



# MG Car Club—Florida

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## **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:** by Kenny Gregory

**Hello Friends,**

**It was good to see everyone at Ray and Mary Pollocks. I'm sure you all enjoyed a great breakfast! I really liked Mary's unique method of cooking the omelets. I would like to extend sincere thanks for their hospitality!**

**March brings us beautiful weather as well as plenty of visitors from "up North" and automotive events of all types happening every weekend. This month I will forgo my usual trip to the Sebring races to attend the AACA National Winter meet in Melbourne, with many of you, on March 17. This gathering of The Classics will prove to be very impressive and is sure to draw hundred's of cars, many of concours quality! Afterwards, we will dine at a "to be determined" restaurant.**

**On April 21, the Club member's are invited on a tour to Hayes Harris' Wire Wheel Classic Sport's Car in Vero Beach. I would like to thank Hayes for his generous invitation and support. I hope to see you all there!**

**Until then!**

**Kenny**

## **FEBRUARY'S EVENT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**

**Nineteen of our fellow members gathered at Ray & Mary Pollock's home on the Lagoon in Cocoa for a great breakfast social. As**



**usual, everyone had a great time. In attendance were: Ken & Betty Gregory, Dave Alexander & Louise Husband, Richard Jensen, Helen & Frank Kingston, Al Allen,**



**Linda Raupp, Brian & Ginny Mitchell, Bob Webb, Len Coppold, Tony & Donna Bevilacqua, Ray & Brenda Banville, and, of course, Ray & Mary Pollock.**

## **THIS MONTH'S EVENT, SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH**

The Antique Automobile Club of America is holding their first of the year NATIONAL event in Melbourne on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. It is the Southeast

Division National Winter Meet and runs from Thursday through Saturday, March 15-17. Saturday is the day of the car show, 11 am to 3 pm, at which only pre-registered AACA members may show their vehicles. There is no admission charge for the public to view the cars. There will be in excess of 300 cars, most

of which will be judged for originality. Some of our members have cars entered and some also will be acting as judges. All members are encouraged to attend this fantastic exhibition of cars from the very early 1900's through 1987 on the show field; all makes and models, many very rare. The club will gather at Frank Kingston's office in downtown Melbourne at 9 AM. The address is ABS Structural Corp., 700 E. Melbourne Ave. This street is one block south of New Haven. At about 9:30, the group will depart for the show field. There are plans for the group to go to lunch after viewing the show to a yet-to-be-determined restaurant. This event will be held in the fields to the north and west of the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place, which is east of the airport; nearby major intersection is Babcock & NASA Blvd.

## **Where The Past Keeps On Rolling**



## **BACK ROADS TOUR TO DON "BIG DADDY" GARLITS MUSEUM – SAT., MAY 19TH**



Many of our members have requested an "overnighter" to a near-by attraction and we think we have come up with a great tour. Saturday morning May 19, we will

meet early, just east of I-95 in Mims (the exit north of Titusville) at the McDonald's. We will drive west from there on SR46 winding our way on back roads through Sanford, staying north of Eustis, and south of Bellview, coming to the Garlits Museum (next to I-75 at Exit 341). Don Garlits is the National Hot Rod Association's #1 Drag Racer of All Time. His museum houses not only drag racers but an impressive collection of classic and antique cars in over 50,000 square feet of space. In fact, Norman Ridgely purchased a 1964 MGB tourer from Don in 1985 that had only 18,000 miles on it, which Don used as a personal car while rebuilding his own B. When purchased, the B was on exhibit in the museum for over 5 years. Norm was familiar with Don as an aspiring drag racer from Tampa in the early 1950's when he was also drag racing in the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale area.

