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President's Thoughts

We were back at the Nauti Lobstah in Apopka for the August meeting, although we only had 20 members. It seems like everyone is busy for the summer.

The August event was at Fiddlers Green in Winter Park. Again, the turnout was small, only 7 of us, but we made up for the small group by having great conversation and Irish food and drink.

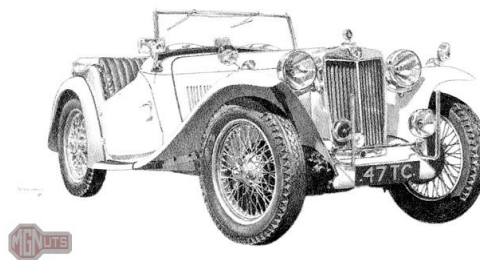
Next month we'll be at the Willow Tree in Sanford. Please let Dodie know if you are planning on going so she can let them know. That starts at 5:30 pm.

Pete Rogers has a carpet kit, interior vinyl kit for TD/TF, and a white vinyl top for a TD. He would like to give them away, so call Pete if you are interested. 352-406-1948 (cell) or 352-343-1855 (home).

Bob Zolkosky has decided not to restore his 1968 MGB. Get in touch with him at bobzsky@msn.com If you are looking for a new project, this could be it.



Jim McSweeney



The Classic MG Club of Orlando

Nauti Lobstah, Apopka
August 18, 2022



August Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Jim McSweeney

Jim McSweeney called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Dodie Beach gave the Treasurer's report of over \$13,000. She also reported that she had sent checks to World Central Kitchen for food aid to Ukraine and Second Harvest Food Bank in Orlando both in the amount of \$500.

New member Mike Spiers introduced himself. He is from Howie in the Hills.

Ellen Tidwell recapped the July event which was the movie and lunch in Winter Garden. Mark Tidwell is coordinating the October overnighter to Cedar Key. Please let Mark know if you are interested in joining us.

The September club event will be at the Willow Tree Restaurant in Sanford. Please let Dodie know if you are planning on going so she can give them a head count.

John Spadaro discussed the North meets South Picnic to be held in January. The club voted to make it a club event and pick up the cost for the Virginia folks and charge our members five dollars. John will talk more about this at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

A Movie and Lunch at Ford's

Ellen Tidwell

The July 23rd club event was a Saturday "on your own drive". Only 2 MGs made the trip - Tidwell's TC and Young's MGB. Cinépolis Hamlin Movie Theater in Winter Garden provided a show and relief from the summer heat. Movie seat reservations were made in advance by members, Kathy and Al Cook, Joe and Anne Kabourek, Carol and Patrick Raley, Ellen and Mark Tidwell went to see the movies "Elvis" or "Thor".

Nancy and Richard Payne, AJ and Jim Young joined us at Ford's Garage for libations and conversation. It was an enjoyable summer afternoon with fellow MG members.

Afterward, we had an opportunity to see Jim Young's newly painted "now black MGB" before we were on our drive home just in time to beat the afternoon showers.

New Members

Michael and Jeanne Spiers, Howie-in-the-Hills, 1957 MGA

Angelo Gaziano, Altamonte Springs, 1951 MGTD



CMGC Dart Tourney at Fiddler's Green

Lonnie Cook



Lonnie Cook Photo

The annual CMGC dart tournament at Fiddler's Green Irish Pub in Winter Park is the perfect air-conditioned event to combat August heat. Fewer members attended this year, so we didn't have an official tourney. However, Dodie Beach, Debbie Zaravelis, and Scott Buie demonstrated their skills to toss a dart with guided missile accuracy. They "coulda been a contender."

Blue skies and no rain. An MGTG looked right at home

in the Pub parking lot.

In addition to Guinness and great conversation, we solved a bunch of MG problems ... valve lash, thermostat housings, float needles and seats, and more. Don't miss this event next year.

Pictured above: Jim McSweeney, Scott Buie, Debbie Zaravelis, Dodie Beach, Jo Ann Cook, and John Camichos.

September's Club Event will be at Hollerbach's German Restaurant, Sanford, on the 17th.



Post Abingdon MGs at MG2022

Ken DeLeeuw

My trip began in November 2021. I received a call from Keith Koehler in Springfield, Ohio. He had decided to sell the remaining 2 MGs he owned.

