



# MG Car Club—Florida

FLORIDA OCTAGON

#134

AUGUST 2012

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS – by Dave Alexander

Welcome to August fellow club members, and yes it is going to get hotter and maybe wetter before fall comes around. We are all hoping for a dry and cool Brit Bash in October, so please contact any board member to see how you can help make this great show of ours run smoothly.

As to the July pizza event, seems to me that (after dinner) if more than half the group is willing to pass on shopping the wonderful shops and ice Cream parlor at Viera, then Len Coppold's suggestion of a short tour after dinner was right on the mark. A quick call to Ed Price, (sorry for the short notice) and his typical "we can do that" response and we had a little tour after dinner, and with Ed ending the tour at the Sonic, we could still have our ice cream fix.

This is an example of how the membership can contribute and your club will respond. Thank you Len and Ed. Please mark your calendar for August and plan to attend the "not to be missed" annual Kingston BBQ get together at their lovely home on Merritt Island. More on this later in this newsletter.

**Safety Fast**

**Dave**

## DINNER AT THE KINGSTON'S – SATURDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>

Helen & Frank Kingston have again graciously invited the club to their home on South Tropical Trail for an evening event in the heat of the summer. We will socialize, cool off with our favorite libation (BYO), have a short meeting, and enjoy a sumptuous meal highlighted by Frank's special grilled bone-in chicken breasts accompanied by iced tea and lemonade, along with side dishes provided by the members. A head count will be needed so call Helen to let her know how many in your group and what y'all are planning to bring to share with the club so we don't end up with 3 dozen deviled eggs. Sides such as salads, vegetables, pastas, desserts, hors d'oeuvres, etc. are hoped for. Plan to arrive about 4 PM. Chicken will be served about 5:30 to 6 PM. Helen's phone # is 321-773-1455.

**Leave a message with the above information should you get voice mail and leave your name and your phone number also. Please call by Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup>. The address is 10590 South Tropical Trail, Merritt Island.**



### **THE JULY EVENT – A GREAT DINNER & TOUR**

**Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 22 of us gathered at The Pizza Gallery at 4:00 PM at The Avenues in Viera. There were some familiar faces, some we hadn't seen in awhile, and some new faces. Everyone seemed to have a nice time and all enjoyed their meals. Afterwards,**



**about 8 cars took a little tour ending up at The Sonic Drive In on Clearlake Road.**



**Hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Those in attendance were: Ray & Mary Pollock, Saul Klein, Ed & Pam Price, Ken Gregory, Cindy & Aaron Mitchell, Mike & Leigh Lynch, Jay & Diane Conarro, Len Coppold, Bob Webb, Mitchell Senical,**

**Linda & Mark Raupp, Mike Fufidio, Dave Alexander & Louise Husband, and Norman & Pat Ridgely.**

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- Aug. 6 David & Elizabeth Craig**
- Aug. 19 Mackey & Jackie Rodgers**
- Aug. 20 Saul & Maureen Klein**
- Aug. ? Gary & JoAnn Stratton**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Aug. 3 Linda Knoblock-Raupp**
- Pat Ridgely**
- Aug. 15 Sharon Spadaro**

**Aug. 17 Ken Gregory**  
**Aug. 30 Ken Deleeuw**  
**Aug. 31 John Spadaro**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Mackey & Jackie Rodgers – Stuart, FL – 1976 MGB**

**UPCOMING EVENTS - \*indicates a club event**

**\* August 18<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F – 4pm, early evening dinner party & social gathering at the Kingston’s on South Tropical Trail (details above)**

**September 3 (Labor Day) - Pioneer Day Car Show, Dade City – 8:30 - 12 N with lunch to follow at St. Leo University**

**September 7-9 – Brits on the Shoals, Rogersville, Alabama**

**\* September 15<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F Tour to the famous US Navy Seal Museum, Ft. Pierce (details to follow)**

**\* October 15<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F Board of Directors meeting**

**October 19-21 – Lake Mirror Classic Arts Festival, Lakeland (www.lakemirrorclassic.com)**

**\* October 26-27 – BRIT BASH – our annual British Motor Car Exhibition on Saturday with the Meet & Greet on Friday night (click on photos for info)**



**[2012 Show Registration Form & Show Class Listing \(click\)](#)**

**November 1-3 – Southeast British Car Club, “Chattanooga Choo Choo”, Tennessee**

**November 2-4 – JAMBOREE, Homosassa, Florida – the Bi-Annual meet put on by the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club of St. Petersburg. This is always a fun event NOT to be missed.**

**November 11 – St. Petersburg Yacht Club Vintage Motor Classic Show  
([www.spyc.org/classic](http://www.spyc.org/classic))**

**\* November 17<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F NEW EVENT! An ECONOMY RUN. Not as simple as who has a good MPG car (e.g. Saul Klein). This is a handicapped ride and it will be run in Brevard County. (Details to follow)**

**\* December 15<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F Annual Holiday Party at the Kingston's on Merritt Island. (Details to follow)**

