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Presidential Thoughts

We continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month at the Nauti Lobstah in Apopka.

We will meet there on July 20th. The monthly event is usually on the Saturday following the meeting.

However, the date will be July 29th rather than the 22nd. Please mark your calendar for the 29th for the Brunch and Darts at the Fiddler's Green Irish Pub, 544 West Fairbanks Avenue in Winter Park.

We had a very good turnout for our visit to the Black Hammock Fish Camp in Oviedo. Glen Moore received his second award for the best MG newsletter in the country! This was quite an honor, and we thank Glen for all his work. Keith Waggoner has jumped right in and will carry on as our new Newsletter Editor. Thanks again Keith!

Lonnie Cook has stickers and patches available, and they are very good looking. We need someone to take Lonnie's position as our club Registrar. We are looking for a member with Microsoft Excel knowledge. They will need to be on board soon, as Lonnie will no longer be available after July.



Jim McSweeney



July 2023

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Meeting Minutes



submitted by Tom Reddit

Location: Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka, FL 32703

Call to order: President Jim McSweeney called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Treasurer's report: Dodie Beach advised that the Club's bank balance is healthy and sufficient to fund our activities. A check for \$2,000 was issued to the Plantation Resort in Crystal River for a deposit to secure that location for the 2024 GOF event.

New members: Joe Rigdon – Has owned several MG's over the years and is currently looking to purchase another one. Also, Steve Hill and his friend Tom attended as Joe's guests.

Old Business: Lonnie Cook is stepping down as member chair end of July and is seeking someone to take over that very important position. If interested, please contact Lonnie or Jim McSweeney directly.

Lonnie reported that the club currently has 96 active members but expects this number to rise to 110 soon. The recent member information sheets Lonnie sent out were very valuable in evaluating the skills and talents of our members as well as their interests. Based on this information members seemed to like working on their cars best so more tech sessions will be planned in the future. Lonnie also has CMGC 60th anniversary patches and stickers available for sale. Please contact Lonnie directly if you want any.

New Business: It's official: The GOF 2024 will be held April 18-21, 2024 at the Plantation Resort, 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429. The details of this event are still in the planning stage and will be supplied at a future meeting date.

June club outing: The June 2023 club outing will be lunch at the Black Hammock Fish Camp in Oviedo on Saturday June 17. At that luncheon, Glen Moore will be presented an award for his outstanding work on the club's newsletter over the past several years.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.





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

lonniecook@aol.com

407-670-9679



New Members

We are pleased to introduce our our newest members to the club!

Bill and Sandy Rollins

They are moving from Ohio to Ocala. Their TD is still in Ohio.

Here is Bill's bio:

*"Retired - logistics, warehousing, overseas shipping
Farm, horses, dog, jogging, reading, history, craft beer
Minimal computer skills*

Army - 14 years - school, active duty and reserves

Moving to Ocala from Ohio. MG still in Ohio. Hope to be settled by late summer."

Thanks to Mark Tidwell for meeting Bill and Sandy at GOF-South and inviting them to join the club

Joe and Sherry Rigdon

They live in Oviedo and are looking for a TF.

Here is Joe's Bio

"Currently: Willys M38A1, BMW Z-3 (wife's) Past: Myers Manx, 1961 MG Midget, 1952 MG TD with V-8 engine, 1968 Dodge Charger, 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury, 1970 Plymouth Superbird 440 6 pack, 1972 Barracuda, 1970 Dodge Challenger RT convertible 440 6 pack, 1952 Dodge M37B1.

Retired Sr aerospace engineer, Martin Marietta/ Martin Lockheed.

Machinery, electronics, guns, cars, genealogy, history, chemistry, pyrotechnics, vintage computers and parrots.

Computer skills - Very good on the older stuff but not with Windows! I was formerly a Field Engineer for Burroughs Computer Corporation (in another life).

Military: GI brat and USAF. Also an engineer on various MIL programs at MMC and an engineer and tech rep to both the US Army and the Canadian Army."



New Members

... continued

And not so new members, maybe continuing?

Will and Cate Pardee

Jacksonville, FL

Will's Bio:

Aside from being a member since 1983 the age of 1

“Family owned 1947 MG Y Type

Hobbies and interests include Bodybuilding, surfing, skiing, bicycling, shooting sports, rowing and travel

Will is a gifted athlete and a capable organizer and has innate mechanical skill

proficient in all forms of cell phone based technology and personal computer savvy

No military background

Account Manager at Magellan Logistics”

Thanks to Nick Pardee for the add.



