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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

We are off and running for 2010! Last month we had a terrific Drive to Vero & Tour of John & Kathi Schumann's garages and race track at the Vero Aerodrome. What a collection and a surprise Light & Sound Show for each car in their collection. We had a great turnout and most everyone followed the group over to Ken & Betty Gregory's house for a luncheon meeting. For February we have been invited to a "Special" breakfast, hosted by Mary & Ray Pollock in North Cocoa, followed by a trip to Cocoa Village.. Many more events planned for 2010, including some "suggested" events out of our area, such as the GOF in Jekyll Island, Georgia .. Hope to see all the members participating in our club's 2010 events.

2010 DUES ARE (past) DUE

Your 2010 dues are now due. Please send your check for \$15 to

MG CAR CLUB – FLORIDA,

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Treasurer Helen Kingston at our next event, Brunch at the Pollock's, February 20, 2010.

AN IMPORANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING BRIT BASH

At the January Board of Directors' meeting, the show chairperson, Danica Perhacs, presented a study she did concerning the 2010 BRIT BASH, and a change of venue from Wickham Park in North Melbourne to Riverside Park in Vero Beach. The main points of her presentation were ample, shaded parking for the show cars, trailer parking, more access to free marketing and Public Service Announcements (PSA's), brand new host hotel (Springhill Suites) 4 miles away with very safe location, simple, direct access to the show and Meet & Greet capabilities, desirable destination (for the day or the weekend), ladies appeal: within easy walking distance to the VB Museum of Art, Ocean Drive shopping, dining and the beach, and more regional appeal. There was considerable discussion regarding this change. The Board's vote to move it to Vero Beach was unanimous subject to the general membership's approval. At the tour and luncheon on January 16th, which is officially the club's monthly meeting, there were 30 members in attendance. An in depth presentation of this change of venue was made and a discussion was held. All members in attendance voted to move the show to Vero Beach in 2010. The date was set as Saturday, October 30th, to avoid conflict with other British car events taking place during the October-November time frame. A memo was

sent to all members on January 22nd concerning this change. Two important points from that memo are reiterated here: participation and assistance of club members and the infusion of ideas and opinions. If you have any, pro or con, call or e-mail Danica at the number & address at the end of this newsletter.

Also, to help achieve our goal of having a premier event, we plan a tour to Vero Beach on Sunday, March 21st, for our monthly event. We will have a picnic (the club will provide the meat) at Riverside Park adjacent to the Indian River Lagoon, and afterwards we will tour the area of the Park where the car show will be held. This is the same area that the Indian River Region of AACA holds their very successful annual show in March. (2010 marks their 33rd annual event.) We feel that we can draw British cars from Jacksonville to Miami plus Central Florida, and the location in Vero Beach makes this one that the whole family can enjoy for a weekend or longer not just for one day. The park is near the beach, shopping, restaurants, shaded walking paths, tennis courts, river views, and is across the street from the wonderful Vero Beach Museum of Art. A nearby new hotel in a very safe area has committed rooms at lowered rates. The motel has a wonderful room for a meet and greet and breakfast is included with your room's rental. We need everyone's participation, thoughts, and suggestions. The show area is large enough for over 300 cars, a car corral, vendors, and food court. Let's do it and show the car owners a good time in Vero Beach.

PAST EVENT – THE SCHUMANN'S TOUR & CLUB LUNCHEON

On Saturday, January 16th, a group of our members met in the parking lot of the Golden Corral



in Palm Bay early in the morning. About 13 cars soon headed south to Vero Beach to join with members and guests from the south at John & Kathi Schumann's garages and race track at the Vero Aerodrome. With over 30 in attendance, John & Kathi presented their private



collection of beautiful cars along with a light and sound show of the sounds of the cars. It was quite an event. The club presented the Schumann's a clock for their garage office in appreciation of their hospitality.

After the tour, almost everyone then drove over to Ken & Betty Gregory's house for a luncheon meeting. Pat Ridgely and Betty Gregory outdid themselves with a great lunch. All expressed their thanks to the two ladies and to the Gregory's for the use of their lovely home and patio. The following



were in attendance at one or both places: Danica Perhacs, Ben Stone, Linda Knoblock and her sister, Len Coppold, Dave Alexander, Paul & Susan Millette, Matt & Ester Adams, Carol Gradwell & Kevin Hoffman, Saul Klein, Frank & Helen Kingston, Al & Pat Allen, Ed & Pam Price, Karl Steene, Mike Kennedy & friend, Randy & Kathy Poliner, Richard & Pat Jablonski, Richard Jensen, Roger & Jeane Jusseume, Ray &



Mary Pollock, Hayes Harris & family, Pat Ridgely and Betty Gregory.