I saw these vehicles when I bought my 1996 MGF in April of 2015. I contacted my friend and fellow member of The Classic MG Club of Orlando, John Bellmore, and the trip to Ohio was on. We arrived on November 30th with just enough time to get the cars ready for the carrier to take the cars 340 miles away to a garage I have in Michigan. On December 1st, the cars arrived and we put them in the garage where they were put away for the rest of the winter.



On May 21st of 2022, I arrived back in Michigan and started the process of preparing for the first weekend in June. I had prearranged Mark Jones from Sarnia, Ontario, Mark Zimmerman from Flint, Michigan, and Bruce Wyckoff, Zeeland, Michigan to come for a weekend of turning wrenches, and learning about the MGF, since Bruce and Mark Z. were new owners in the Marque. It was decided the 1996 Red MGF was the car we would concentrate on to get road-worthy. The weekend was a success, the Red 1996 came along just great. New belts, air filter, gas filter, and fluids all done. The car was now roadworthy for the trip to MG2022.



We celebrated with an Old Speckled Hen.





The trip started on June 18th. I left Michigan and spent the night in Sarnia at Mark and Judy Jones's home, along with Bruce and Connie Wyckoff. Mark and Louise Zimmerman arrived shortly after 8 am on Sunday the 19th, and with Judy Jones also driving an MGF, the 5 cars left for Peterborough, Ontario for MG2022, an 8-hour trip.

Arriving shortly before 5 pm, we rushed up to the registration booth only to be told they closed for the night. And who do I see sitting there the last person to register before they closed, was Richard Drewyer, another member of the Classic MG Club. So we sat and said hello. Since I traveled with

some Important Folks in NAMGBR, we were given the wrist bands for the event that night, so although we would have to come back on Monday morning to register we would not miss out on the Meet and Greet. Richard drove an MGB-GT, primrose yellow. I did contact him about helping with this article but he was at an Airport heading to the UK till the end of August.

The Show was in a park about 5 miles from the hotels. There were 11 MGFs and 2 MGRV8s. I was awarded 3rd place, quite a feat since the car was a non-running car when I bought it. It is amazing what you can do with a little help from friends! Next Year the MG2023 is in Calgary, Alberta. Anyone interested in a Road Trip?

Thanks, Lonnie

Yeah, it's a crazy story
 The car was
 Mildly restored in 1987
 Driven for 800 miles
 By my dad from 1988 to 1992
 Then stored under cover for
 30 years!!
 I agree I am looking at getting
 the antenna replaced / radio installed
 It's in a strange place for the antenna
 I think the dealerships installed them
 I may be wrong
 We are all smiles now
 when we are out and about in the car!!
 She's seen more miles in the last 9 months
 than in the prior 34 years!!

Take care,
 Darren

Darren Molnar shares the story of getting his father's MGB back on the road in an email to Lonnie Cook. Lonnie replied: ""Family MGs are the best MGs." ed.





A Postcard from Karel & A Greeting Card from Reinout

Reinout Vogt

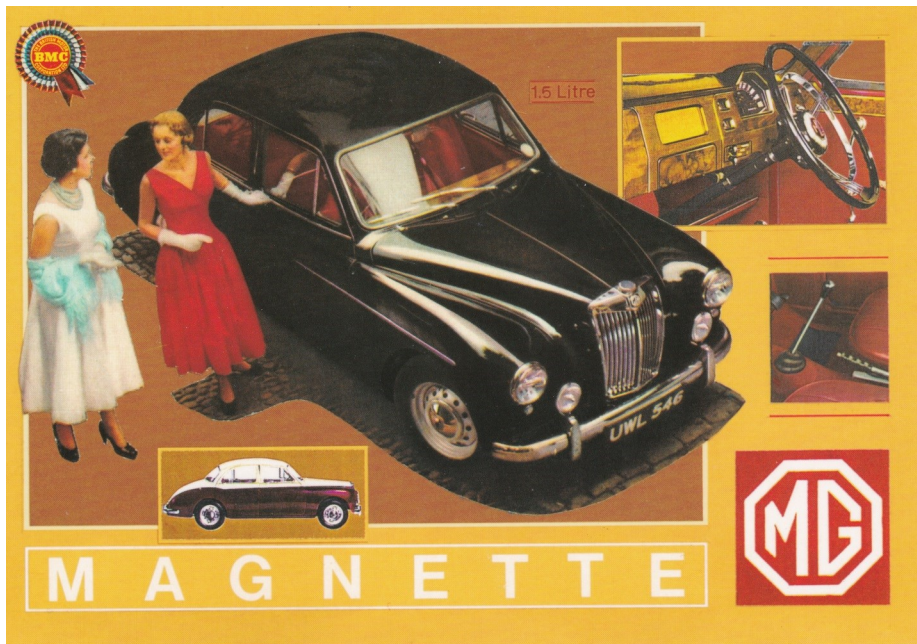
This card, with a Z Magnette, is from Derrynane Harbor in the southwestern tip of Ireland. The two humps in the background are on Scariff Island just off the coast of the Atlantic. The place has seen almost no change since the late 50s/early 60s when the card was made. Checking Google Maps Streetview, I found that the little white building is still there, expanded a bit and, of course, the Magnette has disappeared.



