the Brevard Museum of History in Cocoa Beach and lunch to follow.

- December's club event is our tour of lights and it's set for December 17th. Brad and Rebekkah Parlee are hosting the event will begin about 5 PM at the Winter Park Racquet Club. After the tour, dinner will be in the club house.

- National Literacy week: Lawton Chiles Elementary school of Orlando is hosting an event the week of January 25-29 for National Literacy Week. One of those days will be selected to have vintage cars attend the school to expose the students to vintage automobiles. The exact date will be disclosed in a future newsletter but keep these dates in mind if you would be willing to show your car at this one-day event. The cars just need to be vintage but not necessarily MGs.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.



Club members out-and-about! Unsure who took this aerial picture of the recent Brit car show in Hiawassee Georgia, but I'm sure the YA in the middle of it belongs to none other than our own George Pardee.

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

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

December

12/17 Thursday Christmas Lights Drive and Dinner, Winter Park Racquet Club
2111 Vía Tuscany Winter Park
5:00PM Meet Down by the Lake
6:15PM Drive begins
7:15PM Dinner begins
Hosts: Rebekkah and Brad Parlee
***** More info on the following pages *****

Note: No December Club Meeting!

January

01/21 Thursday Club Meeting, tentative location Gator's Dockside,
5275 Red Bug Lake Rd, Winter Springs
6:30PM Drinks, ordering food or tire kicking.
7:00PM Monthly Club Meeting Begins

01/30 Saturday **North/South Picnic, Lake Idamere Park**
12335 County Rd 448, Tavares
Hosts: John and Sharon Spadaro
Note: Our MG-T club friends from up North are returning after a few years absence
***** More info to come next month *****

November's Upcoming Club Event

Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science



Saturday, November 14th
Hosted by Bob Moore
RSVP-By 11/07/2026 407.790.9570 or moore7916@gmail.com

8:00 AM Breakfast — Town House Restaurant
9:00 AM Meet at restaurant for those skipping breakfast
9:15 AM Depart Town House Restaurant
En route McDonald's — restroom & coffee break
Stop 1 Brevard Museum of History & Natural Science
Stop 2 Pier 220 Seafood & Grill — confirm destination
Stop 3 Haulover Canal — regroup & look for manatees
Final Destination Osteen, this concludes our drive ….

Be safe on your way home.

Review the next page for detailed driving directions!

STARTING POINT: TOWN HOUSE RESTAURANT
Town House Restaurant 139 N. Central Avenue Oviedo, FL 32765
8:00 AM — Breakfast at Town House Restaurant
For those who do not want to meet for breakfast:
9:00 AM — Meet at the Town House Restaurant parking lot.
9:15 AM — Depart for the Brevard Museum Please be ready to leave by 9:15
1. Leave the Town House Restaurant and turn right on N. Central Avenue to the traffic light.
2. Turn left onto SR 419 and continue approximately 6 miles to Lake Mills Road.
3. Turn left onto Lake Mills Road and continue approximately 1 mile to Fort Christmas Road.
4. Turn right onto Fort Christmas Road and continue approximately 15 miles to US 50.
5. Turn left onto US 50 and continue approximately ¼ mile to Taylor Creek Road.
6. Turn right onto Taylor Creek Rd and continue approximately 10 m to SR 520.
7. Turn left onto SR 520, go approximately 15 miles to McDonalds at I-95.
8. Turn right into McDonald's at the intersection of SR 520 and I-95.
Take a short restroom and coffee break before continuing.
9. Return to SR 520 and continue approximately 1.5 miles to Range Road.
10. Turn left onto Range Road, which becomes Michigan Avenue. Continue approximately 4.1 miles.
11. Turn right into the Brevard Museum parking lot.
– on to lunch!
1. Leave the museum and turn right onto Michigan Avenue.
Continue approximately 5 miles to US 1.
2. Turn left onto US 1 and continue approximately 21 miles to FL-406 / Garden Street in Titusville.
3. Turn right onto Max Brewer Parkway and continue approximately ½ mile.
4. Turn left into Sand Point Park and then right toward the parking area at the end of the pier. You've arrived at Pier 220 Seafood & Grill

