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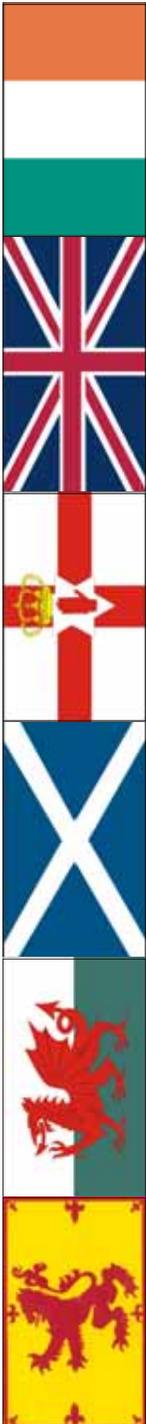
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## Keel & Curley Winery Tour

By: Gail Lenhard



It was a bit on the chilly side when the eight cars met at the Derby Lane Dog Track in St. Petersburg on Saturday, February 16th. Bert & Bruce Rauch and Margaret & John Lester had their tops down which gave Jean & Derek Kirby the courage to put the top down on their Miata. Also joining the caravan were: Dave Wilgus & Terry Sylvia (driving a Ferrari); Sandra & Nigel Petch; Karen & Mike Silvernail and his brother & sister-in-law, Fred and Dot; Gail & Glenn Lenhard and Donna Jenkins & her partner, Laura. Donna had some work on her 1975 MGBGT at Glenn’s MG Repair and was in the office when I was looking at the winery’s website. Since she is new to the MG experience, I invited her and Laura to join us and also to join our Club, which she intends to do. Glenn Lenhard led the way through Tampa then onto some nice back country roads to our ultimate destination – the Keel & Curley Winery located in Plant City.



We arrived at the Winery just as they were opening the gates, which gave everyone time to use the facilities and grab a glass of wine before boarding our John Deere tractor pulled trailer to start our tour. Sam, our tour guide, explained how the winery began:

*“Keel and Curley Winery was started in spring of 2003 in the kitchen of founder and owner, Joe Keel. Keel, a central Florida blueberry farmer, wanted to find something to do with his end of crop blueberries. As in most produce farming, once the market price reaches a price which is lower than harvest and sale commissions, farms stop harvesting their crops. At this time in the season, there are still a lot of quality blueberries on the bushes. So Keel asked himself, “What can I do with this perfectly good fruit, to use it in a productive way and not waste it? Jellies, jams, blueberry pies? No!” Keel decided blueberry wine would be interesting to dabble with in the family farm house kitchen. He started that spring of 2003*

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### New Meeting Location for March Beef O’Brady’s

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as necessary.

with 10 gallons of blueberry wine. The wine came out so-so, but drinkable. So he made 10 more gallons and it got better each time. So was the beginning of a company he started with production of over 20,000 cases of quality wines that the company produces to this day.”

Sam drove us to where the wine is actually made and pointed out Joe Keel’s house, which sits in the middle of the vineyard. He explained the different berry patches and vineyards. We met Joe’s son who is in charge of the farming details. When asked if they would be spraying water on the crop as the weather was expected to get much colder, he said they would if the temperature got below freezing.



We then headed to the wine making buildings and walked into a huge room with silver drums set up. The warehouse was very clean and we were told it is thoroughly washed and scrubbed every day. Sam explained the wine making process and how the different drums were used. He showed us a drum that was “alive” making their strawberry Riesling. Indeed, the contents were bubbling and reminded me of a swamp monster. To filter out the non-essentials, they incorporate several filtering systems which clarify the wine. Sam directed our attention to the bottling machine, which was purchased a year ago, and stated that even though the machine could bottle more, the staff only bottles exactly what is needed to fulfill the orders. The winery has to pay a special tax on the bottled wine they produce, but not on the wine in the storage drums. We were told that all of the drums and the bottling machine were made in Italy for the express purpose of making wine. Being Italian, and tasting wine when I was only four days old, I understood exactly why my grandmother always told me that Italians know how to make their wines.

After the tour it was time to head back to the gift shop/tasting area and sample the fruits of their labor. Our bartender, Simona, was a lot of fun and explained each one of the



twelve wines we sampled! She quoted the website,

*“Keel and Curley Winery, produces three types of Blueberry wines, each with a very distinct taste. The first is a sweet wine, the second, a semi-dry or semi-sweet wine, and the third, a dry wine. All three wines are made from 100% blueberries. In July, 2011, Keel & Curley debuted two new wines - Dry Blackberry and Sweet*

*Blackberry. Both are made with 100% blackberries. Fusion wines are wines that are fused, or blended wines. Part grape based wines, (for example, Merlot or Chardonnay) blended with fruit juices (Strawberry or Tangerine). Keel and Curley winery produces seven different Fusion wines.”*

Another son, Jack Keel, thanked our group for coming and said that the last wine we tasted, Monica’s Florida Frost, was actually named after Simona’s mother. She was one of the winery’s first employees and had passed away last year. This wine is a very sweet dessert wine and was quite good.

