

#### **MORRIS GARAGES**

# **INFORMER**



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#### **Breakfast with Your Valentine**

By Bert Rauch



The weather gods were smiling on FSMGCC on Valentine's Day for our celebrations. Although it was brisk in Madeira Beach at the Snack Shack on the Gulf Front, we had bright sun, no wind and patio heaters. Twenty of us enjoyed a lovely breakfast overlooking the sparkling Gulf of Mexico. No one

After breakfast, we drove a short hop up Gulf Boulevard to Smuggler's Cove where some others joined us for 18 holes of miniature golf on a very nice, well-groomed compact golf course with a Gulf view



and live alligator "spectators." Everyone had a ball hitting the balls into those little cups. Never mind what our scores were!

Next Membership Meeting: Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:30 AM at the Clearwater Country Club Grill Room, 525 North Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755 (727) 446-9501

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Mar 07: Annual Brit Bash at Fox Lake – 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Fox Lake Park, 4400 Fox Lake Rd., Titusville, FL hosted by the MG Car Club Florida; \$25 prior to March 01; for info contact: Linda Knoblock-Raupp at (321)757-0180 or oldcarsnewcars@bellsouth.net

#### March 2015 Fellowship

#### March ANNIVERSARIES

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

#### March BIRTHDAYS

March 4	Rosita Boya
March 8	Ted Badger
March 8	Karen Silvernail
March 10	Bert Rauch
March 11	Kelli Pilsbury
March 11	John Lester
March 13	Chester Baumgartner

March 17 Kathy Dailey
March 29 Bernie McEntegert

March 31 Norris Williams

#### Fellowship News

Chuck Helt passed away on February 1, 2015. The River of Life Church in Lutz, Florida held a celebration of life for him at a "Homegoing Party" on February 22, 2015.

The Club has send a card to the family. You may send personal cards to:

Laila Helt and Family 13807 Edison Avenue North Tampa, FL 33613

#### March 14: Picnic and Nature Walk at Sawgrass Park, St. Petersburg - hosted by Gail & Glenn Lenhard

March 22:With superlative vocals and musicianship, dynamic enthusiasm and a genuine love of the music they perform, The Bronx Wanderers recreate the magic of the era and build an energetic bond with their audience, guaranteeing an evening of toe-tapping, hand-clapping and dancing in the aisles all night long. Their show tells the stories and plays the music that will take you as close as you can get to having lived the actual experience. The Wanderers arrive at every show with new material all the time but never leave out the favorites that their fans and audiences have come to love. Not to be forgotten, are the popular Frankie Valli medleys that this group "nails" say the critics. "It never gets old, says lead singer Yo' Vinny. It just doesn't get better than this. We don't rest on our laurels. We never will." At the Capitol Theater, 3 pm. Lunch at O'Keefe's preceding at 12 noon.

Mar 22: Burger Quest 1:30 P.M. at Capogna's Dugout, 1653 Gulfto-Bay, Clearwater 33756 - Join us for a good time at a long time Clearwater favorite restaurant. They will have an indoor section set aside for us with plenty of parking out front. They feature a ½ lb. burger that they want you to vote as 'best in the area.'

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Mar 29: Lake Dora Classic Boat Show, Waterfront Park, Tavares, Florida Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Chris-Craft Cobra – the largest antique boat show in the USA

Apr 04: Guided Tour of the Southeastern Guide Dogs Campus 4210 77th St. East, Palmetto, FL followed by lunch – hosted by Derek & Jean Kirby - Learn about raising and training guide dogs. A car-a-van will be leaving the Blackthorn Memorial Park at the north end of the Skyway Bridge at 9:15 A.M. Please RSVP to B&B Rauch at: 727-576-9474 or brauch1@tampabay.rr.com. We are restricted to a group of 25.

