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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:



Happy New Year, and I say that with the confidence that the world, as we know it, did not come to an end between the first day of winter, when I am writing this, and publication of this newsletter.

We had a couple of good gatherings in December with our club tour to Deland for a tour of the Stetson mansion and our holiday party at Frigates restaurant in Melbourne, both of which included consumption of copious amounts of food. We have several events on the schedule for the upcoming quarter, also involving food, and since winter is our driving season here in Florida, I hope to see a few more of you joining us on these tours.

December saw us reluctantly accepting the resignation of our Vice President, John Perez. He is going to be bi-coastal (if Texas can be considered a coast) sharing time between there and Melbourne Beach, but the Spitfire will become a Texas resident. We conducted an election for his replacement and Bob Beiler was unanimously elected to fill the remainder of John's term. So, now your top two positions are occupied by TRIUMPH owners, still.



Elections are coming up in the fall, so any of you who are interested in vying for any club officer positions, start getting your campaign war chests up and running. (Do NOT use any funds set aside for care of your LBC as it is, or should be the main consumer of spare money, after taxes, food, shelter, liquid refreshment, gifts for your significant other, lottery tickets,...yeah that stuff!)

My wit has been dimmed (don't go there) by some respiratory infestations (not Covid) and the pending arrival of family members from outta town so, I'll close with the hope that your holidays are happy and healthy and that I'll see a bunch of y'all at our upcoming club events.

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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 Mary Beth Alexander
31Melanie Keuper

January Anniversaries:

None

Upcoming Club Events:

*January 11- Monthly
Dinner El Sombrero*

*January 21- Meet, Drive,
Eat*

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NOTICES:

CLUB DUES

MG Car Club dues! Please submit your payment for 2023 Club dues by **January 31, 2023**. 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

BRITISH ISLE CAR SHOW February 4, 2022 09:00 AM – 03:00 PM

Ready for a “British Invasion” here in Florida? Bring your British Isles car (any make, model and year) to the American Muscle Car Museum and get ready for a fun way to raise money for a good cause. We will be donating to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Come see your fellow British car enthusiasts and their cars plus an incredible collection of more than 400 of the rarest and unique muscle cars and don’t miss out on some of the quirky awards like the “Lucas Award” (lemon award) or the “Best Dressed Period Attire” for the best Britisher themed dresser with their car. And, of course, there will be a “Best in Show” as well as a “People’s Choice” and more. And come with an appetite! There will be a delicious selection of food trucks to choose from while you listen to all British music all day to put you in the “Brit mood.” Entertainment includes a performance from an award-winning Irish Dance Team in front of the museum as well as a high-energy bagpipe performance. **We anticipate that this will attract British car fans from all over Florida and beyond, so we strongly recommend that you register early as there is limited space, event t-shirts and goody bags.** The show is free to spectators.

VOLUNTEER Opportunities

The February 4th British Isle Car Show, chaired by Bob Parks, needs volunteers to help with registration and parking at the show. As a British Car Club, we should be able to provide support for this show. Bob Beiler and Linda Knoblock-Raupp are on the show committee. Questions regarding the show can be addressed to Bob Parks, 321-427-8846, bob@strikersportslc.com as well as Bob Beiler, bobrace44@gmail.com, or Linda, oldcarsnewcars@bellsouth.net.

Do we have any web savvy members finding themselves with a little free time to keep their skills sharp? Saul Klein has mentioned he’d like someone to take over our MG web site. Currently he is keeping it static posting the newsletters and any other content submitted to him. If anyone is interested in taking this on, please contact a board member.

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!

