



# MG Car Club—Florida

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November 2007 NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Ed Price

A great meeting and lunch last month at the Stone's ranch. The weather was a bit threatening, but those of us who traveled from Brevard did not see much rain, only grey skies. ( OK so I chickened out and drove the Nissan, but it was Pam's fault. For some reason she does not like the running water feature in our B when it rains )



A good time with friends, and a great lunch provided by our hosts, as usual. Lunch Danica worked her magic with the fabric of several cars. If you were not there, you missed a good time. Now that the weather has cleared, and

cooled a bit, be sure to join us for our ramble around south Brevard and a 12 noon lunch at the historic Marsh Landings restaurant in Fellsmere (details below). We have been there before and had a good time. See you there.



## ELECTIONS – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

The ballots have been mailed; if you have not received one, call Dave Alexander (321-728-0019). You may cast your vote by either mailing the ballot back to the club's post office box or bringing it with you to the meeting. It is recommended you mail it in case you are unable, due to unforeseen circumstances, to attend the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## OCTOBER MEETING

The club had a very successful tour and luncheon meet at the home of Ben and Danica (Perhacs) Stone in Vero Beach. The north area group went south in two groups, one from the Golden Corral in Palm Bay and the other down scenic A1A and over the Sebastian Inlet Bridge. The day was not noted to be one of high heat and sun; in fact most of the tourer models had their hoods up due to liquid sunshine. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful buffet lunch, a short meeting, and then Danica applied her talents to repairing and/or advising those with problems concerning hoods, tonneaus, and so forth. All this while Helen's grandson took a shower and chased the dog. Oh, and Len Coppold received a compass. But you had to be there to understand these things. Ask them about it. In addition to Ben & Danica, Len, Helen and grandson, Hayes, those attending were Paul & Sue Millette, Al & Pat Allen, Saul Klein, Dave Alexander, Ed & Pam



Price, Karl Steene, Bill Frost, Norm & Pat Ridgely, Christian Havneraas, Meg & John Kachedorian (who plan to join), and Todd Jones (neighbor of the Stone's who also is an MGer). Thanks again to Danica & Ben for being wonderful hosts and to Danica for providing her skills.

## MGCC-F UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER EVENT

On the morning of Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 0930 the club will assemble at the upper car park of the USB Building, 709 South Harbor City Blvd., Melbourne (across from Jim Rathman Chevy) with their LBCs and proceed to tour via a route laid out by Ed Price and Dave Alexander through south Brevard County to Fellsmere, Florida (in Indian River county). We shall gather for a 12 noon lunch at Marsh Landing, known for its authentic Florida Cracker food. At the conclusion of lunch, a meeting of the general membership will be held, at which time the election ballots will be tabulated and the announcement will be made as to the officers and directors who have been elected to lead the club over the next two years. We currently have 53 memberships (couples count as one), comprising 95 people, who have a total of 70 British cars registered. We hope all 95 show up; we will have room for them at lunch if they do. So PLEASE plan to attend. This is YOUR club. Cliques are not allowed. The officers and directors work FOR YOU. They attempt to plan events that will appeal to the majority of the members. So do come, meet your new officers and directors, tell them any ideas you might have that will appeal to you and the club as a whole. Please RSVP so we have a count for the restaurant. Call Dave Alexander (Brevard) 321-728-0019 or Norm Ridgely (Indian River) 772-567-2231. If you find at the last minute you can come and have not called, come anyway. We'll have room for you.

### DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2007 – VERO BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE

The club is registered for this event. Our own Danica Perhacs is the "person-in-charge". We are limited to 6 cars. Local members who will participate will be Ben Stone, Ken & Betty Gregory, Norman & Pat Ridgely. So, we have room for at least 3 more cars. We encourage you to participate. It is an evening parade, so even if it's a warm day, it should be a cool night. Please contact Danica for details or to enter at 772-770-0083.

### IT'S GOING TO BE A BOK DECEMBER

The club has planned a Sunday tour to Historic Bok Sanctuary in Lake Wales. Mark your calendar for SUNDAY, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The north group (Brevard) will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the closed Texaco station just west of I-95 on SR Holopaw, then south to Yeehaw will meet the south group which of I-95) at 9:30 a.m. From Yeehaw Lake Wales. Last year we had 9 and they all said, "Let's do it Landmark that was developed by American public in 1929. It is on peninsular Florida and consists of designed by Frederick Law tall marble and coquina bell tower, Mediterranean Revival mansion, annual "Christmas at Pinewood Carillon Café, providing soups, with fruit and specialty desserts outdoors or bring a picnic lunch to eat at the picnic area. Bok's new policy requires a minimum of



20 people for a group discount with payment in advance, so we will not have neither a group discount this year nor a reserved parking area. But the club will subsidize each adult \$4.00 (who is a member or part of a member family), or child \$3.00 (5-12). A child under 5 is free. The reimbursement equals what the discount price would be. Some members are going over Saturday and are spending the night at Chalet Suzanne Country Inn just north of Lake Wales. (863-676-6011) Very nice! Again, for a head count, please call Dave (321-728-0019) or Norm (772-562-2231) and if you find you can come and didn't call, come anyway. For the gardens and a tour of Pinewood Estate, Bok charges \$18 for adults, the club will reimburse \$4. This year you will pay at the entrance.

