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**BREAKFAST**

January 7, 2012 the weather was so warm, especially for January! Tops were down!



Those in attendance were Bill and Tina Beckman, Dave and Jeni Behning, Bob Blundy, Walt and Iris Brown, Randy Clark, Steve DeGroat, Fred and Betty DeShong, Mike Eckhart, Harold and Barb Ewing, Ed Farnell, Brad Fowler, Eric and Bonnie Gibeaut, Clark and Elizabeth Gregory, Dave Headrick, Charley and Edith Hylton, Hal Kievlan, Ron Kuebler, Stan Lacy, Dennis Lambries, Bart and Betsy Lehman, Bill Meyers,

Tomas and Irene Neumann, Eddie Pearce, Chris and Brenda Powell, Todd and Courtney Smith, Mike and Marcie Speer, Tony and Pat Stakis, Ed and Donna Stanfield, Wally and Sonya Stewart and Phil and Norree Wicks. Our guests were Peter and Jacqueline Edwards.



### **NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBER UPDATES**

Jack Lindler had surgery on his knee on January 13. Amazing out-patient procedure, able to walk out and get home, except for the drugs.

Welcome and Cheerio to Jorge Jimenez from Augusta. He has a 1992 Range Rover, 1972 Lotus Europa TC and a 1958 Jaguar XK 150 OTS.

### **CBC VI UPDATES**

Dave had a meeting on Tuesday, January 10, at RCPL on Assembly.

Mini Cooper, old and new, will be the featured Marque for the show. We have been allotted about 1/3 of the field for parking. Dave has done a preliminary layout for cars. Dave and Cliff have notified nearby clubs and previous attendees. It's time to collect items for the silent auction and goodie bags. 2010 bags were from the year before, so we need new bags and lots of goodies for them. Visit your dentist, doctor, bank, broker, clubs, foundations, etc. and ask or beg for items.

Sonya will handle the Regalia tent. She could use one or two volunteers the day of the show.

### **SPREAD THE WORD!**

Meeting 01/10 - There was a great group at the meeting! The RCPL meeting room is perfect for us. Todd is handling sponsorships. If you talk to anyone about this, use the letter that is available. Start high with options and then work your way down, if that's what it takes.

Since Mini is the featured Marque, members will be talking to the dealership in Charlotte, Charleston and Greenville.

Cliff and Courtney will work on the official show logo. Cliff has done one for letterhead but another one is needed for the shirts. Speaking of shirts, ash is the chosen color. The logo will be done in one color (probably white) on the front of the shirt. Sponsors will be on the back.

Eric is ordering the dash plaques. Jo has gotten the trophy frames. We're trying to get the previous show photos from Barry. He'll do this year's photos too.

Dave has a proposed layout of our space at the racetrack. He'll be working with the management of the track for our space and anything else we need.

Another option for name tags is being considered. If you've been to the local horse races where a string

tag is used, it's the option.

The ballot will be updated closer to car show time – when the classes are determined. Dave has worked on a new counting system that should shorten the time needed.

Hopefully, we'll be able to use the track for a victory lap of winners.

Fred will get an insurance letter from NAMGBR.

Work still needs to be done with Tartan Fest for signage, promos, logo, directions, etc.

We'll have another meeting in a month or so.

Committees – sponsorships (Todd), tents/tables/chairs (Tartan Fest), non-car vendors (Tartan Fest), car vendors (?), parking (Tony), registration (?), marketing (Cliff), raffle (Jo), goody bags (?), silent auction (?), trophies (Jo), regalia (Sonya), photos (Barry), dash plaques (Eric), t-shirts (regular vendor), site set-up plan (pre-show), name tags (Dennis), ballots (Cliff), signage (Tartan Fest, club), voting (Dave), insurance (Fred), no additional entertainment.

The website has directions, registration information and more details.

02/06 If you're on the board you already know this.

For the other members who have volunteered to participate in the pre-show planning, I have reserved the Bank Of America conference room in the Richland County Public Library for our next meeting. The board has requested that their meeting be combined with our meeting so I've reserved a larger conference room than the one we were in last time. The larger room was unavailable on the same day of the week as our last meeting so the date is Monday, 6 Feb at 6:30 PM.

Even if you haven't been assigned a specific responsibility yet I would appreciate it if you could attend to contribute to the planning discussions.

And don't forget to register your cars if you haven't already. Pre registration discount and T-shirts expire the end of February.

Thanks Dave Headrick

### **REGALIA UPDATE**

Photos of all regalia items are available on the website. Some new items will be ordered (restocked) for the car show.

