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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

We have been kicking around a “Meet Our Members” idea for a long time and I was sure (hoped) it was forgotten, and maybe it was, until Linda K. went and did one as an introduction to the club when she became vice president. Now she has set an example for us all to follow. The line forms behind me as I have been volunteered to do one next month. Please keep in mind you only have to tell what you do not mind the world knowing. :-) While I have your attention with that, please note that we (spearheaded by Norm) have revisited the club’s Membership Application Form. Yes you guessed it, we want to know more about you, but NOT your SSN or Dr Lic.#, as they have nothing to do with your fascination for Little British Cars (LBC’s) and that is what matters most to the members of this club.

On the Upcoming MGCC-F Events, Saturday, September 18th TBD, we need to change this "TBD" before the September newsletter goes to press. I am looking forward to some good ideas at breakfast this coming Saturday, see you all at Harbor City Diner.
-Dave

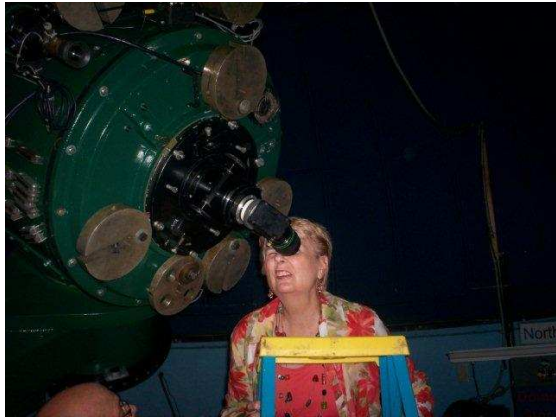
AUGUST EVENT - Saturday, August 21st, 2010

Everyone should eat a good breakfast to start the day out right!! That’s what we have always been told, so therefore the Club function for August will be a gathering at the Harbor City Diner at 9:00 AM. The Diner is located on S. Wickham Rd in West Melbourne, just north of New Haven (SR 192) on the west side (#1630). For those of you that have not been there before, they have great food and lots of it. And if you don’t want to drive your LBC, due to the slight possibility it might be a tad warm, that’s OK too. But please join us. Afterwards, some of us might drive over to the Veteran’s Memorial Center, or elsewhere as the mood strikes us.

LAST MONTH’S EVENT – Saturday, July 17th

As announced, the group gathered at the Rockledge McDonalds on US 1 at 6:30 PM, departing around 7:00 for a short drive north to the Chaparrel Restaurant, where we enjoyed a very nice meal of Mexican style food. All of us recommend

this restaurant highly. After dinner, we drove a short distance to the campus of Brevard Community College, where the Astronaut Memorial Planetarium & Observatory is located. (Lat 28°, 23 min, 05 Sec N, Long 80° 45 min 43 Sec W). Quite a facility! We all gazed at the heavens and Mars through the LARGE telescope and



perused the displays and hands-on

activities in the 5,700 foot exhibit hall. All-in-all a very enjoyable evening; good food, intellectual entertainment, and best of all, great company. Those in attendance were David Alexander, Ken Gregory, Linda Knoblock & Mark (can't read last name), Ed & Pam Price, Larry Dyal,



Rip Dyal, Norm & Pat Ridgely, Rich and Pat Jablonski.

MEMBER PROFILES

Starting with the September issue of the Florida Octagon, we will be presenting short Meet Our Members articles. By way of this, we will all get to know one



another better and the cars we drive. Each article will be prepared by the member, not FO staff (though there might be some editing). So pick up your pen or pencil and put to paper what you would like your fellow members to know of you. Some ideas would be where you came from, first interest in MG's, other hobbies, family, ideas for the betterment of the club, future events for consideration, etc. Thanks.

UPCOMING MGCC-F EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST – BREAKFAST (see page one).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH – TBA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH – BRIT BASH AT VERO BEACH'

- Early registration

- **Bar-B-Q dinner**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30th – BRIT BASH AT RIVERSIDE PARK OAKS CAR SHOW

Be thinking about what you'd like to do to assist in our club's car show. Contact Danica Perhacs, Show Chairman - 772-770-0083, britbash@comcast.net

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th - TBA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH – ANNUAL TOUR TO HISTORIC BOK GARDENS, SINGING TOWER, AND PINEWOOD ESTATE, LAKE WALES

ALSO IN DECEMBER – HOLIDAY PARTY - TBA

OTHER EVENTS

1st Sunday of each month: British Car Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Corral in Altamonte Springs. It is just south of SR 434's intersection with SR 436 on the east side between Costco and Robb & Stucky.

September 24-26 – Southeast British Car Festival, Dillard, GA – www.peachtreemg.com

October 15-17 – EURO 2010 – Greenville, SC

October 23 – 24th Annual All British Field Meet, Safety Harbor

October 29-31 – SBCC Annual Car Show – Chattanooga Choo Choo (Tennessee)

October 30 – Brit Bash, Riverside Park Oaks, Vero Beach

November 5-7 – JAMBOREE 17 – Riverside Inn, Homosassa - www.fsmgcc.com

June 12-18, 2011 – MG 2011 NA Council of MG Registers – Reno/Tahoe, NV

For questions on any of the above, call Norm Ridgely (772) 567-2231.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Members are invited to submit interesting articles about their MG or MG's and themselves. We need as many articles written by members as we can get. Submit yours to Norm Ridgely at normridge@yahoo.com or P. O. Box 651068, Vero Beach, FL 32965. Thanks for your help.

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FEEDBACK:

The Officers and Board members would like to hear from members concerning their views on current functions and events (likes, dislikes, etc.) and any ideas for the future. This is your club and we want everyone to participate and enjoy. So, please contact anyone on the list on the last page to have your voice heard. Thanks!

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FOR SALE – 1980 MGB, red with black interior/top, good condition inside and out, new top, engine mechanicals very good. Palm Bay, FL – Joann Kane 321-724-1751, asking \$7,000. (10/10)

FOR SALE – 1971 TR6 Triumph – No rust, low mileage. Trade for MG of equal value – up or down. 863-763-0894. Please leave message Albert Mace (Okeechobee) (10/10)

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