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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

I want to thank all the volunteers who put on Brit Bash.

Well, we (participants, spectators and organizers alike) “survived” another Brit Bash, I say “survived” due to a lot of “liquid sunshine” weather. I was encouraged by the folks who brought their fine British automobiles and motorcycles to what the weatherman promised to be a damp Saturday event. My “Miss Patches” MGBGT did not feel out of place as most of the others might have, on the boggy park grounds, but then she probably would not be out of place at a mud bog event either. It says a lot for our event when the owners would travel from as far away as Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Miami, and the Gulf Coast knowing the weather forecast in advance. As to the Zorn's, of the Little British Car Company, what can I say? No one would have blamed them for putting out just a modest display at their "last show event of the season" (their words) considering the weather, but it looked like the full display to me. To sum it up, some mighty fine machinery got mighty wet and their owners/caretakers still showed smiley faces. I think that makes for a successful show. It is all about the cars/bikes and their owners. Thank you all for making it happen.



November 5 is the FIT parade, please RSVP to Linda or myself, e-mail or phone will work.

19 November is our election day, your first opportunity to offer your condolences to the winners and all the show volunteers, followed by a good feed at March Landing. All of this after a short tour of south central Brevard.

Happy Turkey Day to all. -Dave

2011 BRIT BASH IS IN THE CAN (OR THE RAINBARREL)

This year the Club put on a “proper” British car show, sixty-four very nice cars , five rare British bikes, plus some real English atmosphere in the form of rain, varying from (time-to-time) a heavy downpour to a light drizzle. Friday, the state of Florida had rain most everywhere and many of our friends who arrived Friday afternoon for the 6pm Meet & Greet, drove through a great deal of it. But



inside the Springhill Suites Hotel in Vero Beach, 66 of us enjoyed some great socializing plus outstanding barbeque, drinks, and a large variety of desserts. Saturday dawned damp and stayed that way until the awards were presented at about 2:30 pm. As our show goes on “rain-or-shine”, we thought we might



have a low turnout but over 65% of the preregistered showed up and we had a surprising number of cars register at the gate and many drove long distances. We wish to thank all those who braved the elements to attend our annual show and sincerely hope that you all enjoyed yourselves. A

special congratulations to Danica Perhacs, for once again doing all those major efforts that result in our club’s successful annual show.



Award Winners

Best Of Show

1927 Rolls Royce 70

Bob & Tina Musante - Roseland, FL

Class	Description	Yr Make Model	Entry#	Name	Location
A	Aston Martin	1964 DB5 Convertible	39	Kathy Poliner - Merritt Island, FL	
D	Austin Healey Bug Eye Sprite, Square Body, MG Midget	1979 Midget	46	Saul Klein - Titusville, FL	
F	Jaguar XK 120, 140 & 150	1960 XK150	82	Pat Morey - Orchid, FL	
H	Jaguar - Modern Sports	1987 XJ6	77	Larry Miceli - Mt. Dora, FL	
I	Saloon - Jaguar, Bentley & Rolls Royce	1927 Rolls Royce Sedauca deville	70	Bob & Tina Musante - Roseland, FL	

J	Lotus	1963 Super 7 Cosworth	8	Jack & Deanna Tripp - Rockledge, FL Michael Goodwin - Pompano Beach, FL
K	MG - Pre-war Sports & Saloon	1931 MG "D" Type	78	FL
L	MG TC, TD & TF	1955 MG TF	74	Cheryl Gambill - Jacksonville, FL
M	MGA - All	1960 MGA	23	Andres Martinez - Key Biscayne, FL
N	MGB/C - Roadster Chrome	1967 MGB	11	Helen Kingston - Merritt Island, FL
O	MGB/C - Roadster Rubber	1980 MGB 1978 MGB	45 53	Linda Knoblock - Melbourne, FL Diane & Pat Grassick - Palm City, FL
P	MGB GT	1967 MGB GT	43	Philip Bacon - Eustis, FL
V	Triumph - TR2, 3 & 3A	1959 TR3A	31	Brian Mitchell - Melbourne, FL
W	Triumph - TR4, 4A, 5, 250 & TR6	1968 TR250	21	Kim Dyson - St. Augustine, FL
Y	Triumph Spitfire & GT6	1970 Spitfire MK3	38	William Miller - Jupiter, FL
Z	Minis & Varieties	1969 Leyland Mini	54	Samantha Payne - Minneola, FL
AA	Minis - New Generation	2011 Mini Countryman S	65	Amy Lippincott - Palm Bay, FL
BB	Other British Sports	1948 Jaguar DHC	52	Peter Clark - Sarasota, FL
CC	Other British Saloons	1971 Landrover Series 2A	29	David Orr Wright - Jupiter, FL
DD	Other British - Non Orig Engine	1980 MGB LE V8 1962 BSA Golden Flash	24	Patrick Dempsey - Orlando, FL
FF	Motorcycles - BSA, Enfield, Triumph, Etc	650cc	34	Don Waddell - Vero Beach, FL