### **ANNOUNCING: A BRITISH CAR OWNER'S CRUISE AND TOUR!**

British Marque Car Club News is pleased to announce that one of our newest advertisers, UK-based Cruise and Maritime Voyages, is offering something special to our readers — the "Across the Pond British Marque Car Owners Home Heritage Cruise and Tour," coming this July! Departing from London, you will cruise the shores of the country our LBCs call home over ten days and meet other British car enthusiasts on the boat and in ports along the way.

The cruise will take place on the world famous ship, the Marco Polo, a classic and vintage ship in her own right. Pre- and post-cruise options will allow the vintage car enthusiast to visit with similar interested British car owners and organizations in the UK.

The Marco Polo, originally built in the mid-1960s, and currently operated by Cruise and Maritime Voyages, was totally rebuilt and refurbished in the mid-1990s, and then was treated to an additional \$10 million restoration over the last two years to bring her back to her vintage splendor and glory.

The cruise, following CMV's "Treasures of the British Isles" itinerary, departs July 20th from London's Tilbury International Cruise Terminal. The boat will visit some of Britain's most interesting offshore

islands, including the Isles of Scilly, St. Peter Port, and the Isle of Mull, with stops in Scotland and Ireland as well. Plans for pre- and post-cruise tours are being formulated to visit locations of interest to British car enthusiasts.

Additionally, the cruise company is working to organize "Afternoon Tea" at each port of call with local vintage car clubs to bring their cherished vehicles to the ports for viewing and interaction with the onboard U.S. hobbyists.

Faith Lamprey of British Marque said, "We are delighted CMV brings this opportunity to our North American readership and friends to tour the UK and meet with British marque enthusiasts there. For many this will be a dream vacation!"

See the display ad on page 40 of our current Jan/Feb edition of BMCN or for more details, contact the cruise line toll-free at (855) 206-4897.

Warm Regards,

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### GOF 46 SOUTH

The Classic MG Club of Orlando invites you to the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of the Faithful to be held at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs Hotel, 350 S. Northlake Blvd. Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701. Tel 407-830-1985 or 1-800-678-4380.

The Show is on March 23-25, 2012 and, if you want to have the best experience, you should plan to stay at the Hilton Hotel. We have negotiated an event rate of \$99.00/night and secured the entire 7<sup>th</sup> floor which has a wonderful spacious Hospitality gathering place. When making your hotel reservation mention you are with the Classic MG Club of Orlando and tell them our group code "MGCLUB".

A total of 35 rooms are available on this floor, meaning, make your reservation early if you would like to stay on this floor. Any overflow will go to other floors.

Please also remember that your GOF registration is a **two-step** process. You need to secure your overnight lodging if you are coming from any distance **and**, most important to your Organizing Committee, you have to mail your event registration form in to Paul Plasschaert at 1304 Wellington Terrace, Maitland, FL 32751. Get the Registration form from this mailing or at [www.classicmgclub.com](http://www.classicmgclub.com)

or on this website [www.gofsouth.com](http://www.gofsouth.com) .

In these tough times, the Catering Manager is saying that they need an EXACT count for the Friday Night Mardi Gras Buffet and the Saturday Night Awards Banquet. The information has to go to them a week in advance. This means that there will be NO tickets for the buffet and dinner sold at the time you show up for the GOF. If you are going to dine with your friends you are going to have to purchase your tickets in advance. The only way to do that is with the registration form mailed to Paul Plasschaert. We know that this is a change from past practices, but we have no alternate and ask you to be forgiving. We will set up a "trading post" on one of the bulletin boards in our Hospitality Suite to let folks buy/sell/trade tickets for the banquet, but that's about it. Moral of the story: **register now!**

### **NAMGBR**

All MGB owners and those who are interested should join this association. We get a \$1,000,000 insurance policy that allows us to have the show. Also, the publication is worth membership fee.  
Fred, Marque Secretary

### **2012 Car Shows and Events**

**February 4 - 9:00 breakfast at Golden Corral Forest Drive**

**February 6 – 6:30 CBC VI meeting RCPL**

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 21 – Mardi Gras

**March 3 - 9:00 breakfast at Golden Corral Forest Drive**

March 11 – Daylight Savings Time begins

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

March 20 – Spring Equinox

**March 23-25 GOF Altamonte, FL**

**March 31 CBC VI and Tartan Fest at the old Racetrack**

April 1 – Palm Sunday

**April 7 – 9:00 breakfast, first day of Passover**

April 8 - Easter

**April 21 – party at Dennis' country estate**

**May 5 – 9:00 breakfast**

May 13 – Mothers' Day

May 28 – Memorial Day

**June 2 – 9:00 breakfast**

**June 6-10 – MG Gathering at Dillard, Ga. [www.peachtreemg.com](http://www.peachtreemg.com)**

June 17 – Fathers' Day

June 20 – Summer Solstice

Blue – non-club events, Red- car club events



MGB Registry

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