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## Presidential Thoughts

Although only a handful of members RSVP'd, we had 23 members at the Nauti Lobstah for the October meeting. Please RSVP to Dodie so she can let them know, and they can have enough servers. It was great seeing some members who haven't been able to attend lately.

We had a great time at the MG Jamboree. Six of our members attended, seven including Kathy Cook who has dual membership and played a big part in the success of the event. Thanks Kathy and all the Suncoast MG Club folks for a great weekend!

Our next event will be the Fall Picnic hosted by our newsletter editor Keith Waggoner and his wife Tracey. Mark your calendar for November 12th and let Dodie know you're coming as she is coordinating the food. Deadline is November 9th.

The British Motoring Club of the Villages is having a British Auto Show and Festival on November 17th. 100 years of MGs will be on display, giving the Villagers and the public a chance to see MGs in a special, lighted area. Contact Charles Culver [cac34@comcast.net](mailto:cac34@comcast.net) for more information.

See you at the Picnic!



*Jim McSweeney*



November 2023

Classic MG Club of Orlando

# The Classic MG Club of Orlando

## Meeting Minutes



*submitted by Tom Reddit*

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

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM

**Treasurer's report:** We still have a nice amount in our account w/ GOF paid.

**New member introductions:**

David Cayón from Madrid, Spain. David owns an orange 1974 MGB that has been in his family since it was new.

Andrew Rodriguez, Sr. and his son Andrew, Jr. attended with their red 1962 MG Midget. They are from Puerto Rico.

**Old Business:**

Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Jamboree in Lutz held October 6-8, 2023. Those who attended reported having a great time and a very successful event. Jo Ann Cook's black MGTF took "Best of Show" award.

**New Business:**

The Fall Picnic event will be hosted by Keith Waggoner and held on Sunday, November 12, 2023. If you plan to attend, please e-mail Dodie and also advise what you plan to bring. More details follow in this newsletter.

The Villages All British Club hosts the 2023 Brits on the Square Show on Friday, November 17, 2023. For information contact Charles Culver at "[cac34@comcast.net](mailto:cac34@comcast.net)". More details follow in this newsletter.

Tour of Lights – Held on Thursday evening, December 21, 2023. Hosted by Brad and Rebekkah Parlee. More details on this event will be forthcoming in this newsletter and posted on the club website.

**Other items for discussion:**

North/South picnic – Scheduled for February 24, 2024

GOF South – April 18-21 at the Plantation on Crystal River. All information can be found on the club website at [www.classicmgclub.com/gofsouth2024](http://www.classicmgclub.com/gofsouth2024). Scott Buie said available rooms will go quick so if you plan to go please register soon. This will be a fun event at a very nice location.

All British Car Show – This annual event will be held on Saturday April 6, 2024 at Henry's Depot in Sanford, FL.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.



# Upcoming Calendar of Events

## November

11/12 **CMGC Fall Picnic** Quail Hollow on the River Rec Center and Park  
1968 Quail Hollow Dr DeLand, FL 32720  
Noon-4PM Enjoy the Fall weather by driving your MG to DeLand, FL  
for a fried chicken picnic along the bank of the St Johns River  
Hosted by Keith & Tracey Waggoner  
(See the flyer on the next page)

11/16 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka  
6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm

11/17 **All-British Car Show** at Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages.  
Noon-8PM Details follow in this edition of the Octagon

## December

12/21 **Tour of Lights** hosted by Rebekkah and Brad Parlee  
Time TBD Maitland followed by a dinner at a local restaurant.

**Note: No monthly meeting will be held this month!**

## January

01/18 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka  
6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm

01/20-21 **Overnighter** hosted by George and Elyn Pardee  
Includes a stop at Bok Tower and then on to Avon Park.  
Check back here for further details





**It's Picnic Season, It's Driving Season.  
Let's do both!**

**Sunday, November 12th from Noon to 4**  
Community Park and Rec Center of Quail Hollow on the River  
1968 Quail Hollow Drive DeLand, FL 32720

*Hosted by Keith & Tracey Waggoner*

You're invited to the CMGC Orlando Fall Picnic.  
This year it's all about a good ole' southern get-together  
***Fried Chicken and all the fixins.***

We're bringing the chicken, water, sodas and tableware

You bring any other drink and one of the following to share  
Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Mac'n'Cheese, Tater Salad  
and, of course, any dessert.

