



# NEWSLETTER

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### Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

March 2023

Joyce and I just returned from a great cruise from Rome to Barcelona and Madrid on Viking Ocean cruises. I was really impressed with Viking and any of you cruisers should consider them for a future cruise.



As of today, March 14, we have received 85 MG Classics Club renewals for 2023. There are over 40 members who have not renewed. **THIS IS A REALLY SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP IN JUST A SINGLE YEAR.** I urge those members who have not yet renewed to please do so as soon as possible. Any member who does not renew by March 30 will be deleted from the club mailing list and roster. **We treasure every members participation in the club and hope you will choose to renew.**

The GOF 2023 Website is up and running, and we have 81 MG, including 17 MGA's, registrations so far and 155 participants. This is a great showing, and I hope a few more of you who may be on the fence will decide to join us in Gainesville in April.

Our March meeting, which is being held on April 1 at Bannon Lakes, is a crucial club meeting. Final preparations for the GOF will be accomplished at that meeting. Please plan to attend the meeting and be prepared to volunteer in the organization and presentation of a successful GOF. Richard Gross and the committee cannot present a successful GOF without a few hours of help during the event from as many of you as possible.

The next First Coast Car Council "Cruising to the Creek" Spring Car Show will be held on April 15, 2023 at the Trout

Creek Marina. The club is not prepaying for 10 spaces this time. Since the event is the weekend before the GOF and many of you will no doubt be busy preparing, I invite you to attend on your own if you chose. You can register on the FCCC website if you are interested. I plan to attend. We can firm up any plans at our April 1 meeting, which is ACTUALLY our March club meeting late by one day.

On April 29, The St. Augustine Cruisers 2023 Car Show will be held at the St Augustine Classic Car Museum on US 1 south of St Augustine. A link to their event will be on our club website.

The club is in desperate need of a member to step into the role of Club Secretary. Anyone who regularly attends meetings is invited to assume this role.

Our club meeting schedule is uncertain for the months of June, July, August and September. We are limited to six meetings a year at Bannon Lakes and I am looking for suggestions for summer meetings. I hope to return to Trout Creek Marina for some outdoor meetings. But the lack of the pavilion shelter has interfered with peoples' willingness to commit. I believe that if we use the wooded area just west of the pavilion, which has some shade, and erect our 10 x 20 easy up, we can make Trout Creek work for Saturday morning meetings during the summer.

Thanks to Fred Woller for presiding over the January and February meetings.

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023:**

**10 am until 12 pm**

[Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr](#)

[435 Bannon Lakes Blvd,](#)

**St. Augustine**

Safety Fast!

**Mark**



## MG Classics of Jacksonville

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Club Meeting At Bannock Lakes

**Total Attendance: 25**  
**Number of MGs: 1**

The festivities included a gathering of the stalwarts at the club house. Though it wasn't rainy or too cold, it was a little dreary.

25 club members

The meeting was called to order at 1027 by our VP - Fred Woller.

Topics covered:

Our esteemed President is on a Med deployment. He sends his regards.

The club is earnestly searching for Club Secretary to whip this organization into shape. Interested parties please reveal yourself to a board member so that you might take up the exalted mantle forthwith.

The American MGB Association (AMGBA) is now defunct as an organization.

2023 Membership dues are due. The deadline is 31 March 2023. Only 85 have renewed so far tsk, tsk.

GOF 2023. Number of registrations is 81 Mgs with over 155 people registered. Please register asap. Please volunteer for a couple hours on any of the days to help out. You'll meet a ton of fun and interesting people. .

Next club meeting here April 1. That will be last meeting before GOF. PLEASE attend to help with final arrangements.

British Car Show Orlando Sat April 1. Same day as our meeting here

GOF South April 21-23

Cruising to the Creek April 15. No decision on whether Club wants to participate and whether to buy 10 spaces for show. Discuss donation to Ronald McDonald House

St Augustine Cruisers Show, April 29 at Classic Car Museum.

Our club is Featured Marque at June Caffeine and Octane. We are the FCCC website for July.

Treasurer report.

