



# MORRIS GARAGES INFORMER



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## Photo Proof Drive Event

*By Mike and Karen Silvernail*

The Photo Proof Drive event was held on February 22, 2014, despite some light rain early in the day. Nine cars with 17 participants gathered at the McDonald’s near the approach to Madeira Beach where they received some sustenance and instructions for the drive.

Each car received a map sheet with 99 flagged sites, which were located throughout Pinellas County. They also received sheets with the flagged sites documented on which they recorded the digital photo number of each site they chose to record. Sites carried point values ranging from 1 to 3 points, depending on the distance to reach the site. Points were doubled if they were able to record 2 or more sites in a single photo. There was a 2.5 hour time limit, so strategy was involved as to the route they would take and the sites they would document with a photo.



Everyone gathered at Quaker Steak & Lube at 11:15AM where photos were checked and points were totaled. There was a 2 way tie at the top with 33 points. A flip of the coin gave 1st place to Rich and Prudy Olsen and second place to Randy Glass driving a very fine looking TR7. Phil and Fiona Ross took 3rd place, only 1 point back at 32. All winners received framed certificates of achievement. Each of the other cars received Participant of Merit certificates.



The MGA of Bruce and Bert R a u c h received a special award from Florida

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**Next Meeting Location for March 8, 2014  
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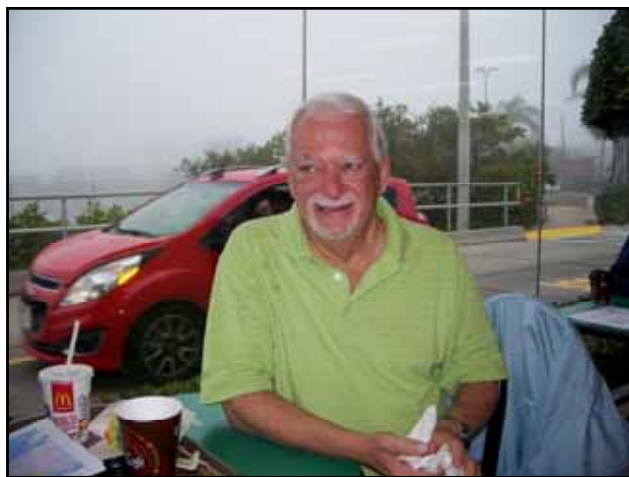
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#### **Newsletter Editor**

**Dennis J. Magee**  
It is the policy of this editor  
to review all articles  
submitted and make changes  
as necessary.

gubernatorial candidate Charlie Crist while they were photographing sites in St. Petersburg. Governor hopeful Crist was so impressed with their car that he presented them with the last bumper sticker he had with him. The bumper sticker reads 'Charlie Crist for Governor'.

Mike and Karen Silvernail hosted the event and wish to thank all who participated.



Tennessee.

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

Membership Report: The Club currently has 54 family/members and one new member: Robin & Steve Kotzin who own a 1955 MG TF 1500.

Regalia: Barrie Carson reminded members to wear their shirts to events to promote the Club. Bert Rauch has in stock just 4 more grille badges as well as some patches and window decals. Club pins were distributed to Members who had not received them.

#### Activities and Breakfast Club:

Past Activities – Bruce stated that we had some good events already this year, including: January 25 – FSMGCC Breakfast Club @ Kostas Family Restaurant in Palmetto was hosted by Jean & Derek Kirby. After the meal, the group took a scenic drive ending at the manatee viewing area at the Apollo Beach Power Plant. It was well attended. February 1 – Garage One Detail Shop tour –This was an interesting event and those who were there learned about the benefits of using a clay cloth instead of a clay bar for detailing.

Future Activities: Bruce briefly went over the list of planned events for the coming year. See Calendar of Events in this Informer. If any Members have a favorite breakfast or lunch spot for us to enjoy please contact a Board member.

Fellowship: Please contact Bert Rauch with any news – good news is welcome!!

Newsletter: Dennis Magee requests articles for the March Informer by February 20th.

Old Business: Northeast High School: Bruce said that this project has slowed down partially due to students graduating. He will visit more regularly and possibly assist if that would help. Any others interested in this project may contact Bruce.

New Business: After a brief discussion, the group decided to continue to have their monthly meetings at the Clearwater Country Club on the second Saturdays. Clearwater Country Club does impose a 20 person minimum and the Club would be responsible for making up any differences. We encourage all members to come to this new venue – the breakfast is very nice and the company is great!

Announcements: Lorrie Maniscalco won the 50-50 raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. After the adjournment, Glenn led a lively “chat session.” He also showed the group a compact jump-start system available for purchase.