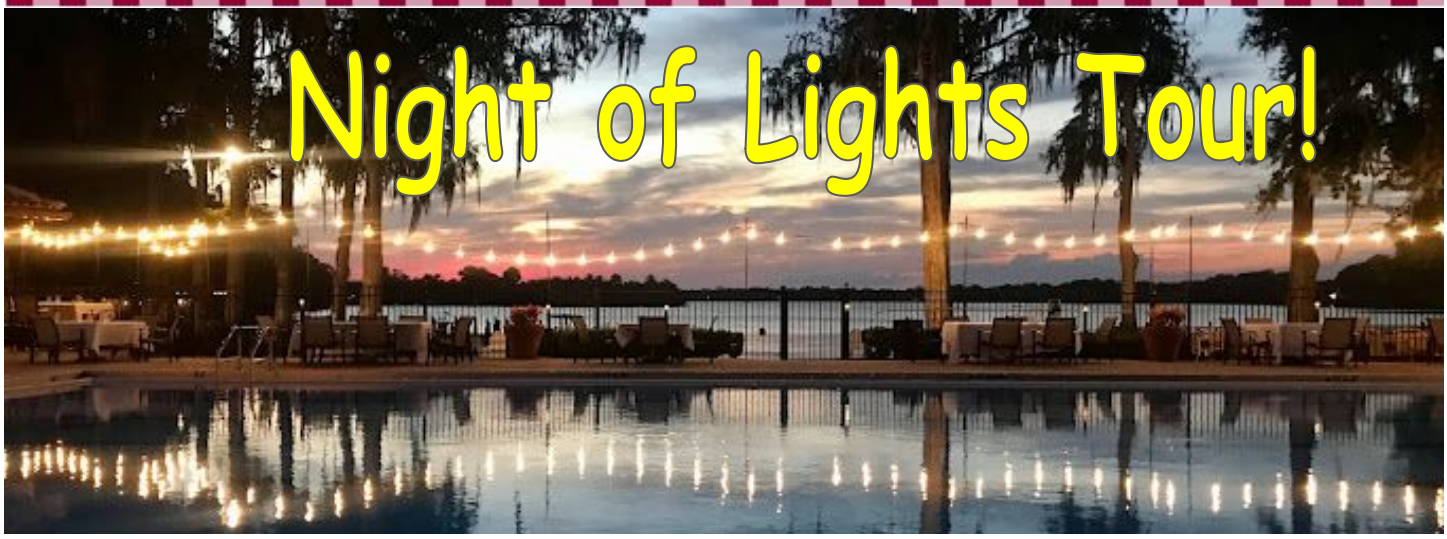
- Haulover Canal:

1. Leave the parking area and turn left onto Highway 406 / Max Brewer Parkway.
Continue approximately 3 miles to the fork in the road.
2. At the fork, bear left onto SR 406 / Titusville Road.
Continue approximately 4 miles to the next fork. 3. At the fork, bear left onto SR 3 / Courtenay Parkway. Continue approximately 12 miles to Haulover Canal.

- Home:

1. Continue on SR 3 / Courtenay Parkway toward US 1 for approximately 8 miles.
2. Turn left onto US 1 toward Maytown Road. Continue approximately 3 miles.
3. Turn onto Maytown Road and follow the road approximately 20 miles to Osteen.

December's Upcoming Club Event



Join in the fun!
Thursday, December 17th starts at 5:00PM

Winter Park Racquet Club
2111 Vía Tuscany
Winter Park, FL 32789

Brad and Rebekkah Parlee host this year's night of lights tour.

Meet at the Winter Park racquet club at around 5:00 PM
Gather by the boat ramp - at the back right of the property.

Have some cider, snacks and tire kicking down by the lakeside.
Take some pictures at sunset.

Start the tour around 6:15pm.
Return to the club around 7:15 PM.

Have a sit-down dinner ordering from the menu.

Charges at the racquet club should be settled with a credit card.

RSVP to BParlee@cfl.rr.com



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 Fr[illegible]ki Show; Eat at local restaurant; Hosts-Ellen and Mark Tidwell
Oct 18th Noon-4	Founders Picnic: Deland; Hosts-Tracey and Keith Wag[illegible]ner
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 5:00	Tour of Lights: Racquet Club of Winter Park; Hosts-Rebekkah and Brad Parlee

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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

Club Activities

The Founders Picnic: A delightful day

Your Founders Picnic could not have been better for those who were able to make it. Some others had every intention of going, but came upon some unfortunate setbacks and we missed them. The weather was delightful for the drive to Deland and the food just as satisfying once the feeding frenzy began. A big thanks to everyone for their side dish contributions. We've learned that even though fried chicken is the main entree, many of the sides steal the show and fill the plates. Looking at the pictures, I noticed all the smiling people. Well done!









Picnic continued...









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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.

This month's End Shot…

This photo was was taken at the Amelia Concours Kickoff by Kat Kurkov who is known for documenting prominent luxury and vintage automotive events. She thought enough of this 1949 TC to snap a shot of it. It just so happens to belong to our own Glen and Jill Moore. If you look closely you can see them inside.



See you next month

Keith