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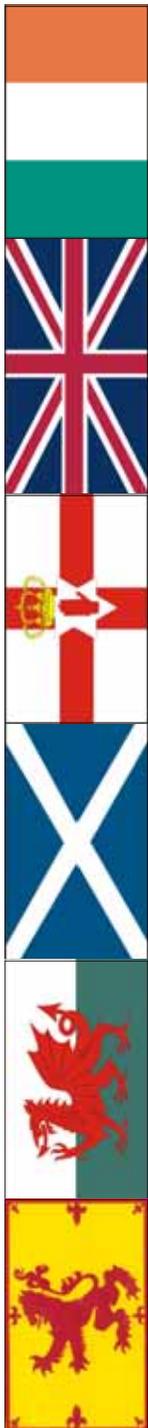
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January 2013

FSMGCC Christmas Parade 2012

By Nancy Nick



Once again, our Club was greatly represented by 8 of our member vehicles at the 2012 St. Petersburg Santa Parade. Those present were: 1 and 2) Gail and Glenn Lenhard with their granddaughters Laci and Lili, Gail was driving her 1966 red MG 1100 and Glenn was driving his newly renovated 1967 yellow MGB GT; 3) Bernie McEnggart was driving his 1959 red MGA; 4) Bert and Bruce Rauch were driving their 1962 mineral blue MGA; 5) Mike and Karen Silvernail were driving their red 1960 MGA; 6) David and Rosemary Knight were driving their 1970 white MGB; 7) Lee and Bobbie Strickland were driving their 1972 cream MGB; and 8) John and Nancy Nick were driving their 1975 white MGB.

Bert Rauch and Rosemary Knight were energetic enough to lead our cars by walking the route while carrying our Club banner. There was no theme this year so each car was individually decorated to their owner's discretion and all were quite festive and beautifully and meticulously decorated. As usual, our group was a big hit with both the spectators and the fellow who was commentating to the crowd (possibly a Suncoaster?) the specifics of our Club parade cars. Apparently this fellow was an antique car buff because he was making numerous comments on how nice our vehicles looked, went into detail about the year and models of each car as they were driving by him, commented on how much fun it must be to have these little British cars to drive around in...and even commented on the nice



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completing our portion of the parade to get on with our next stop...Chattaways for lunch.

We had a smaller group meet at Chattaways this year as several of our parade participants had other plans for the rest of the day. Those in attendance for lunch were Bert and Bruce Rauch, Glenn and Gail Lenhard with their daughter Jennifer Lenhard and their granddaughters Laci and Lili, Nigel and Sondra Petch, Dave Wilgus, Bette Laplatney, John and Nancy Nick with the Savarese family who is their daughter and her husband, Jennifer and Dan, and their son Nickolas (aka John and Nancy's grandson). As usual, the weather was the best we have ever had on any of our parades and made you appreciate living in Florida. After lunch, everyone wished all well and left after having a great meal and camaraderie. Several members were already discussing the FSMGCC Christmas party on December 9 and the TBBCC First Ride on January 1 to bring in the New Year and stated that they would see all at one or both of those gatherings.

I must commend both Gail and Bruce for keeping us organized on this outing this year since this parade was the first year under the direction of the City of St. Petersburg whereas all of the previous parades from years past were sponsored and run by the Suncoasters. Communication was lacking on behalf of the City, so our officers remained steadfast and took charge in contacting the City's committee on specifics as to time and placement number up to just a few days before the parade date, so we were very fortunate to have as many participants from our Club as we did.

After this parade, we hope the City of St. Petersburg committee members have learned a few things and get better organized next year, especially in open communication with parade participants. However, I must admit that we did have a great crowd of spectators, whether they were present just for the parade or for a full day of fun downtown. Bottom line, our group had a great time getting together and being able to drive our little British cars in our beautiful Florida sunshine, and no MG breakdowns this year!!!!

Additional photos on page seven.



Twass the Month before Christmas

Bruce Rauch

December has been a fun-filled month, kicking off on the 1st with the Saint Petersburg "Santa Parade" and lunch at Chattaways Restaurant, followed by activities every weekend thereafter.

On December 8, we were invited to participate in the Tampa Bay British Car Club's "Winter Picnic" at Phillippe Park in Safety Harbor. This gathering of all makes of sport cars has been held at the same location for several years and every year it gets bigger and better. This year in addition to many British cars, there were some Miatas, a Porsche and even a classic Ford pickup truck.

The following day, The FSMGCC held its annual Holiday Party. This year the party was a progressive dinner starting with dinner at the home of Bruce & Bert Rauch and finishing with dessert at Glenn & Gail Lenhard's home. The dinner menu consisted of turkey and ham with side dishes provided by members of the Club. With tasty appetizers, excellent salads and a variety of casseroles to complement the meat entrees, no one went away hungry.

After a short ride to Old Northeast St. Pete, we again gathered to eat, and exchange gifts. The desserts were Holiday decorated (I bet you can't eat just one) cupcakes. With plenty of coffee, the evening cruised along into the gift exchange. Each person came with a gift, valued over \$10.00, and placed it under the tree. Everyone then, in turn, selected a gift from under the tree. These were not gag gifts!

The items ranged from cosmetics and knick-knacks to liquor and tools. The Holiday Party was fun. People had a chance to mix and mingle in beautifully decorated surroundings and share in the holiday spirit.