*Oh, and don't forget your lawn chairs  
for sitting along the bank of the St Johns River  
and telling stories.*

Please let Dodie Beach know you're coming and what you're bringing.  
She's at [flutterby670@aol.com](mailto:flutterby670@aol.com) or 407-695-2981 **RSVP by November 9th.**

If you need suggestions, she can offer options  
based upon what others are bringing.

Come rain or shine. We can go inside the clubhouse if inclement weather

***See you there!***



# A Local Event of Interest



**The Villages all British Car Show and Festival.  
All British Car Owners are Invited**

**You Don't Want To Miss This Major Event**

**2023 Brits on the Square**

**Friday, November 17th, 2023 the show is being held at Lake Sumter  
Landing, Around the Square, The Villages, Florida**

**This is a Judged Car Show with 20 trophy classes (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> plus  
3 Peoples Choice Awards)**

**Day of Show Registrations In will be held in the Event Registration Room |  
of the Waterfront Inn from 11 noon to 1 PM.**

**Pre-registered check in and ballot pick up will be held outside at the Club tent.**

**Stay for a Soup & Sandwich Lunch from 12-2PM.**

**All show participants will be given a Goody Bag, Special Gift, windshield  
Plaque, Judging Ballot and instructions for staging/judging prior to  
moving to the Square.**

**Stay tuned for details on Ladies British Tea, Silent Auction and Next Day AM  
Tour of The Villages**

**Park at the Hotel front Parking Lot for staging and Judging area from 12  
Noon-3:00 PM. We will proceed up to the Lake Sumter Town Square  
around 3:15PM.**

**[Click here for all the details](#)**



# Future Calendar of Events

*Still in the planning stages ...*

## **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)

## **Saturday, Feb 24**

**North/South** Hickory Point Park in beautiful Lake County

## **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)

## **Saturday, April 6**

All British Car Show – Henry's Depot in Sanford, FL.

## **April 18-21 GOF South 2024,**

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.

## **September 5 & 6, 2024, Watkins Glen Festival 2024**

This year they are honoring MG, as they did 1994, 2004, 2014. More details 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.

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

and Sculpture Gardens

Mennello Museum

St Johns River ship with lunch

Longwood guided tour of Historic district and

Cassadaga

Leu Gardens

Lakeridge Winery and music

Crabby Bills Lakefront Restaurant

Bradlee McIntyre House



# North/South 2024

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

People always say that as you get older, time goes by faster. I think they have something there. It did not seem like it was that long ago that our friends from Virginia were down here, but once again they are in the process of planning their trip and once again, they have reached out to us to plan an event as they pass through our area. For those of you who are not familiar with these folks, they put their "T" cars on the auto train and come down to tour Florida during the time when it is usually quite cool in their neck of the woods.

So, once again we are planning a picnic. This event will take place on February 24, 2024. (It seems weird writing 2024, wow!). We will meet at Hickory Point Park in beautiful Lake County. Our plans are still fluid, but we will probably do something similar to what we did last year. We will be asking that everyone pay \$10.00 for the picnic lunch (Where can you get lunch for ten bucks anymore?)

If you had planned to go visit Uncle Festus in Arizona or an exotic cruise during February, cancel your plans!!! Come to the picnic instead. It's a much better deal. A nice drive out to Lake County in your LBC along with a great lunch with like minded friends at a great place. It doesn't get much better than that.

As we move forward with the plans we will keep everyone informed via the newsletter.

John Spadaro



# GOF South 2024

***It's now time to register!!***

Exciting news!

The GOF South 2024 Registration is now live on the website.

Get ready for amazing food and unforgettable events.

Don't wait, register for the Gathering of the Faithful South 2024

[click here to register](#)

and get your MG ready for the show!