Glenn Lenhard, Vice President



## Calendar of Events 2014

**Bold type is Club sponsored event.**

**Mar 01: Breakfast at Hurricanes, 8:00 AM followed by the Gulf Coast Historical Museum festival and car show, 10th Ave, Pass-a-Grill, St Pete Beach– please RSVP to John & Margaret Lester – 813-831-4869 or [Ladylester@verizin.net](mailto:Ladylester@verizin.net)**

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Mar 28-30: Grand Prix of St. Petersburg

Apr 1-6: 40th Annual Sun-n-Fun International Fly-In and Expo, 4175 Medulla Rd, Lakeland, FL - for info go to: [www.sun-n-fun.org](http://www.sun-n-fun.org)

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 Grill Room, 525 North Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755 (727) 446-9501- Breakfast served starting at 8:30 AM.**

Apr 21-25: 2014 Key West Conch-Out at the Blue Marlin Motel – A relaxed gathering of British car enthusiasts including the famous Bocce Ball Tournament, driving events and participation in the Key West “Independence Day” parade –

hosted by the Key West British Car Club. For Info contact Rob Camblin at [robincamblin@att.net](mailto:robincamblin@att.net) or <http://keywestbritishcarclub.com/>

**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**

**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 15-19: 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. In the week preceding GT-39, there will be a “Cruise to the Capital” from western Canada to Ottawa – Go to [www.gt-39.namgar.com](http://www.gt-39.namgar.com) for more info.

## March 2014 Fellowship

### March ANNIVERSARIES

March 1	Mike & Terri Milligan
March 7	Robert & Mary Storey
March 17	Jim & Sharon Alonso
March 28	Mike & Karen Silvernail

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 8	Ted Badger
March 10	Bert Rauch
March 11	Kelli Pilsbury
March 11	John Lester
March 13	Chester Baumgartner
March 29	Bernie McEntegert
March 31	Norris Williams

### Fellowship News:

On February 13th, Jeff Zorn had successful open-heart surgery. However, his recovery has been complicated by an intestinal blockage (non-related to the cardiac surgery). He had intestinal "repair" surgery on Tuesday, February 18th and continued his recovery at Morton Plant Hospital, delaying his homecoming. All our good wishes go to Jeff and Janice. Send cards and notes to: 403 Bayou Village Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689.

Jack Maniscalco will be going on a medical mission to Nicaragua in March.

**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**

Oct: 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/pigsflysouth](http://www.sun-n-fun.org/pigsflysouth) - car-a-van from Derby Lanes, St. Pete

**Nov 14-16: MG Jamboree at the Riverside Resort, Homosassa**

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**GOF South XLVIII April 11,12,13, 2014 Registration Form**  
**Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429**

**Car Registration** - For One Person (Includes One Hospitality Pass) \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 MG Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

**Car Registration** - For Two People (Includes Two Hospitality Passes) \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Passenger's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 MG Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Car Registrations** (Must Be Same Owner from above)  
 \$0 for additional car registrations but \$10 Hospitality pass must be purchased for each person

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Passenger's Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

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 Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE HOSPITALITY ROOM MUST HAVE A PASS**

**Saturday Night Awards Dinner** \$35 per person  
 # \_\_\_\_\_ Sliced London Broil # \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Picatta # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35= \_\_\_\_\_

**Event T-Shirt** \$15 each  
 sm \_\_\_\_\_ med \_\_\_\_\_ lg \_\_\_\_\_ xl \_\_\_\_\_ xxl \_\_\_\_\_ xxxl \_\_\_\_\_  
 # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15= \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Golf Shirt** \$25 each  
 sm \_\_\_\_\_ med \_\_\_\_\_ lg \_\_\_\_\_ xl \_\_\_\_\_ xxl \_\_\_\_\_ xxxl \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Make check payable to: Sun Coast Classic MG Club, P.O. Box 10728, Brooksville, FL 34603 TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_**

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 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events and specifically release and so indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, the Plantation on Crystal River and the Sun Coast Classic MG Club collectively and separately, for any and all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guest while participating in or traveling to and from the GOF South XLVIII 2014 event. I understand that adult beverages are served at this event, and I, and my guest, will govern ourselves according to the laws of the State of Florida, and agree to refrain from a course of conduct deemed to be unlawful/proximately dangerous and or unsafe. I further agree that the Suncoast Classic MG Club, reserves the right to revoke my registration and retain my registration fee should I be found to have violated this agreement. I have read, understand and agree to this release.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Inc.

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## 2014 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 \_\_\_\_\_

*I'd like to receive the newsletter via the Postal System, dues \$35*     YES or  NO  
*I'll view the newsletter via an email link instead, dues \$30*     YES or  NO  
*I would like to receive the British Marquee Newspaper*     YES or  NO  
*Dues must be paid by 1-30-2014 to receive the free British Marquee Newspaper.*

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 or \$35 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.

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**Mar 28-30: Grand Prix of St. Petersburg**

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