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Presidential Thoughts

January has been a busy month. The overnighter to the Jacaranda was a blast. It was a nice drive through Old Florida towns and citrus groves, which are becoming fewer and fewer. When have you taken a drive and smelled orange blossoms?



We enjoyed lunch and several members didn't think it was too cold to have ice cream. The Frostproof Historical Museum was so interesting, a snapshot of the past. The fellowship at the Jacaranda, wonderful. After my first club meeting I am unsure if my vision for the club was embraced. I intend to ask for clarity from the members at the next meeting. A bylaws committee was established to revise the bylaws, which we hope to have completed by June of this year. An Events committee was also established, more participation is needed. The Monthly events of the CMGC is the essence of the club. The members input is essential and required to evaluate and ultimately choose the type, quantity and variety of events for this year. If you would like to participate on one of the committees call or text, Ellen Tidwell #352-874-5241.

The Club needs your help to make 2024 a big success. On January 20th, a Tech Session was held at our home; subject: General tune up. George Pardee moderated the event. As always he was thorough and interesting. When George speaks I usually learn something and this was not the exception. One of our Members requested a tech session on how to utilize the functions on the Club website. Scott Buie has agreed to meet with anyone who wants to learn about the CMCC website and how to upload photos to the web site. He will have this tech session at 6:00 prior to the start of the February 15th meeting at The Nauti Lobstah. If you want to participate, please bring your phone so he can show you how to access the CMGC site via your device.



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Presidential thoughts continued...

On February 4th there will be the 2nd Annual European Car Show in Melbourne. If anyone is interested in attending contact me.

Bob and Pat Moore are hosting the Indian River Drive on 2/17. This will be a nice opportunity to drive your MG. See newsletter for details.

John and Sharon Spadaro are hosting the North South picnic on 2/24. Please let them know if you are attending and also if you are willing to help with the Event. There was a large attendance last year, let's make this another successful event; see newsletter for details.

Hope to see all at the February Meeting.

See you down the road! Mark Tidwell

A blast from the past! Past GOFs that is...



Badges? We don't need no stinkin badges.

Now patches, that's another story.

A big "thank you" to Glen Moore for the image.





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North American MGB Register

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



Location: Nauti Lobstah seafood restaurant, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka, FI 32703 **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 18, 2024

President, Mark Tidwell shared in more detail his thoughts for the club from last month's newsletter.

Guest Introductions: Laura Bean, Tavares, friend and guest of Steve Hill, who drove his midget on this rainy night. Don Timmons, fraternity brother of Lonnie Cook, visiting from NC

Treasurer's Report - Dodie Beach shared that we have sufficient funds in the club account. She needs club approval for a memorial contribution for Pete Rogers; Attendees agreed and approved a \$100 donation in memory of Pete to First Presbyterian Church, Eustis, FL

Club Communications/ Photo storage: Scott Buie shared data on visitors to the web site, newsletters open rate, and that he has set up a cloud storage location for uploading photos. He mentioned the MGexp.com website, the club is a member, last posting was in 2019. He requested that members sign up to coordinate club communications. A tech session will be planned to help those that are not tech savvy to learn more about the site, text message alerts and signup.

Keith Waggoner asked for any suggestions, improvements, photos and articles for the newsletter.

GOF Update: Scott Buie shared "while there are a number of people registered for rooms at the Plantation, not many have registered for the GOF. If you haven't already, secure a room. If you have, please also register for the event." He also passed out GOF business cards and encouraged members to give them out to market the event.

There is also a GOF Planning meeting on Jan 24 at the Nauti Lobstah- 11:00 AM; RSVP to Dodie Beach





Meeting minutes continued...

Old Business: Recap: December 21, 2023 Christmas Tour of Lights-Hosted by Rebekkah and Brad Parlee. Had a great turnout of cars and members, great drive of lights, ending in an enjoyable dinner at the Racquet Club. Recap: January 13-14, 2024 Jacaranda Hotel and Bok Tower Overnight adventure Hosted by Elyn and George Pardee. Although the weather was cloudy, had 11 attendees. Had a great time, lunch at Frostbite, interesting visit to the Frostproof Historical Museum, and Saturday night dinner at Eighteen East restaurant. Sunday tour of Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales. Unusual to have the most MGYA's-Pardee's and Tidwell's at one event, along with Jill and Glen Moore's MGA, all three hardtops.

