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**SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING AND TIME:** Our October meeting is on the third Thursday, **October 20th at 6:30 PM**. The meeting will be held at Francesco's Italian Restaurant at 400 South Orlando Ave., in Maitland, FL 32751. **Do not park in Walgreens parking lot they will tow, enter between the Shell Gas Station and the Regions Bank. THIS IS A CHANGE FROM OUR USUAL MEETING PLACE**, made necessary by a change in usage philosophy by "the powers that be" at Maitland Art & History Assoc. We hope to locate a permanent place for our meeting, but this may take time. In the meantime, you will have to READ your newsletter! Obviously, we will dine at Francesco's following our meeting. Topics of discussion will include a report from the GOF committee meeting to be held on 10/15/16 and plans for this month's Driving Event and a re-hash of recent events.

**GOF '18 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING:** Lonnie Cook has arranged for the Committee to meet at the Hilton (address: 350 Northlake Blvd., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 – Telephone (407)830-1985 on Saturday, October 15. 2016 at 10:00 AM. We will tour the meeting and banquet rooms, the car show field and other facilities. After the tour, we will meet to review progress by other committees. It is not mandatory, but you are asked to call or message Lonnie, if you plan to come. He is at (407) 670-9679 or [lonniecook@aol.com](mailto:lonniecook@aol.com).

**REPORT ON SEPTEMBER EVENT:** On September 17, at the 1884 Restaurant in beautiful downtown Eustis, 12 E Magnolia Ave, Eustis, FL, (800) 856-1884. The drive over was lovely, although the weather got quite hot, later in the day. We arrived without incident and snuck in the back door, leaving John and Sharon Spadaro waiting in the road at the front of the restaurant, wondering where we were. It was great seeing MGs getting a workout and we certainly enjoyed the food and MG fellowship.

## **RESCHEDULE OF OCTOBER EVENT:**

### **Curse you, Hurricane Matthew!**

We hope that all of you were unscathed by the storm.

Lonnie canceled our overnight drive to Lakeland because of the concern about our safety during the storm and about the condition of the rural route after the storm. Fifteen cars with thirty drivers and co-pilots had planned to be on the drive before Matthew dropped by, plus more from the west coast.

### **NEW DATE OCT 29-30**

We are still going to Lakeland. The new dates are Saturday Oct 29 through Sunday Oct 30.

### **BIGGER AND BETTER**

If you regretted not signing up to go the first time, then now you can. AND - the weekend is going to be bigger and better!



The drive to Lakeland is on two lane, sparsely populated, county roads, past lakes, trees, and wildlife.

Dan Duran will welcome us to his house and airplane hanger on Saturday with a lunchtime reception that is even more "over the top" than the one that he had originally planned for us. Classic cars, beautiful airplanes, gourmet food, and great friends. Bring your camera. It will be the best event and car show of the year.

Trick or Treat! It's Halloween weekend. Dress accordingly. We're all kids at heart.



The Florida Air Museum is right up the street from Dan's house. A perfect continuation of the airplane experience. Photo ops with you car at the museum.

And of course, we will snuggle with our honey later that night at the Silver Moon Drive-in.

We are looking at hotel options.

A casual breakfast Sunday morning then we head back home with a lunch stop in Clermont to share memories of the weekend.

### **IMPORTANT: WILL YOU BE ON THE DRIVE?**

Not asking for a commitment. Just asking for a "strong maybe" so that we can plan accordingly.

**Please reply to Lonnie by this Friday, Oct 14.** (407) 670-9679 or [lonniecook@aol.com](mailto:lonniecook@aol.com).

**FUTURE EVENTS OF NOTE:** On November 20, 2016, after a 4-year absence, we will return with the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jim Flankey Memorial Picnic and Mini-Car Show at its original location: the Flankey Horse Farm located at 8098 Gillam Road, Apopka 32703. Directions: Turn East off Apopka-Vineland Rd. at Gilliam Rd, 1 mile North of the intersection of A-V and Clarcona-Ocoee Rd. Camille said to tell you to watch out for the Lions!!?? We will return to the original old-fashioned picnic menu, with the Club picking up the chicken and drinks. We would ask you to bring your favorite side dishes (food too). It will be BYOC with C standing for folding Chairs. We ask that you telephone Camille to let her know that you are coming and so that we can avoid having too many 3-bean pickled salads. Her telephone #s are 407-886-3347 (home) or 407-247-2447 (cell).

