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## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:**



Happy new year. We have successfully consumed 2021, for what it was worth and have a brandy new 365 days to play with.

We finished out last year with a long-delayed trip to Lake Wales and the Bok Tower Gardens and actually had an LBC (the Parks' Lotus) accompany a Chrysler, a Lincoln and a Mustang on the journey. The timing was impeccable as we arrived about a half-hour before a large influx of other tourists and were able to get lunch out of the way and then tour and listen to the one o'clock carillon concert.

On the 14th, about 30 of us gathered at Frigate's for an evening of dining delight and a rather entertaining Chinese fire drill, er, Santa gift exchange. We ran about 30 minutes overtime (the restaurant had not told me a finish time) but no one was assaulted by members of the delayed group of celebrants, so all is well. Next year we will have someone research the rules of said gift exchange. Everyone appeared to have a good time and left with full bellies. Another club event in the bag. A plethora of pictures are to be found elsewhere in this missive.

Anyone who spends any time on the internet surely has noticed the explosion of tee shirts with clever sayings on them. I bought one for my birthday in November that says: "So when is this OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER supposed to kick in?" It kind of fits with our hobby, don't you think? Another says: "I'm certain that my final words will be Well, nuts, that didn't work!" The troubleshooter's credo, eh? And yet another, edited a tad for here: I guess I carpe'd the wrong @\$%&^ diem! The one I used to wear when I voted in person read: "Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups". Of course, my favorite, which most of you have seen me wear to club drives says: "Money can't buy happiness, but you can buy a Triumph TR3, which is kind of the same thing". Individual, humorous expression, like the candy ad, Not Sorry, Reeses!

Well, that's about it for now. I think that I will go lie down and finish the recovery from my Covid booster shot. I hope to see more of you at our upcoming events. One final word, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger, but it's probably going to leave a mark!

Until next month,

**Safety Fast**

**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  
28 Marybeth Alexander  
31 Melanie Keuper

**January Anniversaries:**

**Upcoming Club Events:**

January 10<sup>th</sup> – Board  
meeting

January 15<sup>th</sup> – Drive and  
Picnic

January 24<sup>th</sup> – Monthly  
Dinner

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**CLUB DUES:**

It's time to pay your MG Car Club dues! Please submit your payment for 2022 Club dues by January 2022. Make the check (\$15) payable to MG CAR CLUB—FLORIDA, INC. and mail to:

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

Thank you to those who have paid.

**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!

- **January 10, 2022 – 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 a board member to present for discussion. The meetings encompass club business, finances, and planning. Minutes are prepared and available by request.
- **January 15, 2022 – MGCC-FL Drive and New Year Picnic at Osteen Park Tropical Trail!** Mark your calendars! We have reserved a pavilion at 425 S Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32952 from 10:00 until 2:00. Pack a picnic lunch and join in. The drive detail is in the planning stage! *Details to come via email!*
- **January 24, 2022 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner Rib City at Historic Grant Station 06:00 PM.** Rib City at Historic Grant Station is the recommendation for this month's dinner. Located at 5390 S US Highway 1, Grant, FL 32949. **View information about this site at [The Grant Station \(historicgrantstation.com\)](http://TheGrantStation(historicgrantstation.com)** A notification will be emailed a week prior to the 24<sup>th</sup> requesting you let us know you'll be attending.
- **February 2022 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner. POC please.** Volunteer OR suggest a restaurant and Marilyn will coordinate the dinner!
- **February 19, 2022 – MGCC-FL Economy Run.** Norman Ridgely is planning this event and details will be posted in a future newsletter. An 'Economy Run': Club would meet at a designated gas station, top off the gas tank, participate in a drive, return to a designated gas station, top off the gas tank. A 'Best Mileage' award would be given or something similar.