New Business: Mark Tidwell, mentioned that the club's bylaws are missing and asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to write new bylaws. Committee members: Tim Clifford, Patrick Raley, John Spadaro and Mark Tidwell.

In advance of the March planning event, Mark asked for volunteers to join a committee to research suggestions for 2024 Events.

Committee members: Tom Redditt, Anthony Gaziano, Susan Stephens, Ellen and Mark Tidwell

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25PM



Here's another reminder of the staying power of GOF.

42 years ago, Melbourne was the location.

See our post in this edition of The Octagon for this year's GOF Apr 18-21 held at the Plantation on Crystal River.

Thanks again Glen Moore



Calendar of Upcoming Events



February

02/04 2nd Annual All European Car Show 9AM-2PM American Muscle Car Museum 3500 Sarno Road, Melbourne, FL More details found in the following pages.

02/15 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka 6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm

02/17 Indian River Drive hosted by Bob and Pat Moore 7:30AM Breakfast: The Town House Restaurant 139 N Central Avenue Oviedo, FL 32765 8:45AM Staging for drive at The Townhouse Restaurant More details on the next page

02/24 North/South Hickory Point Park in beautiful Lake County

- Update! The North will not make it this year due to medical issues -More details can be found later in this newsletter.

March

03/16 St. Patrick's Day CMGC Planning Luncheon/Meeting Please plan to attend this important event!!!

Noon Hosted by Mike and Carol McCormick 716 Oak Leaf Ct., Apopka 32712 Wekiva Glen subdivision (Gate Code 18879 with no #) More details can be found later in this newsletter.

03/21 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka 6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm

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.



Details of Upcoming Events



Indian River Drive February 17th

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)





North/South 2024

Our North South Picnic is rapidly approaching. **February 24** is not far off. It is still a bit away, but as we all know, time flies. Our event this year will be held at the same location as last year, Hickory Point Park. For your GPS, the address is 27351 SR 19 Tavares FL. As you enter the park, follow the road all the way to the large Pavillion. As you approach the Pavillion, parking for MGs will be on the grassy field on the right side of the Pavillion. For those who must drive cousin LBC's you can park there too. Also, there is ample pavement parking for those who drive OBCs (other boring cars). British car or not, everyone is welcome. The Pavilion has full cover so rain or shine, we should be fine.

They say, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", so once again we will be catering lunch from Sonny's BBQ. Everyone last year seemed to enjoy Sonny's, so we will do it again. We will have pulled pork, chicken and all the fixins. This year we are asking that everyone pay \$10.00 for the meal, it's a bargain! The only thing you need to bring is a smile. (and of course, \$10.00)

So, if you're not sure your MG is ready for a trip to Lake County, you have time to work on all those things that give you pause. Dig deep and awaken your adventurous spirit and get your treasure on the road. We will be swapping MG stories with one another. If you're struggling to bleed that clutch cylinder, or tune those SU's, maybe someone will have a solution for you. Even if you don't get anything figured out, you will still get to spend the afternoon with great people who share your addiction to these crazy little British cars. The date is February 24, lunch is around noon, come any time. Hope to see you there!

NOTE!!!!!!PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING!!!!!!!

e-mail, text, phone call, tell us if you see us. John Spadaro JJS852@aol.com Cell 352-406-3373 Sharon Spadaro SAS852@aol.com Cell 305-322-5556 Jim McSweeney jimspeedmaster@aol.com Dodie Beach flutterby670@aol.com John's home phone and answering machine 352-357-8812 John Spadaro, host



Check out the annual planning event!

You are cordially invited to attend the Classic MG Club



ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY AND EVENT PLANNING Saturday, March 16th 12 PM hors d'oeuvres and drinks 1 PM Lunch – Event Planning Meeting

Carol and Mike McCormick's home 716 Oak Leaf Ct., Apopka 32712 Wekiva Glen subdivision (Gate Code 18879 with no #)

Please bring your ideas for monthly club events for May 2024 through February 2025. Event entries detailed on paper and placed into the Irish hat may win a prize drawing!

Kathy Cook will provide our traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage plus her special Irish Coffee.

Carol and Mike will provide potatoes and water, iced tea and soda. We are hoping you will bring your favorite beverage plus a side dish, appetizer or dessert.

