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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:



I recently discovered that I have a superpower: I can hold onto junk for years and then throw it away a week before I need it! Example: I sold a used but usable TR3 wiper motor for \$50 and had mine fail two weeks later. Crap! Guess what a new or rebuilt one costs. No one else in history has ever had this happen, right?

I come by my saving of things (OK, call it hoarding) honestly. I was raised by parents born in 1913 and 1915 who experienced WW I, the depression, WWII, the Korean War and other times where shortages of material things were common. They patched things, repaired things, wore the same clothes for more than one day at a time, raised their own food, including some bantam chickens. (The rooster attacked my then toddler older brother in 1942 and ended up in the pot very quickly.) The mantra was: Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without! Heresy in our current throw-away society!

My mother never threw away a button, as evidenced by the three enormous fruit cake tins of used buttons inherited by my younger sister. (Whew, dodged that one!) I, on the other hand, ended up with hundreds, ok, thousands, of screws, bolts, nuts and washers in glass baby food and mayo jars as my Dad couldn't part with a fastener. Well, it must be genetic because neither can I. Dad was an accountant of sorts, I am an engineer. I will admit to now having (mostly) sorted the nut and bolt stash by SAE or metric, size, thread (fine or Coarse) and finish and material over the last thirty-nine years and repackaging them in plastic peanut butter jars, replacing the glass ones that met an untimely demise in 1983 when a shelf collapsed. The jars are all labeled, on shelves with the labels facing out. On the micro level I am a bit OCD. Those of you who have seen the rest of my garage will attest to the fact that on the macro level, ehhhh, not so much.

All of the neighbors have been told that if they have a need for a fastener of any type (yup! got nails, too!) see me before charging off to Ace or Lowe's. Should they need a piece of baling wire, you know, the stuff that hay bales used to be bound up with, come see me. I have a roll of the stuff that is at least as old as I am, as I remember my Dad snipping pieces of it when I was as young as four. He never did look for the end, so now there are about twenty of them sticking out everywhere. My kids live in deathly fear of being the next caretaker of this thing as it is still quite large. One Christmas I put a foot-long piece of it in each of their stockings as a down payment on their inheritance.

Chairman Emeritus

Jerry Keuper
(In Memoriam)

For Club Info--Please visit:

[MG Car Club--Florida](#)

February Birthdays:

01 Ritva Bowman
01 Joyce Wuensch
08 Robert Belanger
10 Julie Braid
16 Terry Collins
16 Judy Fiskes
17 Saul Klein
19 Leigh Lynch
25 Paul Stedman
27 Patricia Lankenau
27 Dave Alexander
28 Roger Jusseaume

February Anniversaries:

02 Frank & Helen
Kingston
12 John & Sharon
Spadaro

Upcoming Club Events:

February 4 – British and European Car Show
February 11 – 13th Annual Motor Car Exhibition at McKee Gardens
February 18 – MGCC-FL Picnic
February 21 – Monthly Dinner

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I guess that my collection (loose use of the word) of LBCs has resulted from my inability to part with potentially useful or valuable things. (That last category includes my priceless bride of nearly 57 years.)

The vehicles include some "active" projects and some parts cars. If you find yourself in need of something to do between our regularly scheduled Club events, like I told the neighbors, come see me.

Lots of stuff coming up to go to. Hope to see more of you joining us in the coming months. Until then:

Safety Fast

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LAST Call for CLUB DUES

MG Car Club dues! Please submit your payment for 2023 Club dues if you have not yet done so.

Make the check (\$15) payable to MG CAR CLUB—FLORIDA, INC.

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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 send us your recommendations.

