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GOF South XLVIII

By Bruce Rauch

Ninety-six MGs descended upon the Plantation Inn in Crystal River, FL on April 11-13 for the 48th Gathering Of the Faithful-South. Every three years the Suncoast Classic MG Club & Nature Coast English Car Club hosts the GOF-South with the Classic MG Club of Central Florida or the MG Classics of Jacksonville picking up one of the other two years. Spreading the host responsibility among these three disparate clubs enables guests to experience hotels, restaurants and attractions throughout the state.

The SCMGC & NCECC chose an excellent venue in the Plantation Inn. It is a fine place to eat and sleep and is centrally located on the Gulf Coast with much to see and do. Although registration did not open until Friday, MG’ers started arriving on Thursday. Friday involved much socializing in and around the hospitality suite, with the main event being the First-Timers car show. New MG owners and newly salvaged or restored MGs are the life blood of this hobby. This showing of First-Timers was the largest in many years. The cars ranged from TCs to late model MGBs and modifieds.



**Next Meeting Location on May 10, 2014
Clearwater Country Club, 525 North Betty Lane,
Clearwater, FL 33755, 727-446-9501
Note: Meeting Date Change**

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Saturday featured the car show on the lawn around the pool with beautifully restored cars in all models. The weather was perfect. During the show, Glenn Lenhard moved from one end of the field to the other doing his "Walk-A-Bout Tech Session" answering questions and providing tech tips on virtually every model represented. He even did a bit of repair work along the way. After the car show, at 2:00 pm, was the valve cover races...a standard at GOFs. Later in the afternoon the hospitality suite was packed with folks getting ready for the evening Awards Banquet.



The dinner was a sit down, served meal of chicken picatta or London broil. The service was good and all were well attended. During the awards portion it was discovered that the Florida Suncoast cars showed very well...there was an MGA sweep with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places going to Bruce & Bert Rauch, Mike and Karen Silvernail and Glenn and Gail Lenhard respectively. First place in the MGB chrome bumper group went to Ted Badger while Norm & Pat Ridgely won first in the MGB-GT category. Jack and Lorrie Maniscalco received a 2nd place trophy in the Premier Class with their black MGA-MKII. Darlene "Dada" Miller displayed her Glacier Blue MGA in the Preservation class. Because it had previously won in class and in Premier, it is now display only. Bob and Ruth Faria, however, was the anchor winning first in Pre-War Class and Best of Show with their 1938 MG TA Tickford and first place among the valve cover racers.

In summation, it was a splendid weekend with great weather, great cars and greater people. The host club has to be congratulated on a well organized event. Jolly Good Show!

MG Fun at SUNnFUN

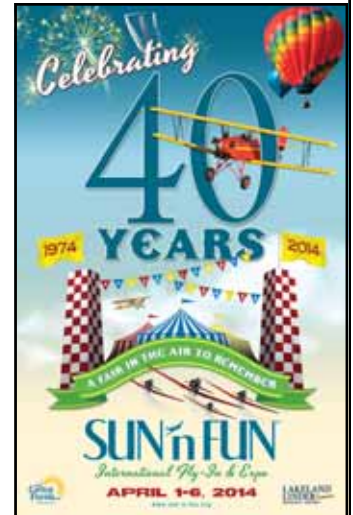
By Roberta Rauch

To celebrate its 40th year, the SUNnFUN Annual International Fly-In & Expo at Lakeland's Linder Regional Airport added a Classic Car Show on Saturday & Sunday, April 5 & 6. During those 2 days over 200 vintage cars & motorcycles (1974 and older) were on a display field behind the myriads of aircraft displays. This Fly-In & Expo was attended by hundreds of thousands of aviation enthusiasts, and a bunch of car enthusiasts, too, this year.

Well, the day was bright (warm & sunny); the traffic was light (7am); the price was right (free); there were great views of the flights. So...Bruce & Bert Rauch and Mike & Karen



Silvernail drove their MGAs to SUNnFUN's Fly-In. The car display was behind the airfield so we could watch the air events right from the chairs by our cars. In fact, the Air Force Thunderbirds came over a little "too close for comfort" for Karen & Bert. Lots of visitors came through the car display, making such nice comments that were glad to be there.



The SUNnFUN Fly-In has always been a pleasant and interesting day and the bonus of having our MGAs part of the event was most satisfactory.

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Board of Directors Meeting Summary April 2, 2014

President Bruce Rauch called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and established that a quorum was present.

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

Membership Report: Glenn Lenhard stated that there are currently 61 family/members for 2014 with two new members who were approved: Robin & Steve Kotzin who own a 1955 MG F; and Mary & Robert Storey who own a 1947 MG TC

Activities: Bruce reviewed the upcoming events for 2014. See Calendar of Events in the Informer.

Other suggestions for Activities included:

A tour of the Tampa Bay Times. A tour of Alessi's in Tampa. Ted Badger said that he was working with the Sea Scouts for a possible car show but has not received a response after getting a positive initial response. He will try again and also talk with the Boy Scouts as well.

Old Business:

Northeast High School Summer Interns-Don Muhleman does have one student who is really interested in British Cars. Mr. Muhleman will bring him over to Glenn's MG Repair to meet Glenn and see the facility. The Northeast High School

Principal is excited about an internship program. Mr. Muhleman also requested that a couple of members from the Club participate in the Advisory Board Committee and has invited interested parties to attend the April 30th luncheon/meeting starting at 12:30 and ends around 2:30 p.m. Ted Badger, Bruce Rauch & Glenn Lenhard plan to participate.

By-Laws – revise wording Article IV – Meetings on Page 2, to present to at the General Meeting for approval, to: “There shall be a monthly meeting to be held on a day and time determined by the Board.”

