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President's Thoughts

Keith Waggoner has volunteered to be our Newsletter Editor. Thank you, Keith!

We had another great meeting at the Nauti Lobstah in Apopka. We will meet there again on June 15th. Our monthly event will be a visit to the Black Hammock Fish Camp in Oviedo on the 17th.



Ellen Tidwell had 18 of us on the Scenic Boat Tour of Winter Park and more folks joined us at Tibby's for lunch. It was a great success. Thanks, Ellen!

As you know our club is all volunteers; without them there would not be a club. Lonnie is busy with our 60th anniversary patches and a mailing to all our members which will include a sticker version of the patch and a brief questionnaire. We hope to find people who are still interested in the club, perhaps some who have moved away or who are no longer interested in being on the email list. Lonnie has taken on several of these projects over the years. His main job has been welcoming new members. He will be leaving that position in August. If you are interested in taking over that part (no special projects), please get in touch with Lonnie.

Thanks again Keith. I can't say I wasn't worried about finding a new Editor, because I was.



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Meeting Minutes



Submitted by Tom Reddit

Meeting Held May 18, 2023 at the Nauti Lobstah Restaurant in Apopka, FL

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Treasurer's report: The club has approximately \$12,500 in the bank account.

New member introductions: Keith and Tracey Waggoner who live in Deland. They own a 1979 MG limited edition.

Old business:

GOF South event by the Jacksonville MG Club: Everyone had a great time and it was a big success. Patrick Raley reported that Glen Moore was responsible for coordinating the partnership with NAMGAR to make it a dual event. There were many MGAs there as well as other types of MGs. One of the featured cars was the 100,000th MGA which was restored with the original factory gold paint job as it was originally produced in the spring of 1962. It was also announced that the GOF Central will be held June 20-23, 2023 in South Bend Indiana.

Positions available: There are two club positions that are being vacated that need to be filled.

Glen Moore has stepped down as club newsletter manager and Lonnie Cook will be stepping down in August from his position as membership manager.

We need new members to please step up and volunteer to take over these important positions to keep the club running efficiently. If interested please contact Jim McSweeney or Dodie Beach directly.

60th Anniversary of the CMGC of Orlando: Lonnie Cook is getting stickers and iron on patches made to commemorate this event. He plans to order 400 stickers and 200 patches and the cost will be about \$7.00 to purchase them.

Boat Tour and lunch: The monthly club outing will be at Winter Park chain of lakes boat tour held Saturday, May 20, 2023. Meet at the boat dock at 9:15 AM and park on the street where you can. Cost is \$16 cash only. After the boat tour we will meet for lunch at Tibby's Restaurant on Aloma Ave in Winter Park.

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New Business:

Update on our GOF 2024: We are tentatively planning on having this event in Crystal River, Fl at the Plantation Resort. This is not official yet, but Scott Buie is working to hopefully finalize things soon. Details will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

Member Jim Young advised that he and his two sons, Daniel and A.J. will be attending Motor trend's 29th Annual Hot Rod Power Tour with his MGB. This tour is more than just a traveling car show—it's the largest hot rod road trip in the world. Classic cars and hot rods travel city to city, over 1,300 miles.

The 29th annual [HOT ROD Power Tour](#) Driven by Continental Tire kicks off at Atlanta Motor Speedway and will wind its way north through the Carolinas before concluding at Tennessee's Bristol Motor Speedway. It is regarded as the largest traveling car show, with 6,000 cars and trucks from all generations and tens of thousands of fans participating over a five-day road trip. Making this year's event more special is the celebration of HOT ROD's 75th Anniversary.

The Power Tour kicks off June 12, 2023, at Atlanta Motor Speedway before the group heads to the South Carolina Fairgrounds in Columbia, South Carolina. The tour spends hump day at the famed Rockingham Speedway in the city that bears the same name in North Carolina. The fourth day will be packed with excitement, as Power Tour takes over the legendary zMAX Dragway in Concord, North Carolina. The finale, on Friday, June 16, 2023, will take place at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tennessee. Each stop will celebrate all things HOT ROD and include many activities such as drag racing, autocross, and other live entertainment.