We will stay over at the Sleep Inn next to the museum. This is a AAA 3-Diamond hotel. The rate, providing we use at least 10 rooms, is only \$79 plus tax. There are restaurants in walking distance, including a Cracker Barrel across the street. Sunday morning, after breakfast at the hotel (included in the room rate), we plan to drive south to Mount Dora for sightseeing, shopping, and lunch on your own. We will leave at a pre-determined time for a return drive on SR 46 to Mims and then home. Remember, this is all on BACK ROADS. For those who do not want to overnight, you may bid your farewells after the museum tour or dinner and return home that evening. The mileage from Mims to Garlits is about 95 miles and drive time is about 2 hours. Mount Dora to Mims is about 54 miles and time is about 1-1/4 hours. We will be inviting some other clubs to join us, such as the Classic MG Club in Orlando, the Florida Suncoast Club in St. Pete, and others. So we look for a big turnout. Time is pressing for the hotel reservations which you need to make on your own. The phone number is 352-347-8383. Tell them you are with the MG Car Club. Please call them no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> to reserve your room. Also, please call Norm Ridgely to let him know so he will have a roster of those attending (772-532-4265).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS - \*indicates a club event**

**\* March 17<sup>th</sup> – AACA Southeast National Meet, Melbourne, FL – see earlier notice**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> - GOF Orlando sponsored by the Classic MG Club of Orlando**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**GOF SOUTH MK. XLVI, MARCH 23-25, 2012**

Name: (include ALL in your party – for name badges) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

First Entry: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Second Entry: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a First Timer? \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEES**

**Car Registration + 2 persons (\$40.00 after 3/1/2012) \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Registration of additional persons \$10.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration, each additional car (no charge) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Meet and Greet Friday evening buffet (Mardi Gras Buffet)\* \$25.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday evening banquet (Beef w/veggies or Salmon Rockefeller)\* \$40.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate # Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Pre-Registration (\$40.00 on day of show) \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tee- Shirts – (M)\_\_\_\_(W)\_\_\_\_ Med \_\_\_\_\_ LG \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Polo Shirts – (M)\_\_\_\_(W)\_\_\_\_ Med \_\_\_\_\_ LG \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate number required \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED (make check payable to “Classic MG Club”) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**RELEASE AND WAIVER:** In consideration of and for the right to participate in the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of the Faithful, I, on my behalf and on behalf of all members of my party attending the event, release the Classic MG Club of Orlando Inc., all of the participating clubs, event sponsors and the **Hilton Altamonte Springs**, from any and all liability for damage to myself, my party, my car, or other property, while traveling to and from the event and while attending the event.

*Driver and Passenger sign below:*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Paul Plasschaert, 1304 Wellington Terrace, Maitland, FL 32751 with a check made payable to the Classic MG Club. For more information, contact Al Cook at 407-678-6814 or e-mail [arcpa@mpinet.net](mailto:arcpa@mpinet.net)

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – AACA Indian River Region Car Show, Riverside Park, Vero Beach**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> – All British Car Show, Winter Park**





## All British Car Show Registration

# 28th Annual Winter Park All British Car Show

Saturday 31 March 2012 Rain or Shine

Name:		Your British Car					
Address:		Year:					
City:		Make:					
State:	Zip:	Model:	Color				
Phone:		E-Mail Address:					
Individual Pre-registration fee \$25 per car Registration must be received by <b>03/25/2012</b> to include your free T-Shirt (a \$15 value) <b>No FREE Tee at the MEET and GREET</b>		T-Shirt Size:	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
		For each additional tee shirt add \$15.00 to the total					
Please Circle yes or no if plan to attend the Meet and Greet on Friday from 5:00-6.30 at the Best Western Mt. Vernon Inn. Winter Park, Florida.		Yes	No	Circle M L XL XXL XXXL			

