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The Classic MG Club of Orlando

Presidential Thoughts

2024 has flown by. The club has been quite active this year. Our last event, the Christmas Parade of Lights hosted by Rebekkah and Brad Parlee was great. The lights were spectacular but the fellowship was the best. I was so happy that John Camichos was able to attend.



We have hosted GOF 2024, many great drives, pop-up events, and with the help of Patrick Raley updated the bylaws. My goal for this upcoming year is to hone the Pop Up event process. I think the pop-up events in 2024 were well attended and enjoyed by the members. I hope this year we are able to establish a process where anyone can initiate a spontaneous event. We are preparing for 2 pop-up events: brakes on Ann Plasschaert's TF and an intervention on a MGB. Watch for the dates!

Our annual event selection planning meeting is rapidly approaching. Please write up your event concept and send it to me so I can add it to the list for consideration.

The Elephant in the room is GOF 2026; progress is proceeding slowly. We have two committees established: Hospitality and Location Procurement. We are still in need of a Chairperson. I want to personally thank everyone for their help and participation in the events.

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and wish you a happy and prosperous New Year!

See you down the road!
Mark Tidwell



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Your Club's Affiliations



Their Website: [New England MG T Register](#)
Nat'l Meeting: GOF 110 Mystic, CT + Bristol, RI
Jun 7-8
Local Contact: Mike McCormick



NAMGAR
North American MGA Register

Their Website: NAMGAR.com
Nat'l Meeting: GT-49 Witches, OR
Jul 15-19
Local Contact: Jill Moore



Their Website: NAMGBR.org
Nat'l Meeting: MG202 Katy, TX
Apr 22-24
Local Contact: Jim McSweeney



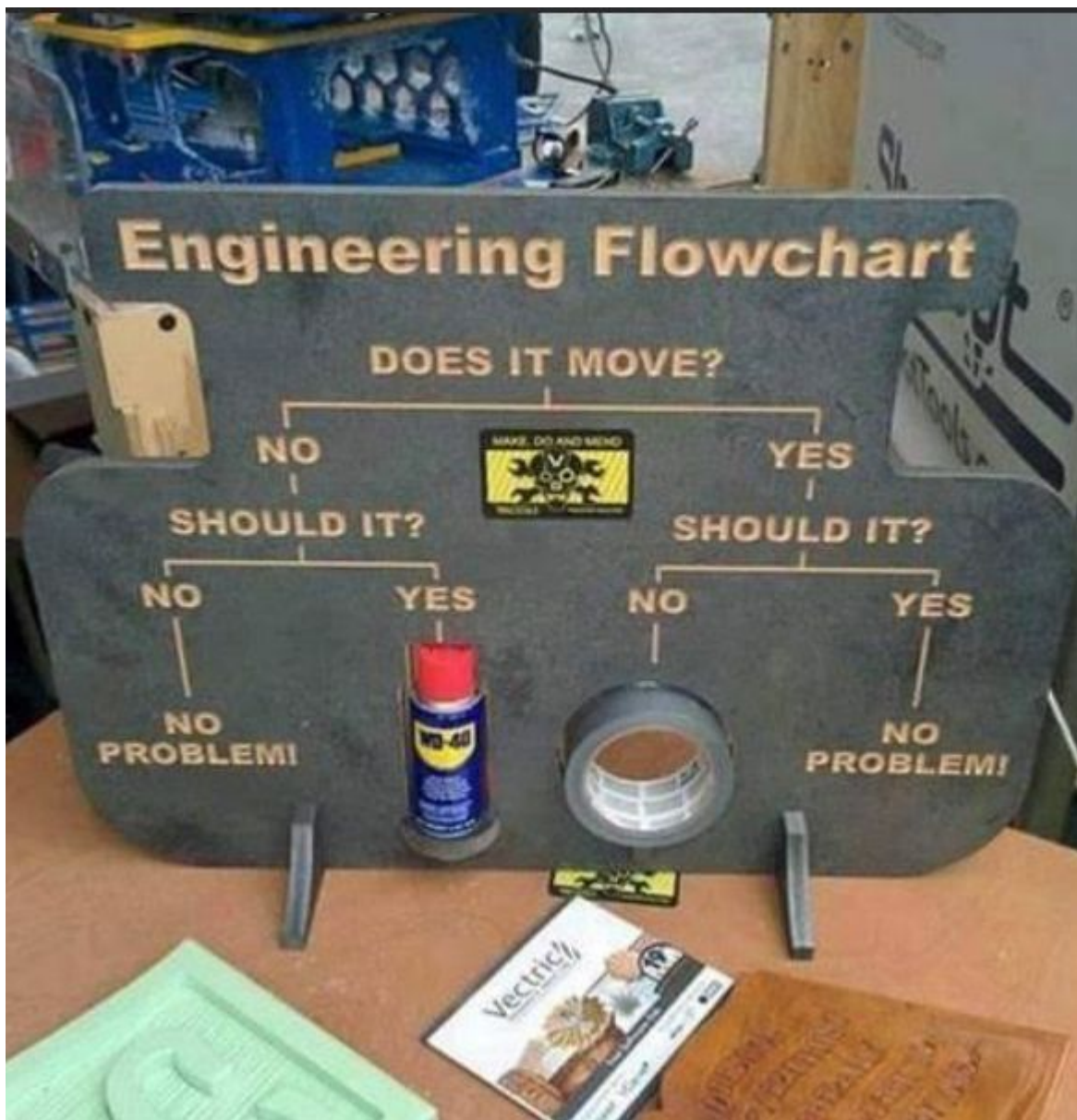
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Meeting Minutes



