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Presidential Thoughts

October was a productive month. Since the first of the year, Patrick Raley has worked on the revision/re-creation of the club's Bylaws. I'm happy to say these Bylaws were ratified at the October meeting. Patrick, thank you so much for your time and seeing this project to completion.



The overnighter to Micanopy was a great success. Tom Redditt handled the details: driving route, restaurants, and led the caravan. The highlight of the event was the guided tour of the Marjorie Rawlings home. Jeff, the park ranger was a wealth of information.

We have started the search for a location to hold GOF 2026. We will need a great deal of help from all of the members in order to have a successful event.

The Founder's picnic is this month's event. Club picnics are always fun and well attended. Be sure to RSVP to Keith Waggoner with the side dish you are bringing.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of y'all at the Picnic.

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 to Bristol, RI Jun 7-8
Local Contact: Mike McCormick



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



Their Website: NAMGBR.org ✓
Nat'l Meeting: MG2024 Katy, TX Apr 21-24
Local Contact: Jim McSweeney



The Classic MG Club of Orlando

Meeting Minutes



submitted by Tom Redditt

Location: Nauti Lobstah Restaurant, Apopka, Fl.

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Mark Tidwell at 7:02 PM

Treasurer's report:

Dodie reported that we have a *significant amount* in the bank.

Old business:

- The revised version of the bylaws was voted on and passed for adoption.
- 2026 GOF:
 - This event is in the early planning stages. The following positions need to be filled immediately for planning to move forward effectively:
 - a. Committee chair
 - b. Art/Marketing
 - c. Hospitality – committee – Carol McCormick consultant
 - d. Parking
 - These 2026 GOF positions have been filled:
 - a. Location committee: Tidwell, Buie, Redditt
 - b. Informational Technology – Buie
 - c. Octagon newsletter assistant – Redditt

New Business:

- The November meeting will be at Bahama Breeze Restaurant on Hwy 436 at Palm Springs Blvd by the Altamonte Mall. Address of the restaurant is 499 E. Altamonte Springs, Fl 32701.

Announcements:

- Micanopy Overnighter – This event will take place October 19/20, 2024.
- Founder's Day picnic – This event will be hosted by Keith and Tracey Waggoner's home at 1968 Quail Hollow Dr. in Deland, FL 32720. Bring a covered dish and **please advise Keith what you are bringing beforehand.**
- The Christmas Tour of Lights will be hosted by Brad and Rebekkah Parlee on Dec 19, 2024. This will take the place of a regular club meeting in December.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

November

11/10 **CMGC Founder's Picnic**, Hosts-Tracey and Keith Waggoner
Noon: Enjoy the Fall weather by driving your MG to DeLand, FL
for a fried chicken picnic along the St Johns River Bank
at the Quail Hollow on the River Rec Center,
1968 Quail Hollow Dr. Deland, FL 32720
More details can be found later in this newsletter

11/21 **Club Meeting** at Bahama Breeze 499 E Altamonte Dr.
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
6:30PM: General get together, tire kicking
7:00PM: Meeting begins

December

12/19 **Tour of Lights**, Hosts-Rebekkah and Brad Parlee
5:15PM: Meet at the Winter Park Racquet Club
2111 Via Tuscany Winter Park, FL 32789
More details can be found later in this newsletter

***** Please note there will be no Club Meeting in December *****

Notice: Our Bylaws have been restated and approved!



November's Upcoming Event



**It's Picnic Season, It's Driving Season.
Let's do both!**

Sunday, November 10th from Noon to 4

Community Park and Rec Center of Quail Hollow on the River
1968 Quail Hollow Drive DeLand, FL 32720

You're invited to the CMGC Orlando Founder's Picnic.
It's all about a good ole' southern get-together
Fried Chicken and all the fixins.

We'll furnish the chicken, water, tea, sodas and tableware

You bring any other drink and one of the following to share:
Appetizers, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Mac'n'Cheese, Tater Salad
and, of course, any dessert.

*Oh, and don't forget your lawn chairs
for "sittin and storytellin" along the St Johns River Bank*

Please let Keith Waggoner know you're coming
and what you're bringing.

