



MG Car Club—Florida

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NOW HEAR THIS!!

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BRIT BASH 2014 will be held on March 15th, 2014 at Fox Lake Park in Titusville, Florida.

The club's Board of Directors has been considering a change of location and date for our annual car show for a number of months. The cost of the use of Riverside Park in Vero Beach has increased 50%, as have other services we must utilize and pay in Vero. Also, we have found that the October dates have not always afforded us good weather; for example, in 2004, hurricane with show field under water; 2011, 8 inches of rain 2 days before show; and 2012 Hurricane Sandy off shore. At first, the board was going to hold off the next car show until 2015, but feel that the March 15th, 2014, date is not in conflict with any other British Car event so that date was selected. So, we have only two months to go to our next show, but it will be a great event.

Fox Lake in Titusville is where we held our first show in 2000 and then each year through 2007. It is a very nice park, great for our show, trees, and has a very large pavilion with many tables and provides good shelter in case of inclement weather. The park is only about four miles from hotels at the intersection of I-95 and State Road 50. Those hotels are: Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn, Fairfield Inn & Suites, other "Economy" hotels, along with many restaurants.

Show continues a special event- "On Your Car" Tech Sessions, by Glenn Lenhard of Glenn's MG Repair, St. Pete .

So, mark your calendars, spread the word and please offer to help. To do that, contact Saul Klein- sklein@cfl.rr.com, 321-626-9176.

Note - Brit Bash 2014 Show Flyer with registration form attached & at end of this newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S (OUTGOING) ADDRESS by Dave Alexander

My last article as president, what all inspiring wisdom can I impart on my way out? What is the one thing I really want to say? How best do I tell everyone how my time as President of the MG Car Club was to me? Well here goes: first and foremost I want to say THANKS. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to be president, thanks to great individuals that were board members during my term, and finally thanks to the members of the MG Car Club Florida at large for making this such a great experience.

We have had lots and lots of fun. Our annual car shows, drives throughout the east coast of Florida, trips to restaurants, antique stores, economy runs, Christmas parties and most recently our drives with LBC friends (those not fortunate enough to own a MG) from other clubs/groups to only name a few. One of my goals was always to get as many cars/folks as possible out and participating in events. Participation has really been what has set this club apart and why our club has done so well for so long. So THANKS for coming out and participating. A lot goes on behind the scenes by the board and volunteers to make the club like ours work so well. I was very fortunate to have some great folks who worked tirelessly to make being Pres a snap. THANKS.

I leave the club in great hands. Linda has hit the ground running and will make a great president of the club. Linda and the Board are already discussing many new and exciting things for the Club. They are looking at tweaking of the Car Show format, joining the Mini, Triumph and other LBC folks from local car groups next year on four fantastic drives, and other new and exciting events for our pleasure. I know you will give her the same great support you gave me.

THANKS from

David Alexander, Past President

PRESIDENT'S (INCOMING) ADDRESS – by Linda Knoblock-Raupp

First I want you all to know that I am most honored, humbled and thankful to become your new President of the MG Car Club-Florida.

This position is all of ours, I will honor you. It takes people to make a club, and what a great group you all are. I am most honored for all the years, things we have done, laughs we have shared, places we have gone, and we still have so much more to do. Look forward to our new drives, new places, new faces, new cars, and new joiners. Please come to our Board meetings, let us know your interest, no idea is a bad idea! Look forward to our coming year. It's you & me who are going to make our monthly meets fun. I'm proud for the years I have shared with you all and look forward to many more.

Dave, thank you for showing me the way. Brian, keep me in overdrive. I'm excited about being in your club, you have made it mine.

Linda Knoblock-Raupp, President

NOVEMBER EVENT – TOUR, LUNCHEON & ELECTION

Saturday, November 16th – Tour participants met at the closed Ethan Allen furniture store and departed for a two-hour, 60+ mile tour thru Melbourne, West Melbourne, Palm Bay, and Grant, ending at the March Landing Restaurant in Fellsmere. The election results were announced as follows for officers and directors for 2014-2015.

President	Linda Knoblock-Raupp
Vice President	Brian Mitchell
Treasurer	Helen Kingston
Secretary	Open
Directors	Len Coppold, Richard Jensen, Saul Klein
Immediate Past President	- Dave Alexander

As these were the only nominees, there was no need to balloting and they won these positions by acclamation. All in attendance enjoyed the lunch and the group stood for photos outside after lunch. Those in attendance were: Norm & Pat Ridgely, Linda Knoblock-Raupp and Joany Hasto, Dave Alexander and Louise Husband, Brian and Ginny Mitchell, Aaron & Cindy Mitchell, Richard & Jo-Ann Jensen, and Tom and Ritva Bowman.

