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**MEETING LOCATION:** As we did last month, we will meet at the **ACE CAFÉ**, located at 100 West Livingston. We invite you to arrive at 6:30-6:45 PM (to allow time to park and talk, before going in to the meeting. We plan to speak to Steve to locate an appropriate parking location where we won't be parked-in by the many motorcycle fans who share the evening with us.

The ACE café is located at the corner of Livingston and Garland in downtown Orlando. Because Garland is a one-way street, the easiest access to their location is from Livingston, west of Orange Avenue. For you GPS folks the address is 100 West Livingston, Orlando 32801

This month's meeting date is on November 16, which is the third Thursday. As before, we can order dinner from their menu and eat after our meeting is concluded.

**REPORT ON OCTOBER (REALLY NOVEMBER) DRIVING EVENT:** On November 3, MGers from all over the state converged on Amelia Island for our October/November over-night event. The tour was a great success and the only difficulty reported was the separation of tire tread on an old tire – teaching all of us the lesson that it often is the age of a tire, not its tread wear that is most important. The Amelia Hotel on the Beach, owned by local MG friend Richard (Choo-Choo) Germano was perfect for our resting place and many of our group enjoyed the tour of his Amelia Dream Cars shop on Saturday and dinner at The Crab Trap. Later that evening, where we had over 32 members and friends in attendance. The weather was perfect for our tour and to the best of our knowledge, all arrived home safely on Sunday.

**ANNUAL FLANKEY PICNIC:** Our next big activity will be on **SUNDAY**, November 19, 2017. The Annual Jim Flankey Memorial Picnic and Mini-Car Show at its original location: the Flankey Horse Farm located at 8098 Gillam Road, Apopka 32703. Directions: Turn East off Apopka-Vineland Rd. at Gilliam Rd, 1 mile North of the intersection of A-V and Clarcona-Ocoee Rd. The time will be from 12:00 Noon until approximately 4:00. We will have some fun

with a new twist – **bring an ethnic dish, or a salad, dessert, or appetizer.** It will be BYOC with C standing for folding Chairs. The club will provide nonalcoholic beverages. We ask that you telephone Camille to let her know that you are coming and so that we can avoid having too many 3-bean pickled salads. Her telephone #s are 407-886-3347 (home) or 407-247-2447 (cell). As we have in the past, we will extend the invitation to the rest of the English Car Nation (The BCBC).

**GOF-SOUTH UPDATE:** We had a well-attended meeting on Saturday, October 28 at the Altamonte Springs Hilton. We walked the parking lot to get an idea where we will be and discussed a list of “to dos” for the event. Many of us have homework to get ready. We also heard from a representative of the Hilton and looked at the rooms that are planned for our use. We are still looking for sponsors and donors, and working to obtain good and valuable items for our silent auction, and door prizes and goodie bags. All were encouraged to both register for our event and to register to stay at the Hilton. Visit our website at <http://gofsouth.com> and call the Hilton at (407) 830-1985. GOF Chairman Lonnie adds the following: (paste portions of his message of 11/6/17 here)

Progress on GOF-South looks really good. GOF committees and interested club members met to present and tweak the final plans for GOF-South last month. It's confirmed ... this ain't gonna be no "Ho-Hum" GOF!!

**HELP** - We need your help to fund GOF. Need good valuable items for the silent auction. They do not have to be car related. Please don't wait. Call Carol McCormick 407-257-1953 to discuss and for shipping instructions.

Suggested items include:

- Gift cards for good restaurants, theme parks, travel, spa, services.
- A week at your timeshare.
- Valuable items for MGs or shop.
- Re-gift: Don't return unwanted holiday items - donate them to the silent auction.

Ask your company or nearby businesses. Perhaps they will donate items or gift certificates to the auction in return for publicity at the show and in the program. Or bypass the auction and donate cash to GOF.

Reminder - **Book your rooms at the Hilton now.** Rooms with discounted room rate are going fast. Let Lonnie if you cannot get a room. Click on "Hotel" on the GOF website <http://www.gofsouth.com/> to book your room or call the hotel at (407) 830-1985 .

