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## President's Thoughts

We had another good turnout of members at the Nauti Lobstah. We'll continue meeting there until further notice.

Our October event was an overnighter at the Beachfront Motel in Cedar Key. Great fun! Mark and Ellen had a full schedule of events for us. Thanks again to the Tidwells for a wonderful weekend!

Only one car had a problem and that was mine when one of my 15-year-old tires went flat. My next project will be buying 5 new tires and tubes of the correct size and a spare wheel. I'll let you know how that goes next month.

The November event will be the Flankey Picnic and Chili Cookoff. This will be the last one at the Flankey Horse Farm. Dodie has sent out a flyer to all members. Hope to see everyone there.

In the meantime, if your tires are old, start thinking about new ones!

*Jim McSweeney*



# The Classic MG Club of Orlando

Nauti Lobstah, Apopka  
October 20, 2022



## October Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Tom Redditt*

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dodie Beach reported our bank balance at approximately \$13,200.00

**NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS:** New member Angelo Gaziano introduced himself. He recently moved here from New Mexico and is the owner of a 1951 MGTD which he restored about 6 years ago. Welcome Angelo to the club.

**HOLIDAY PARTY:** The Christmas party for the club this year will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022. It will be hosted by Ken and Lynn Ball at their home in Port Orange, FL starting at 1:00 PM. Their address is 1819 Wiley Post Trail, Pt. Orange, FL 32128, which is in the Spruce Creek development. This is a gated community so to enter you must RSVP to Ken that you are coming to get gate access.

It is a "pot luck" dinner so everyone attending is asked to bring a side dish. Turkey and ham will be provided. There will not be a gift exchange for this party. Feel free to bring your MG. They have plenty of room to park your car.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP at e-mail: [ballkenlynn@aol.com](mailto:ballkenlynn@aol.com) or call 305-394-4739.

**OVERNIGHTER EVENT:** The Cedar Key overnighter event will leave Friday, October 21, and will return Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Currently, there are 9 couples signed up to go on this trip.

**FLANKEY PICNIC:** The annual Flankey Picnic will be held Sunday, November 13, 2022. It will be a Chili Cookoff event so bring your favorite chili recipe and a side dish. 8098 Gilliam Road, Apopka, FL 32818

**LONGWOOD "CRUISE IN" CAR SHOW:** Tom Redditt announced that the City of Longwood hosts a monthly vintage car show held the second Saturday afternoon of each month from 4-8 pm. The location is downtown Longwood in the Historic District next to City Hall located at 175 W. Warren Ave, Longwood, FL 32750. It is open to all vintage cars and is a free family-friendly event. There are food booths and a DJ hosting the event.

Here is a link with the information:

<https://flacarshows.com/events/event/downtown-longwood-cruise-in/>

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.



# **The Annual Flankey Picnic, Chili Cookoff, and British Car Showing**

## **Sunday, November 13th, Noon – 4:00 pm**

Bring chili for the chili award contest, plus an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share with 6 to 8. Non-alcoholic beverages provided by the MG Club. **Bring chairs.** Volunteers needed for Sunday morning setup - contact Kerry Flankey at [frontgrip@yahoo.com](mailto:frontgrip@yahoo.com)

Flankey Horse Farm, 8098 Gilliam Road, Apopka, FL 32818

Directions: Turn East off Apopka-Vineland Rd. at Gilliam Rd, 1 mile North of the intersection of A-V and Clarcona-Ocoee Rd.

**RSVP to Dodie Beach 407-695-2981 leave message or email [flutterby670@aol.com](mailto:flutterby670@aol.com)**



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## **Background and History**

*Lonnie Cook*

**If you have never been to the Flankey Picnic, then here is why you should come this year ...**

Jim and Camille Flankey hosted this annual picnic and social gathering for fellow CMGC members at their horse farm in Apopka for years. They joined the club in the mid-sixties, soon after it was formed, and held numerous leadership offices. Jim and Camille dedicated their lives to MGs and to the club.

Jim passed away several years ago. Camille greeted each of us at the picnics until her passing last year. Their two sons are, of course, MG and British car lovers. Kerry Flankey will host the group this final year of the picnic.

It's a casual affair. Cars are parked on the lawn near a pasture. We sit in our folding chairs and talk family, cars, recipes, cars, travel, and cars. Tables are provided for enjoying contestants' chili and side dishes. Signs will mark the entrance to the sand road that leads to the house. If you miss it, then call me: 407-670-9679.

