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NEW MEETING LOCATION: Until we get a better offer, we will meet on the Third Thursday, which this month is on **AUGUST 17, 2017** at the recently opened **ACE CAFÉ**, located at 100 West Livingston, Orlando, FL 32801 (on the corner of Livingston and Garland). We plan to follow our regular meeting times, with a gathering/assembly at 6:30 P.M. and the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Dinner will be order from the menu and served after the meeting.

The restaurant has promised us that they will have reserved space for our MGs to park, close to the West side of the building. Other vehicles (non-MGs) are welcome to park for free in their large lot, if there is sufficient space. Get there early for the best spot.

GOF '18 Lonnie has sent around a summary of the plans decided upon at the meeting on Saturday June 24, 2017. The website is up and running, thanks to the hard work of Lonnie and Brian. The site includes an outline of the events, a registration form and information to make your registration at the Altamonte Springs Hilton go smoothly. It will help us (and you) to make your plans and reservations early.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT GOF-SOUTH

We need your help to spread the word about GOF-South. Will you please reach out to a few MG friends, no matter where they live, to personally ask them to come to GOF-South? Do it now so that they can make plans.

GOF-SOUTH Mk LII
March 22-25, 2018
Hilton, Altamonte Springs, FL

See the details and register on the GOF-South website:

<http://www.gofsouth.com/>

Watch a three-minute overview of GOF-South:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTHxyFV5zXg>

We can send the registration form and information to you by U.S. mail if you prefer. Send your request to gofsouth2018@aol.com or Lonnie Cook, 656 Terrace Blvd., Orlando, FL 32803 407-970-9679.

REPORT ON JULY DRIVING EVENT: On Friday, July 21, Paul Plasschaert arranged for us to meet for a traditional evening of German food, singing and fellowship at Hollerbach's Willow Tree Café in Sanford. About 20 people joined in for a fabulous evening of food and fellowship. It was Wonderbar!

AUGUST DRIVING (?) EVENT: On Saturday, August 19, we will gather at "the snug" – don't laugh, that's what they call it – at Fiddler's Green Irish Pub to both keep out of the heat, to meet our friends from the British Car Breakfast Club and to conduct our annual (and semi-famous) DARTS TOURNAMENT. As most of you know, Fiddlers is located at 544 West Fairbanks Ave. near lovely downtown Winter Park, where we are cautioned to drive with extraordinary care. Beware, this event can lead to rowdy behavior, mildly foul language and cheering. We can display our cars while enjoying air conditioned comradery. Those driving tanks will be appropriately scorned but welcomed by friends. Awards will be made for the cars that are displayed, but don't expect the usual awards!

FUTURE EVENTS: September will be fun for our MG enthusiasts who like to work on their cars. Pete Rogers will be at Sterling Equipment and MFG. Company. The address is 803 Line Street Umatilla, FL 32784. Other activities will also be planned including a lunch and shopping in Mt. Dora for those who prefer to be otherwise engaged. Phone 352-669-3255 or Pete's cell 352-406-1948 for more information.

October is a great driving month. Plans are in the works for an overnigher. This is sure to be fun for everyone. More details will be announced in September.

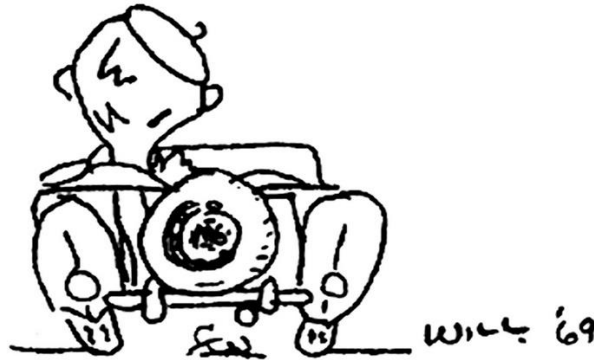
OTHER EVENTS:

The Southeast MG T Register Fall GOF "Mayhem in the Mountains" is in Hiawassee, GA, Sept. 21-24, 2017. More info at <http://www.semgr.org/mayhem-in-the-mountains1.html>.

Saturday August 12, from 8 to 9:30 Cars and Coffee at Ceres Motorsports followed by a drive to Fort Christmas and Orlando Wetlands Park for a picnic. Details to follow on route. (You will provide your own picnic lunch).

The British Breakfast Club announced that the ACE Café has set the second Wednesday of the month for tire kicking among all British Car enthusiasts.

WILL BOWDEN: We are saddened to say that Will passed away on July 30, 2017, after a long battle. We will honor him in due time, in a manner befitting the passing of one of the stalwarts of the club. The family is planning a memorial service, which will be announced as soon as details are available and we will most certainly have a program in his honor at our upcoming GOF. We send our condolences to all of Will's family.



“We will meet again on down the road.”

RALPH DECKER: Another friend, Ralph Decker, has lost his battle with cancer this past week. As one of the Founding Members of the Nature Coast English Car Club / Suncoast Classic MG Car Club, Ralph was always there to lend a hand or support anyone who needed help. As long as I have known him, he has been the backbone of the Club. He will be missed. Our thoughts and hearts go out to Shelley and Leon (his son).

There will be a Celebration of Ralph Decker's Life on Sunday, August 13th at 2PM at Brewers Memorial Home at 1190 S. Broad Street in Brooksville. Please drive your LBC, if possible. Shelley has asked for a big turnout of cars.

FOR SALE ITEMS: Please send your information to the editor. Current offerings:

Pete Rogers reports that he has a variety of MG parts including: a TF luggage rack, lower style – new- \$385.00; Five disc, 4 lug wheels, 15” – like new with stainless steel trim ring - \$365.00; 2 Lucas driving lights- new clear with bar clamps - \$235.00; 1 under the dash cover new for \$50.00; New rebuilt T transmissions with warranties for \$875.00 each; New MGB Weber carburetor conversion kit complete for \$435.00; Much more is available, just call Pete to ask. Pete's telephone # is 352-343-1855 and he can also be reached at pfrslot@gmail.com.

Your Editor has 5 Borrani (Italian, accessory wire wheels) for an MGTD for sale. Included are 4 bolt-on adapters, 1 spare adapter and 5 good knock-off spinners. Call Al Cook (407-678-6814) for a description of condition and price. 4 of these have recently been on the road and one (the spare) needs some ‘help.’ There are also 2 rear wire wheel adapters with attached drums for an MGTD.

Jeff Corenblum is selling his 1980 MGB. The brake system has been redone, with new clutch/slave cylinder, new radiator, starter, rod bearing and Piston Rings. The car has a like new top and includes a tonneau cover. Asking \$6950. Call 407-415-4773 or email Jeff at moose1050@aol.com

1970 MGB project car for sale. The car has a rebuilt engine and another spare block. Needs brakes and tires. \$1000 for car, hardtop available separately for \$200. Contact Cynthia Aube aubetwogirls@gmail.com or call 912-980-2074 or 912-980-2240. Car is in Hinesville, GA.



Chris Galler is selling his 1967 MGB with overdrive. It's really a nice looking B. He has replaced the bumpers front and rear, gas tank, dashpad, audio system, rear tail assemblies and lenses, and headlamp trims, and trunk logos. His email address is chris.galler@avispl.com , phone: 407-491-8060.

