



MG Car Club—Florida

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APRIL 2008 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

There were many Florida British & MG car shows and events this March and April, and many more are scheduled throughout the year (see Events below). We have the good fortune to be able to drive our LBC's year around, with "hoods" down (unless driving slower than 40 mph in a thunderstorm). A case in point is Saul Klein, who drove his '79 Midget over 5,000 miles since March 2007, participating in our club's and other Florida events- and he says he could have driven thousands more miles if he had been able to attend other events scheduled from Pensacola to Key West.

This month we offer another club tour by our very own master tour guide Ed Price, read all about it later in this (your) news letter and come out and join us.

The plug "your", above, was a reminder that you all as members are encouraged to submit your writings for publication.

So get out there and drive your LBC !

Please note- In an effort to improve attendance, etc., for our club's annual show, the board recently voted to cancel the September 20, 2008 Fox Lake British Car Show, and instead have a show in February 2009. Location and exact date to be determined.

DUES

Dues are now PAST DUE for those of you who are tardy in paying them. Please do send your check to the club today - \$15.00 – address on back page. Thanks.

PAST EVENTS:

The AACA Southeastern Winter Meet in Melbourne on Saturday, March 15th was a great event. There were over 450 cars on the show field by the airport and to



see them all was a long walk through the field but well worth it. Those known MGCC-F-member spectators were Dave Alexander and his son, Brian, Frank and Helen Kingston, Saul Klein, and Norm Ridgely. Norm was registered to show his GT but the fuel pump died the day prior to the show. There were some beautiful English



motor cars on the field, from Rolls Royces, MGs, Healeys, "down" to Jaguars. Next years meet will be in Lakeland, Florida, on February 28, 2009.

The Vero Beach AACA "Under the Oaks" show at Riverside Park was also a large show, with 247 show cars, plus 38 in the car corral. A group led by Dave Alexander & Gail drove down (Mini) from Melbourne. The group included Christian Havneraas (BMW motorcycle), Pat & Al Allen (MGB), Saul Klein (MG Midget). There was an estimated total of 12 British cars. Other members attending the



show were Ben Stone (MGB) Norm & Cheryl Smith (MGA), and Richard and JoAnn Jensen (MGA). The outstanding MG trophy went to the Jensen's for their 1958 MGA. Congratulations!

MGCC-F UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, April 26th – Due to a conflict with the Legends on the Green show in St. Augustine, on April 19th, it is decided to hold our monthly tour/meeting on the 4th Saturday, instead of the 3rd. It is a "mystery" tour which will conclude with lunch at a nice establishment, and will be led by the Master Tour Guide – Ed Price. We will gather at 9:30 am at McDonalds in the Rockledge Shopping Center, south of Cocoa on US 1.



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.

April 19, 2008 – 5th Annual Legends on the Green at the World Golf Village, St. Augustine, FL

April 23-26, 2008 – NAMGAR Mini GT in Key West, FL. For reservations call the El Patio Motel at: (866) 533-5189, rooms range from \$93.00. For event info and registration contact George Merryweather at: (972) 422-9593 or gmerryweather@verizon.net.

June 25/29, 2008 – MG 2008, Valley Forge, PA hosted by NAMBGR. Some members of our club are planning to take the Auto-train north on June 24 with some returning the same way.

July 14-18, 2008 – NAMGAR GT-33 will be held at the Seven Springs Resort in Champion, PA. For reservations call the resort at 866-437-1300, room rate is \$130.00. Additional info can be found at www.7springs.com. The featured car is the Twin Cam.

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

November 7/9, 2008 – MG Jamboree, St. Pete, FL DTF

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.

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:

(5) Tires on rims with trim rings. Firestone FR380, P175/70R14. (2) excellent, (2) decent, (1) spare. \$200 OBO. Please call Ben Stone @ (772) 770-0083.

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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.

Safety Fast !

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