It was announced that long time CMGC member Tony Geraci passed away. Tony's wife Marcia won't be having any service (Tony's wishes) and said Tony would like us to donate to the American Lung Association in lieu of flowers.

The Classic MG Club of Orlando will make a \$100 donation to the American Lung Association in memory of Tony at <https://www.lung.org>. Individual members who wish to make a donation in his memory can do so at on this website. Lonnie Cook has posted a nice tribute to our good friend Tony, pictures from other members, and a link to Tony's formal obituary at the Classic MG Club, Florida public group on Facebook.

Our next meeting will be June 15.

The event for June will be lunch at the Black Hammock Fish Camp in Oviedo on June 17.





Just in case you missed it

NEW REGISTRAR URGENTLY NEEDED

Hello club members. I am the club's Registrar, and I will resign on the first of August, that's only sixty days from now.

Here are the qualifications needed

- ◇ Dedication and initiative
- ◇ Communication skills
- ◇ Microsoft Excel

Contact me anytime to discuss.

Lonnie Cook

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MG Calendar of Events

June

- 6/15 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S. Forest Ave, Apopka
6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm
- 6/12-16 **NAMGAR GT 48**, Memphis, TN, Memphis Hilton, [info](#), [registration](#)
- 6/17 **Lunch at Black Hammock Fish Camp**, Jim McSweeney
2316 Black Hammock Fish Camp Road, Oviedo
- 6/20-23 **GOF Central**, South Bend, IN, Embassy Suites, [GOF2023.com](#)

July

- 7/20 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka
6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm
- 7/22 **Brunch and Annual Dart Tournament** at Fiddler's Green Irish Pub
544 W. Fairbanks Ave, Winter Park, Jim McSweeney and Dodie Beach

August

- 8/17 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka
6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm
- 8/19 **Lunch at Hollerbach's German Restaurant**
201-205 E 1st St, Sanford, Dodie Beach

September

- 9/1-4 **MG 100th Anniversary Festival and Race**
Lime Rock Park, CT
- 9/21 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka
6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm
- 9/23 **Oakland Nature Preserve**, 747 Machette Trail, Oakland, Mike and Carol McCormick
10:00 am, meet at Preserve for a tour of the plants and animals and Education Lodge
www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org
11:30 am, 10 minute to Hagan O'Reilly's Irish Pub, 16112 Marsh Rd. Winter Garden
www.haganoreillysirishpub.com

October

- 10/6-8 **23rd FSMGCC Jamboree** ****Hosted by Florida Suncoast MG Car Club****
Bethany Retreat Conference Center Lutz, Florida
Trip is an over-nighter!! Need someone to lead this event
- 10/19 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka
6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm



MG Calendar of Events

Still in the planning stage:

Saturday, Nov 18

Seeking Fall Picnic location to replace Flankey Picnic as Kerry Flankey has sold the family farm. (George Pardee and possibly George Butz??)

Thursday, Dec 21

Brad and Rebekkah Parlee, who are hosting the event for a drive around the Maitland/Winter Park area from their home in Maitland on Thursday, Dec 21st in lieu of a Club meeting. A dinner at a local restaurant will follow the tour.

Sat/Sun, Jan 20/21

Overnighter with a stop at Bok Tower and then on to Avon Park. (George and Ellen Pardee)

Saturday, Feb 17

Indian River drive with a stop at Goodrich Seafood and Oyster House, 253 River Road, Oak Hill 32759
(Bob and Pat Moore)

March?