Derrynane Harbour and Scariff Island, "Ring of Kerry," Ireland.

Colour Photo by John Hinde, F.R.P.S.

Unfortunately, I don't have any artwork with an MG Magnette. This card was published by Jenna Publishing in the UK as No. 6 in their Moros Classics series. It contains "original manufacturer's illustrations copyrighted to British Motor Heritage Ltd."



These cars have one of the nicest wooden dashes, with half-octagonal speedometer. The production count of this style MG Magnette was 12,745 ZAs and 23,846 ZBs, manufactured between 1953 and 1958. Along with some specifications, the card states: "... the respected ZB was replaced by the inferior Farina-styled Magnette MkIII in 1959". Quite a denouncement of a model that still sold almost 30,000 cars (MkIII and IV) and is liked by many as a rare and unique MG. We drove a MkIV with an automatic transmission to an MG event in the Netherlands and loved the ride and comfort.



MG Calendar of Events

Note - Exposure to COVID-19 is an inherent risk wherever people meet. Please weigh carefully your personal risk before deciding to participate in our functions. CMGC expects all to adhere to CDC guidelines and take appropriate precautions. You alone are responsible for your health.

Stay healthy, for everyone's sake.

September

9/15 **CMGC Club Meeting**, The Nauti Lobstah, Apopka, <http://thenautilobstah.com/>
6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm. 311 S. Forest Ave, Apopka

9/17 **Willow Tree Restaurant**, 201 E. 1st Street, Sandford
Begins at 5:30 pm, contact Dodie Beach for more information

9/15-18 **Southeast British Car Festival 2022**
Dillard House, Dillard, GA
Peachtree MG Registry
<https://peachtreemg.com/>



October

10/20 **CMGC Club Meeting**, The Nauti Lobstah, Apopka,
6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking.
Meeting at 7pm. 311 S. Forest Ave, Apopka

10/21-22 **35th Annual All British Field Meet and Autojumble**
Safety Harbor, **Featured Marque - MG**
Organized by Tampa Bay Austin Healey Club
Information and registration click [here](#)

10/22 **British Classic Car Show**, St. Augustine
King's Head British Pub, US 1 North
<https://www.mgclassicsfl.org/bcc2022>



10/22-23 **Cedar Key Overnighter Club Event**, Contact Mark Tidwell: 1mwtidwell@gmail.com

November

11/18 **British Invasion, Car Show & Festival**, The Villages at Lake Sumter Landing
Luncheon at noon, Car set-up 2-4 pm, Show 4-8 pm, Awards at 7 pm
Information and registration, click [here](#)

April 2023

4/20-23 **GOF South Mk 55**, Gainesville
Best Western Gateway Grand
Never too early to mark your calendar





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35th Annual

All British Field Meet & Autojumble

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for OCTOBER 22, 2022

The 35th Annual All British Field Meet & Autojumble will return to the streets in Safety Harbor, Florida. The Main Street in downtown Safety Harbor will be blocked off for the day and cars and bikes will be parked along the street. There will be a Meet and Greet for all registered entrants on Friday evening. And if you've never been to Safety Harbor, now is your chance to explore the many restaurants and shops in this quaint little town perched on the edge of beautiful Tampa Bay. If you are looking for a fun day for the family, you've found it! (Pets are invited too!). **THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE**



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Saturday October 22, 2022
for a return to Safety Harbor, FL

**NO REGISTRATION
ON OCTOBER 22**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

ONLINE Registration available on our website:
www.TBAHC.com.

Early Registration closes October 1, Cost \$35.
Early registrations will receive a dash plaque and one event T- shirt. **Late registration closes Oct 12**, Cost is \$50.

