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President’s Drive—New Year Day

By Dennis J. Magee, Editor

It was a bright and clear day this first day of the new year as over twenty-two cars began the President’s Drive 2012 from the Blackthorn Memorial Park. The Park is located on the North Pier of the Skyway Fishing Pier State Park, this site is maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation. The memorial commemorates the sinking of the Coast Guard cutter Blackthorn near this location in 1980. This is the same jump off location used for the President’s Drive 2011. The majority of the cars were British with a couple of American autos along for the ride. The journey led us through many back roads of Old Florida, along plant nurseries, strawberry farms, within Manatee and Hillsborough County. The drive was about fifty miles lasting about two hours.



Tampa Bay British Car Club, Phil and Fiona Ross for this wonderful driving event.

The weather could not have been better, with top-down driving at its best. If the drive did not make you hungry, the weather certainly did as the group stopped at Shenaniganz Restaurant, Apollo Beach for tasty treats and liquid refreshments. By two-thirty pm, it was time to depart, either for home and for some an extra trip to view the Manatees, at the power plant. Thanks again to our hosts, The

The Grind House Luncheon

By Dennis Magee, Editor

Over twenty-six members dined for lunch at the Grind House British Pub, Safety Harbor on January 21, in lieu of the club’s regular breakfast activity. This was the club’s first special

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activity of the new year. There was plenty of Fish and Chips, along with a wide choice of other British selections on the menu. The British Pub setting along with several of our British members, created an opportunity to discuss the TV series on PBS, The Downton Abbey and the British way of life during the early nineteen-hundreds. The series is set in the fictional Downton Abbey, the Yorkshire country house of the Earl and Countess of Grantham and follows the lives of the aristocratic Crawley family and their servants in the reign of King George V. The first series spans two years before the Great War, beginning with news of the sinking of the Titanic, which sets the story in motion. The second series covers the years 1916 to 1919 and the 2011 Christmas Special December 1919 to January 1920. Highclere Castle in Hampshire was



used for exterior shots of Downton Abbey and most of the interior filming. The main focus of the discussion was the culture of the aristocratic form of life style and the evolution of the culture in today's British society. Great discussion and an opportunity to learn from our fellow British members.

Meet our fellow members: Mike & Karen Silvernail's British Car Experience

Karen and I met in 1961 while I was in college in the upstate New York small city of Oneonta. Karen was attending college in Albany and lived in the nearby Oneonta village of Sidney.



Shortly after we started dating, I bought my first MG. It was a 1953 MGTD, for which I traded in my rust laden 1955 Ford. The TD came from the Morris Garage, owned by Gordon Morris. He was a dealer for MG, Morris Minor, and Austin Healy cars. His lead mechanic was Sherm Decker, who was a pretty good race driver. He had quite a record driving at Lime Rock and Watkins Glen, as well as on the MGA factory team in the Sebring 12 hour race.

Karen on the emergency brake and the other couple TD was the side curtains. The plastic in them had turned white and opaque. I decided to fix them with some thin plastic food wrap. The frames came apart and the repair was easy. The only problem was they were very fragile and had to be handled carefully. After picking Karen up from college in Albany one cold winter night, we were driving back to Oneonta. The winds were quite strong and **we had not** gotten far down Route 7 from Albany before my trusty repaired windows blew completely out. The tiny heater in the TD did not stand a chance against the cold and luckily we had a blanket that we spread across our laps. The one glove that I had was used for the steering hand. It was a long cold ride that night, but the TD did not miss a beat and carried us through.

Often, Karen and I would double date in the TD. in the passenger seat. One problem I had with the



The TD lasted with me until I got a mangled rear fender. I was backing out of a parking space near the college field house after soccer practice and was hit. I thought the car was going to tip over, but it came back down on all four. The wing was a real mess. When Gordy Morris saw it, he surprised me with an offer for a trade up to a 1960 MGA 1600. The car was several years old, bright red, wire wheels, and beige leather interior. This was my second MG. Karen and I had many fun hours driving and riding in that car. Karen did have a few trying times learning to feather the clutch so that she wouldn't 'buck' the car when starting up.

