



MG Car Club—Florida

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DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

Hard to believe 2008 is almost over! And what an active year it has been for our MG Car Club Florida. Many high points including tours, rallies, lunches, dinners and of course, capped off by our “new” annual show “Brit Bash At Wickham”. One more BIG event to go - Club Holiday Party, December 13, hosted by Pat and Al Allen. Hope to see all of you there.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

As a result of our recent Brit Bash at Wickham Park, we would like to welcome the following new members:

Linda Knoblock
Jack & Judy Nostrand
Charles & Judy Carl
Roger & Jeanne Jusseaume
John & Susan Underwood
Ray & Mary Pollock

Jeff Dennie
James & Sarah Pottinger
John (Jay) & Diane Conarroe
Bob & Kitty Niebuhr
Richard & Pat Jablonski
Herb & Judy Parks

Returning long-lost friends – Mike & Rainy Euziere
Interested possible member – Harold Van Horn

DECEMBER EVENTS Yet to Come

Saturday, December 6 - The Vero Beach Christmas Parade will kick off at 5:30 PM. We will be one of the lead units again. Call Norm Ridgely (772-532-4265) if you can join us.

Saturday, December 13 - The club will gather for a Holiday Party this day. We will start with a short tour beginning at 3:30 PM meeting at the parking lot of the King Center for the Performing Arts at BCC Campus, East of Wickham on Post Road. The tour will end at Al & Pat Allen's home, 1632 Keys Gate Drive, in Viera. If you are unable to do the tour, plan to be at their home at 5:00 PM. Please call or e-mail them by December 10th at 321-259-6957 or patalallen@msn.com. Food & drinks will be provided; if you wish to bring something, talk to Pat, please. Directions: From US 1 (at the light) take Viera Blvd west about 3 miles to Grand Isle; it will be on the south side of Viera Blvd just east of Murrell Rd. Grand Isle is a gated community, go to call box which will be on your left, enter numbers 185, the phone will ring at the Allen's home and they will open the gate.

Proceed on Grand Isle Blvd. to Cheeca Way, turn left onto Cheeca Way, it will be your second left, go to stop sign and turn left onto Keys Gate Drive. 1632 is the third house on the right.

MGCC-F UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, January 17th, 2009 – This will be a tour starting in Indialantic with lunch in Jensen Beach. The group in Brevard County will meet at 9 AM; drive south on A1A to Ft. Pierce, then south on Indian River Drive from Ft. Pierce to Jensen Beach. Members living south of Brevard will join the tour as it wends its way south. Lunch will be at Dena's on the shore of the Indian River Lagoon. We can then move south a couple of blocks and stroll the shops in Jensen Beach before heading home. Details to follow.

February 2009 – We are looking at taking a tour west of Melbourne to the Deseret Ranch, the largest contiguous parcel of property in Florida. The land is owned and operated by the Mormon Church. There will be a no charge, one hour tour of the ranch and will be a look at the old, original Florida. We'll have a picnic lunch there (you supply). Details to follow.

Other Events:

Saturday, Dec. 6th – Hooters Car Show, Melbourne -From Terry Wooldridge, President of The Zachary Project, a local 501(c)(3) organization that raises money for firefighters' children born with birth defects, or who undergo any major medical illness or injury in Florida- "On December 6th we will be hosting a Car Show at the Melbourne Hooters. There are 10 divisions to win in as well as Best of Show, Best of Show Runner-Up and Most Club Participation. The entry fee is \$20 Pre-Show and \$25 the morning of! 100% of the money raised goes to families in need! Flyer/registration form is available at <http://www.zacharyproject.com/pdf/ZPHootersCarShowForm08-1.pdf> , please let me know if you think your club will be interested. Registration is from 8-10 that morning and the show goes until 4pm.' Several MGCCF members are participating, and any others are encouraged to join them.