He's at mkwaggoner@yahoo.com or 407-920-2013

RSVP by November 4th.

If you need suggestions, he can offer options
based upon what others are bringing.

Come rain or shine. We can go inside the clubhouse if inclement weather

See you there!



December's Upcoming Event



"They illuminate the meaning of the season"

Join in the fun!
Thursday, December 19th starts at 5:15PM

Winter Park Racquet Club
2111 Via Tuscany
Winter Park, FL 32789

Brad and Rebekkah Parlee host this year's tour of lights.

Meet at the Winter Park racquet club at around 5:15 PM
Gather by the boat ramp - at the back right of the property.

Have some cider, snacks and tire kicking down by the lakeside.
Take some pictures at sunset.

Start the tour around 6:15pm.
Return to the club around 7:15 PM.

Have a sit-down dinner ordering from the menu.

Charges at the racquet club should be settled with a credit card.

RSVP to BParlee@cfl.rr.com



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 Panasoffkee 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-Tracey and Keith Waggoner

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

2025

January 11th: 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.



Club Happenings

Micanopy Overnighter

Hosted by Mark and Ellen Tidwell and Tom Redditt



Photo provided by Tom Redditt

The weekend offered pleasant fall weather for a drive in a MG! Meeting in Eustis, Tom Redditt led the group on some great, often oak shaded backroads to our lunch destination, Eaton's Beach Sandbar and Grill on Lake Weir. After lunch, we sped off on our drive to the Equus Inn, Ocala which offered spacious rooms and breakfast. The afternoon was spent in the lobby visiting with each other. The destination for dinner was broken up into 3 groups determined by the desire for a particular cuisine at local restaurants.



Marjorie Rawlings house

photo by Glen Moore

Sunday morning we met for breakfast at the hotel, then left on a nice drive to Marjorie Rawlings Historic State Park in Cross Creek. There we were joined by 5 members of the Gainesville British Car Club in their MG's and Triumph. Jeff, the park ranger greeted us enthusiastically and shared an informative and interesting history on the life of Marjorie and her time spent in Cross Creek. He was quite knowledgeable, but still made one want to re-read her books or watch the movies made from them. We walked through her Florida Cracker style home, which appears as it was when she lived there and the grounds complete with chickens, ducks and roosters. After our tour we drove to the Historic Yearling Restaurant to enjoy a lunch of their Southern cuisine. If you haven't been there, you should add it to your Florida must do experiences.



Club Happenings

Micanopy Overnighter

continued



Another scenic drive led us to Micanopy where we visited the local shops and enjoyed an ice cream..



Some parted ways to drive home, while others drove back to Eustis where we started



The end to a wonderful time spent with MG friends.





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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MGs in the Post from Reinout Vogt



This month, my Dutch friend Karel sent another card from the Dutch MG importer Molenaar in Amersfoort. The MG is a Magnette Mk III, designed by the Italian designer Pininfarina and usually referred to as the “Farina”. As the successor of the ZA/ZB Magnettes, it was not very successful in the market because it was more of a ‘regular’ saloon than a ‘sports’ sedan.

It was the time of badge engineering in the British car industry and within BMC the car was available as an Austin, Wolseley, Riley, and the Morris Oxford, the version which we had for a while. It was slow and heavy and Henneke nicknamed it “The Tank”.

On a camping trip in the spring of 1975, while I was changing a flat tire, the jack went right through the rusted sill and miraculously, Henneke just captured that moment on a photo. At the time the car wasn't worth saving and went to the junk yard.