For service, I would take the MGA to a small garage near Oneonta that Sherm Decker was operating. It was interesting to see him working there on the race cars of the guys he would be racing against on the weekends.

The red MGA 1600 stayed with me until it was about time to graduate from college. Karen and I were also beginning to think about marriage and start our life together. A friend had a nice Morris Minor to trade and the deal made financial sense and the extra room in the MM made it a better first car for Karen and me. It was the car that we drove for the next several years and it would be several more years until our next MG.

In 1972 we moved to Largo, FL where I began teaching science at Largo Middle School. I worked with a teacher whose husband had a 1965 MGB that was a mess that he planned to rebuild. That didn't happen so he sold it to me for \$50. I hooked a rope to it and towed it home. The engine was sitting where the passenger seat should have been. I worked on it for about a year before it was done and could be driven. I'm sure our neighbors loved seeing me wheeling the engine down to the end of the driveway where I would de-gunk and spray it. Our two young sons enjoyed riding in it with the top down. After several years, it was decided we needed something bigger for a second car. So the B was sold to a neighbor and we bought a bigger and better car. A Chevy Vega. That ended MG cars for us for quite awhile.

February 2012 Fellowship

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 15 Bill & Carol Boyd
February 17 Alex & Marion Galambos

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 3 Joyce Reddish
February 6 Marge Weintraub
February 7 Karen Silvernail
February 8 Ruth Faria
February 9 Tyrone Reddish
February 17 Bill Graham
February 19 Bill Terlop
February 21 Terry McCarroll
February 22 Nell Spirek
February 26 Steve McDowell
February 26 Lorraine Spicer
February 27 Jeff Zorn

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

John Robinson is recovering from a fractured leg which he suffered in October.

Bobbie Strickland is doing well after surgery for a new left knee.

Club Members continue to keep Bob Cannarella in our thoughts. He assures us that he'll be with us when he gets his "groove" back.

Several years ago I ran into a golfing buddy in a parking lot and he was driving an MGTD. I was surprised and the car brought back lots of fond MG memories. In talking with him I learned about Glenn's MG Repair, which was where he took it for service. Several days later I was talking with Glenn and he gave me a tour of the **garage**. I was impressed that Glenn could provide such a service for British cars in this area. Looking for a project, Glenn gave me names of people in the area who might have an MG for sale.

I spent some time checking out various possible cars to buy. I looked at MGTDs and MGBs. While looking at the first TD with Karen, she said "I have a concern". She was quick to point out that the size of the TD hadn't changed over the years. She was sure that I couldn't get into one now. I had to prove her wrong. She was impressed when I drove the car around the block, but it was great being able to breathe again after getting out of the car.

The only MGA I found for sale in the area was on St. Pete Beach. It was a red 1960 1600. The car was a Florida car and the owner had paperwork back to the early 1960s. It had been owned a long time by Sacino, from Sacino's Men's Evening Wear stores in St. Pete and Orlando. The man selling it had been a long time friend of Sacino and had



purchased the car from the family after his death. It had been painted several years ago but needed work. It ran and I was able to drive it home after the purchase. It drove much better after reworking the front brakes and changing out some ignition parts. Glenn and his staff have helped with repairs and restorations that I've felt were beyond my capabilities. They have been a valued resource.

This MGA became our fourth MG car over a span of 50 years and nearly matches our other MGA of long ago. As with all MGs, it continues to be a

work in progress. With it, we have gotten to join the MG club and meet some super people. Karen and I are looking forward to enjoying the car in future club activities.

MGB Brake light Switch

by John Lester

The other day my neighbor told me that the brake lights were not working on Noddy, my 1980 MGB. I called Glenn, of Glenn's MG Repair who told me that he does not like the switches that can be purchased now as the spring in them is too weak and they do not last. He would have to look to see if he could find a good used one, but in the meantime why didn't I try to fix it. So I did. Getting the switch out is fairly easy, if you find the clutch master cylinder it is just inboard of that. Disconnect the wires so you can unscrew it.