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

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**The Board met for its quarterly meeting reviewing the Treasurer's Report and the recent NAMGBR's annual meet in Dillard, GA which 17 of our members attended. The 2013 event schedule was discussed, which hopefully will include more tours and another overnighter. Our forthcoming car show "Brit Bash" in October was also discussed and everything is on schedule and covered by various members of the Board. Members who are interested in volunteering to assist in putting on the car show are encouraged to call Dave Alexander (321-213-7051). Remember to pre-register to attend Friday night's Meet & Greet. For \$10 you'll have a great Bar-B-Q dinner. We will also have an MG puzzle contest and model car racing.**

### **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: 1951 MGTD right-hand drive, \$20K. Great body & runs great. This is a turnkey driver. This TD was subject to a ground-up restoration many years ago and has been garaged all its restored life, only driven once or twice a month and to shows. This TD, being in good mechanical condition, would be just the ride for someone who wanted a classic that they could drive anywhere, anytime. Can be seen by appointment. Call Mike Euziere, 321-514-2965 for further details. (5/12)**



**1960 MGA VIPER RED WITH TAN INTERIOR  
ASKING \$24000.00 BUT WILL ENTERTAIN OFFERS.**

**Contact; Dave Alexander 321-213-7051 or [davidjalexander13@gmail.com](mailto:davidjalexander13@gmail.com) (5/12)**



**Wanted 1968 to 1974 Midget or Sprite parts car or abandoned vehicle with 1275 cc engine I can use as a parts car. Call Mike Euziere, 321-514-2965.**

**1950 MG-TD with wire wheels – This car is being offered for sale by the Estate of the owner. It is a “driver” but needs some TLC. \$9,000 OBO. Contact Will Bowden of the Classic MG Club in Orlando for details. 407-924-5850**

**As a point of note, a '51 TD sold in April at the Barrett-Jackson Auction in Palm Beach for \$71,500. I believe this is the highest price yet for a TD. (Dave, there is opportunity out there.)**

**Len Coppold is offering his 1970 MGB tourer. He has too many cars so no trades considered – cash only. Excellent condition, many updated components. Asking \$13,500 OBO - Call 321-752-0737. (Aug12)**



***Safety Fast!***

**Club Officials**

**David Alexander 321-213-7051 (President)**

**Linda Knoblock-Raupp 321-544-4569 (Vice-President)**

**Brian Mitchell 321-254-9605 (Secretary)**

**Helen Kingston 321-773-1455 (Treasurer)**

**Saul Klein 321-269-0236 (Director & Webmaster)**

**Richard Jensen 321-544-1467 (Director)**

**Bob Webb 321-480-1015 (Director)**

**Ed Price (Past President)**

**Norm Ridgely 772-532-4265 (Newsletter Editor)**

**Jerry Keuper Chairman Emeritus (In Memoriam)**

**MG Car Club – Florida [www.mgcarclubflorida.org](http://www.mgcarclubflorida.org)**

**P.O. Box 410471  
Melbourne, FL 32941  
321-213-7051**

**For Club Info and to download a Brit Bash registration - Please go to our website (above)**



The only MEMBER RUN organization for MGB, Midget & 1100/1300 owners

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP fee is \$30 and INCLUDES**

- Membership Card
- Six bi-monthly issues of the the MGB Driver Magazine
- Invitation to the Annual National Convention

**North American MGB Register**  
P O Box 69; Eaton Rapids, MI 48827  
Toll-free phone/fax: 800-NAMGBR1

## AN INVITATION TO SUBSCRIBE TO British Marque CAR CLUB NEWS

*British Marque Car Club News* is a 40-page monthly tabloid newspaper featuring the news of dozens of British car clubs coast to coast. Did you know that our club is one of over 100 official *British Marque* Participating Clubs? It's true — and members of Participating Clubs are entitled to all sorts of benefits.

For one, you can subscribe to either the Print Edition or On-line Edition of the *Marque* at a **37% discount over non-member (regular) rates**. Both Editions have the same 40 pages of event listings, columns, classifieds and special features. Either way, you will receive 11 issues a year.

### **SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR PARTICIPATING CLUB MEMBERS**

**Members residing in the USA: Only \$16.00/year Print Edition**

**Members residing in Canada: Only \$20.00/year Print Edition**

**Members residing overseas: Only \$26.00/year Print Edition**

**On-line Edition, regardless of residence: Only \$12.00/year**

**(On-line Edition FREE to Print Edition subscribers upon request)**

Regular (non-Participating Club) subscription rates \$26.00 for U.S. residents, \$38.00 for Canadian residents, and \$50.00 for overseas residents. Regular On-line Edition rate \$19.00. All rates quoted in U.S. dollars.

### **PLACE FREE CLASSIFIED ADS, TOO!**

Each subscriber from a Participating Club is also entitled to **one free classified ad** (up to 20 words) per issue, whether you're selling or looking for something British car-related.

Additional 15¢ charged per word over the 20-word limit. Photos may be included for \$7.50 each. Free classified ad benefit available only to individuals, not businesses.

***So don't delay — subscribe today!***

-----  
c/o Enthusiast Publications, LLC

5 Old Nasonville Road

Harrisville, RI 02830 USA

### **PARTICIPATING CLUB PRINT SUBSCRIPTION FORM**

*To pay by credit card or to order the On-line Edition, please go to our website, [www.britishmarque.com](http://www.britishmarque.com)*

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail or phone \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Attach cheque or money order payable in U.S. funds to Enthusiast Publications, LLC, and send to address above. Form and cheque must be received by the 20th of the month to receive the next month's issue.