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MG Breakfast in a Charming City

By Mike Silvernail and Dennis Magee



Twenty club members and guests gathered for breakfast at the Bon Appetit restaurant in Dunedin on January 12th. It was warm and sunny and the food was as good as the view. The group of MG enthusiasts found that the restaurant offers casual waterfront dining in a sophisticated setting, with crisp linen tablecloths and sparkling place settings and stunning waterfront views of St. Joseph Sound, Honeymoon and Caledesi Islands. Peter Kreuziger and Karl Riedl have owned and operated the restaurant for 30 years and look forward to maintaining the most special restaurant in the area for many years to come.



After breakfast, it was a short walk to the 16th Annual Downtown Dunedin Art Festival held on Main Street. Known as the most desirable suburb of Tampa, Dunedin has a small town image, but packs the punch of a bustling city with 37,000 residents. One of the oldest towns on the West Coast of Florida, it



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The breakfast was hosted by Karen and Mike Silvernail, and our many thanks for organizing this event.

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to review all articles
submitted and make changes
as necessary.

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Board of Directors Meeting Summary January 2, 2013

President, Glenn Lenhard, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and established a quorum.

The Secretary's Report of October 12, 2012 and the Treasurer's Report were accepted as presented.

Advertising invoices will be sent out

Membership Report: There are 33 Members for 2013. Dues reminders were sent to 2012 Members.

Activities & Breakfast Club: Glenn reviewed the club's events from 2012 and asked the board for suggestions for the coming year. See Activities in this newsletter.

Suggestions for future activities include re-run of Dave Tietz' rallye from years ago, cookout at the Hillsborough River State Park, a Social Event at either O'Keefe's or the Tilted Kilt, Joining the Tampa Bay British Club at their event to drive to an Amish Restaurant, The Italian Dinner Club on McMullen Booth Road for their dinner theater night, Mystery Dinner Train out of Ft. Myers with an overnight stay, Ruth Eckerd Hall concerts, a tour of the Dali Museum, breakfast at the Bistro Restaurant down by the St. Petersburg Pier, an event to the Cherry Pocket Restaurant and Bok Towers, an overnight event at the Chalet Suzanne in Lake Wales, a drive to Emerson Point for a picnic and nature trails, attending a Tampa Bay Symphony Orchestra concert, touring the Yuengling Museum in Tampa after a Breakfast Club event or before lunch. Glenn will ask members at the General Meeting for their input.

Newsletter: Articles are due by January 20th.

Old Business: Glenn is working on setting up the PayPal account.

New Business: The next Board of Directors Meeting will be on March 27, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Monthly Minutes Summary January 9, 2013

President, Glenn Lenhard, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and welcomed guests Rob & Mary Bard who own a 1974 MGB.

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

Membership Report: There are currently 43 family/members – 1 new member: Ken Tozier – 1952 MGTD

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

Past Activities: Bruce recapped the Club's past activity:

December 1 – Santa Parade with lunch at Chattaways went well and lunch was fun with other friends attending

December 8 - Brits by the Bay Winter Picnic @ Philippe Park was very well attended.

December 9 – Club Christmas Party – progressive dinner was very successful with lots of good food and fellowship.

December 15 – Four cars and eight people toured the Ringling Brothers Circus Museum and Estate in Sarasota, thoroughly enjoying the day.

January 1 – The President's First Drive had many curvy roads. There is a video on YouTube of the Tail of the Gecko part of the trip. Everyone enjoyed the food at Woody's River Roo Pub and Grill in Ellenton at the end of the tour.

Future Activities and Breakfast Club: Bruce & Glenn briefly went over the upcoming Activities and Breakfast Club plans. See Activities in this newsletter.

Bruce asked for suggestions for 2013 events. Some ideas "in the works" included a tour of Bok Tower with lunch at the Cherry Pocket Restaurant, Tampa Bay Rays game, a car show in conjunction with the 2014 Home Tour in Pass-a-Grill, Tampa Bay Symphony Orchestra concerts which are coming up in late February. If anyone has suggestions, please contact Bruce.

