



# MG Car Club—Florida

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## **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:** by Dave Alexander

We have an opportunity to vote for updating our club's seal /badge. Vote for one of the proposed seal/badges shown later in this newsletter, that you feel best represents our club to the general public and other car clubs.

Please, as you are reading this, reach for your phone or email and contact Norm or myself to cast your vote. (see contact info below)

The board is also looking into grill badges for our cars and will put that info out in a future newsletter.

Hope to see you at our May 15<sup>th</sup> event – Drive and Tour of Sebastian Inlet Area Museums.

Dave

## **V.I.B. VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS – THE CLUB'S SEAL – VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS**

Over the past few months, informal discussions have been held concerning replacing the current club seal. When the club's charter was moved from Jacksonville to Melbourne, there was not an existing seal that was in use. The current one of black MG letters on a red shield (see masthead above) was designed by Jerry Keuper and Mike Euziere in 2000 when Mike became our club's president. The recent discussions have centered on having a seal that is brighter in color and depicts our Florida location. The Board of Directors felt that a variation of the seal used for our Golden Anniversary in 2006, which was created by our member, Betty Gregory, fit the bill. At the April Board meeting, it was decided that the members should vote on this important change. At that time, the MG-TD was the only car featured. However, subsequently some felt we should add a modern MG to the scene in the form of an MGB. The voting was to take place at our April monthly tour (April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Warbird Museum), however, since many members were unable to attend, it was decided to put the matter before the membership in the May newsletter. Following are examples of two new proposed seals. One depicts only an MG-TD, which some feel depicts the era in which the club was founded (1956). The other depicts the additional car, an MGB, representing also the last MG manufactured for USA importation, which a majority of the membership owns.

Please give careful consideration to these two seals as we hope everyone will vote on this important matter. You should vote on one of the following choices:

- (1) Retain the current seal;
- (2) The new seal with only the TD
- (3) The new seal with a rubber-bumper MGB in addition to the MG-TD.



To vote, please call or e-mail

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Please VOTE as soon as possible (NOW, for example) or at least by Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. This is an important decision, so please vote one of the choices. The decision will be announced at the meeting/tour on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks.

### MAY EVENT – SATURDAY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> – TO SEBASTIAN INLET

On Saturday morning, the North group will meet on Wave Crest Drive in Indianalantic (East end of 192 / 5<sup>th</sup> ave. at the board walk) at 0930 for a departure time of 10:00 am to Sebastian Inlet, driving south on A1A. The South group will meet the North group at the Sebastian Inlet Fishing Museum in the State Park on the south side of the bridge over the Inlet. The entrance fee to the park is \$4.00 for one person or \$8.00 a car. This is a very interesting museum for everyone, not just fisherpersons. It tells the history of the area's fishing industry.



Following that, we will cruise south to the McLarty Treasure Museum. The entry fee is \$2.00 per person.

This museum features the history of the 1715 Spanish Treasure Fleet. We will then move north a few miles for lunch at the Long Point Café. We have eaten there before on an earlier tour and the food and service was great. Afterwards, for those so inclined, we can go about a mile north to the Barrier Island Sanctuary, part of Brevard County's Parks and Recreation Department's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program. It is on the ocean and the building contains interactive exhibits, a film program, aquariums, a gift shop, and restrooms. It is a focal point for the Archie Carr Refuge. Also on the west side of A1A are hiking trails to the Indian River Lagoon. This is a most interesting spot on A1A. It is open until



5:00 pm. And for those on this tour, you will be the first to know the results of the vote for the club's seal.

### JEKYLL ISLAND GOF – APRIL 9-11, 2010

At 0800 on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Gregorys and Ridgelys pulled out of Vero Beach on their way to GOF South MK XLIV at Jekyll Island, GA. They met Ben Stone and Danica Perhacs on I-95 and picked up Saul Klein in Mims. North of Daytona, the group exited I-95 onto US 1 where they met John & Sharon Spadaro. From there, they proceeded up US 1 to St.



Augustine where they got on A1A and traveled north using the St. Johns River ferry, then traveling through Amelia Island



taking US 17 north to Jekyll. All told 313 miles in a little over 9 hours (from Vero) but a great drive with a lot of good scenery. The host hotel was situated on the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. Friday saw the arrival of Tom & Ritva Bowman and Dave Alexander and Louise Husband. Our club had 13 people with 5 MGs in attendance. Friday afternoon was the First Timers Show and it was a premier event in itself

with many outstanding cars. (The show is for cars not in attendance at a previous GOF, unless with new owners or recently restored.) That night was a Low Country Boil dinner, under a tent next to the Atlantic Ocean. It was a great event except for the “no-seeums”.

Saturday morning was beautiful with a nice breeze off the ocean with over 70 cars displayed. Each registrant had the opportunity to vote on their favorites in each class. After lunch, participants could avail themselves of Glenn’s tech session or a self-guided tour of the island. The awards banquet that evening was a grand affair with 2 of our members taking a 1<sup>st</sup> in class against very strong competition in both classes. John Spadaro, with his newly restored MGB rubber-bumper won 1<sup>st</sup> and Pat Ridgely won 1<sup>st</sup> in MGB-GT with the strongest and most GTs she has ever competed against. But Ken Gregory also won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in rubber-bumper Bs. He ALSO won the biggest prize, over \$200 in the 50/50.



