



UPDATES

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Hi all, here is a brief "UPDATE" for MG Car Club Florida members and interested persons. A complete, comprehensive MGCCF "Florida Octagon" Club newsletter will be published & distributed quarterly.. Please visit our club's website at www.mgcarclubflorida.org – Calendar/Events, hundreds of photos and numerous newsletters are on-line ...

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS - 2013

FEBRUARY RANCH TOUR & PICNIC LUNCH – SATURDAY FEB. 16, 2013

We have planned another great tour for February. This will be a combination TOUR/PICNIC to the Deseret Ranch, east of St. Cloud. ALSO, TO MAKE IT EVEN MORE FUN, DRESS "WESTERN" STYLE (for example: jeans, plaid shirt, neckerchief, cowboy hat, you've got the



picture). We last visited them in February 2009 and had a very enjoyable and educational time. We will meet in the vicinity of the parking lot of the IHOP restaurant on the south side



of SR 192 (New Haven Ave., Melbourne) just east of I-95 at 8:45 am. Look for the LBCs. We will depart promptly at 9:15 am. It's about 19 miles to the ranch and we need to be there no later than 10:00 am. This is a working ranch, not a tourist destination. Normally the tours are only Monday through Friday, but they have made another exception for us. They need to know in advance the number attending so they can have the proper number of vans. Therefore, please email (hjk10590@gmail.com) or phone Helen Kingston (321-773-1455) by Tuesday, February 12th to inform her that you will be joining us. If you get "voice mail", leave a message as to who called and number coming. Make a nice "ranch-style" picnic lunch and let's head west.

Following the tour, we will have a picnic lunch on the screened porch of their visitor's center. There are no food provisions or concessions at the ranch so you will need to bring food and drink (no alcohol) for yourself and guests.



REMINDER: The Ranch must have a head-count in advance, so contact Helen by Tuesday, February 12th, if you plan to come. If you're a "probable" and concerned that you might have to cancel, make your reservation anyway and if you must cancel, call 321-773-1455 prior to Saturday or her cell 321-544-5100 early Saturday morning so we're not waiting for you at the IHOP, hoping you'll arrive.

March 2nd – We will be joining Classic Minis United on one of their tours. This will be a great opportunity to join in with the 30-50 classic Minis for an all British classic cruise! The cruise will be leaving from their host hotel (see below) and going on the scenic back roads on Merritt Island. It will end at a beautiful, picturesque 100 year old property for some proper tea and biscuits. This will give us some time to meet and mingle with the Mini crowd. Then the Minis will be going their way and we'll be going to Grandpa's Stake house for lunch.

Note, this is an all British classic cruise that is open to all British cars 1980 or older. When you arrive at the hotel you might see a registration table. That is for the Mini club, we do not register for this, we are their guests.

I need a RSVP as soon as possible from all MGCCF members that want to partake in this event. We need to have a people and car count so Classic Minis United can plan accordingly.

To RSVP e-mail me at davidjalexander13@gmail.com or phone 321-213-7051

**8:30 a.m. (Or earlier) Please be at the Days Inn 180 Hwy. A1A,
Satellite Beach 321-777-3552**

8:45 a.m. Drivers' meeting (parking lot near pool)

9:00 a.m. All British classic car cruise.

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. LunchMGCCF participants will drive
to Grandpa's Stake house for lunch.**

March 16th – TBA

October 18-19th – “Brit Bash” Vero Beach – Stay Tuned for details of our “BIG SHOW” ..

OTHER EVENTS – 2012 AND 2013

Feb. 9th – McKee Botanical Gardens 4th Annual Invitational Car Show – this year’s feature is Corvette to mark the 60th anniversary of this Chevy classic

February 10th - Gold Coast British Sports Car Club 20th Annual Show- Several MGCCF members attending ..

February 23rd – AACA Southeastern Winter National Meet, Lakeland, FL

March 16th – AACA Show in Vero Beach

March 30th – Wheels Across the Pond 7th Annual British Classic Car & Bike Show, Jupiter, celebrating 100 years of Aston Martin, www.wheelsacrossthepond.com - several MGCCF members attending ..

April 6th – All British Car Show, Winter Park, FL- Several MGCCF members attending

April 19th—24th – Gathering of the Faithful South XLVII, Hilton Hotel, Ocala, FL www.mgclassics.org - Several MGCCF members attending

May 29th-June 2nd – British Car Week National Meet, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas www.britishcarweeknationalmeet.org

June 10-14 – NAMGAR GT.38, 2013 – Ashville, NC www.gt38-namgar.org

October 9-12 – AACA National Meet, Hershey, PA

October 10-13 – Southeastern Fall Gathering of the Faithful, Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA

October 26 – Tampa Bay Austin-Healy Club, Safety Harbor, Annual Car Show

Showcase of MGCCF Members' British Cars



1967 MGB GT - Norm & Pat Ridgely
Grampian Grey/Black & Red, Built 3/8/67
200K+/44k miles since restored; Purchased
6/13/2003.
OD, A/C, 2000CC, mild cam, roller rockers,
Future Plans- 5 spd tran.

