



NEWSLETTER

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Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

May 2023



On Saturday, April 29, The St. Augustine Cruisers 2023 Car Show was held at the St Augustine Classic Car Museum on US 1 south of St Augustine. Fred Woller and I went and enjoyed a nice morning. Fred is so happy these days because his MGA is suddenly performing like a new car after some minor tweaks to his timing and carburetors by Glen Lenhard at the GOF.

On Saturday, May 13, Fred and I attended Caffeine and Octane at the Avenues Mall. **Very important item for your careful consideration. On June 10, MG will be the featured marque at the center of the Caffeine and Octane show area. Please consider attending. It would be quite disappointing if Fred and I were once again the only attendees. This is the 100th Anniversary year of the MG and we need to have a great turnout for this special event. It would be especially nice if we had one each TC, TD, TF, A, B, C, and GT to show the lineage of our Little British Cars post WW II. After all, MG was the genesis of the small, affordable sports car in the United States.**

I also encourage each of you to invite any other friends with British cars to attend and celebrate with us in the feature area. We will welcome all British cars.

On Saturday, May 20, our May club meeting will be held from 1000 to 1200 at Palencia Park, a St Johns County Park, which is just east of US 1 on

Palencia Village Drive. It is a new venue for us, a covered pavilion, restrooms, a large duck pond, and plenty of parking. Palencia Village Drive is 2 miles north of the King's Head Pub. I am hoping that some of you will join me for lunch there after the meeting. The King's Head has been very supportive of us, and I would like us to show our support for them by having a nice turnout for lunch.

We will have a final report from Richard Gross on the successful GOF 2023, which has left the club in very good financial condition.

I have also scheduled the June 24, club meeting to be at the same location.

There is a new entry in the Cars and Coffee arena. The fourth Saturday of each month, 10:30 until 1:00 (May 27) the Beachwalk Amenity Center will be hosting its second Cars and Coffee. The location is 1000 County Road 210, St. Johns FL 32559, east of I 95 and west of US 1. It is a new community with a large young population where we might find some younger people interested in our old cars.

Our club meeting schedule is still uncertain for the months of July, August and September. We are limited to six meetings a year at Bannock Lakes and I will be 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.

The club is still 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.



Ron Pollinari is temporarily out of commission as Treasurer and Mike Hogan has once again stepped forward to substitute until Ron's return.

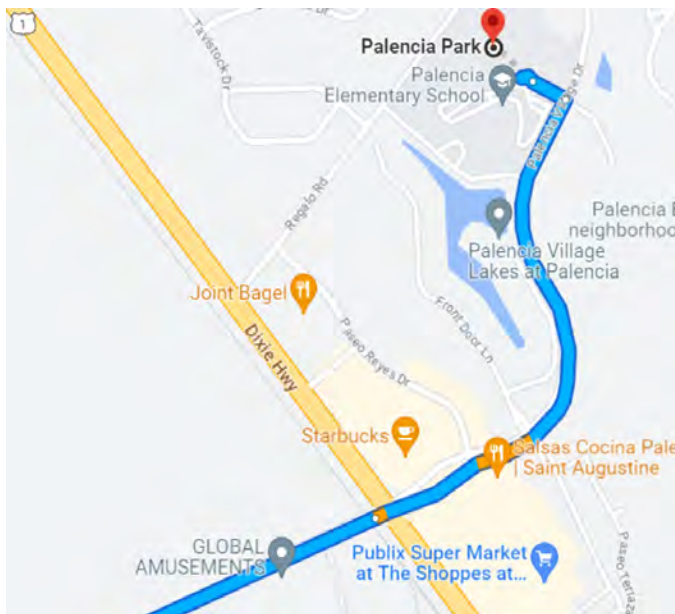
Finally on a personal note, for the next three months, I will be receiving treatment for a medical condition that affects very many older men. Without boring you with the details, I hope that the success of this regimen will enable me to continue my plans to drive my MGB on my 100th birthday.

Saturday, May 20th 2023:

10 am until 12 pm

**Palencia Park
405 Palencia Village Dr
St. Augustine**

**Safety Fast!
Mark**



(Recap - There was not another club meeting in April: GOF)

MG Classics of Jacksonville

April 1st, 2023

Club Meeting

At Bannan Lakes

Total Attendance: 26 club members

Number of MGs: 1

The festivities included a gathering of the stalwarts at the Bannan Lakes club house. It was a lovely day for driving ones MG with the top down.

New Members: Jim Davidson - '78 MGB, Original Owner!

The meeting was called to order at 1027 by Mark Spaulding

Topics covered:

The tentative plan to have a meeting at Tom & Betty's restaurant in Orange park was shelved.

The club is still 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.

Several members will attend the Cruising to the Creek on April 15. The Club is not going to buy 10 spaces for show. But will donate donate 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 Presently 92 cars are registered.

Sponsors are coming through on their pledges.

New Business?

