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## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:**

O M G ! Your President is famous. OK, maybe notorious would be better. Or maybe widely recognized. OK, I got a letter to the editor published in a major print publication's July issue. It's Hemmings Motor News, volume 68, number 7 and it starts on page 8 and carries to page 10. (Not THAT long, page 9 is all ads). I even signed it President, MG Car Club-Florida in case another reader in our catchment area has a LBC but doesn't know about us. One of their editors had lamented on all the trailer queens that go to shows and basically have "Git out or git shot" signs on them discouraging folks, especially younger ones, from approaching the vehicle. He, and I, ponder how do you interest someone in a hobby that consists of untouchable, or even unapproachable pieces of metal and rubber, which is about what they really are.

As most of you are probably aware, I usually have people in, on and around my TR at shows. I lost my "KID FRIENDLY" placard some months ago so I have to invite folks inside. I've had "kids" from age 5 to 85 sitting in the car, getting their photos taken, some reminiscing about the Triumph, Healey or MG they had when younger. Getting some of the older and infirm ones back out can sometimes be a chore, but they enjoyed the experience. None of them has ever broken, scratched or dented anything on the car.

Now I can understand someone having a high "pucker factor" about Jim Bob Billy Bob Ed Earl sauntering up to their \$50,000 paint job with one of those redneck identification belt buckles on. Yeah, you might not want him leaning into your engine bay with that weapon of mass destruction protecting his navel. Most of our club members do not have megabuck cars. There are a few and they are well within their rights to limit access, to protect the investment. The rest of us have "Driver+" machines that we actually drive, sometimes on unpaved roads like Jungle Trail off of A1A or the wetlands trail at the end of Wickham Road (currently closed to motor vehicles, darnit). As I said in my LTTE, if you have a museum piece, leave it in the museum. "Happy" miles is what our LBCs accumulate.

We had another successful tour without incident, and I think that everyone got enough to eat. We even had a gentleman in a 1954 Packard along for the ride with another of our members. Maybe we can convince him to acquire a less ponderous LBC and join the club. I had to miss the dining event as I was in DAV Service Officer certification school in Lake Mary. I Always learn something new. This year was that a 16 oz. craft beer, followed by three Jack/rocks is not proper preparation for class the next day. Live and learn. Our next dinner is in

Chairman Emeritus

Jerry Keuper  
(In Memoriam)

For Club Info--Please  
visit:

[MG Car Club--Florida](#)

July Birthdays:

05 Ed Price,  
06 Pam Price  
12 Corinne Belanger  
12 Donna Powers  
14 Michael Sherbin  
18 Gail Powling  
19 Diane Perez  
20 Bill Parks  
22 Mike Fufidio  
23 Lee Harris  
25 Mary Insko  
26 Linda Rothwell  
Doreen Sherbin

July Anniversaries:

06 Ed & Pam Price  
11 Richard & Adrianna  
Hay  
11 Ken & Betty Gregory  
12 Mike & Rainy Insko  
31 Pat & Diane Grassick

Upcoming Club Events:

July 14 – Monthly Dinner  
El Chico 6:00 PM

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July and our next tour will be in September. As you read this, I will be somewhere in Mississippi, probably on the Natchez Trace in a minivan (ugh!) on the way to Branson, MO for whatever happens in Branson. For me, the journey and twisty roads will be more fun than the destination, like I try to do on our tours.

If anyone wants an autographed copy of my letter to the editor, find yourself a copy of HMN, clip it out and I'll sign it for you. Then you can frame it, show it off and say: "I knew him when!"

Until next month, Safety Fast

Brian

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**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:**

Have you been some place interesting, taken a scenic drive, dined at a restaurant you enjoyed? These are potential places, drives, dinners for club events! Please contact a member of the board and share your suggestion.

Input is always appreciated!