Fellowship: Bert Rauch asked that members keep fellow members Iggy & Darlene Miller in their thoughts and prayers as Iggy has a serious illness. Former members, Deb & Bob Cannerella are settled and happy in their new home in Orange Park.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles is January 20th.

Old Business: Pay Pal Update: Glenn has set up the account and will finish the necessary steps to get this linked on the Club's website.

Announcements: Derek Kirby won the 50 – 50 Raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary



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Activities



Calendar of Events

Bold type is club sponsored event.

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Mar 02: Pass-a-Grille Street Fair and Car Display and Breakfast at the Hurricane Restaurant together with a car show at the Island Festival in Pass-A-Grill - Food, Crafts, Entertainment to benefit the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum- Hosted by John and Margaret Lester at 10th Ave from 9 am to 3 pm. They have asked us to put on a car show as an added attraction. 10th Ave will be blocked off, the museum will use the West 200 feet for their stage etc and the rest is ours. The Hurricane is at 9th Ave a real short walk from the car show. Spencer Lucas, the museum Director, will pick his favorite car and 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 then turn South and follow Pass-A-Grill Way about a mile to 10th Ave on the right. Please e mail me if you plan to attend John Lester ladylester@verizon.net Tel 813-831-4869.

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

Mar 16: Herrmanns' Royal Lipizzan Stallions & Mare Training Center 32755 Singletary Road, Myakka City, Florida 34251 - See the fabulous flying white Lipizzans perform the rare and beautiful *Airs Above the Ground Mounted as seen in Walt Disney's "Miracle of the White Stallions"*. Admission is \$5.00, bring a chair of choice – Please RSVP to Karen & Mike Silvernail 727-595-3317 or mikenail41@gmail.com

Mar 27: Board of Directors Meeting at Glenn & Gail Lenhard's home. Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcomed.

Apr 06: All British Car Show at Mead Gardens, Winter Park

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

Apr 13: Breakfast Club with Pam Vosler & John Gilley; 8:30 AM at the Simply Delicious NY Deli, 4601 66th Street North, Kenneth City, FL 33709 (Hey guys & gals, Harbor Freight is across the street.)

Apr 13: Sun-N-Fun Int'l. Fly-In

Apr 19-21: GOF South at the Hilton Hotel in Ocala hosted by the MG Classics of Jacksonville – for reservations call: 1-352-854-1400; on-line registration and info at: www.mgclassics.org or call Jim Hall at: 904-282-1658

Apr 22-27: 2013 Key West Conch-Out at the Blue Marlin Inn –for reservations call: 800-523-1698 or 305-296-7903 – registration form and info at: WWW.kwbcc.com/index.html... all British car people are invited

May ??: Breakfast Club with Bert & Bruce Rauch followed by a tour of Weedon Island Preserve in St. Petersburg...an expansive 3,190 acre natural area located on Tampa Bay.

May ??: Trip to Solomon's Castle in Ona, FL... Home and studio of internationally known sculptor, Howard Solomon, with lunch at "the Boat in the Moat"

Jun 10-14: NAMGAR GT-38 in Asheville, NC – join a caravan of MGs to beautiful Asheville for the 38th annual MGA gathering...includes a tour of the Biltmore Estate- for info go to: www.gt38-namgar.org

Aug ??: Rays baseball game

Tech Tips

By Walter Bumby

The following information was obtained from the Ontario M G T Register of which I am a member. I hope this will be of use to some of our club members. Machinist's Workshop recently published some information on various Penetrating oils. The magazine reports they tested penetrates for breakout torque on rusted nuts. Below listed a subjective test was made of all popular penetrates with the control being the torque required to remove the nut from a "scientifically rusted" environment .

Average torque to loosen:

No oil used	516 pounds
WD40	238 pounds
PB Blaster	214 pounds
Liquid Wrench	127 pounds
Kano Kroll	106 pounds
ATF + Acetone	53 pounds

The ATF + Acetone mix is a "home brew" mix of 50/50 of Automatic Transmission Fluid and Acetone.