The switch is basically two parts, a plastic part to which the terminals are attached and a metal part crimped to the plastic part which has the thrust rod and the screw in part.



Gently pry open the crimping using a sharp screwdriver and the two parts will come apart fairly easily.

The above picture shows the plastic part with two copper terminals and a round connecting piece underneath which is a spring. This round part has to make an electrical contact across the two copper terminals for the brake lights to come on. On the right is the metal housing and the thrust pin which opens and

closes the contacts. My problem was just dirt in the contacts.

It is extremely difficult to clean the contacts with an abrasive so I sprayed a liberal amount of electrical contact cleaner onto them. You can test the switch without putting it back together. Using just the plastic part connect the leads, turn on the ignition and if your contacts are clean the brake lights will come on. Crimp the two parts together, I used a screwdriver and light taps with a hammer, screw in the switch until you feel resistance i.e. the spring has opened the contacts, connect the leads, test again, this time when you turn on the ignition the brake lights should NOT come on but when you depress the brake pedal they should. Now you should be all done.



Reinstalled brake light switch. Note Clutch Master cylinder on right.

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Monthly Minutes Summary January 11, 2012

President, Glenn Lenhard, called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m., welcoming guest, Sandra Knight.

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

Membership Report: There are currently 42 member/families. Bruce Rauch, Membership Chairman, will be sending out a mailing to those who have yet to send in their dues.

Regalia: Contact Barrie Carson if you would like to purchase any Club regalia. The Club approved purchasing more Club pens. Bert Rauch will contact Barrie about this.

Activities:

Past Activities:

December 3rd – St. Petersburg Santa Parade – article in Informer

December 11th - Holiday Party – article in the Informer

January 1st – President's Drive with the Tampa Bay British Car Club. This event was well attended by 22 cars and the weather was very cooperative.

Future Activities: Bruce Rauch passed out a list of possible events and asked people to step up to hosting a Breakfast Club event. He went through the upcoming activities that the Board of Directors decided on at the Board meeting on January 4th. See Activities in this Informer.

When the items collected from our Christmas party were delivered to Ronald McDonald House, the staff invited our Club to tour the Ronald McDonald House. This may fit in sometime after a Breakfast Club Event.

If there is enough interest, we may consider an overnight visit to Mt. Dora & surrounding area.

The Mustang Club has agreed to take over the Davis Island Car Show.

Breakfast Club: see Activities

If anyone has an Activity or Breakfast Club they would like to host, please contact Bruce!

Fellowship: Bob Cannarella is slowly getting his strength back. John Robinson had a serious accident and is recovering from that.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles is January 20th. Mike Silvernail agreed to write a "Meet Your Member" article.

New Business: MG Jamboree 18: November 2 – 4, 2012. Gail has secured the Homosassa Riverside Resort for the weekend with comparable prices from the last MG Jamboree. Volunteers are needed – contact Gail.

Announcements: Sandra Knight won the 50 – 50 Raffle.
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary



Bold type is club sponsored event.

Feb 08: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Feb 11: Breakfast Club at the Dome Grill, 561 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg followed by a stroll through the Fresh Market - hosted by Bert & Bruce Rauch

Feb 26: A Fun Run to Bartow for Brunch at the Stanford Inn, then an afternoon picnic at the Gamble Mansion - meet at the Blackthorn Memorial at 8:00 AM - hosted by Ellen and Rick Bucchino - Five Dollar per car fee to cover picnic expenses.

Mar 3: Breakfast Club at Hurricane Restaurant followed by our cars on display at The Island Festival in Pass-A-Grille - Food, Crafts and Cars to benefit the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum - hosted by Margaret & John Lester, Bert & Bruce Rauch, at 10th Ave and Gulf Blvd on March 3rd 2012 from 9am to 3pm. They have asked us to put on a car show as an added attraction. 10th Ave will be blocked off. The museum will use about 200 feet from Gulf Blvd for their stage etc and the rest is ours. The Museum is obtaining discount ticket for breakfast at the Hurricane restaurant on the corner of 9th Ave and Gulf Blvd. Bring your little British car to this event. Spencer Lucas, the President of the Museum will pick his favorite car and will give a small prize. We will ask for a donation to the Museum, as you enter. To get there take the Bayway to Gulf Blvd at the Don Cesar the turn south on Pass-A-Grill Way, continue on Pass-A-Grill Way for about one mile to 10th Ave on the right.