The picnic is a wonderful way for new members to meet other members and their MGs, and for long-time members to renew old friendships. Hope to see you there.





# MG Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 17th**

**1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Lynn and Ken Ball are hosting this year's Christmas Party at their home in Spruce Creek Airport, Port Orange.

This year's event will be "Pot Luck" with the club providing turkey, ham, condiments, water, sodas, and ice.

What favorite holiday recipe will you be sharing with your fellow club members? Appetizers, side dishes, dessert? To have a wide variety, not all "green bean casseroles", Lynn Ball will be coordinating a sign-up sheet. Contact her early, with food contributions and how many will be attending.

RSVP is very important – the hosts need to have an accurate count for table/chairs and supplies, and a list of drivers is required for the guard gate. If you are not on the list, you will not be admitted through the gate. **RSVP by December 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Arrival time: 1pm

email to Lynn Ball (ballkenlynn@aol.com) or text to Lynn at 305-394-4739

1809 Wiley Post Trail, Port Orange 32128



## 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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## A Postcard from Karel & A Greeting Card from Reinout

*Reinout Vogt*

Here is a postcard from the Cairn Hotel in Harrogate in England. Based on the other cars in the hotel parking, the MG TC on the right was probably already a 'vintage' MG at the time this postcard photo was shot. Harrogate is a little bit north of Leeds in the middle of the UK. If you Google the hotel, you'll find that very little has changed since this TC parked there.



To stay with Karel's (sunny) TC, here is a card with an artistically enhanced TC which may be in a more Fall-like setting. The TC has a New England MG T Register badge on it and was photographed by Drew (from Elmwood Park N.J) for M&G Vintage Auto in Ridgewood NJ. The card is a little old and Google didn't find many references for the company.



# 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.

## November

- 11/13 **Flankey Picnic, Chili Cookoff, and British Car Showing**  
Bring your favorite chili dish and an appetizer or side or dessert  
Noon - 4:00 pm, Flankey Horse Farm, 8098 Gilliam Road. Apopka FL 32818  
See advert on page 4 for more details  
**RSVP to Dodie Beach 407-695-2981 leave message or email flutterby670@aol.com**
- 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](#)

## December

No club meeting in December, attend the Christmas Party

- 12/17 **CMGC Annual Christmas Party**, Ken and Lynn Ball, Port Orange, 1pm - 5pm  
1809 Wiley Post Trail, Port Orange 32128, details on Page 4 of this newsletter

## 2023

- 1/28 **North/South Picnic**, Hickory Point Park, Tavares  
information on page 3 of this newsletter
- 4/01 **"April Fools Day" Multi-Marque Show**, Sanford, British Car Club of Central Florida  
<https://www.britishcarclubofcentralflorida.com/car-show-information>
- 4/20-23 **GOF South Mk 55**, Gainesville  
Best Western Gateway Grand  
For more details, check out  
<https://www.gofsouth.org/>
- 9/1-4 **MG 100th Anniversary Festival and Race**  
Lime Rock Park, CT



# 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](mailto:editor.cmgc@gmail.com).

Contact the editor each month to keep your ad current.





## 1951 MGTD For Sale or Trade

Brakes, carbs, and ignition completely rebuilt. New wiring harness will be included with the sale. Although at twenty feet, the TD looks really good, as you get closer you can see where the patina is flaking and cracking much to my chagrin, mostly on the fenders. The car is still in good enough shape to turn some heads as I drive down the highway, however. It is a fair-weather car, as it has no top or side curtains installed, although I do have a set of old frames. \$20,100  
Larry Burris, Gainesville, 407-448-1087



## MGTF Front Fenders and Running Boards

Good condition, very restorable MGTF front fenders and running boards. \$600  
BC 949-234-6564  
[hot1929rod@yahoo.com](mailto:hot1929rod@yahoo.com)



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](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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Mike and Robin Messina have moved to Morganton, Georgia, about 10 miles from the town of Blue Ridge.

“This picture of our TD was taken on a scenic drive in front of the Nottely Dam, one of our favorite spots to visit. The scenery is just amazing. Lake Nottely is a TVA lake with 106 miles of shoreline, located north of Blairsville.

We are really enjoying life in the mountains, there is so much to do in the area. We have an abundance of parks, national forest, water falls, and hiking trails.

We miss our friends in Florida but not enough to move back (ha ha).”

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

[editor.cmgc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.cmgc@gmail.com)

