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## Presidential Thoughts

I'm happy the days have cooled some and winter is ahead. It was a long hot summer. The weather has been much better for exercising the TC. The Founders Picnic was great. The food was tasty, the company was better. Thanks so much to the Waggoners for hosting.



2024 is winding down. Saturday, a few of the members went to Cars and Coffee in Winter Garden. We were well represented with our TC, Scott Buie's TF, John Avallone's B, and Bob Moore's B. We had the oldest cars and we had quite a bit of interest in them. It's good to have the MGs displayed with all the other cars. We had beautiful weather and enjoyed the show.

We discussed that the next show we'll try to make will be in Longwood. We have one more event, the Christmas light parade. Please decorate your MG if you want to enter the most festive MG contest. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I wish you a Merry Christmas!

See you down the road!  
Mark Tidwell



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Classic MG Club of Orlando

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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](http://NAMGAR.com) ✓  
Nat'l Meeting: GT-49 Welches, OR Jul 15-19  
Local Contact: Jill Moore



Their Website: [NAMGBR.org](http://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:** Bahama Breeze, Altamonte Springs, FL.

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mark Tidwell at 7:04 PM

**Treasurer's report:**

Dodie Beach did not attend the meeting so no treasurer's report was given.

**Old business:**

- 2026 GOF:
  - Possible locations for the 2026 GOF are currently under review and consideration by the 2026 GOF location procurement committee.
  - The following positions that are filled and not filled:
    1. Committee Chairperson – NEEDED
    2. Location procurement – Mark Tidwell, Scott Buie, Tom Redditt
    3. Hospitality Committee – Sharon Spadaro and Sharon Wayman
    4. Art / Marketing – NEEDED
    5. Information Technology – Scott Buie
    6. Parking – NEEDED
- Other positions:
  1. Club Registrar – John Avallone has agreed to continue with this position

**New Business:**

- No club meeting in December as we are having the Christmas Tour of Lights dinner instead..

**Announcements:**

- Christmas Tour of Lights event: This event will be held on December 19, 2024. Meet at the Winter Park racquet club at around 5:15 PM. Gather down by the boat ramp - to the right at the back 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. There will also be a contest for best Christmas decorated MG. PLEASE NOTE: MUST RSVP to BParlee@cfl.rr.com

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# Meeting Minutes continued

## Announcements: continued

- Drive to Richloam General Store in Webster, Fl. Event: This event will be held on January 18, 2025 and is hosted by Mark and Ellen Tidwell. Details TBD and will be forthcoming.
- Pop Up Event: Roar at 24 event – January 19, 2025- Daytona International Speedway. This is the practice run for the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona main event.

## Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

## Reinout's in the post



*Abingdon - Past and Present is the title of this holiday card, from my collection, with Santa knocking at the door of the Kimber House, home of the MG Car Club, and the old administrative building of the MG Car Company in the background. The MGs are a TD and a MGC GT. The painting is by Alwyn Morgan and the card was produced by the MG Car Club in England with the proceeds going to the "MG Car Club Building Appeal"*





# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## December

**12/19 Tour of Lights**, Hosts-Rebekkah and Brad Parlee

5:15PM: Meet at the Winter Park Racquet Club

2111 Via Tuscany Winter Park, FL 32789

*More details can be found later in this newsletter*

**\*\*\* Please note there will be no Club Meeting in December \*\*\***

## January

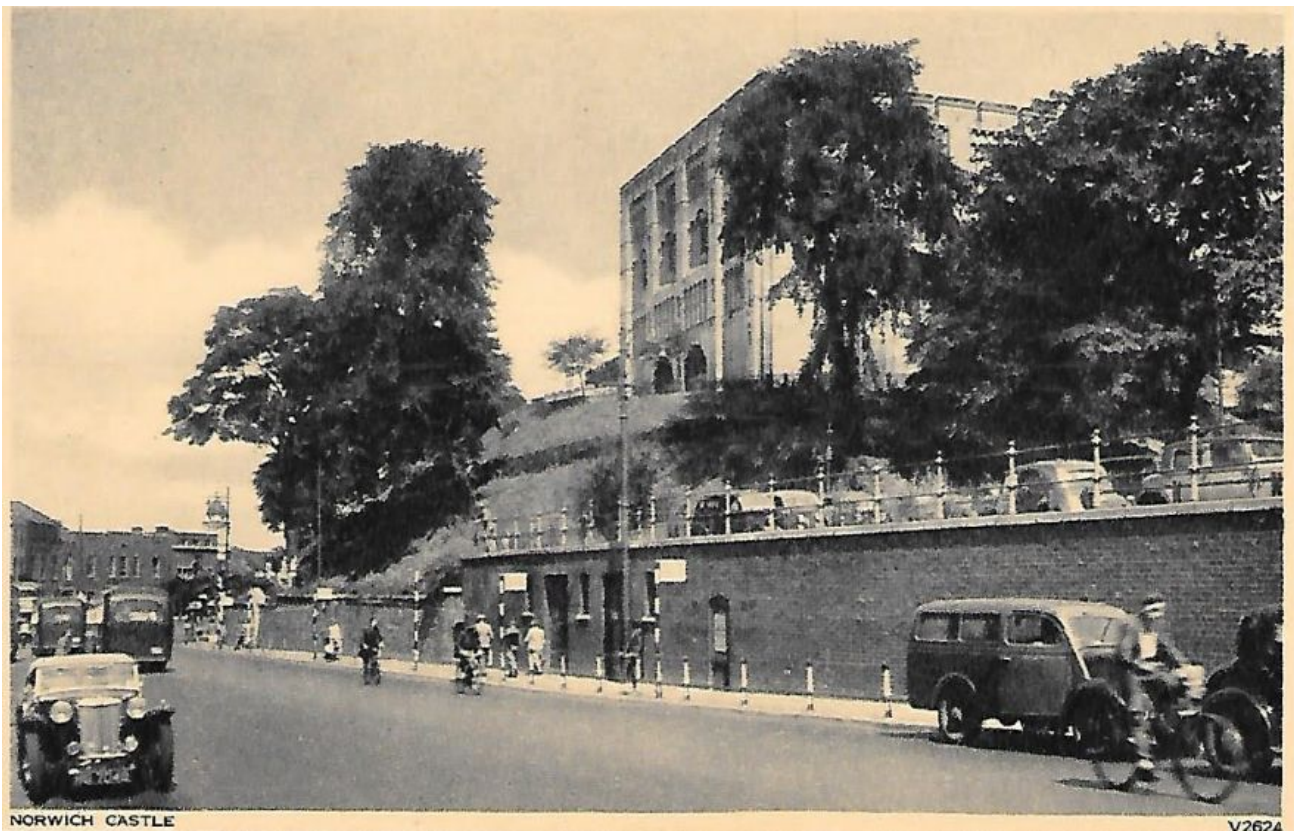
**01/16 Club Meeting at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka**

6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm

**01/18 Drive from Clermont**, Hosts-Mark and Ellen Tidwell

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.



The postcard from Karel comes from Norwich in Norfolk County, Northeast of London. A MG TC is on the left.



# December's Upcoming Event



**"They illuminate the meaning of the season"**

**Join in the fun!**  
**Thursday, December 19th starts at 5:15PM**

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

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

Meet at the Winter Park racquet club at around 5:15 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](mailto:BParlee@cfl.rr.com)





## January's Upcoming Event



**"Drive back in time to 1928"**

**Join in the fun!**  
**Saturday, January 18th starts at 10:00AM**

Circle K  
17503 W. Colonial  
Oakland, FL 34787

Or for folks from the northern side:  
Meet at 10:30AM  
RaceTrac  
404 US Hwy 27  
Clermont, FL 34715

Your hosts; Mark and Ellen Tidwell.  
A drive out Hwy 50 past Groveland to Richloam,  
then on to eat at a British/Irish pub and back toward home.  
A nice day's work for your MG



# 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 20th Saturday 9:30AM a visit to Morse Museum <https://morsemuseum.org/>; Hosts JoAnn and Lonnie Cook

August 24th Saturday: Airboat; Hosts-Marcia and Scott Buie  
8:00AM Breakfast in Tavares;  
9:00AM Drive to Lake Panasoffkee for airboat ride;