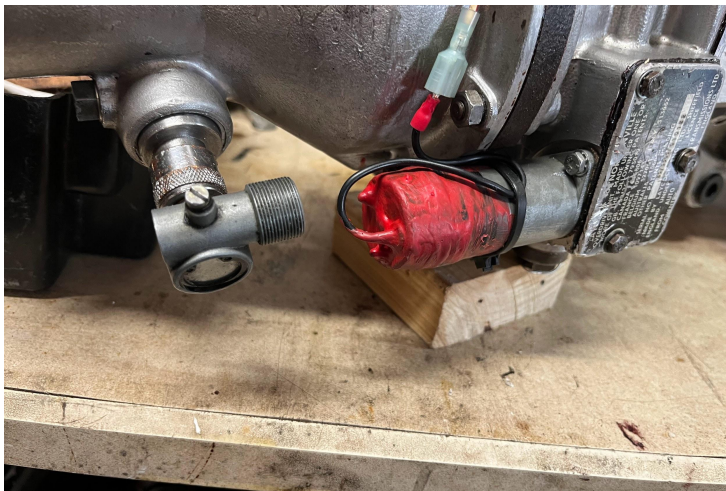
From Under the Bonnett

From the editor

It's always a joy to learn about a solution to a problem before you encounter it!

That's what happened to Glen Moore and me when we traveled to the home of Rick Sevcech in Yulee, Florida.

Looking at some transmission work he recently completed, we noticed a peculiar 'seal' around the overdrive solenoid. His answer to "where did you get the seal?" was "Liquid Tape". This rubber based brush-on liquid tape forms a protective, waterproof, UV-resistant, dielectric seal around spliced electrical wire to protect against corrosion, shortages, electrical shock and vibration.



In my best Billy Mays... "wait there's more!"
Rick educated us on two more of his gotta have solutions.



Don't have a gasket? Make your own!
Permatex Anaerobic Gasket Maker
A non corrosive gasketing material designed primarily for use on aluminum, iron, and steel flanged mating surfaces. Ideal for on-the-spot and emergency repairs, or when a conventional gasket is unavailable.



Blue Devil Oil Stop Leak
Repairs and reconditions rubber seals throughout any fluid oil system.

Classy Finds

Aka classifieds

In appreciation for helping make the GOF a success, we are running a series of ads to recognize these businesses.

The Cottage Gift Shop



141 W. Church Ave, Longwood, FL 32750

407-834-7220

We are a family-owned gift shop since 1995 located in the Downtown Longwood Historic District. Our shop is the perfect spot to find just the right gift for that special someone - Baby gifts, Jewelry, Vera Bradley, fragrances for the home (candles, melts, potpourri, diffusers), clothing, jellies and jams, bath and body, handmade cards, tabletop, Christmas and much more! We understand that finding just the right "something" for your gift giving can sometimes be overwhelming! We are here to help...just tell us a little bit about the person you are shopping for and we can offer many suggestions. That's one of our favorite things about owning the shop and especially when we hear "that gift you suggested was a huge hit"!

