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## Presidential Thoughts

The March event is the most important event of the year. It will be held at Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen, 2203 Aloma Ave; Winter Park, FL. 32792, from 3 till 6. We will select all the events for 2025.



**It is imperative that we have a great turn out!** We want our events to reflect what the membership desires. This process starts with you. Please send your ideas for an event to my email address: [1mwtidwell@gmail.com](mailto:1mwtidwell@gmail.com) Potential suggested events will be posted on the club website for you to review, with periodic updates as they are submitted. I hope there will be many new and fresh event ideas. Please take some time to review the event suggestions on the website so you can be familiar with the options and ready to make a selection. Hopefully this review will also inspire you to submit your own idea for an event. For an event to be selected and added to the Annual CMGC Calendar two criteria must be met. First, the event must be selected by the members in attendance at the selection. Second, the selected event must have a host identified. This completes the process and the hosted event will be added to the CMGC 2025 Calendar. Please send your ideas, take some time and let's get some interesting events for 2025.

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 111 Danbury/Bethel, CT  
Sep 4-7  
Local Contact: Mike McCormick



**NAMGAR**  
North American MGA Register

Their Website: [NAMGAR.com](http://NAMGAR.com)  
Nat'l Meeting: GT-50 Traverse City, MI  
Jun 2-6 (MGA 70th Anniv)  
Local Contact: Jill Moore



Their Website: [NAMGBR.org](http://NAMGBR.org)  
Nat'l Meeting: MG2025 Crystal Lake, IL  
Jul 28-31  
Local Contact: Jim McSweeney



# The Classic MG Club of Orlando

## Meeting Minutes



**February 20, 2025**

**Location:** Nauti Lobstah Restaurant, Apopka, FL.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Dodie reported that we have a significant amount in the bank.

### **Old business:**

- **GOF 2026** Mark Tidwell reported that they are looking at a possible location for the 2026 GOF and are currently in negotiations with The Radisson Resort at Cape Canaveral. This location has various visitor activities in the area. Club members will visit the resort in the next 1-2 weeks to preview. Goal is to have location determined by end February.

Mark shared that Tom Redditt is exploring "The car show program" that would handle the GOF registration. If the GOF is held in Brevard County, Bob Moore suggested we contact MG Car Club Florida, Melbourne to ask if they are interested in participating in the GOF as a club.

### **- 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 Wyman
- 4. Art –** Gary Thomas (British Car Club of Central Florida, member) has agreed to do the GOF artwork
- 5. Marketing - NEEDED**
- 6. Information Technology –** Scott Buie
- 7. Parking – NEEDED**

**New Business:** No new business

**Announcements:** 2025 Calendar Events selection will be held on Saturday, March 22nd 3-6. \*\*It's Important that you send your event suggestions for this meeting to [1mwtidwell@gmail.com](mailto:1mwtidwell@gmail.com) and to RSVP if you are coming.\*\*

- **Tech Session:** Ann Plasschaert- need to investigate a problem with no power in 3rd in her TF and to evaluate the brakes. Ann is available on either Saturday, March 8 or March 15
- **Strive Senior Living, 7255 Strive Place, Fern Park, FL 32730** asks anyone who wants to participate in a Pre-Father's Day car show on Friday, June 13, 11-2. Bring your car to the facility to show the residents. Contact Pauline Almestica – Cooke Phone: 407-848-1743 or : [pauline@striveseniorliving.com](mailto:pauline@striveseniorliving.com)  
(This is not a club sponsored event)

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## March

**03/20 Club Meeting at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka**  
6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm

**03/22 Club Events Planning Meeting** Hosted by Mark Tidwell  
3-6PM Tibby's 2203 Aloma Ave, Winter Park, FL 32792

\*\*\* More info on the following page \*\*\*

## April

\*\*\* No Club Meeting see you at GOF LIX! \*\*\*

**04/24-27 GOF-South 2025** Hosted by MG Classics of Jacksonville  
Best Western Gateway Grand Gainesville, FL

\*\*\* See the registration info later in this newsletter \*\*\*

## May

**05/15 Club Meeting at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka**  
6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm

??/? TBD Hold this space!