To coordinate our Irish Feast, RSVP Carol 407-257-1953 or cmcarol17@gmail.com.

The result of this event is the prime source of the 2024 Calendar of Future Events!

If you can't make it, and want to suggest an activity, please contact one of these committee members... Tom Redditt, Anthony Gaziano, Susan Stephens, Ellen or Mark Tidwell



GOF South 2024



The Discounted Hotel Room Block is ALMOST FULLY BOOKED!!!

Who knows, maybe camping would be a fun option? Hmmm, maybe not...



Oh yeah, the Tweed Drive is also almost full too. You have to make a reservation for that too, so don't wait.



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GOF South 2024

Continued

Both the hotel reservations and the registration links are on the GOF-South 2024 page on our website, so click <u>here</u> to DO IT NOW!

Here's a reminder...

Volunteers are needed and much appreciated! If you want to help, thank you! We also appreciate help with gathering sponsors, or even donations to the Club for the silent auction or goodie bags. Volunteering is an action verb, so hop to it!! Remember, this is the Club's sole revenue generator, so if you would like to help with ANYTHING, please go to our website, and submit your comments

www.classicmgclub.com/gofsouth2024

Here's the scoop for GOF-South 2024:

April 18-21, 2024

The Plantation on Crystal River,

Crystal River, FL

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

GOF 2024 Chair



Other Devents of Interest

The MG Car Club Florida invites you to their 2nd annual European Car Show



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

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

More details can be found at <u>http://www.britishcarclubofcentralflorida.com/</u>

Link to registration



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





Submitted by Glen Moore

Avon Park and Bok Tower Overnighter

The Classic MG Club of Orlando has traditionally offered two overnight drives annually; backroad routes to places of interest providing club members with enjoyable times driving their MGs and spending time sharing experiences with friends. George and Elyn Pardee organized the Avon Park overnighter, the first club event of 2024.



The Frost Bite was designated as the gathering point. Mark and Ellen Tidwell led a group, beginning in Lake County, along interesting two-lane roads and small towns. As a measure of finding Old Florida, the hour-and-a-half trip only had 4 stoplights disturbing the flow. Others came from the east and west to join in fellowship at the old Frostproof diner, Frost Bite. A large table on the outside patio served the group well for sharing a meal and joining in conversation. After lunch, a visit to the Historical Society of Frostproof Museum gave a glimpse of how this area of Florida developed.







Avon Park and Bok Tower Overnighter continued

The Hotel Jacaranda was completed in 1927, offering a high-class destination to snowbirds weary of the cold northern weather. Most Florida hotels of this vintage have suffered demolition to be replaced with newer buildings; the communities losing the beautiful architecture of the times and history it represents. South Florida State College Foundation can be credited with saving the Hotel Jac, as locals refer to it. The Foundation purchased the hotel to serve as a teaching platform for the college's Culinary and Hospitality Program and part of the hotel provides housing for student athletes. The historic hotel, a destination for celebrities, provided a historic experience for classic MG owners.



Directly across the boulevard from the hotel, the best restaurant in Highlands County, Eighteen East had a large table and innovative menu to provide another great meal for the club members. Stories of MG adventures and great times were shared over delicious food.

Bok Tower and Gardens was also completed in 1927. Edward Bok often walked to the top of Iron Mountain to enjoy the view and serenity. He believed a person should leave the world a better place and chose to create an architectural monument of a "Singing Tower" topped with 60 carillon bells, filling the air with beautiful sounds. The surrounding gardens were designed to feature native Florida plants. The top of Iron Mountain was transformed into an amazing place of beauty and tranquility. Walking tours of the gardens, listening to the beautiful carillon music, and viewing the incredible marble, coquina, and tile structure entertained our group for hours. Of course, food was involved as a group lunch was shared at the gardens' restaurant.

What better way is there to enjoy your MG than to drive it on twisty backroads, visit historic and beautiful places in a classic car, and share food and good times with your MG friends?





