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## MAINTAINING THE BREED FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS

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**SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING AND TIME:** Our December meeting is NOT on the third Thursday, but on **December 13th at 6:00 PM, a TUESDAY!** Ordinarily we meet on the Third Thursday, but this month, because of our TOUR OF LIGHTS it will start early and at the home of Al & Kathy Cook located in the Goldenrod/UCF area at 8554 Amber Oak Dr., Orlando 32817. The home telephone # is 407-678-6814, but you can call either of our cell phones, if you get lost. Al: 407-252-2005. Kathy: 407-963-5349. We will have some light snacks before setting off on our Famous Tour of Lights around 6:45 PM. Ultimately, we will end the Tour at **Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen** at 2203 Aloma Avenue, Winter Park 32790 where we will gather for dinner and festivities. Tibbys web site is [www.tibbys.com](http://www.tibbys.com) and their telephone # there is 407-672-5753. There will be a FABULOUS PRIZE (yet to be determined) for the best decorated MG or owner. If your MG isn't running, or you are delayed, you can go directly to Tibby's as early as 7:00 PM, to meet us when we arrive. We are booked for their 'Party Room' which is a separate room on the right, towards the back.

**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**  
A flyer for the event has been prepared and is attached.

**GOF UPDATE - MGA AND MGB OWNERS:** GOF Chairman Lonnie Cook needs information on well known restorers, mechanics, experts, and enthusiasts of MGAs and MGBs. The only ones that he knows are Barney Gaylord and John Twist. Who do you read, follow on-line, or know personally besides Barney and John? They can be local, national, or international; famous or obscure. Tell Lonnie a little bit about your choices. Please contact Lonnie at [lonniecook@aol.com](mailto:lonniecook@aol.com) (407) 670-9679.

### **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



### **PAST EVENTS**

**FLANKEY MEMORIAL PICNIC:** On November 20, 2016, after a 4-year absence, we held a tremendously successful 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jim Flankey Memorial Picnic and Mini-British Car Show at its original location: the Flankey Horse Farm located in Apopka. The weather was great, albeit a little cool (the MGs loved it) it was well attended with over 30 cars and their families present. The food was delicious and ample and no one left unsatisfied. Some even left with one of our whimsical ‘prizes’ thought up, on the fly by our volunteer Judges. It was great to see so many of our British Cars!

**MG JAMBOREE:** The Rogers, Cooks, and Spadaros joined the Sun Coast MG Club for their MJ Jamboree in St. Petersburg, FL on November 11-13. It was a great weekend for driving the cars and sharing MG Fellowship.

### **FUTURE EVENTS OF NOTE:**

**JANUARY OVERNIGHT DRIVING EVENT:** 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.

**FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> WE WILL CELEBRATE THE "BRITISH ARE COMING"** with a catered picnic where we gather for food and friendship. The Spadaros are organizing the event as to location with more information to be announced in January.

March brings us to St. Patrick's Day and our annual dinner and Planning Session at Al & Kathy Cook's house. Details to follow. St. Patrick's day is on Friday 3/17, but we will get a jump on things by substituting March 16<sup>th</sup>, (our regular Club meeting date).

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

To remain consistent with the season, we can say that we have discovered a Cornucopia of new and returning members of the MG Community. They include:

Walt Nason from Orlando. Walt's father gave his 1953 TD to Walt. It was last registered in 1979. Will Bowden is helping him get it back on the road.

Richard Schubert and Marcia Jandzio from the Villages. They just bought a red 1952 TD with tan interior. "We truly enjoy motoring about The Villages in our TD and look forward to meeting area like minded MG enthusiasts." Pete Rogers recommended the Classic MG Club to Richard and Marcia.

Bruce and Fay Aylett from Sanford saw our website and came to the November meeting. They bought their 1980 MGB LE last month (November) from a dealer in California. They have a complete ownership and service record for the car including the original purchase order. Looking forward to seeing it.

Joe Lagawa and his 1966 MGB. Joe signed up at the Flankey picnic where he enjoyed renewing old friendships with fellow MG owners.

Bill and Jeanann Wolhfart from Orlando were two of the first members of the Classic MG Club. They bought their 55 TF-1500 in Oct 1963 and were very active in the club long after they sold it in 1968. In 2013, Lonnie Cook bought the TF that they had owned. Bill and Jeanann "re-joined" the club and told stories about their old TF at the Flankey picnic.

Mike Phillips has a '60 MGA and a '67 MGB. Mike is a long time MG friend, but was not an official CMGC member. He signed up at the Flankey picnic.

Roger Helmuth. Chef Roger drove his 1950 TD to the Flankey picnic like he has done for a few years. He joined the club at this year's picnic.

Conrad Wienckowski from Winter Park. Conrad has a 1977 MGB. He came to the November meeting. At the meeting he sat next to another new member. Guess what? The two live only a couple of blocks from each other. They had never met and didn't know that the other had an MG!!

Chris Galler from Winter Park has owned his 1967 MGB for four years and had it on the road for two years. Chris is the new member and neighbor that sat next to Conrad. Small world. Chris has already jumped into the club with both feet. He is helping with our 2018 GoF.

Steve Clifton from Altamonte Springs. Steve has owned his 1972 MGB for almost forty years and just finished a three year restoration this past February.

David W Hurst Jr. responded to the MG Experience query and is looking forward to joining us on some of our outings.

Rick Brown of Winter Springs. He has a beautiful 1959 MGA. He will be coming to CMGC functions in spite of a hectic schedule including a radio show on Thursday nights and helping three sons get married THIS YEAR!

Steve Hill from Orlando. Steve has a 1975 MG Midget 1500. Many of you may know Steve from when he worked with Chuck Peck.

Chris Edwards is from Orlando. Last November, he purchased a 1974 MGB Mark III chrome bumper that was being sold by John Twist as a favor for his deceased lawyers' widow. Chris met John and got the nickel tour of his shop and a drive around Grand Rapids. He drove the B home to Orlando over the next three days. Not bad for a car that had been in storage for eight years.

Seven new members joined after Lonnie Cook contacted them on the MG Experience website. All live WITHIN TEN MILES of his house. What can you do to bring new members to our 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).

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>

# MG Annual Christmas Party

**DECEMBER 10, 2016**

at the home of

**Pete and Sherry Rogers**

31104 Fairvista Drive

Tavares, FL 32726

352-343-1855



352-406-1948/Pete's Cell 352-406-4140/Sherry's Cell

**RSVP: 352-343-1855 by December 1, 2016**

**Please leave a message if there is no answer.**

A portion of dinner will be catered.

Traditional turkey, ribs, chicken, green beans, coleslaw,  
tea, coffee, and selection of soft drinks.

A list will be circulated for those wishing to participate by bringing an appetizer,  
potatoes, additional vegetables, salads and desserts.

## **SCHEDULE**

2:00/3:30 pm: Tire Kicking and Fellowship

3:30 pm: Christmas Gift Exchange

(If you wish to participate bring a gift - female, male, car related, or just fun)

5:00 pm: Dinner Served

6:30 pm: Tour of Lights in Mt. Dora

There is ample parking available. We request that you park on an angle to  
the right or left of the driveway in the grass. This allows everyone to leave  
when they desire without having to wait for someone to move their car.

*We look forward to hosting you at our annual  
Celebration of the Christmas Holiday Season.*

*Pete and Sherry*