**Please attend our March Events Planning to determine what goes in this space**





# March's Upcoming Event



**Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen  
2203 Aloma Ave, Winter Park, FL 32792**

*This IS the Club planning meeting to select events for the 2025 club calendar.*

Please send your suggestions for events, to Mark Tidwell, [1mwtidwell@gmail.com](mailto:1mwtidwell@gmail.com) . We would like to have a starting list of suggestions to work with at this meeting. We had so many interesting and fun events in 2024- a few were drives, garden and museum tours, and airboat rides. Let's make it even better this year. Historic guided tours seemed to be a hit. On the next page is an edited list that we worked from last year. We would like even more ideas and each event can't happen without a host/organizer. The club has monthly events and usually 1 or 2 overnights. Get thinking about what you want to do throughout the year. I am hoping we are able to fill the 2025 calendar schedule.



## Potential Trips

- Longwood car show-Monthly 2nd Saturday 4:00 pm-6:00 pm, Music/DJ, cruise in, no cost; could take tour of Longwood mansion/museum tour <https://historiclongwood.com/>
- North/South Picnic Held for several years 2024
- Founders Picnic- Quail Hollow in Deland 2023 & 2024
- Winter Park Tour of Lights, Dinner at Winter Park Racquet Club 2023 & 2024
- Drive to Sanford, visit Sanford Museum <https://sanfordfl.gov/government/parks-and-recreation/museum/> Lunch at local restaurant
- Drive to Clermont National Golf driving Range in Clermont <https://www.viewclermont.com/> (similar to Top Golf) and The View, followed by drive to Hagan O'Reilly's for lunch <https://www.haganoreillysirishtpub.com/>
- Drive from Clermont area west through great roads to Southern Hospitality, Sunday event, hours: 7:00 am-2:00 pm
- Visit/Tour Lunasea Alpaca Farm, Clermont; Feed and pet llamas and alpacas Tour \$20 <https://www.lunaseaalpacafarm.com/> lunch at local restaurant
- Drive to Howey in the Hills, Visit Howey Mansion for tour or music series <https://www.thehoweymansion.com/> lunch at JR Boondocks <https://jbboondocks.com/>
- Drive to Winter Garden for Central Florida Railroad Museum <https://www.cfrhs.org/> and explore old town Winter Garden lunch in WG, option Hangry Bison <https://downtownwg.com/locations/the-hangry-bison/>
- Drive to Winter Park visit Albin Polanski Museum & Sculpture Gardens, <https://polasek.org/>, Lunch in Winter Park area
- Drive to Cape Canaveral Space Force Museum, <https://ccspacemuseum.org/> Lunch Titusville area
- Drive to Silver Springs, visit Appleton Museum of Art <https://www.appletonmuseum.org/> lunch Eaton Beach Florisiana Cuisine <https://www.eatonsbeach.com/>, Or lunch at Gator Joe's <https://www.gatorjoesocala.com/> Both restaurants on Lake Weir, Could be Overnighter
- Drive to Titusville, visit Valiant Air Command Warbirds Museum, <https://www.valiantaircommand.com/> Lunch Titusville area
- Drive to Christmas, Visit Fort Christmas, Fort Christmas info Lunch in East Orlando.
- Drive great roads to Floral City, Visit Pudgee's Eatery and Market <https://pudgeeseatery.com/> for lunch
- Drive to Myakka City, 1-2 hour tour Bearadise Ranch Bear Preserve <https://bearadiseranch.com/> Reservation required; Hours Sat 11:30-2:00 Lunch nearby
- Drive to Dunellen, FL. Explore town, visit Rainbow springs for picnic or lunch at local restaurant Reds BBQ or other
- Drive to Deland: Explore town Mainstreet Deland Association, Mural Walk or Sculpture Walk, Museum of Art or Visit Blue Springs, Lunch at Swamp House Riverfront Grill <https://www.swamphousegrill.com/> or other restaurant
- Drive to Weeki Wachee Springs, lunch local restaurant
- Drive to Cassadaga, lunch to be at local restaurant (BBQ restaurant near Deland)
- Drive to DeLeon Springs, eat at Old Sugar Mill Pancake House <https://deleonspringsadventures.com/old-sugar-mill-pancake-house/>

