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President's Thoughts

We continue to meet at the Nauti Lobstah in Apopka (it was called the Catfish Place). The September meeting had 29 members, up from 20 in August.

Our September club event was at the Willow Tree Restaurant in Sanford, with 17 members enjoying German food and drink.

The October event will be an over-nighter at Cedar Key. The host hotel will be the Beachfront Motel. They have reserved a block of

rooms for us at a special rate for Friday and Saturday nights. Be sure to let them know you are with the MG Club. More information regarding caravans, etc., will be coming in the next few weeks. Several members, including us, have already booked rooms, don't wait if you want to go. Book now!



Jim McSweeney



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Nauti Lobstah, Apopka
September 15, 2022



September Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Tom Redditt

The meeting was called to order by president Jim McSweeney at 6:51 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dodie Beach reported the bank balance was approximately \$13K.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS: New member Paul Hooker attended from St Cloud. Paul has a 1980 MGB that has been converted to chrome bumpers.

OLD BUSINESS: Last month's outing was held at Fiddler's Green restaurant in Winter Park. There were 7 attendees and a great time was had by all who attended.

SEPTEMBER CLUB EVENT: This month's event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17th at Hollerbach's Willow Tree restaurant in Sanford, beginning at 6:00 pm.

NORTH/SOUTH PICNIC: The North meets South MG picnic will be held on January 28, 2023, at Hickory Point Recreation Park, 27341 FL-19, Tavares, Florida 32778. There is a pavilion reserved and the cost is \$5 per person. It will be catered by Sonny's Bar-B-Que. Please RSVP to Dodie Beach if coming.

CEDAR KEY OVERNIGHTER: This event will be held on October 22nd at the Beachfront Hotel in Cedar Key. For reservations call the hotel at 352-543-9960 and also let Mark Tidwell know if you are planning to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Nancy Payne offered the members attending the meeting free jars of homemade apple butter.

OTHER BUSINESS: Pete Rogers advised that a friend in Mt Dora had a garage fire with 2 MGBs in the garage. Both cars burned so are being sold for salvage value. If interested contact Pete Rogers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.



NORTH/SOUTH PICNIC

John Spadaro

It's that time of year. Once again, our friends from Virginia are going to come to the Sunshine State to tour. They will be boarding the Auto Train with their "T" cars and making their way to warmer weather. As in years past, the Classic MG Car Club will host an event to celebrate them and to wish

them safe travels. As some of us may recall, last year this event was cancelled due to lingering concerns of Covid. What our friends from Virginia don't know is that even though they cancelled, we still had a get-together, and those who were there will remember that we nearly froze to death because it was so cold that day! Yes, it does sometimes get cold in Florida. They don't need to know this; it will spoil our reputation!

This year, the event will take place on Saturday, January 28. We will have the event at Hickory Point Park, 27341 SR 19 Tavares FL 32778. This venue is somewhat enclosed (screened) and it is not directly on the lake, so if it is cold as it was last year, we should be OK. This park has a very nice lakefront location, with hiking trails and nice vistas of Lake Griffin, bring the kids! We will have fine fixin's catered by Sonny's BBQ. We are asking that everyone pay \$5.00 per person to attend which will be collected on the day of the event. Obviously, this is not enough to cover costs, so our club will pick up the balance. Of course, there will be no charge for our guests. For those who have attended in the past, you know these folks from Virginia are really nice people, they have great stories and are very passionate about their MGs. If you have never attended, now is your chance. So be sure to join us for food, fellowship, and just good ole tire kicking. We can all tell lies about what great cars MGs are.

So, make a note on your calendar for January 28. Show up anytime, we plan to serve lunch at about 12:30. It is very important that you let us know you are coming. As we are catering the meal, we need to know how much to order. It is very gracious of the club to pick up the majority of the tab for this event and we do not want to waste the club's money, nor do we want to run out of food, so, please, no surprise appearances.

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Classic MG Club Cedar Key Event

Friday, October 21, Saturday, 10/22, and Sunday, 10/23
Lodging: Beachfront Motel, Cedar Key
873 1st Street; Cedar Key, FL 32625, #352-543-9960
Website: Cedar Key Beachfront Motel



Call the hotel directly to make a reservation. If there are 10 or more guest reservations, the motel will offer the club a better rate. Currently, we think there are 4 reservations.

If anyone would like to meet on Friday for a drive to Cedar Key, call Mark Tidwell #352-874-5242 or email 1mwtidwelli@gmail.com The Tidwell's are driving over on Friday and would love company.

Dinner plans/reservations have not been made until it is known how many will be attending the weekend. Looking forward to a great overnighter with fellow MG enthusiasts.

NAMGAR Membership

The Classic MG Club of Orlando is an affiliate chapter of the North American MGA Register, NAMGAR. As a chapter, we receive many benefits and have a few responsibilities. One of those responsibilities is to keep NAMGAR informed of our club membership numbers and the number of club members who are also members of NAMGAR.