Happy 4th of July everyone



Calendar of Events



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
- 7/29 Brunch and Annual Dart Tournament** hosted by Jim McSweeney and Dodie Beach
Noon at **Fiddler's Green Irish Pub** 544 W. Fairbanks Ave, Winter Park

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 **Saturday Social** hosted by Jodie Beach
Time TBD at **Hollerbach's German Restaurant** 201-205 E 1st St, Sanford

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 **2023 Nature Fest** hosted by Mike and Carol McCormick
10:00 AM **Oakland Nature Preserve** 747 Machette Trail, Oakland, FL 34760
Lake Apopka Boardwalk, Education Center presentations, guided hikes,
animal interactions www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org
- 11:30 AM Short drive to **Hagan O'Reilly's Irish Pub**,
16112 Marsh Rd. Winter Garden, 34787
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
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Calendar of Events

Still in the planning stages ...

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??)

December 21 Tour of Lights hosted by Rebekkah and Brad Parlee

Maitland followed by a dinner at a local restaurant.

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)
- St. Pat's Planning Party (Carol and Mike McCormick's house with Kathy Cook)

April 2024 GOF South

It's official! GOF South will be at the Plantation Resort in Crystal River. More details from Scott Buie can be found later in this newsletter. .

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	Cassadega
and Sculpture Gardens	Leu Gardens
Mannello Museum	Lakeridge Winery and music
St John's River ship with lunch	Longwood guided tour of Historic district and
Crabby Bills Lakefront Restaurant	Bradlee McIntyre House





September's Social

September 23rd at 10 AM. Let's all meet at the Oakland Nature Preserve, 747 Machete Trail, Oakland FL 34760. The Preserve will be having their first ever Nature Fest that day. Enjoy the Nature Fest's Lake Apopka Boardwalk, Education Center presentations, guided hikes, and animal interactions at your leisure!

www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org

At 11:30 am, caravan approximately 10 minute drive to Hagan O'Reilly's Irish Pub, 16112 Marsh Rd, Winter Garden, FL 34787 for lunch.

www.haganoreillysirishpub.com (Mike and Carol McCormick)

Our October Overnighter

The club is planning an overnighter to the MG Jamboree for October 6-8. This is a package deal so you have to go to the entire weekend. The Suncoast MG Club always has many fun activities planned. It is an opportunity to see and appreciate other beautiful images and enjoy MG fellowship. The club's motto is "It's got to be fun" so we hope to see many people enjoying this weekend.

Our club will be doing a caravan to be determined. October is usually a wonderful month for driving. Space is limited so send in your reservation and check ASAP to reserve a spot! If you need further information, contact Kathy Cook, Kathy.cook ucf@gmail.com or 407-963-5349.

You'll find an enrollment form for the event on the following page ...





October 6 – 8, 2023
 Bethany Center
 18150 Bethany Center Drive
 Lutz, FL 33558

**MG Jamboree 23 – Revival of the Roaring '20s
 It's Got 2 B Fun!"**

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Inc. invites All British Car Enthusiasts to join us as we celebrate 100 years of MGs. There will be a Car Display, games, tours, tech sessions, plus more. Fun is mandatory (it can't be helped). There are a limited number of rooms, so register early. 😊

Location:

The event will be held at the beautiful Bethany Center, a 250-acre wildlife sanctuary on Lake Mary, a few miles north of Tampa. Bethany Center has a NO PETS policy.

Raffle:

These items will be on display on Friday & Saturday so make sure you purchase your tickets and place them in the container by the Item you would like to win. Guests are encouraged to bring items for the Raffle. They do not have to be car related. The drawings for these items will take place during the Saturday night dinner. The more tickets you purchase the more chances to win! 😊

Friday:

- 3 – 5 p.m. – Registration in Foyer/Drop off Raffle Items
- 6 – 7 p.m. – Dinner in the Dining Hall
- 7 – 9 p.m. – 100 Years of MGs
- 9 – 10 p.m. – Hospitality Suites open

Saturday Morning:

- 8 a.m. – Breakfast – Dining Hall
- Regalia Sales – Registration Area
- Raffle Items on Display – Registration Area
- 9 a.m. – Noon – Car show, games, etc.

