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MG Fellowship, Food and Fish

by Roberta Rauch

On Saturday, September 18th, a whole bunch of folks from a whole bunch of British Car Clubs driving a whole bunch of British cars (and “others”) mustered at the Blackthorn Memorial by the Skyway Bridge in St. Petersburg. We then drove in caravan down to Anna Maria Island to the Café On The Beach for breakfast. We sat at picnic tables in the open air overlooking the Gulf of Mexico and ate heartily of our choice of foods or their famous all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage.

Led by FSMGCC member Bill Graham, a volunteer at Mote Aquarium, we cruised along the Gulf down to Sarasota to the Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium. We were fascinated and entertained by being able to view a huge shark habitat, sea turtles, manatees, a Giant Squid specimen, tiny seahorses and tanks of various gulf fishes. From its humble beginnings in tiny shed in a small Florida town, Mote Marine Laboratory has expanded to include a 10.5-acre campus in Sarasota, Fla., with field stations and public exhibits in Key West and field stations

in Summerland Key and Charlotte Harbor. Florida's extensive coastline and marine and estuarine environments have enabled Mote scientists to build a platform of marine research



conducted in the nearshore environment. From the original focus on sharks, Mote research has expanded to include seven major areas of concentration, organized into seven research centers. While each center focuses on its own specialty, Mote scientists are able to partner with others within the lab to integrate efforts across a number of fields. This approach has led to discoveries that establish Mote as a global leader in many areas of marine science.

Mote recognizes the importance of advancing the understanding of sea science to the general public. To that end, Mote conducts

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extensive public outreach and operates a public aquarium that serves nearly 400,000 visitors a year. Mote is one of the few organizations in the world that combines marine research with public outreach through a full-fledged aquarium.

Mote Marine Laboratory is also one of the world's few remaining private marine research laboratories and, as a nonprofit organization, is funded through federal, state and local grants and through the generosity of individual donors and foundations. Over the last five decades, the world has learned many things about its oceans. One lesson has remained constant: There is still much to discover.

Mote scientists are committed to that process of discovery: Advancing our understanding of the sea and what is needed to sustain it.



We were educated and entertained by the friendly, knowledgeable volunteer guides at all the exhibits. There were four young granddaughters in our group who especially enjoyed viewing the dolphin training session.

The outing was a grand success! We had a lovely sunny top-down ride, good eats and lots to learn at Mote.

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Monthly Minutes Summary September 8, 2010

President Fred Humberstone called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Membership Report: The Club has 78 members with one new member: Lea Hunt & Albert Leung who own an MGTF.

Past Activities: August 8th –The Ice Cream Social, hosted by Bud Stanley, was a great time. There were plenty of cars to look at and ice cream to eat.

August 14th –Barrie Carson showed everyone how to bowl at Countryside Lanes.

August 21st – There was a nice turnout for the Breakfast Club event at Taste Café and the group enjoyed touring the Safety Harbor Museum afterwards, even though many got a little wet. It was great seeing Patricia Soler at breakfast.

Future Activities: Fred briefly read off the list of events:

September 18th – Breakfast on Anna Marie Island followed by a tour of the Mote Aquarium hosted by Bert & Bruce Rauch. Meet at the Blackthorn Memorial by the Skyway Bridge at 8:30 a.m. for a caravan.

October 23rd – All British Car Show on Main Street, Safety Harbor. There will be a “no host” breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at the Paradise Restaurant. Early registrants will receive a free breakfast coupon for Taste Café.

November 5, 6, & 7th – MG Jamboree 17

December 4th – St. Petersburg Santa Parade – this is tentative, as no information has been received

December 12th – Christmas Party – It was suggested that the Club hold the party at Daddy's Grill. Everyone in attendance agreed that this would be a good idea. (Secretary's note: Fred was able to book the Christmas Party for Sunday, December 12th at 4 p.m.)

Breakfast Club: September 18 – in conjunction with activity. October 23 – in conjunction with activity

Fellowship: Phyllis Graham is now home convalescing with Don's help.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles is September 20th. Bob & Debbie Cannarella volunteered to write a column for the “Meet our Members”.

Old Business:

MG Jamboree 17: Plans are progressing well. Gail suggested that members bring snacks for the Friday

hospitality room similar to what some other clubs do for their events. If the 96 seats are taken for the pontoon boat "Float", some drivers may be able to greet the pontoon boat group as they go under the bridge. Bruce Rauch will provide a driving tour for the packet. We'll have a registration packet packing event at Rauch's prior to the Jamboree. Dave Tietz says that there is a super LBC's in the Movies with some interesting clips that a lot of people will enjoy.

