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SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING AND TIME: Our March meeting is on the third Thursday, which is on **March 16th at 6:30 PM.** It will be our annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Planning Meeting, held at the home of Kathy and Al Cook at 8554 Amber Oak Drive, Orlando FL 32817. Of course, we will have the traditional corned beef and cabbage, provided by the club. We will have soft drinks and water available, also. We ask that you provide your favorite beverages and a side dish. **Please call Kathy Cook, after 6:00 PM (407-678-6814)** so that we can coordinate all the items necessary for a true Irish Feast. At some point we will conduct our annual planning meeting where we will plan out the driving events for the next year and assign the Action Officers to organize those events, so **BRING YOUR IDEAS!** Write them down on a piece of paper and we will put them in a hat for a prize drawing at the beginning of the meeting. We will also continue our discussion and search for a more permanent meeting location.

GOF SOUTH: If you haven't already done so, please check out the web site for all details and to register for this year's 51st Annual GOF which is being put on by the Sun Coast Classic MG Club (www.britishcarclub.net or www.gofsouth.com) and will be held at The Plantation on Crystal River on April 21-23, 2017. Make your reservations directly with the hotel (1-800-632-6262). Be sure to mention that you are with 'The MG English Car Club.'" Please act to claim your room before 3/21/17 and send your registration for the event, meals, regalia, etc. to the Sun Coast Club. The GOF is always a great opportunity to renew our friendships and share our car stories.

GOF '18 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING: We met for the GOF '18 organizing/planning committee on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Zeltec conference room. Thanks to Jack, Brian and Zeltec. The meeting was well attended and we

made good progress on organizing the event. Attendees sent Lonnie their thoughts on a theme for the Gathering. We will go with “**MGs and Friends Forever.**” We celebrated our good work with good food and drink at the nearby Miller’s Ale House.

Stay tuned for the results of our Planning Session, to be held in conjunction with our St. Patrick’s Day meeting on the 16th!

RECAP OF FEBRUARY’S DRIVING TOUR: On February 25th we met at Gilbert Park in Mount Dora with a group of MG fans from up Virginia area who had arrived in Florida by way of the Auto train. What could be better than great weather, a picnic, and a get together of British car enthusiasts! As I understand it, they had been touring throughout Florida and were on their way back soon after our event. John and Sharon Spadaro secured the use of the park and arranged for a picnic where ‘the locals’ could meet, trade stories, and have a lovely time in downtown Mt. Dora. The weather was absolutely perfect and we had folks attending from all over Central Florida. Good friend Saul Klein (as usual) took lots of photos and posted many of them on his clubs website. Look at www.mgcarclubflorida.org for photos on 2/25/17. The folks visiting were from the Chesapeake ‘MG-T’ Club. There is an excellent, and more detailed write-up by John/Sharon Spadaro which is being sent along with this newsletter and which will be posted on our web site. Please read about this event in more detail.

FUTURE EVENTS:

The first event in this month’s calendar (which is coming up soon), is our local British Car Breakfast Club’s “Spring Fling Taco Party” which is being offered in lieu of the Holiday Party that we missed this year. It is on Saturday, March 11th from 12:00, Noon, until 4:00 PM in Deland and will be catered by Tijuana Flats. Please call Dodie Beach at 407-695-2981 to RSVP (and to get directions to the event – and the secret password).

Southeast MG T Register's Fall GoF "Mayhem in the Mountains", Hiawassee, GA, Sept. 21-24, 2017. As of late Feb, there were only twenty rooms left. Book now. More info at <http://www.semgr.org/mayhem-in-the-mountains1.html>.

The 5th Annual Festival of Speed is Sunday March 26th at the Mission Inn Resort & Golf Club benefiting the Tom & Kim Ruggie Family Foundation. All cars are welcome and 100% of the car registration fee will go direct to the Tom & Kim Ruggie Family Foundation. The car owner can make the registration fee as little or as much as they like. Info: <http://www.festivalsofspeed.com/>

We are once again helping our British Brothers and Sisters, for the All British Car Show, by handling the registration both before and on-site and the parking of cars on the day of the show at their annual Meade Gardens show on April 1, 2017. Please register in advance at www.allbritishcarclub.com and sign up to help on the day of the show.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tom and Nancy Allen live in Winter Garden. Tom is a long time Brit Car enthusiast and mechanic. His first MG was a 1970 MGB-GT. He currently has a British Racing Green 1967 Jaguar E-Type. He is putting his years of knowledge to good use ... working with Will Bowden and focused on finishing Will's gray TF.

Sean Kenny from Longwood. He has a '78 Midget 1500. A little tweaking by one of our recommended MG repair shops will get it back on the road this month.

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.

Will Bowden 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. Call him for a description of condition and price. 4 of these have recently been on the road and one (the spare) needs some 'help.' He also has 2 rear wire wheel adapters with attached drums for an MGTD. Will can be reached at 407-924-5850.

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