Mark is soliciting ideas for fun and adventurous day trips and club member participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1157, 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!!!

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



Tinkering Notes

A Common Spark Plug Problem with Old Cars

First, let's define the problem with the modern spark plug. When automobiles became computer-controlled with fuel injection, the bottom of the spark plug insulator no longer needed to be glazed, thus saving in manufacturing costs.

Today's cars use fuel injection, and the computer will not put enough fuel into the cylinders to flood them. Moreover, it will not put more fuel into the engine until it fires. Then, it fires the cylinder with 40,000 volts.

With today's cars, if the fuel injectors sent too much fuel to the cylinders because the fuel-injection computer control failed, the engine would flood. Then it would not run or run poorly until you replaced the spark plugs.

John Twist once told Neil Nelson the first thing he does is replace the spark plugs when a rough running MG comes in his shop.

Since the bottoms of the insulators are no longer glazed, if you flood the engine, the Ethanol gasoline

will contaminate the spark plugs. However, it is highly unlikely you will ever flood a computer-controlled fuel-injected vehicle?

Now, our old cars are not fuel injected, so if your carburetor is running rich or you flood the engine, the same thing happens. The bottom of the spark plug insulator, where it fires the engine, becomes contaminated junk, and our point-coil or magneto ignition does not have 40,000 volts to try to fire the spark plug.

The solution to the problem is we should use spark plugs manufactured before they stopped glazing the bottom of the insulator. If you have old type glazed insulator spark plugs, clean them with WD-40, kerosene, diesel fuel, or anything that will not remove the glazing. In any case, do not sandblast or bead blast these spark plugs. Those processes will remove the glaze. Remember, no glaze + modern gasoline + flooding = ruined plugs.

If you want old-style plugs, go online and search for: "Spark Plugs for old cars." Several vendors sell them.

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Latest Events of Interest

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

BCCNF Spring Drive & Picnic, July 15th 2023, 12 - 3 PM
Spring Park Green Cove Springs, FL

BritFest 2023 October 6th & 7th 2023
The Market Common, Myrtle Beach SC



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			
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	TBD			
26-Aug	TBD			
30-Sep	TBD			
28-Oct	TBD			
18-Nov	TBD			
09-Dec	TBD			

2023 CLUB LEADERSHIP	
OFFICERS	
President	Mark Spaulding
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Secretary	—
Treasurer	Ron Pallonari
DIRECTORS	
Permanent Member	Neil Nelson
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Events Chair	—
GOF Chairman	Richard Gross
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MG Classics of Jacksonville

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I have reluctantly decided to sell my TF-1500. I have dealt with several health issues over the past year that have really limited my ability to drive her like she should be driven. The time has come. This is a September 1954 built, genuine numbers-matching TF-1500. It is titled as a 1955 (the year it was sold new) with a clean Maryland title in my name and permanent Maryland plates. It is one of only 3400 1500cc TFs ever made. It has many period options, along with a recent upgrade to a Ford T9 5-speed transmission that, along with an MGA rear axle, makes it a great highway cruiser. It is in excellent condition with a few chips and nicks like any driven car, a torn right steering rack boot, and a sticky choke cable - all minor issues.

This car is a great driver and it also shows really well. It won the T series class several times at Rocks as well as Premier class. It also won first place in the TF class at both the 2016 (Louisville) and 2021 (Atlantic City) All-register MG meets.

I'd really like the car to go to a home where she will be loved and cherished as much as I have done. If anyone from MGOB is interested, or knows of someone interested, please contact me. I'd rather sell it to a friend than on Bring a Trailer. Looking to get upper thirties. Thanks.

I am available by phone and text at 202-746-8252 or email at unionjackparts@gmail.com

Safety Fast!

Jack Long



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:](#)



1975 MG B



SOLD OFFERS
\$15,750 1



1974 MG BGT



SOLD
\$7,250



1957 MG A



SOLD OFFERS
\$14,175 9

[Bring a Trailer](#)



1979 MG MGB Roadster

No Reserve

Sold for \$6,600 on 5/17/23



28-Years-Family-Owned 1967 MG MGB Roadster

No Reserve

Sold for \$15,250 on 5/16/23



MG MGA Roadster

Sold for \$34,250 on 5/15/23



41-Years-Owned 1952 MG TD

No Reserve

Sold for \$13,000 on 5/15/23



1954 MG TF

No Reserve

Sold for \$17,500 on 5/14/23



1954 MG TF

Bid to \$15,350 on 5/12/23



1980 MG MGB Limited Edition

Sold for \$9,900 on 5/10/23



1973 MG MGB Roadster

No Reserve

Sold for \$8,200 on 5/9/23





British Car Clubs of North Florida
--- **British Car Rendezvous** ---
A Picnic Lunch with our British Car Friends



- Saturday 15 July 2023
- Spring Park in Green Cove Springs
- 12:00~3:00 PM

Hosted by the St. Johns Austin-Healey Club