**Checks Payable to: CF British Car Club Mail to Attn: Jim McSweeney,**

**Please Mark Your Vehicle's Make and Model Class**

A	MG 1929-1955	N	Triumph TR6 1974-1976	ZR	Mini (Rollup Window)
B	MGA	O	Triumph TR7, TR8 & Stag	AA	New Mini
C	MGB/C 1962-1974 Chrome Bumper	P	Triumph Spitfire & GT6	BB	Morgan
D	MGB 1974.5-1980 Rubber Bumper	Q	Jaguar XK120, 140 & 150	CC	Lotus
E	MGB/C GT (All years)	R	Jaguar Early Sedans thru 1987	DD	Land Rover
F	AH Bug eye, Sprite & MG Midget	S	Jaguar E Type Series I & II	EE	Rolls Royce/Bentley
G	Austin Healey 100	T	Jaguar E Type Series III	FF	British Modified*
H	Austin Healey with Side Curtains	U	Jaguar XJS	GG	Open Class Pre-War (All Marques not included above from 1944 and before)
J	Austin Healey 3000 Roll Up Win	V	Jaguar -later sedans 1987-on		
K	Triumph TR2 & TR3	W	Jaguar XK & XK8	HH	Open Class Post-War (All Marques not included above from 1945 and after)
L	Triumph TR4, TR4A & TR250	Y	Sunbeam		
M	Triumph TR6 1969-1973	ZS	Mini (Slide Window)		FREE Valve Cover Racing Entry

**3516 Seaford Lane, Casselberry, Florida 32707 Sorry, no kit cars allowed.**

\* All Visibly Modified Cars, e.g. Engine conversion, etcetera.

**NEW THIS YEAR: Swap Meet Area set up for Registrants (AUTO JUMBLE)**

*I am aware of the hazards with motor vehicle events and specifically release and indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsor, the City of Winter Park and the Winter Park All British Car Show Committee collectively and separately, for any and all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guest while participating in the Winter Park All British Car Show. I understand and agree that the Winter Park All British Car Show Committee reserves the right to revoke my registration and retain my registration fee should I engage in reckless dangerous and/or unsafe behavior. I Have Read, Understand and Agree to this release.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Check out our WEBSITE for more info: [www.allbritishcarclub.com](http://www.allbritishcarclub.com)

**April 7<sup>th</sup> – “Wheels Across the Pond”, Jupiter**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> – All British Car Show, Davis Island, Tampa**

**\* April 16<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F Board of Directors meeting**

**\* April 21<sup>st</sup> – Tour to Hayes Harris’ Wire Wheel Classic Sports Car in Vero Beach. Hayes is a fellow club member and a generous sponsor of the Club’s annual car show – BRIT BASH (details to follow)**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> – All British Car Show, Pensacola, Florida**

**April 23-27 – NAMGAR Key West**

**April 27-29 – Walter Mitty Races, Road Atlanta**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – Moorings Wheels & Keels Show, Vero Beach (Details will follow)**



100 Harbour Drive, Vero Beach, FL 32963

**April 28, 2012**

Pre-Registration \$20 Car & Driver • Same Day Registration \$30

Participation Requested in Saturday's

**"Red Carpet Exit" with James Redman**

*Secured Parking Friday Evening for Early Registration*

Friday 5:30 pm...Early Registration for Captains & Drivers  
6:30 pm...Cocktails & Dinner (optional cost) *Dinner \$20-*  
*Dressy Casual-No Denim*

Saturday 8:00 am...Photo-op & Line-up  
*Casual Dress for the day-No Denim*  
10:00 am...Show Time  
12:00 am...Lunch by the Pool (optional cost) *\$20-*  
2:00 pm...People's Choice Awards and "Red Carpet Exit"

**Questions & Information**

Gavin 772-234-0806 Vince 772-234-2836 George 772-234-1120

Show is limited to 75 Cars & 15 Boats  
Committee reserves the right to select entries

**May 12<sup>th</sup> – Springtime in the Smokies, Townsend, TN**

**\* May 19<sup>th</sup> – Don Garlits Museum of Speed & Antique Cars, Belleview – (See previous article)**

**May 27-June 2 – British Car Awareness Week (drive 'em) [www.mg2012.com](http://www.mg2012.com)**

**June 6-10 –North American MGB Register "MG 2012" – Dillard, GA – This is the Register's annual gathering and the first in the south in 6 years. At least 10 of our members are going, so why not join them. Norman has received a number of calls from interested members. He is compiling a list so if you wish to go, call him to get on the list so he can advise those who wish to drive up over two days or one day with others of the same interest. Norman, Saul and others are planning on an overnigher leaving on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and arriving at Dillard on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The return will be leaving Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and a possible**

overnight stop will be determined during the day. Pat & Norm did Dillard to Vero Beach a couple of years ago in about 11-1/2 hours (via 441 to I-75 south of Macon, GA, then I-75 to Turnpike to SR 60). That was “drive” time, over 650 miles. Website is [www.mg2012](http://www.mg2012).