Needless to say, by the time we finished sampling, many of us were feeling pretty good. I may be Italian, but I’m not much of a drinker. However, I did buy four bottles of wine, blueberry pecan jam, blackberry vinaigrette, and a tee shirt for my veterinarian daughter, Paula, that says, “My doctor said I needed glasses” over three wine glasses. Paula is the wine drinker in the family. After sampling the wines, many of us went out to the picnic area for lunch. Others went to Danny’s for hamburgers. Everyone enjoyed the tour and wine tasting, stating that they would be back. Keel & Curley offers live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights with a \$5 cover charge.

Blueberry wine is not the typical wine you would buy. However, it does have health benefits, as outlined on the winery’s website, [www.keelandcurleywinery.com/](http://www.keelandcurleywinery.com/).

*Antioxidants are thought to help protect us against the damaging effects of free radicals and the chronic diseases associated with the aging process. Fresh fruits and vegetables are known to have these antioxidants such as Vitamin C and E. But blueberries have by far the highest antioxidant capacity, than any other fruit or vegetable. What does all that mean? Take a look at these benefits:*

#### Benefits of Blueberries

*Over forty fruits and vegetables tested and Blueberries have the highest antioxidant capacity.*

*Wine made from High-Bush Blueberries has a higher level of antioxidants than red or white wines.*

*Blueberry supplemented diets have shown measurable improvements in memory, coordination and balance.*

*Diet studies of populations that consume a high fiber, low fat diet that includes a high intake of Blueberries have shown a lower incidence of mortality risk from breast, prostate and endometrial cancers.*

*Blueberries have been shown to improve night vision and prevent tired eyes.*

*Resveratrol, naturally found in Blueberries, has cardiovascular protective qualities.*

Keel & Curley distribute their wines in many stores like Publix, Sweetbay, Total Wine, and some liquor stores. The next time you are looking for a nice bottle of wine, think of one that’s healthy for you; Keely & Curley wine. You won’t be disappointed.

## **Breakfast Club - February 9th.**

*By Stella Bumby*

The February Breakfast Club was hosted by Bobbie & Lee Strickland at Jessie’s Family Restaurant in Pinellas Park at 9am. There were 14 members in attendance including Harry & Dot Britton who had driven down from Wesley Chapel.



The food was very good and the ambience was lively. After a satisfying and enjoyable breakfast five couples, including one guest, set off for a drive to the Boca Ciega Millenium Park, where we parked our cars and had a walk along the many boardwalks, and a climb up the Lookout Tower. The park is a lovely quiet spot, with winding roads and a marvelous view over Boca Ciega Bay. Bobbie had a few suggestions as to what to do afterwards, so we split up and all went our separate ways, with six of us ending up at the Street Sale in Treasure Island. It was a lovely day, perfect weather, and good company, so what more could we ask? Many thanks to Bobbie & Lee for arranging this enjoyable day out.

# The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club

## Monthly Minutes Summary

### February 13, 2013

President, Glenn Lenhard, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and welcomed new members Carol & George Orndorff who own an MG TD.

Secretary's Report & Treasurer's Report: These reports were approved as presented.

Membership Report: There are 53 family/members for 2013.

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

Past Activities: Bruce recapped the club's recent activities:

January 19, 2013 – Tour of the Collier Museum – This event had good representation from the various British car clubs.

January 12 – Karen & Mike Silvernail – Bon Appétit Restaurant and the 16th Annual Downtown Dunedin Art Festival & Farmers Green Market was a lot of fun.

February 9 – Bobbie & Lee Strickland – Jessie's Family Restaurant followed by a tour of Boca Ciega Millennium Park – there were 14 people at the breakfast & one more for the tour. Many people went to the yard sale at Treasure Island afterwards.

Future Activities: Bruce & Glenn briefly reviewed upcoming events which are listed in this Informer in the Calendar of Events.

Fellowship: It was nice to see Dot & Harry Britton at the Breakfast Club event on February 9th.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles is February 20th.

New Business:

Meeting Location: Beef O'Brady's, 2471 N. McMullen Booth Rd, Clearwater, FL 33759 (727) 614-9717

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There is Cheddar's Restaurant being built across from the Parkside Mall in Pinellas Park that Bruce Rauch will check out as a possible meeting location.

Our March 13th General Meeting will be held at Beef O'Brady's, 2471 North McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater, FL 33759 727-614-9717 starting at 7:30 p.m. Come early for dinner.

Announcements: Derek Kirby won the 50 – 50 Raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary



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Activities



## Calendar of Events

**Bold type is club sponsored event.**

**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 Beef 'O'Brady's, 2471 N. McMullen Booth Rd, Clearwater, FL 33759 (727) 614-9717**

**Mar 23: 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 06: Car Show at the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 10110 North Central Ave., Tampa - \$10.00 donation – for info call Bill Terlop (813) 879-5811

**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: Social Event Appreciation Night at Beef 'O'Brady's, 2471 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater, 6:00 PM. RSVP by March 11, to Dennis Magee 727-726-1273 or E-mail [dimagee119@verizon.net](mailto:dimagee119@verizon.net)**

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](http://www.mgclassics.org) or call Jim Hall at: 904-282-1658