Note that this "home brew" released nuts better than any commercial product in this particular test

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February 2013 Fellowship

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 17 Alex & Marion Galambos

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 3	Joyce Reddish
February 7	Karen Silvernail
February 8	Ruth Faria
February 9	Tyrone Reddish
February 10	Nancy Reese
February 13	Bill Mason
February 19	Bill Terlop
February 21	Terry McCarroll
February 26	Lorraine Spicer
February 27	Jeff Zorn

FELLOWSHIP NEWS:

The Club has sent a card with love, care and concern to Iggy Miller who is under treatment for melanoma cancer.

Word from Bob and Deb Cannarella is that they are settled in their new home in Orange Park, FL, closer to family.

Don't Wait !
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CAROLINA BRITISH CLASSICS-VII, 2013



April 6th, 2013

At the historic

Columbia Speedway

Exit 115 on I-26 - 2001 Charleston Highway, Cayce, SC 29170

British Car Club - Midlands Centre is pleased to announce that the 2013 Carolina British Classics-VII event will be held at the Columbia Speedway. The show celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the MG'GB' in all its variants.

The speedway is an historic "vintage" track from the early days of NASCAR racing. This year we will again be merging our event with the popular Tartan Day South festival. There will be lots of interesting and entertaining diversions throughout the day and a variety of merchandise and food vendors. Entry fee to the festival is complimentary for drivers of cars registered in the show and half price (\$5.00 estimated based on last year's festival) for passengers of exhibited cars.

Show Rules:

- Registration form must be completed and properly signed by both drivers and passengers.
- Cars pre-registered by March 6th, 2013 will be \$25; additional cars registered by that owner are \$5 each.
- Late registration and registration at the gate is \$30 for the 1st car and \$5 for each additional car.
- Parking is restricted to assigned locations.

Schedule:

Saturday April 6th, 2013:

- 8:30AM: Registration begins.
- 12:00PM: Registration ends.
- 12:00PM: Judging Begins.
- 1:00PM: Judging Ends.
- 3:00PM: Awards Ceremony.

Marque Classes: (3 or more cars must be pre-registered in a Class or cars will be combined into another Class)

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 01 - Austin Healey 100 Series | 15 - MG-B Roadster Rubber Bumper | 29 - Triumph TR250 |
| 02 - Austin Healey 3000 Series | 16 - MG-B-GT (All) | 30 - Triumph TR6 |
| 03 - Austin Healey Sprite | 17 - MG-C (All) | 31 - Triumph TR7 |
| 04 - Austin/Morris/Felley | 18 - MG Midget | 32 - Triumph TR8 |
| 05 - Jaguar XK Classics | 19 - MG Magnette (ZA, ZB, III & IV) | 33 - Triumph Stag |
| 06 - Jaguar E-Type Roadster | 20 - MG-T Series (TA, B, C, D & F) | 34 - Triumph Spitfire |
| 07 - Jaguar E-Type Coupe/2+2 | 21 - Mini (Classic - Pre-2000) | 35 - Triumph GT6 |
| 08 - Jaguar Sedans/Coupes (Pre-1995) | 22 - Mini (Post 2000) | 36 - Triumph (Other) |
| 09 - Jaguar Sedans/Coupes (Post-1995) | 23 - Morgan (All models) | 37 - TVR |
| 10 - Jaguar Roadsters (Post-1980) | 24 - Rolls Royce & Bentley (All) | 38 - Jensen Healey |
| 11 - Rover (all models) | 25 - Sunbeam (Except Tiger) | 39 - Special Interest (incl. modified) |
| 12 - Lotus (all models) | 26 - Sunbeam Tiger | 40 - British Motorcycle |
| 13 - MGA | 27 - Triumph TR2/3 | 41 - "For Sale" or Car Corn |
| 14 - MG-B Roadster Chrome Bumper | 28 - Triumph TR4 | |

If questions - Please contact Ken Wells at mgsLever@juno.com



Registration Form

Carolina British Classics VII

Hosted by
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Columbia, SC.
www.bccmc.com

Driver: _____ Passenger: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Bank Car's Regn:

Year _____ Make & Model _____ Class _____ (See other side for Class #)
 Year _____ Make & Model _____ Class _____
 Year _____ Make & Model _____ Class _____
 Year _____ Make & Model _____ Class _____

Car Club Membership (if applicable):

Club Name: _____ Address: _____

Waiver of Liability: Neither I nor my heirs will hold the British Car Club Midlands Centre, Columbia Speedway, other clubs and event sponsors liable for any injury, death, or damages occurring while engaged in or traveling to or from this event.

