



# NEWSLETTER

Greetings to the MG faithful!

Here it is August already with it's stifling heat, rain, and hurricanes. Where I live the hurricane was a complete non-event and I hope the same held true for all of you. Much more alarming is the continuing rise in both positive Covid-19 cases and number of fatalities resulting from same in our State and our respective counties.



As gloomy as it seems there have been bright spots concerning MG Classics of Jax. As I stated in my last communication we have grown by 8 new members in the 2nd quarter. This has brought a renewed interest in getting MG's repaired and excitement about driving them, even in this heat!

As a matter of fact we have been getting requests for help in facilitating repairs. Ian Massey and myself have gotten together with a few of them to get them back on track and point the way forward. I'd like to see if there are any among you who have the skill and facility to do likewise either as paid side work or an offering to a struggling club mate. There are so few options for repair in our area I believe this would be a valuable club service and a terrific way to get to know members outside of our normal circle, as has been the case for me.

If there are those among us who would be willing to offer services either as side work, free help,

consultation, or combination there of I would like to start a list of names where we could put members in contact with other members. The list could be put on the website or kept private and requests sent to Ian or myself and then sent out to a private email group for a response. An important thing to remember is, if you would be able to help, you could reply. If you weren't, you would not. There would be no obligation or written in stone commitment. Please contact Ian or myself if this is something of interest and what are areas of your particular skill set.

We will have our August club drive/picnic/meeting on August 29, 2020 at 10:00 am.

**You must preregister on the website** so we might be able to try and organize some rally points to gather at and caravan to Trout Creek Marina. This is an outside event under a steel roof open pavilion. You must bring your own chairs, food, drink, Covid-19 safety equipment, and your significant other, as none of these will be provided. All CDC guidelines must be adhered to. Please see the website for additional details/information.

I'll close with my usual disclaimer; MG Classics is not sanctioning or requiring attendance to any events during this pandemic. It is each members obligation to weigh their own risk and risk to others and to take all precautions as outlined by the CDC.

Safety Fast! , Bruce



Our Facebook [page](#) is revitalized! Check it out

## A(n?) MGA Street Rod Project

By James Hall, Master Wrench

Been working on my MGA Coupe. Progress so far:

- Camaro V6 & Camaro Five Speed gear box in and running
- Fabbed and Installed tunnel and .070 aluminum floor pans
- Installed interior sound deadening/insulating material
- Installed a 3000 cfm puller fan behind the MGB aluminum radiator from MOSS.
- Installed aftermarket brake master cylinder with booster package from Summit Racing and have the brakes bled
- Converted to four-wheel disc brakes using MGB front brakes and Honda rear brakes, Mark Cooley conversion
- Installed aftermarket white faced gauge package - You can actually read the gauges now (Better lights)
- Had the body, and fenders sand blasted and powder coated at Powder Tech with epoxy primer



- All the interior surfaces (cabin, engine bay and trunk powder coated with the color I am painting the car
- Currently installing aftermarket wiring harness from Advanced Auto Wire in Michigan
- Installed aftermarket 17" alloy wheels
- Using a MGB

harness since I am not using the electrical wiring & components from the MGA

- Did use a burl wood MGA dash from Moss Motors
- Painted rear fenders and hood



- Pulley package from Bill Guzman at Classic Conversions Engineering in California
- The air conditioning system is from Nostalgic Air Parts in Ocala. I've used their A/C systems in multiple MG's including my BGT.
- Hope to have it completed by the next GOF, 2022 or 2023???

## 2023 - The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sports Cars

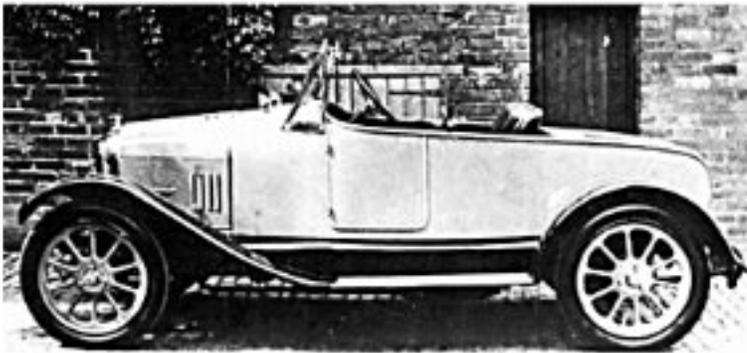
The convention for the celebration of anniversaries is to start from the date when the event first occurred – and the first M.G. sports cars were produced in 1923, so this is the date from which all things truly began. Over the years, due to misunderstandings, other dates such as 1924, 1925, and even 1928 have been erroneously adopted as the starting point of MG. These errors are easily explained, as will be seen in the following information.