Saturday Afternoon:

- 12 Noon – Lunch in the Dining Hall
- Tours/Games/Hospitality Suite/etc. following lunch

Saturday Evening: "Wear your "1920's" inspired attire

- 6 p.m. Dinner – Dining Hall, Awards, & Raffle

Sunday Morning:

- 8 a.m. – Breakfast – Dining Room
- Fond Farewells – until MG Jamboree 24 in 2025



**PRICE INCLUDES:
 ROOM, MEALS & EVENT****

**FORM & CHECK MUST BE
 RECEIVED BY 9/14/2023**

ONE ADULT: \$500 TWO ADULTS: \$600

For More Information Contact: Barrie Carson
 mgbguy80@gmail.com or 727-808-1869

REGISTRATION FORM

**Please return this completed form with
 Check made payable to FSMGCC, Inc to:**

**Lorraine Spicer
 2573 Frisco Drive
 Clearwater, FL 33761-3821**

Please **PRINT** the **First & Last Names** of all people attending.

Name/s _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number () _____

Email address _____

Year(s) and Model(s) MG/Little British Car(s)

I AM AWARE of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events & specifically release & so indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, & FSMGCC, Inc. collectively & separately, for any & all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guest(s) while participating in the MG Jamboree 23. I understand & agree that FSMGCC, Inc. reserves the right to revoke my registration should I (we) engage in reckless dangerous and/or unsafe behavior. **I (We) have read, understood, and agree to this release.**
THIS MUST BE SIGNED BELOW

X _____

X _____

EVENT & ROOM SELECTION

ONE ADULT.....\$500.00 \$ _____

TWO ADULTS.....\$600.00 \$ _____

Gluten-Free _____

Request an ADA Room _____

****A \$25 fee will be charged for lost
 or destroyed keys****

REGALIA ITEMS: Circle Size(s)

MG Jamboree 23 T-Shirt – Small, Medium, Large, or Extra Large
 # _____ @ \$20.00 = ea \$ _____

MG Jamboree 23 T-Shirt-XXL # _____ @ \$25.00 ea = \$ _____

MG Jamboree Golf Cap# _____ @ \$15.00 ea = \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

****No additional resort fees or taxes will be added****

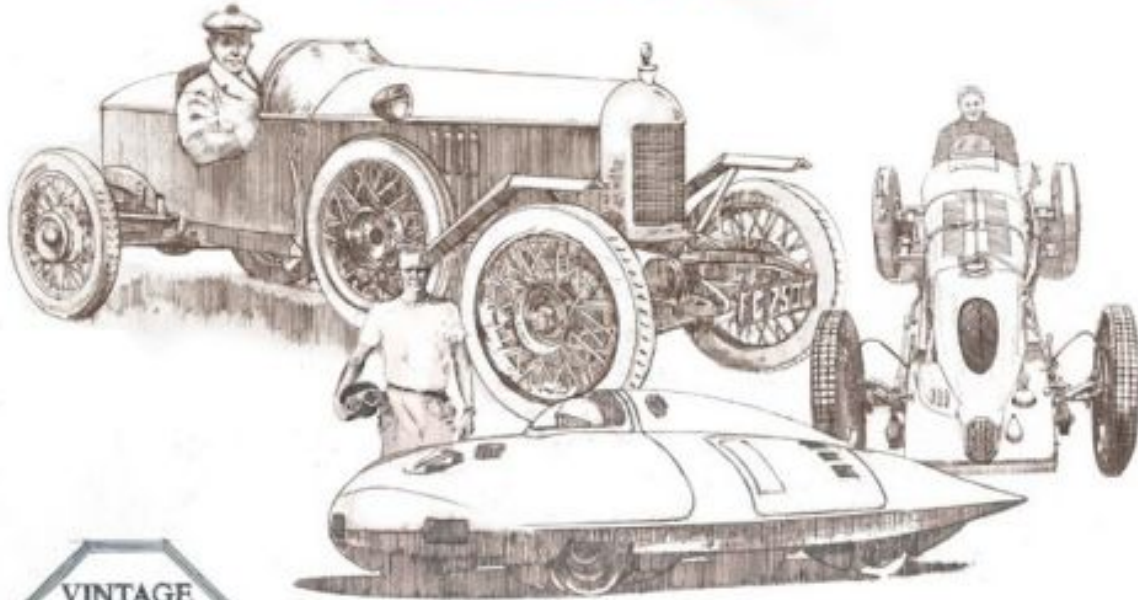
****NO REFUNDS AFTER 9/18/2023****





LIME ROCK CELEBRATES MG'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER 1-4 2023



Safety fast!

Alan Allcock



GOF South 2024

We have been working hard with a variety of locations to make sure this is the best the best GOF-South yet, and it's coming together nicely. I will be revealing more details in future newsletters, but for now I'd like to take a moment and introduce our new logo!

I will be including updates about GOF 2024-South in each of our upcoming newsletters; everything from event activities, local attractions and more, so stay tuned!