No Meeting was held month of December...

Since Tom Redditt had no meeting minutes to submit, he offered this to take its place ...



From Reinout



This is a (belated) Christmas card by cartoonist Ian Shapland and was published in 1997 by The Great Greeting Experience Company in Crowed Bay, England.

On the inside, next to the Season's Greetings Wishes is the small picture of the unfortunate passenger of the MGB driver, with the broken-off luggage rack part in her hand and, on the back side is a funny important notice.

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If you can still read this, then you've not been using a computer lately.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

January

01/16 Club Meeting at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka
6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm

01/18 Drive from Clermont, Hosts-Mark and Ellen Tidwell
Drive west through great roads to Richloam General Store
<https://www.richloamstore.com/> ending at The Friar Tuck British restaurant in Clermont <https://thefriartuck.com/> for lunch

*** More info on the following pages ***

February

02/15 North/South Picnic, Hosts John and Sharon Spadaro
Noon: Magnolia Park 2929 South Binion Road Apopka FL 32703

*** More info on the following pages ***

02/20 Club Meeting at Nauti Lobstah, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka
6:30PM for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm



Another Reinout Card... Titled Cream Cracker MG and Spitfires by artist Peter Miller, looks a little bit like the card I published in April 2022. This time however, it is a MG PB Cream Cracker trials car with the WWII Spitfire Royal Air Force plane. The car, with license plate JB7521 still exists today and if you Google "MG PB JB7521" you'll find many period and recent photos of the car in competition use. The same car was also in the pen drawing card published in May 2024. The card was published by the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund Enterprises from London



January's Upcoming Event

Richloam General Store



"Drive back in time to 1928"

The January Drive should be a good time. The drive starts at 10:00 AM at the Circle K, 17503 W Colonial Drive, Oakland, FL

An additional stop at the RaceTrac, 404 US Highway 27, Minneola, FL at 10:30 AM will allow participants driving from another

direction to join the drive. The drive is about 3 hours, covering 104 miles through the back roads of Orange, Lake, Sumter and Polk counties. The stops include Historic Richloam General store, 38219 Richloam Claysink Rd, Webster, FL 33597;

<https://www.richloamstore.com/> ; Lunch at The Friar Tuck British restaurant: 601 Cagan Park Ave, Unit 401, Clermont, FL 34714.

<https://thefriartuck.com/>

The gem portion of the drive is Green Pond Road in Polk County.

With the weather cooperating it should be a wonderful event. I am sorry to say that Ellen and I will not be able to lead the drive. We had an unexpected change to our calendar. Our vacation scheduled for February had to be moved to January. John Avallone has graciously offered to lead the drive, many thanks to him.

Mark Tidwell

***** Route guidance can be found on the next page *****



Richloam General Store Drive with lunch at The Friar Tuck Restaurant, Clermont

Driving Directions

- Meet Circle K at 10:00 AM 17503 W. Colonial Oakland, Fl. 34787
- Left on Oakland Ave. (CR 438) 0.1miles
- Roundabout Second exit to Old County Rd. 50 (CR 438) 2.3 miles
- Roundabout Third exit to Old County Rd. 50 CR455 0.1 miles
- Roundabout first exit to Old County Rd. 50 2.5 miles
- Right turn on N Hancock Rd. 0.1 miles
- Left turn on Old Hwy 50 (E. Washington St.) 1.8 miles
- Left turn to RaceTrac 404 US Hwy. 27 Minneola, Fl. 34715

10:30 AM (15min. break)