The very essence of the brand is a true sporting car that incorporates good looks, performance, and reliability. One cannot ignore the fact that the Morris brand, from which products sprang, was noted more for reliability than for sporting prowess.

It was only after Cecil Kimber joined the staff at The Morris Garages, Oxford in 1921, that his enthusiasm for motorsport eventually led him to develop 'hotted up' Morris cars. The Morris Garages produced a few Morris cars with bespoke coachwork, (mainly up-market saloons), and then in 1922 began to sell Morris Cowleys with coachwork that they named the "Chummy" Body. Morris Garages Chummies featured a small 4-seater body, wherein all passengers enjoyed the protection of the hood.

Over 100 of these cars were sold. These cars were never marketed as M.G.s and had no sporting pretensions. However, Kimber modified his own Chummy and in March 1923 won a gold award with the car in the London to Land's End Trial.

Kimber's success in this event led to William Morris sanctioning an order for six sporting 2-seaters to be produced – and these were to be the very first M.G. sports cars.



The coachwork for these six 2-seater sports cars was made by the Oxford firm, Charles Raworth & Sons. Kimber's design incorporated various improvements in handling and performance which enabled the car to do 60mph on the flat! The styling of the cars included several features which were to be iconic on M.G.s for several years – rakish swept wings, a sloping windscreen with triangulated end frames and 'marine style' air ventilators on the scuttle.

Adverts for these M.G.s first appeared in December 1923, in which the model was named 'The Super Sports Morris' featuring the M.G. Octagon. These first M.G.s were available to customers earlier in 1923, and the first recorded sale was in August 1923.



### The Octagon – a history in itself!

The M.G. Octagon first appeared in an advert in The Oxford Times of March 2nd 1923 and was subsequently used in virtually every M.G. advert thereafter.

The octagon logo is understood to have been designed by Ted Lee, Cost Accountant at The Morris Garages. The two-letter acronym soon became M.G.'s logo.

The M.G. Car Company was formed in March 1928 and yet, almost unbelievably, the octagon had never been registered as a trademark! The first application for the image as a trademark was made a month later in April 1928. Even then, the 'date of claimed first use' was erroneous. The date given on the application was 1st May 1924, (probably taken from the earliest advert to hand), whereas the octagon was first used in March 1923. These errors are responsible for some folk to think that M.G. started in 1924, or even in 1928, when the trademark was claimed.

Further confusion over the 1975 Jubilee MGBs

When in 1975, under British Leyland management, M.G. was desperate to shift stocks of MGB GTs, a model named 'Jubilee' was introduced. The management team thought that the production of M.G.s began in 1925 – so 1975 was the 50th anniversary. Sadly, they were two years too late, but the error convinced the uninitiated to believe that 1925 was the start date of the marque.

The 2023 Centenary Celebrations

Plans are well advanced for a big M.G. Centenary event to be held in England in 2023. All of the major M.G. car clubs are involved, including the oldest – the M.G. Car Club in Abingdon – and all of those clubs agree that the first M.G.s were the Raworth-bodied Super Sports built in 1923.

The M.G. Salesman's Handbook, issued in January 1928, states that "...the M.G. Sports Cars were first introduced in 1923 ...".

Cecil Cousins, who was Kimber's right-hand man at M.G., told author Wilson McComb that the first cars that can be considered M.G.s were the Raworth-bodied Super Sports of 1923. So – that's why the big celebrations will be held in 2023!

Author: Chris Keevill – Editor, The Early M.G. Society

Re-published by Glen Moore, Editor, The Classic MG Club of Orlando. August 2020



Richard & Kathy Gross and their 1970 MGB at Trout Creek in 2018

## Latest Events of Interest that are Currently Scheduled

[MG Classics Drive & Picnic - Trout Creek, 08/29/2020](#)

[Southeast British Car Show](#) **Cancelled** Willard, GA 09/17-20/2020

**Postponed 'til 2021**  
[Florida Car Show](#) 09/27/2020

[Myrtle Beach Britfest](#) - Myrtle Beach - 10/03-2020

[Cars & Coffee at Amelia Concours](#) - March, 6, 2021

### The REAL meaning of the Haynes instructions

**Haynes:** Press and rotate to remove bulb...

**Translation:** OK - that's the glass bit off, now fetch some good pliers to dig out the bayonet part and remaining glass shards.