Discover *all* the juicy details of the event,  
including the Hotel Information and scheduled activities,

[click here to view the event website](#)

And hurry, because we have limited discounted hotel rooms available.

You don't want to miss out on the ***Celebration of 100 Years of MG***,  
so join us in April for an unforgettable experience at GOF South.





# GOF South 2024

Continued

***This event doesn't happen by accident!***

**We need more volunteers to help.  
Right now our pressing need is for your help with gathering sponsors  
as well as auction items for the Hospitality Room Silent Auction.**

We will eventually need help with our hospitality components, parking,  
and even assembling welcome gift bags.  
If you would like to help with ANYTHING, please go to our website, and  
submit your comments.

[www.classicmgclub.com/gofsouth2024](http://www.classicmgclub.com/gofsouth2024)

And as always, please get ready to come join us:

**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!

  
Scott Buie  
GOF 2024 Chair



# GOF South 2024

*Continued*

## **MMM Register Regional Joins GOF South 2024**

Submitted by Glen Moore and Reinout Vogt

The North American MMM Register was created to provide a means of communication among owners of MMM cars in North America. It was founded by Jerry Kueper, a Floridian who provided much leadership to the MG community. (MMM refers to Midget, Magna and Magnette: the overhead cam MGs produced between 1929 and 1936.) For the first time, the MMM Register has decided to hold a Regional event for their members, joining the GOF South 2024 in Crystal River.

The Classic MG Club of Orlando welcomes the Triple M cars and members and looks forward to the excitement and history added to the show field. These pre-war MGs are very active worldwide. At Silverstone Circuit this summer, 27 MMM cars competed on the racetrack. In Holland, the MG 100 MMM was attended by over 40 cars. Many drives were held, with Triple M owners taking their cars on twisty, and sometimes gravel roads. One celebration at the event was to organize the cars into the logo of the event – MG 100. Learn more about the Triple M cars by visiting this link to their website - <https://www.nammmr.org/MMM/> Mark your calendar for April 18 -21, make plans to attend, and register for GOF South 2024.



Henneke and Reinout Vogt driving a P-Type Holland

Silverstone Circuit

*Photo by Dickon Siddall*



# Other Events of Interest

## Watkins Glen Festival 2024

**Registration  
Is now open**

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

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*... and another show featuring MG ...*

## **All British Car Show, Sanford, FL**

April 6, 2024



*The feature marque is MG, celebrating its 100th anniversary  
Details can be found at*

<http://www.britishcarclubofcentralflorida.com/>



# Club Happenings

*Submitted by Lonnie Cook*



## **LAID-BACK WEEKEND WITH MGs, FRIENDS, and COMMUNITY**

A three-hour MG drive in beautiful weather to Lutz Florida, North of Tampa, brought Jim McSweeney, Dodie Beach, John and Sharon Spadaro, and Lonnie and Jo Ann Cook to the annual MG Jamboree hosted by the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club October 6-8. West Coast member Kathy Cook joined us. It was a wonderful weekend.

The Bethany Center, a Catholic retreat, was the perfect location. Our rooms overlooked a lake and walking trails on 30 acres of serene beauty. Wide porches and rocking chairs encouraged conversation. “Three hots” a day was a welcome treat.



Jamboree celebrated 100 Years of MG. FSMGC member Mike Cormier presented photos and history of MGs.

We tested our movie knowledge with MG Movie Trivia, and learned about the Roaring 20s. Seminars included “How to Vote at a Popular Car Show” and “How to Take Great Photos with Cell Phones.” And we could tour the area with self-guided drives.



# Club Happenings

*October's outing continued*



Tampa Bay Senior Living Car Show  
MG Jamboree 23  
Resident Judging

The car show warmed our hearts and allowed us to give back to the community. We drove to a nearby assisted living facility to display our cars. Residents and staff chose the winning cars and told us about their automobile adventures.



The weekend ended with a Roaring 20s banquet to celebrate the 1923 birth of MG. Everyone dressed in their finest '20s attire. "Ain't We Got Fun!!"



