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## MAINTAINING THE BREED FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS

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**SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING AND TIME:** Our November meeting is on the third Thursday, **November 17th at 6:30 PM**. The meeting will be held at Romano's Macaroni Grill located near the corner of SR436 and SR434. The actual address is 884 West SR 436, Altamonte Springs FL 32714. Telephone # 407-682-2577. **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 Romano's following our meeting. Topics of discussion will include plans for the Flankey Memorial picnic to be held on Sunday November 20 and plans for our next Driving Event and a re-hash of recent events.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Five new members joined since our newsletter was published last month:

Welcome **Phil Bacon** from Eustis and his 1967 MGB GT. Phil is not an MG newbie ... he has owned MGs since 1970. And thank you Pete Rogers for introducing Phil to the Classic MG Club.

Welcome **Steve and JoAnne Lascola** from Lakeland. They are restoring a TD, so they came to the party at Dan and Judy Duran's house to meet us and to learn more about restoring MGs. George Butz recommended our club to them and gave them pointers on the restoration process. Thanks George.

Welcome **Tom and Paula Rosendale** from Eustis. They are restoring a 1949 Austin A-40 with a wonderful history. Gotta get them into an MG.

Welcome **Matt Thomas** from Casselberry. Matt has a 1978 MGB pageant blue with autumn interior - nice combination. He contacted us via our website to ask about joining. Thanks for reaching out to us, Matt. You are now a full-fledged member.

Welcome **Cesar and Nancy Villarroel** from Tavares. They have a beautiful white 1951 TD MkII that you gotta see. Pete Rogers recommended the club to Cesar and Nancy.

**GOF '18 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING:** Lonnie Cook hosted 18-20 members of various committees at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs, on 10/15/16 where we toured the hotel, the venues for the various events and discussed the GOF in more concrete terms.

### **CLASSIC MG CLUB NAME TAG**

John Camichos designed a terrific name tag that is an exact replica of the original club badge. Brushed metallic plastic with magnetic clasp. Cost about \$15.00. Order from:

Acme Sign & Stamp  
822 N Mills Ave  
Orlando, FL 32803  
(407) 898-5550



### **LAKELAND OVERNIGHT TOUR**

(Oct 29-30, 2016)

*The trip to Lakeland was  
pretty darn near perfect!*

Our thanks to Dan and Judy Duran for hosting the ultimate MG party Saturday afternoon for fifty MG enthusiasts. We made the journey to their home and airplane hanger on two lane back roads in beautiful open-top driving weather. Afterwards we checked into the historic Terrace Hotel. Some of us enjoyed a movie under the stars at the 1940s Silver Moon Drive-in that night. Others dined near the hotel and strolled around Lake Mirror. We finished with a stop in Clermont for lunch on Lake Minneola on the way home Sunday.



### **Eighteen Brit-cars!**

Thirteen MGs and two Healeys drove from Orlando and Clermont. Two MGs joined us in Mulberry plus Dan's TF in his hanger.



A lot of thumbs-up and horn tooting on the road. People flocked around the cars when we stopped.



Dan and Judy Duran went all out. Two airplanes and a 1924 Dodge Brothers touring car.



A country-western band was playing when we arrived.



Lookin' good, Voyce!



MGs all over the taxi-way and among the planes. A lot of tire-kickin' and car-talk.



Come 'n' get it



Save room for dessert!



The Terrace Hotel reserved special parking for our cars and gave us a private room for breakfast and fellowship.

**FLANKEY MEMORIAL PICNIC:** 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 nonalcoholic 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). Festivities start around noon.

**FUTURE EVENTS OF NOTE:**

**December's Christmas party will be December 10<sup>th</sup>** at  
Sherry and Pete Roger's house.  
31104 Fairvista Dr  
Tavares Fl 32726

- 2:00-3:30 PM Tire Kicking and fellowship
- 3:30 PM Gift exchange for those who wish to participate
- 5:00 PM Dinner served
- 6:30 PM a Tour of lights in Mt Dora

There is ample room for parking. Please park at an angle on either side of the driveway in the grass. This allows everyone to leave when they desire without someone have to move a vechile.

**RSVP to Pete or Sherry at 352-343-1855 with how may will attend and what you will bring BY DECEMBER 01<sup>st</sup> PLEASE**

The Orlando Tour of lights will be the following Thursday (12/15/16) in lieu of a meeting. The current plan is to meet for the Tour at the home of Kathy and Al Cook for some lite refreshment and to conclude at a restaurant to be determined. More details to follow.

January Overnighter: Date: Saturday Jan. 28, 2017. Destination: Hotel Jacaranda, Avon Park. Assemble at McDonald's on So. Orange Ave. (just North of Michigan) at 9:00 AM. There will be a driver's meeting at 9:15 in the rear parking lot. Departure WILL BE at 9:30. A pit stop will be in Poinciana and lunch will be in Frostproof. Room rates will be \$69.95 plus tax (\$76.25 total) regardless of room class. We will again have the lounge area on the seconded floor, which opens onto the balcony, for our cocktail party. A continental breakfast is included. 14 rooms will be held for our use until Jan.1. Their phone number is 863-453-2211. PLEASE tell them that you are with the Classic MG Club. That info will be used for our dinner reservations. Dinner is planned at 18East (across the street from the hotel) at 7:30-8:00. See their web site at <http://www.beststeakaround.com> We will depart the hotel at 10:00 on Sunday and lunch in Kissimmee at a location to be determined.

Those participants not leaving from Orlando can rendezvous at the "Frostbite" diner on north hwy. 17 in Frostproof (ETA 11:30) or at the hotel on 19 E. Main St., Avon Park (ETA 2:00).

Because of traffic concerns, the route(s) will be in easy to follow written form rather than an en-masse tour. Bring a pencil to check off instructions as you use them.

#### **ANOTHER SAD FAREWELL:**

On October 14 the Club lost one of our long time members when William (Bill) M. Partington Jr. passed away. Bill was well over 80 years old and had sold his last MGTD a couple years ago. Although he had been less active in the last couple of years, many of you will recall that he drew on his extensive knowledge and connections to help us in tours (in recent times) to a number of nature and bird-watching sites in central Florida. For those who have been in the club for a while, you will recall that Bill was also an accomplished musician who played the piano with a number of his buddies in a variety of venues, including the local naturalist community. We never got him to tell us whether he had to "dress down" for those gigs! We enjoyed his narratives of Florida on our driving events and gathered around the piano for holiday singing.

**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).

Rick Vimmerstedt of Southeast Performance is selling assorted MG parts: contact Lonnie Cook, (407) 670-9679, [lonniecook@aol.com](mailto:lonniecook@aol.com)  
The web link to photos and descriptions: <http://tinyurl.com/LC-MG-Parts>