PAT RIDGELY AWARDED THE JERRY KEUPER MEMORIAL AWARD AT BRIT BASH



This honor is given annual to a club member who exemplifies outstanding MG spirit; that is, one who endeavors to preserve the marquee, encourages club membership, and active participation in club functions and activities. This Pat has done since becoming a member in 2000. She has served as Secretary and Co-Editor of our newsletter since January 2006. Prior to moving to Vero Beach in 1994, she and her husband were active in the MG Car

Club - Miami Centre, and attended many GOFs and other events in the Southeast US. Congratulations, Pat!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

November 8	Rainy Euziere
November 9	Marla Jock
November 13	Bonnie Steene
November 18	Brian Mitchell
November 19	David Edwards
November 23	Al Allen
November 25	Bill Frost

Enjoy your special days – Celebrate!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 5	Thomas & Paul Zagar
November 9	Hayes & Charlotte Harris
November 13	Karl & Bonnie Steene
November 18	Richard & Pat Jablonski

May there be many more!

BEST WISHES TO OUR VICE-PRESIDENT LINDA KNOBLOCK

Linda became the wife of her long-time love, Mark Raupp, on November 5th. Congratulations Linda & Mark! We all wish you two a long and very happy married life.



DUES - 2012

Per the By Laws, the Board of Directors discussed the dues for the forthcoming year and they will remain at \$15.00. Dues are to be paid by December 31st for the forthcoming year. So, please write your check now and mail it to

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Thank you.

F. I.T. ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2011

We have again been invited to participate in FIT's Homecoming Parade. As many of you know, though our newer Keuper, our club's Chairman was the founder of FIT (Florida in Melbourne). He was an his wife and daughter called participate, we need to form University Park Elementary University Blvd.) at 10 AM. AM. If you do not wish to go as a spectator and also wear your MGCC-F shirts, hats, the parade, we are invited to Campus as guests of the Linda Knoblock will be



members may not, Jerry Emeritus (In Memoriam), Institute of Technology enthusiastic MG "nut" as him. If you can up at the staging area at School (500 West The parade starts at 11 drive/ride in the parade, enjoy the Bar B Q and name badges, etc. After attend a Bar B Q on Alumni Association. coordinating, so please

contact her at oldcarsnewcars@bellsouth.net or 321-544-4569 (cell). On the FIT campus you will see a statue of Jerry and a building named in his honor.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED!!!!

Time for someone else to have the fun! It's time to step up, serve your club, and share your skills. Anyone with any interest in this position should contact Norman Ridgely (772-532-4265) or Ed Price (321-632-2207).

CLUB ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 19th – FIRST A TOUR, THEN LUNCH & ELECTION

The following highlighted text was in our last issue and is repeated for information purposes: The club's offices and directors serve a two year term. These terms are coming to their conclusion in December. Article VII of the By-Laws outlines the procedure for the election. The president appoints a Ballot Chairman; Ed Price has been appointed by Dave. All positions are open: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one director for each 25 memberships (member households) or fraction thereof as of September 1st. Any current officer or director may stand for re-election. Any member desiring to stand for election must contact the Ballot Committee of their intention no later than October 15th, 2011. New information: The slate as presented is as follows: Kenny Gregory for President, Linda Knoblock for Vice President, Brian Mitchell for Secretary, and Helen Kingston for Treasurer. Those nominated for Director are Richard Jensen and Bob Webb. Due to the fact that each of the four officer positions only has one nominee per position, and the three director positions have, to date, only two nominees, the Board of Directors concluded that in lieu of preparing and mailing ballots, with stamped return address envelopes, at a cost of over \$50 to the club, the President will direct the Secretary to cast a unanimous vote for the nominees. This will occur at our annual/election/general membership lunch meeting being held at Marsh Landing in Fellsmere. This event will be preceded by a tour originating at the Golden Corral on Palm Bay Road, just east of I-95. We will meet there at 9:30 AM at which time each car will receive route instructions. We should all arrive in Fellsmere about noon and proceed to enjoy some good Florida Cracker cooking, enjoy socializing, and conduct the election as well as discuss future activities, i.e. tours (both local and overnight), social events, and the like.