All Registrations will be closed if entries exceed 260 cars and bikes.

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY REGISTRATION FOR ENTRIES ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW, OCTOBER 22

Vendors are always welcome - registration is \$35.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Evening, Oct. 21 - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM:

"Meet & Greet" at Coastal Cantina & Grill
549 2nd Street S
Complimentary snacks; cash bar

Saturday, Oct. 22 - 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Placement of cars on Main Street

10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Popular Car Show Voting
(Ballot return boxes on Main Street)

3:00 PM

Awards at the Gazebo

For further information visit TBAHC.com





33rd Annual British Car Classic

British Car Classic XXXIII, October 22, 2022
9am Thru 3pm

Upholding the Tradition

British Cars on Display at a British Pub!

Join us for the XXXIII British Classic in Northeast Florida
All Marques of British Built Classic Cars Welcome
The XXXIII British Car Classic at the King's Head British Pub
6460 US-1, St. Augustine, FL 32095

Awards for each Class
(Classes by Marque)

Door Prizes; Food; Beverage; DJ; Event Regalia Options!

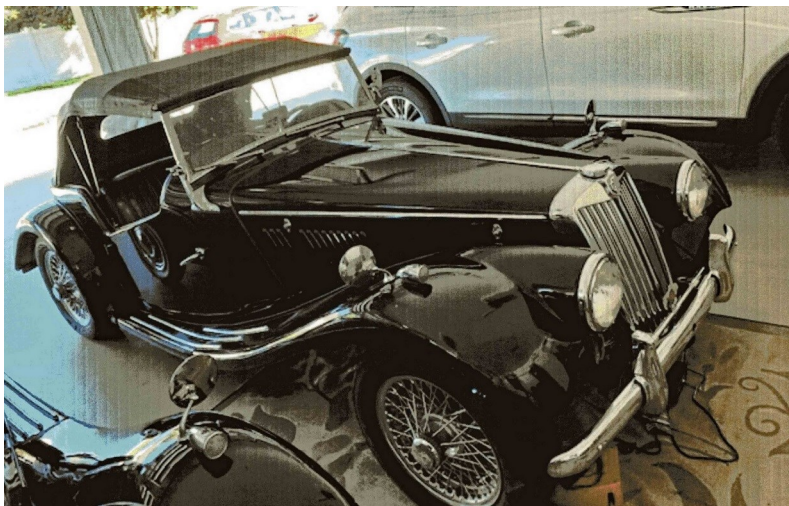
Early Bird Registration \$40 (Prior to October 1);
Pre-Registration \$45;
Show Day Registration \$55.

Details, Registration, and Event Shirts at:
www.mgclassicsfl.org/bcc2022



MG Marketplace

1950 MGTD - Rare, early 1950 TD with solid wheels. Painted in a duo maroon. Fully restored and has new interior and top, and a bimini top for those hot days. The car was purchased through Will Bowden. Sterling needs space in his garage for a planned purchase of an electric vehicle, parking and a plug for recharging. He would like to sell it to a local person to keep the car in the area. \$19,500.
Sterling Frey 352/217-9054



1954 MGTF 1250 Black body with black interior. Ground-up restoration completed in Spring 2021. Frame detailed, engine built to 1400cc, 3.9 rear end, front disk brakes, chrome wire wheels, new tires, new tonneau cover. Miles driven since restoration, approximately 125.
Make Offer.

Pete Rogers 352/343-1855 H
352/406-1948 C
31104 Fairvista Dr., Tavares, FL

Free to first to respond

- 1 Black carpet kit for either a TD or TF - used like new
- 1 Interior Black Vinyl kit for either TD or TF - NEW
- 1 White Vinyl top for a TD - three bow - NEW

Call Pete - 352-406-1948 Cell
352-343-1855 Home



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Contact the editor each month to keep your ad current.



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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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Jennifer Horning Photo

The editor's original challenge to readers was to take a photo of your MG in front of an old building to be used as the ending note in *The Octagon*.

Jennifer Horning was not a member at the time that challenge was issued, but one of her photos meets the criteria. In this shot, Jennifer's MGB is parked in front of the PICO Building in Sanford. It was built in 1887 as the PICO Hotel by Henry B. Plant, the railroad magnate. Plant's company was the Plant Investment Company (PICO).

Have your MG pictured in the newsletter by sending an image of the rear end of your car to:

editor.cmgc@gmail.com