For now, please get ready to come join us:

April 18-21, 2024

The Plantation on Crystal River,

Crystal River, FL

There's not much there yet but bookmark this site, www.classicmgclub.com/gofsouth2024

(also available directly from the CMGC website). And, make sure you come back often for exciting updates and event information.

Until next month, enjoy your Morris Garage classics!



Scott Buie
GOF 2024 Chair





Patch

Sticker

The creative genius known as *Lonnie Cook* has done it again!

He's making available to you the club's 60th anniversary patch to go along with the recently released car stickers.

Taken from Lonnie's posting in our Facebook page ... 60th Anniversary Patch

"We just received Classic MG Club commemorative 60th Anniversary embroidered cloth patches that can be ironed onto or sewed onto your favorite MG shirt or jacket. This is the first patch that the club has produced since Will Bowden created the 50th Anniversary patch in 2013. I really like it.

Available to active members ... those who returned the Member Update to me that you received in the mail recently.

If you want patches for you and your family to wear and want stickers for your cars to wear, then ...

- Mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to me (MUST DO)
- Tell me how many of each that you want.
- Enclose five dollars cash for each patch.
- Enclose one dollar cash for each sticker.

I can only send the patches or stickers to you if you include a stamped envelope addressed to yourself along with your order and payment. Estimate the number of stamps required.

Mail to

Lonnie Cook

my address is in your Member Directory"



Other Happenings

We didn't need for anyone to tell us just how good Glen Moore was as the Octagon editor, but it seems other people took notice as well...

During the Saturday Social at the Black Hammock this past June, we celebrated Glen receiving the Gardiner-Mulvaney award for best chapter newsletter of 2022. The plate signified The New England MG "T" Register's appreciation of his effort "producing such a consistently fine newsletter"

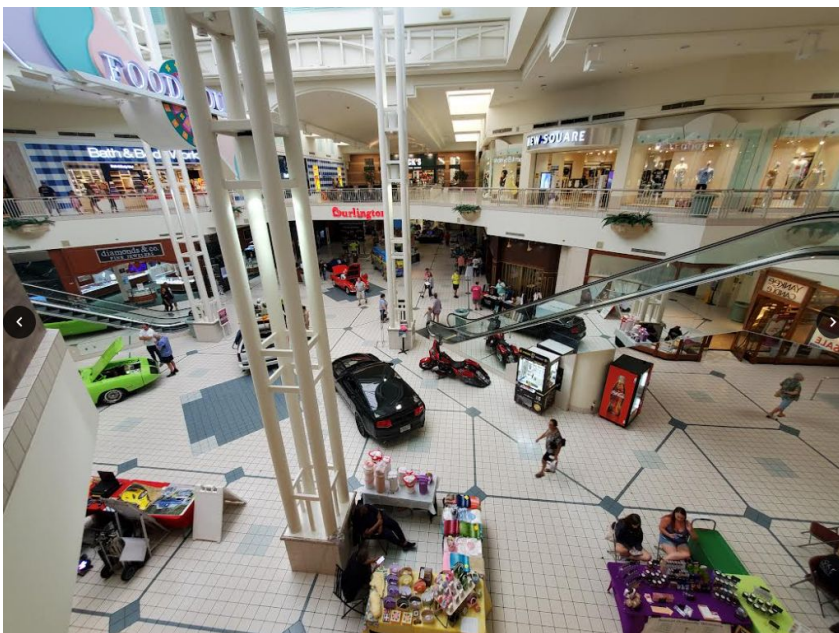


We have a calendar pin-up model in our membership! MG, that is

Our own Michael Patterson continues to get accolades for his 1974 MGB. This time it's the 2023 Moss Motors calendar. He submitted the picture on the right to Moss last year and it was chosen for the month of May.

His B has also captured 1st place at the All British Car Show in Sanford three years in a row.

Michael's background in photography helped him capture that winning shot. He said, "The moment I saw the shot from above I knew I had a good one. The angle of the car and the checkerboard floor just added to it."



The photo was taken on the second story of the Sanford Town Center Mall Car Show June 24-26, 2022 inside the mall. The car show was a charity event for Special Needs Ability Program out of Sanford, Florida.



Always Lock your doors!



It Is a Small MG World by Glen Moore

Jill and I were in the hotel lobby at Silverstone England when we saw a guy with a red jacket filled with MG patches. Interesting. So, I took a few steps to get a closer look and one patch on his back jumped out at me – the early Classic MG Club of Orlando patch. The one John Camichos designed.