Sunday, Dec. 7th, 2008 – Maya Mingle Jaguar Club of Florida Rally – Rain or shine. Includes terrific drive to Sugarloaf Mountain. Meet at 8:30 am for breakfast at The Best of British Pub, 8324 International Drive, Orlando. Tour starts off at 9:30 am. Info & Registration form at: <http://www.catdriver.org/images/2008mayamingle.pdf>

Saturday, February 28th, 2009 – Antique Automobile Club of America Southeastern Winter National Meet in Lakeland, Florida – This is the AACA show that was in Melbourne last year. Details to follow later.

Saturday, March 7, 2009 – Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and British & European Classic Car Show 2009. See Show Flyer at: http://www.fsmgcc.com/Show_Brochure_and_regi_form_11-12-2008.pdf .

Saturday, April 18th, 2009 – First Annual British Motor Classic at Davis Island, Tampa, sponsored by Nature Coast English Car Club & Sun Coast Classic MG Club in conjunction with Davis Island's "Island Fest". See flyer at <http://britishcarclub.net/BMCReq.pdf> .

April 21-26, 2009 – NAMGAR in Key West – the Last Sunset. You don't have to have an MGA to participate. Motel is The Blue Marlin (800) 523-1698. Reserve room now and register when the flyer comes out.

June 24-28, 2009 - MG 2009 – MGs in Breckenridge – The annual national meet sponsored by the North American MGB Register, of which we are a chapter, will gather in Colorado: only 98 miles west of Denver in the Rocky Mountains, average daytime temperature is 70 and nights in the 50s, humidity about 30%. Elevation is 9,000 to 12,000 feet. Let's get a group together and caravan out there. It's only about 2,000 miles (one way) so that's about 4 days each way.

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

MEMBER PROFILES:

Members are invited to submit interesting articles about their MG's, LBC's and themselves.

MISCELLANEOUS:

LOST & FOUND after the Brit Bash – we found a garage door opener and a red folding chair. If you lost those, contact Danica at 772-770-0083.

CLUB BADGES, Ts, & POLO SHIRTS – Anyone interested in any of these items can purchase them at our Holiday Party at the Allen's on Dec. 13th. Merchandise can be seen on our web home page.

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:

For Sale: 1958 MGA Roadster, wire wheels, old English white and black interior, an authentic 1500 with correct engine, transmission, tonneau cover, car cover and shop manual. Older amateur restoration showing no rust. Currently needs brake job. Drive as is for fun or restore for show. \$9,500. **Wanted:** 1965-66 Ford Mustang, 6 cylinder, automatic. Any body style. No project cars. Call Tom Jevcak, (813) 837-3111 or e-mail: Tejev@aol.com

For Sale: 1979 MG Midget, excellent condition, no rust, re-sprayed MG "Black Tulip" May '08, new Michelin tires. \$5,400. Photos available. A "Fun" car. Need to make room for recently acquired '69 Jaguar XKE. email sklein@cfl.rr.com or call Saul Klein 321.626.9176 (cell). Titusville, Florida.

(5) Tires on rims with trim rings. Firestone FR380, P175/70R14. (2) excellent, (2) decent, (1) spare. \$200 OBO. Please call Ben Stone @ (772) 770-0083.

1974 ½ MGB/GT [last year produced] - dark green with tan interior. Restored. ALL NEW: engine & clutch, front end & springs, brakes, Monza exhaust system; plus windows and windshield, upholstery, custom wheels (MG), new mirrors, beautiful wood steering wheel, floor mats and seat covers, nose bra (MG) and more. Asking \$7,995.00—call Bill Aitken at 321.690.1883.

Ads are free of charge to members, run for three months unless renewed and/or canceled by the advertiser. Send your ad to Pat Ridgely at the link below or P. O. Box 651068, Vero Beach, FL 32965 by the 25th 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 or P. O. Box 651068, Vero Beach, FL 32965. Thanks for your help.

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