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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:



Well, spring has apparently sprung what with cruises and car shows galore, three at last count on April 2nd alone; one in Grant, one in Cocoa and one in Sanford. April 9th is our "formal" club event in Titusville at Fox Lake Park and we may even see long-lost member Saul Klein there!

In preparation for our up-coming drives six LBCs were inspected on our lift day on the 19th. Dave Alexander noted mostly minor things needing attention among the two B GTs, three B roadsters and one lonely Tr 3A that "rose" to the occasion (pun intended). I especially wanted to check the solidity of my starter attachment as I have had this niggling rattle for some time and once had the darn thing remove itself from its proper position on the day of a Winter Park show a few years back. It turned out that the forward clamp on my exhaust system had loosened (never tight?) and the front silencer was periodically in contact with a frame rail. We repositioned it and using two of the absolutely cleanest loaner tools I have ever seen, secured it back in its rightful place. I also discovered the purpose of a tiny hole in the clutch slave cylinder mounting plate and have ordered the spring that hasn't been there for as long as I have owned the car, 49 years. Oops!

It is interesting that, although we refer to our conveyances as LITTLE British Cars, of the ten or so drivers there, Helen Kingston and I were the only ones under 5' 10" tall, with several exceeding six feet! This tells me that our hobby can accommodate enthusiasts of all sizes. Entering and exiting the vehicles may sometimes be a tad challenging, but once ensconced behind the wheel, all is well. I guess some pre-entry stretching exercises would help.

The weather (rotten) and distance (a bit further than usual) served to result in a smallish turnout at our March soiree. A good meal was enjoyed, as can be seen in the photos elsewhere in this missive, and we hope to have a bit larger turnout in April.

UPDATE! The sideswipe damage to my TR turned out to be just the other guy's paint! No discernable sheet metal deformation and all of the transfer buffed out with little effort. YAY!

On that high note, I remind you:
Safety Fast

Chairman Emeritus

Jerry Keuper
(In Memoriam)

For Club Info--Please
visit:

[MG Car Club--Florida](#)

April Birthdays:

04 Pam Price
04 Bob Beiler
04 Frank Kingsto
10 Candace Anderson
16 Jeanne Jusseaume
17 Louise Houk
21 Kourdt Howell
25 Nancy Garwood
27 Joan Ortega-Cowan

April Anniversaries:

02 John & Gail Powling
09 Dave & Mary Beth
Alexander
23 Brian & Ginny
Mitchell

Upcoming Club Events:

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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 appreciated!

- **April 4, 2022 – MGCC-FL Quarterly Board Meeting 06:00 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 a board member to present for discussion. The meetings encompass club business, finances, and planning. Minutes are prepared and available by request. As you can see, under the above heading ‘Upcoming Club Events’, we have lots of planning to do to come up with fun things to do in the coming months. Let us know your recommendations.
- **April 9, 2022 – Wheels in Motion, Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Fox Lake Park, Titusville, FL.** The MG Car Club is attending the Wheels in Motion, Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show at Fox Lake in support the Titusville Sunrise Rotary Club efforts to raise funds for Under the Bridge Ministry, Fighting Edge and Boys and Girls Club of Titusville Florida. The club will meet at the Rockledge McDonald’s (1846 S US Hwy 1, Rockledge, FL 32955) and caravan to the show. We plan to meet at 8:00 AM and leave by no later than 8:30. If you plan to go and are going to meet up, please let Brian know bgspain@hotmail.com so we don’t leave anyone. **You can pre-register using the form included below or register the day of the show (cash only). Registration fee is \$25.**
- **April 13, 2022 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner at Sarno Restaurant & Pizzeria 6:00 PM.** Located at 2110 Sarno Rd, Melbourne, FL 32935. <https://www.sarnorestaurantandpizzeria.com/home/2454532> After receiving great reviews when we met here for breakfast, we’ve decided to give dinner a try. Folks have raved about a surprisingly great dinner menu as well. Please send an email to delewis67@aol.com if you plan to attend so a reservation number can be provided to the restaurant.

OTHER EVENTS:

- Calendar of local car events and cruise-ins maintained by Mike Euziere. [British Car Driving Group](#)
- **April 2, 2022 – 37th Annual All British Car Show 09:00 AM – 02:00 PM.** Show will be held at Henry’s Depot, 212 W. 1st St, Sanford, FL 32771. Come join nearly 200 classic British Cars and their owners for a day of unparalleled British automotive history. All British Marques are welcome and represented and your day at Henry's Depot also includes specialty vendors, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, food from Tijuana Flats. Ample free parking and more. For registration visit: [REGISTRATION TO THE 2022 CAR SHOW | CFL Brit Car Club \(allbritishcarclub.com\)](#)
- **April 16, 2022 – Dunkin’ Donuts Easter Car & Truck Show.** See flyer

below!

- **April 16, 2022 – Wheels Across the Pond, Jupiter, FL.** Date of show has been posted. Check website for postings as they come available. [Welcome - wheelsacrossthepond.com](http://www.wheelsacrossthepond.com)
- **April 22-24, 2022 – 54th Annual Southern Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) at Howey-In-The-Hills.** [Home | GOF-South 2022 \(gofsouth.org\)](http://www.Home|GOF-South2022(gofsouth.org)) Contact Lonnie Cook gofsouth2020@gmail.com, 407-670-9679

CLUB PHOTOS:

www.mgcarclubflorida.org/mgclubflorida/Club_Photo_Album.htm

March 9, 2022 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner Shiloh's



**Welcome New
Members David
Holmwood & Sallie
Richardson**

Attending: Brian Mitchell, Ric Garwood, Dale Lewis, Linda Knoblock-Raupp, Sallie Richardson, David Holmwood, Paul Stedman, Judy Stedman, Marilyn Lewis, Nancy Garwood

March 19, 2022 – MGCC-FL Lift Day at the Kingston Garage

Thank you, Frank and Helen for hosting this event!