- Right on E. Washington St. 0.2 miles
 - Right on Lakeshore Dr. 1.1 miles
 - Left on CR561A (Lake Minneola Shores) 2.1 miles
 - Right on CR565A 2.6 miles
 - Right on Hwy 50 11.7 miles
 - Right on Sumter CR469
 - CR469 becomes Hwy 48 in Center Hill 9.5 miles
 - Left on CR471 6.7 miles (Break at Shell Station)
 - Right on Hwy 50 In Tarrytown 6.3 miles
 - Left on Porter Gap Rd. 0.6 miles
 - Left to Historic Richloam General Store
 - Right on Porter Gap road 0.6 miles
 - Right on Hwy 50 6.3 miles
 - Right on CR471 21.2 miles
 - Left on Hwy 98 5.1 miles
 - Left on Rockridge Rd. 5.3 miles (Break at Shell Station)
 - Left on Rockridge which becomes Green Pond Rd. 10.7 miles
 - Left on Hwy 33 3.7 miles
 - Right on CR474 8.6 miles
 - Right on Hwy 27 1.0 miles
 - Right on Cagan Crossing Blvd. 0.1 miles
 - Arrive at The Friar Tuck 601 Cagan Park Ave Clermont, Fl.
Parking on street and in back of restaurant
- Miles to drive 104, approximately a 3 hour and 15 min drive with stops

John's contact info (217) 714-1819



February's Upcoming Event



North / South Picnic

**Another year we'll miss our northern friends,
but won't let it get in the way of a good time!**

Saturday, February 15th starts at Noon

Magnolia Park
2929 South Binion Road
Apopka, FL 32703

Hosts: John and Sharon Spadaro
Everyone drive your car and bring your picnic lunch
It's another opportunity to celebrate all things MG



Classic MG Club Year-at-a-Glance

May 2024- April 2025 Calendar

May 4th Saturday: Indian River Drive; Hosts-Pat and Bob Moore

May 18th Saturday 12PM-4PM: Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards "Weekends at the Winery" <https://www.lakeridgewinery.com/> live music; Hosts-Sharon and Allen Wyman

June 22nd Saturday: Longwood Mansion Museum Tour; Host-Tom Redditt. Begins 9:30 Drive, Tour and Lunch

July 20th Saturday 9:30AM a visit to Morse Museum <https://morsemuseum.org/>; Hosts JoAnn and Lonnie Cook

August 24th Saturday: Airboat; Hosts-Marcia and Scott Buie
8:00AM Breakfast in Tavares;
9:00AM Drive to Lake Panasoffee for airboat ride;

September 21st Saturday: a visit Harry P. Leu Gardens; <https://www.leugardens.org/> lunch 7:00PM; Host-Jim Young

October 19-20: 2 Day Overnighter excursion to Micanopy; lunch at Yearling restaurant, Rawlings State Park, stay at Equus Inn in Ocala, shop Micanopy, drive home possible stop for lunch/dinner; Hosts-Ellen and Mark Tidwell, with Tom Redditt

November 10th, Sunday 12PM-4PM: Founders Picnic; at the park of Quail Hollow on the River Deland; Hosts Trudy and Keith Waggoner

December 19th Thursday: Tour of Lights
Hosts- Rebekkah and Brad Parlee

2025

January 18th: Drive from Clermont; drive west through great roads to Richloam General Store <https://www.richloamstore.com/> ending at The Friar Tuck British restaurant in Clermont <https://thefriartuck.com/> for lunch; Hosts-Mark and Ellen Tidwell

February 15th: North/South Picnic; Hosts-Sharon and John Spadaro

March: Parrish; 2 day, Florida Railroad museum, <https://www.frrm.org/>, hotel to be identified; Host-Dodie Beach

April 24-27: GOF South 2025; Hosts-MG Classics of Jacksonville



Classic MG Club Ideas for the Future

In addition to the regularly scheduled monthly events, additional club-initiated events are being considered to add to the MG Adventures for club members.

Rallyes and Drives

Recreate past CMGC Rallyes and Drives - hare and hounds, drive with clues, scavenger hunt type.

Potential Pop-Up Events

A Pop-Up Event can be announced by any club member through the club website portal. If a member plans a trip with their MG, they can announce it to all the membership by posting on the website and others can choose to join. Some suggestions include:

-Drive to Kissimmee, Old Town car shows and/or music

<https://myoldtownusa.com/category/events/>

-Drive to Lake Mary, Cars and Coffee, 3rd Saturday of the month

-Webster Flea market (Open only Monday) with Lunch at Southern Hospitality

-Drive to Winter Garden, Cars and Coffee, Last Saturday of the month

Suggestions for Long Trips

CMGC has traditionally scheduled two overnight drives each year. However, there are appealing destinations and events worthy of a visit that will take multiple days.

