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Safety Fast!

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:



There's an old blonde joke about the blonde found staring intently at a can of frozen orange juice. When asked why she was doing so, she pointed to the can and said: "It says concentrate, doesn't it?"

Concentrate, focus, pay attention, all good words for what one should do when assigned a task of any sort. Of course, it can be carried to an extreme and make one oblivious to happenings around or near you, sometimes to your detriment.

Case in point: During last month's economy run, the participants were focused on trying to operate their LBCs in a fuel-efficient manner, trying to wring the most miles out of a gallon of petrol that they could. In my case, I was using the process of gentle acceleration, shifting to top gear as soon as possible (the TR3's torquey engine helped a lot there) and acting like some newer vehicles and hybrids, shutting the engine off at red lights.

At one such light, I was concentrating on the light and the cross traffic intently when some idiot in a hulking silver Yank Tank SUV drove past me on the right, off the paved surface, and sideswiped my car. This, of course, broke my concentration, but, for whatever reason, rather than starting the car and chasing the knucklehead down (he probably had no idea that he had hit me) I got out, surveyed the paint transfer and totally lost the opportunity to alert the blighter to their misdeed. Two phones with cameras in the car. Did either of us think to snap a photo or even jot down the tag number? Uh Uh. So, he or she escaped. NUTS.

I guess that concentration should be tempered with a broader awareness of one's surroundings.

Along the lines of another old joke: "Well, other than THAT, Mrs. Lincoln, how was the play?" Team Lefty Cyclops (Paul Stedman and I are both lacking great vision in our left eyes and are both left-handed) did score the highest mileage, getting, I believe 29.6mpg out of a sixty-three-year-old LBC that hasn't had a tune up in over ten years. It was a fun day, otherwise, including negotiating a couple of downpours without the aid of functioning windscreen wipers, and I hope that I can buff out the paint transfer and get on with TR life.

So, until next month, Safety Fast and pay attention!

Chairman Emeritus

Jerry Keuper
(In Memoriam)

For Club Info--Please
visit:

[MG Car Club--Florida](#)

March Birthdays:

01 Angel Lopez
03 Ginny Mitchell
04 Martin Dowzall
04 Brenda Orend
08 Annie Dalter
13 John Perez
15 Mike Razor
17 Kevin Hoffman
17 Sally Fox
21 Brian O'Keefe
23 Dan Cook
23 Richard Kiefer
24 Diane Grassick
27 Ernie Briel
29 Mary Pollock
30 Larry Wuensch

March Anniversaries:

17 Kourdt & Anna
Howell
21 Nancy & Richard
Garwood
27 Michael & Doreen
Sherbin

Upcoming Club Events:

March 9th –
Monthly Dinner at
Shiloh's
March 19th –
Lift Day at the Kingston's
Garage

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CLUB DUES:

Last call for MG Car Club dues! Please submit your payment for 2022 Club dues as soon as possible so you're not dropped from the roster. 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 and I'm sure it's just an oversight for those who still owe.

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!

- **March 9, 2022 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner Shiloh's 06:00 PM.** Marilyn recommended Shiloh's for March's dinner. Located at 3665 S Washington Ave, Titusville, FL 32780, [Shiloh's - Home \(shilohstitusville.com\)](http://shilohstitusville.com). Please RSVP to Marilyn Lewis (delewis67@aol.com) by **March 6th** to provide the restaurant a number of how many to expect.
- **March 19, 2022 – MGCC-FL Lift Day at the Kingston Garage 10:00 AM.** Frank Kingston is opening his garage to the club to use the lift and inspect their cars. Dave Alexander will be on hand to lend his expert opinion as well. Located at 1561 Maple Avenue, Melbourne, FL.
- **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.
- **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 and caravan to the show. Look for specific details in next month's newsletter. **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.

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 – Wheels Across the Pond, Jupiter, FL.** Date of show has been posted. Check website for postings as they come available. [Welcome - wheelsacrossthepond.com](#)
- **April 22-24, 2022 – 54th Annual Southern Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) at Howey-In-The-Hills. [Home | GOF-South 2022 \(gofsouth.org\)](#)** Contact Lonnie Cook gofsouth2020@gmail.com, 407-670-9679
- **June 19-23, 2022 – MG2022 Peterborough Ontario.** MG2022 is the 30th 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.

February 27, 2022 – 11th Annual Satellite Beach Lions Club Car

Brian Mitchell attended this show and provided pictures for the newsletter. He also, possibly, recruited three new club members. Mike Euziere and former club member Bob Parks attended.



1955 Morgan



1955 Triumph (Mike)



1960 Austin Healey



1989 Jaguar

CLUB PHOTOS:

www.mgcarclubflorida.org/mgclubflorida/Club_Photo_Album.htm

February 9, 2022 -- Monthly Dinner Masa Taqueria - Indian Harbor Beach, FL



Attending: Judy & Paul Stedman, Nick Kaplan, Norm & Donna Powers, Helen & Frank Kingston, Kourdt & Anna Howell, Brian & Ginny Mitchell, Marilyn Lewis, Kathy Braumann, Ed & Pat Lankenau, John Perez

February 19, 2022 – MGCC-FL Economy Run

Norman Ridgely worked with Mike Euziere and Ed Price to plan and coordinate an Economy Run for the MG Car Club. The 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. He shared this email he sent to Mike and Ed which sums up the event.