Apr 11-12: 2015 Blueberry Festival, Brooksville, FL – Stroll downtown Brooksville amidst various local musicians, assorted food concessionaires, and the Fresh from Florida Market featuring Florida grown blueberries and produce. Take in the Car Show, Street Entertainers, Artisans and Retail Exhibitors selling their beautiful and varied creations

Apr 17-19: The forty-ninth annual GOF-South at the beautiful 1200 acre Mission Inn Resort & Club in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida hosted by The Classic MG Club of Central Florida – for info go to: www.classicmgclub.com

Apr 20-24: 2015 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 <a href="http://keywestbritishcarclub.com/">http://keywestbritishcarclub.com/</a>

Apr 25: 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 02: Sunken Gardens tour followed by lunch at the Three Birds Pub, hosted by Jan & Jeff Zorn - Drive your MGA Day – celebrating the 60th (Diamond) Anniversary of the MGA

May 30: 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.

Jun 8-12: MG-2015 the 24th Annual North American MGB Register Convention in Niagara Falls, Canada hosted by the MG Car Club of Toronto. For info go to: <a href="http://mg2015.com">http://mg2015.com</a>

Jun 15-19: North American MGA Register-GT40 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth, MI hosted by the Michigan Rowdies. For info go to: http://gt40.namgar.com

#### Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Monthly Minutes Summary -January 31, 2015

Trivia	Question:	The	MGB	was produce	d from	1962 to 1	980.	How many	different l	body	paint	colors	were us	ed for	those
cars.	18.	32.	44.	51?											

President Bruce Rauch called the meeting to order at 9:27 a.m.

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

Membership Report: Mike Silvernail reported that the Club currently has 54 family/members with one new member family: Jeff & Cindy Brown of Clearwater, FL who own several MG TDs

Regalia: Contact Barrie Carson for regalia

Past Activities: Bruce briefly reviewed recent activities:

Dec 06: St. Pete Santa Parade

Dec 06: Brits by the Bay Winter Picnic

Dec 13: FSMGCC Annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers

Dec 14: The Bronx Wanderers & early dinner at the Grind House, British Pub

Jan 01: President's Day Drive

Jan 25: Polo Match Outing and Tail Gate Party at the Sarasota Polo Club in Lakewood Ranch

Future Activities: Please refer to Activities in this Informer

Fellowship – Club members Jeff Zorn and Margaret Lester are doing well following surgery. They both are at this meeting.

Former Club President, Chuck Helt is at home under Hospice Care due to esophageal cancer.

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

#### Old Business:

NEHS MGB Project – Glenn Lenhard reported that Don Muhleman from Northeast High School has been by the shop and purchased parts. He also stated that students, Hunter (the summer intern at Glenn's MG Repair) and Chris (the student working part time at the shop) are going gangbusters on the MG project.

#### New Business:

Christmas Party 2015: Member Gino Louie sent Bruce a suggestion to host the Holiday Party at the Treasure Island Community Center and offer live entertainment. The cost to rent the venue would be \$200. Members thought that this might be worth looking into. We will talk further with Gino.

#### Announcements:

- -Jeff Zorn invited Club members to attend the Early Bird Dinner Theater's production of Hot Bed Hotel on March 15.
- -Jan Zorn invited members to join others at Sunken Gardens on May 2nd followed by lunch at the Three Birds Tavern.
- -Glenn Lenhard said that he had three speakers interested in speaking at the meetings and asked members to contact him if they would like to make a presentation to the Club.
- -Bruce Rauch reported that Beth & Dick Lunney, publishers of the Classic MG Magazine will be writing an article on our MG Jamboree 19 and the Sebring Coupe that was at the Jamboree. It should be in Issue #61, February 2015 issue. This is great publicity for our Club.

Trivia Question: There were 51 different body paint colors for the MGB. Gail Lenhard guessed the right answer.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am for Round Table.

Gail Lenhard, Secretary

ROUND TABLE, led by Glenn Lenhard:

Bob Lindstrom invited Barney Gaylord, the MG Guru, to stay at his home a few days over the holidays. He reported that Barney's son took a loooong shower!

Jan Zorn is the premier planner for trips – and said that in 2016 they will be embarking on a Baltic cruise with a side trip to London.

Jeff Zorn enjoys tagging along on the trips his wife sets up. He invited members to join them on March 15th at the Early Bird Dinner Theater.

Jeff Brown said that he enjoys racing at Watkins Glen and participates in the Vintage Festival downtown. His wife, Cindy, retired January 30 & will join him in Clearwater soon.