MG Jamboree:

Spirit of Spirek Award – The Board approved a recipient of this award to be presented at Jamboree 19 in November. Gail distributed copies of the proposed contract for the Board to review. The Board approved the contract which will be sent to the Riverside Resort. The Board approved the registration fees and charges for Jamboree 19. The Homosassa Wildlife Preserve will put on a demonstration on Saturday, only requesting donations to the Preserve.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

FSMGCC – Club Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2014

Bruce called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He welcomed new members, Rosita & Michael Boyd who recently purchased a 1970 split bumper MGB and acknowledged members Don Graham and guest, Jerry-Ann Saltarelli and Fairlie Brinkley.

MAY 2014 FELLOWSHIP

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 5 Rosita & Michael Boyd
May 5 Norman & Pat Ridgely
May 8 Glenn & Gail Lenhard
May 10 Kevin & Kelli Pilsbury
May 13 Buzz & Jan VanDyke
May 20 George & Sandra Cooper
May 21 Ron & Kathy Dailey
May 29 Ed & Terry McCarroll

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Don Graham
May 4 Lee Cayer
May 13 Jim Alonso
May 16 Steve Kotzin
May 20 Lee Strickland
May 23 Rosemary Knight
May 27 Paul Reese

Fellowship News:

The Club has sent cards of encouragement and care to Lee Strickland, Sandra Petch, Chuck Helt, & Bob Cannarella. Lee Strickland is recovering from a serious bout of diverticulitis. Sandra Petch will be getting a new hip on April 24th. They returned to England on April 7th. Chuck Helt has officially retired from Glenn's MG Repair. He continues to struggle against esophageal cancer. Ex-member Bob Cannarella (they moved to Orange Park, FL last year) is at home "rehabbing" after removal of a spinal tumor last November.

Trivia Question: Which of these cities is also the name of a classic car manufacturer?

Bristol b. London c. Cardiff d. all of them

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 8th meeting as printed in the newsletter was approved.

Treasurer's Report: John Lester reported that the club has a favorable balance in checking & CD accounts.

Membership Report: Glenn stated that the club currently has 62 family/members and one new member: Rosita & Michael Boyd

Regalia: Barrie Carson asks members to wear their shirts to events to promote the club. Bert stated that she has car decals, pens, and three grille badges left.

Committee Reports:

Activities – Bruce briefly went over the last few events.

Past Activities:

March 15 – Brit Bash, Fox Lake Park, Titusville, FL hosted by the MG Club of Florida was not as well attended as in previous years, but everyone enjoyed the beautiful day and many enjoyed Glenn's walk-about tech session.

April 5-6 – The Sun-N-Fun International Fly In & Car Show was a great success with approximately 150 cars on display. Those who showed their cars received free admission to the event.

April 11-14 – GOF South, Plantation Inn, Crystal River

– 96 cars were on display with many from our club walking away with awards. Our members took 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in the MGA category out of 14 cars.

Mike Silvernail said that several members participated in the Festival of Speed Car Show and had a good time at the event.

Future Activities: See Calendar of Events

If anyone knows of a good place for lunch, please contact a board member. It can be spontaneous event advertised via email.

Fellowship – Bert stated that Sandra Petch will be having hip surgery in the UK and believed that Terri McCarroll will be having or has not have had knee surgery. She said that former member, Bob Cannarella, is recovering from spinal surgery, and is in good spirits. Lee Strickland is also on the mend after his recent illness.

Glenn reported that employee, and former club president, Chuck Helt, is on a maintenance program for cancer but has a positive attitude. He recently retired and is only working part time now.

Newsletter – Dennis Magee – articles due by: April 20th

Old Business:

Northeast High School: Don Muhleman visited Glenn's MG Repair with two students who are interested in the internship program. The students, Hunter and Chris, got a tour of the shop and they both expressed an interest in joining the Air Force after high school. Glenn told them about the three British car clubs' offer of offering a gift certificate to Matco Tools at the end of the summer internship program.

New Business: The Board of Directors recommendation of a By-Laws change was approved as follows:

“There shall be a monthly meeting to be held on a day and time determined by the board.”

Announcements: Glenn presented Don Graham the “Spirit of Spirek” award from the MG Jamboree 18 that was presented at the event via cell phone. Don said that he feels humbled by the award especially as Frank Spirek meant a lot to him.

Dennis Magee stated that the club he started in DuBois, PA will be hosting a NAMGAR Regional Event Labor Day Week in 2015 consisting of mountain driving, elk viewing, awards banquet, and other fun activities.

50 – 50 Raffle Winner: Bert Rauch.

Trivia Question Answer: Bristol was the correct answer and several people guessed correctly.

Adjourned @ 9:48 a.m. and was followed by a great presentation by Jack Maniscalco of his recent Medical Missions Trip to Nicaragua and Africa.

Calendar of Events 2014

Bold type is Club sponsored event.

May 03: Drive Your MGA Day – Breakfast at Lil Bit Kuntry ,4999 71st Ave N, Pinellas Park, FL 33781 at 8:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Bert & Bruce 727-576-9474. 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 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 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. 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

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

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 - 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.



For Sale: Four tires from MGTD. Nexen165/80, R15.Purchased from Glenn's MG for \$320 in 2011. For sale for \$160. Fairlie Brinkley (727) 512-3264

Additional GOF Photos



Florida Orange Groves Winery Tour

When: Saturday, May 17, 2014

Time: Meet at the winery – 9:30 a.m.
1500 Pasadena Ave S, South Pasadena,
FL 33707

Cost: \$5 per person for tour & wine tasting

Lunch: Horse & Jockey Pub, 1155 Pasadena
Ave S after the tour

Contact: Gail or Glenn Lenhard @ 727-521-9890
or 727-452-1752 or gail@glennsmg.com



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**Join the tour with the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club
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