**\* June 16<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F’s Annual Picnic & Photo Shoot – This is not your usual picnic. This is a contest as to who has the best presentation of an English style picnic. Refer to photo of last year’s winners, Pam & Ed Price. They will give you an idea of what the judges will be looking for. (If you just want to grab a sub and coke & come, that’s okay, too.) This year’s picnic will be held at Ben Stone’s and Danica Perhacs’ place in Vero Beach. (Details will follow)**



**July 9-13 – NAMGAR – “GT37”, Dayton, Ohio**

**\* July 16<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F Board of Directors meeting**

**\* July 21<sup>st</sup> – MGCC-F monthly event – open at this time – any suggestions?**

**July 21-22 – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Pittsburg Vintage Grand Prix (MG is the Marque of the Year) [www.pvqp.org](http://www.pvqp.org)**

**\* August 18<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F – late afternoon, early evening dinner party & social gathering at the Kingston’s on South Tropical Trail (details to follow)**

**September 7-9 – Brits on the Shoals, Rogersville, Alabama**

**\* September 15<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F monthly event – open at this time – any suggestions?**

**\* October 15<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F Board of Directors meeting**



**\* October 26-27 – BRIT BASH – our annual British Motor Car Exhibition with the Meet & Greet the preceding night**

**November 1-3 – Southeast British Car Club, “Chattanooga Choo Choo”, Tennessee**

**November 2-4 – JAMBOREE, Homosassa, Florida – the Bi-Annual meet put on by the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club of St. Petersburg. This is always a fun event NOT to be missed. (details to follow)**

**\* November 17<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F monthly event – open at this time – any suggestions?**

**\* December 15<sup>th</sup> – MGCC-F Annual Holiday Party - this is a tentative date with details and location to be established. Any suggestions?**

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

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS - MARCH**

**A very happy NINETY-ITH (90<sup>th</sup>) to LEN COPPOLD on the 25<sup>th</sup>!**

**Esther Adams (3<sup>rd</sup>), Ginny Mitchell (3<sup>rd</sup>), Martin Dowzall (4<sup>th</sup>), Bob Parks (18<sup>th</sup>), JoAnn Stratton (20<sup>th</sup>), Diane Grassick (24<sup>th</sup>), Karl Steene (25<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth Craig (27<sup>th</sup>), Mary Pollock (29<sup>th</sup>)**

**Enjoy your special days – Celebrate!**

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – MARCH**

**None**

### **WEBMASTER VISITS HOLMES REGIONAL**

**Saul Klein had trouble with his vision on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> (His Birthday!!) . Maureen took him to her eye surgeon immediately, who told him he had a “small” stroke and to go to the hospital ASAP, which he did. He was thoroughly examined and tested, put on medication, and released on Tuesday, February 21st. Saul was told it might be up to 6 weeks before his vision would improve, but he reports that it has already improved to 99.9% and is feeling great. Good news.**

### **DUES – 2012 – TIME TO RENEW**

**Dues are still only \$15 and were due December 31<sup>st</sup>; if you've not sent your check yet for 2012, please do so without further delay and mail it to**

**MG Car Club – Florida  
P O Box 410471  
Melbourne, FL 32941**

**Thank you.**

**Please keep your eyes open for MGs in your area and leave the Club's business card if the owner is not available. You don't have any cards? Get some at the next function or call Helen Kingston at 321-773-1455.**

**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!**

***Safety Fast!***

**Club Officials**

**Ken Gregory 772-633-0873 (President)**

**Linda Knoblock 321-544-4569 (Vice-President)**

**Brian Mitchell (321-254-9605 (Secretary)**

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

**Norm Ridgely 772-532-4265 (Newsletter Editor)**

**Saul Klein 321-269-0236 (Webmaster)**

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**Jerry Keuper Chairman Emeritus (In Memoriam)**

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