



MG Car Club—Florida

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: by Dave Alexander

You all know it is hot, so I will not but mention it It's hot.

On the up side we have been getting some rain most afternoons and evenings.

Lets see if I covered the Florida summer short comings of our LBC's. They are miserable to drive when it is hot out, they are not a lot of fun when you get soaked in the rain, and we love them, I don't see anything wrong with this picture, do you?

Things to remember;

RSVP to Norm or myself for the Pizza Gallery and Grill on Saturday, 17 September.

Contact Danica to volunteer to help at Brit Bash.

Call Ed Price with your nominations for club officers.

Put an empty Mayo jar on the counter for your loose change, mark it "MGCCF DUES".

Hope to see you all Saturday the 17th.

THIS MONTH'S EVENT - SATURDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER

HOT! HOT! HOT! It is still warm so we have planned a late afternoon/early evening event which does not include a driving tour. We plan to meet at The

Pizza Gallery and Grill in The Avenues at

Viera Shopping Center for libations, food, and ice cream on Saturday, September 17th.

We have met here in the past and enjoyed choosing from their extensive menu; this is

not a "pizza joint", but features "designer" pizzas and other Italian delights (meat and

fish) to please everyone. We plan to meet there at 4:00 pm and will have the back

room again. **IMPORTANT!!** Please call either Dave (321-213-7051) or Norman (772-

532-4265) to let us know if you can come as we need a count for this restaurant.



Please call by Thursday, September 15th. And should you find you can come at the last minute and you have not called, come anyway.

AUGUST EVENT – LONG POINT CAFÉ

On a beautiful blue-sky Saturday, August 20th, a dozen members of the club met at the Long Point Café in Melbourne Beach at 9:30 for breakfast. Nine drove down from Indialantic and 3 came up from Vero Beach to this delightful restaurant just north of the Sebastian Inlet. This was our first time there for breakfast, though we've met there in the past for both lunch and dinner. The cars consisted of 4 MGs, 1 Mini, 1 Triumph, and 2 "others". We had a great meal, much camaraderie, and missed those of you not there.



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

**September 1st Bob Underwood
September 11th Jordan Roberts
September 17th Suzanne Edwards
September 21st Pat Allen**

Enjoy your special days – Celebrate!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

**September 3rd Jim & Mimi Bailey
September 7th Jim & Joan Aldridge
September 16th Brian & Cynthia Cervini**

May there be many more!

SALE ON CLUB HATS, SHIRTS AND CAR DOOR MAGNETS

We have white bill hats with the club's logo for \$15.00 each. We have a Medium size, cobalt blue collared and pocketed pima pique golf shirt for \$25 with the new

logo. And we have magnetic door signs with the new logo. They are \$30 for a pair (one for each door) or \$15 for one (if you want to just put one on your hood or trunk lid). Call Al Allen for inquiries or to place an order at 321-259-6957.

CLUB SEEKING NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Time for someone else to have the fun! It's time to step up, serve your club, and share your skills. Anyone with any interest in this position should contact Norman Ridgely (772-532-4265) or Ed Price (321-632-2207).

CLUB ELECTIONS COMING IN NOVEMBER

The club's offices and directors serve a two year term. These terms are coming to their conclusion in December. Article VII of the By-Laws outlines the procedure for the election. The president appoints a Ballot Chairman; Ed Price has been appointed by Dave. All positions are open: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one director for each 25 memberships (member households) or fraction thereof as of September 1st. Any current officer or director may stand for re-election. Any member desiring to stand for election must contact the Ballot Committee of their intention no later than October 15th, 2011. The committee then mails ballots to each household as soon as possible after October 15th. The voted ballot should be returned by mail to the club's PO Box or brought to the November 19th meeting, at which time the ballots will be tabulated and the person receiving the majority of votes shall be elected. At this time, the current secretary, Pat Ridgely, will not be a candidate for that position. Those elected in November will guide your club for the next two years. Give careful thought if you would like to be one of them, either as officer or director. If you are interested, or have any questions, call Ed Price, the Ballot Chairman. All nominees must consent to being nominated; write-ins are not allowed. Ed's evening phone is 321-632-2207.

SCHEDULED CLUB EVENTS

Sept. 17, 2011 – early evening dinner and meeting at The Pizza Gallery, Viera. See above for details

October 1st – Joint event with the Classic MG Club of Orlando. An overnighter (if you wish) at the Tuckaway Resort, Indian Harbour Beach. The Orlando group will arrive Saturday afternoon and have reserved the party room for that evening for “wine and cheese” or whatever, prior to selecting a suitable local dining establishment to visit. We can do a local morning tour, as it should be cooler by then, joining up with them in the afternoon. More details later.

October 15th – This is our normal club meeting day, but due to the upcoming Brit Bash show, we will not meet. However, those wishing to offer themselves for a position of an officer or director of the Club must submit their name to the Ballot Committee Chair by that date.

October 28-29, 2011 – BRIT BASH!!! Our annual car show at Riverside Park in Vero Beach. We need **VOLUNTEERS** for the various committees. Contact Danica Perhacs at britbash@comcast.net or 772-770-0083.

November 19, 2011 – This is **ELECTION DAY**. We will be doing a tour in South Brevard and north Indian River Counties, ending up (as is our custom) at Marsh Landing Restaurant in Fellsmere for final voting and ballot counting. Details to follow.

December 3rd – The MGCC-F's annual tour to Bok Tower and Gardens in Lake Wales. Details in the October Newsletter. Save the date – always a favorite.

December 17, 2011 – The MGCC-F's Annual Holiday Party – Details to follow.

OTHER EVENTS

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 – so far the Spadaros and Ridgelys plan to go. Why not join with them for the trip to Athens and back?

Oct. 22 – All-British Field Meet & Auto Jumble – Safety Harbor, FL

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

November 4-6 – NAMGBR Annual General Meeting, Dillard, GA

November 4-6 – Southeast British Car Club Annual Car Show, Chattanooga, TN

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:

1974 MGB in very good to excellent condition. Asking \$19,000. Have entire folder of pictures and have included a few. Car is located in Valdosta, GA. Contact Rich at rcfees@bellsouth.net



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, 2 MGBs 1970 and 1971- 1971 has a Florida title, 1970 does not have a title. Both cars are mostly complete with engines that are NOT frozen, which means with a little fiddling they should be persuaded to run. Both are non drivers as they are, but could make 1 good driver by combining the two. Asking \$1500 for both. The cars are located in the Melbourne area, Contact Ed Dow at 352-231-1859



For Sale - 1974 MGB chrome bumper, quality, documented restoration, body taken to bare metal, repaired and painted (base clear) BRG, all new chrome and rubber, mini lite wheels, engine rebuilt (less than 2,000 miles), Moss supercharger, street cam, MG 5 speed, 16 row oil cooler, petronix, performance headers, stainless exhaust, spax adjustable shocks rear, 3/4" sway bar front, new master cylinder brakes and rotor, new gas tank, new black leather interior, Moto Lita steering wheel, roll bar, trunk carpet kit, and lots more, one of the nicest MGB's you'll ever see. 1st place at the 2010 Ormond Beach Festival of Speed show. Over \$28,000 spent on restoration (have all receipts) \$15,000.00 OBO contact John Clifton at 904-540-5588 or email for pictures and info johnscsa@juno.com.

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**For Sale – 1970 MGB – Excellent condition, many updated components. \$13,500
Len Coppold 321-752-0737 lcoppold@hotmail.com (Jul 11)**



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