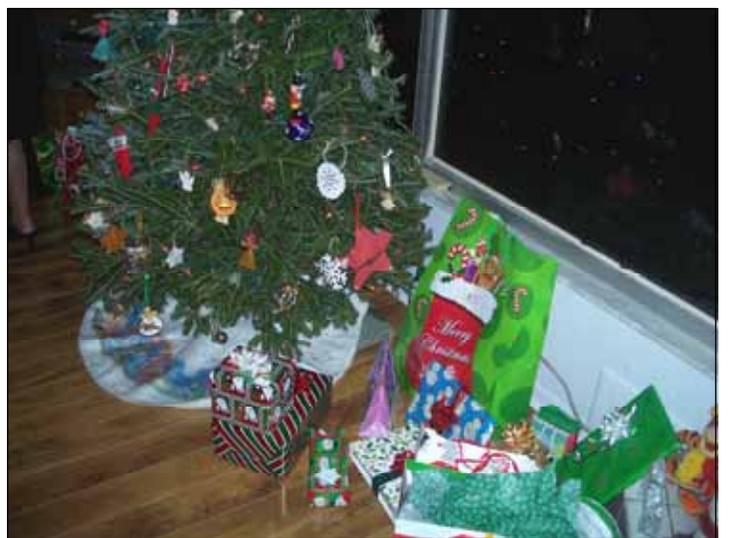
As in the past, we were asked to bring donations for the Ronald McDonald House in St. Petersburg. On Monday we delivered a carload of goodies to the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you all!

The following week on December 15, eight Club members met at the Blackthorn Memorial Park for a drive to the Ringling Estate and Museum in Sarasota. Sarasota was the off-season home for the Ringling Brothers Circus for many years. It was also the home of John and Mabel Ringling. The Ringlings traveled the world looking for circus talent and along the way gathered hundreds of pieces of art. When their three-story mansion became filled, they built a Mediterranean style building to house the balance of their art collection. During a visit to the estate you can tour the Circus Museum with all of its memorabilia and inter-active displays, the magnificent Ringling home and the art gallery...more than a full day experience.



Merry Christmas to all and may your New Year be packed with many more exciting adventures.

Note: See page four for additional Christmas Party photos





FSMGCC
Activities



Calendar of Events

Bold type is club sponsored event.

Jan 1: The Presidents First Drive for the Third Time. We will be meeting at The Blackthorn Memorial on the north fishing pier of the Skyway Bridge, Drivers meeting starts at 10:00 AM. A pleasant drive through the back roads of Manatee County and a stop for lunch. Please RSVP at pbross@juno.com

Jan 2: Board of Directors Meeting at Glenn and Gail Lenhard home. All invited at 6:30 PM.

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

Jan 12: Come join us for breakfast at the Bon Appetit Restaurant in Dunedin at 8 AM. After a water front breakfast, it is a short 1 block walk to the '16th Annual Downtown Dunedin Art Festival' plus 'Farmers Green Market'. Honeymoon Island State park is also nearby. There you can get to see coastal Florida as it use to be and get a cool drink and watch the dolphins. Bon Appetit's address is 148 Marina Plaza, Dunedin 34698. For questions, either email Mike & Karen at mikenail41@gmail.com or call us at 727-642-3325.

Jan 19: Collier Collection Tour. Naples The Tampa Bay British Car Club has been invited to tour this world class private Collier Collection of Automobiles. A bus will take us down and back. Lunch will be after the tour at a local restaurant. Tour \$15, Bus about \$30 and bring lunch money.

January 2013 Fellowship

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 2	Sandra Cooper
January 9	John Hessey
January 9	Nancy Nick
January 11	Prudy Olson
January 13	Nancy Williams
January 14	Albert Leung
January 14	John Nick
January 17	Bruce Brunson
January 18	Derek Kirby
January 21	Holly Bird
January 25	Bill Baker
January 27	Marion Mason
January 28	Fred Humberstone
January 30	Ron Cayer

Please keep Iggy Miller in your thoughts as he begins treatment for a recurrence of Melanoma cancer.

Jan 27: The Devereaux-Kaiser Antique Car Show, Sarasota.

Feb 09: Breakfast Club hosted by Bobbie & Lee Strickland- 9:00 AM at Jessie's Family Restaurant, 8331 66th Street N, Pinellas Park followed by a tour of Boca Ciega Mellennium Park.

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Mar 02: Pass-a-Grille Street Fair and Car Display Sat March 2nd 2013: Breakfast at the Hurricane Resturant 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

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Mar ??: Breakfast Club hosted by Gail & Glenn Lenhard

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

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

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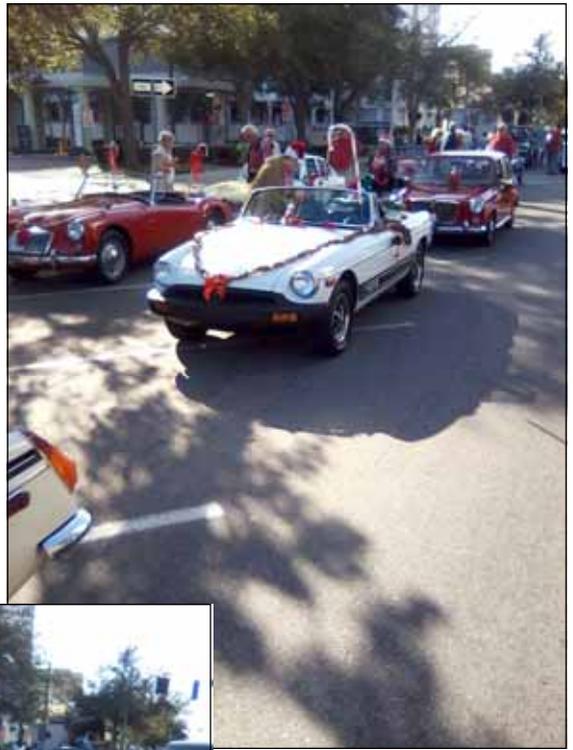
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How long have you been involved with MGs? _____

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Would you be interested in helping the Club with any of the following:

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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.

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