GOF. – Richard Gross discussed the plan firming up for the GOF and appealed for more volunteers - a couple of hours here and there is all that's needed



New Business?

The meeting was adjourned at 1127, there being no further discussion.

Check the website for news. Thanks to Ian for tremendous website. The website has the most up to date and official information about club events and activities. Be sure to check it out frequently to get the latest information.

## MG Classics Members!

Here is an idea from your frowny newsletter editor.  
(Casting about for pertinent and relevant content for your newsletter.)

When you drive your car to an event (club meeting, other car event in the area, ...), or weekend jaunt, upon arrival snap a picture showing the surroundings or festivities AND your car (occupants too are allowed), then email the pic(s) and note to me for inclusion in our newsletter!!! Include a note about the event, yourselves, the date, etc. See your pride and joy in print!!!

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## Tinkering Notes

### MG Electrics - Part 2 Improving Reliability

There is a long-standing joke that the lighting on British cars has 3 operating modes: Dim, Flicker, and Off! The conditions that lead to this state of affairs are hardly surprising: age, moisture, corrosion, wear, haphazard repairs, ... the list goes on. All of the conditions are relatively straightforward to correct, though the process can be tedious and time consuming. The foregoing statement translates to "expensive" if one is hiring the task out. The actual work just requires some simple hand tools, mild abrasive cloth (e. g. Scotchbrite), some automotive emollients (WD-40, Corrosion Stop), and a wiring diagram for your model year LBC (color preferred).

The MG wiring harness used several connector types but the predominant ones are lugs, spade connectors and bullet connectors. Some later harnesses use ganged male and female plugs, but the methods to preserve them are the same. The issue with the aforementioned connectors is that they are not sealed, i. e. at least part of the connection is open to the atmosphere and subject to moisture exposure and intrusion. Once that occurs corrosion will begin its inexorable encroachment, followed slowly, but inevitably by a parade of increasingly annoying electrical gremlins.

The task involves connecting electrical devices correctly, cleaning connections, tightening connections, moisture proofing connections. See, simple! Part of the challenge ... er, fun; is finding a specific connection and then accessing same to work your magic. Oh, and be prepared for some under-hood or under-dash yoga.

Wiring harness grounds are one of my personal pet peeves. They're shown in all the wiring diagrams, but most repair manuals reveal no information about their actual location on the car. So, as a note to self, when you encounter a wiring harness ground, note its location in your trusty "Ground Locations" list that you now keep. While you are there detach the ground lug from its perch, inspect the wire(s) for cracks or brittleness, check that the lug is firmly attached to the bare copper wire (weld, solder or crimp), clean both the body attachment point and the wire lug with your Scotchbrite and squirt both with a coat of Corrosion Block before you cinch them back together. Give 'em another squirt once they're reconnected.

The MG electrical system degrades over the years because of normal use, manipulation (repairs, etc.), moisture intrusion, corrosion (mostly caused by moisture intrusion). Note that moisture conducts electricity, corrosion usually does not. That is why it is important to keep the seals around turn signals, tail lights, side marker light intact so moisture doesn't intrude (causing a "short" - no light), or allows the intruding moisture to cause corrosion in the light socket, (causing an "open" - no light). Changing the bulb will usually not fix either condition.

Disassemble aging electrical connections with care as it is possible to break the wire off a bullet connector corroded into a connector barrel. Judicious use of WD-40 prior to the attempt can save some aggravation.

**To Be Continued ...**



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**Please report your membership to:**

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**[secretary@mgclassics.org](mailto:secretary@mgclassics.org)**

## Latest Events of Interest

You Can't Change Your Tyre With a Union Jack Road Rally, 25 Mar 2023  
[GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com](http://GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com)

[GOF South 2023 - https://www.gofsouth.org](https://www.gofsouth.org) - April 21-23 2023  
 The Best Western Gateway Grand, Gainesville FL 32606

Cars and Caffeine, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, 8 AM - 11 AM  
 Featuring MG's  
 Avenues Mall, Jacksonville FL



## MG Classics Ads

### Members:

To advertise your cars or parts for sale go to the Classifieds page on the website website: [MGClassicsfl.org](http://MGClassicsfl.org). Click on the Safety Fast logo to go to the Policy page. Fill out the forms and ad copy as directed. The ads can contain pictures of the car or items and a short description of the particulars of same. As a member it will be published at no cost for 90 days. Non-members may also submit ads for cars or parts, but the cost will be \$10.00 per month, renewable by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month's newsletter. One may pay through the website by PayPal (Yes, PayPal will accept your credit card).

