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Safety Fast!

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

HAPPY (finally) NEW YEAR! They say hindsight is 20/20; well, that's where 2020 belongs, in our hindsight. I'm fairly sure that a certain eyeglass superstore will not be changing its name but will be thankful when 20/20 means good eyesight again and not a 366-day span of less than delightful news.

To properly end the year, twenty of our number gathered at Frigate's restaurant in Melbourne for an evening of camaraderie and good food. The weather cooperated for our outdoor soiree and everyone got their car back from the valet parkers, as far as I know. Attending were: Brian and Ginny Mitchell, Bob and Donna Beiler, Mike and Rainey Euziere, Billy and Mary Insko, Linda Knoblock-Raupp, Ed and Pat Lanckenau, Dale and Marilyn Lewis, Butch and Brenda Orend, Mike Panopolous, John Perez and Larry and Joyce Wuensch and friend. Pictures elsewhere in this issue.

Yours truly participated in an eighty-car parade past three local long-term care facilities where some of the residents had been parked out front to see us go by. Lots of thumbs up for cars that a lot of them remember buying new. Quite gratifying. The next day several of us went to the Indialantic Dunkin Donuts cruise and toy drive, enjoying fellowship and good weather. Don't ya jus' luv late fall in Flo-ree-duh?

In any of life's activities there are participants, observers, fanatics, addicts and for the addicts, enablers. Now, enablers have abdicated the right to criticize the activities of the participants, fanatics and addicts (PFAs) as their action would seem to bless the PFAs actions. Without betraying their identities, my enablers provided me with two gift certificates to a purveyor of LBC parts and a book of 1000 automobile-related jokes (have only found one British joke so far) so I guess my activity as a PFA has been blessed for another year.

Lots of stuff on the schedule car show-wise for the new year pending suppression of the pandemic and we are hoping to have some Club driving and dining events barring any future lock-downs. Check the events listings further in and watch your e-mail for other announcements.

Until next month: Safety Fast

Cheers,

Brian

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Chairman Emeritus

Jerry Keuper
(In Memoriam)

For Club Info--Please
visit:

[MG Car Club--Florida](#)

January Birthdays:

07 Fred Braid
10 Lisa Parks
13 Richard Hay
16 Dale Lewis
16 Sally Razor
21 Mark Raupp
28 Marybeth Alexander
31 Melanie Keuper

January Anniversaries:

Upcoming Club Events:
SOON!

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

- **Planning Club Events is tentatively resuming. If you feel comfortable attending, come with us, observe personal safety protocols, and have fun. There are several car shows planned in the community. Some are listed under 'Other Events' and Mike Euziere maintains a calendar of local car events ([British Car Driving Group](#)). Give some thought to what events we as a club could get together and do, and let the board know your suggestions. (See left hand column for Club Officials' email and/or telephone numbers). Input is always needed and welcomed!**

OTHER EVENTS:

- **Calendar of local car events and cruise-ins maintained by Mike Euziere. [British Car Driving Group](#)**
- **January 24, 2021 – Get into gear at Duncan' Donuts Car, Truck & Bike Show 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. *Please see flyer below***
- **January 31, 2021 – Poker Run 9:30 AM Kickstands up at 10:30 AM, Car and Bike Show 11:00 AM, American Legion Post 117, 189 Veterans Drive SE, PalmBay, FL 32909. “I am trying to reach out to car clubs to personally invite them to a fun day and a way to show off their cars for an amazing cause. I am a Gold Star Mother and what we do is support different organizations in honor of our children who were serving this country when they passed. My son was 18 and had been in the Navy one year 6 months and 16 days. While he was home here in Brevard on leave, he was killed in a motorcycle accident. So, the past year I did a poker run in his honor to support local organizations. Every year I chose one to benefit from some short show or run. This year I am putting the poker run and show together. Because he was a legion member and part of their honor guard since the age of 6, they like to do their honor poker run. So I enjoy showing off his car in honor of all our fallen. I have attached the Facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/539140480283534>” Contact Tammy Thurber-Becker tammythurberllc@gmail.com.**
- **March 4-7, 2021 -- Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. Please view <https://www.ameliaconcours.org/> for detailed information.**
- **March 27, 2021 – Antique Auto Club of Cape Canaveral 'Celebration of Cars' 10:00 AM – 0300 PM. AACCC has planned the 2021 Celebration of Cars which will be held at the American Muscle Car Museum, 3500 Sarno Road, Melbourne, FL. Registration form provided below. *More details to come!***
- **April 3, 2021 – Wheels Across the Pond Car Show, Jupiter FL. The show occurs annually and is held on Easter Saturday each year. The 14th Annual show will take place on Saturday April 3, 2021 at Carlin Park, 750 A1A, Jupiter FL 33478. Pre-registration is open until March 12, 2021. Please view their website at <http://www.wheelsacrossthepond.com/> for information regarding the show and registration.**
- **April 10, 2021 – 36th Annual All British Car Show Central Winds Park, Winter Springs, FL 09:00 AM – 02:00 PM. For detailed information, please visit <https://www.allbritishcarclub.com/annual-car-show>**