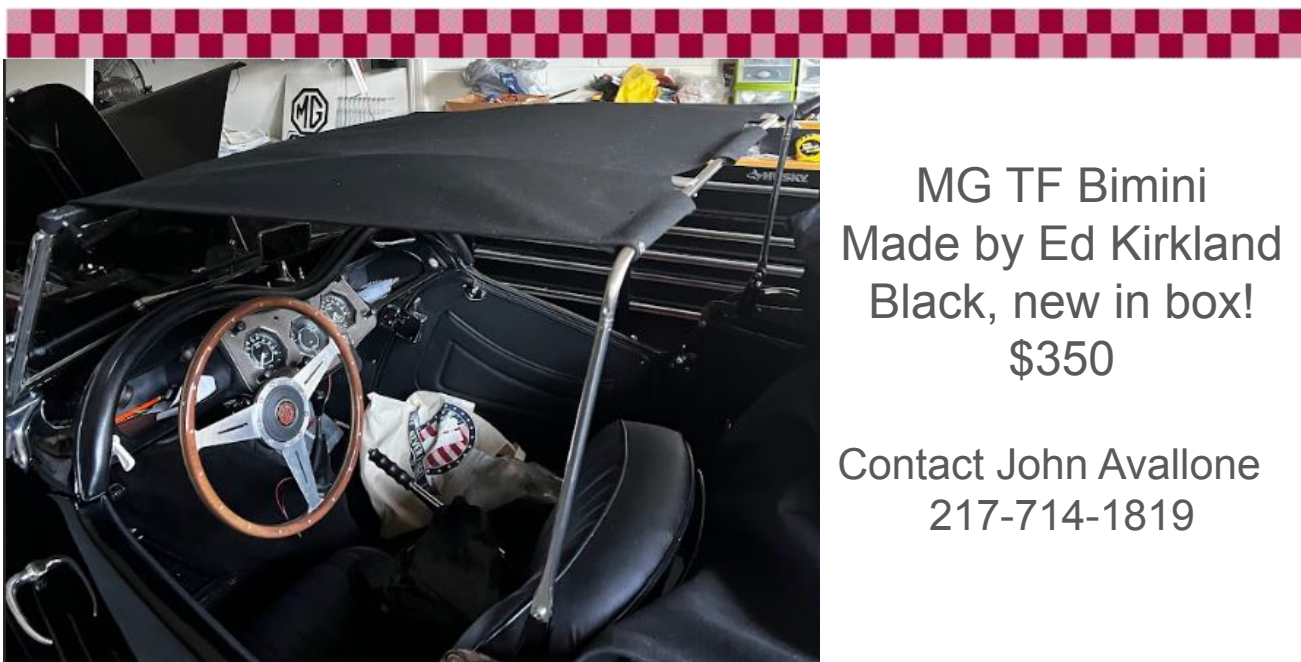
Our shop is located in a charming 19th century Victorian house called the Inside-Outside House. The house derives the name from its unique construction. The wall studs are exposed on the exterior with finished walls on the inside. The house was originally built in Boston, Massachusetts in 1870 by Capt. W. Pierce, a sea captain. It is thought to be one of the oldest still standing prefabricated houses in the US. It was disassembled in 1873 and shipped to Jacksonville and then down the St. Johns River by steamship to Sanford. After arriving in Sanford, it was transported by mule cart to Altamonte Springs and reassembled there on Boston Ave. Capt. Pierce used the ground level as a cabinet shop with living quarters upstairs. To prevent demolition in 1973, it was moved to Longwood and restored by the Central Florida Society for Historic Preservation. This unique house, with elaborate wood detailing on the porch is now home to the Cottage Gift Shop and is open to the public Monday-Saturday 10-5 PM (excluding holidays).

Stop in and see the house and all of the unique inventory we offer!
Pam and Tom Redditt



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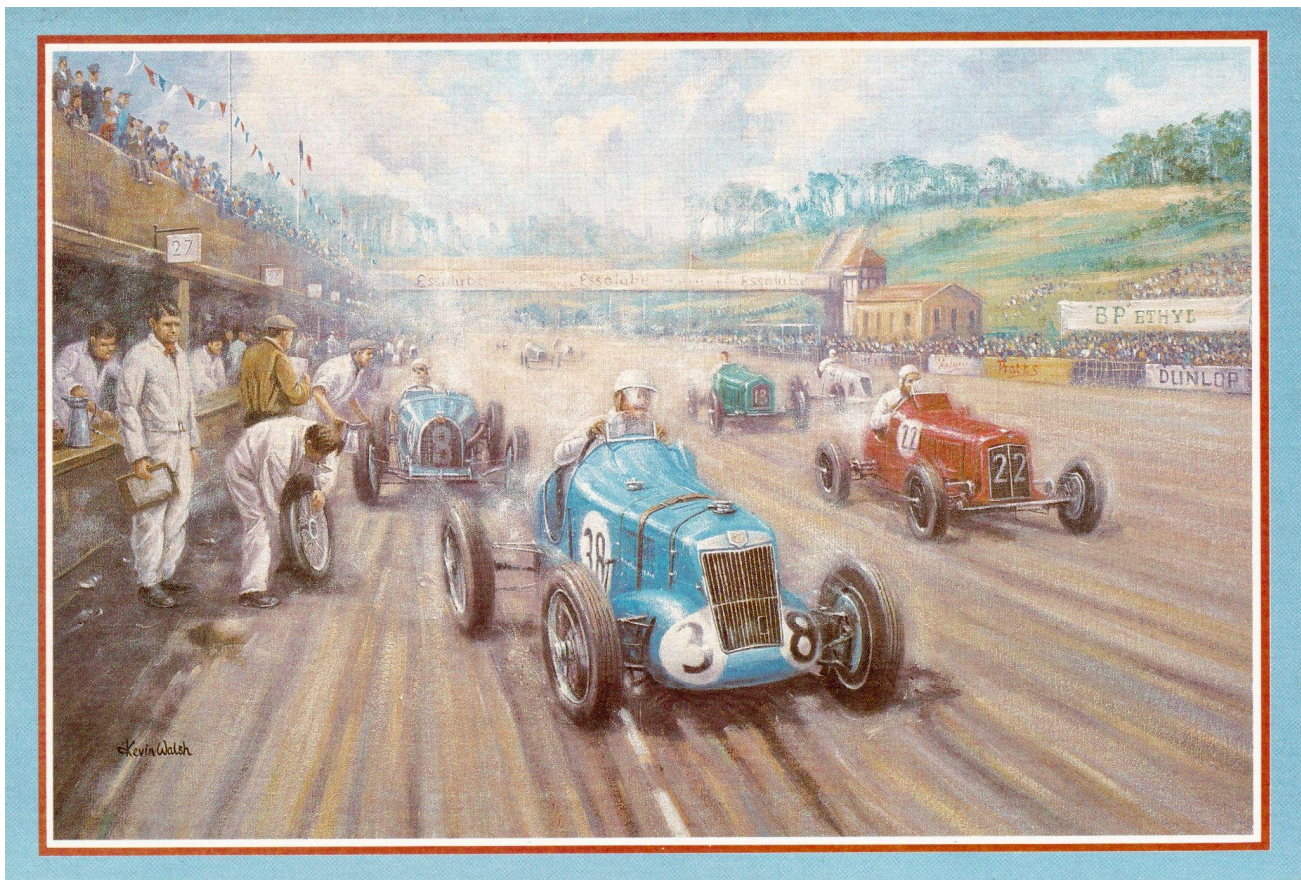
Aka classifieds



