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MG Breakfast Club and Tour

By Jeff Zorn



On Saturday, October 20, 11 British Cars and one Mustang met at Upper Tampa Bay Park off Hillsborough Road. The park was surprisingly nice with a nature center, canoe rentals, fishing docks and nature trails. We took a short walk down one of the trails that time permitted before we had to depart for our Mystery Lunch. We saw lots of Fiddlers Crabs on the walk and I mean thousands. Very interesting to see them scurry away from us as we approached.



Hillsborough County founded the Upper Tampa Bay Park in 1982 to provide a protected area for nature study and passive recreation. The Park also helps protect valuable coastal habitat and ecological communities that include mangrove forests, salt marshes, freshwater marshes, coastal hammocks and pine flatwoods.



has been kept to a minimum. Small and large group picnic shelters adjoin an open playfield with a sand volleyball court.

The ground surface in Upper Tampa Bay Park is nearly flat, with the highest elevation at only six feet above sea level. As a result, much of the Park becomes flooded during extremely high tides that occur several times each year. Plant and animal species that thrive here have some degree of salt tolerance.

This 596-acre peninsular park is bordered on the east by Double Branch Creek and on the south and west by Old Tampa Bay. The Park contains rich and diverse natural habitats that result from the subtle interaction of moisture and salinity.

Due to the environmentally sensitive nature of Upper Tampa Bay Park, development

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submitted and make changes
as necessary.

The majority of uplands in the Park are dominated by pine flatwoods; scattered slash and longleaf pine trees with a dense understory of shrubs and grasses.

Here visitors may see gopher tortoises, zebra swallowtail butterflies and even bobcats. Shallow fresh water ponds throughout Upper Tampa Bay Park provide habitat for aquatic plants and animals and improve

drainage for the surrounding areas. Live oaks and other hardwood trees often grow near these wetlands, where redshouldered hawks and bald eagles are sometimes seen. As the



Park ground slopes gently toward the bay, the pines and palmettos give way to palm trees, shrubs and grasses that can survive occasional flooding.

Closer to the shoreline, visitors may see a strip of sand devoid of all vegetation; this is a salt barren. High tidal water gets trapped here and evaporates, concentrating salt in the soil and limiting plant life; yet some life, such as fiddler crabs, thrives here.

Beyond the salt barren lies



the shoreline, occupied almost exclusively by mangroves and salt marsh grasses. The shoreline and waters attract Park wildlife and many other species, including roseate spoonbills, ospreys, otters, bottle nosed dolphins and manatees marshes, coastal hammocks and pine flatwoods.

But now everyone was getting hungry, so it was time to head out to the lunch stop. We departed the park and took Hillsborough East for





about 20 miles and made a right on Falkenburg Road with our mystery destination on the right in a short distance. The destination was Danny's All American Diner at 4406 Falkenburg. Parking in the back was prearranged for our cars. (good thing they were small and we did not have a large group). Jan and I found Danny's on the TV show Diners, Drive Inn's and Dives with host Guy Fieri. We saw the show in June when we were in Tampa and thought it might be a great place to go for a car event so checked it out in August and set the plans. Turns out FSCMGC members, Nigel and Sandra Petch, had seen the show in the UK and were planning on visiting it this trip, so they too enjoyed the stop. (in their Mustang).

There were some prizes provided to all from The Little British Car Co and three lunches as well (winners were Dave and Rita Houser and Fred Humberstone) The owners

of Danny's also chose their favorite car and presented some gifts (a Danny's mug, t-Shirt and package of four special hot sauces). The winner for this was Marion and Kay Brantley of the Tampa Bay Austin Healey Club.

All in all it was a very good lunch (the best burgers in town for sure) with Guy's Triple D Burger leading the pack among the guys (A Danny Burger topped with Mojo pork, Pastrami, Swiss Cheese, American Cheese, tomatoes, Jalapeno peppers, french fried onion rings and mustard on grilled sourdough bread.) on Saturday followed by the Danny's Cuban and the regular Danny Burger. It really is a great place to have a car drive and I know Jan and I will be back again for more taste treats. Have to try the Cuban for sure.

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Monthly Minutes Summary October 10, 2012

President, Glenn Lenhard, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and welcomed Pam Vosler & John Gilley. In lieu of a 50-50 Raffle, the Club raffled off three Free Registration Coupons for the All British Car Show. They were won by Dave Wilgus, Mike Silvernail, and Ted Badger.

