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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

Another month went by WAY too fast! Here it is March and I am still working on my January “to do list”. Is it possible that others in the club are also wondering where the time went? I hope that is the reason some members have not paid their 2010 dues yet. Please remember that this is YOUR club and we NEED your support in the dues department to continue offering the club events, newsletters, website, etc. Speaking of events, please make note that this month’s Vero Beach picnic is on a SUNDAY, 21st of March. Don’t forget to contact Danica (772-770-0083) or myself (321-213-7051) if you are planning on attending.

Thanks,
-Dave

2010 DUES

This is a subject that the Board does not like to keep bringing up but finds it necessary to do so. And this will be the LAST time this year. The By-Laws call for dues to be paid by January 31st and if not paid, the membership shall cease. The club depends on dues to pay for insurance that covers all club functions (very important), the annual corporate filing fee with the State of Florida, the expense of mailing the newsletters to those without access to the internet, initial expenses concerning our annual car show, and other miscellaneous expenses in operating your club. And, believe it! - every expense is examined closely before it is approved - especially with Mrs. Kingston holding the checkbook. We also try to plan our functions considering the number of members we have and their geographical location. Therefore, if you are tardy in paying your dues, please put a check for \$15 in the mail today to our P.O. Box 410471, Melbourne, FL 32941. If you do not wish to continue your membership, the Board would like to know why, so please call one of them or drop us a note or email – for example, you moved, sold your car, the club did not meet your expectations, whatever. We would appreciate knowing. If you’re not sure if you paid, contact Helen Kingston to find out. If you do not renew by March 14th your membership will cease. We hope that doesn’t happen. Thank you.



FEBRUARY'S EVENT



On a beautiful Saturday morning, February 20th, 23 of our members gathered at the home of Ray and Mary Pollock on Indian River Drive in Cocoa for a fantastic brunch, with Mary preparing omelets in her very special way with allowing each person to select their own extra ingredients. Those attending were Helen Kingston, Tom and Ritva Bowman, Art and Doreen Floyd, Pam and Ed Price, Richard and Jo-

Ann Jensen, Ben and Danica Stone, Prez Dave Alexander and Louise Husband, Saul Klein, Brian Mitchell, Jan and Diane Conarroe, Mitch Senical and Linda Knoblock, Norm and Pat Ridgely, and of course Ray and Mary Pollock. The Pollocks have a beautiful home



overlooking the Indian River Lagoon with a large circular drive, which that day will filled with MGs and 1 Triumph (very nice). It was a low key event with much



socializing. Ray took us out back to his garage where he showed us his 1930 Ford Model A, unique 3-window coupe, which is outstanding. He keeps it next to his MGB Tourer.

About noon, the group departed with some going to Cocoa Village for window shopping, purchasing and more eating. It was a nice event and we all thank Ray and Mary for their hospitality.

THE GOLD COAST BRITISH SPORT CAR CLUB SHOW – BOCA RATON

Also in February, the 14th to be exact, Valentine's Day, the GCBSCC had their 17th Annual British Classic car show in Boca Raton. Our members in attendance were Hayes Harris, Saul Klein, and Norm & Pat Ridgely. Hayes' company, Wire Wheel Classic Sport Car, Inc., was a



major sponsor of the event, and had two very distinctive cars on display, a TVR and an MGB Tourer modified as a pure race car. Saul showed his 1979 MG Midget and the Ridgelys their 1967 MGB/GT-Special. We



distributed flyers promoting Brit Bash in Vero and talked with a number of people regarding our show. Many of those who had been to our previous shows (i.e. Fox Lake and Wickham Park) were pleased to hear we are going to be in Vero Beach in October. Also, Saul and Pat both received awards for their cars.



TR “Other” Class Winners !! Pretty Crappy!!

UPCOMING MGCC-F EVENTS

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

Please note: this event is on SUNDAY.

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 you 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. The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and condiments!!! Do bring chairs and drinks for yourselves. Those attending should bring side dishes, salads, coleslaw, potato salad, etc., and desserts. Please coordinate with Danica at 772-770-0083 to ensure a variety. The north group will meet at the east end of US 192 at the Indialantic Boardwalk (that's 5th Avenue and Wave Crest Drive). Rendezvous time will be 10 am with departure at 10:30, south on A1A to Vero Beach. Very important: we need a headcount so we can purchase the proper amount of meat. Please call Dave 321-213-7051 or Danica at 772-770-0083 by Wednesday, March 17th to let us know how many are coming. Thanks.

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 follow in the April newsletter.

OTHER EVENTS

Many club members are planning to travel together to two upcoming events, 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.

March 6th - Three different events

- 1) Zephyrhills Celtic Festival & British & European Classic Car Show, Zephyrhills
- 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 10th –All British Car Show - Winter Park <http://www.allbritishcarclub.com/carshow.htm>

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.fsmgccc.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.

A NOTE FROM JOHN TWIST

As you know, it was reported in February newsletter that Caroline Robinson, wife of John Twist, passed away January 12th. A card was sent to John by the Ridgelys on behalf of the club. We received the following note back from John in early February: Dear Norman and Pat, Thank you for your card and for the kind note. The outpourings of support from MG friends near and far has been nothing short of incredible. Please pass my heartfelt wishes to all of your MG friends. John

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!

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Ads are free of charge to members, run for three months unless renewed and/or canceled by the advertiser. Send your ad to Norm Ridgely at the link below or P. O. Box 651068, Vero Beach, FL 32965 by the 25th of each month for publication in the following month's newsletter. In your e-mail, please reference MGCC-F ad so it's not considered spam.

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.

WANTED – TF in restorable condition. Contact Joe Smith (Ocala) at 352-804-5877 or smiithlin@embarqmail.com

FOR SALE – 1980 MGB Limited Edition with 80,000 miles. This comes from Adam Puyear, son of the owner who has no access to the internet. The car has a black top in excellent condition, a very nice saddle interior, new starter, battery, and several new seals and gaskets. The car is original, including wheels, except for normal maintenance items. It is in great shape and runs great and located in Venice, Florida. Priced at \$7500 obo. Phone the owner, Bill, at 941-468-0057 for more information or email Adam at adamwpuyear@gmail.com

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