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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:



Well, another piece of Anno Domini 2021 is in the bag. I managed to attend one car show, stuffing my six-foot son-in-law into the TR. Once in, he fit fine, it's the entry and egress which are fun to watch. Quite a few of us made it to the biennial "business" meeting at Marsh Landings and left well fed if not thoroughly enlightened. Photos elsewhere.

Speaking of enlightenment, have you ever wondered about some of the folks driving cars with bumper stickers on them? Of course, we LBC owners would never think about putting anything on our little beasts other than a "GB" or union jack decal, which is why I still have one that I got from the Roadster Factory over 35 years ago that reads: "TRIUMPH OVER CONFORMITY, Restore a TRIUMPH" and keep it in my "brag book".

Some of these might cause you to give berth to the other vehicle: "So many pedestrians, so little time"; "I'm a terrible driver, Steer clear"; "Sorry for driving so close in front of you"; "The last tailgater bought me this car. Do you want to buy my next one?" "The closer you get, the slower I go"; "Change the world, use your turn signals"; "Warning, driver has road rage"; and my favorite, "Watch out for the idiot behind me".

Of course, vanity plates are another way of making a statement. Our own Mike P. has SIX-CESS on his TR6, Norm and Pat Ridgely have PATS MG on their GT, and I've seen BAD KITTY on a Jaguar somewhere. How about: WAS HIS? Divorce settlement? VLAD THE, seen on a Chevy Impala, in fact that's what my son called the bilious green Chebby that he had in California! I still have a plate that reads: I WON IT that was on a 68 Camaro that I was awarded in a contest in 1996. Sold the car to finance the restoration of my TR and kept the plate.

Going back to last month's tool diatribe, a couple of specialized tools I left out: E-Z out bolt extractor, probably the most inaccurately named tool in existence; Phillips screwdriver, cocktail made from vodka and milk of magnesia; vise grips, used to round off nuts like the adjustable wrench previously mentioned but with the added benefit of blood blisters; hammer, blunt instrument used to strike an unintended adjacent part, rendering it useless. As an aside, just about anything can be used as a hammer.

Enuf ramblin' for this month. Hope to see y'all at one of the many events listed

Chairman Emeritus

Jerry Keuper
(In Memoriam)

For Club Info--Please
visit:

[MG Car Club--Florida](#)

October Birthdays:

01 Norm Ridgely
09 Gina Carpenter
13 JoAnn Jensen
19 Doug Rothwell
22 Maureen Klein
25 Donna Beiler
25 Mike Lynch

October Anniversaries:

06 Robert & Christine
Ross
06 Karen Pepper & Mike
Chambliss

Upcoming Club Events:

October 9 - SPCA Show at
Fox Lake
October 11 - Board
Meeting
October 18 - Monthly
Dinner

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elsewhere in here. I'll leave you with a final thought. What is the difference between Government bonds and LBC aficionados? The bonds will eventually mature!

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Mark Raupp
January 21, 1949 – August 25, 2021
Mark, longtime MG Car Club – Florida member, passed away on August 25th. Please keep Linda, our club's immediate past president, in your thoughts and prayers. Mark will be missed.

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 appreciated!

- **October 9, 2021 – SPCA of Brevard 10th 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 9th is \$15, day of show \$20. First 100 cars registered receive a 10th anniversary car show hat and dash plaque. **The trip plan is to meet up at the Rockledge McDonald's on US1 by 8:00 AM to caravan to the show.** To register, please visit <https://forms.donorsnap.com/form?id=c4a79e00-1b90-4da9-8363-cb7da44531ac> *See flyer below!*
- **October 11, 2021 – MGCC-FL Board Meeting 6:00 PM.** The board meeting will be held in the Kingston Garage, 1561 Maple Avenue, Melbourne, FL. All club members are welcome to attend, or you can send ideas/concerns to the board for discussion. The meetings encompass club business, finances, and planning. Minutes are prepared and available by request.
- **October 18, 2021 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner Flames Mediterranean Bar & Grill 06:00 PM.** Brian and Ginny Mitchell have volunteered to host this month's dinner and have picked Flames Mediterranean Bar and Grille, 1270 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne, FL 32935. *Please RSVP to Brian and Ginny by October 13th bgspain@hotmail.com.* For Map, Menu and reviews [Flames Mediterranean Bar Melbourne FL - Bing Maps](#).
- **November 15, 2021 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner.** POC?

