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MONTHLY MEETING AND TIME: Our September meeting is on the third Thursday, **September 15th at 7:00 PM** at Maitland's lovely, "Cottage at Lake Lilly" in (where else) Maitland. You are invited to come earlier to participate in our parking lot discussion/tire-kicking group that starts outside at 6:30. Directions: from Horatio and Orlando Ave. (AKA 17-92), Go West on Horatio to Maitland Ave. Then left (South) on Maitland Ave. to the curve in the road (where you have to turn to keep from driving into Lake Lilly). Turn right (West) onto Lake Lilly Drive, a restricted usage road that curves around the lake. The destination is a small white house on the left, about .2 mile. Park and come in. The address is 701 Lake Lilly Dr. Maitland FL 32751. Topics of discussion will include dinner (of course), discussion of the plans for this month's Driving Event and a re-hash of recent events.

GOF '18 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE REPORT: Lonnie Cook will report on any new work in preparation for GOF 2018. The next general meeting of the organizing committee will be on-site at the Hilton on October ----- . In the mean-time, please contact Lonnie if you have any ideas or suggestions. (407) 670-9679, lonniecook@aol.com.

REPORT ON AUGUST DRIVING (HA) EVENT: On August 20 we proved to all that we were neither Mad Dogs or Englishmen by returning to a Summer Favorite – in the air-conditioned comfort of Fiddler's Green Irish Pub in Winter Park, the scene of our annual Darts Tournament. This year, we had designed the contest to show the best of our dart-chuckers. We had the champion from the men's bracket play the champion of the ladies bracket. There are photographs of the contest, but the CIA has classified them and even Hilary won't touch them.

SEPTEMBER'S DRIVING EVENT: The event for September is on September 17, at the 1884 Restaurant in beautiful downtown Eustis, 12 E Magnolia Ave, Eustis, FL, (800) 856-1884. <http://www.1884restaurantandbar.com/> Lunch is scheduled for 11:30 A.M. Many will want to meet us there, but if you are coming from the Orlando area, we will meet for the leisurely drive

to Eustis beginning at the Maitland Publix at 9:45 and caravanning to lunch. After lunch, we will have the opportunity to visit this unique town.

FUTURE EVENTS OF NOTE: On October 8-9, Lonnie Cook has arranged for us to drive to Lakeland and to stay at the Terrace Hotel in Downtown Lakeland, a restored 1924 hotel which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Also included is a planned picnic on Lake Mirror, and a movie at the Silver Moon drive-in-movie theater, one of the last such places in Florida and a trip to the Florida Air Museum the following day (Sunday). The hotel is holding a block of rooms at \$119. Please call as soon as you are sure you can go. Their telephone # is 863-688-0800. Be sure to tell them you are a member of the Classic MG Club to receive the special rate. Please also let Lonnie know you are attending by calling 407-670-9679.

There are also some wonderful car shows that highlight the cooler fall weather. Southeast British Car Festival will take place in Dillard, Georgia. October 15. See <http://www.peachtreemg.com/dillard-2016.html>

The Austin Healy Club of Tampa is sponsoring a British car show in Safety Harbor on October 22. For further information see the club website at <http://www.tbahc.com/>.

The Flankey Picnic will be in November with an invitation to all our British Car friends. More information will be forthcoming.

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

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: A warm welcome to Jose Triana, wife, and son Joey. The Trianas live in Orlando and are restoring a 1969 MGB that Jose bought in 1987. Jose contacted the CMGC website in December 2015 for info about the club. The family MGB project is far enough along for him to attend his first meeting last month. Welcome Jose.

Dave Hodson from Jacksonville and his 1954 TF. Although Dave lives in Jacksonville, he wants to follow our CMGC activities. He graciously offers help to any CMGC member traveling in the Jacksonville area ... and we know that all of our MGs need a little help sometime! Thanks and welcome, Dave.

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.

We have a number of MGB offerings this month: The first 2 are repeats, but the third is a “new one.” John Wipple has a 1976 Roadster with 75,000 miles. It is red with a black interior and John says that it has good tires, no cracks in the dash, a new hood, alternator and has painted wheels. The car is in Umatilla and John is asking \$4,200 for the car. You can reach him at 1-352-406-2200.

Some time ago (missed last month) Ron Abela announced that he had a 1965 MGB MK 1 with 79,000 original miles. He is asking \$11,000 for it and you can learn more about it and get photos by contacting him at simkavino@yahoo.com

Stan Mariskovic (575enzo@gmail.com and 407-716-5981) has a 1973 MGB roadster. This is the last year of the steel-bumper MGs. It has a new top and starter and runs well when the carbs are working properly. It has some lower-side rust but has good fenders, body, etc. This would be a good project car or a valuable donor car. He wants \$2500 for it. You can see it at Northam's lot in Winter Park.

MISCELLANEOUS:

We have a new tech-savvy volunteer to take over from Brian the web site and (perhaps) to work with your editor to jazz-up the newsletter, as Brian had done before he realized that he had a regular life to live. Our new webmaster is Ken Nickerson, a friend of Pete Rogers. Thanks, Pete! I hope Ken still talks to you. We may have some changes, in the future, but, for now, rely on the existing addresses, above.