# Club Happenings



*October's outing continued*



# Postcards from Karel

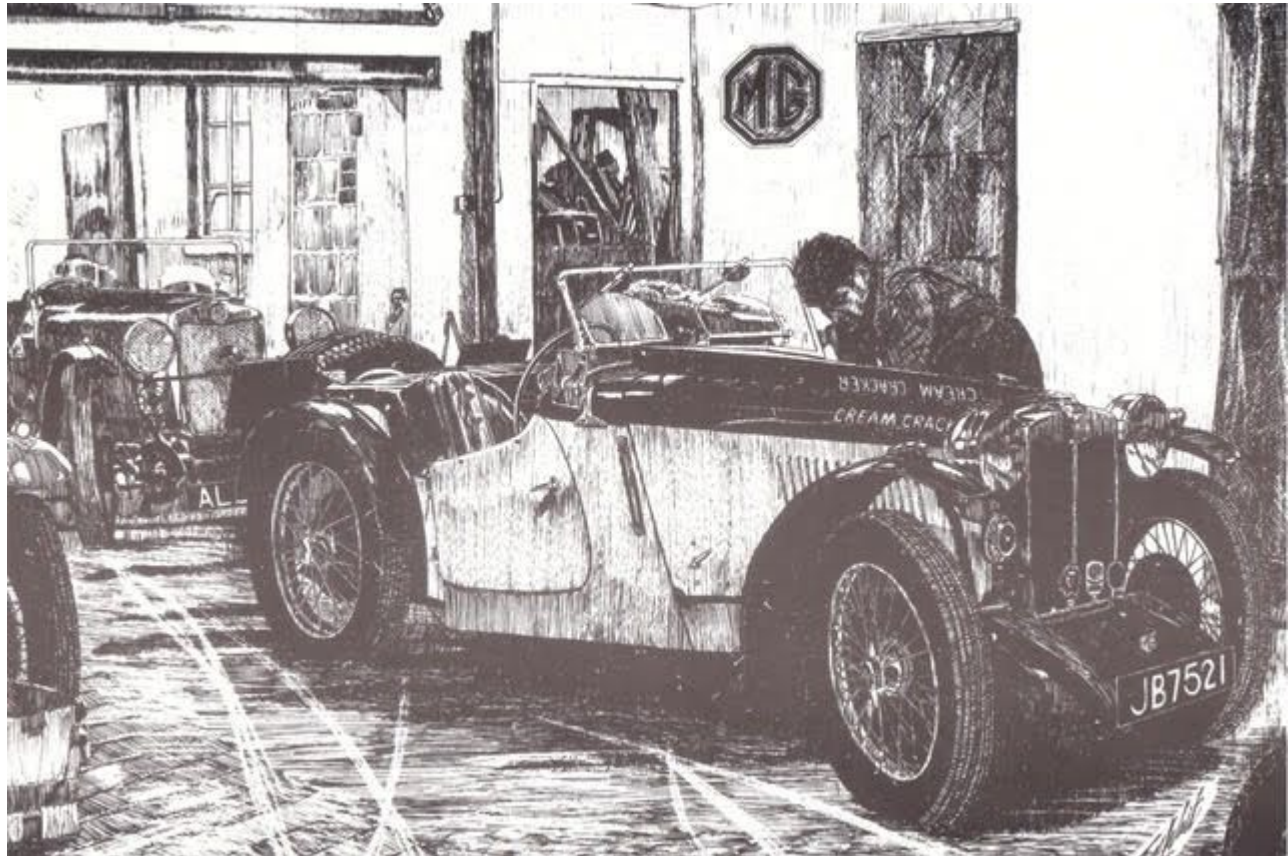


Karel was on vacation in Saint-Raphaël in the Côte d'Azur area in the Southeastern part of France on the Mediterranean coast.

Instead of a postcard, he sent this historical photo of the winners of the 1938 edition of the Paris-St. Raphaël Feminine Rally, Betty Haig and co-driver Barbara Marshall.