To enter the show, Drivers and Passengers must agree to this Waiver of Liability by their signature below:

Driver: _____ Date: _____

Passenger: _____ Date: _____

Early registration is \$25 for one car, paid and post marked by March 6th, 2013.
 Each additional car is only \$5.

Tartan Day South will charge passengers half price entry fee at the gate.

Free T-Shirts with \$25 early registration! Indicate Size: Small Med Large XL XXL

Late Registration (after March 6th, 2013) or at the gate is \$30.

Make checks payable to BCCMC-CBC VII.

Please return this form along with your fee to our Treasurer:

Edith Hylton
1054 Lynn Drive
West Columbia, SC 29170

If questions - Please contact Ken Wells at mgsLever@juno.com



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GOF SOUTH MK XLVII
OCALA, FLORIDA
APRIL 19-21, 2013

MG Classics of Jacksonville would like to extend a cordial invitation to all MG owners to participate with us in GOF South MK XLVII to be held April 19-21, 2013 at the Hilton Hotel in Ocala located near the intersection of I-75 and Florida State Road 200.

A drive to the nearby Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing and Antique Cars through the beautiful rolling hills of the surrounding horse country is being offered as a line item on our registration form. Our club has visited the Museum and we highly recommend it. We are also working on providing a tour to a local working horse farm. Ocala has the largest number of racehorse farms in the U.S.

The Hilton has a large open patio area adjacent to the pool where we will hold our Friday night meet and greet socialization and meal. The "First Timers" cars will be displayed adjacent to this area and may be viewed from the patio/pool area.

The Saturday car show will be held on the large grassy area behind the hotel under the shade of majestic live oaks. The Saturday night Awards Banquet and raffle/auction will be held in one of their elegant ballrooms. Both meals will be served buffet style. Menu selections will appear in line items on the registration form. Wine and cheese will be offered before the banquet.

The Hilton has agreed to extend the event room rates for those who would like to come early or stay after the event is over. Lunch will be on your own and the Hilton has an excellent reasonably priced lunch menu. Many restaurants are also located on State Road 200 as well as a large shopping mall.

The registration form will appear on our web site (mgclassics.org) around the first of the year. Also watch for the form in your individual newsletters and/or websites. We promise you a first class GOF experience and are certain you will return home with a smile on your face for having participated in a great GOF



2013 MG CONCH OUT

APRIL 22-27, 2013

The "2013 MG CONCH OUT" will be held in Key West, Florida April 22-27, 2013... Sponsored by **THE KEY WEST BRITISH CAR CLUB**.

NAMGAR is not officially involved with the event this year and the KWBC is encouraging all MG and other British Car people to attend. Drive that MGA, MGB, MGT, or other British car.

COME JOIN THE FUN, ENJOY FOOD, DRINK, DRIVING EVENTS, WORLDS LONGEST PARADE AND GENERAL TOMFOOLERY.

Registration and schedule is on web site <http://www.kwbcc.com/index.html>.

Email Vice Admiral Dennis Urick for information, viceadmiral@kwbcc.com.



Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Inc.

P O Box 61273, St. Petersburg, FL 33784-1273
2013 Membership Registration Form

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

Name _____ D.O.B. (MO/DAY Only) _____

Spouse/Companion Name _____ DOB (MO/DAY) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Email _____

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I'll view the newsletter via an email link instead. YES or NO
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Anniversary _____ (MO/DAY) Child Name _____ Age _____

Child Name _____ Age _____ Child Name _____ Age _____

Occupation _____ Work Phone _____ EXT _____

Spouse's Occupation _____ Work Phone _____ EXT _____

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.

Membership

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. There is no meeting in December.

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. Ads for members are limited to 1/8 page with one photo.

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