A huge thanks to Matthew, their grandson, for setting up the lift for each car.

Much appreciate Dave Alexander's examination of each car!



Helen, Mary Beth & Ava

**Attending:
Frank & Helen Kingston
Dave & Mary Beth Alexander
Brian Mitchell
Brad Richardson
Richard Jensen
Linda Knoblock-Raupp
David Holmwood
Ed Price & friend
Norm Powers
John Childs
Dale & Marilyn Lewis
Tim Kingaby**



Richard, Brian, Brad



Dale, Dave, Frank, Matthew



Ed, Helen, Dale, Mary Beth, Norm, Dave



Helen, Frank



Ed



Matthew



Brian, Dave, Brad, Richard



David



**Dave, Brian, David, Brad,
Norm**



Brad



**Mary Beth, Brad, Dave,
Brian**



Brian



Dave, Norm, Brian, Richard



Tim, Dave



John



Dave, John



Ava

**March 19, 2022 – The 43rd Annual Antique Automobile Show
Vero Beach**

Attended by Bob & Donna Beiler
and Norman Ridgely.

Thank you, Donna, for providing
these pictures!

*“It was a really nice show with
about 15 British cars”*



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! Personal stories are welcome too! Tell us about your car(s)!

The following is a personal story submitted by Norm Powers. Norm and his wife Donna joined our club on October 26, 2020, after meeting some of our club members at the October 24, 2020 – Veteran Cemetery Restorations, Inc Benefit and Car Show.

An ongoing love/hate relationship with my Madge.

It all started when I asked a friend to find me an LBC to restore. He found a 1951 MG TD at an estate auction and convinced me it was a great buy. This was in the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts, so after buying the car I rented a car trailer and made a quick trip to Florida hauling the TD and waving to all the people that waved at me on the highway.

But let give you a little history about me. I was into Austin Healy Sprites in the '60s and '70s owning several including one a couple of times. My wife and I enjoyed the sports car scene and did a lot of auto crossing and rallying to the point that she got mad at me once because I wouldn't let her run an auto cross. She was so pregnant with our oldest I couldn't get the seat belt around her.

But then came life; college, kids, work, houses, etc. and the Sprites were gone. Now retired, I wanted to find a B or Spitfire and tinker but along came Madge.

Although she was about 70 years old, she was in fairly good shape having spent many years in a garage. The body paint was dull, but solid. The wood body tub frame I could see was solid as well, so I put her on jack stands and started taking her apart.

It seemed that everything I took off, had at least two things behind it that needed to be replaced. For example, I took off a rear wheel and things were wet. OK a leaking brake cylinder, no big deal, I was going to replace all the brakes anyway. But no, it was the rear axle seal, so I figured seals aren't too bad, but upon examining the parts, found the axle spines were worn (and worn axles on the T's break) so axles were ordered too.

I have spent two years redoing all of Madge's underpinnings, rewiring the dash, trying to stop leaks (hopeless!) adding turn signals (Brits didn't believe in blinkers in the 50s). I have also learned that you B owners don't realize what it's like to work on a car that was designed around whatever parts were available after WWII. The T's were built with any kind and size of nut or bolt available including, but not limited to metric, British Standard Fine, SAE, etc. and they mixed them up so you might find two or more types in the same pattern holding a couple of parts together. At first I thought it was because of 70 years of tinkering, but after studying the issue, I find that there are obscure references to all the fastening bits that have been written about over the years and that was the way they were built.

Well, I have finally gotten Madge healthy enough to take on the road so you may see us out there, and if we are moving, wave. If not moving, please stop and help.

**Madge's original owner in front of the
Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, MA.
Date unknown.**



Madge on her way to Florida.



FLYERS:



**Dunkin' Donuts
Easter
Car, & Truck
Show**



**Dunkin Donuts Beachside
1220 N. A1A, Indialantic, FL
Saturday, April 16, 2022
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Free Show! Bring what ya got.
If it Rolls, Roll it on in!
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Say "Hello" to Liz

**Questions? Call the
Easter Bunny's Friend
Bill Antonetz at
321 725-3648**



Car Registration Form
Wheels in Motion

Titusville Sunrise Rotary Club



APRIL 9, 2022 10-2PM
FOX LAKE PARK
4400 FOX LAKE ROAD, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Vehicle Type: Check One

- Car,
- Truck,
- Motorcycle:

Make: _____ Year: _____

Model: _____

Entry fee of \$25 dollars per vehicle is due by the day of the event. Cash accepted on day of event. Additional meal tickets may be purchased day of event. Registration package includes windshield placard, hot dog meal ticket, and entry into grand prize drawing ticket which is attached. Additional grand prize tickets and 50/50 tickets may be purchased at the registration table.

Make your checks payable to:
Titusville Sunrise Rotary

Contact Kayla Manning for more information or to submit form:
Phone: 321-604-6697 Email: kaysellsfl@gmail.com

Please mail payment to: Titusville Sunrise Rotary, 2342 Harper Ct, Titusville, FL 32780

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)

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

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.

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.



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