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

Membership Report: There are currently 73 member/families with one new member:

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

Past Activities: Bruce recapped the Club's past activity: The September 22 breakfast and driving tour of Old Hyde Park & Ybor City was very nice and those that went on to Dinosaur World had a great time.

Future Activities: Bruce briefly went over the upcoming activities. See the "Calendar of Events." Ideas and suggestions for activities in 2013 are welcome. Ted Badger suggested a Bucs football game. He will check the Bucs' schedule for a possible date.

Fellowship: Bert stated that Deb & Bob Cannarella will be moving to the Jacksonville area. Phyllis Graham is in a nursing home. Patricia Soler is doing well, but staying close to home. Longtime MG friend, Jim Flankey, passed away and a card will be sent to the family.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles is October 20th.

New Business: The Board's suggestion for advertising rates of \$3.00 for a 1/8 page ad with one picture per issue for non-members was approved. A Club member who has an ad that is an obvious business ad would be subject to the non-member rate. (Glenn Lenhard will act as the arbitrator.) Members will be limited to the same size ad, but with no charge.

Old Business: Glenn Lenhard has started the process of setting up a PayPal account for the Club.

Jonathan Brewer of the Tampa Bay British Car Club visited Northeast High School recently and stated that the students were working steadily on the project cars. Glenn's MG Repair received the first parts order from the students at North East High School this week.

All the 2012 Officers & Board Members have agreed to continue for 2013. It was decided to close the nominations and the slate of Officers & Board Members will be ratified at the November meeting.

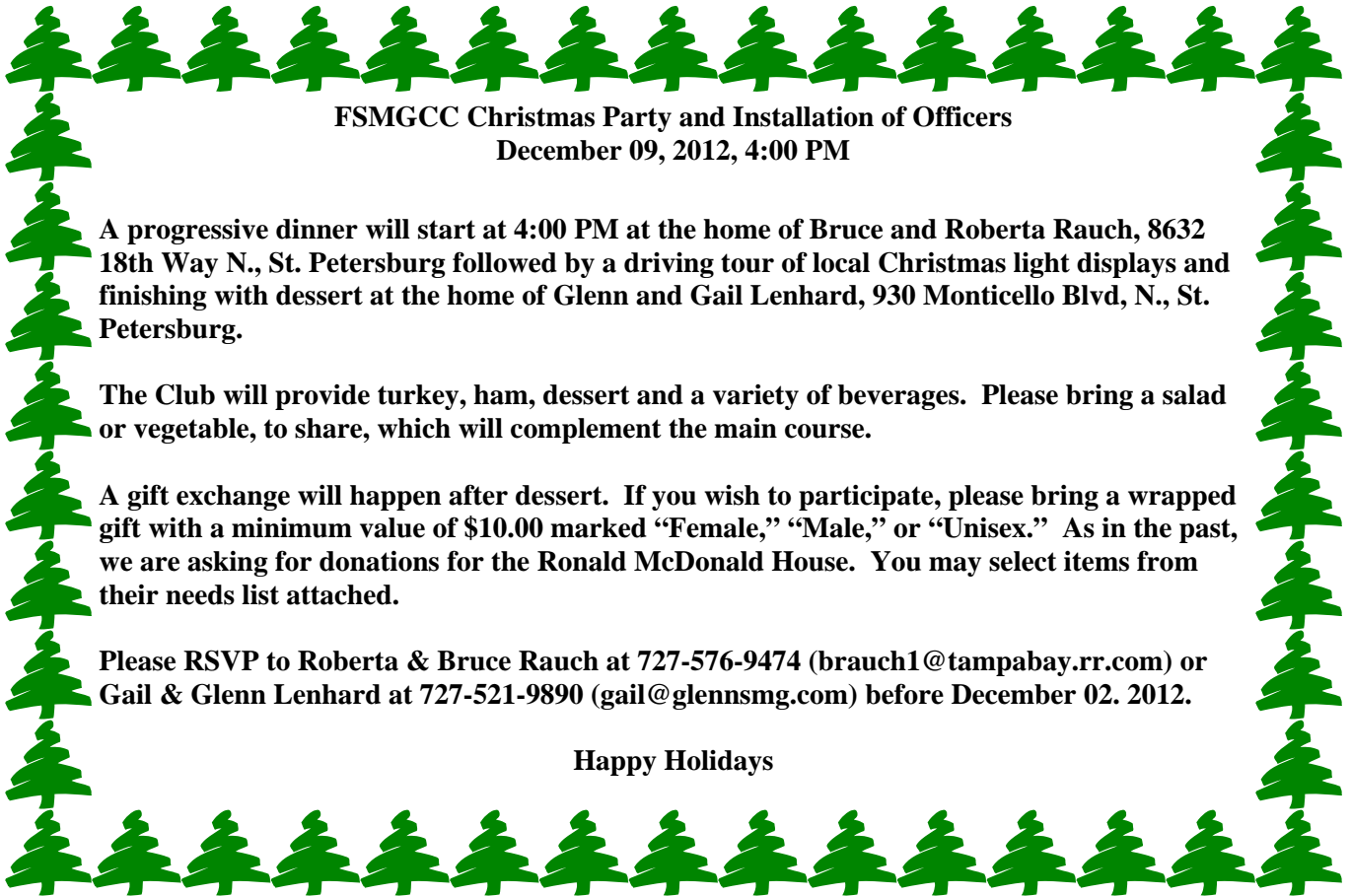
John Lester spoke with Hagerty Insurance concerning additional liability insurance for the Officers and Board of Directors. The company stated that the Club's insurance is enough and that we are not in jeopardy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Calendar of Events