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

Contact John Avallone
217-714-1819

Greeting Card from Reinout



This painting, by Kevin Walsh, titled Back in the Race is one of his lesser know and the card was published by Royle Publications Ltd. in England. The text on the back of the card is: "... JCC International Trophy race at Brooklands. An R-type MG pulls away after a pit stop just ahead of an oncoming Era (red) and in the background are other great race names of the thirties A Buggatti [sic] (blue) Alfa Romeo (green) and a Maserati (white)".

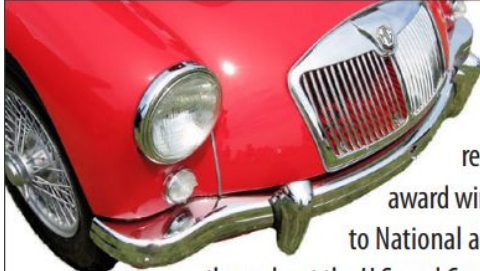




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Second Harvest Food Bank is the official charity of the Classic MG Club. Many people in Central Florida go to bed hungry every night. In the U.S., 50 million people are food insecure - one in four children. As a club, and as individuals, we can make a major difference in our neighbors' lives.



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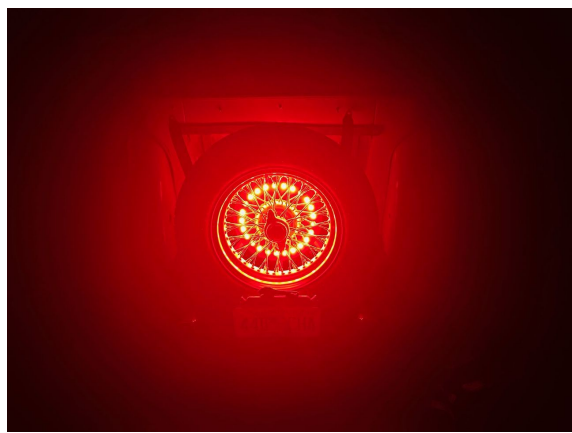
Second Harvest is an efficiently-run charity with 97% of contributions going directly to help local people in need. Every \$25 donation can provide 100 meals for struggling families and kids.

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... by Nick Pardee are of his TC, Rachel.



See you next month!
Keith