Please email me if you plan to attend. John Lester, Ladylester@verizon.net 813-831-4869

Mar 10: Bartow Army Airfield Tour - hosted by Dennis Magee

Mar 14: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Mar 23: GOF South at The Hilton/Orlando/Altamonte Hotel, Orlando - hosted by the Classic MG Club of Orlando

Mar 31: All British Car Show, Mead Gardens, Winter Park - www.allbritishcarclub.com

Apr 11: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Apr 14: Breakfast with Mike & Karen Silvernail followed by a Mystery Run hosted by Karen & Mike Silvernail

Apr 23-27: Key West NAMGAR Regional -This regional is always fun and a great way to see the Keys -Go to: www.keywestbritishcarclub.com for details.

May: Breakfast Club at the Treasure Island Yacht Club hosted by Dave Wilgus

May 5: Drive Your MGA Day - dedicated to you and your MGA

May 09: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

May: Breakfast followed by a Canoe Trip - hosted by Glenn Lenhard and Ted Badger

Jun 6-10, 2012: Dillard, Georgia - North American MGB Register Annual Convention - hosted by Peachtree MG Registry at the Dillard House - More info will be posted on <http://www.mg2012.com>

Jun 13: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Jun 30: Brits by the Bay Picnic, Phillippe Park, Safety Harbor - hosted by the Tampa Bay British Car Club

Jul 11: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Jul 9-13: North American MGA Register-GT 37 held in Dayton, OH hosted by the Southeastern Ohio Centre MG Club. For details go to: www.gt37.namgar.com

Aug 08: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Aug: Rays baseball game hosted by Roberta and Bruce Rauch

Sep 12: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Sep: Breakfast followed by a drive through Hillsborough County to Dinosaur-World or Gatorland

Oct 10: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Oct 27: Breakfast at the Paradise Restaurant followed by the All-British Auto Jumble & Car Show, Safety Harbor

Nov 2-4: MG Jamboree 18, Homosassa, FL

Nov 14: Monthly members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

Dec: Saint Petersburg Santa Parade and lunch at Chattaways

Dec: FSMGCC Christmas Party



Other Club
Events of Interest



Jan 29: 43rd Annual Devereaux-Kaiser Antique Car Show in Sarasota, Fl. Westfield Sarasota Square Mall 8201 S Tamiami Trail, US 41 & Beneva Road

Jan 29: Sarasota Polo Club Match at Lakewood Ranch, University Parkway and Lorraine Road - gates open at 10:AM

Feb 17-18: The Villages Cruise-In car show - The Villages - 2:PM to 7:PM - for information contact Dennis Magee at: 727-726-1273

What? FSMGCC February Breakfast Club

When? February 11, 2012, 8:30 AM

Where? The Dome Grill
561 Central Avenue
Saint Petersburg

Why? *Awesome breakfast with FSMGCC friends!* The Dome Grill is a St. Pete institution since 1984 serving traditional breakfasts accompanied by industrial strength coffee. You place your order, collect your utensils and wait for your order at the pickup aisle, served on real china. Breakfasts range from omelettes to French toast & waffles.



After Breakfast, we can take a brisk walk a few blocks to the St. Petersburg Saturday Market at 1st Avenue South and 1st Street. Offerings at the Market include a variety of fresh foods, plants and crafts. On the 11th, there's live musical entertainment by the Pete Merrigan & Friends Band.