Bold type is club sponsored event.



FSMGCC Christmas Party and Installation of Officers December 09, 2012, 4:00 PM

A progressive dinner will start at 4:00 PM at the home of Bruce and Roberta Rauch, 8632 18th Way N., St. Petersburg followed by a driving tour of local Christmas light displays and finishing with dessert at the home of Glenn and Gail Lenhard, 930 Monticello Blvd, N., St. Petersburg.

The Club will provide turkey, ham, dessert and a variety of beverages. Please bring a salad or vegetable, to share, which will complement the main course.

A gift exchange will happen after dessert. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift with a minimum value of \$10.00 marked "Female," "Male," or "Unisex." As in the past, we are asking for donations for the Ronald McDonald House. You may select items from their needs list attached.

Please RSVP to Roberta & Bruce Rauch at 727-576-9474 (brauch1@tampabay.rr.com) or Gail & Glenn Lenhard at 727-521-9890 (gail@glennsmg.com) before December 02, 2012.

Happy Holidays

Nov 1-4: MG Jamboree 18 at the Homosassa Riverside Resort, FL - for reservations call: (800) 442-2040 or (352) 628-2474, Overflow call MacRae's at: (352) 628-2602 - All-British Car Display, Games, Driving Tours, River Cruises and more - a weekend of fun and fellowship; for info contact Gail Lenhard at: (727) 521-9890 or gail@glennsmg.com

Nov 11: St Petersburg Yacht Club Vintage Motor Classic Show. Info at: www.spyc.org/classic

Nov 14: Monthly Members meeting; 7:30 PM at the Hangar Restaurant & Lounge, 540 First St. SE, Saint Petersburg, 33701 (727) 823-7767

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Dec 08: TBBCC Brits by the Bay Winter Picnic. Phillippe Park, Safety Harbor, Fl. - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. TBBCC will provide Burgers & Hot Dogs

Dec 09: FSMGCC Christmas Party, 4:00 PM to ?? – Progressive dinner with a tour of local Christmas light displays between the main course and dessert...bring a side dish to share, a gift to exchange and a donation for the Ronald McDonald House. Please RSVP to Bert & Bruce Rauch (727) 576-9474 or brauch1@tampabay.rr.com by Dec.02.

Dec 15: Tour the Ringling Brothers Circus Museum and Ringling Estate in Sarasota – car-a-van from the Blackthorn Memorial Park at 9:30 AM

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

Jan19: 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.