## Potential Pop Up Events

- Drive to Kissimmee, Old Town car shows and/or music <https://myoldtownusa.com/category/events/>
- Drive to Lake Mary, Cars and Coffee, 3 rd 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- November 2024
- Tech Sessions held at Club member's garage Several in 2020



# 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 Panasoffee for airboat ride;

September 21st Saturday: a visit Harry P. Leu Gardens; <https://www.leugardens.org/> lunch 7:00PM; 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.





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## CAR & BIKE SHOW

APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>



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★ **GAINESVILLE** **FLORIDA** ★

**THIS IS THE MUST-ATTEND-SHOW OF THE YEAR!**

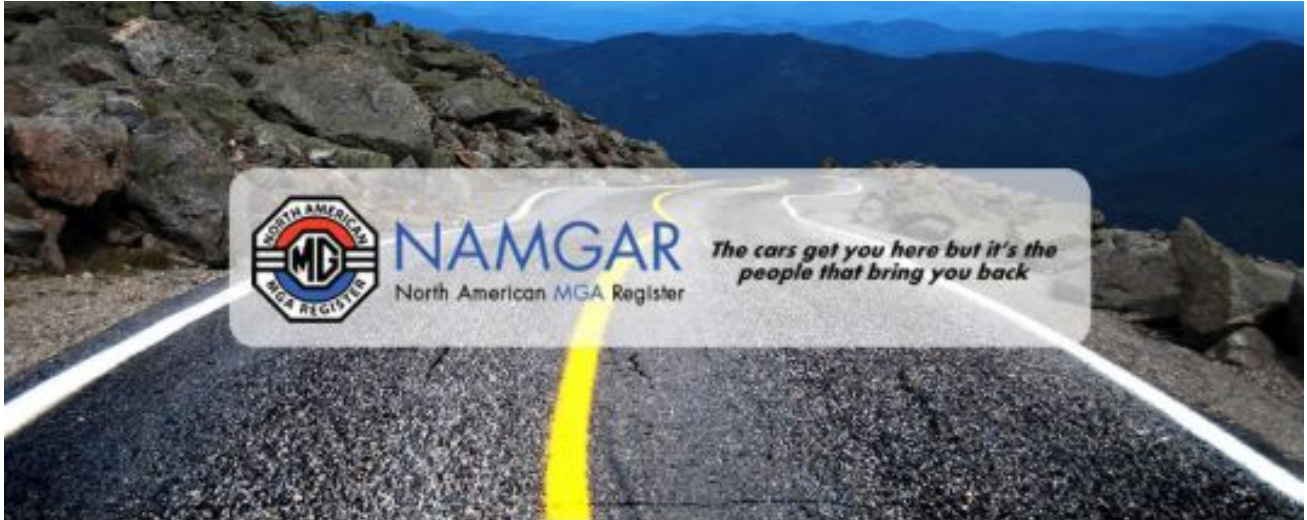
**Best Western Gateway Grand**

**COME JOIN US!**

★ **MG CLASSICS OF JACKSONVILLE** ★

[Click this link to register](#)

# Other Events of Interest



Dear NAMGAR Members,

## GT-50 Registration Now Open



GT-50 June 2-6, 2025  
70th MGA Anniversary  
Traverse City, Michigan

[Register Now](#)

This looks to be a fun GT and we expect the hotel to fill up quickly so we encourage you to register sooner rather than later.