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Club Happenings



Submitted by Ellen Tidwell



Tech Sessions 1/20: General Tune Up

The Tech session was held at the Tidwell's. Thanks to John Avallone for bringing Donuts. A total of 10 members attended with George Pardee as the moderator. George started with "Never start a tune up with the Carburetors". He then went over the How and Why to adjust the valves, this followed by distributors, setting points, removal and

replacement, spark plugs, and timing. Then told us about Carburetors- how they work and how to adjust them and finished with the set-up of dual carburetors. A great deal of information was covered. There were many questions asked and points discussed during the session which lasted about 4 hours.

Thanks to Paul Whitehouse for the use of his TF in the Tech Session. The good news is his car started promptly and he was able to drive **home**.







Assembled from various member contributions

Mark Tidwell: I am sorry to hear of Pete's passing on 12/27/2023. Pete loved cars and people especially those with similar interests. Pete was one of the most kind and generous men I have met. I first encountered Pete in the Porsche community, instead of the MG club. I was interested in purchasing a Porsche 993. Will Bowden, my Father in Law, told me one of the members of CMGC had a 993 and he would talk with him. Will spoke with Pete who said it was a great car we should take a look at it. Will called me, but I was unable to get time off from work. So Will and Pete drove to Crystal River, inspected and test drove the car. Pete called me after work that afternoon. He reassured me that 993 was a solid car at a good price. He asked how is the TC project coming along. By phone, I thanked Pete for his expertise and generosity of his time. About a year later, I met Pete at my first CMGC meeting and he asked about both cars. Pete enriched my life by his example of a life well lived.

George Pardee: Peter Rogers is fondly remembered by all of us. Pete was an early and most deserving recipient of the Will Bowden Award, most appropriate for one who offered frequent and useful assistance with a helping of humor and good cheer. The Lift Days at the Umatilla shop will always be pleasant memories. While restoring MGs to his personal high standard, he was generous with praise for the efforts of others. Peter was most fortunate in Shari's devoted support, which enabled his enthusiastic participation in Club events right up through the Fall Picnic in November. Godspeed, Pete.



Pete Rogers at the 2024 Fall Picnic



Pete Rogers 1938-2023

John Spadaro: The MG community lost a good friend last month. Pete Rogers went to what we all hope is a better place. I have thought a lot about Pete since his passing last month. He was also a very good friend to me. When we first came to Central Florida, we didn't know anyone. Somehow, we ended up in Eustis. Sharon and I moved everything up here from South Florida including our beloved MGB. This was 2006. It escapes me how we became aware of a fellow named Jim Evans and his wife Katie who gathered together the third Saturday of every month a group of British car enthusiasts. Being that we didn't know anyone, what better way to meet people than to join up with people who had a passion for British cars just like we did. So, we met with the group at the Golden Corral in Mt. Dora. The first people we met were Lester and Ann Arial. They are great folks, and we remain friends to this day. I honestly don't remember when Pete came on the scene. Pete was heavily involved with the Porsche Club. At one time he was President. I remember him coming to breakfast in his beautiful powder blue Porsche 911 convertible. I don't know too much about Porsches, but I learned that it was the last year of this model that was air cooled. So, in Porsche circles it was a quite remarkable car. Of course, Pete was very proud of his car. It was gorgeous.

gorgeous. What I learned from Pete after getting to know him was that he was helping a friend clean out a garage. Apparently, this person was a bit of a hoarder, and his garage was packed full of "stuff". As Pete made his way through all the clutter, he started coming upon car parts. As he ventured further into the pile, low and behold he came upon an MGTD, apparently a complete car, once you took it out of all the boxes. Pete had stumbled upon the proverbial "garage find". Pete, being a car guy was smitten. Like any good car guy, Pete started learning about MG's. Being the gregarious fellow that he was, he spoke to everybody and anybody that could help him to learn about MG's. He cut a deal with the guy who owned the garage and the car and hauled the car and all the boxes home to start a new adventure.

Pete spent over a year putting that car together. Those of us who knew Pete know that he did not compromise. He took his time; he paid attention to detail, and he did it right. In the end he learned a great deal about the "T" series cars and had a stunning example of his own MGTD. Pete was very proud of his car. A couple of years later to my absolute astonishment, Pete sold the Porsche. He was completely consumed by the MG culture and the MG hobby.

Pete would go on to buy, sell, fix and drive many more MG cars over the 16 years that we were friends. I was his wing man to go look at cars, check out deals, go pick up a car, go deliver a car, many trips to Ceres Motors often hauling one of his prized cars on the trailer. Pete always wanted his cars in tip top shape, so we would put one of his cars on the trailer, haul it 40 miles to Ceres Motors for a carburetor adjustment! But it made Pete happy because I really think he just really enjoyed the hobby and just enjoyed being around people.