- **July 14, 2021 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner 6:00 PM El Chico. July's monthly dinner is reserved for El Chico. [El Chico Melbourne | Home](#)** Located at 1751 Evans Rd, Melbourne, FL 32904. To give the restaurant an accurate number for the reservation, please RSVP to Marilyn Lewis by July 12<sup>th</sup> at [delewis67@aol.com](mailto:delewis67@aol.com)
- **August 2021 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner.** POC Judy Stedman
- **September 18, 2021 – MGCC-FL Members Yearly Business Meeting 11:30 AM Marsh Landing, 44 N Broadway St, Fellsmere, FL 32948.** A trip plan will be put together and updated here before September. Tentatively the club will meet and caravan to the restaurant via a scenic route. Those that choose to can meet us at the restaurant.
- **October 9, 2021 – SPCA of Brevard 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hot Dogs, Cool Cats & Wild Rides Car & Motorcycle Show 10:00 AM -2:00 PM, Fox Lake Park in Titusville.** Pre-registration by Oct 9<sup>th</sup> is \$15, day of show \$20. First 100 cars registered receive a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary car show hat and dash plaque. A trip plan is to meet up at the Rockledge McDonald's on US1 by 8:00 AM to caravan to the show. Please visit [Join us for our 10th Annual Car Show - SPCA of North Brevard \(spcabrevard.com\)](#) and click the 'To register online **here**' link to register. *Please see flyer below!*

**OTHER EVENTS:**

- Calendar of local car events and cruise-ins maintained by Mike Euziere. [British Car Driving Group](#)
- **July 10, 2021 – Collector Car Appreciation Day Dunkin' Donuts Car, Truck, & Bike Day 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM 1220 N. A1A, Indialantic, FL.** *Please see flyer below!*
- **July 24, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Moore's Collectable Car Show 0900 AM – 0100**

**PM** at the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Park and Musueum located at 2180 Freedom Ave, MIMS, FL 32754. Free Car Event with trophies awarded for various categories. *Please see flyer below.*

- **July 24, 2021 – Triple Play Parade Classic Cars, Trucks & Bikes. Please see flyer below.**

**CLUB PHOTOS:**

[www.mgcarclubflorida.org/mgclubflorida/Club\\_Photo\\_Album.htm](http://www.mgcarclubflorida.org/mgclubflorida/Club_Photo_Album.htm)

**June 12, 2021 – MGCC-FL Drive and Dine (Woody's BBQ)**



**Attendees:**

**Brian - TR3A, Bob - TR3, John - Spitfire, Rob & Maria - Land Rover, Paul - Midget, Bill & Lisa - Lotus Elite, Terry & Friend Warren Stevens driving a 54 Packard Clipper, Mike & Karin – Spitfire, Ed & Daughter**

**Thank you to Ed Lankenau and Brian Mitchell for providing pictures**





**June 16, 2021 –MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner 6:00 PM Pineda Crossing**



**A Huge Thank You to Frank & Helen for hosting the dinner!**

**Attendance was affected by the stormy, rainy night, but it was an enjoyable evening for those of us braving the roads. Ric celebrated his birthday, too!**

**Attendees:**

**Frank & Helen**

**Bob & Donna**

**Ric & Nancy**

**Richard (Happened to be in town from Flat Rock, NC)**

**Dale & Marilyn**



## Club Member Contributions of Articles, Personal Interest Stories and Other Fun Information

**If you see a British article, tech or otherwise, you would like to share or have a story to tell (Why you love British Cars; What is the story of your car; What piqued your interest in British Cars, etc.) or if you come across something that just makes you smile, please email me (delewis67@aol.com) and I will include it in the newsletter!**

### **Norman Ridgely submitted the following:**

#### Bedding in your Brakes – Moss Motors

When new pads and brake discs are fitted, the most important thing you can do to prevent problems is to properly bed the brakes. This critical step is the initial transfer of friction material from the pad to the disc, forming a smooth uniform layer. It establishes a foundation that's essential for proper brake performance. It minimizes the chance of laying down uneven, random patches of friction material which will be felt as vibration when the brakes are applied.

