



MG CAR CLUB FLORIDA, INC.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Ed Price

Thanks to everyone who worked on our 7th Annual Car Show. A nice event in spite of the overcast day. I was told we had 85 cars. 85 or 75 it was a nice gathering of LBC nuts.

Plan to join us at Ben and Danica's this month. Always a good crowd, always a great lunch, and Danica may repair a soft part of your car if you ask. (Caravan details TBA) Club elections are coming up! Nominate a friend or your self. We need you! Vote early and often. Contact Dave Alexander with nominations.

Al and Pat Allen have offered to host a holiday season social at their house in Viera. We have a Bok Tower trip on December 9th, so let's talk to Pat and Al at the next event and see when we can take advantage of their hospitality. See you at Danica and Ben's.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE- NOMINATIONS:

It is time for nominations for officers and directors for 2008-2009. President Ed Price has appointed Vice President Dave Alexander as the Chairman of the Ballot Committee. Nominations will be announced at the October meeting - soon thereafter ballots will be mailed to each member in good standing. You may return your ballot by mail or bring it with you to the November meeting where all ballots will be tabulated and the elections results will be announced. Nominations are for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 3 Directors (one for every 25 members or fraction thereof. If you are interested in any of the positions, contact Dave at 321-728-0019 or iamcaptain@mindspring.com.

AUGUST EVENT by Norm Ridgely

Since we did not have a formal newsletter last month, the August event will be reported here. At about 5:30 in the evening of Saturday, August 18th, 18 members of our club met at Portobello's Ristorante south of Rockledge for an excellent Italian dinner.

In Pat Allen, Ken & Betty Alexander, Bill & Carol Bowman, Len Coppold, Noah Coleman, Saul Norm & Pat Ridgely. number of members of Car Club, with 11 cars completed a tour of



attendance were Al & Gregory, Dave Frost, Tom & Ritva Ed & Pam Price, Kurt & Klein, Art Floyd, and Also joining us were a the Classic Minis United who had already Brevard County earlier of our co-members

joining them (Dave, Kurt and Noah). After dinner and due to the fading light, the MGs & Minis motored directly to the county bird sanctuary/wetland at the western

end of Wickham Road, adjacent to a county water treatment plant. It was quite a sight viewing the birds coming in to roost for the night (see photos on our website and www.Classicminis.org). Many of us stopped at the Rockledge Dairy Queen for (going-home fortification). It was quite an enjoyable event and thanks to Len Coppold for suggesting it.

FOX LAKE BRITISH CAR SHOW – SAT, SEPT 23rd by Norm Ridgely

IT DID NOT RAIN!! Unbelievable as it was, we did not get rained on at our annual Fox Lake British Car Show. It did once or twice sprinkle early in the morning but we lucked-out. We had about 85 cars on the show field. Not quite as many as expected, but with the threat of rain, several of our pre-registered did not show and some of those expecting to register the day of the show probably did not want to risk coming due to the forecasted rain. But it was a great show! We had a lot of very outstanding cars. Barry Alexander of Sarasota won Best-of-Show with a Sunbeam Alpine (Remember the movie To Catch a Thief with Cary Grant & Grace Kelly?). His Alvis won Best-of-Show last year. There were some nice Morgans, As, Minis, Bs, Morris, TVRs, Rolls, Jags, TDs & TFs, Triumphs, but only 1 Austin-Healey. Bring them out next year!



Glenn Lenhard of Glenn's MG Repair of St. Petersburg put on an excellent tech session, diagnosing, explaining and curing problems on the spot for those rare LBCs whose owners admitted to them. Due to the apparent impending rain, and the quick and efficient vote tally staff workers, the awards ceremony was held early and the show was over by 2:30 pm – earliest I've ever seen.



We wish to thank all those who brought their cars and the club members who worked so hard to present a great show. See you next year, same time, same park.

Jerry Keuper Memorial Award: Art Floyd was presented our club's annual Jerry Keuper award for his continued outstanding spirit and support of the MG marque. Art humbly accepted his well deserved award with thanks.



SOUTHEASTERN FALL GOF, HIAWASSEE, GA. by Norm Ridgely

This is a great event held in the north Georgia mountains up against the NC border with fantastic touring roads and scenery.

