



MG CAR CLUB FLORIDA, INC.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Ed Price

OK, I know the heat index has been 106, 107, etc. the past few days, and unless you are one of the 2 members of our club who has A/C in LBC you probably have not been doing a lot of driving in the sun. However, if your car is like mine, it does not like to sit. It runs much better when it is used regularly. So here is your chance do your car and yourself a favor and get out on road when the temperature is only in the high 80s. us as we sample the Italian cuisine at Portobello's (Pam and I like their chicken piccata, but they also pizza, etc.), and then take a short road trip to a "Special" spot discovered by Len Coppold. You may opt for a short walk at our destination, and since it will be evening you may want to bring a can of bug spray.

See you there.

PS Next month is "THE" Car Show, so mark your calendars and remember we need volunteers.

PPS Speaking of volunteers, who wants to be Club President? Elections are coming up, so nominate a friend.



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VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE:

It is time for nominations for officers and directors for 2008-2009. President Ed Price has appointed Vice President Dave Alexander as the Chairman of the Ballot Committee. Dave is seeking two volunteers to serve with him on this important committee. Contact him at 321-728-0019 or at iamcaptain@mindspring.com.

Nominations will be announced at the October meeting - soon thereafter ballots will be mailed to each member in good standing. You may return your ballot by mail or bring it with you to the November meeting where all ballots will be tabulated and the elections results will be announced. Nominations are for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Directors (one for every 25 members or fraction thereof).

Contact Dave if you wish to serve on the committee or are interested in any of the positions.

JULY EVENT: by Norm Ridgely

On Sunday, July 15 at 3 PM, members started arriving at Frank & Helen Kingston's home on south Merritt Island for our monthly gathering of the MG Car Club-Florida. The Kingstons supplied the smoked turkey and spiral-cut honey ham while others brought



covered dishes ranging from Caesar salad to calorie-laden desserts. Cheryl & Norman Smith, Saul Klein, Christian Havneraas, Dave Alexander, Norman & Pat Ridgely, Ken Gregory, and (all the way from Eustis) John & Sharon Spadaro were in attendance. Also attending was a friend of Dave Alexander's, Kurt Coleman, with his son, Noah, in their early model Mini. Kurt is now our newest member.



Everyone enjoyed the great spread.

We viewed a DVD of "MG International 2006, Gatlinburg, Tennessee". A short meeting was held with the topic of discussion the upcoming Fox Lake British Car Show. It was pleasant evening and we all missed those who could not make it.



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MGCC-F UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, August 18th (3rd Saturday) – Again, to beat the heat, this will be an evening event. We will meet at 5:30 PM at the Portabello Ristorante, 4657 US Highway 1, South Rockledge (638-0140) for dinner. We shall then motor west to Viera (directions to be given at dinner) to a bird sanctuary discovered by Len Coppold. Bring your camera and binoculars. Afterwards, you are on your own – ice cream anyone? Please call Dave (321-728-0019) or Norm (772-567-2231) by Wednesday, Aug. 15th so we may have a headcount. Thanks.



Saturday, September 22 – 4th Saturday – FOX LAKE BRITISH CAR SHOW in Titusville. Please volunteer!!! We need a lot of workers for this event. This is our only source of funding so that we can keep our annual dues at \$10.00. Please contact Dave Alexander (north area) at iamcaptain@mindspring.com or 321-728-0019; or Frank Kingston at ftk@cfl.rr.com or 321-773-1455; or Norm Ridgely (south area) at normridge@yahoo.com or 772-567-2231 and ask how you can help.

Saturday, October 20 - Hosted by Danica Perhacs and Ben Stone in Vero Beach – Nominations for Officers and Board will be announced. Luncheon and top/tonneau repair session. Details to follow.

Saturday, Nov. 19 – Tour in Brevard County, then a luncheon meeting – ELECTIONS. Details to follow.

Sunday, Dec. 9 – Another fabulous Bok Tower trip to Lake Wales, with an opportunity to visit the "Christmas at Pinewood" Estate. Details to follow.

OTHER EVENTS:

1ST Sunday of each month: Breakfast Club at Gleason's Restaurant, 4270 Aloma Ave, Winter Park.

September 7th/9th – Southeastern Fall GOF – MK XIV, Lake Chatuge Lodge, Hiawassee, GA. Great event in north Georgia mountains. Lyman Delk, Chairman, lilydelk@aol.com (FOR MORE INFORMATION)

October 12th/14th – Rendezvous 2007 by Big Bend MGs, Tallahassee, FL. This is an outstanding event with a great touring area. The sponsoring club has set up an “MG Rescue Squad” to render assistance and provide a car dolly within a 100 mile radius of Tallahassee. (FOR MORE INFORMATION) www.bigbendmgs.com
(Note- Several members are coordinating a 50-55 mph “caravan” to Tallahassee on Friday Oct 12 – contact Saul Klein sklein@cfl.rr.com or 321.269.0236 ...)

October 19th/21st EuroAuto Festival – Greer, SC (at BMW plant) – Great Show!! BMW factory tour.

April 11th/13th, 2008 – GOF XLII – Silver Springs, FL – www.britishcarclub.net

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

MEMBER PROFILES:

The Editor would like to do a member profile each month in the newsletter, or present a history of a member's car (such as Helen Kingston's in the March issue). Those interested, please contact Pat Ridgely. Phone and e mail listed at end of this newsletter.

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 member. Ads will be reserved to British automobile related items.

