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## Breakfast and Car Show at Pass-A-Grill

By John Lester



Saturday, March 1st dawned a beautiful and sunny day, so I expected many cars at the breakfast. Someone was watching over us and the day just got better. We had a great turnout: 28 cars 5 MGBs, 3 MGAs, 1 MG TD, 1 Austin Healey, 1 MG TF, 1 MGC, 1 Mg 1100, 1 Triumph 1800, 2 Triumph TR6s, 1 Triumph TR7, 1 Sunbeam Tiger, 1 Rover Mini, 1 73 BMW, Bob Lindstrom and his 1966 Ford F250 pick up, and in the modern era 2 Miattas, 1 Mini Cooper, 2 Corvettes, 1 Alfa Milano and Dave Wilgus in his 1996 Ferrari Spyder.

The car show was to raise funds for the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum and I am

pleased to report that we amassed the princely sum of \$310 for this event.

The cars lined up on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave next to the Vendors and the Bandstand for this event and had a steady stream of admirers throughout the morning and early afternoon.

Since Dave Wilgus was last years winner, he got to be the Chief Judge and picked as The Best in Show Rich Olsons 1952 MG TD. Rich got a \$25 gift certificate redeemable at the Museum. Rich will now be the Chief Judge for next year’s show.



Rich Olson Best of Show

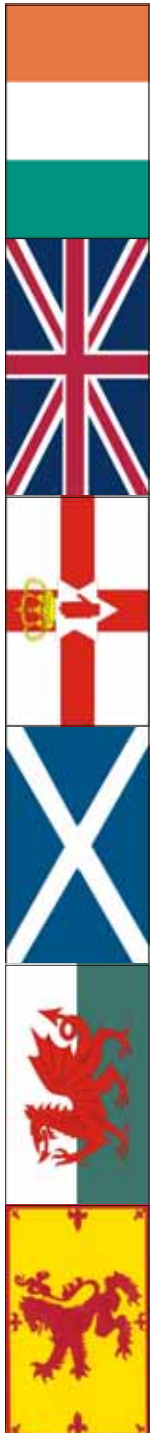
Some people were disappointed in the breakfast servers at the Hurricane but most people I spoke to were pleased. There are two other restaurants within easy walking distance and next year I will advertise their locations as an alternate restaurant.

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**Next Meeting Location for April 19, 2014  
Clearwater Country Club, 525 North Betty Lane,  
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**Note: Meeting Date Change**



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to review all articles  
submitted and make changes  
as necessary.**



**John Lester presenting funds to the museum**

A "Free Lunch" was provided by the local firefighters to all participants which included a lunch menu of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and a drink. Car show participants paid \$10 per car entry fee which included the car, driver, and passenger. John Lester, car show organizer, reports that they are considering an increase for next year entry fee, possibly \$10 per person!!!

We all left about 2pm and it seems that everyone had a good day.

## **Brit Bash 2014**

*by Gail Lenhard*

Forty three British cars converged on the gorgeous Fox Lake Park in Titusville, Florida on Saturday, March 15th for Brit Bash 2014. The weather was beautiful, the music lively, and the camaraderie fabulous. Glenn Lenhard's hugely popular walking

tech  
session  
was a



highlight of the show! He went from car to car diagnosing and teaching the small group about their LBCs and fixing minor problems.

FSMGCC members Bert & Bruce Rauch took First Place with their 1962 MGA Mk II and Gail & Glenn Lenhard took home the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place plaque with their 1967 MGBGT.

It was truly a nice relaxing day for all who attended.

## **FSMGCC – Monthly Minutes Summary March 8, 2014**

President Bruce Rauch called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He announced that 2014 was the 90th anniversary of the MG and referred attendees to the Trivia Question on the Agenda: Trivia Question: Who is called "the English Henry Ford?" Herbert Austin, Cecil Kimber, William Morris, or Donald Healey?

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

Membership Report: The Club currently has 58 family/Members and one new member: Mary & Robert Storey who own a 1947 MG TC

Regalia: Barrie Carson asks Members to wear their shirts to events to promote the Club. We have car decals, patches and pens, but just four grille badges left.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Activities & Breakfast Club

Past Activities: Bruce briefly reviewed past activities, including: February 09 – Cruisin' at The Capitol Car Show was cold but fun with a lot of nice unique cars on display.

February 22 – Picture Proof Drive hosted by Mike & Karen Silvernail – nine cars braved the rainy day and everyone had a good time. A write up on this event was in the last newsletter.

March 1 - Pass-a-Grille Street Fair & Car Display hosted by Margaret & John Lester. About 30 cars were on display and the weather was great for this event. A donation of \$310 collected from the registration fees was donated to the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum.

Future Activities: Bruce summarized upcoming events. Refer to Calendar of Events in this Informer. A suggestion for an event at the Clearwater Cinema Café located on the corner of US 19 and Sunset Point was made as a possible August event. The café offers food and a movie.

Fellowship – Bert called Harry Britton who says he and Dot are both okay but don't venture out much.

Newsletter – Dennis Magee – articles due by: March 20th. Dennis requested that if anyone has an article to send it to him. It doesn't have to be about a car show or a car event.