RSVP to Bruce & Bert Rauch @ 727-576-9474 or
email to: brauch1@tampabay.rr.com



Bartow Fun Run Sunday, February 26, 2012



Directions to Starting Point:
Meeting Point: Beef O'Brady's, 8913 US 301 North, Parrish, FL 34219
Meeting Time: 9:00 am - we will start spaced departures at 9:30 am
 From Interstate 75 in Ellenton, take exit 224, US 301, head North on 301
 Pass by Ellen Prime Outlets entrance and proceed about 2 miles.
 Turn right at lights— onto Old Tampa Road
 Take immediate left behind 7-11 Station
 Look for us in the Beef O'Brady's parking lot ahead on right.

Important Info:

Participation Fee will be \$5.00 per car. The fee will be collected at the beginning of the run.
 We will have a "driver's and navigator's meeting" before departure to explain the flip cards and for last minute details and questions. Please be present for this at 9:15 am.
 Safe driving is the top priority so please be sure to obey all traffic signs and controls. This is not a timed event and there is no reason to be the first or the fastest.
 This is not a caravan to the inn or mansion, rather a fun rally. Please don't disregard any traffic controls just to keep up with another car.
 Use of your car's trip odometer is highly recommended however we understand not all may be working, hence use of a GPS is encouraged so all can participate. Simply follow the directions on the flip cards that will be provided. Part 1 will take you approximately 90 minutes to the Stamford Inn.
 When you arrive at the Stamford Inn and park your car in the designated grassy lot, please go ahead and get a table and begin enjoying a cool drink (or English tea if you like!) and brunch. There is seating both inside and outside on the veranda. Be sure to see the home thought! Also, clean wash rooms are available in there.
 After brunch you are free to begin part 2 of the fun rally and make your way to the Gamble Mansion. Part 2 will take you approximately 90 minutes to the Gamble Mansion.
 On arrival at the Gamble Mansion, please look for us in the shaded picnic grove. Feel free to visit the information center. There are clean rest rooms in the visitors center.
 Once cars arrive at the picnic area, we will hand out answer sheets for scoring of your questions. In addition we will have some refreshments and prizes there before saying farewell for the day.

Jim Wilson Mobile: 941-468-4683
 Rick Baccichino Mobile: 941-730-9336



Suncoast British Car Club presents

Bartow Fun Run Sunday, February 26, 2012



Please join us for a fun run to The Stamford Inn and Tea Room in Bartow, FL. We will begin with instructions for the drive to the inn on flip cards along with questions to be answered by hints given along the way. After a stop for brunch at the Stamford Inn, we will begin part two of the fun run and end at the historic Gamble Mansion in Ellenton, FL. We will have refreshments and snacks provided in a beautiful shaded picnic area at the mansion. We will present some fun awards to the car with the most correct answers to the questions we provide in the instructions.

Highlights

- Part one of the trip is about 70 miles along rural roads—sometimes twisty!
- Stamford Inn for brunch (see website for menu: www.thestamfordinn.com)
- Part two is 70 miles along some different roads, including Tail of the Gecko!
- End at the Historic Gamble Mansion for presentations and refreshments.

Please note:

- Participation Fee is \$5.00 per car. The fee will be collected at the beginning of the run.
- It is recommended to have a "navigator" for this fun run, although you can participate by following another car. GPS devices are welcome.
- This is not a race nor a timed event—just a fun trip to a great antique inn while touring some interesting rural roads. No speeds above 55 mph.

Register on our website by February 12th!! Space is limited!!
 To register: http://www.suncoastbritishcarclub.com/BartowFunRun2012_Reg

See Page 2 for Meeting point info!

Enjoy Brunch and Tea at the beautiful Stamford Inn in Bartow! And a drive on the Tail of the Gecko!

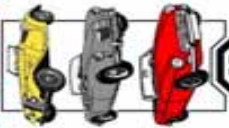


Meet the Tail of the Dragon's Little Friend!
 Roads may not have mountains, canyons and the alternate twisty roads, but what it does have is some of the country's best driving weather when the rest of the country can't figure out how they're going to get their car dug out of the snow.

This twisty gem is tucked away in the middle of the state and has a personality all its own. Kind of like that little reptile that is always trying to get you insurance, this guy's busy trying to get you to get out and drive your LBC!