All high-performance discs and pads should come with installation and break-in instructions. The procedures are similar for all major manufacturers. Since you don't come to a complete stop during pad or disc break-in, you have to plan where and when you do this procedure for safety reasons. If you come to a complete stop before the break-in process is completed, there is a chance that non-uniform pad material transfer or pad imprinting will take place, resulting in an irritating vibration during braking.

#### Basic Bed-In Procedure

1. After installing new disc rotors and/or brake pads, perform 8-10 slowdowns applying moderate pressure from about 30 to 40 mph without coming to a stop.
2. Make an additional two or three slowdowns applying heavy pressure from about 40 to 45 mph without coming to a stop.
3. DO NOT DRAG THE BRAKES.
4. Allow at least 15 minutes for the brake system to cool down.
5. While the car is at rest during the cool-down, DO NOT APPLY THE BRAKES. If you do, material will transfer from the pads to the rotor and probably give you braking vibration.

At this point, your new disc rotors and/or pads are ready for normal use with a thin, uniform coating of friction material on the rotors. But the full process of building up the friction layer can take 190-300 miles depending on your driving style. There are two situations you should try to avoid during that time, as they can ruin that fragile friction coating, requiring another round of bedding-in.

First, if you drive gently over a period of time with little heavy braking, you can actually strip off the necessary thin layer of friction material on the surface of the disc. This makes your brakes vulnerable to problems again. You can restore it by repeating the bedding-in procedure.

Second, if you have an incident where you are driving at high speed and have to brake hard coming to a complete stop with your foot on the brake pedal, the pads will imprint on the disc surface, transferring what seems like a hunk of friction material. This uneven material will cause vibration. You can generally get rid of the excess material with abrasive friction by repeating the bedding-in process.

Bedding In Your Brakes - Moss Motors Page 9 Thanks to Frank Kopec for this article

**Collector Car Appreciation Day  
Dunkin' Donuts  
Car, Truck & Bike Show**

**Dunkin' Donuts  
Beachside**

**1220 N. A1A, Indialantic, FL  
Saturday, July 10, 2021  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**



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**Questions?  
Contact**

**Bill Antonetz at  
321 725-3648 or  
bill333@cfl.rr.com**

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**Moore's 3rd Annual  
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Car Show**  
 July 24, 2021 @ 9am to 1pm



**Harry T. & Harriette V.  
Moore Memorial Park**  
 2180 Freedom Avenue  
 Mims, FL 32796  
 321-264-6595




**Triple Play Parade  
Classic Cars, Trucks & Bikes**



**Saturday  
July 24, 2021  
10:00 AM**



Special Car Parade past 3 Assisted Living Facilities

Meet and Stage at 10:00 AM at Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd.  
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# Hot Dogs, Cool Cats & Wild Rides Car & Motorcycle Show

Registration before  
Oct 9: \$15  
Day of Event: \$20



Featuring DJ Fast Eddie  
50/50 & Raffle Drawings

Bring a bag of clumping cat litter  
and receive a FREE drawing ticket!

## Saturday, October 9, 2021

10 am - 2 pm at Fox Lake Park in Titusville - Registration starts at 8 am

First 100 cars registered receive a 10th anniversary car show hat and a dash plaque.

All cars registered receive a meal ticket.

For Vendor & Advertising Info: [logistics@spcabrevard.com](mailto:logistics@spcabrevard.com) Other Inquires: Pat Fox 321-362-0590

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:delewis67@aol.com) for publication in the following month's newsletter.

**For Sale:**

**Window Winder Handles - Free**

I purchased some window winder handles from Moss, and I made a typo error in the number of units. I now have window winder stock for multiple cars. It will cost me almost as much in postage to return them as the refund amount. If you can post a notice in the next newsletter, I will be happy to give a pair to anyone who can use them. (These are the plastic handles; the metal ones are not available.) I can be reached at 321-632-2207 or via E-mail at [pdpcash8@gmail.com](mailto:pdpcash8@gmail.com).