On Thursday, September 6th at 7 AM, members John & Sharon Spadaro and Norm & Pat Ridgely pulled out of Eustis, FL, for the GA mountains. We ran up I-75 to

Macon, then cut east to pick up US 441 (good roads) then switched to GA state roads to Hiawassee, arriving about 6 PM.

Friday dawned cool. We drove to Brasstown Bald (highest peak in GA mountains) that morning. The last 3 miles is straight up and was a 1st or 2nd gear run. Coming down was just as interesting; we also met some cyclists coming up! The “first timers” show was that afternoon with a BBQ dinner in the evening.

Saturday morning was the car show with over 80 cars on the hotel’s parking lot. Lunch was on your own (and you can get 4 adults in an MGB/GT) then either self-guided tours or a afternoon. The tulip Peter Thornley (son of General Manager for now lives in Georgia. days laying it out just North Carolina. Pat tour, which took over was great; fantastic questions, and mind Saw areas some don’t know are there.



“tulip tour” in the was laid out by John Thornley, MG many years) who He must have spent across the border in and I did the whole 2-1/2 hours and it scenery, great bending directions. locals probably

Saturday night was the banquet and awards. John Spadaro won the Lucas Prince of Darkness award (his light switch came off in his hand the first morning out). We left Hiawassee about 8 AM Sunday and basically drove 441 all the way to Ocala, where the Spadaros headed to Eustis and we continued south to Vero Beach. We pulled into our driveway about 11 PM, tired but knowing we had a great time. Over 4 days, we covered about 1600 miles with no problems. This is a bi-annual event, so put it on your calendar for 2009 and join us. (Photo is “Four adults in a MGBGT!”)

MGCC-F UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 20 - Hosted by Danica Perhacs and Ben Stone in Vero Beach – nominations for Officers and Board will be announced. The hosts will provide lunch and, as has been done in the past, \$5 per person will be collected to defray their cost. There will be a general meeting after lunch when Officer and Director nominations for 2008-2009 will be announced. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Ballots will be mailed a few days after the meeting. As soon as the general meeting is concluded Danica will address any problems you might have with your hood, tonneau, hardware, upholstery, helping to repair when possible, or at least advising you how to solve the problem. For those who wish to travel as a group from the North: meet at the Golden Corral Restaurant, Palm Bay Road, east of I-95, Palm Bay, at 9:30 AM. Then tour south to 4355 60th Drive, Vero Beach. Those who live to the south, plan to travel on your own and arrive about 11 AM at the same address. **IMPORTANT:** 60th Drive is a private dirt road and 4355 is accessible only from 45th Street. **ALSO IMPORTANT:** Danica has requested that she know how many will be coming so she can have sufficient food for the group. Their phone # is 772-770-0083 and her email address is mulpersto@comcast.net

Saturday, Nov. 17 – Tour in Brevard County, then a luncheon meeting – ELECTIONS. Details to follow.

Sunday, Dec. 9 – Another fabulous Bok Tower trip to Lake Wales, with an opportunity to visit the “Christmas at Pinewood” Estate. Details to follow.

OTHER EVENTS:

1ST Sunday of each month: Breakfast Club at Gleason’s Restaurant, 4270 Aloma Ave, Winter Park.

October 12th/14th – Rendezvous 2007 by Big Bend MGs, Tallahassee, FL. This is an outstanding event with a great touring area. The sponsoring club has set up an “MG Rescue Squad” to render assistance and provide a car dolly within a 100 mile radius of Tallahassee. (FOR MORE INFORMATION- www.bigbendmgs.com) (Note- Several members are coordinating a 50-55 mph “caravan” to Tallahassee on Friday Oct 12 – contact Saul Klein sklein@cfl.rr.com or 321.269.0236)

October 19th/21st EuroAuto Festival – Greer, SC (at BMW plant) – Great Show!! BMW factory tour.

April 11th/13th, 2008 – GOF XLII – Silver Springs, FL – www.britishcarclub.net

For questions on any of the above, call Norm Ridgely (772) 567-2231.