Walter & Stella Bumby have done lots of traveling of late – cruising for one. He said that when storing a car, he uses a sound generator to keep the mice away.

Mike Silvernail has another project car - a Toyota MR2 Turbo.

Bert Rauch said that in June she and Bruce will be driving Mr. Blue to NAMGBR's MG 2015 in Niagara Falls, ON and then on to NAMGAR GT 40 in Frankenmuth, Michigan. They'll then head for Wisconsin to visit family.

Dave Wilgus met an Englishman who said that when he was a lad, a buzz bomb landed in his front yard. The Englishman then moved to South Africa and toured the country in a 1950 MG TD.

John & Margaret Lester will also be attending the NAMGBR event in June and said that in eight years he has put 8,000 miles on his car. He and Margaret were also glorified caretakers at a State Park out West in exchange for a free campsite.

They will be traveling to England in 2016 for six months.

Dennis Magee said that he will start putting MG racing events in the Club's newsletter.

Gail Lenhard will be attending a Week of Writing Retreat at a state park near Helen, Georgia this summer. Glenn and the two granddaughters, Laci & Lili, will go along for the ride.

Glenn Lenhard purchased a 1955 Jensen 541 for his 60th birthday and is having a wonderful time dismantling it to restore. Jensen only made 260 of them, so opening up a catalog to order replacement parts, isn't something he will be able to do. The prototype of this car is at the Tampa Bay Auto Museum.

Paul Giordano suggested that the Club visit the Ringling Museum in Sarasota as there is so much to see. He said that a person really needs more than one day to see it all. He also stated that his granddaughter has made an important life changing discovery - boys!

Bill Mason said that he and Marion have tagged along on some of Jan's trips and they thoroughly enjoy them. He has four MGs and may be willing to sell a couple of them.

Suzy Maxon states that she just jumps in her 1954 MG TF and drives and drives and drives.

Warren Maxon climbs into his 1960 Austin Healey 3000 and drives and drives and drives.

Holly Bird recently had some work done on her 1974 MGB, which she dubbed "Bentley MGB" because it's so quiet now. She will be participating in the Gulfport "2Cool Art Show" on February 7 & 8 at the Gulfport Casino from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



5th Annual Brit Bash at Fox Lake

Open to British Cars & Motorcycles of any kind, year, model, condition. Sat Mar 7, 9am-4pm



March 7, 2015 9 AM to 4 PM (Rain or

Fox Lake Park, 4400 Fox Lake Rd

Celebrating British Cars & Motorcycles

or more information, Contact inda Knoblock-Raupp 321-757-0180

Brian Mitchell

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If you're interested in joining MGCCF 321-773-1455 or hik10590@gmail.com contact Helen Kingston, Treasurer, at Only \$15 annual dues. Why not Join

www.mgcarclubflorida.org

Website:

nn, Holiday Inn, Fairfield Inn & Suites (other wards & 50-50 Raffle presentations @ 3pm. Hotels @ I-95 & Rt 50, Exit 215 - Hampton

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'Economy" hotels nearby)

Participant Voting Best of Show, 1st, 2", 3rd of MG CAR CLUB FLORIDA, INC. Car corral & vendors must pre-register Registration Sat. 8:30-11:00am. Voting ends at nay \$25 each & Motorcycles \$15. Save Cars pre-registered by March 1, 2015 Friday Night BBQ = \$10 per Person Class, including Premier Class (Prior Year 510 - Pre-Register! Day of Show-On Your Car" Tech Sessions by Gler enhard of Glenn's MG Repair, St Pe ast Eddie, DJ Extraordinaire Cars=S35, Motorcycles =\$25. :30pm. For sale signs allowed. Fitusville, FL 32796 at \$35 per space. Vinners)

#### Registration Information (FREE Dash Plaque)

Show Cars:

Pre-registration fee \$25 (Free dash plaque) Show Bikes \$15

#### Please pre-register before March 1, 2015, if possible (save \$10)

\*DAY OF SHOW-\$35 Show Cars; Bikes \$25

Cash Only Day of Show

#### All Vendors:

Pre-registration \$35 (must pre-register)

#### Map of Show location:



Take I-95 exit 215 (Rt 50) east to 1st light (Rt 405); left at light (405); go 2 lights to Fox Lake Rd; take left to Fox Lake Park (1+ miles).