BARTOW FUN RUN 2012

GOF SOUTH XLVI



ALTA MONTE SPRINGS, FL
MARCH 23-25, 2012

REGISTRATION FORM

GOF SOUTH MK. XLVI, MARCH 23-25, 2012

Name: (include ALL in your party - for name badges) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

First Entry: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Second Entry: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Are you a First Timer? _____ Club Affiliation: _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Car Registration + 2 persons (\$40.00 after 3/1/2012)	\$35.00
Registration of additional persons	\$10.00 each
Registration, each additional car	(no charge)
Meet and Greet Friday evening buffet (Mardi Gras Buffet)*	\$25.00 each
Saturday evening banquet (Beef w/vegetables or Salmon Rockefeller)*	\$40.00 each
Please indicate # Beef _____ Salmon _____	
Vendor Pre-Registration (\$40.00 on day of show)	\$35.00

Tee-Shirts - (M) (W) _____ Med LG XL XXL _____ @ \$15.00 each \$ _____
 Polo Shirts - (M) (W) _____ Med LG XL XXL _____ @ \$30.00 each \$ _____

Please indicate number required

TOTAL ENCLOSED (make check payable to "Classic MG Club") \$ _____

RELEASE AND WAIVER: In consideration of and for the right to participate in the 46th Annual Gathering of the Faithful, I, on my behalf and on behalf of all members of my party attending the event, release the Classic MG Club of Orlando Inc., all of the participating clubs, event sponsors and the Hilton Altamonte Springs, from any and all liability for damage to myself, my party, my car, or other property, while traveling to and from the event and while attending the event.

Driver and Passenger sign below:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Send to Paul Plasschaert, 1304 Wellington Terrace, Maitland, FL 32751 with a check made payable to the Classic MG Club. For more information, contact Al Cook at 407-678-6814 or e-mail acpa@mgclub.net

*Please see details next page.

Friday evening, Mardi Gras Buffet

Menu: Garden Salad with Ranch Dressing & Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing
Jambalaya
Roast beef au jus Sirloin
Baked Tilapia
Green Beans
Southern Style Biscuits & Jalapeno Cheese Rolls with Whipped Honey Butter
Mississippi Mud Pie
Cheesecake
Iced Tea and Coffee

Saturday evening banquet

Menu: Choice of:

Salad with New Orleans Flair
BRAISED OSSO BUCCO RAVIOLI
 Creamy leek and Roasted Portobello fricassee
 Chef's selection of Vegetable
 Warm Rolls with Butter
 Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea

Dessert:
 Award winning BANANAS FOSTER Presentation with vanilla bean ice cream.

OR

Salad with New Orleans Flair
SALMON ROCKEFELLER
 Salmon stuffed with a Pernod Spinach Stuffing topped with Hollandaise Sauce
 Rice Pilaf
 French Cut Green Beans
 Warm Rolls with Butter
 Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea

Dessert:
 Award winning BANANAS FOSTER Presentation with vanilla bean ice cream.



All British Car Show Registration

28th Annual Winter Park All British Car Show

Saturday 31 March 2012 Rain or Shine

Name:		Your British Car					
Address:		Year:					
City:		Make:					
State:	Zip:	Model:	Color				
Phone:		E-Mail Address:					
Individual Pre-registration fee \$25 per car Registration must be received by 03/25/2012 to include your free T-Shirt (a \$15 value) No FREE Tee at the MEET and GREET		T-Shirt Size:	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
		For each additional tee shirt add \$15.00 to the total					
Please Circle yes or no if plan to attend the Meet and Greet on Friday from 5:00-6:30 at the Best Western Mt. Vernon Inn, Winter Park, Florida.		Yes	No	Circle M L XL XXL XXXL			

**Checks Payable to: CF British Car Club Mail to Attn: Jim McSweeney,
3516 Seaford Lane, Casselberry, Florida 32707 Sorry, no kit cars allowed.**