OTHER EVENTS:

- Calendar of local car events and cruise-ins maintained by Mike Euziere. [British Car Driving Group](#)
- **October 16, 2021 – Azan Shriners Car Show 11:00 AM – 0200 PM** located

at 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32925. *Please see flyer below!*

- **October 16, 2021 – British Car Classic 8:00 AM – 03:00 PM King’s Head Pub St Augustine.** The Triumph Club of North Florida is hosting The British Car Classic (BCC XXXII) Car & Bike Show, which is open to ALL British cars and motorcycles. For 32 years, the show has drawn participants from North Florida and across the State, as well as participants from Southern Georgia and beyond, averaging more than 100 British cars and motorcycles at the event annually. The King’s Head Pub, 6460 US-1 N., Saint Augustine, FL 32095, is an authentic and quaint British Pub and long-time sponsor and partner of the show with food and beverages! Awards will be presented for every class based on pre-registration numbers of vehicles. Arrival and Registration Packet pick-up begins at 8:00 a.m., with judging from 9:00 – 12:00 and awards presentation beginning at 1:30. There will also be door prizes, music and fun for the entire family! Go to: TCNF.org to register or learn more!”
- **October 23, 2021 – Funding Event for the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse.** Please flyer below!
- **October 30, 2021 – Halloween at Dunkin’ Donuts Car, Truck & Bike Show.** Decorate your car, wear a costume, have fun! Several members of the MGCC-FL participate in the Dunkin’ Donut shows and recommend them as good fun. *Please see flyer below!*
- **November 19-21, 2021 – MG Jamboree 22 “2 Cool 2 Miss”.** FL Suncoast MG Car Club will host the MG Jamboree 22 at Safety Harbor Resort and Spa! Please visit [Events - FSMGCC](#) and scroll down to view the itinerary and details for the event. *Flyer included below.*

CLUB PHOTOS:

www.mgcarclubflorida.org/mgclubflorida/Club_Photo_Album.htm

September 18, 2021 – Yearly Business Luncheon at Marsh Landing





The club met at the DAV on US Hwy 1 to caravan to Marsh Landing via a scenic route Brian identified. A quick stop was made enroute to pay respects to Club founder Jerry Keuper.

**Attending:
Brian Mitchell, Rob & Maria Buck, Bob & Donna Beiler, Dale & Marilyn Lewis, Linda Knoblock-Raupp & Friend Pat, Ken Gregory, Norman & Pat Ridgely, Ed & Pat Lankenau, Helen Kingston.**





FLYERS:


SPCA
 OF BREVARD
 10th Anniversary

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 Other Inquires: Pat Fox 321-362-0590
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SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 2021
11AM-2PM



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CAR ENTRY

AZAN SHRINE CENTER
1591 W. EAU GALLIE BLVD.
MELBOURNE, FL 32935

FOOD &
DRINK
MUSIC
FUN!

Proceeds are for the benefit of Azan Shriners and are not deductible as charitable contributions.



CAR SHOW

AZAN SHRINE CENTER, 1591 W. EAU GALLIE BLVD., MELBOURNE, FL 32935

Event Overview

Food: All American Hot Dogs and Hamburgers!

Libations: Adult beverages will be available!

Venue: The entire show is on asphalt (not grass)

Music: Timmy Vee will be spinning the tunes.

Prizes: Best of Show Trophy, Potentate's Trophy, 50/50 drawing, & door prizes!

Registration for show is \$20—includes food and chance for trophy

Contacts: azancarshow@cfl.rr.com or Terry Lewis 405-501-3157 or 321-259-5302

<https://azanshrine.org/carshow> | <https://www.facebook.com/pg/AZANShriners>

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**Halloween at Dunkin' Donuts
Car, Truck & Bike Show**
Decorate Your Car, Wear a Costume,
Have Fun, Pass Out Candy



Free Show
Bring what ya got.
Everyone Welcome..
Rat Rods, Golf Carts, Under Construction,
All Years, Makes & Models are Welcome,
No Judging, No Trophies,
Just Good Fun!!