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

Jan ??: Breakfast Club hosted by Karen & Mike Silvernail

Cars For Sale

November 2012 Fellowship

November Anniversaries:

November 12 Gregg & Darlene Miller
November 13 John & Nancy Nick
November 25 Ted & Marilyn Badger

November Birthdays:

November 8 Glenn Lenhard
November 8 Claire Matthews
November 13 Irbye Giddens
November 17 Sharon Johnson
November 18 Ellen Bucchino
November 27 Sue Broadhurst

Fellowship News:

Bob and Deb Cannarella have sold their home in Tampa and will be moving back to Orange Park, Florida after Thanksgiving. They will be sorely missed.



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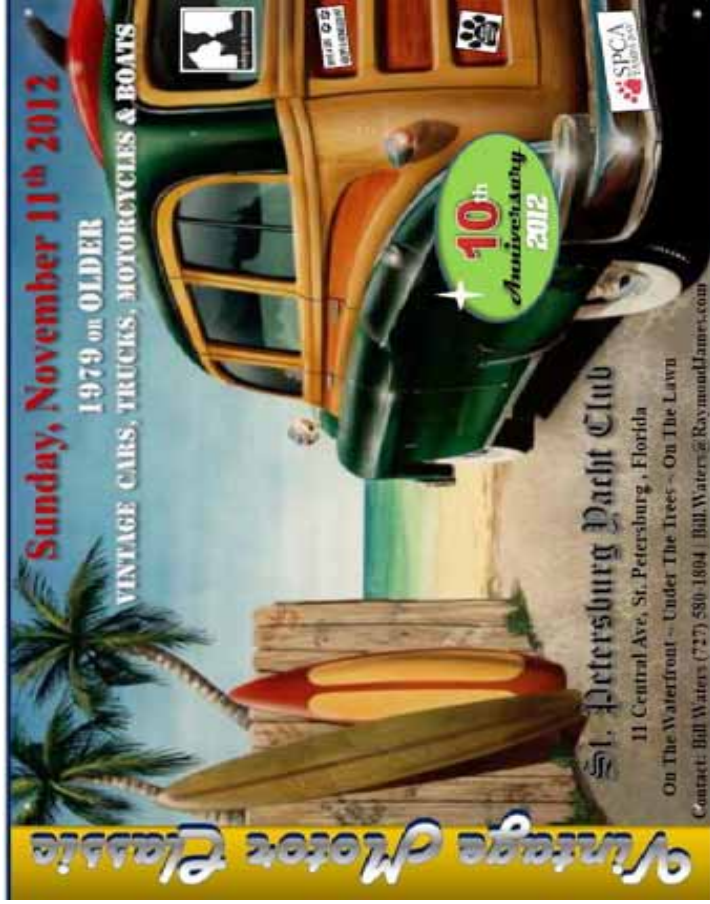
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**The semi annual Brits by the Bay Picnic on
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and People are invited. Drive your Classic Car.
The TBCC will provide Burgers, Hot dogs,
Sodas and Condiments. Bring a side dish or
dessert.**

**Please RSVP at
picnic@tampabaybritishcarclub.org.**

Time to renew your dues !



ANNUAL FLANKEY MINI CAR SHOW AND CHILI COOK-OFF

When: Sunday, November 18th 2012
Where: Speer Park in beautiful downtown Oakland
 331 North Tubb Street
 Oakland Fl 34760
Time: Noon till?
Hosts: Marcia and Tony Geraci and Joyce and Will Bowden

You can bring your favorite chili recipe, pot luck dish, dessert, side dish, OR just yourself. The Classic MG Car Club will provide nonalcoholic beverages, ice, and eating utensils. Electric will be available for crock pots. It is always good to bring a chair. You're encouraged to call Tony Geraci @ 407-656-7472 to coordinate dishes. This is a city park but alcoholic beverages ARE permitted.

DIRECTIONS:

1. From Orlando, take Highway 50 East through Winter Garden to SR 545.
2. Turn right going North on 545/Tildenville School Road.
3. Turn left going west onto 438/Oakland Avenue.
4. Go approx. 1 mile to Tubb Street.
5. Turn right onto Tubb.
6. Go through the round-about.
7. Speer Park will be on your left, approximately .2 mile.

Alternate Scenic route: Take 438 West all the way from Orlando.



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2013 Membership Registration Form

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

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Child Name _____ Age _____ Child Name _____ Age _____

Occupation _____ Work Phone _____ EXT _____

Spouse's Occupation _____ Work Phone _____ EXT _____

Model of MG _____ Year _____ Color _____

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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? _____

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.

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