### **HOLIDAY EVENTS!!!!**

**December 9, 2017,** there will be an open house at the Payne's, At 20612 Angels Landing Ct. Clermont, Florida. Richard and Nancy have invited our club to share in the festivities from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M. Please call 352-394-4969 to RSVP.

Loyal MG Club members Jack and Brian Collins and Ceres Motorsports will be hosting the All British Car Club Winter Holiday Party their business location 640 Kane Court, Oviedo, Florida, on **December 10, 2017.** The club will provide main dishes and some other items. Please RSVP

by the December 3rd to Dodie Beach at 407-695-2981 and indicate what you will be bringing to this celebration. A flyer is attached to help you know what you can bring.

**The Classic MG Club of Orlando** will have their Holiday party and gift exchange on **December 16, 2017** at the Cooks, 8554 Amber Oak Drive, Orlando, FL. To help people locate our house, we will begin at 4:30 in the afternoon. The club will provide the main dish and nonalcoholic beverages. Members are to bring a side. Please coordinate with Kathy and RSVP by December 9<sup>th</sup> by calling 407-678-6814. Mark your calendars now for this event which will arrive **before** the usual third Thursday meeting that month. The gift exchange can be any unmarked gift valuable or not so valuable! We are still looking for the naked lady vase. These may be traded so don't despair if you get something very original.

The traditional Holiday Tour of Lights is offered in lieu of our meeting on the third Thursday in December (**12/21/17**). We usually gather for a dinner after touring around looking at the local holiday displays of lights. Paul Plasschaert has graciously offered to coordinate this event for the group. More information will be in the December Newsletter.

**FUTURE EVENTS:** (From our brothers at the British Car Club): The British Car Club is planning to visit the *National Parts Depot Car Collection* on **11/18/17** so follow Jeff's messages for more information.

We will be having an overnigher in January. Plans are being firmed up as we read this newsletter.

On **February 17, 2018**, we will again meet up with our traveling T Car Friends from Virginia for a Meet & Greet and picnic. This year, the picnic will be held at Lake Idamere Park in Tavares. As they did last year, John and Sharon Spadaro will head it up, but I am sure they would welcome any help we could provide. More information later, but John has prepared a flyer to remind us to put this on our calendars for early in the new year.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:** Dale DeWitt is the proud owner of a 1975 MGB Fiftieth Anniversary B and for some reason wants to join our group. Give him your condolences when you see him and be sure to tell him about our dues structure (Ha!).

**FOR SALE ITEMS:** Please send your information to the editor. I have no feedback from the large number of listings from last month, so out of an abundance of laziness, we will repeat them here:

Pete Rogers always seems to have a variety of MG parts that he has accumulated in his many restoration projects and rather than a random list (that would miss more than it includes), he suggests that if you have a need, that you call him to see if he has what you need. Pete's telephone # is 352-406-1948.

Derek Starcher ([drshbs1@frontier.com](mailto:drshbs1@frontier.com)) has a 1969 MGC roadster. It is an automatic with 47K miles. He has owned it for 25 years. It is in Auburndale. You can email him or call at 863-967-3496.

Jim Driskell is selling his 1974 chrome-bumper MGB. It has some work to do before it is finished, but he has to move. Asking \$3,500. E-mail him at [www.1920lakeside.com](http://www.1920lakeside.com).

Nancy Taylor ([ntaylorart@yahoo.com](mailto:ntaylorart@yahoo.com) or 941-350-6491) has a 1977 MGB that has been owned for 32 years. No price was noted.

Jeff Corenblum notes that his 1980 MGB is still for sale. He wants \$6,400 OBO. Message him at [moose1050@aol.com](mailto:moose1050@aol.com) or see him at the BCBC meeting.

CeCe of CeCe's Closet Liquidators has a 1964 Sprite. The telephone # is 407-677-6277 (evenings) or by Cell after 5:00 pm at 407-340-9304.

Finally, James Jendzejec has a 1979 MGB. In showroom condition with 46K miles for sale for \$8,000. His contact is [micharl52@cox.net](mailto:micharl52@cox.net).