**OTHER EVENTS:**

- Calendar of local car events and cruise-ins maintained by Mike Euziere. [British Car Driving Group](#)
- **January 8, 2022 – Happy New Year! Car, Truck & Bike Show at Dunkin Donuts Indialantic!** Please see flyer below!
- **February 12, 2022 – McKee Garden 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Motor Car Exhibition**

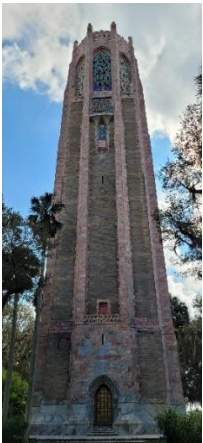
**10:00 AM – 03:00 PM.** European Cars Featuring the Ferrari and Other Italian Exotics. [12TH ANNUAL MOTOR CAR EXHIBITION – McKee Botanical Garden \(mckeedgarden.org\)](https://www.mckeedgarden.org)

- **February 20, 2022 – Gold Coast British Sports Car Club 27<sup>th</sup> Annual All British Car Show.** Please see invite letter and registration information below. [Gold Coast British Sports Car Club \(goldcoastbritcar.com\)](https://www.goldcoastbritcar.com)
- **April 9, 2022 – Wheels in Motion, Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show, Fox Lake Park, Titusville, FL.** “The Titusville Sunrise Rotary Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show is coming up on April 9, 2022, from 10 am to 2 pm and we are trying to get the word out to as many clubs as possible. Please help us out by sharing this widely in support of Under the Bridge Ministry, Fighting Edge and Boys and Girls Club of Titusville Florida. Our venue is completely outside with plenty of fresh air and open covered spaces. We plan on having a large vendor turnout and are hoping for a record number of car entries this year.” For more information call or text 321-593-1386. Patty Hobbs
- **April 16, 2022 – Wheels Across the Pond, Jupiter, FL.** Date of show has been posted. Check website for postings as they come available.
- **April 22-24, 2022 – 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) at Howey-In-The-Hills.** [Home | GOF-South 2022 \(gofsouth.org\)](https://www.gofsouth.org) Contact Lonnie Cook [gofsouth2020@gmail.com](mailto:gofsouth2020@gmail.com), 407-670-9679
- **June 19-23, 2022 – MG2022 Peterborough Ontario.** MG2022 is the 30<sup>th</sup> annual convention of NAMGBR. It is a 4-day festival of MGs taking place June 19-23, 2022 in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. Peterborough was the location of the very first NAMGBR convention and is a picturesque city surrounded by some excellent driving roads. To see the schedule of events, registration and information about this event, please visit [www.mg2022.org](https://www.mg2022.org).

## CLUB PHOTOS:

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

## December 11, 2021 – BOK Tower Gardens in Lake Wales

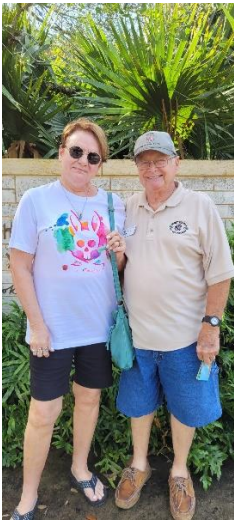


Attending:

Linda, Brian, Ginny, Lisa, Bill, Anna & Kourdt  
Not pictured: Linda's sister Cheryl and friend Barb







**December 14, 2021 – MGCC-FL Holiday Dinner Frigate’s Waterfront Bar & Grill**



**Betty & Kenny**



**Brian & Ginny**



**Pat**



**John & Diane**



**Judy & Paul**



**Marilyn & Dale**





**Linda**



**Bill & Lisa**



**Chris**



**Pat & Ed**



**Bob & Donna**



**Mary & Bill**



**Frank & Helen**



**Ric & Nancy**



**Linda, Mary & Mary's family Sue & Mike**



**Pat with her daughter Kathy**

**AND, let the fun begin! We had Christmas Poppers to crown us all thanks to Donna! The 'Dirty Santa' with it's endless gift swapping! Who knew a British Flag throw would be so popular? The booze wasn't flowing but didn't stay in anyone's possession long. A mooning Santa caused a laugh or two! With no 'rules' the game was sure never to end until alas some made it happen.  
All seemed to have a great time!**









## **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!**

To generate club participation in providing the newsletter with some member personal stories, Ed Lankenau sent us how he came to purchase his 4<sup>th</sup> MG. What story do you have to share??