Sunday again dawned bright but windy. Most all were on the road by 11 am and arrived home without mishap. A great time was had by all. The event was hosted by MG Classics of Jacksonville and a mighty fine job they did.

Next year, the GOF South will be held on the Gulf of Mexico in the City of Mermaids: Weeki Wachee, Florida. The dates are April 8-10, 2011. Put it on your calendar and plan to attend, you will have a great time!

### LAST MONTH’S TOUR – WARBIIRD MUSEUM – SATURDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>

The club toured north to the Tico Airport to visit the Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum. Through the kind efforts of Saul Klein’s neighbor, Tom Etters, we were able to park our LBCs on the ramp side of their main hanger and in front of a 1932 DeHavilland DG82A “Tiger Moth” wheeled outside just for us. (Thanks a lot, Tom.) Our docent turned out to be an ex-Brit, John Kirk, a most interesting fellow. In 1944, at 14, as was the custom in war torn England, all the “lads and lassies” were expected to turn to doing something for the war effort. John



lived a few miles from an aerodrome so he got himself a job there servicing and taxiing Tiger Moths every morning to the flight line as they were the basic trainer for prospective RAF pilots. He eventually soloed in one himself and went on to become an RAF jet fighter pilot. He’s now 80 and shared with us most interesting stories of his flying career. Since our last visit in January 2007, they have acquired or finished rebuilding new additions to their collection. After touring the hanger and the display inside, we motored to lunch in Titusville at the Dixie Crossroads restaurant, where we all enjoyed our

meals. Those attending this event were: Pat & Al Allen, Ed & Pam Price, Saul Klein, Norm & Pat Ridgely, Dave Alexander & Louise Husband, and Linda Knoblock & Mark.

## UPCOMING MGCC-F EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> – TO SEBASTIAN INLET (see above)

SATURDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> – MORNING MYSTERY TOUR AND LUNCH

SATURDAY, JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> – BREVARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLANATARIUM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> – TBA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – TBA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> – BRIT BASH AT VERO BEACH'S RIVERSIDE PARK

Contact Danica Perhacs, Show Chairman - 772-770-0083, [britbash@comcast.net](mailto:britbash@comcast.net)

## 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.

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

September 24-26 – Southeast British Car Festival, Dillard, GA – [www.peachtreemg.com](http://www.peachtreemg.com)

October 15-17 – EURO 2010 – Greenville, SC

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

October 30 – Brit Bash, Riverside Park, Vero Beach

November 5-7 – JAMBOREE 17 – Riverside Inn, Homosassa - [www.fsmgcc.com](http://www.fsmgcc.com)

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

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

## MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Members are invited to submit interesting articles about their MG or MGs and themselves.

We need as many articles written by members as we can get. Submit yours to Norm Ridgely at [normridge@yahoo.com](mailto: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** – the front seats from the Ridgely's 1967 MGB/GT. The seats were rebuilt September 2004 and new sheepskin (grey) covers were put on them in March 2006. Asking \$300. 772-532-4265.

**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** – 1980 MGB Limited Edition with 80,000 miles. This comes from Adam Puyear, son of the owner who has no access to the internet. The car has a black top in excellent condition, a very nice saddle interior, new starter, battery, and several new seals and gaskets. The car is original, including wheels, except for normal maintenance items. It is in great shape and runs great and located in Venice, Florida. Priced at \$7500 obo. Phone the owner, Bill, at 941-468-0057 for more information or email Adam at [adamwpuyear@gmail.com](mailto:adamwpuyear@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE** – MGB Overdrive Transmissions – I have 6 late model MGB overdrive transmissions for Sale: 3 for Chrome bumper cars 1968-1974 and 3 for Rubber bumper cars 1974 ½ -1980. The transmissions were purchased from Andy Jennings Spares, ([www.mgcars.org.uk/andyjennings](http://www.mgcars.org.uk/andyjennings)), an English salvage yard near Southampton. These transmissions have been bench tested and run on a Dynamometer to check the overdrive unit, by Man-Trans ([www.manual-transmission.com](http://www.manual-transmission.com)), one of the leading re-manufacturers of manual transmissions and transfer cases in the U.S.. man Trans is located in Tallahassee, Florida. I have recently installed an overdrive transmission in my 1971 MGB and am exceedingly pleased with it. I am asking \$500 per transmission, plus shipping costs (estimated to be somewhat less than \$100). Please contact me at in Tallahassee at 850-562-1334 or by email [ddevick@comcast.net](mailto:ddevick@comcast.net) Dave Devick

**FOR SALE** - 1971 TR6 Triumph – No Rust, low mileage. Trade for MG of equal value – up or down. 863-763-0894 Please leave message Albert Mace (Okeechobee)

**WANTED** – TF in restorable condition. Contact Joe Smith (Ocala) at 352-804-5877 or [smiithlin@embarqmail.com](mailto:smiithlin@embarqmail.com)

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