Extended Journey Suggestions

-Naples, Fl. 3 day Revs Institute and Car Museum Revs Institute/Car Museum day-1 drive down, day-2 guided tour with walk through workshop \$35, Drury Hotel, Day-3 Drive home.(If interested, contact Mark Tidwell)

-Dillard Ga., 5-6 Days Southeast British Motor Car Festival. Sept. 12-15

-Fall Blue Ridge Parkway drive with lodging along the Parkway.

Tech Sessions

Events at member's homes to explore mechanical maintenance and repair techniques, tools, and tips.





SAVE THE DATES FOR “CARS IN PARADISE”



WHEN? November 7 – 9, 2025

WHERE? The Plantation Resort on Crystal River
9301 West Fort Island Trail,
Crystal River, FL 34429

CONTACT: Gail Lenhard, 727-452-1752 (text)
gpl54@yahoo.com

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club invites all British Car Enthusiasts to join us for a fun-filled weekend. There will be a Raffle, 50/50, an auction, driving tours, tech sessions, and of course, a car show. You do not need to have a British car to enjoy the fun. Hope to see you there!



For reservations:
1-800-632-6282
Mention "MG Jamboree 2025"
To receive Group Rates



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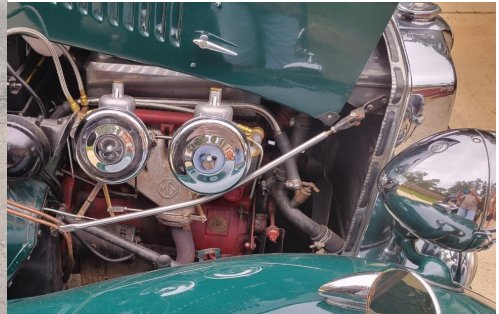
Classy Finds

Aka classifieds

Extraordinary Provenance - Extraordinary Car: One family 1950 MG TD For Sale MG TD car #2932 was purchased new from International Motors NYC by Blair Engle's father, a member of the Westchester Sports Car Club. Blair became an MG fanatic at an early age and proudly took custody of the TD in 1962. A graduate Engineer, Blair was a founding member of the Classic MG Club and of MG Vintage Racers; #199 in the New England MG 'T' Register. While serving as the engineer in charge of the FSU Physics Lab, he operated The Classic MG Shop in Tallahassee. A Moss Motors Distributor since the 1970's, he performed the exacting restoration of the TD with NOS parts and accessories, which now, if available at all, are only reproductions. The engine was upgraded to TD MkII specs with dual fuel pumps, large valves and 1-1/2" carbs, resulting in outstanding performance. For the last 50 years, the car has been kept in an air conditioned garage, driven and shown periodically by Blair's son Craig. The TD's lacquer paint has minor flaws, and the power unit has the usual slight leaks. The car presents beautifully, enhanced by the correct period accessories.



\$22,500.00 or near offer.
Craig Engle
850 566 1433 (Tallahassee, FL)



Classy Finds

Aka classifieds

The car's original assembly was completed on November 29, 1952 with some special items—stainless steel grill, fog lights, extra mirrors and chrome trim rings. The car was completely disassembled for a frame-up restoration in October 2017. The restoration was completed in March 2018. Since a show car was being rebuilt the color was changed from green to burgundy red. Other changes include a plastic fan, bonnet holders, a used original top and tonneau, new wiring harness and replacement interior biscuit color to match the new exterior paint.

Asking \$30,000
Robert Flanagan,
Mt Dora
352 729 4758.



Classy Finds

Aka classifieds



MG TC Bimini
Made by Ed Kirkland
Black, new in box!
\$350

Contact John Avallone
217-714-1819



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Harbor Freight
21-Gallon, 120v.
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Defective \$20 on-off
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Lonnie Cook
Downtown Orlando
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fighting hunger. feeding hope.

Second Harvest is an efficiently-run charity with 97% of contributions going directly to help local people in need. Every \$25 donation can provide 100 meals for struggling families and kids.

Donate Online: <http://www.tinyurl.com/GOF-FoodBank>

By Mail: Checks payable to Second Harvest Food Bank of Ctrl FL, 411 Mercy Dr., Orlando, FL 32808

The MG Community is special throughout the world. Thank you for any support that you can give to the Food Bank and to your MG friends who may need help and a kind word.

This month's End Shot... provided by Bob Moore.



Here is Bob Moore's MGB All dressed up for the club's annual Tour of Lights

A nice showing of cars and people braved the Winter Park roads to view the light adorned houses and back to the WP Racquet Club for a sit-down dinner with our MG friends

See you next month!
Keith