If you are a member of NAMGAR, please contact the editor so that a count may be made – editor.cmqc@gmail.com. If you are an MGA owner and not a member of NAMGAR, consider joining. The outstanding magazine, *MGA!*, alone is worth the membership investment.

The 2023 GOF South will host a NAMGAR Regional, having activities specifically for MGAs.

Report from Dillard

Over 170 British cars made the journey to Dillard, Georgia, to participate in the Southeast British Car Festival. Dillard is famous for great Southern Food



Dillard, Georgia

at the event host location, The Dillard House Restaurant. The area is surrounded by many twisty sportscar roads.

Ian and Paula Massey traveled to Dillard in their MGB, pictured here at a stop at Thomson, Georgia. Their trip, on the back roads, went well. The MGB was appreciated by the Festival attendees, earning the first place award in the MGB 1970 - 1974 class.





A Postcard from Karel & A Greeting Card from Reinout

Reinout Vogt

No postcard this month, maybe Karel is vacationing somewhere. Therefore, two cards from my own collection.

With all the fall British Car Festivals on the calendar, a card with several different MG models seems right. These are painted by Steven Binks and the card was published by Country Cards from St. Boswells in Scotland. Note the post-Abingdon MGF in the upper left hand corner. On the back of the card, the five MG models are identified as: MGF, MGB GT, MGB Roadster, MG Midget, and MGA Lord Roadster. Yes, a 'Lord' Roadster. I have no idea what that means; please let me know if you do.



At the Southeast All British Car Festival held in Dillard this month, the Peachtree Club celebrated the 60th anniversary of the MGB. This card, from Jenna Publishing in England, uses "original manufacturer's illustrations" of the 1962 MGB, now known as the pull handle MGB. Central in the card is a LHD example of, arguably, the prettiest MGB dashboard.



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.

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>
- 10/21-23 **Cedar Key Overnighter Club Event**, Beachfront Motel, Information on page 4
Contact Mark Tidwell for more information: 1mwtidwell@gmail.com



November

- 11/17 **CMGC Club Meeting**, The Nauti Lobstah, Apopka,
6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm. 311 S. Forest Ave, Apopka
- 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](#)

2023

- 1/28 **North/South Picnic**, information on page 3 of this newsletter
- 4/01 **All British Car Show**, Sanford, Central Florida British Car Club
- 4/20-23 **GOF South Mk 55**, Gainesville
Best Western Gateway Grand
Never too early to mark your calendar
- 8/31-9/4 **MG 100th Anniversary Festival and Race**
Lime Rock Park, CT





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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



1952 MGTD Silver body with black fenders, black leather interior. Complete ground-up restoration 14 years ago. This MG was built for Show and Go. It is a constant TOP prize winner. Rear axle ratio - 4.33, many extras, drives like new. Miles driven since restoration, approximately 1,000. \$27,500

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

1955 MGTF 1500 Silver body with red interior. This is an outstanding car that has earned many first place awards. Disk brakes, 3.9 rear, recalibrated speedometer, chrome wire wheels, full tonneau, SS exhaust, digital ignition, all the best accessories. \$40,000 Contact Pete Rogers



Freebie of the month

Tow Bar

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

Adverts are free. Send information to editor.cmgc@gmail.com.

Contact the editor each month to keep your ad current.



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: 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.

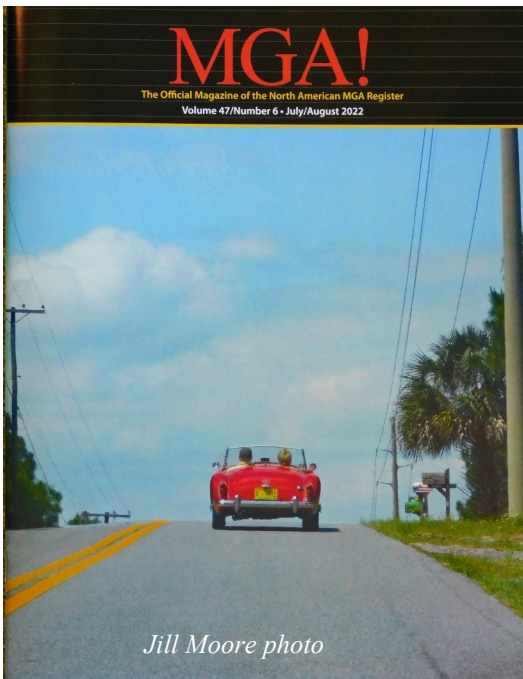
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This is the cover of the *MGA!* magazine, July/August 2022 edition, the official publication of the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR). The red MGA is Ann Plasschaert's car with her son, Jeff, driving. Photo was taken as they navigated the Rallye de Montagne at GOF South 2022.

It is an honor to have a club member's car pictured on the cover and for our GOF to gain recognition in an international publication. Congratulations to Ann, and all club members who worked to make the GOF South 2022 a great event.

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

editor.cmgc@gmail.com