- **February 4, 2023 –British Isles Car Show (Now British and European Car Show) at the American Muscle Car Museum 3500 Sarno Rd, Melbourne, FL 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** If you haven't sent in your registration, you can still register day of the show. The club will be able to park as a group if we arrive together. The plan is to meet along the drive for the Melbourne Greyhound Track, 1100 N. Wickham Rd, at **8:00 AM** to line up and enter the car show as a club.
- **February 11, 2023 – 13th Annual Motor Car Exhibition at McKee Botanical Gardens Vero Beach 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** The 2023 theme is CAR COLLECTORS' FAVORITES. Afterwards the club will lunch at Mrs. Mac's Fillin' Station 951 Old Dixie Hwy, Vero Beach, FL 32960 [Mrs. Mac's Fillin' Station - Restaurant in Vero Beach, FL \(mrsmacs.com\)](http://mrsmacs.com) The trip plan is to arrive early to the show to have time to look at the exhibits before heading over to lunch around 12:30. We will meet up at the DAV Building on US 1, 2265 North Harbor Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32935 (the big orange) at 8:30 AM leaving no later than 8:45 AM.
- **February 18, 2023 – MGCC-FL Picnic and Club Photo Shoot, Wickham Park, Pavilion #3, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** Wickham Park is located at 2500

Parkway Drive, Melbourne, FL 32935. The reserved pavilion is the first on the right as you enter the park. The MG Car Club - Florida Jerry Keuper Memorial Award will be presented at the picnic. For those new to the club, I've included a description of the award under the Contributions section of this newsletter. We plan to take a photo of all the club's cars at the picnic, so spruce up your vehicle! Fried chicken is provided by the club. Please bring your own drinks and a side dish or dessert to share.

- **February 21, 2023 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner, Grant Station Rib City, Grant, FL, 06:00 PM.** Judy Stedman volunteered to arrange this month's dinner. She has chosen Rib City, 5390 S US Highway 1, Grant FL 32919, 321-610-7642. [The Grant Station \(historicgrantstation.com\)](http://historicgrantstation.com) She needs to know by Feb 10th how many people will be attending. Please contact her at judy_stedman@yahoo.com
- **March 11, 2023 – Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Tour and Lunch at the Port.** A certificate for a tour of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse was gifted to us to use as an event. The tour includes the lighthouse, the Keeper's Cottage Museum, Hangar C and Launch Complex 26. It will take approximately two hours. The tour will begin at 9:00 AM and we will meet our guide at the Sands History Museum parking lot at 8:30 AM. We are limited to 25 vehicles but can include as many people that can fit into the cars. I plan to send an email to all of you soon with all the requirements (Security information for base access is required to be submitted by March 3rd) and descriptions of what we'll see. This will be an interesting tour!
- **March 15, 2023 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner at New England Eatery & Pub 6:00 PM** [New England Eatery & Pub](http://NewEnglandEatery.com) 5670 HWY A1A Melbourne Beach, FL 32951. RSVPs are requested.
- **March 18, 2023 – Celebration of Cars AMCM 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** The annual Celebration of Cars will again be held on the grounds of the [American Muscle Car Museum](http://AmericanMuscleCarMuseum.com), 3500 Sarno Road, Melbourne, FL. Registration is available at [2023 Celebration Of Cars - AACA \(americanmusclecarmuseum.com\)](http://2023CelebrationOfCars.com) There will be no registration the day of show, so please send in your registration and fee by March 13th. For those in our club who would like to park together, please assemble by 8:45 AM along the drive for the Melbourne Greyhound Track, 1100 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne. We will drive in together. *Flyer below!*
- **April 1, 2023 – 38th Annual All British Car Show 'April Fools Day Multi Marquee Show'.** The show is put on by the British Car Club of Central FL. Registration is available at [Welcome to our 38th Annual All British Car Show \(eventbee.com\)](http://WelcomeToOur38thAnnualAllBritishCarShow.com) where you can register online or print a registration and mail it in. Registration and hotel information is available on [Central Florida British Car Club \(britishcarclubofcentralflorida.com\)](http://CentralFloridaBritishCarClub.com) This show is being held at Henry's Depot in Sanford, FL.
- **April 3, 2023 – MGCC-FL Quarterly Board Meeting.** The board meeting is held in the Kingston Garage, 1561 Maple Avenue, Melbourne, FL. All club members are welcome to attend. If unable to attend, please 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 12, 2023 – Monthly Dinner Grills Riverside 6075 N US Hwy 1, Melbourne, FL 32940, 06:00 PM** [Grills Riverside Melbourne - Grills](http://GrillsRiversideMelbourne.com)