Well, the event went off with only four of the registered eight cars, but those that participated had a great time. Doug Rothwell had car trouble and dropped out the day before, as did Paul Stedman with battery

problem, but he rode as navigator with Brian, Dale Lewis came down with allergies, and Ed Price had Covid in the family and could not leave Pam alone.

The remaining four, the Gregory's and the Kingston's, as well as Brian and Linda met me just prior to nine at the Golden Corral's parking lot, got their directions, and hit the road. They did the run at just over two hours, which leads me to think that low speed was one trick that was not utilized in holding down fuel consumption.

With Paul out, we were down to three classes with one "A", Gregory, two "B's" Linda and Kingston's, and one TR 3A, Brian. Brian won his class plus overall at 29.66 MPG, Gregory for the "A", and Kingston for the B's. Each received a \$10 WAWA gift card plus Brian got a club hat. Gregory received a "signing doll" for the worst MPG at 16.95 and Frank received one more Wawa card for "best estimate" of 24.0 at 23.9.

Everyone had a good lunch in the Golden Corral's private dining room, and we broke up about one.

The weather was overcast, and it rained off and on, but not heavy. Thanks for assisting me in setting this up.

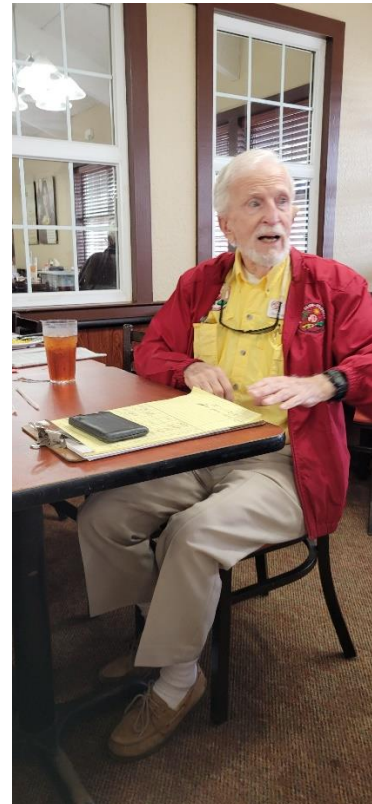
Norman





**Much thanks to Linda for
providing these pictures for
the newsletter!**

**Attending:
Norman Ridgely
Linda Knoblock-Raupp
Ken & Betty Gregory
Frank & Helen Kingston
Brian Mitchell
Paul Steadman**



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)!

Norman Ridgely submitted this month's contribution from the AACA-Indian River Region.

True Cost of a Classic Car Restoration

Balance Sheet

Hours on the toilet searching the Internet	\$0.00
Purchase of a ton of rust on four wheels	\$5,000.00
Flowers for wife to break the news	\$50.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$120.00
Restoration cost - engine and transmission rebuild	\$8,000.00
Restoration cost - chassis rebuild	\$5,000.00
Parts and endless trips to Swap Meets	\$1,600.00
New Lounge suite to balance ledger and keep wife happy	\$3,500.00
Restoration cost - bodywork and paint	\$7,000.00
Flowers for wife to save buying new kitchen suite	\$50.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$120.00
Family trip to Tropical Island to offset 1000 hours spent in the workshop	\$4,000.00
Restoration cost - new upholstery and soft top	\$6,300.00
New out fit for wife to save another argument	\$450.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$120.00
Inspection, Registration and other on-road costs	\$1,200.00
Dinner at restaurant to celebrate completion	\$120.00
Hairdressing cost after wife's first ride in a open top tourer	\$60.00
BBQ to have neighbours over to see the finished project	\$90.00
Paint touch up after neighbour's son drew on the car	\$150.00
Settled out of court cost for clobbering neighbour's son	\$600.00
New outfit for wife to go out rallying	\$450.00
New shoes to go with the new outfit for wife to go out rallying	\$150.00
New hand bag to go with new shoes and outfit for wife to go out rallying	\$100.00
Dinner at restaurant after asking wife to economise	\$120.00
New clutch after teaching wife to drive a classic car	\$400.00
Dinner at restaurant after shouting at wife while teaching wife to drive a classic car	\$120.00
Repairs to front guard after wife's second lesson	\$600.00
Candlelight dinner at home (can no longer afford restaurant) after shouting at wife to watch where she is going	\$20.00
Advert on line for Classic Car For Sale	\$20.00
Total	\$45,390.00
Proceeds from sale of Classic Car	\$29,500
Balance added to mortgage	\$15,890

FLYERS:



**Dunkin' Donuts
St Paddy's Day
Car, Truck & Bike Show**



Free Show

Bring what ya got.

If it Rolls, Roll it on in!

Everyone Welcome..

Rat Rods. Under Construction, Golf Carts

All Years, Makes & Models are Welcome,

No Judging, No Trophies, Just Good Fun!!

Dunkin Donuts

Beachside

1220 N. A1A, Indialantic, FL

Saturday, March 19, 2022

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM



Questions? Kelly says

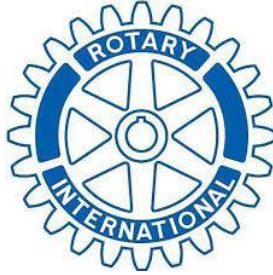
Call the Leprechaun

Bill O'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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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.) 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.



June 2021

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, Phone: (328) 427-3072

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