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MEETING LOCATION: **AS USUAL! The APRIL 18TH MEETING AND DINNER WILL START AT 7:00 P.M. and tire kicking at 6:30 at CARRABBA'S**, near the corner of Red Bug Road and Tuskawilla Road, in their meeting room, where we had dinner last month. The specific address is 5820 RED BUG LAKE RD, WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708-5082. We hope to have the full menu.

Lonnie Cook and Pete Rogers who are cochairs for the 2020 GOF will be reporting; we will have updates at the meeting of future GOFs. too. This is where the business of the club takes place punctuated by our MG fellowship. We are on *baby watch* for Brian and Jessica Collins! We will see who makes it to the meeting.... Of course, there will be reports on all the recent car shows. April was a busy month!

REPORT ON APRIL EVENT:

The Theme for the GOF 2019 was *Safety Fast at the Speedway Track*. The Highlight of the weekend was the 3 laps that many took on Friday afternoon. Approximately 70 cars participated in this once in a lifetime event.

GOF, for those who are new, stands for Gathering of the Faithful. We don't just show our cars, we are faithful to the brand and the friends we make who also enjoy these lovely automobiles.

While not every car is beautiful in a traditional sense (yes, we even show those which are a bit rough) they are beautiful and loved in our eyes.



The MG Classics of Jacksonville, Florida did a fantastic job of planning and executing the GOF South which was held at the historic Plaza Resort and Spa directly on Daytona Beach. The location could not be better. We had a private parking lot with so many beautiful cars including prewar beauties and racers. In addition to the showing, there were tech sessions on Friday and at the show roving tech sessions by Glen Lenhard.

Let's not forget the drives to nearby locations including the Living Legends museum and the Ormond Loop followed by MG fellowship at a local watering hole.

For those who arrived on Thursday, there were tours to the Lighthouse and "North Turn". For more pictures and information about show winners, see the Jacksonville clubs website: <https://www.mgclassics.org/gofsouth>. Also, if you want to purchase a shirt for the racetrack drivers, there should be information posted.

RACETRACK PICTURES





**BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A SPIN ON
THE TRACK**



BANQUET



AWARDS



PLEASE TAKE PICTURES AT THE EVENTS AND EMAIL THEM TO KATHY SO SHE CAN PUT THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER!!!!

OTHER: Keep Camile Flankey in your thoughts and prayers as she recuperates from a nasty fall and broke her hip.

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to extend a warm Florida welcome to our newest members! Hope to see you at future meetings and events! Please feel free to come to the parties and events!

A hearty welcome to new members Richard Hebb who lives in Orlando and to Dave Smithson of Clermont. Richard is working to get his 1964 MGB back on the road. Dave has a 1952 BRG TD with a tan interior. Woo-hoo!

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS:

We try to do a driving event on the weekend after the meeting (local drives during the summer). This of course is subject to availability and changes. Events planned for the next few months include the following (subject to change):

April – 18th Monthly MG Club meeting at Carrabba's

May – 16th Monthly MG Club meeting at Carrabba's
18th Sea Spray in Vero which is coordinated by Carol McCormick and Dodie Beach

June – 8th Garage Tour (Lonnie Cook Coordinating)
20th Monthly MG club meeting at Carrabba's
22nd DeBary House -Swamp House Restaurant / Cassadaga

July – 18th Monthly MG Club meeting at Carrabba's
20th Fiddlers Green Darts

March 2020 – GOF by Classic MG Club Orlando, April 17-19th at Mission Inn

FOR SALE AND WANTED ITEMS: If you would like to list any items for sale, please send the information to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter.

