



NEWSLETTER

Prez Sez

Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

November 2023

The Annual General Meeting will be held this Saturday at Bannan Lakes. We are electing officers and directors for the upcoming year. Those officers and directors will be installed at the December Holiday party on December 17 from 2 to 5 PM also at Bannan Lakes.

We will also present and discuss some minor changes to the By Laws so that they can be voted on at the December Holiday party.

We will propose changing Article V, Section VI, so that "Officers and elected Board members shall be elected for the following two years" as opposed to "the following year."

We will propose adding Article VI, Section VIII, worded as follows:

Section VIII: All officers and directors must attend at least four regular meetings per year, participate in Executive Board discussions and deliberations, as needed, and participate in a significant role in club events, including the GOF and the British Car Classic. The office of any officer or director will be declared vacant if any officer or director does not fulfill these requirements.

We will propose changing Article VI, Section I wording as follows: "shall serve two (2) years". Further changing the term limitation to "No officer,



except the Treasurer shall serve more than two consecutive terms of office (four years)."

The members seeking office this year are:

Fred Woller as President

Bruce Sedelmayer as Vice President

Mark Spaulding as Secretary

Ron Pallonari as Treasurer

Richard Gross is nominated for a permanent position as a Director, joining Neil Nelson in that role.

You will also be invited to vote for no more than five directors from the following list: Jim Hall, Mike Hogan, Lorraine Puzanskas, Fred Groenert and others who may volunteer or be nominated at the meeting.

Proxy votes will be accepted. If you wish to vote a proxy, you must, in advance, provide in writing to a member attending the meeting your selections for these offices.

Saturday, November 18th 2023:

10 am until 12 pm ← Note Earlier Time!

**Bannan Lakes Amenities Ctr
435 Bannan Lakes Blvd
St. Augustine FL 32092**

Safety Fast!

Mark



MG Classics of Jacksonville

October 28th, 2023

Club Meeting

At Legacy Motors

Total Attendance: ~23 club members

Number of MGs: 17

- Points of interest from last month's MG meeting.
- We had 17 MG's show up (3 MGTD, 2 MGA, 1 MGYB,
- Attending members - ~23.
- New members introduced - Sorry, CRS attack.
- Grill badges on now in stock for MG Classics of Jacksonville cost per unit \$40 each. 3 Centenary badges available at \$45 ea.
- A lovely sunny day presented for the tech session at Mark Albright's Legacy Motors.
- Catered lunch was served by the club
- 8 owners performed various Machiavellian laying on of the hands upon their cars.
- All said recipients of ministrations left the venue under their own power, though a couple reluctantly.
- Nominations for next years officers were announced. See Prez Sez for specifics.



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 (from your phone!) 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!!!

Email: fgrrr@att.net Text: 904-874-7159



Ancient City Auto Show - Nov 11th 2023

The 39th annual Ancient City Auto show was held on the grounds of the grounds of the St. Augustine School for the Deaf and Blind on November 11th 2023. Over 100 cars attended, 9 of which on the show field were MGs.

Mark Spaulding and Fred Woller were each awarded top 30 awards

One new member at the show joined the club and another expressed interest, contemplating membership.



1978 MGB Electrical Repairs, et al ... After the Bodyshop

Electrical Problem?!

The car died while driving, got a whiff of burned electrical insulation. Then silence. Coasted to the side of the road.

The engine would turn over on the starter, but no hint of ignition. All the lights worked

The search for the problem:

1. Initial inspection yielded nothing obvious. (YIKES!)
2. Closer inspection revealed a heat damaged white wire leading toward the interior (dashboard)
3. Check the fuses: #4 (counting from the top) fuse was blown – that's the main fuse
4. Needed to find the cause before replacing the fuse.
5. Disassembly ensued:
 - Unwrapped the wire harness from the firewall to the radiator
 - Found spurious connections to the fuse block, fuses overloaded
 - Disassembled the steering column surround (found mismatched fasteners? And only 2 of 4)
 - Ignition switch white wire solder melted and detached (power to the fuel pump & ignition)
 - White wire from ignition "relay" to ignition switch fried (relay missing, just a clump of wires swaged together)
 - Ignition switch start position acting up, ordered a new switch / steering lock
 - Plug on the under-dash wiring harness had been previously jury rigged and partially bypassed
 - Ordered plug repair kit and tools.