2 events...unknown dates...Nehrling Gardens different tour (Carol Raley) and St. Pat's Planning Party (Carol and Mike McCormick's house with Kathy Cook)

April 2024 GOF South

We certainly have a busy year planned. Generally, we plan on the club event to be the Saturday after the club meeting, with the meetings held on the third Thursday. John Spadaro can give us updates on whether the North will meet with the South again, so we did not put this in the schedule.

We also hope to plan a tech session with a date to be determined. This can be a subject discussed at our next club meeting.

All events, of course, are subject to change.

In planning, we try to coordinate based on the weather and distance. If something falls through the following could be substituted this year, and definitely are things to consider for next year.

Other suggestions for the future include:

Polasek Museum

Casadega

Manello Museum

Leu Gardens

St John's River ship with lunch

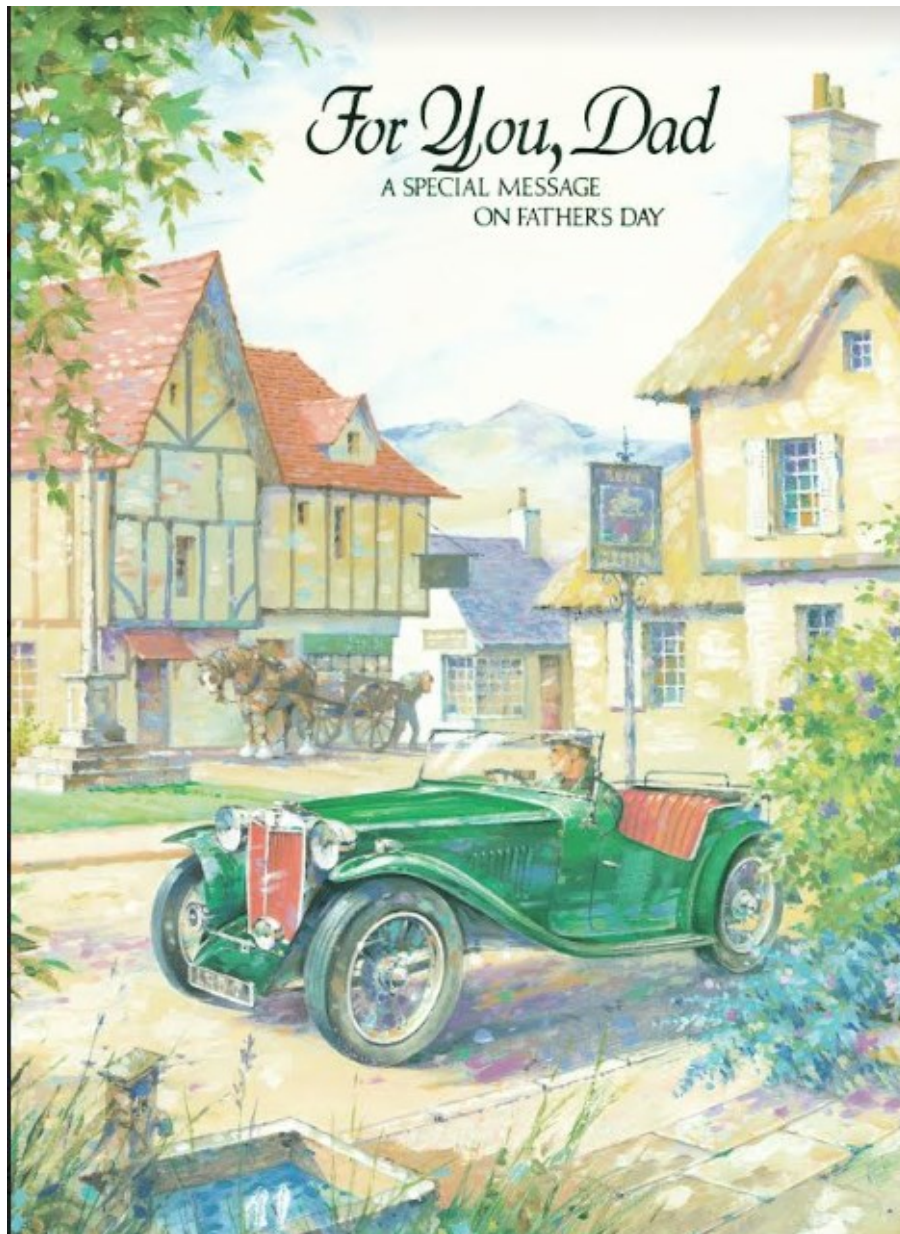
Longwood guided tour of Historic district and Bradlee McIntyre House