**Haynes:** Lightly ...

**Translation:** Start off lightly and build up till the veins on your forehead are throbbing then re-check the manual because what you are doing now cannot be considered "lightly".

**Haynes:** One spanner rating (simple).

**Translation:** Your Mum could do this... so how did you manage to botch it up?

**Haynes:** If not, you can fabricate your own special tool like this...

**Translation:**

Haha!!!!

**Haynes:** Carefully...

**Translation:** You are about to cut yourself!



### Club Website Features You Can Use

Go To: <https://www.mgclassics.org>

- Join MG Classics of Jacksonville
- Renew Your Annual Club Membership
- Review the Club Membership Roster (This Requires a Website Password)
- Obtain a Club Website Password.
- Use Your Credit Card or PayPal to Pay Club Dues, Fees
- Order and Pay for Club Name Tags
- Review Calendar of Events and Car Shows of Club Membership Interest
- Register for Club Sponsored Events
- Read the Latest Club Newsletter

- Read Earlier Newsletters in the Newsletter Archive
- Read Club Meeting Minutes in the Minutes Archive
- Read the Club Bylaws
- Read Automotive Technical Articles
- Read Car Related Classified Advertisements
- Apply and Pay for Classified Advertisements
- Vote on Club Initiatives and Surveys With the Online Ballot
- Link to Nearby Out of Area MG Club Websites
- Link to NAMGAR and NAMGBR Websites
- Link to Local British Car Clubs (Jaguar, Austin Healey, Triumph) Websites
- Review past Club Event Photo Albums
- Read/review Details on MG Classics of Jacksonville Hosted GOF South 2019
- And More ... just [click here](#)



## MG CLASSICS 2020 MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	Location	Address	City	Phone
27-Jan	Culhane's Pub	9720 Deer Lake Ct	Jacksonville	904-619-3177
24-Feb	Olive Garden	6050 Youngerman Cir	Orange Park	904-777-9827
30-Mar	<b>CANCELED</b> - BJ's	15022 Max Leggett Pkwy	Jacksonville	904-751-4935
27-Apr	<b>CANCELED</b> - Caddyshack	455 S. Legacy Trail E106	St. Augustine	904-940-3673
18-May	<b>CANCELED</b> - The Fish Co.	725-12 Atlantic Blvd.	Atlantic Beach	904-246-0123
29-Jun	<b>CANCELED</b> - The Reef	4100 Coastal Hwy	St. Augustine	904-824-8008
27-Jul	<b>CANCELED</b> - La Nopalera	2024 Kingsley Ave	Orange Park	904-276-2776
31-Aug	<b>CANCELED</b> - Olive Garden	10144 Phillips Hwy	Jacksonville	904-292-4845
28-Sep	Caddyshack	455 S. Legacy Trail E106	St. Augustine	904-940-3673
26-Oct	St Mary's Seafood	11290 Old St Augustine Rd	Jacksonville	904-647-7358
30-Nov	Tom and Betty's	2134 Park Ave.	Orange Park	904-375-1965

### 2020 CLUB LEADERSHIP

#### OFFICERS

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#### DIRECTORS

<b>Permanent Member</b>	<b>Neil Nelson</b>
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<b>At-Large Member</b>	<b>Maarten Rotman</b>
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#### WEBSITE

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## 1953 MG TD For Sale Located in Hollywood, FL



- A nice MG TD Restored in Colorado
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## For Sale - 1977 MGB



- Located in St. Augustine, FL
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## 1952 MG TD For Sale Located in Ocala, FL



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**FLACarShows.com****UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS**

Show submissions are coming in slowly as venues open back up. Go to their website for more info.

