



MG Car Club—Florida

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SEPTEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

We have another adventure planned for this coming, Saturday 20th of September (more info below). This time Ed has it planned so we eat first, and for those that have been to this restaurant in the past know we will eat well.

There is information about the FIT parade in this issue and I think it would be really nice if we had a good turn out. I think most people in the Brevard that know of Jerry Keuper, know of him in relation with FIT. So this is our chance to show another side of Jerry.

SEPTEMBER EVENT

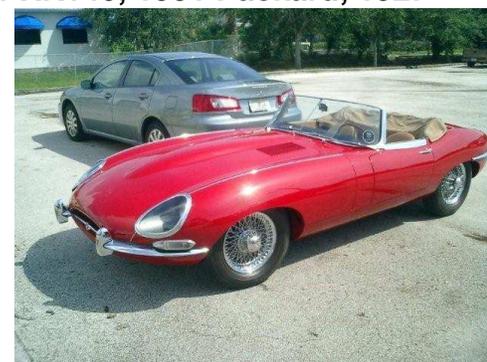
Our Tour Master has come up with another great event for this month that will be in keeping with trying to avoid the summer heat. Saturday, September 20th, we will meet on Merritt Island at the Merritt Square Mall parking lot, on the east side of JC Penney's (behind the Outback Steak House). The time is 5:30 PM (I know it's hot, but it will cool off) and drive to dinner at the Roost Restaurant, where we had a great lunch a few months ago. This is on the water and you will be soothed by cooling breezes. After dinner, we will take a drive on Merritt Island's back roads (and does Ed know them!) and end up at the Merritt Island Dairy Queen. Great way to cap off a fun, COOL, evening. PLEASE call Ed (321-632-2207 – e mail cbcs1@bellsouth.net) if you're coming so he may make the reservations at the Roost. See you there.

AUGUST'S EVENT by Gail Gilbert



Hi everyone. Here I am on another MG Club outing with Dave. Funny how we keep taking my MINI on these events (at least I get to drive). This time he has taken me to Lane Pontiac on NASA Blvd. in Melbourne to visit club member Skip Lane's private collection of antique and classic cars. The Indian River Region of the AACA club also showed up with their antique cars, some were older Fords, model A's and T's; what an adventure that must have been driving up from Vero.

Some of Skip's collection included a Jaguar XK140, 1931 Packard, 1927 Rolls Royce touring car, 1931 Cadillac roadster and a Citron 2CV, which reportedly gets 45 mpg. That sounds like a car we should all own.



Check out the photos on our club's website – www.mgcarclubflorida.org



After viewing Skip's collection we drove to Smokey Bones for lunch. What a fantastic way to spend a Saturday morning. I wonder where Dave will take me this month (Merritt Island?)? See you all there.

FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (FIT) 50th HOMECOMING PARADE

FIT has invited the MG Car Club-Florida to participate in the school's 50th Anniversary Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 18th, 2008. We have accepted their invitation. As many of you know, Jerry Keuper, our Chairman Emeritus (In Memoriam), was the founder of this great university as well as the guiding light for our car club for many years. This was a great honor to be invited to participate, as we honor Jerry's memory two fold. Dave Alexander will be our contact with FIT for this event. The line up for the parade will be at 9:00 AM and the parade will start at 10:00. The parade route is 1.9 miles long. Hopefully we can all turn out for this event in honor of Dr. Keuper. Please note your calendar now. We will plan a lunch afterwards. Further details will be in the October newsletter.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

We had an inquiry concerning junior membership from someone who seems to have a good looking GT similar to one of a current member. Our membership chairman should contact him soon. – Pat Ridgely



BRIT BASH AT WICKHAM- November 1st

On behalf of Danica Perhacs, car show chairperson, this is a reminder that the Brit Bash at Wickham is fast approaching and we're counting on our club members to lend a hand for this event. Your help is definitely needed. We are looking forward to a record turn-out at the new location and at a better time of the year.

MGCC-F UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 18th FIT 50th Anniversary Homecoming Parade – see article above.

November 1st – Brit Bash at Wickham car show – Friday night will be a Meet & Greet at the Hampton Inn by the Zoo. Saturday is the show at Wickham Park. We'll need club members to volunteer to help to make this show a success.



November 15th – Roar & Soar at Fantasy of Flight in Lakeland – the club is planning a caravan to the event. Details later.

December 13th – a holiday party for the club members to be held at Al & Pat Allen's home. Details to follow.

OTHER EVENTS:

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.

September 19-21, 2008 – Southeast British Car Festival, Dillard, GA. For information go to www.peachtreemg.com.

October 10/11, 2008 – British Car Classic XX – St. Augustine's Kings Head Pub (details to follow)

October 17-19, 2008 – Euro-Fest 2008 at the BMW plant in Greer, SC.

October 25, 2008 – All British Field Meet & Auto Jumble – Crest Lake Park, Clearwater, FL

November 7/9, 2008 – MG Jamboree, St. Pete, FL. – For information go to www.fsmgcc.com

November 13-16, 2008 – Zephyrhills Auto Fest & Swap Meet, Zephyrhills, FL. - For information go to www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com

June 24-28, 2009 - MG 2009 – MGs in Breckenridge – The annual national meet sponsored by the North American MGB Register, of which we are a chapter, will gather in Colorado: only 98 miles west of Denver in the Rocky Mountains, average daytime temperature is 70 and nights in the 50s, humidity about 30%. Elevation is 9,000 to 12,000 feet. Let's get a group together and caravan out there. It's only about 2,000 miles (one way) so that's about 4 days each way.

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

MEMBER PROFILES:

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

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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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.

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