#### Old Business:

Northeast High School: The Tampa Bay British Car Club proposed a British Car Internship Program for a Junior to complete a summer internship at Glenn's MG Repair. They have committed \$250 for this project and are requesting the other British Car Clubs to match this amount which will be given to the intern at the end of the internship in gift certificate to purchase Matco tools. It is thought that this project might inspire a future British car mechanic. They have also stated that they would contact the Classic Motorsports Magazine asking them to follow the student during this internship, which would give the Clubs publicity. Glenn Lenhard spoke to Don Muhleman who was very receptive about this. A motion was made and approved to match their funds.

#### New Business:

Bruce asked if the Club wanted to rejoin the Mother Club in the UK, and a motion was made and approved to follow through.

Lorrie & Jack Maniscalco would like to host another Walking tour of Ybor City and will check the calendar for a suitable date.

Bert asked Members to collect Harbor Freight "Free" items to use as awards at MG Jamboree and distributed some coupons to Members.

Announcements: 50 – 50 Raffle Winner was Lorrie Maniscalco.

Trivia Question Answer: William Morris. Lorrie Maniscalco and Mike Silvernail answered correctly.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary

## Calendar of Events 2014

**Bold type is Club sponsored event.**

Apr 5&6: 40th Annual Sun-n-Fun International Fly-In and Car Show, 4175 Medulla Rd, Lakeland, FL - for info go to: [www.sun-n-fun.org](http://www.sun-n-fun.org) – Register your pre-1975 show car (FREE) and receive two tickets to Sun-n-Fun Fly-in.

Apr 05: All British Car Show, Mead gardens, Winter Park, FL – to car-a-van from Derby Lanes, St. Pete, please contact Gail Lenhard at 727-521-9890

Apr 11-14: GOF-South at the beautiful Plantation Inn, Crystal River – hosted by the Suncoast Classic MG Club & Nature Coast British Car Club

**Apr 19: Monthly Membership Meeting; Saturday, 9:00 AM at the Clearwater Country Club 19th Hole, 525 North Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755 (727) 446-9501- order from the menu starting at 8:30 AM.**

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**May 03: Drive Your MGA Day – Breakfast hosted by Bert & Bruce Rauch followed by a walk-about of the Tampa Bay Auto Museum.**

**May 10: Monthly Membership Meeting; Saturday, 9:00 AM at the Clearwater Country Club Grill Room, 525 North Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755 (727) 446-9501- Breakfast served starting at 8:30 AM.**

**May 17: Tour of the Florida Orange Groves Winery followed by lunch at the Horse & Jockey Restaurant – hosted by Gail & Glenn Lenhard; please RSVP to Gail Lenhard at 727-521-9890.**

**Jun 14: Capital Theater Tour, 10:30 a.m. at 405 Cleveland St, Clearwater – hosted by Dennis and Jean Magee – RSVP to Gail Lenhard at 727-521-9890**  
**Jun 15-**

Jun 19: MG-2014, the North American MGB Register National Convention at the French Lick Springs Resort in historic French Lick, IN – Go to [www.mg-2014.com](http://www.mg-2014.com) for registration info.

Jun 28: Brits by the Bay picnic at Philippe Park, Safety Harbor – hosted by the Tampa Bay British Car Club

Jul 14-18: GT-39, the North American MGA Register International Get Together in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; for info go to [www.gt-39.namgar.com](http://www.gt-39.namgar.com). There will be a train, auto, ferry tour to Ottawa –for more info contact B&B Rauch at 727-576-9474.

**Sep 14: SUNDAY 4:00 p.m. – Early Bird Dinner Theater, 13355 49th Street North, Clearwater – BYOB – RSVP to Bert & Bruce Rauch at 727-576-9474**

### APRIL 2014 FELLOWSHIP

#### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 24 David & Janet Smith  
April 25 Nigel & Sandra Petch

#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 4 Darlene (DaDa) Miller  
April 9 Lori Maniscalco  
April 17 Stella Bumby  
April 21 Nancy Lowda  
April 26 Dennis Magee  
April 26 Janice Zorn

Fellowship News: Jack Maniscalco has returned from a medical mission in Nicaragua.

Jeff Zorn is recovering nicely from major surgeries. He looked great at the Club Meeting on March 8th.

Former Members Harry & Dot Britton are "holding their own" by a phone chat with Harry. He still has that super sense of humor!



Oct 25: 8:00 AM Breakfast at the Paradise Restaurant, Main Street, Safety Harbor followed by the All British Car Show and Autojumble

Oct 25: 28th Annual All British Field Meet and Autojumble on the Main Street in downtown Safety Harbor. Registration forms available at [www.TBAHC.com](http://www.TBAHC.com)

Nov 7-9: Third Annual When Pigs Fly South BBQ Challenge - Sun-N-Fun Classic Car Show, Fly-In and BBQ Cook-Off, 4175 Medulla Road, Lakeland...see lots of cars, planes and Kansas City BBQ – for info go to [www.sun-n-fun.org/pigsflightsouth](http://www.sun-n-fun.org/pigsflightsouth) - car-a-van from Derby Lanes, St. Pete

Nov 14-16: MG Jamboree at the Riverside Resort, Homosassa, FL. Please contact Gail Lenhard if you would like to voluneer.

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