



MG Car Club—Florida

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JANUARY 2010

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

A big welcome and congratulations to our newly elected club Vice President - Linda Knoblock. The club is starting 2010 off with a "special invitation" to tour John Schumann's private car collection in Vero, followed by lunch at the home of the Gregory's. Should be fun and the weather man forecasts 'normal' Florida temperatures in the 70's, so come on out and join us. (details are later in this newsletter)



The board recently scheduled the following 2010 club events:

February 20 – Brunch and a Tour of Cocoa Village

March 20 - Tour to Barrier Island Sanctuary and Lunch at Longpoint Café near Sebastian Inlet

April 17- Titusville Warbird Museum Tour

May 22 – Brevard Zoo Tour and Lunch at The Avenues, Viera

October 30 – Brit Bash "Under the Oaks", Vero Beach – MG Car Club Florida's Annual British Car Show

Members are also encouraged to attend:

February 14 – Gold Coast British Car Show - Boca Raton (MG Featured Marque)

March 6 – Celtic British Car Show & Festival – Zephyr Hills

April 8-11 – GOF Jekyll Island, Georgia

Member Spotlight – Linda Knoblock

As you're newly appointed Vice President I'd like to tell you all that I am truly honored. It's a privilege to feel like your working with the best, especially when it's a lot of fun.

A little about me- I turned 50, Aug. 3 of 2009. Now when are all of your birthdays?

I met Mark Raupp when I was 17 and he was 27, we were living in metro Detroit. Vacationed here in Florida with a car & a suitcase and decided to stay. Have been here more than 30 years! A summer wedding might be in the works, this will be the second try for us, and yes I am a runaway bride. We have a little Cocker/Pomeranian dog, Lola. What Lola wants, Lola gets, as they say! No children, a dog & a man & a business is enough for me! Have had our business "Auto Restorations & Repairs" for nine years. I find it amazing that I have lasted in business with my man for nine years already. Truth is I love him and I love all the cars.

Had a beautiful 72 Mach 1 that I showed, raced and then sold when I

went to Ireland. She was a beauty and a little radical. My 80 MGB sat in our parking lot at work, like



an abandoned car for a couple of years. Our friend Lee Mulet returned back to the states, and that's when I made my move on the car. It has since been painted twice, and still needs a buffing here & there and this and that, but that one is my baby. The 76 MGB, I traded an old Cadillac for it. I love both of them, would sell the 76, but when? I enjoy both of them!

Have had the honor of meeting President Clinton, Carroll Shelby, the Bob Glidden Family, ... even the Pope! I love traveling, have gone as far as England, France & Scotland and Hawaii. I have belonged to the Moose for 20 some years, Melbourne Garden Club. I love the arts, I usher at



Heninger Center, and Melbourne Civic Center, so I can enjoy every show for free! Working on a 1976 fastback Mustang, the girl still needs a mustang. I love to gamble, I'll admit it! We play Texas Hold'em and get to a casino whenever we can! I am a Polish girl so I enjoy dancing also ... who does a polka in the group?

Have lived in Melbourne for over 20 years, in the same home, waiting to turn 55, then we are going into senior living - Small house, Big garage! Then when I get "real old", going to Moose Haven, an old folks home! Our doors are open to each of you, anytime ... we love a party.. Raised a Catholic girl. I also live

life by a flip of the coin! - How do you think I ended up here in Florida?

I would like to thank each club member for a year full of memories and good LBC motoring. How about if each month we do a member spotlight, like you? Thought being your new Vice President, you should know who you're dealing with!

Wishing a Happy New Year to you & yours, God Bless, Linda

ANNUAL BOK TOWER GARDENS



On a beautiful Sunday, December 13th, the North & South Groups of the Club joined up at the Desert Inn at Yeehaw Junction, and traveled west to Lake Wales to visit Bok Tower Gardens and "Christmas at Pinewood." There were 13 members and 6 guests in 7 cars. It was nice seeing our friends from the Daytona area, Vic Hall and Joy Colarusso with Sam and Jeanie Rose. Also attending were Dave Alexander, Denice Gadd, Paul & Sue Milette, Linda Knoblock & Mitch Senical, Helen Kingston, Kris Trillo, Tom & Pat Etter, Rich & Pat Jablonski, Saul Klein, Norm and



Pat Ridgely.