September 21st Saturday: a visit Harry P. Leu Gardens; <https://www.leugardens.org/> lunch 1:00PM; Host-Jim Young

October 19-20: 2 Day Overnighter excursion to Micanopy; lunch at Yearling restaurant, Rawlings State Park, stay at Equus Inn in Ocala, shop Micanopy, drive home possible stop for lunch/dinner; Hosts-Ellen and Mark Tidwell, with Tom Redditt

November 10th, Sunday 12PM-4PM: Founders Picnic; at the park of Quail Hollow on the River Deland; Hosts Tracey and Keith Waggoner

December 19th Thursday: Tour of Lights;  
Hosts- Rebekkah and Brad Parlee

## 2025

January 18th: 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-Mark and Ellen Tidwell

February 15th: 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.





# Club Happenings

## Founders Picnic

*Hosted by Keith and Tracey Waggoner*

For the 2nd year, the Founders Picnic was held in DeLand at a community park on the St Johns River bank and was deemed a success, even though the British-like weather made its showing. A nice mix of MG and other British cars braved the wet conditions and added a nice ambiance to the day.



Our friends from the Jacksonville club made the trip. Ian and Paula Massey with Bruce and Roberta Sedelmeyer.





# Club Happenings

## Founders Picnic *continued*



The club sprang for the fried chicken and everyone brought sides to share. Here's Jim Young and family overlooking the offerings.



Inside or the screened porch, food, conversation and good times were had.



# Club Happenings

## Founders Picnic *continued*



The rain stopped and sun peeked out in time for a few to enjoy the food outside on the picnic tables.



And what's a gathering of MG owners without tire kicking and storytelling? The weather broke for that as well.

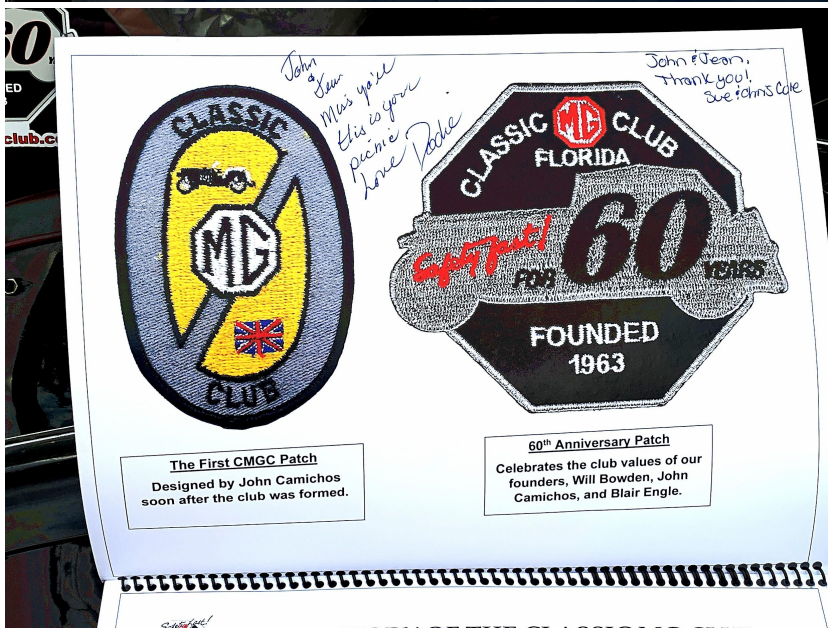




# Club Happenings

## Founders Picnic *continued*

**Thank You, John Camichos!** Just before lunch, Lonnie Cook took some time to introduce his thank you card that he created to honor one of our founders, John Camichos. Lonnie asked the attendees to sign the card. And since John was unable to attend the picnic, Lonnie presented it to John later that day at his home. Below are a couple pictures of the signed card as well as a link to view the entire card.