DECEMBER – HOLIDAY PARTY

This was our only event in December and it was held at Len Coppold's home in Suntree on the evening of the 14th. The club supplied a delicious meat dish and everyone brought appetizers, salads, side dishes of different types and fruit, plus DESSERTS! We were also treated to two sets of excellent jazz, provided by our host on his Gibson guitar and a young saxophonist, Ian Gray. They were terrific. Those attending were Norm & Pat Ridgely, Ken & Betty Gregory, Richard & Jo-Ann Jensen, Ray & Mary Pollock, Melanie Keuper, Len Coppold and Ruthie, Brian & Ginny Mitchell, Linda and Mark Raupp, Dave Alexander & Louise Husband, Frank & Helen Kingston, Dan Cook and his brother, Ian Gray, and Doug & Linda Rothwell.



As is our custom, the JERRY KEUPER AWARD was presented this year to Len Coppold for his outstanding enthusiasm and spirit in all things MG. The presentation that night

was very special as Jerry's daughter, Melanie, made the presentation to Len personally. She still has Jerry's first MG, a 1952 TD.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

JANUARY 25th EVENT

The first tour of the year will take place on the **FOURTH SATURDAY** of the month. The tour will start at (time and place) and finish up at Frank Kingston's garage, 1561 Maple Ave., Melbourne (west of US 1 in the Eau Gallie area. Lunch will be sourced from the Hog Wild Bar-B-Q next door. If prices are the same as in 2013, the cost should be \$10-\$12 per person. **A HEAD-COUNT IS NEEDED, so by January 22nd, please contact Helen Kingston hjk10590@gmail.com 321-544-5100 to register.**

FEBRUARY EVENT

Saturday, February 15th, the club will tour to Mount Dora for lunch at a British Tea Room and a day of visiting the quaint village. We will meet up at 9:00 am at the McDonald's off I-95 (exit #223) and depart via State Road 46, west to Mt. Dora. It is about an hour's ride to Mt. Dora. **A HEAD-COUNT IS NEEDED, so by February 12th, please contact Helen Kingston hjk10590@gmail.com 321-544-5100 to register.**

March 15th 2014 – BIG SHOW!!

Saturday, March 15, 2014 – Brit Bash 2014 @ Fox Lake Park- See first article ..

FURTHER 2014 EVENTS

At this time, there are several "possible" club events being considered, one each month, usually on the third Saturday. Please forward your suggestions to any officer or director.

POSSIBLE OVERNIGHTER

The Suncoast MG Car Club in St. Petersburg has approached us to plan a joint two-day event sometime in the spring, based around Lake Wales. Each club would set up a "tour/scavenger hunt" centering (ending) around Lake Wales; the route we'd set up would be east of Lake Wales; they would do likewise west of Lake Wales. Then we'd drive the west route, they the east. We'd gather that evening for dinner and awards. This is still in the discussion stage. We will let you know what comes of it. If you have any thoughts, please contact one of the officers or directors.

OTHER EVENTS

NOTE: The Brevard British Car Driving Group – the driving schedule has been changed from a monthly event to 4 times a year. The group will meet for breakfast and drives in the following months: March, July, September, and November. (see March 8th and related article)

January 18th – Pine School “100 Years of Cars”, Hobe Sound, a very good show. (www.100yearsofcars.com)

February 8th – 40 Fabulous Fords – an “invitation only” exhibit at McKee Botanical Gardens in Vero Beach. Their 5th annual motorcar exhibit. A MUST SEE EVENT.

February 9th (Sunday) – 21st Annual British Classic Car Show, Boca Raton (www.goldcoastbritcar.org)

February 22nd - AACA’s Southeastern Winter Meet, Port St. Lucie. A great show, over 300 cars. To enter vehicle, you must be an AACA member. (www.AACA.org)

March 1st – AACA Car Show, Cape Canaveral Chapter (details to follow)

March 2nd (Sunday) – B.I.G. European Sports Car Show, North Ft. Myers – open to all British, Italian and German sports cars. (www.tswfl.org)

March 7th – 8th – Amelia Island

March 8th – Brevard All British Car Driving Group – this will be a combo club drive of the MGCC-F, Mini Fanatics of Florida, and independents. Meet at Kay’s Bar-B-Q, Cocoa at 9:00 am for breakfast with a planned drive afterward.