MUCH Close Inspection and Troubleshooting!

Cut out burnt ignition switch wire and replaced with new, spliced with a solder connection and heat-shrink over the repair

Replaced ignition switch and harness. Repaired the multi-pin connector on the body wiring harness. A real CHORE getting the pins out of the old melted connector

No solution yet! Continued close inspection and troubleshooting

Found fan wiring cooked – replaced same, added a fused relay. Added all new pins and connectors in the fan harness. One fan motor was internally shorted, replaced same. Getting the fan blade swapped was major task.

Findings & solution:

Burned fan wiring shorted to ground. #4 Fuse blew. Car coasted to a stop. (Surmised long after the fact)

Initial culprit (guess) – ignition system. Spent many hours poring over wiring diagrams [Bentley – from ???], taking voltage & resistance readings, many red herrings, [previous owner's handiwork and creativity], no smoking gun. Turned out to all be symptoms and after effects

Couldn't get the fuel pump to run when the ignition was turned on? [Even with the new switch.] Dove under the

dash yet again. Fuel Pump Inertia Switch? [yes! – bypassed (jumpered) the inertia switch]

Much consternation matching wiring harness to the "authoritative" wiring diagram! Wires in the harness, but not on the diagram! [e.g. green/black, pink/white, brown/black]

Already had relays on the headlights. Decided to add the ignition relay back in. Added a fan relay and a power window! Relay (since I was already in there).

Installed power window kit (from Moss) [story for another day?] Accompanying instructions left some guess work (and "engineering") to the intrepid installer Added a 12v+ buss bar to get easy access to 12v without overloading other circuits

Ran wires through the firewall to the bus bar. (Installed to give a source of +12v readily accessible under the hood).

Installed new choke cable in the dash [removed POs kluge pop-riveted to the center console]

Installed a switched USB port / lighter socket / Voltmeter in center stack (beneath the radio, between heater controls)

Sorted through the snake pit of wiring in the center console [radio, lighting, etc.] and the heater controls [vent control is still frozen.]

Reconnected and freed the heater control

Finally got the car started.

Ran at idle for 30 minutes. All good. Didn't over heat (fans didn't even come on). Got in to go for a test drive. Ran great for about 100 yards, then stumbled once and quit – dead!

Pushed it back to the house with help from a neighbor! MUCH more troubleshooting! (But running out of airspeed and ideas now!)

Finally discovered, blown #4 fuse!!! Again! [After previously replacing it a couple of times and checking it 4 or 5 additional times]

Now to find the culprit!

Noticed the horn ground wire disconnected from the horn. Hooked it up. Horn one-honked, then quit.

Found RH horn ground disconnected & horns not working

Discovered the horn mount grounded!

Isolated the horn mount and reinstalled.

Eureka!!!

The car started, idled nicely, and ran great.

First drive after the repair was to the September MG Classics meeting at the Yards in Ponta Vedra. Put 116 miles on the car that day without missing a beat. Yahooo! Safety Fast!

The foregoing occurred over the course of a few weeks (and much hair pulling). Success was due to perseverance and determination to FIX IT!.

IN MEMORIAM - BOB WRENN

WE SADLY ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF ONE OF OUR LONGSTANDING AND STEADFAST MG CLASSICS OF JACKSONVILLE'S MEMBERS IN EARLY OCTOBER.

Bob was a long term member going back 30 plus years. He was a past president of the club and always volunteered to do the awards when it was our turn to do a GOF

Bob owned an MGTC when I first met him. He sold it when he moved back to Carolina for a time. When he returned to JAX he bought both an MGA and a 1950 MGTD. His plan was to restore the TD but time, money and health issues got in the way. His MGA was a regular show winner and a very nice car.

After Bob retired he helped people sell items on Ebay as a way to keep busy. Bob was the club curmudgeon. He would analyze an issue and come up with most of the arcane things that might be attached to taking action. Some folks thought he was too obstreperous but he always had the club's best interests in mind and until health slowed him down could be counted on to work at any task given him. He was a true MGer and we will miss the big guy who always wore an old club flat hat with a tassel on top to club shows.