- Aug 15 - Corvette & GM - Clearwater
- Aug 15 - San Jose Show - Jacksonville
- Aug 16 - Cars & Coffee - Cape Coral
- Aug 16 - Acura Honda - Orlando
- Aug 22 - Elks Summertime - Vero Beach
- Aug 22 - Sparks in the Park - Niceville
- Aug 22 - Clean Culture - Daytona
- Aug 23 - Wiregrass - Wesley Chapel
- Aug 23 - Giddy Up & Go - Orlando
- Aug 29 - Business Appreciation - Melbourne
- Aug 30 - Harmony Hot Rods - St Cloud



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**Neil Nelson****[nwnel@yahoo.com](mailto:nwnel@yahoo.com)**

**2021 GOF Committee Members**

Chairman:	<b>Richard Gross</b>	To recruit volunteers and to keep the GOF project on tract. Implement and support all activities of the GOF.
NAMGAR Coordinator:	<b>Glen Moore</b>	Coordinate with the NAMGAR board members.
Webmaster:	<b>Ian Massey</b>	To build the 2021 GOF Registry and promotional announcements via the web.
Treasure & Registration Accounts:	<b>Mike Hogan</b>	To Maintain all financial & registration matters.
Hospitality Room :	<b>Jim Hall</b>	To plan & maintain the Hospitality Room. 6 additional helpers are needed.
Awards/trophies Program:	<b>Richard Gross</b>	To order trophies & develop awards program.
Banquet & BBQ Dinner Coordinators:	<b>Paula Massey, Kathy Gross + 2 helpers needed</b>	To plan meal selections, work with BW staff, & collect tickets before dinners.
Ballot Coordinator:	<b>Vanessa Albright</b>	To develop a plan for ballot counting & working with photographer & awards presentation.
Photographer:	<b>Gary Whiting</b>	To photograph the event & present a side show for the banquet & photos for the web.
Sponsorship Solicitor:	<b>Volunteers needed</b>	To develop sponsorship package levels & solicit for Sponsorships.
Raffle & Silent Auction Donations Coordinator:	<b>Volunteer needed</b>	To develop & maintain a plan to get donations.
Editor & Publisher:	<b>Fred Groenert</b>	To keep members updated on GOF events & advertise to other organizations, magazines & publications. To develop a pamphlet for awards ceremony.
Facebook Coordinator:	<b>Volunteer needed</b>	To develop a Facebook account & maintain it's comments with shoutouts of information on the 2021 GOF.
Rally Planner & Coordinator:	<b>Glen Moore</b>	Develop rallies and drives for the event. Need additional leaders to run the different drives.
Show Ground Coordinator:	<b>Volunteer needed</b>	To lead a group of helpers to place MGs on the display area for First Timers & Sat. show. Also to set-up a car wash area. (5 helpers needed). A show layout plan will be available.
Grant & Budget Writer Planners:	<b>3(+) Volunteers needed</b>	To develop a budget pkg. plan and a grant solicitation for the GOF.
Data & Prints Layout Coordinator:	<b>Kathy Gross</b>	To develop layouts & print data for GOF info cards, windshield place cards, ballots, voting instructions, counting ballot tabulations sheets, registrations info & packets info, rally info, & all other printing data required etc.
T-shirts sales:	<b>Glen Brazil</b>	To develop T-shirts, sales & take orders via registration.
GOF Host & Coordinator:	<b>2+ Volunteers needed</b>	To Plan activities & be the host of the GOF. To be the point of contact as to where the local restaurants & locations are to visit in the Gainesville area.
Logo & Graphics Designer:	<b>Jim Nolan</b>	To develop logos & T-shirts designs for the GOF.



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## Saturday, March 6, 2021

Founded in 2013, The Amelia's Cars & Coffee at the Concours allows individuals with vintage, exotic, and collectible vehicles to gather on the same show field used to display vehicles entered in the following day's prestigious Concours d'Elegance.

Unlike Sunday's main event that is limited to a select group of vehicles with unique historical significance specifically chosen to tell a thoughtfully-scripted story, Saturday's Cars & Coffee at the Concours features a diverse group of vehicles that celebrate the automotive enthusiast's spirit. Proud owners of beautiful collectible and exotic vehicles awake early, shine up their prized automobiles, drive to The Golf Club at Amelia Island and gather with like-minded enthusiasts on the first, tenth, and eighteenth fairways for a cup or two of fresh coffee.

Cars & Coffee at the Concours is free to spectators, but participants must submit an application with the fee for showing a car. The event generally fills up in early November or December.

We have begun accepting Cars & Coffee applications for 2021!

[2021 Cars & Coffee at the Concours Application](#)