Apr 19: 50's Night at the Ballpark Car Show and Baseball Game, 5:30 PM at Bright House Field, Drew St. & Old Coachman Rd, Clearwater – Car show, food and drinks prior to the Clearwater Threshers vs. the Brevard County Manatees ball game - for info and tickets contact Alyssa Novick (727) 712-4432 or [Groups@threshersbaseball.com](mailto:Groups@threshersbaseball.com) or [www.ThreshersBaseball.com](http://www.ThreshersBaseball.com)

Apr 22-27: The "2013 MG CONCH OUT" will be held in Key West, Florida Sponsored by THE KEY WEST BRITISH CAR CLUB. The KWBCCL is encouraging all MG and other British Car people to attend. Registration and schedule is on web site <http://www.kwbcc.com/index.html>., please RSVP Conch Out at [conchout2013@gmail.com](mailto:conchout2013@gmail.com)

**Apr 27: Driving tour to Bok Tower and Gardens in Lake Wales with lunch at the Cherry Pocket fish camp – Admission to Bok is \$12.00 per person – Car-a-van from the Blackthorn Memorial**

**May 04: 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 08: Monthly Members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701; (727) 823-7767**

**May 18: Trip to Solomon's Castle in Ona, FL - Home and studio of the internationally known sculptor, Howard Solomon, with lunch at "the Boat in the Moat" – Rendezvous at the Blackthorn Memorial.**

Jun 10-14: NAMGAR GT-38 in Asheville, NC – join a caravan of MGs to beautiful Asheville for the 38<sup>th</sup> annual MGA gathering...includes a tour of the Biltmore Estate- for info go to: [www.gt38-namgar.org](http://www.gt38-namgar.org) – Please RSVP to B&B Rauch at 727-576-9474 or brauch1@tampabay.rr.com

**Aug ??: Rays vs Giants, Blue Jays or Yankees**

October 10-13: **Southeastern Fall GOF** at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Georgia... Hosted by The Southeastern MG T Register. [www.semgr.org](http://www.semgr.org)

**Nov 16: Sun-N-Fun Classic Car Show, Fly-In and BBQ Cook-Off, 4175 Medulla Road, Lakeland**

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March 13	Lee & Jennifer Robertson
March 15	John & Ann Suter
March 17	Jim & Sharon Alonso
March 28	Bill & Michelle Baker
March 28	Mike & Karen Silvernail

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 5	Ted Goleskie
March 7	John Longo
March 8	Ted Badger
March 10	Bert Rauch
March 11	John Lester
March 11	Kelli Pillsbury
March 13	Chester Baumgartner
March 14	Marie Terlop
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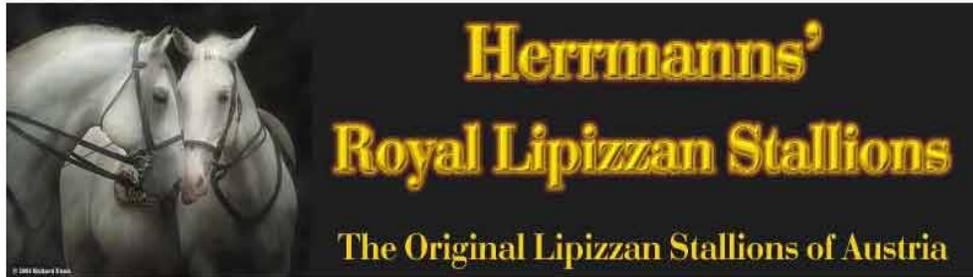
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## Join Us!

### Saturday March 23, 2013

### Royal Lipizzan Stallions

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We will be visiting the winter home of these famous horses, where they prepare for the upcoming travel season.

Meet at the Blackthorn Memorial, on the approach to the Skyway Bridge, at 8AM. We will leave promptly at 8:20AM.

Demonstration starts at 10AM and lasts a little over 1 hour. We will be free to roam the grounds and stables both before and after the demonstration.

There is a small grandstand, but bring a folding chair for up close seating.

There will be a minimum \$5 donation per person.

We will stay for lunch at their recently added food concession. They offer grilled Italian and Polish sausage with onions, sirloin burgers, all beef hot dogs and pulled pork sandwiches. Also fries, popcorn, fountain sodas, water and fresh squeezed lemonade.

If you have one, bring your walkie-talkie so the navigators can keep in touch during the ride.

If you can join us, please RSVP to Mike & Karen Silvernail via [mikenail41@gmail.com](mailto:mikenail41@gmail.com) ASAP and include the number of people. Also, they have requested a tentative list of lunch items for our group, so please include a count of items you will order for lunch.

**Hope you can join us!**



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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](http://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



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**APRIL 22-27, 2013**

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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.

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**2013 Membership Registration Form**

New Application \_\_\_\_\_ Vocational Student \_\_\_\_\_ (No Fee) Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

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## Upcoming Events 2013 March

**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.**

**Mar 13: Monthly Members meeting; 7:30 PM at Beef 'O'Brady's, 2471 N. McMullen Booth Rd, Clearwater, FL 33759 (727) 614-9717**

**Mar 23: 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.**

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