March 22nd – AACA Indian River Region annual car show at Riverside Park, Vero Beach (details to follow)

April 5th – All British Car Show – 30th Anniversary at Mead Gardens, Winter Park, (www.allbritishcarclub.com)

April 11th-13th – Gathering of the Faithful South-Mark XLVIII at the Plantation on Crystal River in Crystal River, Florida. A NOT-TO-BE-MISSED event!!! (www.gofsouth.com)

April 19th – Wheels Across the Pond, a premier show off A1A in Jupiter. A British car and bike show but Euro cars are also invited. (www.wheelsacrossthepond.com)

June 15th-19th – North American MGB Register Annual Meet will be held in French Lick, Indiana. Some members have already signed up.

September 18th-21st – Southeastern British Car Festival – Dillard, GA (details to follow)

LOSS OF A GOOD FRIEND

It is with much regret that we must report the passing of a good friend to many of us and a fellow MGer, Iggy Miller of Anthony, Florida, on December 27, 2013. He was an active member of the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club (St. Petersburg) and attended many meets throughout the southeast USA, including our own Brit Bash over the years. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Darlene, who joined him in his MG activities, and to his children and other family members.

A RECAP OF THE NOVEMBER 9TH BREVARD BRITISH CAR DRIVING GROUP EVENT **– submitted by Mike Euziere**

November 9th Combined ALL British Car Drive. A number of our club members participated in the Combined ALL British Car events the last several months and what a lot of fun those were. Seeing that many LBCs doing things together definitely brings back memories from the 50, 60 and 70s when most of these cars were new and there were plenty of them on our roadways. November's combined event sponsored by the Brevard ALL British Car Driving Group saw 27 Little British Cars (LBCs) from our club, the Mini-fanatics of Florida and of course the Brevard ALL British Car Driving Group all come gathered for a fantastic time. This is what owning and driving a LBC is all about, getting together and participating with a large number of other LBC cars owners and enthusiasts. This single event was the combining of two unbelievable and completely different drives put into one. After a wonderful breakfast and great camaraderie we faced the hardest part of the day's event; we had to stop looking and talking about all the cars in the lot and get everyone into their cars for the actual drive. River Road as always provided some very scenic traveling with gorgeous homes on one side of the road and beautiful water and boats on the other. Twenty seven LBCs cruising down the road majestically definitely is a traffic stopping sight and we definitely did that, as people stopped to watch, let us proceed in a group and taking pictures with their I-phones. As much fun as this part of the adventure was we still had a second half of the agenda and it was as completely different from the first as you can get. But before round two, Mike Panopoulos added a pleasant surprise, homemade refreshments. Mike had freshly squeezed lemon aid (he picked the lemons off Dave's tree the day before) so as we stopped at a riverside rest stop he shared these great drinks (there was a long line for Mike's Special Lemon aid drinks with his secret ingredient?????). Round two of this awesome day, was to take on the winding and curving roads behind TICO Airport. This was not the scenic leisurely

drive down the river road. No, on this leg we saw the MGs, Minis, and Triumphs driving the winding and twisting roads (reports that some were going faster on the sweeping curves than the straight away is probably not exaggerated by much, if at all). The minis were made for the curves and they showed it, looking to effortlessly guide through the curves. But the MGs and Triumphs held their own very well and I think all were pleased with how their little British beasts handled. Several people comments showed they were really surprised at how these classic vintage LBCs seem to right at home on these curving roads.



We ended the event back at Kay's where we started and I am happy to say everyone seems very pleased with not only the drive, but also getting to participate in a gathering of so many LBCs, to just go out and have fun together. And yes, the MG Car Club will be participating in some future combined LBC events with the Minis and Triumph guys and gals. Look forward to seeing you there. Pictures and videos of the Combined Drive are available at [Http://tinyurl.com/britdrivenov9](http://tinyurl.com/britdrivenov9) if you haven't already seen them.

DUES ARE DUE

As is the custom, dues are now due. Most all received a letter from the Board along with a "renewal" form. If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so NOW! It's \$15.00 and you should mail it to the club's address, on the back page of this newsletter. If you do not have a "renewal" form, please print the one in this newsletter and mail it with your check. Thanks.

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:

For Sale: 1975 MG Midget, Good Condition. Owner: Dori David-Bean, St. Simons



Show Flyer for Brit Bash 2014 :



Brit Bash 2014 @ Fox Lake
Celebrating British Cars & Motorcycles
March 15, 2014

9 AM to 4 PM (Rain or Shine)
Fox Lake Park, 4400 Fox Lake Rd
Titusville, FL 32796

Presented by:
MG CAR CLUB FLORIDA, INC.

Cars registered by March 8, 2014 pay \$25*
each & Motorcycles \$15*. After 10/4/14 &
day of show Cars \$35*, Motorcycles \$25*.
Cash Only Day of Show

Car corral & vendors must pre-register at
\$35 per space.

Registration Sat. 8:30-11:00am. Voting ends at
1:30pm. For sale signs allowed.