MEMBER PROFILES:

The Editor would like to do a member profile each month in the newsletter, or present a history of a member’s car (such as Helen Kingston’s in the March issue). Those interested, please contact Pat Ridgely. Phone and e mail listed at end of this newsletter.

FEEDBACK:

The Officers and Board members would like to hear from members concerning their views on current functions and events (likes, dislikes, etc.) and any ideas for the future. This is your club and we want everyone to participate and enjoy. So, please contact anyone on the list on the last page to have your voice heard. Thanks!

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Ads are free of charge to members, run for three months unless renewed and/or canceled by the member. Ads will be reserved to British automobile related items.

For Sale – 1977 MGB

Only 71k miles, Factory Overdrive, Runs great! \$4600 Susan Walden 321-264-2208

For Sale - 1968 MGB Roadster

My MGB needs a new home. I purchased it in 1991 when I took apart my MGA for restoration and immediately missed driving it. I purchased the B from a neighbor in Titusville who had owned it since 1988 and who had kept it garaged, rarely drove it,

and had only made repairs as needed. My A is now finished and I'm ready to let go of the B. The B has continued to be garaged since I purchased it and has been maintained in dependable driving condition with improvements made from time to time. I have used it for weekends, car shows, and a few long pleasure trips, a total 70,000 miles under my ownership.

Major repairs and improvements I made include:

2007 New master brake cylinder and new rear wheel
Cylinders

2006 New rear springs

2005 High torque starter

2004 "Pecos" header and exhaust system

2004 Dunlop 185/70 R14 tires on two new Dayton chrome
wire wheels and two Dayton chrome wire wheels
that were new in 1996. All mounted, trued, and
balanced by Hendrix Wire Wheel in Greensboro,
North Carolina, resulting in NO WHEEL SHIMMY.
(Splined hubs previously replaced)

2003 Tie rod ends

1997 Alternator

1997 New interior and top, both from Moss Motors kits
installed by me.

1996 MGB V-8 type front A arm bushings

1994 Carburetors rebuilt

1993 New clutch, throw out bearing, U joints

1991 Front suspension rebuilt

1991 Conversion to hanging spin-on oil filter

1991 Clutch master cylinder

The original color was British Racing Green, which can be seen under the bonnet. It was painted white at some point prior to 1988. The engine has not been apart under my ownership, but runs beautifully and does not consume too much oil. All major systems are in good working order. On the negative side, it has the usual British car leaks and a few other flaws, which I will gladly explain in detail to any interested party. It can be driven and enjoyed as is, with not much likelihood of any major problems for some time, or it could be an excellent restoration candidate. Interested parties, please call me at (321) 544-1467, my cell phone. Or email me at docjensen2002@yahoo.com. Asking \$6,900.00.

For Sale – 1953 MG TD

1953 MG TD Mark II with 900 miles. since restoration. The gas tank and fuel pumps have less than 200 miles on them. the car has a stainless steel exhaust system, Brookland steering wheel, on-half tonneau cover, along with a car cover, owner's manual and restoration guide. We bought this car from Jack Cutler of Reading, PA on August 23, 2000 with 200 miles. The chassis off restoration is fully documented with invoices and photos, done by Carriage Craft in Reading over the period of 7/96 to 5/98. Asking Price: \$23,000 Photos available. I can be contacted on my cell phone 772-528-4392 or at home 772-489-9295 moyermerid@aol.com .

Send your ad to Pat Ridgely at pridgely83@yahoo.com or P. O. Box 651068, Vero Beach, FL 32965 by the 25th of each month for publication in the following month's newsletter. In your e mail, please reference MGCC-F ad so it's not considered spam.

We need as many articles written by members as we can get. Submit yours to Pat Ridgely at pridgely83@yahoo.com or P. O. Box 651068, Vero Beach, FL 32965. Thanks for your help.

Safety Fast !

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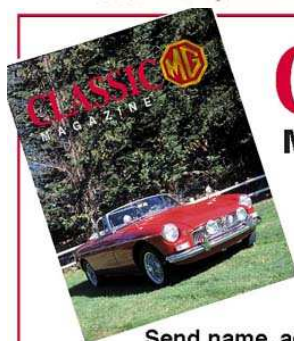


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