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NO MONTHLY MEETING OR TIME!!!: Our usual meeting is on the third Thursday, which would have been on April 20, this month, BUT many of our group will already be on their way to Crystal River for the 51st edition of GOF, South, which is scheduled for April 21-23, 2017. We will plan a modified caravan over to Crystal River, leaving from the Publix Shopping Center in Maitland (near the end of Horatio Avenue) leaving after lunch, at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, April 21. We will follow the "Camichos Modified Plan" with everyone traveling together, as much as possible, but with all having at least a clue about the route we will follow. We have found that this avoids a lot of the 'stop & go' of the old method that had each car responsible for the one behind. Some will want to depart from different locations, but we will leave it to you to organize your own MG-a-van on your own.

GOF SOUTH: If you haven't already done so, please check out the web site for all details and to register for this year's 51st Annual GOF which is being put on by the Sun Coast Classic MG Club (www.britishcarclub.net or www.gofsouth.com) and will be held at The Plantation on Crystal River on April 21-23, 2017. Cross your fingers and call the hotel directly (1-800-632-6262) to ask if they still have some room. If they don't, check with the host club (above). Be sure to mention that you are with 'The MG English Car Club.' Please ALSO send your registration for the event, meals, regalia, etc. to the Host Club. The GOF is always a great opportunity to renew our friendships and share our car stories. The format events kick off at 4:00 on Friday, the 21st with the First Timer's Show.

See you all at the GOF!

GOF '18 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING: We met for the GOF '18 organizing/planning committee on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs, where Lonnie got to exercise his skills as a movie/video director (similar to herding cats) and the committee members served as Extras for the various 'shots' he had planned for the video we hope to present at this year's GOF to kick off our version for the 2018 edition. Lonnie had all the details planned out – a lot of work. He deserves a lot of credit (and a Tylenol). I believe that contractual arrangements have been finalized with the hotel. More details later.

RECAP OF MARCH EVENT (SAINT PATRICK'S DAY): On March 16 we got a 1-day start on Saint Patrick's Day with our annual Planning Meeting and party at the home of Kathy & Al Cook. This is always a well-attended meeting and we had 34 folks attending. We made some wonderful plans for driving events in the coming year and, when I sort them all out, we will publish them out so you can anticipate, plan and schedule.

RECAP OF BRITISH CAR SHOW AT MEADE GARDENS: On April 1, the Weather Gods decided to make up for last year's poor weather, by giving us one of the best days (ever) for the Show. Over 170 British cars and motorcycles were registered. Again, our Club, in the person(s) of Jim and Dodie handled the registration and if things didn't go well, no one knew! I don't have a complete list of winners, but the Classic MG Club did well. Next year's event will be chaired by Jeff Corenblum and Rick Brown. They must have fought for the 'short straw.'

NEW MEMBERS: Lonnie was twisting arms at the BCBC show on 4/1/17 and reports the following new members:

Gary Senseney, Summerfield. 1961 MGA
Dave Bowling, Clermont. 1972 Midget
John Bellmore, DeBary. 1974 Midget
David Ross, San Antonio (FL). 1978 MGB
George Washburn, Orlando. 1955 TF-1500, 1965 MGB, 1967 MGB
Ken Deleuw, Ormond Beach. 1996 MGF
Martin Buckley, Orlando. 1970 MGB
Robert DeLany, Maitland. 1974 MGB

We look forward to seeing them at our future events and meetings!

FUTURE EVENTS: President Dodie announced that we are still looking for a permanent meeting place, but that next month (May 18th) we will be at the Smokey Bones on 436 and Howell Branch Road.

May - The first of our driving events for next month (May) will be a drive to the Black Sheep Pub in Ormond Beach. Dodie Beach will give us information on this at the meeting and in our Newsletter for May.

June- Patrick Raley is in charge of our club's June event which will be a morning drive and visit to Yalaha Bakery. More information will be revealed at the meeting and in the next newsletters.

The MG Car Club Florida is having a Champagne Picnic on May 13 at River Breeze Park in Oak Hill and June 17th will visit the American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne. Both of these events are bring your own food and beverage. See the attached flyer for more information.

The Southeast MG T Register Fall GoF "Mayhem in the Mountains" is in Hiawassee, GA, Sept. 21-24, 2017. More info at <http://www.semgtr.org/mayhem-in-the-mountains1.html>.

FOR SALE ITEMS: Please send your information to the editor. Current offerings:

Pete Rogers reports that he has a variety of MG parts that he has accumulated in his many restoration projects and rather than a random list (that would miss more than it includes), he suggests that if you have a need, that you call him to see if he has what you need. Pete's telephone # is 352-343-1855 and he can also be reached at pfrslot@gmail.com.

Will Bowden has 5 Boriani (Italian, accessory wire wheels) for an MGTD for sale. Included are 4 bolt-on adapters, 1 spare adapter and 5 good knock-off spinners. Call him for a description of condition and price. 4 of these have recently been on the road and one (the spare) needs some 'help.' He also has 2 rear wire wheel adapters with attached drums for an MGTD. Will can be reached at 407-924-5850. He will have these, and other 'Fleas' at the GOF in Crystal River.

1960 MGA. This is a restored car. MGB engine. Mini-Light wheels. Multiple spare parts. Owner lives part time in UK and part time in Florida. Contact owner for price and more info: trevorchamberlain16140@yahoo.co.uk



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