HOLIDAY PARTY – December 19th – Al & Pat Allen's



Pat & Al Allen invited our Club members to their home for second year for a Holiday Party on Dec. 19th. Their home was decorated beautifully and all the candles were lit. Everyone was greeted by their adorable dog – he sounded furious upon meeting you at the door but





was a sweet dog and joined us all throughout the evening. Everyone brought a dish to share and exchanged compliments during the evening.

We all were happy to meet our newest members – Matt & Ester Adams – BTW, they were the only braves ones to drive their MG to the party!! As you can see from the pictures, we had a great turnout. Our President Dave Alexander, new VP Linda Knoblock, Mark and their friend, Mitch, Past President Ed & Pam Price, Treasurer, Helen Kingston, Show Director, Danica & Ben Stone,

Brian & Tara Alexander, Tom & Ritva Bowman, Ray & Mary Pollock, Ken & Betty Gregory, Richard & Pat Jablonski and Richard & JoAnn Jensen. If I have forgotten anyone, please accept my apology as I did have to leave fairly early to join up with Frank at an employee party that he had to attend “on time”. Pat & Al Allen were gracious host & hostess and the members that attended truly enjoyed themselves – The Club appreciates their hospitality. Thank you again for a wonderful evening.

DUES ARE DUE

The 2010 dues are now due. They are \$15.00. Please send your check to MG Car Club – Florida, P O Box 410471, Melbourne, FL 32941
Thank you.

UPCOMING MGCC-F EVENTS

January 16th, 2010 – 3rd Saturday - Schumann Tour

We have been invited to tour a private collection of John Schumann’s cars in Vero Beach. This collection is a mixture of race and street motor cars, all no more than 2-passenger: Mercedes, Maserati, Aston-Martin, Porche, etc. The collection is located near his home at the Vero Aerodrome off SW 82nd Ave and First Street. The buildings



holding this collection sit next to his race track, where he and his wife practice as they are active in vintage racing as well as flying. The



tour will last about two hours, after which the Ridgelys and the Gregorys will host the club at the Gregory’s for lunch. A \$5 per person donation will be welcomed as we used to do in the past. The weather will be cool and the drive will be great. Call Dave 321-213-7051 so we can get a count of those attending to

properly plan the food. Thanks. VERY IMPORTANT. Call by Friday, Jan 15, please.

The North group will meet at the Golden Corral, Palm Bay Road, east of I-95, at 9:00 a.m. with a departure time of 9:30 a.m. It will take less than an hour and a quarter to drive the 42.3 miles (NOT clocked by an MG speedometer) to Schumann’s. The South group will go independently to Schumann’s. The location is the northwest corner of 82nd Avenue and 5th Street SW, Vero Beach. Any problems, call Dave at 321-213-7051.

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NORTH AMERICAN MGB REGISTER

We are an affiliated club of the NAMGBR, which carries certain benefits to our group. To maintain our affiliation, we must have a minimum of 8 of our members that are NAMGBR members. Those who are, please contact Norman Ridgely (772-532-4265 or normridge@yahoo.com) as we have to file our annual report this month to NAMGBR listing, among other items, those members’ names. If you are not a member please consider joining. The dues are \$30 per year. Members receive a great full-color magazine. All MGs are welcome, not just B’s, Midgets, and 1100s.

HISTORY NOTES by Norman Ridgely

Last spring, some of us traveled to Tallahassee to participate in the Big Bend Club’s Rendezvous. While there, I purchased a cloth badge for Pat’s “badge jacket”, which many of you have seen. Some of the badges are from recent meets (early ‘90s on), but some are over 50 years old (from my early MG days). Anyway, studying the badge I purchased from Blair Engle, I discovered that it was a badge from the club which evolved into ours, the Florida MG Touring Club. The badge is over 50 years old, as the MG Car Club – Florida Centre was formally established in 1956. And thanks to Will Bowden of Clermont, a member of the Classic MG Car Club (Orlando), for sending me a membership application from the MG Car Club – Florida Centre which dates back to 1956. A copy is reproduced below. The annual dues back then were \$10, when, I believe, the minimum wage was \$1.00/\$1.25 per hour. Dues did include a monthly magazine from the MG Car Club in England.