Thanks,

NAMGAR Board





## Other Events of Interest



### **NAMGBR announces MG2025 - July 28-32. Crystal Lake, Illinois.**

Hosted by the Chicagoland MG Club, We are on a mission from... well, not that mission, but close enough! We have lined up a fantastic array of events, but if you are feeling rebellious and want to freestyle your time, that's fine too. There is plenty to explore, eat, and enjoy in and around town. Still, I would say do not miss the organized events—trust me, your diary is begging for some new entries. Oh, and while you are packing, channel your inner Blues Brother: white shirt, skinny black tie, and, yes, all your other clothes. Plot your course to Crystal Lake or let your GPS take the wheel. On Monday, day one, you will register, and from there, you can cruise the city or kick back at the hotel. But whatever you do, do not skip the welcome and first-timers' reception—it is going to be a blast! Tuesday thru Thursday, the fun continues with more registration, silent auctions, all-day tech sessions, and some unforgettable activities. Highlights include: Sanfilippo Estate, Volo Auto Museum, Anderson Japanese Gardens, Illinois Railway Museum, Chicago Architecture Boat Tour, Pizza-Making Session, Drive-In Movie Night, a rocker cover race, and finally the Car Show.

So, what are you waiting for? Register now! We can't wait to see you there!



[Click here to register](#)





# Other Events of Interest



The MG Car Clubs from Ottawa and Toronto invite you to

## ***MG102Fest.***

Join us for a weekend of fun and camaraderie in beautiful Muskoka.

Muskoka is located in Central Ontario.

This weekend gathering of MGs is open to all enthusiasts.

We would love to see you there!

*Friday*

*Saturday*

*Sunday*

Tailgate Pizza Party

Group Scenic Tour

MG Car Show

Pub & Trivia Night

Register at [tinyurl.com/mg102fest](https://tinyurl.com/mg102fest)

***AUGUST 22 - 24, 2025***



[Click here to register](https://tinyurl.com/mg102fest)



## 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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# Club Happenings

## North-South Picnic *Hosted by John and Sharon Spadaro*

Saturday, February 15 in some parts of town started out a little rainy. The plans were in place for a BYOL (bring your own lunch) picnic at beautiful Magnolia Park in Apopka. We were hoping for a nice February day that we have so often during this month. As it turns out, we were not disappointed. As noon time approached most of the clouds and dreariness had blown away and the sun made a grand appearance and what started out looking a little shaky turned into a beautiful day. The history of this event involves a group of MG enthusiasts who come down from Virginia on the auto train with their "T" cars and tour the state. For the last couple of years, they have not been able to make the trip, but we have been hosting this event for so long that we continue to hold the event whether they come or not. Why not? There is no downside. February is a great month for driving our MG's while folks up north have them stashed away in the garage waiting for the Spring thaw. This is the best driving weather we have all year. As far as lunch goes, when you bring your own, you know it was exactly what you wanted, so, it was great.



We had about 24 people and 10 MG's that weathered the early rain and came out to enjoy the event. As close into town as we were, I thought we would have a larger turnout, but we did have people from near and far. Mike and Carol McCormick were right down the road, so they drove their "T" car. George and Elyn Pardee who always show up drove their fabulous YA all the way from Clearwater. We did have a couple of disappointments. Ann Plasschaert with her navigator Debbie had a failure on the way to the park. Ann was able to call AAA and Debbie was able to hitch a ride with Jim and Dodie to the picnic. We will have to get a workday together to see if we can help Ann get back on the road. I was also very disappointed to see Patrick and Carol Raley pull up in Patrick's BMW. Several of us got together with Patrick earlier in the month to work on his car which was not running well. I thought we got it going in pretty good order but as is always the case with these crazy little cars, you fix one thing, then something else goes wrong. Patrick was working the crowd looking for solutions to his new problem. I am confident that Patrick will figure it out and be back on the road soon.