- **January 9, 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.
- **January 11, 2023 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner El Sombrero Palm Bay 6:00 PM.** Brian recommended El Sombrero located at 4990 Stack Blvd, Palm Bay, FL 32901. [El Sombrero – Mexican Cuisine \(elsombreroofla.com\)](http://elsombreroofla.com) RSVPs are requested by January 9th to provide the restaurant a planning number. (delewis67@aol.com)
- **January 21, 2023 – Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and Lunch at Third Culture Kitchen in Titusville.** The trip plan is to meet up at Rockledge McDonald's at 9:30 AM. (1876 S US Hwy 1, Rockledge, FL 32955). From there Brian has planned a drive taking us through the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and on to lunch at the [Third Culture Kitchen | Curry, Spring Rolls, Bao, Burritos, Poblano, Vegan, Vegetarian & Gluten Free Food - Titusville, FL](http://ThirdCultureKitchen.com)
- **February 2023 – MGCC-FL Monthly Dinner.** POC Judy Stedman.
- **February 4, 2023 – British Isles Car Show at the American Muscle Car Museum 3500 Sarno Rd, Melbourne, FL 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** Send in your registration (see below in Flyers) and get ready to participate in the first British Isles Car 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 18, 2023 – MGCC-FL Scenic Drive, Picnic and Club Photo Shoot.** The picnic will be held at Wickham Park, Pavilion #3, from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The park is located at 2500 Parkway Drive Melbourne, FL 32935. Final plans will be discussed at the board meeting and may consist of a drive prior to the picnic. A photo of the club cars will be taken. *More to come!*
- **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-AACA.com)
- **April 1, 2023 – 38th Annual All British Car Show 'April Fools Day Multi Marque 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.eventbee.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.

OTHER EVENTS:

- Calendar of local car events and cruise-ins maintained by Mike Euziere. [British Car Driving Group](http://BritishCarDrivingGroup.com)

- **January 20, 2022 – Melbourne Municipal Band Presents Rock & Roll Revue. Sweetheart’s Sock Hop. Melbourne Auditorium 7:00 PM. See flyer below!**
- **February 11, 2023 – 13th Annual Motor Car Exhibition at McKee Botanical Gardens Vero Beach. The 2023 theme is CAR COLLECTORS’ FAVORITES. Flyer below!** In the past we’ve attended the exhibit as a club. It’s a fun drive and after touring the grounds we meet for lunch before heading home.

CLUB PHOTOS:

www.mgcarclubflorida.org/mgclubflorida/Club_Photo_Album.htm

Stetson Mansion ‘Christmas Spectacular!’ Tour With Lunch at St. John’s River Grill



Nancy, Ric, Ron, Brian, Paul, Judy, Ginny, Pat, Linda, Helen, John S., Sharon, John P., Gail, Pat, Norman, Doug, Linda R., Dale, Marilyn, David, Sallie



Sharon & John Sparado



Linda & Doug Rothwell



John Powling



Pat & Norman



Brian, Helen & Ginny



John & Gail



John & Sharon

MGCC-FL Holiday Party / Dinner Frigates



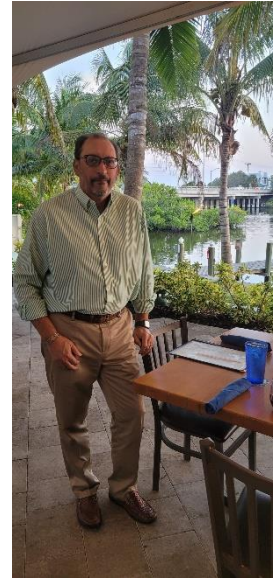
Ed & Pat Lankenau



Linda Knoblock-Raupp



Richard & Judy Fiskes



John Perez



Judy & Paul Stedman



Helen Kingston



Mary & Bill Insko



Nancy & Ric Garwood



Guy Hoenig



Bob Beiler



Marilyn & Dale Lewis



Brian & Ginny Mitchell



Norman & Pat Ridgely



Ken & Betty Gregory



David Holmwood & Sallie Richardson

Donna provided 'Christmas Poppers' and made us all Queens & Kings for the evening!





