



MG Car Club—Florida

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SEPTEMBER 2010

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

I hope everyone is looking forward to the dinner this month. It should be a pleasant drive being in the evening hours. Please note that it is the 4th Saturday, the 25th of September (see details below).

We are getting close to our big show so the push is on for volunteers, so please call Danica, Norm or myself as soon as you can to get involved. Due to the Vero location and the other co-event on the field, we expect this year's event to draw the largest field of entrants and spectators that we have ever had, so please volunteer.

Also, to help with the show planning and workload, please pre-register your car now. (Info & registration form at www.mgcarclubflorida.org)

Your club thanks you for your support,
Dave

SEPTEMBER EVENT - Saturday, September 25th, 2010



We will be meeting for dinner at 6:30 pm on the FOURTH Saturday down south on A1A at the Sebastian Beach Inn. The address is 7035 South Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach (phone 321-728-4311). This is late enough in the day to miss the hottest time of the day; and, if you want, drive your non-LBC with AIR. But please plan to come, socialize with your fellow members and enjoy a great meal. We would greatly appreciate a call letting us know you're coming, so we can prepare the restaurant (Norm: 772-532-4265 or normridge@yahoo.com or Dave: 321-213-7051 or iamcaptain@mindspring.com)

LAST MONTH'S EVENT – Saturday, August 20th, 2010

Harbor City Diner saw 19 of our members arrive at 9:00 am for a great breakfast. We ended up taking over two large tables. We also had at least six MGs in the parting lot. Prez. Dave held a brief meeting in the parking lot under some trees. The main topic was the September meeting and at the suggestion of Ester Adams, we will be going to the Sebastian Beach Inn. The upcoming car show was also discussed. Those in attendance were: Dave Alexander, Al & Pat Allen, Mike Euziere, Helen Kingston, Brian Mitchell, Ginny Mitchell, Richard & Pat Jablonski, Tom & Ritva Bowman, Linda Knoblock, Mitchel Senical, Saul Klein, Esther & Matthew Adams, Len Coppold, Pat & Norm Ridgely, and Bill Van Dell (former member) came by later to say “hello”.



OUR BIG SHOW - BRIT BASH 2010 FRIDAY/SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH / 30TH

BRIT BASH



A CELEBRATION OF BRITISH MOTORCARS & MOTORCYCLES



The invitation and registration forms have been sent to all past participants and other British car clubs, they are on our website and early registrations are starting to come in. A colorful poster/flyer is in the process of being developed. We will have the Vero Beach Rotary Club on site also with a scare crow exhibit. They are sharing the cost of the park with us but will be using an area we do not need to utilize. They also will attract additional spectators. The layout of the parking by classes is being developed and we are seeking volunteers to work the show. Please call Danica, Norm or Dave to let us know what area you would like to assist in. This show benefits the club as a whole, so please call.

MEMBER PROFILE – DAVE ALEXANDER

AN ON GOING AFFAIR WITH BRITISH AUTOMOBILES

If there is blame for this (On Going Affair), it would have to go to my parents - mother a very talented artist and architectural draft person, and father a professional aircraft/space vehicle mechanic.



1960 found my mother getting the family's first "sport" car, a 1959 MGA. Little did we know how much that car was to play in my future.

Not long after that I got my first car - yep, a 1957 MGA, only with the engine in boxes in the boot. This was a foretelling of the way in my future. Seems a large portion of my cars come to me, shall we say, in less than pristine condition.

Late 1968 found me joining the US Navy and leaving my 1960 mini (just traded my current MGA straight up for it) with mom and dad.

1970 found me stationed in Jacksonville commuting to Melbourne every weekend, courting my first wife in my first “B”. Where and how did I get it? - built it beside a farmer’s barn out of two B’s that nobody wanted.

Late 1972 found me back in Melbourne working for the BMC dealer and IPD (Imported Parts Distributors). Logic says two part-time jobs equals one fulltime job. Talk about somebody with a sweet tooth working in a candy factory.

I have lived and worked in the Melbourne area ever since. Through all my career and family changes, the main constant has been my connection with British automobiles.



My daughter calls me a “gear head” - I take that as a term of endearment.

Currently you can find me working professionally in engineering for a major military supply firm ... and for pleasure...playing with old British cars.

The “Affair” continues.....(Dave’s New Garage Business Location -Saul)



-Dave

UPCOMING MGCC-F EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th – Dinner at Sebastian Beach Inn (see page 1)

FRIDAY/SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH / 30th – BRIT BASH AT VERO BEACH'

Remember you are needed to assist in our club’s car show. Contact Danica Perhacs, Show Chairman - 772-770-0083, britbash@comcast.net to volunteer.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th - TBA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH – ANNUAL TOUR TO HISTORIC BOK GARDENS, SINGING TOWER, AND PINEWOOD ESTATE, LAKE WALES

ALSO IN DECEMBER – HOLIDAY PARTY - TBA

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.

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

October 15-17 – EURO 2010 – Greenville, SC

October 23 – 24th Annual All British Field Meet, Safety Harbor

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

October 30 – Brit Bash, Riverside Park, Vero Beach- 772-770-0083, britbash@comcast.net

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

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 MG's 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 – the front seats from the Ridgelys 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. (10/10)

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. (10/10)

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) (10/10)

Safety Fast!

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