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St. Petersburg Yacht Club’s Vintage Motor Classic: A Huge Success

By Dennis J. Magee, Editor

Just nine years ago Bill Waters created the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Classic Car Show and had 35 cars in attendance. I was also there for his first show and for many afterwards. This years there were 282



vehicles including automobiles, boats, and motorcycles, a record number and phenomenal growth. Of those numbers, there were 54 British vehicles, 20 per cent of the total in attendance. The British cars were represented by MGs, Austin Healeys Triumphs, Jaguars, Sunbeams, Austin Martins, Bentleys and Rolls Royces, a fine collection of outstanding cars.

This years show benefited the Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and raised \$600 for the charity. They had four dogs adopted during the show. Of particular interest was the flyer advertisement for the car show, which featured an MG with a cat and dog as passengers.

Club members taking trophies were: Dave Wilgus with his MG-PB; Lee Strickland—MGB; David Knight—MGB; Bruce Rauch-MGA; Rich Olson-MG-TD; and Phil Ross with his Triumph 1800.



There is always something special about this show as it is a kick-off for the holidays and also falls on the weekend that St. Petersburg celebrates the “Rib Fest” festival, which permits the several thousand who attend the “Rib

Fest” to visit the Vintage Motor Classic as well. It is estimated that five to eight thousand spectators visited the car show. The Vintage Motor classic has become an integral part of the “Rib Fest” festival and a very important for the City of St. Petersburg and the local merchants. It is a Win-Win for everyone.

Being that the yacht club sponsors this event, it is first class all the

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all articles submitted and make
changes as necessary.**



way. When you arrive, there is hot coffee and Danish rolls waiting for you. The yacht club facility is open to the attendees, along with the restaurant and the outside grill, serving a vast selection of refreshments.



Club members—Bobby and Lee Strickland with their white MGB

Bill Waters and staff offered a very warm welcome to the car show attendees. Bill has been leading this show for nine years and has done a fantastic job. We are already looking forward to 2012 and another increase in car attendance with new features to make this a more memorable event.



Dave Wilgus MG



Dennis Day's MG



Bert and Bruce Rauch's MGA

Moon Under the Water

By Jean Magee

On Saturday, November 12th, twelve FSCMGCC members braved the traffic and parking challenges on St. Pete's Beach Drive created by Rib Fest attendees to partake in a most enjoyable lunch at Moon Under the Water. (If you are like me, you probably wondered where that name came from. See the tavern's website @ <http://www.themoonunderthewater.com/>) We were

rewarded with great food and a m i a b l e conversation in a striking British Colonial décor with a lovely view of the park and waterfront.



The weather was fantastic, and the energy of the city was stimulating! We were having so much fun that we were reluctant to part company. But, some of us had to go grab a nap before

driving back downtown to attend the pre-event cocktail event that evening for the St. Petersburg Yacht Club show which was held the next day. So many car events, so little time ...!

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Monthly Minutes Summary, November 2011 November 9, 2011

President Glenn Lenhard called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

The Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report were approved as presented.

Membership Report: There are currently 80 member/families.

Regalia: Contact Barrie Carson if you would like to purchase any Club regalia.

Past Activities:

October 22 – All British Car Show – Mike Silvernail placed 2nd in the MGA group.

There were over 200 cars in attendance and the weather was perfect. Our Club had the most members registered for the event.

October 28 – 29 – Brit Bash – Sandra & Nigel Petch said that it was very rainy.

Future Activities: Glenn briefly outlined upcoming activities. See Activities in this Informer.

Glenn asked members to help plan activities and Breakfast Club events for 2012.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles is November 20th.

Old Business:

* Northeast High Project – There wa nothing new to report.

* NAMGAR Regional event for April 2013 –We have learned that NAMGAR plans to host a National event in Asheville, NC in June 2013, which would attract many people who would normally attend a regional event. After discussing the issue, it was decided to postpone our Regional one year and host the event in 2014 or possibly in the Fall of 2013.

* 2012 Officers & Board of Directors:

President: Glenn Lenhard

Vice President: Bruce Rauch

Treasurer: John Lester

Secretary: Gail Lenhard

Board of Directors: Ted Badger, Dennis Magee, Mike Silvernail & Dave Wilgus

New Business:

Moss Motors invites Club members to send in stories & photos for their magazine, British Motoring, to David Stuursman (StuursmanD@mossmotors.com) on two themes:

1. "This is what I think it takes to make a Club work..."

2. "Let me tell you about this one time when our Club..."