Please Mark Your Vehicle's Make and Model Class					
A	MG 1929-1955	N	Triumph TR6 1974-1976	ZR	Mini (Rollup Window)
B	MGA	O	Triumph TR7, TR8 & Stag	AA	New Mini
C	MGB/C 1962-1974 Chrome Bumper	P	Triumph Spitfire & GT6	BB	Morgan
D	MGB 1974.5-1980 Rubber Bumper	Q	Jaguar XK120, 140 & 150	CC	Lotus
E	MGB/C GT (All years)	R	Jaguar Early Sedans thru 1987	DD	Land Rover
F	AH Bug eye, Sprite & MG Midget	S	Jaguar E Type Series I & II	EE	Rolls Royce/Bentley
G	Austin Healey 100	T	Jaguar E Type Series III	FF	British Modified*
H	Austin Healey with Side Curtains	U	Jaguar XJS	GG	Open Class Pre-War (All Marques not included above from 1944 and before)
J	Austin Healey 3000 Roll Up Win	V	Jaguar -later sedans 1987-on		
K	Triumph TR2 & TR3	W	Jaguar XK & XK8	HH	Open Class Post-War (All Marques not included above from 1945 and after)
L	Triumph TR4, TR4A & TR250	Y	Sunbeam		
M	Triumph TR6 1969-1973	ZS	Mini (Slide Window)		FREE Valve Cover Racing Entry

* All Visibly Modified Cars, e.g. Engine conversion, etcetera.

NEW THIS YEAR: Swap Meet Area set up for Registrants (AUTO JUMBLE)

I am aware of the hazards with motor vehicle events and specifically release and indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsor, the City of Winter Park and the Winter Park All British Car Show Committee collectively and separately, for any and all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guest while participating in the Winter Park All British Car Show. I understand and agree that the Winter Park All British Car Show Committee reserves the right to revoke my registration and retain my registration fee should I engage in reckless dangerous and/or unsafe behavior. I Have Read, Understand and Agree to this release.

Signature _____

Check out our WEBSITE: www.allbritishcarclub.com

THANK YOU LETTER



December 15, 2011

Bruce Rauch
Florida Suncoast MG Car Club
P.O. Box 61273
St. Petersburg, FL 33784-1273

Dear Bruce:

At this holiday season, we are grateful for the support of people like you. Thank you very much for your generous donation of pantry items, paper goods, cleaning supplies, kitchen ware, light bulbs and clock radio.

In 2010 we opened a new 14 bedroom house in All Children's Hospital, making our four house program here in Tampa Bay one of the largest in the world. It means there will be more families than ever needing our help this holiday. We anticipate there will be at least 50-60 families who won't be able to go home for Christmas, as they stay close to their hospitalized children. Donations of parent gifts, toys, decorations, meals, holiday goodies, paper products and other house supplies help them feel the support of our community at one of the most stressful time in their lives.

We will again open a Toy Shop (converted bedroom) where parents may choose free gifts for their kids. Last year, thanks to the generosity of others, we took care of more than 80 children. Their parents, some of whom had no funds, a car, or even the time to go to a store, were so grateful for the help. Bags full of parent gifts will also be left by Santa's elves outside bedroom doors on Christmas Eve.

Although we can't give families the gift of health for their children, we CAN show them the support they need at the holidays. Thank you so much for contributing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donna Young".

Donna Young
House Director

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 Model of MG _____ Year _____ Color _____
 Model of MG _____ Year _____ Color _____
 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.
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Upcoming Events 2012

February

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

11: Breakfast Club at the Dome Grill, 561 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg followed by a stroll through the Fresh Market - hosted by Bert & Bruce Rauch

26: A Fun Run to Bartow for Brunch at the Stanford Inn, then an afternoon picnic at the Gamble Mansion - meet at the Blackthorn Memorial at 8:00 AM - hosted by Ellen and Rick Bucchino - Five Dollar per car fee to cover picnic expenses.

March

3: Breakfast Club at Hurricane Restaurant followed by our cars on display at The Island Festival in Pass-A-Grille - Food, Crafts and Cars to benefit the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum - hosted by Margaret & John Lester, Bert & Bruce Rauch

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