# Club Happenings

## North-South Picnic *continued...* Written by John Spadaro, photos Glen Moore



John and Gail Powling came from the Villages in their "B". Keith Waggoner grabbed a friend and drove his "B" from DeLand as did Glen and Jill Moore in their "B".



It turned out to be a very nice day with great MG people. It was a great opportunity to drive your car, have a great lunch in a postcard setting and appreciate the weather we have here that allows us to have an outdoor picnic in February. Thanks to all that came out to enjoy the day.





# Club Happenings

## North-South Picnic *continued...* Written by John Spadaro, photos Glen Moore



Patrick and Carol Raley with John and Sharon Spadaro (hosts)

George and Elyn Pardee with Mark and Ellen Tidwell and Keith Waggoner with friend Mark



Tom Reddit with Jim McSweeney, Dodie Beach, and Debbie Zaravelis

Bob and Pat Moore with John and Gail Powling



Jill Moore, Jo Ann and Lonnie Cook with Mike and Carol McCormick



# Remembering Nancy Payne

*Ellen Tidwell and Glen Moore contributors*

We are sad to share the passing of club member, Nancy Payne, while on a trip to Australia with Richard to visit their family. Nancy always had a smile, a pleasant word and was ready to help when needed.

Nancy was a gracious hostess when she and Richard opened their home to host the club Christmas party. Their home was beautifully decorated with quite the collection of Christmas decor and ornaments that they had acquired during their travels. She and her daughter had prepared numerous appetizers, soups and cookies for the festivities. When the evening was over everyone was given a handmade MG octagon tree ornament. She will be missed by all who knew her. Our sincere condolences to Richard and the entire family.







## Classic MG Club of Orlando

Year 2024 in Review

Since the club's inception 61 years ago, the club has held monthly meetings at an evening dinner setting and organized a driving activity every month, two being overnights. An expansion of activities began this year with the institution of Pop-Up Events, gatherings that could be announced by any member, inviting others to join in. The first Pop-Up happened in January when Mark Tidwell asked members to join him at the Roar Before the 24, the warm-up to the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona.

A change this year was that two of the club meetings were held on Saturday mornings along with a breakfast meal. One result was that

many more MGs were driven to the meetings than daily drivers.

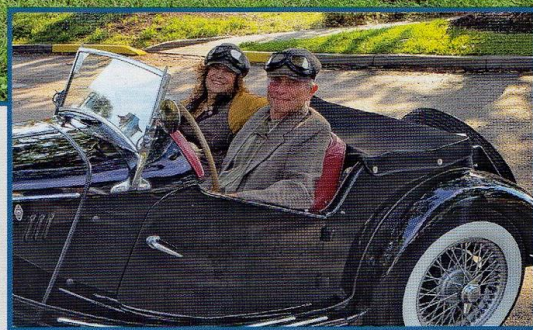
The spring overnighter was to the historic Hotel Jacaranda, in Avon Park. Drives from multiple directions converged at the old-time Frostbite Restaurant for lunch, then headed to the Hotel Jacaranda in an MG convoy. The drive home included a visit to the intriguing Singing Tower at Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales. The fall overnighter was to Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings State Park where the park ranger led the group on a tour of the Pulitzer Prize-winning author's home and grounds. Lunch at the Yearling Restaurant (named after that book) for real southern cooking was followed by a visit to Micanopy, the oldest inland town in Florida.

Other weekend activities included the Morse Museum (the largest collection of Tiffany glass and other works) in Winter Park, an airboat ride on Lake Panasofkee, the North/South picnic in Travares, a drive and lunch along the Indian River, a visit to the Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards during a special event with live music, Longwood Mansion Museum tour, and a visit to Harry P. Leu Gardens with an outstanding interpretation by a staff member.