CLUB DUES:

If you haven't yet submitted your payment for 2021 Club dues, please make check (\$15) payable to MG CAR CLUB—FLORIDA, INC. and mail to:

**MG Car Club – Florida
P O Box 410471
Melbourne, FL 32941**

CLUB PHOTOS:

www.mgcarclubflorida.org/mgclubflorida/Club Photo Album.htm

Saul Klein has uploaded a video of the Central Florida Car Show event. Please click the above link.

**December 16, 2020 – MGCC-FL Holiday Dinner
Frigate's Waterfront Bar & Grill**



Jean, Linda, Dale, Larry & Joyce



Dale & Marilyn



Pat & Ed



Bob & Donna



Brian, Ginny & Rainey



Mary, Mike & John



Ginny, Rainey & Mike



Bill & Mary



Brenda & Butch



Party Kings and Queens, after opening the 'Christmas Poppers'



Brian & Ginny



Larry & Joyce



Donna & Bob



Donna brought 'Christmas Poppers' to insert a little festivity into the gathering!



King Mark was unable to make it to the restaurant, so Linda brought the festivity to him!

Get Into Gear at Dunkin' Donuts Car, Truck & Bike Show



Let's start the year off in First Gear.
Our show is very diverse and open to everyone.
Never a charge to see the most distinct group of vehicles.
All Cars, Trucks & Bikes. If it rolls bring it in.



Free Show
All Years, Makes & Models are Welcome,
No Judging, No Trophies,
Just Good Fun!!

Dunkin Donuts Beachside
1210 N. A1A, Indialantic, FL
Sunday, January 24, 2021
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM



Questions?
Call The Gear Head
Bill Antonetz at
321 725-3648



visit us on Facebook at
Dunkin Donuts Car Show Indialantic FL

March 27, 2021 – Antique Auto Club of Cape Canaveral ‘Celebration of Cars’



The Cape Canaveral Region A.A.C.A.
www.antiqueautoclubcc.com



Celebration of Cars

Saturday, March 27, 2021

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Registration 8:30 to 12:00

Rain or Shine

Antique to Modern Auto Show

This year's special class: *Ragtops and Roadsters*

Food Vendors

Top 25 awards

Special class awards

Celebrity Awards

LOCATION:



1 Free museum ticket provided with each show vehicle registration

3500 Sarno Road, Melbourne, FL

Enter from Club 52 Melbourne Greyhound Park entrance

AMCM campus is smoke and vape-free

Proceeds to benefit Local Charities

Free show field admission to the Public

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Email _____

#1: Make _____ Year _____ Model/Body Style _____

#2: Make _____ Year _____ Model/Body Style _____

Vendor _____

Show Vehicle registration postmarked on or before March 15, 2021 \$20.00 per vehicle _____

Show Vehicle registration postmarked March 16, 2021 or later \$25.00 per vehicle _____

(Non-Food) Vendors (15' x 20') \$30.00 per space _____

Mail form to: Sue Evans, 760 Harrier Ct., Rockledge, FL 32955 **Make checks payable to:** **AACCC**

Registration Questions: 321-636-3140 Email Other Questions To: CelebrationOfCars@AntiqueAutoClubCC.com

I understand and agree that I am responsible for my vehicle and/or merchandise and do hereby release the Cape Canaveral Region A.A.C.A., all show sponsors, and The American Muscle Car Museum from any and all liability from any damage, personal injury or lost/stolen property at this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Interesting Articles and Information

If you find an article you would like to share with the club or have a story to tell (everyone has a story!), please email me (delewis67@aol.com) and I will include it in the newsletter!