Nominations for 2011: Although we have no Nomination Committee for 2011 Officers & Board of Directors, Glenn Lenhard volunteered to be the President for 2011 and Gail Lenhard has agreed to continue as Secretary. The Club still needs a Vice President and a Treasurer. Dave Tietz, Barrie Carson, and Dennis Magee have all agreed to be Board Members.

Announcements: Fred Humberstone won the 50 – 50 Raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary

The President's Page

By Fred Humberstone

I have a treat for you this month. How about a fresh "Barn Find"? Well, it's not actually in a barn, it's in a garage in St. Petersburg. But it's all there awaiting someone to rescue it. It is a 1968 MGB roadster



in Pale Primrose with an aftermarket, white fiberglass hardtop. The car has wire wheels, a four speed transmission and black interior. The car is in rough shape. There is much rust in the body, the engine cover release is frozen and the right front wheel nut is seized preventing the removal of the flat right front tire. But if this is the challenge you have been looking for, or maybe you can use the parts, then contact me at: fhumberstone@verizon.net and I'll put you in touch with the owner. Please see the photos attached to this article.

We are beginning to build our slate of officers for next year. Glenn Lenhard has offered to run for President and Gail Lenhard has agreed to return as Secretary. Dennis Magee and Dave Tietz have also offered to return as Board Members, as well as Barrie Carson. Thank you all. We still need a Vice-President and a Treasurer and a couple more Board Members. If you are available and would like to take part in helping your club grow then please step up and volunteer to become an officer. You'll find that the year passes by very quickly and your commitment will be over before you know it.





We have two big events coming up this month. The first will be the 'All British Field Meet and Autojumble' in Safety Harbor on October 23rd put on by our friends in the Tampa Bay Austin-Healey Club. Our club is always well represented at this event and as a result we have won three free entries for the following year for the last two years. Let's win again this year. Then on October 30th it's the 'Brit Bash' in Vero Beach on the Atlantic Coast. More information is available on both events elsewhere in this issue of the 'Informer'.

The month of October also means it's time for another Board Meeting to be held the first week of the month and our regular business meeting will be on the 13th at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar. It was decided at the last business meeting to have the club Holiday Party in the meeting room at Daddy's Grill as well. More details will follow soon.

October

7: Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 pm at Taste Café, 500 Main St., Safety Harbor. See discount coupon on page 7

13: Regular Business Meeting, Daddy's Grill, Oldsmar, 7:30 pm.

16: Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival, Lakeland, FL

16: GULFPORT 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OPEN CAR, TRUCK & STREET ROD SHOW; at Beach and Shore boulevards in Gulfport; numerous trophies and awards to be given; \$15 pre-registration or \$20 day of show; registration from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. with awards presented at 3 p.m.; to register, call (727) 547-8082 or visit www.premiumcarshows.com

23: 8 AM Saturday, 24th Annual All British Field Meet & Autojumble

30: Brit Bash 2010: Hear Ye! Hear Ye! MG Car Club – Florida is calling all British car and motorcycle enthusiasts to BRIT BASH, our annual celebration of British motorcars and motorcycles, Saturday, October 30, 2010. Vero Beach, FL, our pretty little "city by the sea" has small town ambiance and world class amenities. It is a delightful weekend destination with something for everyone. Oceanfront dining and shopping, beautiful beaches, Vero Beach Museum of Art and Riverside Theatre are all within easy walking

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OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

October 9	Dennis & Jean Magee
October 27	John & Patricia Soler

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

October 1	Norman Ridgely
October 3	Ron Dailey
October 15	Bob Cannarella
October 17	Phil Ross
October 19	Bill Boyd
October 21	Walter Bumby
October 21	Sandra Petch
October 22	Kevin Pilsbury
October 27	Gregg (Iggy) Miller
October 29	Judith Brunson
October 29	Marianna Graham
October 30	Marion Galambos
October 31	Teri Milligan

distance of our show. Begin Friday night, October 29, at our Meet & Greet kicking tires and feasting on our famous BBQ dinner. Saturday morning tool over to and park under the beautiful live oaks of Riverside Park. Visit our website, mgcarclubflorida.org and/or contact show coordinator, Danica Perhacs at 772-770-0083 or email to britbash@comcast.net

November

5-7: MG Jamboree 17

6-7: Winter Park Concours, Winter Park Florida.

10: Regular Business Meeting, Daddy's Grill, Oldsmar, 7 pm.

14: St. Pete Yacht Club
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