We ended the evening with a game of 'Dirty Santa'

[Dirty Santa Game](#)

Merritt Island Boat Parade Viewing at the Garwood's



**Thank You To Ric and Nancy
Garwood for inviting the club
to view the Merritt Island Boat
Parade from their dock!**

Attending:

**Lee and Beth Harris
Linda Knoblock-Raupp and
her friend Pat
Paul and Judy Stedman
Helen Kingston
Rob and Maria Buck
Dale and Marilyn Lewis
Brian and Ginny Mitchell**





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

Articles, Pictures and Writeups from our club members

Many asked for the recipe for the delicious Cauliflower Broccoli Salad Helen brought to share at the Boat Parade Viewing. Thank you, Helen, for providing the following:

Cauliflower Broccoli Salad


**1 head Cauliflower - diced
1 bunch Broccoli - diced
1 small red onion - diced
Mix these ingredients in a mixing bowl**

**1 cup Mayo
1/3 cup seasoned Red Wine Vinegar
1/2 cup of Sugar
1/4-1/2 tsp. Garlic powder
1-2 tsp. Horseradish
Mix these ingredients in a small mixing bowl**

**Pour dressing over the veggie and toss to mix.
Cover and chill until ready to serve. Serves 8. Super-fast and easy to prepare.**


FLYERS:

The Melbourne Municipal Band Presents
Rock & Roll Revue



**Sweetheart's
Sock Hop**

50's and 60's Rock & Roll





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JAN 20, 2023
7:00 PM

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All tickets \$15.00 (includes processing fee) and are available online (www.MelbourneMunicipalBand.org) or at the door.
Dance instruction available by Chris Marcelle from 6-7 pm for \$5.00 before each dance. (www.spacecoastdance.net).
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www.MelbourneMunicipalBand.org



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AT THE

American

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IRISH DANCING



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3500 Sarno Rd, Melbourne, FL

Enjoy Food Trucks Raffles

DJ / British Music

All proceeds will be donated to

All British Makes and Models welcome. New or Old!

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

When: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday Feb 4th, 2023



Name: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

- \$30 for Pre-Registration, \$35 on day of Event
- 1 Museum Access Ticket per Vehicle
- Limited Number of Event T-Shirts and goody bags, so Pre-Register Early!
- \$25 Donation per adult will receive single access to Museum

Make Check **British Isles Car Show**
Payable to: **C/O Striker Sports**
808 Adger Smith Lane
Melbourne, FL 32935

For more information
Call or Text Bob Parks
at (321)427-8846





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.)

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



Photos by Bob Collum

1951 MGTD

1951 MGTD in excellent driving condition. The car has been repainted, engine parts replaced, gas tank replaced – all through Moss Motors. Photos are available upon request.

Contact Mac Skelly (561) 818-6390 (cell and text), (561) 308-9623 (cell and text)

Pfskelly@gmail.com

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Looking for a TR6 to purchase. Contact Mike Watts, email mjwblue777@gmail.com, (360) 833-3311

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MGB Parts

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**Contact: Mike Doherty
Titusville, Florida
321-222-8580**

British parts: 948, 1098, and 1275 engines, smooth case transmissions, rear ends, complete wire wheel assemblies for midgets/sprites. A basket case 52 TD, some Austin Healey 100 front end parts. A spridget fiberglass hardtop and a custom fiberglass front end that will fit a sprite or midget. All midget/sprite heads with up to 1 1/4 valves, National competition ported and polished flow tested heads by Dave Tabor. Ported and polished SU carbs 1 1/8 and 1 1/4 Carbs, Weber 40 and 45 DCOE carbs and manifolds, 1964 Austin Cooper "S" 1275 engine and gearbox, gas tank and misc. parts.

Cars: 62 Triumph TR-4 (First year, made TR3 and 4 at same time that year). 68 Series 1 1/2 Jaguar XKE Fixed Head Coupe and a 59 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite that was set up for Vintage racing. Square body spridget SCCA race car roller pretty much complete less drive train with full cage. All parts and cars price are negotiable!

Leo Brosche Ocala FL. leobrosche@yahoo.com

August 2022

**Liquidating MG & Triumph parts & projects
EVERYTHING MUST GO!**

1967 MGB GT Partially disassembled Project car. Florida title \$2,000.

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