



MG Car Club—Florida

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

OK, here is a presidential command attendance! - Photo Shoot & Picnic, Saturday, April 16, 2011, 11am at Palm Bay Regional Park (see details below) . This is a chance for each member to have their MG/LBC picture taken, prints to be given out and then posted as part of a "Members' Cars Gallery" on our club website. So pack a lunch and polish your MG/LBC and come join us.

A presidential proverb:

" For a bright light, keep your connections shiny and tight".

THE MARCH BREAKFAST AND TOUR

On a beautiful Saturday morning, at 9 o'clock, March 19th 29 members and guests gathered at Ray and Mary Pollock's home on the Indian River Lagoon in Cocoa for a wonderful breakfast and much socializing. Dave Alexander, our President, conducted a short business meeting. Thereafter, the group started to disperse although 2 cars had starting problems; Ken Gregory had a dead battery and Ben Stone had a gremlin in his electrical system. Both problems were eventually overcome and all departed. Those in attendance were Ben Stone

**& Danica
Perhacs,**

Saul Klein, Dave Alexander & Louise Husband, Richard Jensen, Linda Knoblock & Mark Raupp, Mitch Senical & Shirley Downs, Larry Dyal, Betty & Kenny Gregory, Ray & Mary Pollock, Keith & Doris Heuer, Pat and Al Allen, Tom & Ritva Bowman, visiting Canadian MGers Ray & Brenda Banville, and Pat and Norm Ridgely. Nine of us drove over to Merritt



Island to visit the Veterans memorial Center and Park, which was very worthwhile. Afterwards, we went to Cocoa Village for lunch, then home.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to Mitchell & Jean Ann Biedul of Palm Bay who have a 1980 MGB; Bob Parks of Satellite Beach with a 1959 MGA; and Emanuel & Estelle Schechter of Delray Beach with a 1953 MGTD. We hope to see all of you at our upcoming monthly events.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO

Mimi Bailey, Richard Jensen, Jeanne Jusseaume, Michele Price, and Paul Zagar.

HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARIES TO

Matthew & Esther Adams, Larry & Nancy Dyal, and Brian & Ginny Mitchell.

THIS MONTH'S EVENT –SATURDAY, APRIL 16th – SOMETHING SPECIAL We have planned a **PHOTO SHOOT AND PICNIC** to be held at the Palm Bay Regional Park starting at 11:00 AM. The photo-shoot is for the purpose of exhibiting our members' cars on the Club's website, and to provide each member with a nice photo of their car. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a form to be filled out with information on your car that can be posted on the website with the photo. Also, you may limit the use of your name to first name only, or omit it entirely if you desire. Your choice. And this not just for "show condition" cars; we want all cars, from "show" to "works in progress", "beaters", whatever. The Park is located on Malabar Road approximately six (6) miles west of I-95, on the north side (if you hit a dirt road, you went a little too far!). After photos, we'll have our picnic at the Boy Scout Pavilion (reserved for our use) located in the northwest section of the park. Please bring food and drinks for everyone in your party as the club is not planning to provide anything. There will be a prize for the most unique picnic basket and/or arrangement.





ENLIGHTENMENT

Drive carefully; it's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Law of Peculiar Random Nomenclature – The name of a British sports car shall consist primarily of letters and numbers, with said letters and numbers chosen in random fashion so that the resultant vehicle name is totally devoid of any meaning.” This law explains why British cars have spectacularly bad names, like “E-Type”, or worse yet, “MGB-GT.”

NEW CLUB NAME BADGES

The new style name badges are ready to order. They are 1¾” x 3½” white plastic with red lettering (engraved) and feature our new club logo. You have a choice of magnetic or dual tie tack attachment. The price is \$11 and must be prepaid as they are being custom made (personalized) to your specifications. If you want an order form or additional information contact Danica Perhacs by e-mail at britbash@comcast.net or call 772-770-0083.

SCHEDULED CLUB EVENTS

April 16, 2011 – MGCC-F – “Photo Shoot & Picnic at Palm Bay Regional Park” - photo shoot of members’ cars for our website. (See above for details)

May 21, 2011 – Driving tour and dinner (details to follow)

October 28-29, 2011 – MGCCF Brit Bash – Vero Beach, FL - OUR BIG SHOW!! Contact Danica Perhacs at britbash@comcast.net or 772-770-0083.

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.

April 8-10, 2011 – GOF South MK XLV Weeki Wachee, Suncoast Classic MG Club – we plan a caravan to and from this event. www.gofsouth.com – Call Dave Alexander for caravan information at 321-213-7051

April 23, Wheels Across the Pond 2011– Jupiter– www.wheelsacrossthepond.com

April 25-29, 2011 – NAMGAR Mile Zero CT 7 Key West (All MGs invited)

May 28-June 5, 2011 – British Car Week, Drive Your British Car!!!

June 12-18, 2011 – MG 2011 North American Council of MG Registers – Reno/Tahoe, NV – there will be over 1000 MGs there www.mg2011.com

Sept. 17th, 2011 – British Invasion, Stowe, VT – www.britishinvasion.com

Oct. 14-16, 2011 – Euro 2011 – Greenville, SC

Oct. 14-16, 2011 – Southeastern Fall GOF – Athens, GA (past years in Hiawassee)

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June 6-10, 2012 NAMGBR “MG2012” – Dillard, GA

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

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Members are invited to submit interesting articles about their MG or MG's and themselves. We need as many articles written by members as we can get. Submit yours to Norm at normridge@yahoo.com or P. O. Box 651068, Vero Beach, FL 32965. Thanks for your help.