**Here is a short MG story....my 4th MG came from a customs inspector at JFK. He questioned the value of some parts that I was bringing in....told me about his MG problems; wanted to unload it for \$1500. Lost his number for a couple of months but found it and gave him a call. By now he was really miffed at the car (it was overheating in New York Traffic). Met him at the airport, looked at the car driving in, and thought "if it starts, I'm buying it"! Now, he only wanted \$1100 to get rid of it!! I gave the 1979 MGB a new home, bought a \$10 switch to by-pass the fans and drove it to JFK for 45,000 miles with no issues. ...."what's your story" ....**



**FLYERS:**

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**



**Car, Truck & Bike Show  
at Dunkin' Donuts**



**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, January 8, 2022  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**



**Questions?  
Come in and Toast  
Bill Antonetz at  
321 725-3648**

**visit us on Facebook at  
Dunkin Donuts Car Show Indialantic FL**



Hello British Car Owners and Happy Holidays!

*I am an active member with the Southeast Florida, Gold Coast British Sports Car Club and am reaching out to you and your club on that behalf.*

*I/we/they could use your help! The Gold Coast British Sports Car Clubs' Annual all British Car show, their 27th Annual, after a two year hiatus is only eight weeks away!*

*This event is the biggest event of the year for the club, generating the necessary annual operational funds needed for this otherwise very successful non profit group.*

*We are seeking you help and support in the consideration of potentially forwarding this notice and the registration flyer attachment to your own British Car Club data base?*

*We ask their consideration and support by registration of their British Brand vehicle to assist GCBSCC in yet another South Florida great show.*

*We know it could be a bit of a long haul for some of our fellow British Brand car enthusiasts and have arranged a discounted hotel option with a link on the flyer.*

*All Covid Protocols will be adhered to. Masks will be required by all entrants and attendees.*

*Please REGISTER TODAY!*

*My many thanks and wishes for a wonderful and "Happy Driving Miles"*

*with good health in the new year.*

Info & Questions:

[goldcoastbscc@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastbscc@gmail.com) or Michael Cohen [michaelsp1800@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelsp1800@yahoo.com)  
(Registration) [Gold Coast British Sports Car Club \(goldcoastbritcar.com\)](http://goldcoastbritcar.com)

## 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))



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**For Sale:**

**1979 MGB \$9,000.00**

1979 MGB 59,700 miles Recent total brake job. New calipers, cylinders, lines etc. Carb overhaul, new catalytic convertor, alternator, battery, etc. new bonnet pad.  
Only issues Tiny oil leak, convertible top a torn clip, driver arm rest, normal paint chips & wheels could need paint. Additional Robbins Tonneau & Top frame.  
2nd owner, have had car for 40 years. Stored in winter no rust.

Asking \$ 9,000.00  
Contact: Pat Beauvis  
(612)-384-0047



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**Two Tires - \$100**

**Two Michelin Defender tires. 185/70R14. DOTK4J6 105x4513**

**Please contact Linda Knoblock-Raupp ([oldcarsnewcars@bellsouth.net](mailto:oldcarsnewcars@bellsouth.net))**



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**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](mailto:pdpcash8@gmail.com).**

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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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**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. **Reduced \$250****

**Two 1970's VW Project/parts cars. Both engines run. \$2,000 each. **Reduced \$1000 Each****

**1976 MGB RDS Project car. Custom steel dash, good rubber, good driver. Florida title. \$2,500. **Reduced \$2000****

**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. **Reduced \$1500****

**Liquidating British sports car hobby shop.**

**Selected parts cars \$200 each.**

**A lot of new old stock and used parts.**

**Call with your needs.**

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

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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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