The MG is a 1936 PB (Chassis number PB0532)

# Greeting Card from Reinout



Along the lines of Karel's rally PB, here is a card of a PB that was used in the 1930's Trials in England. The car, driven by Maurice Toulmin, is one of the Cream Crackers Team cars. The artwork is by Tom Wait and is copywrited to Alternative Cards Ltd., the same as last Month's MGB.

The origin of the Cream Crackers name is detailed in the book *The Works MG's* by Mike Allison and Peter Browning. Mike Allison is a well known prewar MG historian, ex MG employee, and founding member and President of the UK based Triple-M Register of the MG Car Club. Here follows that section of the book. "John Thornely told me this story many years ago, which I repeat here, chiefly because Jack Bastock told me that he was present on the occasion. It is generally thought that Kimber decided that the cars would be cream with brown wings, like the racing cars. The fact that cars were privately owned and that the owners might not have taken kindly to having their cars sprayed a Works' color was not really discussed. However it seems that the paint foreman of the time (RV: 1934 when the three team members, Toulmin, MacDermid, and Bastock ordered their first trial-competition cars) assumed that the cards were MG Works cars, and, having no other orders, painted the in the same scheme as the 1934 K3's of the Eyston team. The finished cars were lined up outside Service waiting to be picked up by their owners. When Toulmin arrived he exclaimed that they looked 'real little crackers'. MacDermid liked this idea and labelled them Cream Crackers,... 'because they are cream', and the name stuck. One wonders if a well-known biscuit manufacturer was approached for sponsorship, but this is very unlikely, since ideas of that type did not occur in 1935.





# From Under the Bonnett

## Quickly adjust valves on ANY MG

Our friend John Twist of University Motors is at it again!

It's the remake of a video he made years ago, where he offers an understanding of an easier approach to valve adjustment on your MG.

Points made:

- Before adjusting the valves, torque the heads!  
[Torque the Cylinder Head on MG video](#)
- You can adjust the valves on a hot or cold engine
- Adjust a valve when its partner valve opens (the spring is tight), e.g., 8 opens adjust 1 Hint, they all add to 9. 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, 4-5, etc.
- You can adjust 2 valves at a time, just look for the tight springs
- Snug your valves with a consistent feel
- Seat the gasket to the valve cover before placing it on the head.



[Watch it by clicking here](#)



If you have a tip, send it to the editor [editor.cmgc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.cmgc@gmail.com)



# Classy Finds

*Aka classifieds*



1952 MGTD Showstopper and trophy winner!  
Ground-up restoration 14 yrs ago. Less than 1000 miles since.  
All leather, 4.33 rear gears. Drives like new. Yours for \$25,000



1955 MGTF with rare 1500 engine!  
Another trophy winner! Silver w/ red Asking \$40,000

Contact: Pete Rogers  
Home 352-343-1855  
Cell 352-406-1948  
31104 Fairvista Dr  
Tavares, FL 32778



# Classy Finds

*Aka classifieds*

## OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONTINUES

### CLASSIC MG CLUB NEWSLETTER

Fellow Enthusiasts....

The second meeting of the "Classic MG Club" was held at the home of Will Bowden on August 29th 1963. Present were 16 Enthusiasts, a vast improvement over the previous meeting. Plans for the upcoming tour ( a HARE & HOUNDS) was discussed and it was decided 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. Mrs. Jos. Sires 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 offered the use of her Ranch as a meeting place after the summer mosquito has migrated to warmer climates.



November marks the fourth "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 next 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.



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



*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.

The Classic MG Club  
 of Orlando  
 is an affiliate chapter  
 and active supporter of:



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 North American MGA Register



North American MGB Register



This month's end shot is again from my old Kentucky home, OK, southern Indiana. My friend Bob, sent this shot of his recently acquired 1972 MGB. It has the rare Aqua/Turquoise paint color, found only on the '72 model, which contrasts the fall foliage. All I can add to this is...

HAPPY  
*Thanksgiving*

*Send me your end shot!*  
[editor.cmgc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.cmgc@gmail.com)  
*And until next month ... Keith*

