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Christmas Party 2011

By Dennis J. Magee, Editor

They just keep getting better each year. That was the consensus of over forty club members who attended the 2011 Christmas Party at Daddy’s Grill, Oldsmar. Along with the wonderful dinner of a selection of either Prime-rib, Salmon, or Chicken, along with desserts, the occasion was also an appreciation for those members who served on the Board of Directors for 2011 and a review of the yearly activities for 2011, by President, Glenn Lenhard. Also, installation of the new Board of Directors for 2012 was completed with the return of Glenn Lenhard, President, Gail Lenhard, Secretary, John Lester Treasurer, Dennis Magee, Board Member, and Barrie Carson, Regalia. Newly elected Bruce Rauch as Vice-President, Ted Badger, Mike Silvernail, and Dave Wilgus as Board Members.



Final activity for the evening was the ever popular gift-exchange and final goodbyes for the evening and for 2011, as this is the last club activity of the year. All fond memories to last a life time. (See additional photos on page 5).

2011 Christmas Parade in downtown St. Petersburg.

Written by Nancy Nick

Once again, our little British cars were a great hit with the spectators at the Christmas Parade. The parade theme this year of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors"



was a bit more thought-provoking for us in decorating our vehicles, but some of us managed to pull it off while others simply decorated with festive wrapped gifts and bows. The main contenders in our group who attempted to honor the theme

were Bruce and Bert Rauch who decorated their 1975 MGB as Mater from the film “Cars”...the little tow truck who would definitely help any neighbor in need of a tow, and John and Nancy Nick who decorated their 1975 MGB with the Mickey and Friends (Mickey, Minnie, and Pluto), who if anyone has grandkids and watches the

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changes as necessary.



NEW Mickey Mouse Club will surely know that these little Disney characters most certainly help all of their friends when help is requested or needed.



Those who participated in the parade this year were: Rich and Purdy Olson (1952 MGTD); Bernie McEntegart and grandson, Seth, (1969 MGA); Bruce and Bert Rauch (1975 MGB); John and Nancy Nick (1975 MGB); Glenn and Gail Lenhard with granddaughters Laci and Lili and newly "adopted" granddaughter, Channing (1966 MG 1100); John and Margaret Lester (1980 MGB); Lee and Bobbie Strickland (1973 MGB); David and Rose Mary Knight (1971 MGB); and Mike and Karen Silvernail (1960 MGA). I must admit that over the years, I think this was the best weather day we have ever had.

After we completed the parade (still ongoing, but we were done),

we had hungry club members who all met up for lunch at Chattaways on 4th Street, although it was a challenge to get to the restaurant due to the closed roads from the still ongoing parade. Some club members who met us at the restaurant who did not participate in the parade were Jeff and Jan Zorn, Dave Wilgus, and Nigel and Sandra Petch. Unfortunately, the Silvernails and Bernie McEntegart were unable to meet us for lunch. I don't know whether we all were extra hungry or not, but the food this year tasted the best it had ever been and we had a great time chatting and seeing how everyone was spending the remainder of 2011. After all was said and done amongst the well wishes and goodbyes, some stated that they would see the group again at the Club Christmas Party, whereas those who would not be attending that event would be seeing some at the First Ride on January 1, 2012, sponsored by the Tampa Bay British Car Club (TBBCC-co-presidents are Phil and Fiona Ross who are also members of our club), where



British Car Club (TBBCC-co-presidents are Phil and Fiona Ross who are also members of our club), where we meet at the Sunshine Skyway Bridge and have a wonderful cruise and finish our first ride of the new year with a place to enjoy camaraderie and good food to ring in the new year.

Not to be accused of plagiarizing since I didn't create this statement, but I would like to close my review with this comment: "Merry Christmas to All and to All a Good Night"!



Christmas Parades

By John and Maggie Lester

Saturday 3rd December was bright and clear, sunny with a typical Florida December temperature of 75 degrees. St Petersburg held its annual Christmas day parade in downtown St Pete. Ten members of the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club met at our designated spot on the parade route at 8:30 am. Then we all proceeded to produce decorations of all sorts to "Gussy Up" our little British cars. It was a good parade, very slow, about 3 miles in total with lots of people lining the streets. Unfortunately for me, Noddy overheated and I had to stop for a while. The rest of the MG club were embarrassed as Noddy was sporting the club banner! For the technical, I have two unmarked switches in Noddy, one for an override of the temperature switch on the electric fans and one for my spotlights. Guess which one I switched on! You got it, the spotlights! I only understood why Noddy was overheating when I stopped, got out to raise the hood and saw my spotlights on. The crowd were yelling about the big puddle of antifreeze on the road but when Noddy cooled down a bit and we got going again we got a tremendous cheer!!! We did finish and caught up with the rest of the MG crowd at the lunch spot.

And now for something completely different. Saturday, 10th December was the date for the annual Hog Valley Christmas parade. Noddy and the two of us have been participating in this parade since it began four years ago. Hog Valley is a small rural community not far north of Ocala and they have their Christmas parade as a fund raiser so they can provide the local children with toys. The parade begins at the Fire Station and ends at the community center about one half mile away. Then they cook and sell hamburgers in the center and give all the children a toy. They charge \$10 to enter the parade and all this money goes to the children. The RV club that we belong to have our Christmas campout not far from here, and as well as Noddy, we also enter a float which we decorate and one of our members sings country songs during the parade. We all distribute beads and candy to the



spectators, especially the children. The parade entrants are a mixed bunch, fire engines, the local school band, some antique American muscle cars, the Harley Davidson motorcycle group, clowns, tractors, various trailers with Santa etc.

A good time is had by all and it is for a worthy cause.

January 2012 Fellowship

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 21	Dave & Rosemary Knight
January 25	Tim & Sherrie Fitzpatrick

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 9	John Hessey
January 9	Nancy Nick
January 11	Prudy Olson
January 14	John Nick
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January 28	Fred Humberstone
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January 30	Ron Cayer

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Activities



January 2012

Bold type is club sponsored event.

1: The President's 2nd annual First Drive. See flyer below.. This event is being planned by Fiona and Phil Ross.



The President's First Drive
Part Deux

January 1, 2012
10:00 AM

Meeting at the north fishing pier
of the Skyway Bridge

Drivers meeting will be held at 10:00 AM
Departing soon after

RSVP before December 30 to president@tampabaybritishcarclub.org

The First Drive will be about 50 Miles Covering some very nice winding
back roads of
Manatee and Southern Hillsborough County.
And a stop for lunch at
She Nani Ganz Restaurant
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Lets start the year right with a good drive



4: Board of Directors Meeting, location TBA. 7 pm.

**11: Regular Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ The Hangar
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*If anyone has any suggestions for an event
or Breakfast Club spot, please contact one of
the officers or a board member.*





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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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.

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