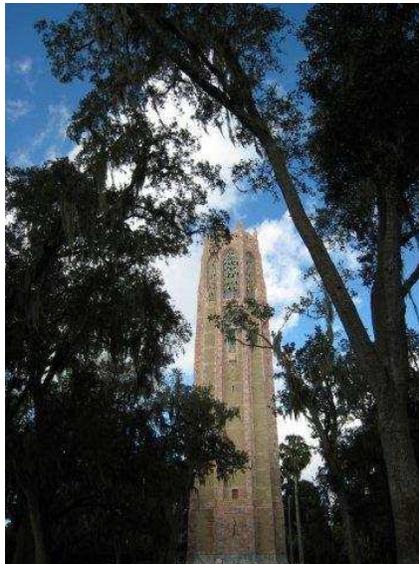
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH – WE'RE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL FLANKEY PICNIC, CHILI COOKOFF AN MINI-CAR SHOW OF THE CLASSIC MG CLUB OF ORLANDO

Last year, this event was held in a spectacular new venue, Speer Park in Oakland, courtesy of Oakland residents, Tony and Marsha Geraci and Will Bowden and about 10 of our members attended. This year again it will be at the same location on Sunday, November 20th, the weekend before Thanksgiving, which has become the traditional date for this event. Plan on bringing your best pot of chili

to enter the contest and a side dish or dessert. You are encouraged to call Tony Geraci at 407-656-7472 to coordinate, so that we don't end up with 8 Beet & Avocado Salads. The Orlando club will provide non-alcoholic drinks and implements. This is a city park, but the consumption of alcoholic beverages is OK, so long as things remain under control. Feel free to bring your favorite beverage and bring a chair - there is shade, but no seating. The location of Speer Park is 331 North Tubb Street, Oakland, FL 34760. Directions from Orlando and east - take SR 50 west through Winter Garden to CR 545/Avalon Road. Turn right, going north on 545 to traffic signal, approx. 2/10ths of a mile, turn left, going west on Oakland Ave/438 approximate 1 mile to Tubb Street, turn right onto Tubb Street, go through the roundabout, go approximately 2/10th of a mile, Speer Park will be on your left. The sponsoring club promises to have the usual unorganized show, possibly some impromptu awards, and some competitive events to stimulate the appropriate spirit. In addition to horseshoes, a new event, MG ring-toss, will be offered. There may be cash awards to the winner (paid for by event participants). This event promises wonderful opportunities for contestants of all ages and sexes to embarrass themselves!

BOK TOWER & GARDENS TOUR RE-SCHEDULED

Since announcing in last month's newsletter that the Bok tour was removed from our schedule, several members expressed a desire to go, so it's back on. The date is Saturday, December to Bok at this time of year for gardens are beautiful at this room Mediterranean style mansion is decked out for gardens, designed by 250 acres with the fantastic centerpiece. Concerts are at the dream of Edward R. Bok, the highest point in Mountain. Go to for more information. the gardens and Pinewood. entitled to a discount.)



the Visitor's Center for lunch and ice cream. Picnicking is permitted in certain areas. The south group will meet at the IHOP on SR 60, just east of I-95, and will leave at 9 AM, then head west on SR 60 to Yeehaw Junction. The Brevard County group will meet at the IHOP just east of I-95 on US 192/West New Haven Road for departure at 8:30 AM. They'll go west to Holopaw, south on US 441 to Yeehaw Junction, meeting up with the south group at about 10 AM. From there we'll head west on SR 60 to Lake Wales to Bok. Arrival at Bok should be about 11 AM; Pinewood opens at 1 PM for tours. We'd like to have a count by Thursday, December 1st. North group, contact Dave (321-213-7051) and South group contact

3rd. We have been going the past 2 years. The time of year and the 20-Pinewood Estate the holidays. The Olmsted, comprise over 60-bell carillon as the 1 and 3 pm. The tower, was opened in 1929 at peninsular Florida, Iron www.boksanctuary.com Admission is \$18 for both (AAA members are There is a great café at

Norm (772-532-4265). These are cell numbers, so if you're running late, let them know. If you didn't call ahead, come anyway.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH – HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE ALLEN'S IN VIERA

Once again, Al & Pat Allen have graciously offered to provide their home for our holiday party. Please plan to attend for Holiday cheer, conversation, and great food. Members should bring hors d'oeuvres or desserts. RSVP to Pat at 321-259-6957 or email: patallen@msn.com to inform her of your dish so we have a variety of foods. If you desire to BYOB, please plan to drive responsibly – carpooling with a designated driver is strongly suggested. Safety Fast! Gathering time will be 5:30 PM. The address is 1632 Keys Gate Drive, Viera. Directions will be in the December newsletter.



SCHEDULED CLUB EVENTS

November 19, 2011 – This is ELECTION DAY. We will be doing a tour in South Brevard and north Indian River Counties, ending up (as is our custom) at Marsh Landing Restaurant in Fellsmere for final voting and ballot counting. (See above for full details)

December 3, 2011 – The MGCC-F's annual tour to Bok Tower and Gardens in Lake Wales rescheduled. (See above for details)

December 17, 2011 – The MGCC-F's Annual Holiday Party will be held in Viera. (See above for details)

OTHER EVENTS

November 4-6 – NAMGBR Annual General Meeting, Dillard, GA

November 4-6 – Southeast British Car Club Annual Car Show, Chattanooga, TN

June 6-10, 2012 NAMGBR "MG2012" – Dillard, GA

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

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Members are invited to submit interesting articles about their MG or MG's and themselves. We need as many articles written by members as we can get. Submit yours to Norm 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!

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