There are presently at least 3 MG's listed on Craigslist, the silver and burgundy TD above and 2 MGBs, all appear to be driveable in their present condition. The owners of the MGBs have them go to the website to post ads for their cars that will be exposed to enthusiasts.

## Club Website Features You Can Use

Go To: <https://www.mgclassicsfl.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](#)

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## MG CLASSICS 2023 MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	Location	Address	City	Phone
14-Jan	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	<a href="#">435 Bannon Lakes Blvd</a>	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
25-Feb	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	<a href="#">435 Bannon Lakes Blvd</a>	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
??-Mar	None Scheduled			
01-Apr	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	<a href="#">435 Bannon Lakes Blvd</a>	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
27-May	TBD			
24-Jun	TBD			
29-Jul	TBD			
26-Aug	TBD			
30-Sep	TBD			
28-Oct	TBD			
18-Nov	TBD			
09-Dec	TBD			

2023 CLUB LEADERSHIP	
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## MGs in the Marketplace

The market for our beloved marque is active as illustrated below by examples of competed on-line auctions from Bring a Trailer and Hemmings Auctions within the last month. If one is in the market to buy or sell, or knows someone who is, these two sites are among the best.

### [Hemmings Auctions:](#)



**1951 MG TD**



SOLD  
\$21,000



**1965 MG B**



SOLD  
\$8,000



**1959 MG A**



SOLD  
\$18,690

### [Bring a Trailer](#)



**45-Years-Family-  
Owned 1954 MG TF**

Sold for \$20,000 on  
3/21/23



**V8-Powered 1957  
MG MGA Roadster  
w/Trailer**

Bid to \$23,000 on 3/17/23



**1974 MG MGB GT**

Sold for \$22,500 on  
3/16/23



**1954 MG TF**

Sold for \$45,000 on  
3/14/23



**No Reserve: 1970  
MG MGB Roadster**

Sold for \$13,700 on 3/9/23



**One-Family-Owned  
1960 MG MGA 1600  
Coupe**

Sold for \$20,750 on 3/9/23



**327-Powered MG  
MGA Roadster**

Bid to \$21,250 on 3/8/23



**1968 MG MGB GT**

Sold for \$10,350 on 3/8/23





# Join Us at GOF-South 2023 & NAMGAR Regional

April 20 Through April 23, 2023

GOF-South 2023 welcomes all MG cars from the Marque's conception to the end of production in the Abingdon Works.

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The Program Includes:

- > Two Judged Car Shows (First Timers and All Comer's Show)
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All Hands,

Everything is coming up GOF!!

The GOF committee is feverishly working hard to ensure that this is one of the best GOF ever. How can you help? You ask?

We need everyone and anyone to donate to the raffle. Some suggestions are tools, a basket of cheer, gift certificates to Moss, Victoria British, even nationwide auto parts stores, a case of oil, etc. That's ideas for the guys.

Now for the ladies, a nicely decorated basket of anything is always a hit. We also need baked goods, like cookies, cakes, brownies, fudge, etc. for the hospitality room. Use your imagination ladies. MG'ers is actually pretty easy to please. The Hospitality Room will be open for three days so lots of home baked cookies are needed.

Don't forget to register for the GOF and make your hotel reservations. Check out the T-shirts and hats on the registration site for apparels. You know we all need hats when driving our MG's and you might find one that matches your MG color.

We still need lots of volunteers to support this event and not let the current committee members struggle to hosts the guests. Your participation will make the event even more fun and rewarding for everyone.

I promise, whether you've been to a GOF before or not, you will have an absolutely wonderful weekend with a bunch of GREAT people. See you at the next meeting and the GOF.

Please contact a GOF committee member to see if you can help or donate to the GOF.

Richard Gross,