Seafood Deck & Tiki Bar

- **May 13, 2023 – Breakfast at Palm Shores Bistro**

OTHER EVENTS:

Calendar of local car events and cruise-ins maintained by Mike Euziere. **British Car Driving Group** Mike emails a weekly listing of all local events occurring on the upcoming weekend to all club members. If you're not receiving the email, please let us know.

- **April 8, 2023 – Wheels Across the Pond 12:00 – 4:45.**
wheelsacrossthepond.com | British Classic Car and Motorcycle Show
- **April 20-23, 2023 – Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) Home | GOF-South 2023 (gofsouth.org)**

CLUB PHOTOS:

www.mgcarclubflorida.org/mgclubflorida/Club_Photo_Album.htm

**MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner El Sombrero Palm Bay
January 11, 2023**



**Lori & David Lister
Welcome New Members!**



Brian, Ginny, Linda



Richard & Judy



Helen

On January 11th eighteen of us met at El Sombrero for the club monthly dinner. Brian recommended the restaurant. The food was good and the fellowship great!

Prayers for Kourdt's wife Anna who was hospitalized and unable to join us. Hope she's up and about soon!



Kourdt



Judy & Paul



Roger & Edie



Dale & Marilyn



Donna & Cindy



Guy & Bob

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and Lunch at Third Culture Kitchen January 21, 2023

Brian led the club on a drive through the MI National Wildlife Refuge and on to the Third Culture Kitchen for lunch. He had pre-planned and driven the route to be able to provide a fun, scenic drive for the club. Not many showed, but for those that did it was a great time. He submitted the following.

Attending:

Brian and Evan Mitchell

Bob Beiler and his son Robert

Helen Kingston

David Lister and Lori

Terri Collins showed up with a really red Jag XK but declined the drive because of the possibility of muddy conditions in the Black Point drive area. Too bad, because there weren't any. Linda and Mary Pollack met us at the restaurant, and she took pictures.



Evan, Bob, Helen



Mary, Linda



Lori, David, Robert, Brian

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

THE JERRY KEUPER MEMORIAL AWARD – WHAT IS IT?

To honor the memory of the man who resurrected an old MG club charter, breathed new life into it, and who brought together people of many different persuasions who basically had one major affliction, the love of Little British Cars, MGs in particular, the officers and directors of the MG Car Club-Florida in the beginning of the 21st Century, did devise an award to honor that man, with the following criteria as a guideline: "The recipient had to be one who most exemplifies Jerry's love of MGs/LBCs and who shows an interest in promoting them, encouraging membership in the club, active participation in the club's activities, interacting with the members, and LBC happenings in general" In summation, one who has the *KEUPER SPIRIT*.

The selection method is by the past recipients who select the nominees and then vote on them. The award may be presented annually.

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 especially welcome! Tell us about your car(s)!

Articles, Pictures and Writeups from our club members



Bob and Donna Beiler attended the Green Gables 2nd Annual Classic Car and truck Show on January 15th!

Bob took First Place with his 1950 Jaguar XK 120. Congratulations!

Also attending were Linda Knoblock-Raupp, Guy Hoenig and Tim Kingaby.

Thank you, Bob, for submitting the pictures!



Roman Ortega-Cowan submitted pictures of his three remaining British cars after selling fourteen of his cars. These are the remaining 'English Critters' in his garage.