Lakeridge Winery and music

Crappy Bills Lakefront Restaurant



A father's day card from Reinout



This card is one of the oldest in my collection. So old that I don't even remember where and when I found it. But I was in a card shop in England that it caught my eye. Mainly because it measures about 8.5 x 11.5 inches. It is huge!




The card, designed by Arthur Duff and copyrighted to Simon Elvin, shows a TC, maybe with dad behind the wheel, in a typical English setting.



GOF CENTRAL

*Gathering of the Faithful
Celebrating 100 years of MG Sports Cars
South Bend, IN June 20 - 23, 2023*



The *Olde Octagons of Indiana* and *Hoosier MGs* present another great  event for you. GOF Central combines special friends, activities, and food for an  centenary birthday party to remember! The Embassy Suites in South Bend, Indiana is the guest hotel and headquarters for GOF Central. All s and enthusiasts are invited!

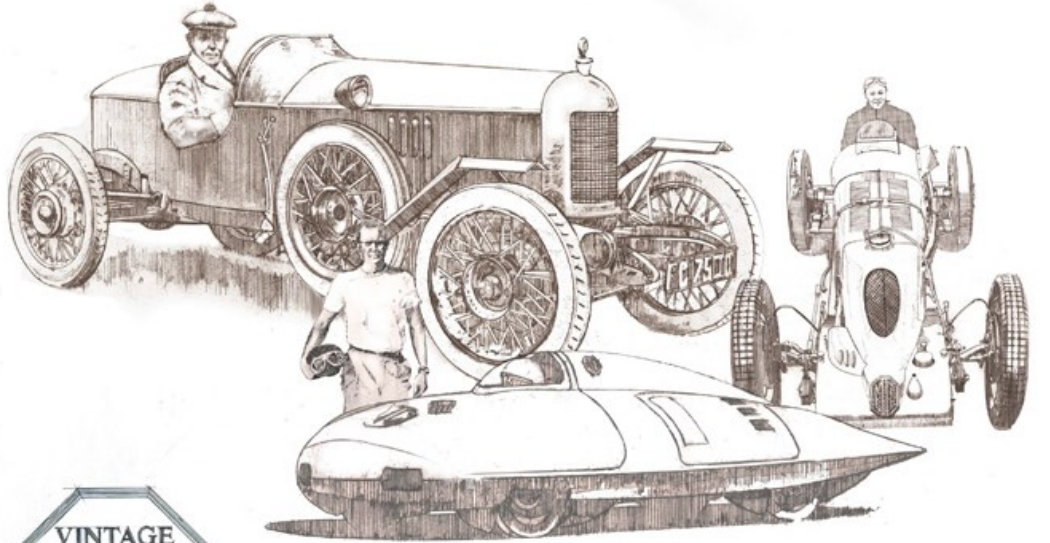
For details and to register, visit GOF2023.com.
Be sure to watch the video!





LIME ROCK CELEBRATES MG'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER 1-4 2023



Safety fast!

Ben Abing



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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The ending shot this month is the new editor's black 79 MGB Limited Edition. Having limited time and new publishing tools, I found myself challenged inserting this image with a distant mountain to climb. It's certainly how I feel when thinking about the task ahead trying to fill the editor shoes of Glen Moore.

This is the first newsletter from your new editor, Keith Waggoner. Trying newsletter editing and publishing for the first time.