Gail suggested adding David Stuursman to our email list for newsletters.

Announcements: Glenn won the 50 – 50 Raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary



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Activities



Bold type is a club sponsored event

December

3: Santa Parade, St. Petersburg followed by lunch at Chattaways Restaurant

10: The Brits By the Bay Picnic. The Tampa Bay British Car Club invites all area British Car Clubs to its semi annual picnic. Phillippe Park, Safety Harbor Fl. Starts at 10:00 AM. Food at noon.

11: Christmas Party at Daddy's Grill, Oldsmar at 4 pm. RSVP Bruce Rauch.

January 2012

1: The President's 2nd annual First Drive. Details to come. This event is being planned by Fiona and Phil.

11: Regular Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ The Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First Street SE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. 727-823-7767

December 2011 Fellowship

December Anniversaries:

Dec. 11 John & Brenda Longo
Dec. 17 Harry & Dot Britton
Dec. 28 Tyrone & Joyce Reddish

December Birthdays:

Dec. 1 Larry Waters
Dec. 2 John Fox
Dec. 6 Janet Smith
Dec. 11 Jean Kirby
Dec. 14 Tim Fitzpatrick
Dec. 17 Joe Joseph
Dec. 18 Pheona Kaiser
Dec. 20 John Suter
Dec. 21 Gail Lenhard
Dec. 24 Suzy Maxon
Dec. 24 Patricia Soler
Dec. 25 Carol Boyd
Dec. 28 Margaret Lester



Thank you - From the Desk of Bob Cannarella

Florida Suncoast MG Car Club:

I just wanted to send along a short thank you for your prayers, card, call and your continued expression of concern.

We have been and continue to be blessed by God and we know God is in control of my situation and this is very comforting. Deb and the kids have been great through it all and I know how blessed I am to have such a great supportive family. I know that God plan for my recovery is perfect and no matter what the outcome and I am fully confident and feel absolutely no concern at all. If possible please post this in the monthly newsletter so I can express my appreciation to all club members. We will see you guys in the near future.

Take care. Bob C



Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Inc.

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2012 Membership Registration Form

New Application _____ Vocational Student _____ (No Fee) Renewal _____

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YES or NO
 YES or NO
 YES or NO

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Child Name _____ Age _____ Child Name _____ Age _____

Occupation _____ Work Phone _____ EXT _____

Spouse's Occupation _____ Work Phone _____ EXT _____

Model of MG _____ Year _____ Color _____

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How long have you been involved with MGs? _____

Other interests/comments: _____

Would you be interested in helping the Club with any of the following:

_____ Events _____ Social Activities _____ Tech. Info. _____ Newsletter _____ Committees _____ Telephone Calls _____

Do you know anyone else who might be interested in joining our club? _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ email _____

Dues are \$30.00 for individual or family membership only. Make checks payable to: FSMGCC

Signature _____ Date _____

History

In August of 1980, a few friends got together and decided to form a club for MG owners. Later that year, they incorporated as the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Inc. Finally, after a lot of work, the club was ready to be listed with the International MG Car Club, Ltd. as the second official center in the state of Florida.

Today we are the most active MG car club in the Tampa Bay area. Our members include owners of MGs for everyday transportation, show car collectors, professional mechanics, and auto enthusiasts interested in preserving classic cars as a part of our social and industrial heritage.

Memberships

New members are the life-blood of the organization, bringing with them fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Club membership is open to all individuals interested in the MG motorcar, whether they own a car or not. Membership entitles the entire family to participate in the activities of the Club.

Purpose

The main purpose of the Club is to promote knowledge, understanding, maintenance and preservation of the MG while enjoying the thrill of driving a true sports car and the fun of lighthearted social activities with members who share a common interest.

Meeting and Activities

The Club's activities include: car shows, parades, rallies, car clinics, tours, picnics, camp-outs, parties and interclub functions. Club members are invited to participate in as many as they choose - the more the merrier! The Club has a Monthly Meeting, held on the second Wednesday of each month, except July and August where the meeting will be held at the Breakfast Club event. Wednesday's meetings start at 7:30 pm.

Morris Garages Informer

All members receive our monthly newsletter, the Morris Garages Informer. It includes reports of events, an activities calendar, classified ads from members, updates of the last meeting, technical tips pertinent to the MG, and current information relating to the collector car hobby.

A Classified Ads Section is open to all Members free of charge. Members may personally advertise MG cars and parts they wish to buy, sell or trade.

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