*The park setting at the Founders Picnic provided a grassy setting for a show-like setting for the MGs to park.*

*Lonnie and Jo Ann Cook line up in Jo Ann's TF for CMGC Tweed Drive at GoF South. Lonnie was the recipient of the Will Bowden Award, for one who helps others.*



*CMGC Tour of Lights— MGs lined up at the tennis club before departing on Tour of Lights, to see homes with Christmas lights in Winter Park.*





The traditional November picnic, held for decades at a member's horse farm, was updated and named the Founders Picnic, in honor of the founding members of the club. The new location is in DeLand at a park on the St. Johns River. It was one of the biggest events of the year with perfect British gray and damp weather. December ended the year with the Tour of Lights, driving decorated MGs through the Christmas-lighted streets in Winter Park, followed by dinner at the tennis club.

Tech sessions were popular, topics including general tune-up, tips and methods of fine detailing of an MG, and the most exciting – starting a 1500 XPEG built by club founder and racer, Blair Engle. He built the engine 35 years earlier and it had never been cranked. The George Pardee-led session resulted in the engine firing up almost instantly.

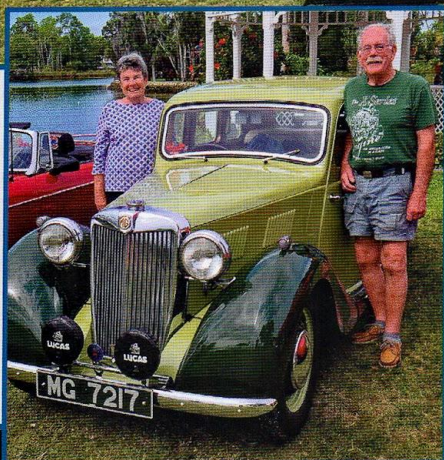
Of course, the most important and largest event was GoF South. The Classic MG Club of Orlando and the MG Classics of Jacksonville share the responsibility for this event on a rotating basis. The Orlando Club served as host for GoF South 2024. The

Plantation Resort in Crystal River was the chosen hotel and site for most of the activities. Multiple drives were offered; one, The Tail of the Gator, is claimed to be the curviest road in Florida. Attendees dressed in their finest tweed attire for the Tweed Drive, enjoying an outstanding dinner and camaraderie at a fine dining restaurant. Best of Show was earned by the recently restored MGTC of Ben Gilbert, Sr., and Ben Gilbert, Jr.

Yes, there will be a driving event in January for club members in their MGs – a drive to the historic Richloam General Store ending at Friar Tuck's British Restaurant in Clermont.

2025 looks to be another year of interesting MG events.  
Glen Moore

*CMGC GOF Show Field – Triple M cars graced the head of the GoF South show field as part of the regional event they held.*



*CMGC GOF Premier Win – The YA restored by George and Elyn Pardee placed 1st in the large entry Premier Class at GoF South.*

*George Pardee led a tech session on how to prepare an engine start-up. – a 1500 XPEG built 35 years ago. Success – it fired up quickly.*



*Club members gather in lobby of Hotel Jacaranda among Christmas decorations still on display early in the new year.*





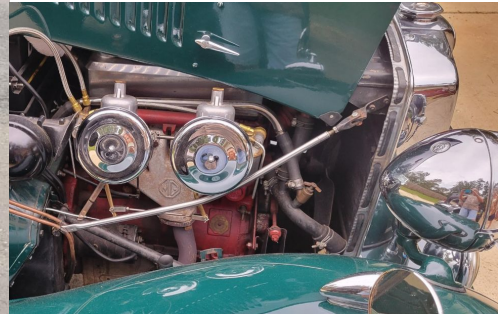
# Classy Finds

*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)







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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.

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



This 1930 F2 is being shipped from icy Mansfield, OH to sunny Miami to participate in the 1st Mille Miglia Experience in the US. Held Feb 22-25, you may have encountered these cars as they crossed central Florida from Tampa to Cape Canaveral.

See you next month!  
*Keith*