FLYERS:

BRITISH AND EUROPEAN
CAR SHOW
Saturday, February 4th, 2023
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Join us for a Celebration of British and European automobiles.
This show is open to all European Makes and Models, old and new.
Free entry to the museum with a registered vehicle. There will be Irish Dancing, Bagpipe Musician, Raffles, and Food Vendors. Money raised goes to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Awards will be presented including Best in Show, People's Choice, the Lucas Award, and for Best Dressed Period Attire.
The outdoor show and front showroom are free to the public. The back showroom will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM with a \$25 donation to St. Jude.
Under 18 free with an adult.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
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\$30 for Pre-Registration and \$35 for Registration Day of Show. Your registration comes with one Museum Access Ticket. The AMCM is home to over 400 vehicles from 1955 to the present day.
The event will be limited to 200 show vehicles. The registration form is on the back of this flyer. The last day for pre-registration by mail is January 31st
For more information, call or text: Bob Parks (321) 427-8846

3500 Sarno Road - Melbourne, FL 32934
AmericanMuscleCarMuseum.com
The AMCM is a smoke and vape free facility.



McKee Botanical Garden's annual motor car exhibitions have become a gathering of automotive excellence. Not only do they gather exceptional cars from around the state into one unique show, they also serve as an important fundraiser for McKee, with proceeds to benefit this non-profit botanical paradise.

McKee's motor car exhibitions are by invitation only and reflect a different theme each year. Our most recent exhibition in 2022 featured "European Cars Featuring the Ferrari and Other Italian Exotics" and was attended by over 3,200 car enthusiasts from all over the United States.


We invite you to submit an application to be considered for part of this exciting event in a special place that will showcase the finest examples of American and European automobiles.

As an exhibitor, you will not be required to pay an entrance fee. You will also enjoy benefits such as:


- ◆ Bagels and coffee
- ◆ Lunch for you and a guest
- ◆ Access to our private exhibitor's lounge and restroom
- ◆ Attractive sign describing your vehicle
- ◆ Chairs near your car for owner and guest

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VERO BEACH, FLORIDA

(Submission of this form does not guarantee acceptance. Our Motor Car Exhibition Committee will choose the final 40 cars.)





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The Thirties - Mild to Wild



Top 25 Awards
—
Special class awards
—
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Museum Hours:

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Email _____

#1: Make _____ Year _____ Model/Body Style _____

#2: Make _____ Year _____ Model/Body Style _____

Vendor / Product _____

Show Vehicle registration (due by March 13) \$25.00 per vehicle \$ _____

Show T-Shirt Pre-order @ \$15.00 per shirt . . . size ____ no. ____ size ____ no. ____ size ____ no. ____ Shirt Total \$ _____

(Non-Food) Vendors (15' x 20') \$30.00 per space \$ _____

Are you planning to bring a **Pinewood Racer** to enter in the Outlaw Derby? (Free) YES ____ NO ____

Mail form to: Sue Evans, 760 Harrier Ct., Rockledge, FL. 32955 **Make checks payable to: AACCC**

Registration Questions: 321-626-3140 **Email Other Questions To: CelebrationOfCars@AntiqueAutoClubCC.com**

I understand and agree that I am responsible for my vehicle and/or merchandise and do hereby release the Cape Canaveral Region A.A.C.A., all show sponsors, and The American Muscle Car Museum from any and all liability from any damage, personal injury or lost/stolen property at this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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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From Ric Garwood:

I have a 17-gallon Husky air compressor with hose and filter that I would like to give to anyone in the MG club. It works, but I never use and need the space.

Contact Ric Garwood: ricrx7@aol.com

Cell number 240-477-0021

1953 MG TD -- \$22,000

This car originally came from Florida and the previous owner was a member of the MGCC- Florida. The car has been restored off the frame. Restoration was a 10. Has won 2 trophies at car shows. The car does run. Has a clear title on it. There is only 300 miles on it since being restored.

Contact Jad Farhat:

Cell number 859-983-4528

wildcatconstructionky@gmail.com



December 2022

1993 Lotus Esprit Turbo - \$35,000

Calypso red, gold leather interior. New battery. Mechanics records available. Mileage 39K.

[certificate of provenance lotus.pdf](#)

[Lotus factory details.pdf](#)

Contact Ann Dalter (703) 740-6718 (Leave message call will be returned) or email

dalterann@gmail.com



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