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MONTHLY MEETING: Our monthly meeting will held on **May 18th** at **Smokey Bones** at the corner of 436 and Howell Branch Road, 1490 State Road 436, Casselberry, FL. We hope to announce a more to permanent meeting place at the next meeting. Beer, great food and fellowship of MG lovers will usher in our next meeting. Tire kicking will be at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00. These longer days give us the opportunity check on everyone's progress on our four wheeled beauties.

The Club has been invited to see the facilities at the Ace Café on Monday, May 15th at 1:00. It is located at 100 West Livingston St, Orlando, FL. We hope that many of you can attend this exclusive invitation!

GOF '18 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING: We met for the GOF '18 organizing/planning committee on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs, where Lonnie got to exercise his skills as a movie/video director (similar to herding cats) and the committee members served as Extras for the various 'shots' he had planned for the video we hoped to present at this year's GOF to kick off our version for the 2018 edition. Lonnie had all the details planned out – a lot of work. He deserves a lot of credit (and a Tylenol). I believe that contractual arrangements have been finalized with the hotel. More details later.

MAY DRIVING EVENT: Dodie Beach has organized the May driving event for May 20th. We will be going to: Racing's North Turn in Pounce Inlet.

Racing's North Turn sits on the exact location where racing history began in Daytona Beach. The Races took place on the beach starting in 1936 until World War II and then continued with the first Grand National Race in 1948. These great car races ran right outside the door of Racing's North Turn each year until 1958, when NASCAR relocated to the brand new Super Speedway where today you can witness the thrill of the Daytona 500 or any one of Daytona's famous Races. Racing's North Turn Restaurant has gone through many changes over the years. The history of this site is an asset to Volusia County and holds the key to racing's past. As of February 15, 2007, the Ponce Inlet Historic & Archaeological Preservation Board announced that Racing's North Turn would be recognized as a Historic Landmark.

We will meet at the **Maitland Publix at 8:45am** on May 20th. We need a head count by Thursday May 18th. Call Dodie 407-695-2981 so she can let the restaurant know the head count.

RECAP OF GOF 51: The Annual GOF South was held at the Plantation Inn in Crystal River, Florida. There were 84 cars registered and most of them showed up. The weather was ideal for viewing the cars. A number of our members won awards for their cars. We hope to post pictures on our website soon. There were also a number of beautiful cars that came down from Georgia.

FUTURE EVENTS: Patrick Raley is in charge of our club's June event which will be a morning drive and visit to Yalaha Bakery. More information will be revealed at the meeting and in the next newsletters.

The MG Car Club Florida is having a Champagne Picnic on May 13 to celebrate Mother's Day at River Breeze Park from 10:30 -2:30. The address is 250 H.H. Burch Road, Oak Hill, FL. On June 17th from 10:00-2:00 the club will visit the American Muscle Car Museum, 3500 Sarno Rd (use Club 52/Melbourne Greyhound Park entrance) in Melbourne. Both of these events are bring your own food and beverage. Contact Linda Knoblock-Raupp (321) 757-0180 oldcarsnewcars@bellsouth.net for more information.

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

WILL BOWDEN: Will and his family appreciate your continued prayers, love and support. Will has had his ups and downs and in and out of intensive care. Cards (no flowers, please) can be sent in care of his daughter, Ellen Tidwell, 1960 Brantley Circle, Clermont, FL 34711. We are all pulling for his speedy recovery.

NEW MEMBERS:

A warm welcome to Debbie and Karl Weinert of Tavares, FL. Debbie and Karl have a 1961 MGA and enjoy living in and around Lake Dora.

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 his number for a description of condition and price and someone will get back to you. 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's business # is 407-924-5850.

1960 MGA. This is a restored car. MGB engine. Mini-Light wheels. Multiple spare parts. Owner lives part time in UK and part time in Florida. Contact owner for price and more info: trevorchamberlain16140@yahoo.co.uk