Safety Fast, Bob - You are missed



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Tony Kimball

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Latest Events of Interest

MG Classics of Jacksonville Annual Elections And Club Meeting

18 November 2023, 10AM - 12 PM

Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr
[435 Bannon Lakes Blvd](#)
St. Augustine FL 32092

MG Classics of Jacksonville Christmas Party
17 December 2023, 2 - 5 PM
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MG Classics Ads

Members:

To advertise your cars or parts for sale go to the Classifieds page on the website website: 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 5th 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	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
25-Feb	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
??-Mar	None Scheduled	GOF in Ocala		
01-Apr	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
20-May	Palencia Park	405 Palencia Village Dr,	St. Augustine	—
24-Jun	Palencia Park	405 Palencia Village Dr,	St. Augustine	—
29-Jul	The Yards Athletic Complex	254 Alta Mar Dr	Ponte Vedra Beach	904-285-5552
26-Aug	The Yards Athletic Complex	254 Alta Mar Dr	Ponte Vedra Beach	904-285-5552
30-Sep	The Yards Athletic Complex	254 Alta Mar Dr	Ponte Vedra Beach	904-285-5552
28-Oct	Legacy Automotive	2487 County Rd 220,	Middleburg, 32068	904-282-6993
18-Nov	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
17-Dec	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471

2023 CLUB LEADERSHIP	
OFFICERS	
President	Mark Spaulding
Vice President	Fred Woller
Secretary	—
Treasurer	Ron Pallonari
DIRECTORS	
Permanent Member	Neil Nelson
Technical Chair	Bruce Sedelmeyer
Events Chair	—
GOF Chairman	Richard Gross
Membership Chair	—
Past President	Bruce Sedelmeyer
Director	Jim Hall
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Newsletter Editor	Fred Groenert



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FOR SALE is a **1952 MGTD**, previously owned by James Nolan for 45 years. The car was originally registered in Arizona by an 80+ year old submariner who served in the U.S. Navy during WW II.

Since purchasing, we (Wayne Snook & Dave Hodson) have had very minor dings dents removed and the car repainted in a very light primrose color. We have Installed: a new green interior including, leather seats, black carpet, black vinyl top, black vinyl tonneau and side curtains. The differential has been converted to the 4.3 gearing (same as the MGA). It has a new stainless steel exhaust system. The car shows beautifully and is in excellent, running condition. Additional photos available on request. The car can be viewed at 5720 Springhaven Dr, Orange Park, FL, by appointment. Asking price \$21,500. Contact Dave at 904-654-4852.



For Sale is a 1953 MG TD roadster

- This is an amazing example Of a real MG beautifully restored.
- Purchased on 10/19/2009 with 38615 miles on odometer.
- The interior and exterior are in fantastic condition, the top is like new and boot cover and windows as well. The instruments are original.
- Girling Shocks were serviced by Apple Hydraulics on 8/25/2010 with new 165/80R15 tires installed on 1/6/2011.
- New master brake and wheel cylinders, brake shoes and flex lines were installed in September of 2023.
- VIN #: 27616, matching engine XPAG/TD 2 # 27921, color red, mileage on odometer, 41791 miles.
- The vehicle placed 2nd in MK XXII British Car Classic, Kings Head British Pub October 2, 2010.
- Restoration photos as well as documentation on all parts labor and maintenance are available.
- A large number of parts removed during restoration and maintenance manuals are also available.

The vehicles runs well and is garaged in St Augustine FL.

Asking price \$23,000 Phone # 631 455 1915.

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 FOR
\$17,325



1969 MG Midget



SOLD FOR
\$6,800



1977 MG B



SOLD FOR
\$8,500

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[Bring a Trailer](#)



1962 MG MGA 1600 Mk II Roadster 5-Speed

Bid to \$15,750 on 11/14/23



1976 MG MGB Roadster

No Reserve

Sold for \$8,000 on 11/14/23



1974 MG MGB Roadster

Bid to \$7,200 on 11/13/23



20-Years-Owned 1965 MG MGB Roadster

Bid to \$6,800 on 11/12/23



1978 MG MGB Roadster

Bid to \$6,250 on 11/11/23



1.8L-Powered 1959 MG MGA Roadster 5-Speed

Sold for \$31,000 on 11/11/23



1953 MG TD

Bid to \$13,500 on 11/10/23



1955 MG TF 1500

No Reserve

Sold for \$16,000 on 11/10/23