



# MG Car Club—Florida

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AUGUST 2008 NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

I want to thank everyone for coming out to the July dinner and tour.

This month we are doing something a little different, a visit to Skip Lane's car collection, plus I am going to ask that if anyone has an idea for an after lunch activity (a drive, another place to visit, a movie, etc.) to please present it at Skip's or at lunch and we will see if we can extend our stay together that day. You will find additional event details later in this news letter.



As of this writing (6 August) everyone has 86 days to be polishing (or for some reassembling/painting) their entrant for the Brit Bash. For those that are sure they are going to participate I urge you to pre-register as it will help the show committee with their planning.

Please come out and enjoy each others company.

## AUGUST EVENT – SOMETHING DIFFERENT

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Yes, this is a departure from our evening (cooler) driving tours but we felt that this was something of interest to our members. In addition to a 1948 MG-TC, Skip also has two Jaguars in his collection, which I believe numbers over a dozen cars. So, please plan to attend and if you feel it is too hot, drive your grocery-getter. But do come and enjoy the tour at Skip's, the good fellowship of our members, and the opportunity to meet and socialize with the AACA members who put on such a great show in Vero every Spring. Please call Ed Price (321-632-2207) or Norm Ridgely (772-532-4265) if you plan to attend so we can get a head-count. Thanks.

## JULY'S EVENT by Gail Gilbert

For those of you who could not make it this was what you missed. The night was warm with a tropical breeze in the air which ever so gently tossed our tresses (for those of us that have hair), as we drove to our destination for dinner. We ate at the Island Pasta Company whose ambience and menu seemed to blend with the night featuring a Caribbean flair and wonderful conversation. After dinner and great company we drove across the Melbourne Bridge and took a scenic route through Indialantic and Melbourne Beach to the Cold Stone Creamery for dessert on the beach. The night inspired a walk on the boardwalk with the sound of the rolling surf in the background. What a wonderful way to spend a Saturday evening. Thank you, Ed, for coordinating this event. I hope to see all at our next event.



## MISCELLANEY by Norm Ridgely

The August 2008 issue of Enjoying MG published by the MG Owners' Club (U.K.) just arrived in the U.S. It contains an ad for the NEW MG TF LE500 and an article on ordering one through the MGOC at their dealership ADVANTAGE MG. Only \$32,798 (at \$2.00 to the £).



“The Lucas Quality Assurance manager phoned and advised the Engineering Manager that the QA department was having a problem with their new design, in that it was shorting out. So Engineering made the wires longer.” ;-)



Saul Klein, our esteemed Webmaster & newsletter contributor, has been published as far north as Minnesota. The Minnesota MG Group newsletter, the Gazette, ran his piece on the red MG Midget motoring on the St. Johns River that he and others observed at lunch while on their way to GOF in Ocala back in April. Congrats, Saul.



## Vintage Grand Prix – Pittsburg, PA



### **Idle now, speed later**

George Shafer, right, of Somerset, Pa., sits in his 1950 MG TD under an umbrella, along with a line of other racers waiting for their turns to take to the Vintage Grand Prix race circuit for a practice session Saturday on Pittsburgh's streets in Schenley Park. This is the 26th running of the annual charity race, and it is one of the few vintage races run on city streets in the country.

## BRIT BASH AT WICKHAM

Danica Perhacs, car show chairperson, reports that everything is going smoothly for the Brit Bash at Wickham (the park, hotel, trophies, registration, etc). The club is looking forward to a record turn-out at the new location and at a better time of the year.

## MGCC-F UPCOMING EVENTS:

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Opportunity has presented itself that we are going to be able to take advantage of this month. The Indian River Region of the Antique Automobile Club of American (Vero Beach) has a special tour set up to view the antique car collection of Skip Lane (one of our members) at his auto dealership, Lane Pontiac-Buick-GMC, 510 E NASA Blvd., Melbourne. The AACA group will depart Riverside Park in Vero, timing their arrival at Skip's dealership at approximately 11:00 am. This event is scheduled for Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday) It is estimated the tour at Skip's will take about one hour plus after which we will leave for lunch at Smokey Bones BBQ at 1510 W. New Haven Avenue.

September 20<sup>th</sup> - This will be another fantastic evening event. Details will be in the September newsletter.

October 18<sup>th</sup> – tour south through Vero Beach to Ft. Pierce on A1A, then south along the west side of the Indian River Lagoon on Indian River Drive to Jensen Beach for lunch.

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Brit Bash at Wickham car show – Friday night will be a Meet & Greet at the Hampton Inn by the Zoo. Saturday is the show at Wickham Park.



We'll need club members to volunteer to help to make this show a success. Danica Perhacs (Director, Show Chairperson 772-770-0083)

December 13<sup>th</sup> – a holiday party for the club members to be held at Al & Pat Allen's home. Details to follow.

### **OTHER EVENTS:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 19-21, 2008 – Southeast British Car Festival, Dillard, GA. For information go to [www.peachtreemg.com](http://www.peachtreemg.com).

October 10/11, 2008 – British Car Classic XX – St. Augustine's Kings Head Pub (details to follow)

October 17-19, 2008 – Euro-Fest 2008 at the BMW plant in Greer, SC.

October 25, 2008 – All British Field Meet & Auto Jumble – Crest Lake Park, Clearwater, FL

November 7/9, 2008 – MG Jamboree, St. Pete, FL. – For information go to [www.fsmgccc.com](http://www.fsmgccc.com)

November 8-9 – Roar & Soar at Fantasy of Flight in Lakeland- [www.fantasyofflight.com/roar-n-soar/](http://www.fantasyofflight.com/roar-n-soar/)

November 13-16, 2008 – Zephyrhills Auto Fest & Swap Meet, Zephyrhills, FL. - For information go to [www.zephyrhillsestivals.com](http://www.zephyrhillsestivals.com)

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 or MGs and themselves.

### **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:**

(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.

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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 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.

***Safety Fast !***

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