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NEW MEETING LOCATION: A large delegation of our members met with a representative of the recently opened **ACE CAFÉ**, located at 100 West Livingston. At that time, the workers were putting the finishing touches on the building and the inspectors were there, so we did not get to go inside, but as we understand, there are 2 levels and the meeting room is on the second floor.

The ACE café is located at the corner of Livingston and Garland in downtown Orlando. Because Garland is a one-way street, the easiest access to their location is from Livingston, west of Orange Avenue. For you GPS folks the address is 100 West Livingston, Orlando 32801

They will feature 2 groups on the third Thursday – a Corvette Club and our MG Club. We will keep to our regular meeting date: **June 15, 2017.** This is a “trial run” for us and the ACE, so bring your patience. Let’s plan to follow our regular meeting times, with a gathering/assembly at 6:30 P.M. and the meeting at 7:00 P.M. We can order dinner from one of their 2 or more food locations as our meeting takes place.

The restaurant has promised us that they will have reserved space for our MGs to park, close to the West side of the building. Other vehicles (non-MGs) are welcome to park for free in their large lot, if there is sufficient space. They claim that there is ample parking in the area and that their people will direct us if the regular lot is full (but the web site implies that there may be a charge if we have to park off-site.) As I said, Patience is the key.

GOF ‘18 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING: We are planning to again meet at Lonnie Cook’s home on Saturday June 24, 2017 for the next version of GOF ’18 organizing/planning committee. The various committees will report and we will continue our discussions aimed at making **our** GOF the best ever. The meeting is at 656 Terrace Blvd, Orlando, FL 32803 and starts at 10:00 A.M.

REPORT ON MAY DRIVING EVENT: On May 20, 2017 we gathered at various starting locations to travel to a racing icon; Racing's North Turn, a restaurant built right at the site where the beach racing of early years and the first days of what is now the Daytona speedway was held. In the restaurant was a most interesting collection of photos from "those days" and other racing paraphernalia. We had a very good turnout, the result of brilliant (perhaps too hot) weather. It was a good tour with no reported problems. After lunch, the group split up, with some continuing to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and others exploring the local flavor.

JUNE DRIVING EVENT: Patrick Raley has arranged a morning tour to the famous Yalaha Bakery on June 10, 2017. The bakery is 3.2 miles from the Mission Inn, site of the recent GOF 49, along County Road 48. The bakery is much more than a place to buy pastries: it serves excellent lunches along with great beer in a lovely outdoor patio where they feature music and entertainment of various types. It is a favorite of auto and motorcycle enthusiasts of all sorts. We plan to depart in time (aim for 11:30 or earlier) to avoid the heat of the day and to arrive before the lunchtime rush. Patrick has prepared directions for us from all possible locations and those appear as an attachment to the newsletter. Bringing your sun screen and folding chairs would be a great idea. At the Thursday meeting people can decide if they want to meet up for the drive over to the bakery.

FUTURE EVENTS:

The MG Car Club Florida on June 17th will visit the American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne. Both of these events are bring your own food and beverage. For information, you can contact Linda Knoblock-Raupp at (321-757-0180) or oldcarsnewcars@bellsouth.net.

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

July's club event will be a cool evening (fingers crossed) dinner at The Willow Tree in Sanford. More information will be provided at the next meeting and in the next newsletter. This is always a fun event and a chance to sing a few songs as well as display our cars for all to see.

The British Breakfast Club announced that their meeting at the ACE Café has set for the second Wednesday of the month for tire kicking among all British Car enthusiasts.

WILL BOWDEN: The latest information on Will's condition has him still in Progressive Intensive Care and unable to see visitors. Mark, his son-in-law keeps us informed of Will's condition and will continue to brief us when there is news. As we said last month, cards (no flowers) can be sent in care of his daughter, Ellen Tidwell, 1960 Brantley Circle, Claremont, FL 34711.

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.

Your Editor 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. They are stored at Will's shop. Call Al Cook (407-678-6814) for a description of condition and price. 4 of these have recently been on the road and one (the spare) needs some 'help.' There are also 2 rear wire wheel adapters with attached drums for an MGTD.

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