December's Christmas party will be December 10<sup>th</sup> at Sherry and Pete Roger's house. The tour of lights will be the following Thursday in lieu of a meeting.

Stay tuned for the January overnighter to Avon Park led by John Comichos and the February Picnic d'Elegance which Lonnie promises to be an affair to remember.

**A FOUND FAREWELL: Camille's story about selling Jim Flankey's MGB**

Camille Flankey is happy to report that the '64 MGB has been adopted and will soon be leaving for the Boston area. Thanks to Kerry's meticulous re-restoration, including new leather seats, new carpet, dash renovation, detailing and professional painting by Tom Miller (same original color - Iris Blue), and his ad and photos at Hemmings Online, the very first inquiry resulted in the sale. (The print ad in the magazine is not due out till this month).

This was Jim's pride and joy and one of his favorite cars to drive. We know he would be pleased with the Purchaser, a robotics professor at MIT, who was tired of driving his Model T. Due to college commitments the last week of September, he could not come down to see the car. However, an MG friend of his volunteered to fly down on Sept. 27 and check it out. After a test drive around Lake Apopka, and a phone call to the professor (who told his class he had to take that call), the sale was finalized and we drove the friend to the airport for his 7 PM return flight to Boston.



## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

The Classic MG Club gained five new members and MG enthusiasts since our last newsletter. Please welcome them to the club.

> Welcome Glen Moore and his wife of Flagler Beach to The Classic MG Club. Glen recently bought a 1949 MGTC. He is new to T-series MGs but not new to MGs. He owned a 1963 MGB for 37 years. He contacted us through our website and said that "your drives are one of the aspects that created the interest to join The Classic MG Club."

> Welcome Jeff Cassidy of Orlando. Jeff has an MGTD and an MGB. Thanks to Jake Kertz for asking Dodie to add Jeff to our membership and email list.

> Welcome Larry & Susan Miceli from Mt. Dora. Larry has been active in the British sports car scene in Florida since the 1980's, owning Triumphs, Jaguars, and MGs including MGB's, MGC GT, MGA, and even a MG 1100. He sold his last MG about nine years ago and pared down his stable to a '68 Triumph TR250 and a '74 Triumph TR6. But that didn't last long. He bought a '52 TD from Pete Rogers and recently bought a TF-1500 that had been in the owner's garage for 20 years.

> Welcome Richard Conn to the club. Richard winters in Eustis and summers in Western PA. We hope that he brings his 1962 MGA Mk II to Florida this winter. He "met" us on the CMGC website.

> Welcome Mr. and Mrs. Robin Tallardy. They recently moved to Auburdale from Rhode Island with their 100k mile 1980 MGB, the fourth MGB that they have owned since 1981. Robin is an MGB gearhead like many of us. He and his wife will be at the GoF planning meeting on October 15. Hope that they share ideas from his former Connecticut MG club.

**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](mailto:pfrslot@gmail.com).

1949 MGTC project for sale.

I purchased this TC in 1979. Its been in dry storage while in my possession. It has records dating back to 1952. Located in Florence, SC. Contact Phil Smith, 843-617-3609 or 843-665-0988. [psmith5@sc.rr.com](mailto:psmith5@sc.rr.com)

'73 MG Midget project for sale

'73 MG Midget with engine out, mostly taken apart. Located in Lady Lake, Contact Errol [pedalheadou812@gmail.com](mailto:pedalheadou812@gmail.com)

1966 MGB project for sale

First \$750 or best offer wins the prize. Runs. Have all the parts but no time. Contact Jeffrey A. Seyler, 407-466-5772, Jeffrey.Seyler@hdsupply.com

1953 TD for sale

The vehicle is being stored inside. It's been in my family since the late 70's and all parts are original. Needs carbs rebuilt and brakes. Will be an excellent car for someone with just a little TLC. Body, top, interior in good shape. British racing green with tan top. I live in the Rockledge area. All reasonable offers will be considered. Contact Tim Herbener, 321-501-4825 (Ask for Tim), therbener@cfl.rr.com

1971 MGB "fix me up" project for sale (From our friends at the British Car Breakfast Club)  
MGB that needs attention and TLC. Located in east Orlando. Contact Susan Shaner, (407)592-4102, dewey58@gmail.com