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MEETING LOCATION: The March MEETING WILL START AT 6:30P.M. AT Ceres Motorsports. info@ceresmotorsports.com. They have graciously let us use the space for the “stuffing party” which will be on Thursday, March 15th and will go out to dinner (and stuff ourselves) following the meeting. Ceres is located at 640 Kane Court, Oviedo, FL 32765. If you need to sit, please bring a chair, as this is a working shop, not an auditorium. With many hands, we should be able to do our work quickly. Dinner will be at BJ'S RESTAURANT AND BREWHOUSE, near the intersection of Red Bug Road and S.R. 417 (the Greeneway). The specific address is 8285 RED BUG LAKE RD, OVIEDO, FL 32765. We will be discussing upcoming events including the GOF and St. Patrick's Day Party and Planning Session.

If you have not been to Ceres Motorsports before please see the attached map. It is at the end of Kane Court, which is not far from the intersection of Red Bug Lake Road/Mitchell Hammock Road and S.R. 426 (Aloma Ave.) From that intersection, the next stoplight on S.R. 426 is the Oviedo Mall entrance. Turn in the opposite direction from that entrance and you will be on Aulin Avenue. Watch for the sign for Kane Court on your right, then make a second right.

REPORT ON FEBRUARY EVENT: On February 17, 2018, we traveled to Tavares to meet up with our traveling T Car Friends from Virginia for a Meet & Greet and picnic which we have referred to as “the North meets the South.” John and Sharon Spadaro did an excellent job and a good time was had by all. Saul Kline, our good friend from the MG Car Club Florida, as he often does, took excellent photos to document the event. They can be viewed at the web site: www.mgcarclubflorida.org under the heading “CLUB PHOTOS/VIDEOS”. This was a

wonderful meeting and, as always, an opportunity to share some “MG Spirit” with our neighbors to the North.

MARCH EVENT: On **March 17, 2018** we will have The Annual St. Patrick’s Day party and planning session at the Cook’s home 8554 Amber Oak Drive, Orlando, starting at 5:00 PM. Of course, we will have the traditional corned beef and cabbage, provided by the club. We will have soft drinks and water available, also. We ask that you provide your favorite beverages and a side dish. **Please call Kathy Cook, (407-678-6814)** or email kathy.cookucf@gmail.com so that we can coordinate all the items necessary for a true Irish Feast. At some point we will conduct our annual planning meeting where we will plan out the driving events for the next year and assign the Action Officers to organize those events, so **BRING YOUR IDEAS! Write them down on a piece of paper with your name and we will put them in a hat for a prize drawing** at the beginning of the meeting.

GOF-SOUTH UPDATE:

THE GOF-SOUTH Mk LII IS ONLY A COUPLE WEEKS AWAY! Club members have worked for two years to make this an outstanding GOF. Don't miss it!!!

When: March 22-25

Where: Hilton Altamonte Springs

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

WE NEED HELP:

NEEDED! RAFFLE / AUCTION ITEMS

We are still collecting your valuables for our GOF raffle and silent auction. Contact Carol McCormick [407-880-5793](tel:407-880-5793) cmcarol17@gmail.com for further information.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR HOSPITALITY ROOM, FRIDAY WINTER PARK EXCURSION, AND TICKET SALES. Please consider signing up to help with raffles, auctions, food and drink in the Hospitality Room at the GOF...always a fun job! Contact Carol McComick (above) to sign up for hospitality or ticket sales, or Kathy Cook, 407-678-6814 or kathy.cookucf@gmail.com for the Winter Park Excursion.

DEADLINE: REGISTRATION

March 2 was the last day to mail your GOF Registration form to be able to pick up your packet at GOF. Many events are close to room capacity. If you register later, then you will be in a long line to create your credentials and may miss some events. You must have your name tag to participate in all GOF events. **Registration form attached to this newsletter.**

DEADLINE: HOTEL ROOMS

The hotel The Hilton Hotel is full. You may be able to book a room at the Extended Stay America Hotel next door. Address: 302 Northlake Blvd, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701, Phone: (407) 332-9300. It is a short walk or drive to the Hilton. As of 2/7/2018, a search of most internet hotel booking sites showed a rate of \$109/night for March 22-25.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

CARS FOR SALE

You can sell or buy an MG in the Car Corral at GOF. \$15 to display your car in the corral. The perfect audience.

AUTOJUMBLE

Sell and buy MG parts in the Autojumble. No charge for members of any MG club. Bring a table to display your wares.

SPECIAL COLLECTOR CAR TOUR

We were presented an opportunity so wonderful that we cancelled the shop tour that was scheduled on Thursday. Instead we will drive to a guided tour of one of the most unique concours-quality car collections in Central Florida. You will be talking about it for months afterward. The drive starts at 3:00 on Thursday afternoon and leaves from the Hilton.

PHOTO CONTEST

Mail photos of memorable moments in your MG to Ann Plasschaert, 1304 Wellington Ter, Maitland, FL 32751.

KITCHEN TOOLS CONTEST

We have all used a turkey baster from the kitchen to transfer fluids in our MGs. I bet that you have used other kitchen tools to work on your MG. Bring them to GOF and give to Elyn Pardee. This is a fun contest and display!

40th ANNIVERSARY OF MG AT DATONA AND SEBRING

The driver of the last MG to race at the Daytona 24 and the Sebring 12-hour races will be at GOF. Be sure to say hello. He no longer owns the car, but he will show another race car with at least three other vintage MG racers on the show field.

OLD FRIENDS

We have talked to MG owners who are coming to GOF who haven't attended for years. They are looking forward to meeting old friends. Don't disappoint them. Kick back and relive tall tales, or go non-stop.

WINTER PARK EXCURSION

On Friday take a short trip on Sun Rail to Winter Park. Once there you can walk to the Magnificent Morse Museum with its extensive Tiffany collection. From the train station there will be a shuttle to the Winter Park Boat Cruise where you can see lovely houses from your seat as the tour winds its way through lakes and canals. While in Winter Park you can walk to nearby shopping and lunch. All venues optional. Pay as you go. Information at (MG) registration desk.

BRITISH TEA

A fun and festive opportunity to meet with others. Includes tea sandwiches, scones, fruit, tea or coffee. Wear or make a special hat. Prize for best hat. Jewelry from Trades of Hope will be displayed and available.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Don't forget to preregister for the All British Car show on April 7th. Last day to pre-register for show and free t-shirt is April 1st. A registration form is attached. We need volunteers to help with day of registration, parking cars and walking around selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the show. Please let Dodie know what you can help with, <mailto:flutterby670@aol.com>.

We would like to have a driving event too but no definitive destination has been determined. The weather should be great. Bring your ideas to the St. Patrick's party on the 17th.

FOR SALE ITEMS:

1. For Sale 69 MGC-GT red, 50000 original miles like new has o/d in Orlando call Gastavo [321-230-8995](tel:321-230-8995)