MGCC-FL Merchandise



MGCC--FL Hats

\$25

Original logo from when club was first founded,
with date and club name
Khaki color is a light weight material with
Nylon adjustable tab closure.
White is slightly heavier but vented on both sides
with
Velcro closure.



MGCC-FL Patches

\$5

Anniversary Logo Design

POC for Purchase:

Helen Kingston (hjk10590@gmail.com)

Ads are free of charge to members, run for three months unless renewed and/or canceled by the advertiser. Send your ad to delewis67@aol.com for publication in the following month's newsletter.

For Sale:

1972 MGB - \$500 (negotiable)

1972 MGB with clear Florida title. Many parts: engine complete w/dual SU carbs & manifold, oil cooler, radiator, dists, coils complete head & valve assembly, generator, etc. Transmission & rear end thought to be good, suspension parts all there. Bumpers are fair, instruments and door glass are good except right window. Many small parts, hinges, door handles, etc. Window regulators & vent window frames & glass are there.

Engine condition is unknown, engine is stuck, and I have not tried to do anything with it, top frame & top bows are complete except for front header bar. I bought this one as a package deal & used the canvas top, SS muffler & other parts in restoring another MG. Car rolls but has one tire which will not hold air.

Contact Bill Insko (321) 259-8323

1980 MGB-\$5,400 - 110,000 miles



Florida garaged car, British Racing Green, Black top, tan seats

Rebuilt engine and transmission
New Weber carburetor, new tires, new battery

For more information Contact:
Mike Lynch, Email: MG1980MGB@gmail.com Phone: (321) 431-9653

1975 Triumph TR7 Coupe \$5,900



1975 Triumph TR7 Coupe, 1st year of the new “Wedge, the Shape of Tomorrow” design. AIR CONDITIONED, 5 Speed, 2.0 twin carb engine and running gear performs well. Triumph Yellow with excellent black interior, Mini wheels, concealed POP-UP headlights, rear spoiler, large trunk space. Great road car. 78,000 highway miles. Price \$5,900 firm. If interested, please call Len Coppold at (321) 752-0737 (FL)

**1975 MGB 75th Anniversary
\$8,000**

Dunnellon, FL 34432

1975 MGB with 60,000 miles. Same owner for past 10 years and garage kept. Great little car for fun in the sun! This is a 75th anniversary edition with everything working. It was built late in 1975, but titled as a 1976. Needs a good bath and a little TLC to do some serious cruising or showing. \$8,000 (negotiable). Clean title in hand.

Contact: Butch email: jem3252@yahoo.com phone: (352) 239-1402



1970 MGB \$6500 Rust Free

1970 MGB 3rd owner Florida car excellent driver. RUST FREE BODY, partial older repaint of original color, Original interior, 85,000 miles. New brake master, emergency cable, clutch master and slave, front rotors and calipers, front wheel bearings, rear springs, Apple rebuilt front and rear shocks, fuel gauge sending unit, excellent top and tonneau, new inner tubes, rebuilt radiator. All work done by an 18-year vintage racing driver to update and have safe running gear. Could be driven anywhere. Typical oil leak.

Contact Mike McLaughlin (407) 625-8382



Seats for 91 Lotus Elan \$550



These seats were in my Lotus for about two years. I replaced these seats with the originals. New, these seats were \$1200 Sparco & the back is adjustable. They have aluminum adapters on the bottom and are like new. I will let them go for \$550 for the pair.

Contact Kourdt Howell, email: Kourdt.howell@gmail.com, Phone: (328) 427-3072

Downsizing: MG & Triumph parts & projects

1967 MGB GT Partially disassembled Project car. Florida title \$2,000.

1970's Postal Jeep. Rusty body I6 engine, turns. \$500.

Two 1970's VW Project/parts cars. Both engines run. \$2,000 each.

1976 MGB RDS Project car. Custom steel dash, good rubber, good driver. Florida title. \$2,500.

1978 Triumph Spitfire. With weber/header, aluminum radiator, new wood dash, fiberglass trunk lid, factory hard top, rough body, good tires, Florida title. \$2,000.

Contact Dave Alexander (321) 213-7051 (Please leave a message, I will return all calls)

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