



NEWSLETTER

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Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

October 2023

Sorry to say that my sincere begging effort in September did absolutely nothing to increase attendance at the September meeting. Oh well!



So let's see what happens when the club provides free food and a chance to work on your car in a modern well equipped garage this month. If you plan on attending, check the website and sign up by close of business on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25. I need a headcount that day to purchase the food for the meeting Saturday. Anyone who wants to come but does not register is welcome but may not benefit from the free meal.

The October club meeting will be held at Legacy Automotive on October 28. The club meeting will be contemporaneous with a tech session opportunity for minor repairs and light maintenance. The club will also be hosting a picnic at club expense at this meeting.

The October meeting is also the club's scheduled meeting for nomination of officers for 2024 and 2025. Please consider whether you wish to nominate or serve as an officer to give back to the club in the future. Nomination will lead to elections to be held at the November meeting, on November 18 at Bannan Lakes. The club voted to repeat last years Holiday Party also at Bannan Lakes on Sunday, December 17.

On October 7, Cruisin to the Creek provided a chance for 10 MGs to enjoy the day at Trout Creek Marina. On October 14, The British Car Classic at Kings Head was well attended by club members. In fact we had 19 MG's and our club had more cars there than the Triumph Club.

The car show season is rapidly drawing to a close. In November there are three events coming up that you all might enjoy. November 11, St Augustine Classic Car show returns to Florida School for the Deaf and Blind; November 12, Ponte Vedra Auto Show. November 17 and 18 has a show that some of you may want to check out. The Villages British Car Club has an all British show on the Lakefront. Check their website for more info. The show is actually on Friday, not Saturday as usual. Please take advantage of the cool Fall weather and visit one or more of these shows.

I hope to see a few more faces at Legacy on October 28.

Saturday, October 28th 2023:

09 am until 3 pm ← Note Earller Time!

Legacy Automotive

2487 County Rd 220

Middleburg, 32068

Safety Fast!

Mark



MG Classics of Jacksonville

September 30th, 2023

Club Meeting

At The Yards, Ponta Vedra

Total Attendance: ~20 club members

Number of MGs: 8

- Points of interest from last month's MG meeting.
- We had 8 MG's show up
- Attending members - ~20.
- New member.
- Grill badges on now in stock for MG Classics of Jacksonville cost per unit \$40 each. 3 Centenary badges available at \$45 ea.
- Trout Creek Marina, Cruizin' to the Creek, on October 7th sponsored by the First Coast car council
- Saint Augustine cruises in October located at the Saint Augustine car museum
- The 2023 British Car Classic hosted by the local Triumph Club at The Kings Head Pub on October 14th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Be there or be square.
- Ancient city car show will be located at the school for the deaf and blind. Please see the registration form on page 14 of this missive.
- The monthly meeting in September was located at a new venue called The Yards located in Ponte Vedra at the Sawgrass players side.
- Note the new time being from 9 AM to 11 AM



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!!!

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Cruizin' to the Creek - Oct 2023

It was a beautiful sunny day for the Cruise to the Creek car show which is put on by the First Coast Car Council. We had 11 MG's represented at that show. We had three winners to get trophies in the foreign/import category. in no particular order.w.ere Craig Greenhill , Mark Spaulding ,. And a special choice award went to Victor and Sandy Taylor, who dedicated the award to Jim Hall. .Also Stan and Lilly Kinmonth received an award, as they are also members of the MG club, for their TR6 (the only Triumph at the show)



British Car Club Classic 2023

An abundance of MGs:



Although slightly overcast and cooler in the morning on October 14 was the British Car Club Classic held at The Kings Head Pub on Philips Highway in Saint Augustine. This year the show was hosted by the Triumph Club. I'm very happy to note that MG Classics of Jacksonville had 20 MG's in attendance, more than any other British Marque.

There were two MG categories, the first for MGB's and the second for all other MG's.



In the MGB category- Roger Hartman and Mark Spaulding won awards.



In the other MG category, which included MGTC, MGTD, MGTF, MGYB, MGA. The award winners were Neil Nelson and John Winn. Neil Nelson also won Best In Show.

FRED WOLLER also won special award from Elaine, owner of The Kings Head Pub for most daily driven British car!



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!.

Victor and Sandy Taylor's MGA coupe (ex Jim Hall). GM 3.4 liter V-6 with a T-9 5 speed transmission.



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Tony Kimball

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Latest Events of Interest

Ancient City Classic Car Show Nov 11th,
Florida School for the Deaf and Blind;
Ponte Vedra Auto Show Nov. 12th,
707 Little River Rd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32081



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
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- Read the Club Bylaws
- Read Automotive Technical Articles
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- 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
TBD	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
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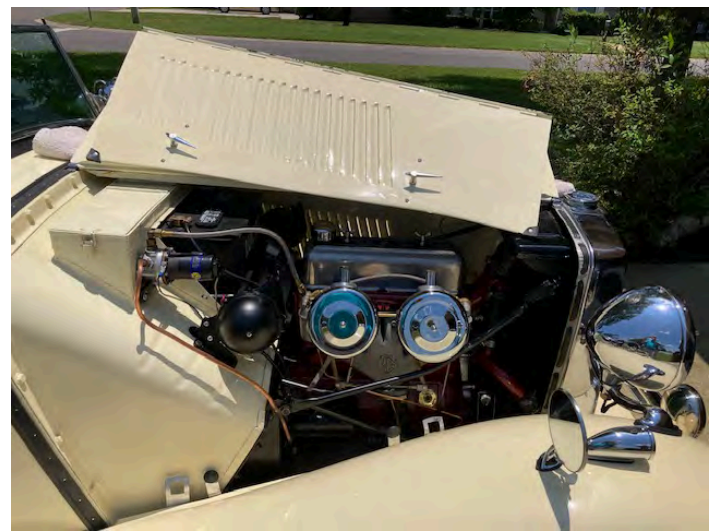
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FOR SALE is a **1952 MGTD**, previously owned by James Nolan for 45 years. The car was originally registered in Arizona by an 80+ year old submariner who served in the U.S. Navy during WW II.

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:](#)



1974 MG BGT ☆

SOLD FOR
\$7,250



1952 MG TD ☆

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\$36,750



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\$14,963

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**V8-Powered 1974
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