Introduced myself and learned that I was talking to Norm Ewing from South Africa. How does South Africa and the Classic MG Club intersect? Norm enthusiastically shared the story with me.

He got the patch in 1982. Tony Roth, a long-time CMGC member and vintage racer, gave it to him. Norm was making a tour of the United States, bringing along 38 South African MG enthusiasts with him. One of the group's first stops was at GOF South 1982 in Melbourne. Norm tells the story that 400 American MG enthusiasts showed up, from across the country, including Oklahoma and California, and treated them royally. He has many fond memories flashback through his mind every time he sees that patch

A break for a little CMGC and GOF history. Dr. Jerry Kueper was an MG enthusiast who owned multiple prewar MGs. He began the MG Car Club of Florida in Jacksonville in 1956. Later he moved to Melbourne to develop Florida Institute of Technology. The MG Car Club moved with him. In 1982, he hosted the GOF South on the college campus, opening up the dorms for participant housing. Norm Ewing's group of South African MG enthusiasts were guests.



Now, this was not Norm's first big MG adventure. In 1970, he began his honeymoon trip in a 1957 MGA roadster with his wife Pat, 5 months pregnant. They did make it around the world, stopping in England for the birth of their daughter. They logged 26,000 miles in the MGA and 35,000 miles on two ships. It was a year-long honeymoon.



In 1986, Norm was back in the United States to join the New England MG 'T' Register for the "Ocean-to-Ocean T Tourist Tour" celebrating 50 years of the MG T series. Fifty MGs drove from New York to Santa Barbara then returning east to Toronto. They made the journey in 18 days.

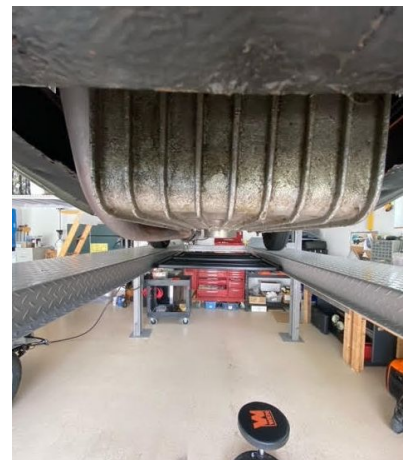
These are just a couple of Norm's MG adventures. He has joined many MG events around the globe and created many himself. Norm lands very high on the MG enthusiast scale.

For those members who felt that Gainesville was too far to drive an MG to attend the GOF, you need to spend some time talking with Norm.



From Under the Bonnet

Oil Drip Catch Pan by Paul Whitehouse... paulw@treadwayindustries.com



It's not like this never happens, so Paul's approach just might be the one.
You can read more about it via the link below ...

<https://www.mgclubregister.co.uk/technical-information/miscellaneous/a-cheap-xpag-leak-fix/>

*Editor's note: I was thinking about adding a regular mechanic's corner page when I received an email from Paul asking if the 'catch pan' might be something we could post. So, a new trend has begun. Then Lonnie brought up Will Bowden's former post called "Under the Bonnet" so, after a spell check, it's going to be reprised! Feel free to join the fray.
"keep those cards and letters coming, kiddos"*

Jim "Krek" Krekovich, from Overland Park, was an artist with Hallmark Cards for twenty years. He went into business in 1970 restoring antique M.G.s. He drove his TD all over the nation and frequently to GOF-Souths and visits to the Classic MG Club. Many of his cartoons reflected his warm relationship with GOF-South and the Classic MG Club.

This one is now our page cornerstone....



Classy Finds

Aka classifieds

1938 MG VA Tickford for sale.

Rare 4-seater MG with Tickford body. Original engine. Strong engine and transmission. Red over tan interior. New wheels, tires, exhaust system. JackAll system. Rebuilt instrument panel and gauges. Recored radiator, upgraded water pump plus much more.

\$55,000. David MacNamee (727)446-5801, dmacnav@gmail.com.

Clearwater, FL



Jacob Kertz passed away in April. His son, Jim, has the 1952 MG TD and wants to sell it. If you know of anyone interested, please have them call me.

It is classic red w/beige rag top.
I know Jacob was asking \$25,000 for it.
We would be asking similarly.

Thank you so much,
Kelly Kertz,
(352)409-0048,
kellyjim@netzero.net



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: <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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For this month's end shot, we have a 1956 MGA Coupe.

You'd think this '56 A coupe was nearing the end of its rebuild, but the owner Bob Schaffer of Louisville, KY says, "No, I apply the 80/20 rule. 80% of the time is spent on the last 20% of the project".

He estimates the completion late Fall and is going to be selling it if you are interested.