[View the card](#)





# Club Happenings

## Pop-up Cars and Coffee

Several members of the Classic MG Club of Orlando attended the Winter Garden Cars and Coffee Event held on Saturday, November 23, 2024. Mark and Ellen Tidwell's TC and Scott Buie's TF drew the most attention from the participants and the crowd. Dos Alas Latin Coffee truck was present and provided a free delicious coffee which was welcome on a brisk morning. For those of you not familiar with Cars and Coffee, it is a group of car enthusiasts who gather once a month on a Saturday to show their cars.





## SAVE THE DATES FOR “CARS IN PARADISE”



**WHEN?** November 7 – 9, 2025

**WHERE?** The Plantation Resort on Crystal River  
9301 West Fort Island Trail,  
Crystal River, FL 34429

**CONTACT:** Gail Lenhard, 727-452-1752 (text)  
gpl54@yahoo.com

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club invites all British Car Enthusiasts to join us for a fun-filled weekend. There will be a Raffle, 50/50, an auction, driving tours, tech sessions, and of course, a car show. You do not need to have a British car to enjoy the fun. Hope to see you there!



For reservations:  
1-800-632-6282  
Mention "MG Jamboree 2025"  
To receive Group Rates



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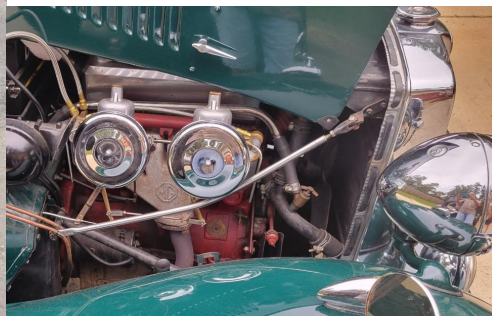
# Classy Finds

*Aka classifieds*

Extraordinary Provenance - Extraordinary Car: One family 1950 MG TD For Sale MG TD car #2932 was purchased new from International Motors NYC by Blair Engle's father, a member of the Westchester Sports Car Club. Blair became an MG fanatic at an early age and proudly took custody of the TD in 1962. A graduate Engineer, Blair was a founding member of the Classic MG Club and of MG Vintage Racers; #199 in the New England MG 'T' Register. While serving as the engineer in charge of the FSU Physics Lab, he operated The Classic MG Shop in Tallahassee. A Moss Motors Distributor since the 1970's, he performed the exacting restoration of the TD with NOS parts and accessories, which now, if available at all, are only reproductions. The engine was upgraded to TD MkII specs with dual fuel pumps, large valves and 1-1/2" carbs, resulting in outstanding performance. For the last 50 years, the car has been kept in an air conditioned garage, driven and shown periodically by Blair's son Craig. The TD's lacquer paint has minor flaws, and the power unit has the usual slight leaks. The car presents beautifully, enhanced by the correct period accessories.



\$22,500.00 or near offer.  
Craig Engle  
850 566 1433 (Tallahassee, FL)





# Classy Finds

*Aka classifieds*

The car's original assembly was completed on November 29, 1952 with some special items—stainless steel grill, fog lights, extra mirrors and chrome trim rings. The car was completely disassembled for a frame-up restoration in October 2017. The restoration was completed in March 2018. Since a show car was being rebuilt the color was changed from green to burgundy red. Other changes include a plastic fan, bonnet holders, a used original top and tonneau, new wiring harness and replacement interior biscuit color to match the new exterior paint.

Asking \$30,000  
Robert Flanagan,  
Mt Dora  
352 729 4758.





# Classy Finds

*Aka classifieds*



MG TC Bimini  
Made by Ed Kirkland  
Black, new in box!  
\$350

Contact John Avallone  
217-714-1819



FREE Compressor!  
Harbor Freight  
21-Gallon, 120v.  
Good tank. Motor OK.  
Defective \$20 on-off  
pressure switch.

Lonnie Cook  
Downtown Orlando  
407-670-9679





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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.

**Second Harvest**  
FOOD BANK  
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA  
**FeedHopeNow.org**



*Fighting hunger. feeding hope.*

**This month's End Shot... provided by George Pardee.**



Here is George Pardee's 1947 YA leaving Abingdon Works for the USA in 1976. He indirectly purchased it from Dick Knudsen, the T Register founder, and got it home to Connecticut on New Year's Day 1977

See you next month!  
*Keith*

