



UPDATES

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Hi all, here is a brief "UPDATE" for MG Car Club Florida members and interested persons. A complete, comprehensive MGCCF "Florida Octagon" Club newsletter will be published & distributed quarterly.. Please visit our club's website at www.mgcarclubflorida.org - Calendar/Events, hundreds of photos and numerous newsletters are on-line ...

Next Club Event!- ANNUAL PHOTO SHOOT & PICNIC!! Saturday, July 20, 2013, 10:30am - Palm Bay Regional Park, Boy Scout Pavillion .. Everyone Invited to be there!!!



We have planned a PHOTO SHOOT AND PICNIC to be held at the Palm Bay Regional Park starting at 10:30 AM on Saturday, July 20th. The photo-shoot is for the purpose of posting photos of ALL our members' cars on the Club's website, and to provide each member with a nice photo of their car. On last page of this newsletter is a form to be filled out (or updated) with information on your car that can be posted on the website with the photo. Also, you may limit the use of your name to first name only, or omit it entirely if you desire. Your choice. And this not just for "show" cars; we want all cars, from "show" to "works in progress", "beaters", whatever. The Park is located on Malabar Road approximately six (6) miles west of I-95, on the north side (if you hit a dirt road, you went a little too far!). We will meet at the Boy Scout Pavilion (reserved for our use) located in the northwest section of the park. (see map) Please bring food and drinks for all in your party as the club is not planning to provide anything. There will be a prize for the most unique picnic basket and/or arrangement. The pavilion is ours from 10 to 2.



NORTH AMERICAN MGB REGISTER – IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order for our club to remain a member chapter of the NAMGBR, at least eight of our members must maintain a membership in NAMGBR. Would those of you who are current members please contact Norman Ridgely by either phone or e mail so we can be sure that all our members are accounted for on their roster. Please do this ASAP. Thank you.

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Brief Review of Recent Events:

Sebastian Inlet Tour and Lunch – Saturday, May 18, 2013-



This was a terrific event, rendezvous at Golden Corral, then back roads and a stop at antique store in Grant and having a nice lunch at the new Sebastian Inlet Grill restaurant- Terrific Ocean Views! Lots of photos at www.mgcarclubflorida.org

Eau Gallie Art District LBC Exhibit – Friday, June 7, 2013-



A special event!- MGCCF was invited to exhibit their LBC's on a Friday evening, sponsored by the EGAD.. Good public turnout, local musicians, art, food.. and HOT!! Photos at www.mgcarclubflorida.org

AN EXPLANATION- “MG”, But “All British”!

Over the years, some have questioned why the club has not seen fit to drop “MG” from the club’s name in favor of a more generic name as some other clubs have done in order to appear to be more inclusive of other makes of British cars. Some have stated they would join us if we did change the name.

When the MG Car Club-Florida was founded in 1956, sports cars in this country, and especially in Florida, were extremely popular and all makes had strong sales figures. All the makes had their own clubs on the local level. In cities with large populations, clubs formed whose members consisted of a great cross section of makes. One such club was the Miami Sports Car Club, with over 200 members in the mid-50s, who owned every make made. In addition to social events they held races and rallies. Tampa, Orlando, and Jacksonville had similar clubs. Combined, they put on the Great Florida Triangle Rally which started at different points in Florida and ended at Chalet Suzanne in Lake Wales. As to racing, they put on the Orange Bowl Races in Miami and early Sebring events, in conjunction with the SCCA.

Our MGCC-F actually started out as the Florida MG Touring Club in Jacksonville. When the club became an overseas affiliate of the MG Car Club in the UK (founded by John Thornley in 1930 under the auspices of the MG Car Company), it changed its name to MG Car Club-Florida Centre. That was in 1956! To our knowledge, our club is the oldest MG marque club still existing in Florida, if not in the US, and possibly the oldest Florida sports car club. The reason for not changing the name is simple: History. We are no longer a Centre of the MG Car Club (U.K.) but some of our members belong to it.

We do welcome ALL British cars. There is no discrimination. If we were still a centre, non-MG owners would not have a vote in club matters. For that reason, we would not re-affiliate with MGCC (UK). Your car, be it a Triumph, Austin Healy, Jensen, Jaguar, Reilly, Sunbeam, Mini, etc., enjoys touring with MG's (their cousins, many of which were built alongside MGs in Abingdon) and we know you will, too!!!

Brevard British Car Breakfast & Driving Group

Many MGCCF members have taken advantage of this “extra opportunity” to drive their LBC’s. The group has met & driven three times so far-many photos & a few videos are on the group’s website- <https://tinyurl.com/britdrive>

[June 2013 - S. A1A, Wabasso, Fellsmere Photos \(click\)](#)

[Videos \(click\)](#)

[May 2013, Cocoa, S. Merritt Island, West Brevard, Nova Road \(click\)](#)

[April 2013, North Brevard, Astronaut Memorial, Manatee Viewing \(click\)](#)

This is an informal group with no formal organization, no dues, no newsletter, and no officers, absolutely nothing for you to do except show up, enjoy the British Car fellowship over breakfast and if you want, join in for a great drive. The sole purpose of this group is to give everyone an additional opportunity for LBC camaraderie and to drive your LBC. There will be an update at each meeting to let you know what events are happening with the various clubs, local car shows, local events and to ask for any input(s) from attendees. If you don’t want to drive, come talk cars and enjoy the company of other LBC owners. Please spread the word to other LBC owners. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact Mike Euziere, 321-289-1358 cell, email: ceuziere@cfl.rr.com) or Dave Alexander (321-213-5071; email davidjalexander13@gmail.com)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Regular Club event dates: Saturdays, July 20, Aug 17, Sept 21 (events TBA)

Friday, October 18th – “BRIT BASH 2013” Meet & Greet at the SpringHill Suites Hotel, Vero Beach, 6 PM

Saturday, October 19th – “Brit Bash 2013” Motorcar & Cycle Exhibit at Riverside Park, Vero Beach, 9 AM

Saturday, October 26th – TENTATIVE DATE – We usually participate in the Homecoming Parade at FIT in Melbourne, the university founded by Jerry Keuper, our Chairman Emeritus (deceased). FIT now has a football team and homecoming will be scheduled around a game. So, stand by for further info on this.

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

Other Events:

October 10th – 12th – AACA National Meet, Hershey, PA

October 10-13 – Southeastern Fall Gathering of the Faithful, Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA www.semgr.org This is a great event. Many of our members will be going. A caravan is in the planning stages, leaving Wednesday morning from the Treasure & Space Coasts and gathering up others on the way north. All back roads. We will overnight in South Georgia and arrive Thursday at Pine Mountain, the event site. Please join us.

October 26 – Tampa Bay Austin-Healy Club, Safety Harbor, FL, All British Show

Safety Fast!

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