FOR SALE – 1964 MGB (“pull handle” roadster with the GTS Sebring flares) and 1965 MG Midget (“Special Tuning” front air dam all molded onto the body) by Tom Dobyns at 321-723-3388. Both need work to varying degrees. Call Tom for more information.

FOR SALE: 1960 MGA project, 1972 MGB, and 1977 MGB - I have a 1960 MGA project in the works with all the parts, many new, to complete its restoration: body, drive train, already installed on wired rims and like new tires.) My 1972 MGB has new paint; needs a wheel cylinder on the left rear, and carburetor adjustment to be road ready. I drive my 1977 MGB frame off restoration to work daily - paint was already in good condition. I need to sell the whole lot and will sacrifice my price down to \$10,000.00 for everything. That also includes a couple thousand dollars worth of good used

parts including tranny, steering column, rims, rear end with drums, and many more miscellaneous parts. If you know of anyone interested in the whole lot, please let me know. You can reach me at 1-812-240-0858 or email at wprouse@dwd.in.gov Thank you. Bill Prouse.

For Sale - Our son has added a new “toy” to his collection (a 1980 Cadillac Eldorado “Gucci” version) and said to “sell the XJ-S Convertible”, so here is some info:

1989 Jaguar XJ-S V12 Convertible, British Racing Green, Biscuit interior, tan top; excellent condition, 52,000 original miles; A/C cold & converted, engine, trans, brakes, tires, cooling and all mechanicals excellent, as is exterior.

Significant (documented) history for this Jaguar:

Originally purchased on January 31, 1989, by Lee Radziwill, youngest sister of Jacqueline Kennedy. The car was a wedding gift to her third husband, Herbert Ross, American film director and choreographer. The selling dealer was Hornburg Jaguar, Santa Monica, California. Shortly after the purchase the owners and the car moved to their New York City area home(s). The XJ-S remained in the extended Kennedy family until Mr. Ross' death in 1999. Hamilton South IV, a friend and coworker of Mr. Ross, was bequeathed the Jaguar, only driving 5,000 additional miles and kept it until April, 2005. Ross Klein, a friend of Hamilton, purchased the car, which he gave to his parents, Maureen and Saul Klein of Titusville, Florida, in August 2005. The XJ-S remains in the same condition as received in April, 2005, except for a thorough cleaning, new tires and the A/C conversion. The car had 50,000 miles and is an excellent sample of the first “real” XJ-S convertible produced by Jaguar.

Car is currently located in Ft Lauderdale, but will soon be in Titusville, Florida.
321.269.0236 or 321.626.9176 (cell). \$9,500

Send your ad to Pat Ridgely at pridgely83@yahoo.com 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.

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.

THE MG HOBBYIST'S GUIDE TO TOOLS

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.

MECHANIC'S KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing leather seats.

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning steel Pop rivets in their holes until your file of old age, but it also works great for drilling mounting holes in fenders, even with the brake line that goes to the rear wheels.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your garage on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside a brake drum you're trying to get the bearing race out of.

WHITWORTH SOCKETS: Once used for working on older British cars, they are now used mainly for impersonating that 9/16 or 1/2 inch socket you've been searching for the last 15 minutes.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans rust off old bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "Ous..."

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used to lowering an MG to the ground, after you have installed your new front disk brake setup, trapping the jack handle firmly under the front fender.

TWO-FOOT LONG DOUGLAR FIR 2X4: Used for levering a bad door seal.

TWEEZERS: A tool for removing a Douglas Fir splinter.

PHONE: Tool for calling your neighbor to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.

SNAP-ON GASKET SCRAPER: Theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for getting dog-do off your boot's

E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR: A tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit.

TIMING LIGHT: Stroboscopic instruments for illuminating grease buildup.

TWO-TON HYDRAULIC ENGINE HOIST: A handy tool for testing the tensile strength of ground straps and brake lines you may have forgotten to disconnect.

CRAFTSMEN 1/2 X 16 INCH SCREWDRIVER: A large motor mount prying tool that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end without the handle.

BATTERY ELECTROLYTE TESTER: A handy tool for transferring sulfuric acid from a car battery to the inside of your toolbox after determining that your battery is dead as a doornail, just as you thought.

TROUBLE LIGHT: The mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good course of Vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under MGs at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper and tin oil cans and splash oil on your shirt; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off Phillips screw heads.

AIR COMPRESSOR: A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts last tightened 60 years ago by someone in England...and rounds them off.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to cut hoses ½ inch too short.

SPANNER WRENCH: A bedeviling wrench that caused you to improvise with a pair of Craftsman needle-nose (See **NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS**) freeing you up to waste several hours attempting to get the Spanner nut off but breaking the needle-nose and causing you to drive 3 times to 3 different Sears stores to replace them. You forgot to buy a Spanner Wrench while you were there each time.

SNAP RING PLIERS: See **SPANNER WRENCH**. Causes all of the above with the same effects, with the addition of finally getting the ring off, but at 450mph straight into left eye.

NEEDLE NOSE PILLERS: See **SPANNER WRENCH** and **SNAP RING PLIERS**. Useful for breaking while attempting to remove spanner nuts and snap rings.

Safety Fast !

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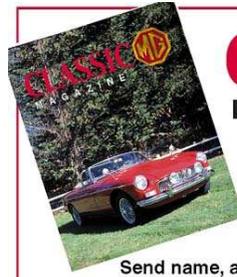


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