#### Brit Bash British Car Show Classes\*\*

- A. Aston Martin
- B. Austin Healey 100 & 100-6
- C. Austin Healey 3000, BJ-& & BJ-8
- D. AH Bug Eye, Sprite, MG Midget
- E. Healey Other
- F. Jaguar XK 120, 140, 150
- G. Jaguar E-Type
- H. Jaguar Modern Sports
- I. Saloon, Jaguar, Bentley & Rolls Royce
- J. Lotus
- K. MG Pre-War Sports & Saloon
- L. MG TC, TD, TF
- M. MGA All
- N. MGB/C Roadster chrome 1962-1974
- O. MGB Roadster rubber 1974-1980
- P. MGB/C GT 1966-1980
- O. MG Other
- R. Morgan pre-War
- S. Morgan post War
- T. Morris
- U. Sunbeam
- V. Triumph TR2, TR3's
- W. Triumph TR4's, 5, 250 & 6
- X. Triumph TR7 & TR8
- Y. Triumph Spitfire & GT6
- Minis & varieties slider, rollup, Mokes, etc.
- AA. Minis New generation
- BB. Other British Sports
- CC. Other British Saloons
- DD. Other British non-original engines
- EE. Replicars
- FF. Motorcycles BSA, Triumph, Enfield, etc.
- GG. Premier Class Prior Yr Class Winners
- \*\* Classes may be added, combined, split or eliminated depending on number of show cars in each class. Final classification determined by show committee.

#### Show cars must be registered by 11 AM

Sorry, No Pets, No Alcohol allowed in park.

"For Sale" signs ARE allowed on show cars.

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Class Choice Letter(s) (see list):

T-Shirt- SM L XL XXL (circle size)

\$10 each (\$12 day of Show)

#### This Entry For:

- ( ) Show Car \$25
- ( ) Show Bike \$15
- ( ) Vendor \$35

Friday Nite BBQ @ \$10 person:

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I do hereby release MG Car Club Florida, Inc., all sponsors, vendors, tenants and volunteers of Brit Bash Car Show from any liability, personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guest(s) while participating in the Brit Bash Car Show.

Signed: _			
Date:			

Amount enclosed: \$

Must be postmarked by 03/01/15. Make check out to MG Car Club Florida, Inc., P.O. Box 410471, Melbourne, FL 32941. Note-Club's "Rain or Shine" policy includes mailing paid T-Shirts to pre-registered "no shows".

# Florida Suncoast MG Car Club Presents

# **European Car Show**

**Benefiting The Gulf Beaches Historical Museum** 





#### Saturday, March 7, 2015 9 am to 2 pm \$10 Entry Fee donation to the museum

At 10th Ave, Pass-A-Grill, St. Pete Beach Breakfast at 8:30 am at either the Hurricane, Paradise, or Sea Horse, your choice.

One Award—Best of Show selected by the Museum Island Fest on the west side of 10th Ave, with craft vendors, folk singers, bands, and much more!

For RSVP and additional information Contact John Lester phone 813-831-4869 or email: ladylester@verizon.net

	Registration Form		
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The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club will be attending The Bronx Wanderers in performance At The Capitol Theater —March 22, 2015 3 PM Tickets \$35 to \$60

For Tickets: www.rutheckerdhall.com Phone 727-791-7400

Preceded by Lunch at O'Keefe's Tavern 1219 S Fort Harrison Ave Clearwater, FL 33756 Phone 727-442-9034 at 12 PM "Meet and Greet" with the Bronx Wanderers following the concert

> RSVP by March 10, 2015 to Dennis Magee, dmagee@ij.net Questions: 727-385-1188

> > All Car Clubs welcomed!



# Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Inc. PO Box 61273, St. Petersburg, FL 33784-1273 2015 Membership Registration Form

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### 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.

## Irbose

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 every month. Check the club's website and The Informer for meeting locations and times. Saturday's meetings start at 8:30 am. 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.

A Classified Ads Section is open to all Members free of charge. Members may personally advertise MG cars and parts they wish to buy, sell or trade. Ads for members are limited to 1/8 page with one photo.

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