Pete had been ill for quite a while before he passed, so many members may not know the Pete that I speak of. The older members who knew Pete will understand my sentiments. Pete was motivated, he was confident, and he was overly generous. He was President of our Club, he chaired the GOF at Mission Inn, which was great event. He was always willing to do anything for anyone who asked, from providing insight due to his superior knowledge of MG "T" cars to powder coating parts for members as he owned a business that did powder coating. I cannot overstate Pete's generosity. He would host "lift days", then take everyone to lunch. He was generous with his heart and his resources. Not having Pete around anymore really saddens me. I will never again get that phone call telling me that we need to get one of the cars to Jack and Brian or share a ride with Pete and Sherry to a meeting or travel with Pete on a Club event. Pete was a presence in our car club, and I will miss him greatly as I'm sure we all will.

Rest in Peace Pete Your Friend, John



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Pete Rogers 1938-2023

Glen Moore: Pete Rogers never met anyone who was not a friend. When he first met anyone, he had a smile on his face and an encouraging, positive tone in his voice. His handshake was confident and friendly. You felt comfortable immediately.

He had so much to share with MG owners and did so freely. Restoration had been a large part of his life for years. After decades of restoring Porsches, he moved up to restoring MGs, focusing on T-Series cars. He restored 17 MGs. Taking 17 MGs apart, restoring all the pieces, and putting them all back together again, gave him intimate knowledge of every nut, bolt, and piece of MGs. He collected parts for the restorations and could supply used parts to MG owners. He purchased so much stuff from Moss Motors that he became a Moss distributor. He provided Moss parts to MG owners at a discount and could often have the shipping fees eliminated. Pete was a resource to MG owners in offering great advice, providing needed parts, and relieving the frustration MG mechanics often experience.

Pete had a garage full of parts. Once, when looking over all his inventory, he thought he had enough parts to build a car. He did. An MGTD emerged from his efforts to put some of those parts together.

Pete served the Classic MG Club of Orlando in many ways. He hosted technical sessions on the lift installed at his business. He co-chaired GOF South events. He was always welcoming at club meetings and club events. He even purchased a video projector for the club to save the high rental cost of AV equipment at hotels where the GOF South was held. Our club is a better organization and our members better served because of Pete's contributions.

When writing a tribute to one of the club's founders, Blair Engle, Pete stated that he did not know an MG could have a soul. Pete added life to MGs and they do have a sole





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MGreeting Card from Reinout





This cards shows a large teddy bear behind the wheel of a Midget. The back of the card reads "Roscoe is a dapper fellow in his snappy red car". The card was produced by Portal Publications Ltd. in California and the photo is copyrighted to Elaine Faris Keenan.



Karel found this card, years ago, at a SPAR, a European grocery store chain, in Norway. Google Translate says that front reads 'Spring on Hardangervidda', which is a Natural Park in central Norway between Oslo and Bergen. The back of the card states, also according to Google Translate, "Hardangervidda is snowy, the plowshares in the picture are 5 meters high. The picture was taken on May 7". The card was produced by Hallingprent AS and the photo is copyrighted to Vidar Bråten.



Classy Finds

Aka classifieds



Contact: Gregg Rogers Cell: 352-223-3719



Classy Finds Aka classifieds





I have a 1969 MGB that I am looking to rehome. It is a project car that in the beginning stage of restoration. All parts come with the car (no gas tank or exhaust). I have the title for the car it was in a warehouse since 1986 ish, and in my garage since 2021. I would appreciate it you know of anyone that may be interested. If someone is interested and would like some more please contact me.

Rob Bolton 863-224-9797 Lakeland, FL



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OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONTINUES

CLASSIC MG CLUB NEWSLETTER

Fellow Enthusistsesee

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. <u>Mrs. Jos. Sires</u> 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 offored the use of her Eanch as a meeting place after the summer mosquito has migrated to warmed climates.

February marks the seventh "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: 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 is from Glen Moore

A final tribute to Pete Rogers

Editor's note: this old Marine is wiping a tear and I don't think I'm the only one.

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



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