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SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING AND TIME: Our February meeting is still on the third Thursday, which is on **February 16th at 6:30 PM,--but NOT at our former location!** This month, while we search for a new meeting location, we will assemble at an old favorite; Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen, BUT NOT at the Aloma location, but at their location in Altamonte Springs. The address there is 494 Highway 436, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. The telephone # is 407-951-6928. It is in a shopping center to the South (left as you head towards Apopka) off of 436, past I-4 and Wymore Road and left where Montgomery Road meets 436. They are expecting us around 6:30. Presumably, we can set our stuff down and 'kick tires' for a while and still start the meeting at 7:00PM.

GOF 18 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING: We have a meeting of the GOF '18 organizing/planning committee is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Jack Collins' office conference room. The location is Zeltech, 7123 University Blvd., Winter Park. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00-12:00 with an optional trip down the road to Miller's Ale House afterwards. Topics for discussion include Funding, Suggestions for events and Committee reports. Please let Lonnie Cook know if you can come (so he can anticipate seating requirements). Lonnie's telephone # is 407-670-9679.

RECAP OF JANUARY'S DRIVING TOUR: John Camichos made the arrangements for us to stay at the historic Jacaranda Hotel in downtown Avon Park and got us there from our various starting points, thanks to his wonderfully detailed driving instructions. The contingent from Orlando arrived without difficulty, but our contingent from Lake County had some "issues" but nevertheless we met up for lunch at the Frostbite Diner in Frostproof, We proceeded from there to our destination, where all arrived in one piece. We provided our own entertainment, in the form of the traditional wine and cheese appetite-killers, after which we walked all the way across the street to 18East, a lovely restaurant. We had 20 to 22 folks (I lost count) and I believe all had a wonderful dinner. Sunday morning brought rain and noticeably

cooler weather. After breakfast, many folks divided up in to their various geographical locations and headed home. A group of 8 or 9 continued with the plan and headed home by way of Kissimmee and shared lunch at the delicious Three Sister's Speakeasy Café. The rain was clearing away when we headed home after an excellent MG Driving Event. Thanks again John and Jean!

REVISION TO CLUB ROSTER: We are updating our club roster and newsletter mailing list. To continue to receive the newsletter, please send the following information to Lonnie Cook, lonniecook@aol.com

- > First, Last, and Spouse Name
- > Email Address (spouse email, too if you want.)
- > Postal Mailing Address
- > Home, Business, Cell Phone numbers (spouse phone numbers, too, if you want.)
- > MG(s) and Brit-cars that you own.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Matthew Wagner from Casselberry. Matt purchased his 1978 MGB from his father last August. Good to see it stay in the family.

Nicholas Vincent from downtown Orlando contacted us via the CMGC website. Nick's 1964 MGB was recently delivered to him from the Northeast. After a few tweaks, it will be on the road.

FEBRUARY DRIVING EVENT: February 25th is a special opportunity to engage MG fans from up North. John and Sharon Spadaro have been in contact with a group of MG'ers coming to the area via Auto Train who are eager to meet fellow MG enthusiasts. The event will be a picnic in Gilbert Park (near the boat ramp). The park is rented from 11:00 to 2:00 and our guests are expected between 12:30 and 1:00. We need your RSVP to the Spadaros at 352-357-8812 or e-mail: John JJS852@aol.com or Sharon SAS852@aol.com to plan for food, etc. John and Sharon passed out a flyer at the last meeting. Here it is (attached).

CLASSIC MG CLUB NAME TAG

John Camichos has arranged for a terrific name tag that is an exact replica of the original club badge developed by Blair Engle, shortly after the Club was formed. It has a 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



FUTURE EVENTS

On February 11 2017 our friends of the All British Breakfast are planning a road trip to Oak Haven Farms in Sorrento Fl. They will be meeting at Seasons 52 at the Altamonte Springs mall at 9:30 am and will leave there at 10:00 am. There will be about a 45 min drive to Oak Haven Farms/ Strawberry Winery. After spending a few hours there we will head out to Mt Dora where we will meet for lunch at the Windsor Rose tea room.

Please email Jeff Corenblum at Moose1050@aol.com and let him know if you will be joining them.

March brings us to St. Patrick's Day and our annual dinner and Planning Session at Al & Kathy Cook's house. Details to follow. We will get a jump on things by substituting 3/16 (our regular Club meeting date). At least, we won't have to worry about the location of this meeting! Be thinking about ideas and WRITE THEM DOWN.



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>.

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/>

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.

1960 MGA 1600-- Red with tan interior--rebuilt engine approx. 1000 miles ago-- fog lights-- chrome wire wheels with like new tires --sliding side curtains-- tan top-- engine detailed--- sway bar-- badge bar--dust cover--volt meter--Paint appears excellent from 5 feet away (some spidering) would like a fair value for the car. Call Pete Rogers 1-352-343-1855 or cell- 1-352-406-1948 or [email:pfrslot@gmail.com](mailto:pfrslot@gmail.com)