Dunkin Donuts Beachside
1210 N. A1A, Indialantic, FL
Saturday, October 30, 2021
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM



Mgr Kelly & the DD Girls Really Rock



Questions?
Call Bill at
321 725-3648



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The Cape Canaveral lighthouse is 153 years old and we want to celebrate it with you at the **American Muscle Car Museum**. The AMCM is a 123,000 square foot complex that houses over 300 American muscle cars ranging from classic 1950s to modern, including rare cars. The complex is very unique and not open to the public so get your tickets now! **Attire - Business casual.**

Purchase tickets on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or email cclighthousefoundation@gmail.com

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- Junkanoo - The Viera Company - Canaveral Pilots Association -
Malcolm "Mac" McLouth - Coastal Health Systems of Brevard -
Petroleum Resources and Development

General Admission
\$100

OCTOBER 23, 2021
6:00 - 8:30 PM





The museum is a smoke-free and vapor-free campus. Enter via Club 52/Melbourne Greyhound Park entrance off Sarno Rd. west of Wickham Rd. 3500 Sarno Rd. Melbourne, FL 32904
www.AmericanMuscleCarMuseum.com

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MG Jamboree 22

November
19 - 21, 2021

"2 Cool 2 Miss"



*All British car enthusiasts,
British cars, & their
owners welcome!*

**Safety Harbor
Music &
Street Fair**

**Two Car
Shows!**

*Safety Harbor Resort and Spa
105 North Bayshore Drive
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
1-727-726-1161-ext 7100*

*For Reservations Mention: FL Suncoast MG Car Club
Group #39K4W1*

**Dunedin Celtic
Music & Craft
Beer Festival**

*For more information Contact: Ted Badger
marited@verizon.net*

(Due to Covid, some activities may be cancelled)

**Silent
Raffle**



Club Member Contributions of Articles, Personal Interest Stories and Other Stuff

If you see a British article (tech or otherwise) you would like to share 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!

This month I had a few 'funnies' submitted for sharing:

WHAT THE AD SAYS	WHAT IT REALLY MEANS
Stored in same location for 30 years	It was in a field
Needs complete restoration	It's a parts car
Extremely rare	One of only 3,000 with twin cigarette lighters
A genuine survivor	It's in pretty bad shape
Selling due to illness	My wife's sick of it
Has a lovely patina	It's dented and rusty, and the paint is bad
Recent convertible top	It was new 10 years ago
Partially rebuilt engine	I replaced the water pump 12 years ago
90-percent restored	Just needs paint, interior brakes, and engine work
Divorce sale	My wife left me because of this money pit
Project car	You're never going to finish this
A Classic!	It's a Rambler Classic
An appreciating Classic!	It's 10 years old
Some rust	The floors are gone
Rolls down the road fine	Has no engine or brakes
Shows 45,000 milers	I'll never admit the real mileage
Needs interior love	Has no interior
Completely original	Never maintained
Restoration started	I took a lot of parts off, then lost them
Would make an excellent rat rod	Not enough left to restore
Needs interior restoration	No instrument panel or seats

A chap was selling his battered MG for four hundred dollars but offered his friend a ten per cent cash discount for a quick sale. His friend, who was not too bright at sums, considered the deal over a beer and was unsure how much he would need. He asked the barmaid, "If I offered you \$400 less ten per cent, what would you take off?" The girl hesitated for a moment and then said, "Everything except for my earrings."

Over the Limit

The world's first speeding ticket was written in 1896 in the village of Paddock Wood, England. The violator was caught driving eight mph through a two-mph zone and fined 10 shillings.

Guinness World Records

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:

Two Tires - \$100

Two Michelin Defender tires. 185/70R14. DOTK4J6 105x4513
Please contact Linda Knoblock-Raup (oldcarsnewcars@bellsouth.net)



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.) Contact Ed Price via phone 321-632-2207 or via E-mail at pdpcash8@gmail.com.

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



June 2021

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

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

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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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

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