



MG Car Club—Florida

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NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

“BRIT BASH AT WICKHAM A SUCCESS !” ...

the headline should read ...

One of the most popular aspects of having a sports car is going to various car shows and our members do a lot of car shows, two or three events a month, for some. Brit Bash is our club's big event, our way of giving back to the sport and hobby, and I believe we did it up right.



My congratulations and “thank you” go out to all that helped to make this event happen- club members, volunteers, vendors and especially the participants and spectators. With our new show location, came the opportunity for more club exposure to the public. We actually gained ten new members who signed up at the show. The show participants seemed to really enjoy the public's interest in their cars and I think next year we will see a larger turn out in both cars and spectators.

Again, thank you all.

NOVEMBER EVENT

Due to our annual car show on November 1, Roar & Soar, & Jamboree November 8th & 9th, and Thanksgiving, the Club has no formal event scheduled for this month. We are sorry for that but will try to make up for the lack in early 2009. But, be aware that anyone, at anytime, wishing to plan or host an event is encouraged to do so. The club will gladly spread the word by e-mail and for those who do not use e-mail we can provide a list with phone numbers. There are some who would participate in an event every weekend if one were available and some of our members do that. So, feel free to plan something and let one of the officers or directors know about it and you will have participation. Be sure to see the many events coming up in our ‘Other Events’ section below.

OCTOBER'S EVENTS



Saturday, October 18th was a very busy day for a number of our club's members. The day started out with a lineup at 9 am for Florida Institute of Technology's (FIT) Golden Anniversary Parade on their campus, with a 10 am start for



the 2 mile parade route. Our group was one of the first units in the parade and we were led by Melanie Keuper, Jerry's daughter, in Jerry's black 1951 MG TD; Melanie was accompanied by her daughter, Amber. Danica Perhacs carried the banner in front of them proclaiming their congratulations to FIT on its 50th anniversary. Behind the TD was our club's "original" banner carried by Pat Ridgely and Rainy Euziere followed by 8 MGs occupied by Dave Alexander and Tom Bowman (Ritva observed from the sidelines), Len Coppold with his huge pet tiger, Larry Dyal, Mike Euziere (driving Jackie Parenti's '51 TD), Ken & Betty Gregory, Art & Yvonne Floyd, Norm Ridgely, and Ben Stone. Altogether we had 9 cars & 16 people. Everyone, participant or spectator, seemed to enjoy the parade. FIT was very happy that our club was able to be in the parade, honoring their founder and our Chairman Emeritus.



Following the parade, we travelled to the Harbor City Diner where we were joined by Gail Gilbert. We had a fantastic lunch – we learned their burgers are 12 ounces!

Then it was time to head to Wickham Park to review the layout and plans for our car show. We were joined there by Al & Pat Allen, Dan Cook, Bill & Joyce Emmons, Frank Kingston, and Ed & Pam Price. After handling all the logistics, we all headed home confident the show would go off smoothly. (See more parade photos on our club's website.. "Club Photos")

BRIT BASH AT WICKHAM – A Celebration of British Motorcars – Nov. 1, 2008

To say that our annual car show (the first at Wickham Park) was a success would be an understatement. The show was chaired by Danica Perhacs and WAS A SMASHING SUCCESS! In spite of a forecast for rain and heavy rain south of Melbourne to Ft. Pierce, we had 70 cars on the show field. All things considered, we were very pleased with the cars, attendance, and spectators. The Friday night "Meet & Greet" (our first) was a success with over 50 in attendance at our host hotel, the Hampton Inn.



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NOVEMBER 1, 2008
WINNERS**

Class	MAKE	1ST	2ND	3RD
A	AH 100-4, 100-6 & 3000	Martin Dowzall		
B	AH 3000, BJ7, BJ8	Chuck Billings		
C	AH, Sprite, Bug Eye	Bob Deeter		
D	Jaguar – Sports	Hayes Harris	Peter Clark	Jim Hoffman
E	Jaguar – Sedans	John Larson		
F	Lotus	Jack Tripp	Brian Pelletier	

G	MG Pre-War (before 1941)	Michael Goodwin		
H	MG T Series	Bob Sieck	Mrs. Dean Parenti	Jim Sisserson
I	MGA	Pheona & Joe Kaiser	Hayes Harris	Michael Locke
J	MG Midget	Saul Klein	Phil Burke	Jeff Dennie
K	MGB Roadster '62-'74 Chrome	Ken/Eileen Meyers	Christian Havneraas	Dennis Magee
L	MGB Roadster '75-'80 Rubber	David Neal	Linda Knoblock	Albert Allen
				Ken Gregory
M	MGB GT	Norm & Pat Ridgely	Al & Kathy Cook	
O	MG Other	Patrick Dempsey		
	“ “	Art Floyd		
P	Morgan	Jimmie Lewis		
R	Triumph TR2, TR3	Allen McClure	Bill Emmons	Brian Mitchell
S	Triumph TR4 & TR250	Daum		
T	Triumph TR6 ('69-'73)	Michael Panopoulos	Jim Wilson	
X	Triumph, Other	Barry Alexander		
Z	Minis & Varieties	Leah Payne	Mike Guido	Carlos Rodriguez
AA	New Mini (2000 & up)	Brian Anderson	Lori Czerwinski	Brittney Russell
BB	Rolls Royce & Bentley	Harold Meggs		
EE	British Modified	Mike Guido		
	BEST OF SHOW	Barry Alexander	1948 Triumph 1800	

MGCC-F UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, December 6th – The Vero Beach Christmas Parade – We are limited to 6 cars for this event and we do have space left. Please call Norm Ridgely at (772) 532-4265 if you can join us. It's a fun event and we usually go to dinner afterwards. Please join us. Details to follow.

Saturday, December 13th –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.

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 winds 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:

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.

Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008 – Annual Flankey Mini Car Show & Chili Cookoff – We are invited to participate in the All British Car event. The Classic MG Club (Orlando) will provide beverages and cornbread. This event starts at noon. If you desire to enter the chili competition, please RSVP to Camille on her cell at 407 247 2447 or cflankey@embarqmail.com after Nov. 16th. You are requested to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert for the table and RSVP on what you will bring. The address is 8096 Gillam Road, Apopka. This is always a fun-filled event. Directions: From I-4 and Lee Rd., Go West on Lee Rd. to the Orange Blossom Trail (Hwy 441). Turn right and go north to Clarcona, Ocoee Rd. turn Left and go west about 6 miles to Apopka-Vineland Rd. then right and go north about 1 mile to Gillam Rd. (Gillam Rd. is now paved.) right and go 2/10ths of a mile to the driveway (horse sign on right). Right appx. 600 feet to the house. Note: Apopka-Vineland Rd. is CR 435. You can take it South from downtown Apopka or North from Silver Star Rd. to Gillam Rd. on 435. Call Camille's pager 407-247-2447 if you get lost.

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/BMCReg.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.

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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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