Car originally purchased in California by USAF officer; He had it for 17 yrs. In Feb. 1984 car was purchased by Paul Johnson of Ohio who died in 1994 after starting restoration in Oct. 1994. Car then purchased by Hank Rippert, Chairman of New England MGT registry, who completed the restoration. We purchased in June 2003.

Great Touring car, semi-daily driver.



1972 MGB Roadster - Ray Pollock
Aqua/Navy Blue, Built 12/22/71
45,327, Purchased 2006
Hard Plastic Tonneau

"My wife thinks it was her birthday gift" ..
(it was my Bday gift...:-)



1958 MGA - Ken & Betty Gregory
Orange Red/Black,
74K milles, Purchased 2004
Original, but restored 1979

Hope to make project of repainting and reassembling, when/if I retire ..

Classified Ads

For Sale -1953 MG TD, right hand drive. Yellow with Black interior.
Not a show car, but an above average driver. Asking \$17500.00 OBO
Contact Robert at 321-749-0684 or Dave at 321-213-7051



Len Coppold is offering his 1970 MGB tourer. He has too many cars so no trades considered – cash only. Excellent condition, many updated components. Asking \$13,500 OBO - Call 321-752-0737. (Aug12)





Mr. Leonard Coppold
939 Osprey Drive
Melbourne, FL 32940

Modifications to 1970 MGB

A. Drivetrain

Engine- fully overhauled retaining stock specifications but modified for unleaded gasoline (stock cam grind, compression ratio, carb jetting, etc. but with stellite exhaust valves, silicon bronze guides and hardened valve seats). Block was boiled out, crank and cam reground, crank mains were align bored. Rotating masses fully balanced.

New pistons, rings, valves, valve guides, bearings, cam chain, cam chain tensioner, seals, gaskets, water pump, distributor, hoses, plugs and wires. Carburetors rebuilt with oversize butterfly shaft and new main jets. A thermostatically controlled cooling fan replaces the stock engine driven fan. New stock airfilters in powder coated canisters. Radiator and heater have new cores. Most black brackets, covers and housings in the engine compartment were bead blasted and powder coated.

Clutch and transmission- new master and slave cylinders, clutch disk, pressure plate and throw-out bearing. Disk, plate and bearing replaced again at 11/2002 by Rick Ostman due to corrosion of clutch which froze the disk to the flywheel, preventing clutch release.

The transmission was fully disassembled, inspected, and reassembled with new seals, bearings, and gaskets by a British specialist in California. He said the transmission looked like it had been recently been gone through as there was virtually no wear on the synchros.

Driveshaft- new bearings in both universal joints, balance checked out satisfactory.

Third member (rear axle and differential)- drained and replaced differential fluid, was not removed from vehicle during restoration (actually the only component not removed besides the doors and fenders during the restoration).

B. Electrical- The original wiring loom is still in place but much of the wiring in the engine compartment has been reworked. A new ATO style fuse block containing several more fuses has replaced the stock four fuse item. The fuel pump is now fused and there are several spare fuse sites for radio or other future use. There is an additional fuse on the radiator bulkhead next to the relay for the cooling fan. Brake, tail, front running lights and the fore and aft turn signals are upgraded to halogen bulbs. No radio was installed but an antenna was fitted to the hole in the fender.

Modifications to 1970 MGB, continued.

- C. Suspension- new (nos) lever shocks in front, rear units were cleaned and fluid replaced.
New front A arm bushings are the heavy duty type originally specified for the MGB V8.
- D. Brakes- Rebuilt front calipers, new pads, new hard lines, new braided stainless steel flex lines to front and rear. New rear cylinders and shoes. Rebuilt (by Apple Hydraulics) master cylinder.
- E. Body- Bare metal respray with Dupont acrylic enamel, color 1990 Honda Tahitian Green, two part with clearcoat. Rear fender seams ground welded and filled. The rather corroded anodized windshield frame was polished. Requires periodic repolishing with aluminum metal polish and wax to maintain its finish. The prop shaft for the bonnet was removed and a pair of gas struts were fitted.
- F. Interior- Gray interior and carpet from Prestige Interiors, England.
- G. Top- Car as purchased did not have a soft top. An early style demountable bow frame was fitted, and a top from the Little British Car Co. was installed which has a zipper rear window.

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