**RENDEZVOUS 2007 – TALLAHASSEE – by Norm Ridgely**

Our club was well represented at this great event. The Big Bend MG Car Club is to be congratulated for an outstanding event, COOL weather and clear, BLUE SKYS. Saul Klein was in north Florida during the week and drove his Midget, arriving Thursday afternoon. Norm Ridgely & Ben Stone left Vero Beach early Thursday morning, driving west to Bartow and north through Lakeland and Chiefland, staying off the interstate highways arriving Thursday afternoon. Danica Perhacs also left early Thursday in her truck with Ken Gregory's car trailer (empty), met Helen Kingston in Melbourne and loaded her MG on the trailer, whereupon they drove to Gainesville, where they picked up Pat Ridgely from her daughter's, and proceeded to Tally. The Spadaros, John & Sharon, drove up in their '77 MG from Eustis, and Richard and JoAnn Jensen stopped in



Tally over Friday night and Saturday on their way north to the mountains for a week. So, we had 11 members with 5 MGs at this event. We also had a guest with us Kris Trillo, a friend of Helen's. Friday night was a great Barbeque, Saturday morning the car show with about 60 cars on the grass by the hotel, plus a 1942 Morris Armed Reconnaissance Vehicle (only 5 still exist), with cannon and 2 machine guns, holds crew of 3 with the driver in the center and a 1942 VW German Army pickup truck. (for photos, go to



[www.bigbendmgs.com](http://www.bigbendmgs.com)) After lunch, we toured to the northeast on canopied back roads to Bradley's Country Story for ice cream, drinks, etc., that night was an awards banquet and we did quite well for our group. Saul got a 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Midget, Helen tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in MGB-CB, Ben Stone got 3<sup>rd</sup> in



MGB-CB, Pat Ridgely 3<sup>rd</sup> in MGB/GT, and Ben & Norm tied for the long distance award. The awards were unique clocks with the Big Bend Club & Event and the class printed on the face with an appropriate car. Sunday morning after coffee and rolls in the hospitality room, our group headed south. Great weekend. They plan another in

2009.

### **OTHER EVENTS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month: British Car Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m. – NOTICE; Change of location to 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.

November 25<sup>th</sup> – Annual Flanky picnic, Apopka

January 19, 2008 – British Motor Trades Assn., St. Pete, FL – show and conference at Holiday Inn, Sunspree Resort.

March 14/15, 2008 – AACA Grand National & Southeastern Winter Meets, Melbourne, FL

March 29, 2008 – AACA at Vero Beach “Under the Oaks”

April 5, 2008 – 24<sup>th</sup> Annual All British Car Club Show, Mead Gardens, Winter Park, FL

April 11<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – GOF XLII – Silver Springs, FL – [www.britishcarclub.net](http://www.britishcarclub.net)

June 25/29, 2008 – NAMBGR MG 2008, Valley Forge, PA, Some members of our club are planning to take the Auto-train north on June 24 with some returning the same way. DTF

November 7/9, 2008 – MG Jamboree, St. Pete, FL DTF

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

### **MEMBER PROFILES:**

The Editor would like to do a member profile each month in the newsletter, or present a history of a member's car (such as Helen Kingston's in the March issue). Those interested, please contact Pat Ridgely. Phone and e mail listed at end of this newsletter.

### **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!

### **CLASSIFIED ADS:**

Ads are free of charge to members, run for three months unless renewed and/or canceled by the member. Ads will be reserved to British automobile related items.

**FOR SALE – 1964 MGB (“pull handle” roadster with the GTS Sebring flares) and 1965 MG Midget (“Special Tuning” front air dam all molded onto the body) by Tom Dobyns at 321-723-3388. Both need work to varying degrees. Call Tom for more information.**

**FOR SALE – 1953 TD - \$23,000 – 900 miles - fully documented. 772-489-9295.**

Send your ad to Pat Ridgely at [pridgely83@yahoo.com](mailto:pridgely83@yahoo.com) or P. O. Box 651068, Vero Beach, FL 32965 by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month for publication in the following month's newsletter. In your e mail, please reference MGCC-F ad so it's not considered spam.

We need as many articles written by members as we can get. Submit yours to Pat Ridgely at [pridgely83@yahoo.com](mailto:pridgely83@yahoo.com) or P. O. Box 651068, Vero Beach, FL 32965. Thanks for your help.

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