A SAD NOTE

It is with much sadness that we report that Caroline Robinson, wife of John Twist, of University Motors in Ada, Michigan, passed away on January 12th, 2010. She and John opened their shop in Ada in 1975 and she was loved by all who knew her. She often attended event with John and some of us had the pleasure of personally meeting her. Se was very knowledgeable in LBC's and if you look up cross references of paint codes for MG's in certain catalogs, she is the source for that information. She and John we married for 31 years and have four children.

UPCOMING MGCC-F EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH - A SPECIAL CLUB BREAKFAST

We have been invited by Ray and Mary Pollock to their home in Cocoa for breakfast, featuring their special omelets. You are welcome to come as early as 8:30 but "last call" will be at ???. VERY IMPORTANT! Mary needs to know how many are coming so she can make sufficient purchases of eggs. She does not have e-mail, so please phone her at 321-636-9473 ASAP. Leave a message if they happen to be away from the phone.

Their home is at 1013 Indian River Drive, Cocoa, just north of the 520 Causeway. All cars will be off-street parking by their home. After our breakfast and some socializing, you can meander south to the Historic Cocoa Village and enjoy an afternoon of walking the quaint streets with fantastic shopping. Maybe even a stop for ice cream. Everyone will be on their own to explore all of Cocoa Village.

SUNDAY MARCH 21ST 2010 - TOUR TO VERO BEACH AND PICNIC AT RIVERSIDE PARK

We'll take a tour to Vero Beach for a club picnic and a walking tour of the area in the park where we will hold our annual car show BRIT BASH under the beautiful oak trees in Riverside Park, on October 30th, 2010. We hope all of your can make this event as we are seeking everyone's input so that this show will become the premier event on the east coast for British cars. (Note: the previously scheduled event to the Barrier Island Sanctuary will be re-scheduled to a later date.) The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and condiments!!! Do bring chairs for yourselves. Those attending will bring side dishes (salads, coleslaw, potato salad, etc., and desserts. More on this later.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH – VALIANT AIR COMMAND

We plan a fascinating tour of the Valiant Air Command's Warbird Museum south of Titusville at the Space Coast Regional Airport. This was a very popular tour the last time we went, be sure to mark your calendar. Lunch will follow at the popular Dixie Crossroads restaurant. Details will following in the March newsletter.

OTHER EVENTS

Many club members are planning to travel together to three upcoming events, the Gold Coast Show on February 14th in Boca Raton where the MG will be the featured car); The Celtic Show in Zephyrhills on March 6th, and the GOF in Jekyll Island April 9-11. See below for website links. Please call or e-mail Saul Klein for details if you wish to join us (and we hope you will!!!).

1st Sunday of each month: British Car Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Corral in Altamonte Springs. It is just south of SR 434's intersection with SR 436 on the east side between Costco and Robb & Stucky.

February 21st – 14th Annual Elliott Museum Car Show – Stuart – www.elliottmuseumfl.org

March 6th - Three different events

- 1) Zephyrhills Celtic Festival & British & European Classic Car Show, Zephyrhills (Our club will have a booth for promoting Brit Bash; 5 members signed up..)
- 2) AACA–Indian River Region 33rd Annual Car Show, Riverside Park, Vero Beach
- 3) AACA-Southeastern National Winter Meet, Homestead, FL

April 9th -11th, 2010 – GOF South – MK XLIV - Jekyll Island, GA – www.mgclassics.org

April 17th – 16th “Brits on the Bay” – British Car Show, Pensacola – www.pbca1.com

April 19th-23rd – Mile Zero GT6, Key West, details to follow

April 24th – British Motor Classic, Tampa – www.britishmotorclub.net

April 24th – Legends on the Green – Concours d’Elegance, Ponte Verde

June 23rd-27th, 2010 – “MG 2010” NAMGBR – Belleville, Ontario, Canada

September 24-26 – Southeast British Car Festival, Dillard, GA – www.peachtreemg.com

October 15-17 – EURO 2010 – Greenville, SC

October 29-31 – SBCC Annual Car Show – Chattanooga Choo Choo (Tennessee)

[October 30 – Brit Bash, Riverside Park, Vero Beach](#)

November 5-7 – JAMBOREE 17 – Riverside Inn, Homosassa - www.fsmgcc.com

June 12-18, 2011 – MG 2011 NA Council of MG Registers – Reno/Tahoe, NV

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

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Members are invited to submit interesting articles about their MG or MGs and themselves.

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

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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!

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FOR SALE – the front seats from the Ridgelys 1967 MGB/GT. The seats were rebuilt September 2004 and new sheepskin (grey) covers were put on them in March 2006. Asking \$300. 772-532-4265.

FOR SALE – 1980 MGB, red with black interior/top, good condition inside and out, new top, engine mechanicals very good. Palm Bay, FL – Joann Kane 321-724-1751, asking \$7,000.

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