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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 – 1964 MGB pull-handle (rare) roadster. This car is in very good condition and has not been modified in any way. It is rust-free and road-worthy with all components in working condition. It had a complete restoration about 15 years ago (documentation available). Although not a show car, it is a fun car to own and drive and is Florida-titled and registered. It features an overdrive transmission and Dayton chrome wire wheels. Call Jim at 860-682-2998 for more

information (Ft. Pierce, FL) \$14,500 or best offer. (6/11)



For Sale – Many parts for MGB and Midget: vent windows, carbs, oil cooler, CB, radio, manifolds, grills, etc. Call with your request. Larry Vero Beach 772-231-0315 day or eve. (4/11)

**For Sale – 1970 MGB – Excellent condition, many updated components. \$13,500
Len Coppold 321-752-0737 lcoppold@hotmail.com**



For Sale - front seats from a 1967 MGB/GT, leather fair condition with sheepskin covers \$200 - Call Norm Ridgely Vero Beach 772-532-4265 (4/11)



For Sale - 1952 MGTD - very good condition. In same family since 1962. Make offer. Car located in Vero Beach. Call 772-234-5033 (7/11)

For Sale, Original 1966 MGB GT parts car with Original owners manual and clear title

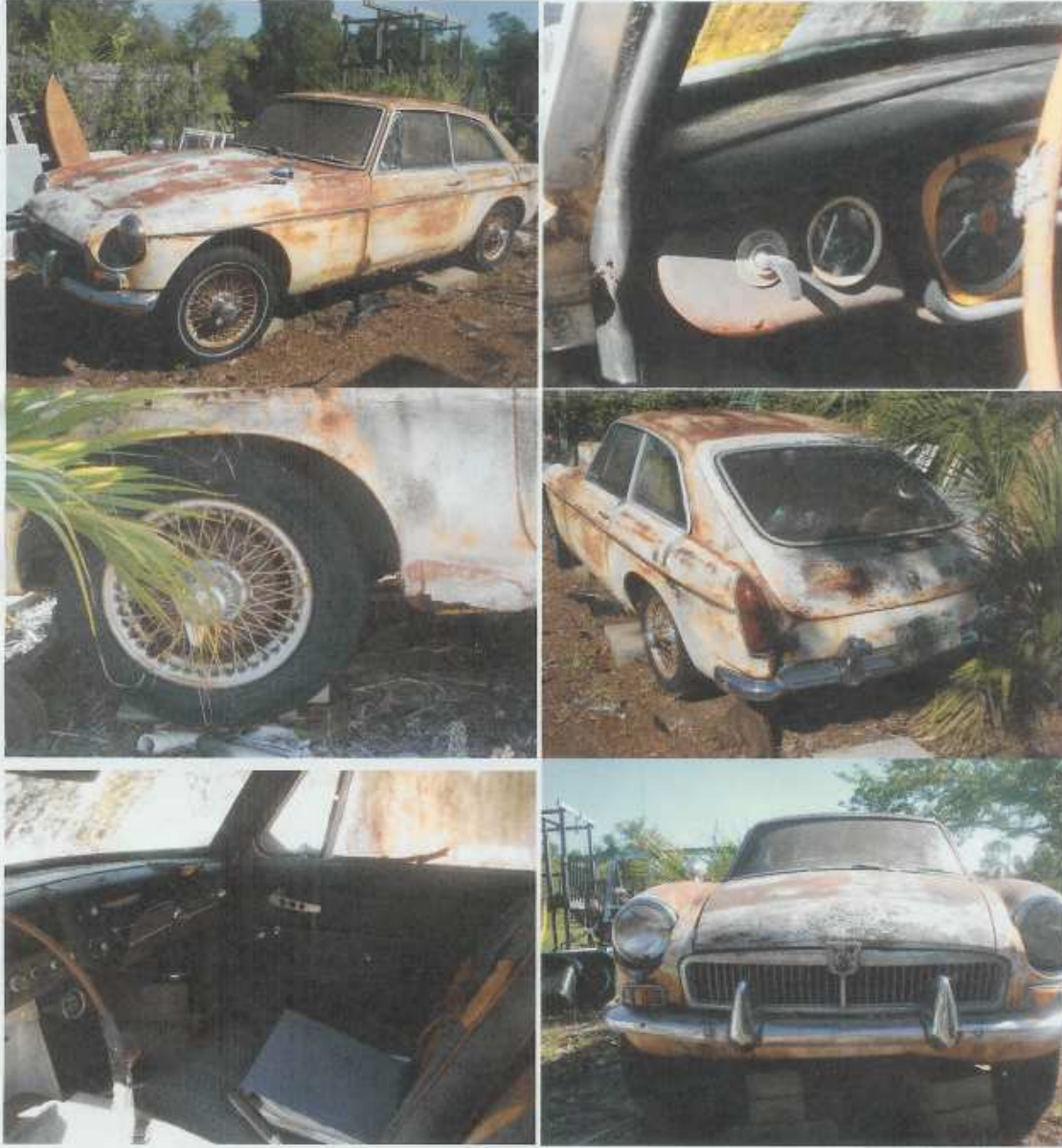
Body is rusted but some panels, hood, doors and rear hatch are salvageable?

Includes complete engine and drive train with overdrive transmission and spare rear end

Includes 6 wire wheels, car has been on blocks with no weight on wheels

Includes all chrome badges, bumpers, handles, mirrors, and trim

If interested call Harold Bates at 407-547-7544 would like to get \$400 but all offers are entertained!



(7/11)

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