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**1954 Partially Restored Morris Minor \$4,000**

A partially restored 1954 Morris Minor for sale. Split screen, two door. Last driven 7 years ago. Requires new brake lines, at least one drum brake, probably a new front bumper and some surface rust that needs some attention (I live beach side). A nice little car which my wife purchased in GB in the 90's. She had it partially restored, painted and new seats before she passed away. Looking for a buyer who would like a little honey of a car that still needs some loving.

Contact: Tim Sawyer, [alwaysyou0214@aol.com](mailto:alwaysyou0214@aol.com)



**June 2021**

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## **1977 MGB Mark IV Roadster \$12,000**

### **Description -**

**PLEASE READ THE DETAILS, THIS IS A TOTALLY RESTORED CAR**

### **HISTORY**

**This is a 1977 MGB Mark IV Roadster. It was purchased from the original owner from Maitland Florida (I have a copy of the original Florida Title from 1977) with 75,120 original miles and has been a Florida car all its life. About 1/3 of those miles were when the car was towed behind a motor home. The car was stored in a garage for many years after the owner passed. During the years of storage there was no maintenance done but the car remained rust free. In 2020, when the family attempted to start and run the car, they did not pay attention to the old fluids (oil and water) and as a result spun the main bearings.**

### **2020 to 2021 RESTORATION**

**In 2020 I restored the interior, sound-deadening material under the carpets, originally white the car was stripped and painted with 4 coats of diamond white (\$3.5K), new body trim work, new dashboard, new seals, new tires, restored rims, new brakes, new top. Complete undercoating. It has the Tonneau cover and top Boot.**

**The motor was removed, bored 20 over and completely rebuilt top to bottom by J&J Racing Engines in Jupiter Florida February 2021. New alternator, battery, cooling fans, gas tank, fuel pump. The smog pump was deleted. The engine installation and Zenith Stromberg carburetor was completely rebuilt by Eagle Automotive Vero Beach Florida.**

**The car is still in break-in mode with less than 300 miles since rebuild. AS NICE AS IT GETS. Asking \$12K. Eric Michaels 772 713-7885 Micco FL.**



**June 2021**

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**1974 Jensen Healey \$8,000**

In last month's Hemmings a 'daily driver' (high mileage) 74 Jensen Healey was listed for \$12,000 My car is all original with the exception of the gas tank, lines, fuel pump and carburetor. It was climate controlled stored for many years. Original paint and all gages work. Asking \$8,000. It is the only Jensen Healey registered in Florida.

Contact: Michael Sherbin Phone: (321) 622-5080 Email: [msherbin@hotmail.com](mailto:msherbin@hotmail.com)



**May 2021**

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**1953 MG TD Kennedy \$6,500 OBO**

Pictures: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/10i9gc8prcdrqm7/AADeRKjf6K7BTY\\_IWTr1691ha?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/10i9gc8prcdrqm7/AADeRKjf6K7BTY_IWTr1691ha?dl=0)

Contact: Lou Dominguez Phone: 772-323-9521 Email: [Imdominguez23@yahoo.com](mailto:Imdominguez23@yahoo.com)

**May 2021**

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**1974 MGB \$28,000**

One of the last few 74 MGBs with chrome bumpers. It is a totally restored MGB. It was a California car and never had any rust. It has about 3000 miles on a rebuild after the restoration. I have all the service records all the way back to the 1970's, the color is Vermillion, all new top, seats, carpet, interior, windshield, lights, radiator, SU carbs, clutch, steering rack, suspension links and bushings, tires, new dash. Comes with a spares motor, numbers matching.

Contact: Mike Doherty, Cell: (321) 616-3825, Cell: (321) 222-8580





**April 2021**

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**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**

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**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)**

**1970 MGB \$6500 Rust Free**

**1970 MGB 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



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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](mailto:Kourdt.howell@gmail.com), Phone: (328) 427-3072

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