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THE M.G. CAR CLUB - FLORIDA CENTRE

1419 Seaboard Coast Line Bldg.
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

HISTORY

The M.G. CAR CLUB was founded in 1930 in Stevenage, England, and has since grown into an international organization with more than 10,000 members throughout the free world.

The FLORIDA CENTRE of the M.G. CAR CLUB was established in 1956 in Jacksonville, Florida and is an official Overseas Centre branch of the parent organization.

DUES

Membership dues are \$10.00 per year payable in September of each year and includes subscription to the following publications:

SAFETY FAST - The official club magazine published monthly by The M.G. CAR CLUB in England.

FLORIDA CENTRE BULLETIN - An informational newsletter published as required by the FLORIDA CENTRE to disseminate news of interest to club members.

CAR BADGE

An official club car badge (chrome and enamel on heavy brass) is available to club members at \$10.00 each, prepaid. Order from FLORIDA CENTRE headquarters and please specify whether for mounting on grill or badge bar.

-----MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION-----

TO: THE M.G. CAR CLUB - FLORIDA CENTRE
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Do NOT USE

OTHER EVENTS:

February 14th – Gold Coast British Sport Car Club 17th Annual British Classic Car Show – Boca Raton – www.goldcoastbritcar.org

February 21st – 14th Annual Elliott Museum Car Show – Stuart – www.elliottmuseumfl.org

March 6 – British Car Show & Celtic Festival – Zephyr Hills
http://www.fsmgcc.com/html/car_show_2010.html

April 3rd - Winter Park All British Car Show - www.allbritishcarclub.com

April 8th-11th, 2010 – GOF South – MK XLIV - Jekyll Island, GA – www.mqclassics.org

April 17th – 16th “Brits on the Bay” – British Car Show, Pensacola – www.pbca1.com

April 19th-23rd – Mile Zero GT6, Key West, details to follow

April 24th – British Motor Classic, Tampa – www.britishmotorclub.net

April 24th – Legends on the Green – Concours d’Elegance, Ponte Verde

June 23rd-27th, 2010 – “MG 2010” NAMGBR – Belleville, Ontario, Canada

September 24-26 – Southeast British Car Festival, Dillard, GA – www.peachtreemq.com

October 15-17 – EURO 2010 – Greenville, SC

October 29-31 – SBCC Annual Car Show – Chattanooga Choo Choo (Tennessee)

October 30 – Brit Bash "Under the Oaks", Vero Beach – MG Car Club Florida’s Annual British Car Show

November 5-7 – JAMBOREE 17 – Riverside Inn, Homosassa - www.fsmgcc.com

June 12-18, 2011 – MG 2011 NA Council of MG Registers – Reno/Tahoe, NV

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.

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

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Members are invited to submit interesting articles about their MGs, Other British Cars and themselves.

We need as many articles written by members as we can get. Submit yours to Norm Ridgely 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!

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For Sale- MG TF 1954. New top & toneau cover. Good chrome. . Luggage rack. New seat covers. New door covers. Runs well. Aluminum side and valve covers. Disk brake kit for front suspension (MGB parts). 4.2 rear axle installed, 3.9 available. Brass sleeves in wheel cylinders. Body wood and metal in good condition. Very new wire wheels. Spin-on oil filter. Chrome driving lights. Garaged. Photos available. \$16,000 321-267-5698 arvon1@bellsouth.net .. (Titusville, Florida)

FOR SALE – MG tf 2004 Roadster – Purchased new in Mexico in 2004. One owner to date. Fully registered in Florida (tag, title, registration, and insurance). Car is clean with some dents and scratches since owner moved to Miami. Needs new soft top, (estimate 400 pounds) 50K Kilometers on clock. Silver. Asking \$25,000. Cell Eduardo Nagy, at 786-315-0068 (Miami).

FOR SALE – 1980 MGB, red with black interior/top, good condition inside and out, new top, engine mechanicals very good. Palm Bay, FL – Joann Kane 321-724-1751, asking \$7,000.

FOR SALE – MGB in Daytona Beach – Best Offer. Contact Michael Brown – 386-760-5744 – kongo127@yahoo.com

Safety Fast !

Club Officials

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