Participant Voting Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd of Class,
and Best of Premier Class

“On Your Car” Tech Sessions by Glenn’s MG
Repair, St Pete

Awards & 50-50 Raffle presentations @ 3pm.

Hotels @ I-95 & Rt 50, Exit 215 – Hampton Inn,
Holiday Inn, Fairfield Suites(other “Economy” hotels
nearby)

Brit Bash @ Fox Lake 2014

Open to British Cars & Motorcycles of any
kind, year, model, condition.

Sat Mar 15, 9am-4pm



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If you're interested in joining MGCCF,
contact Helen Kingston, Treasurer, at 321-
773-1455 or hjk10590@gmail.com . Only \$15
annual dues. Why not Join today?

Registration Information (FREE Dash Plaque)

Show Cars:

***Pre-registration fee \$25 (Free dash plaque)
Show Bikes \$15**

Please pre-register if possible.

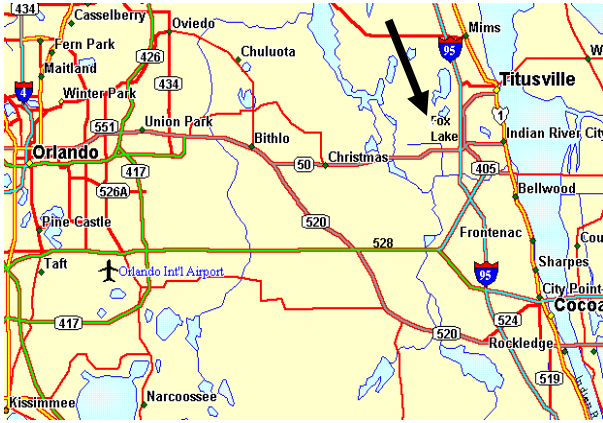
***DAY OF SHOW- \$35 Show Cars; Bikes \$25**

Cash Only Day of Show

All Vendors:

***Pre-registration \$35 (must pre-register)**

Map of Show location:



Take I-95 exit 215 (Rt 50) east to 1st light (Rt 405); left at light (405); go 2 lights to Fox Lake Rd; take left to Fox Lake Park (1+ miles).

Brit Bash British Car Show Classes**

- A. Aston Martin
- B. Austin Healey 100 & 100-6
- C. Austin Healey 3000,BJ-& & BJ-8
- D. AH Bug Eye, Sprite, MG Midget
- E. Healey Other
- F. Jaguar XK 120, 140, 150
- G. Jaguar E-Type
- H. Jaguar Modern Sports
- I. Saloon, Jaguar, Bentley & Rolls Royce
- J. Lotus
- K. MG Pre-War Sports & Saloon
- L. MG TC, TD, TF
- M. MGA All
- N. MGB/C Roadster chrome 1962-1974
- O. MGB Roadster rubber 1974-1980
- P. MGB/C GT 1966-1980
- Q. MG Other
- R. Morgan pre-War
- S. Morgan post War
- T. Morris
- U. Sunbeam
- V. Triumph TR2, TR3's
- W. Triumph TR4's, 5, 250 & 6
- X. Triumph TR7 & TR8
- Y. Triumph Spitfire & GT6
- Z. Minis & varieties slider, rollup, Mokes, etc.
- AA. Minis New generation
- BB. Other British Sports
- CC. Other British Saloons
- DD. Other British non-original engines
- EE. Replicars
- FF. Motorcycles BSA, Triumph, Enfield, etc.
- GG. Premier Class - Prior Yr Class Winners

** Classes may be added, combined, split or eliminated depending on number of show cars in each class. Final classification determined by show committee.

Show cars must be registered by 11 AM

Sorry, **No Pets, No Alcohol** allowed in park. "For Sale" signs ARE allowed on show cars.

Pre-Registration Form (Brit Bash 2014)

(Please Print Clearly)

Name _____

Street _____ Apt____

City _____ State__

Zip _____

Phone (____)_____

E-mail _____

Show Car

Year	Make	Model	color

Class Choice Letter(s) (see list): _____

T-Shirt- S M L XL XXL (circle size) \$10
each - \$12 day of Show

This Entry For:

() Show Car **\$25**

() Show Bike **\$15**

() Vendor **\$35**

I do hereby release MG Car Club Florida, Inc., all sponsors, vendors, tenants and volunteers of Brit Bash Car Show from any liability, personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guest(s) while participating in the Brit Bash Car Show.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Must be postmarked by 03/08/14.

Make check out to MG Car Club Florida, Inc.

Mail to P.O. Box 410471, Melbourne, FL 32941.

Note- Club's "Rain or Shine" policy includes mailing paid T-Shirts to pre-registered "no shows".

Safety Fast!

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