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Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

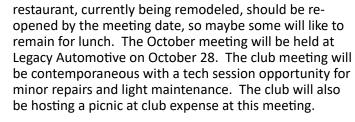
July 2023

On Saturday, June 24, our June club meeting, which was supposed to be held at Palencia Park, was held at the Kings Head British Pub. The change was

required by a last-minute notification from St Johns County that the parking lot was scheduled for restriping that day. I apologize for the last minute switch.

Regarding GOF 2025, I signed the final contract to hold this event again at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel. The room rate increase will be nominal, from \$119 per night this year to \$134. Considering the rate of inflation, the increase is quite reasonable. The dates will be April 24-27, 2025. Mark your calendars and start thinking about how we can improve on our great recent performance.

Our club meeting schedule is firming up for July, August, and October, still looking for a September venue. We have been offered an opportunity to hold some meetings at the Yards Athletic Complex in Ponte Vedra, at the Sawgrass Community. Fred Woller, Mike Hogan, Charles McDarris and I met with Mike Miles, the general manager of the Yards the week of June 25 to discuss possible future arrangements. Mike is a car guy, having raced in SCCA races in his younger days. Charles McDarris, an MG club member, also a Yards member, has facilitated the possibility of us displaying our cars on an open area between their restaurant/club house and the golf course. We confirmed that the July 25 and August 26 meetings will be held there from 0900 to 1100, a bit earlier in the day, to minimize heat exposure. The Yards



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, probably at Bannon Lakes.

The All British Club picnic in Green Cove Springs was held on July 15. Joyce and I spent two days in Baptist South Hospital, she recovering from a concussion so we had to miss the picnic. I hope that those of you who attended enjoyed the event. Fred will fill you in on the events of the picnic.

I found a company to produce new Club badges and put in an order which should have been be filled by mid-July. They are coming from Taiwan, not from China. Also, the MG 100 Centenary badges, which some of you ordered in May, have arrived. I will bring them to the July meeting to distribute to those of you who requested them. I am holding 5 Centenary Badges for members who requested them at the May meeting. Fred will have them at the July meeting.

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

Finally on a personal note, I am continuing treatment, every day until August 8, for a medical condition that affects very many older men. Without boring you with the details, I am happy that this regimen has not been as



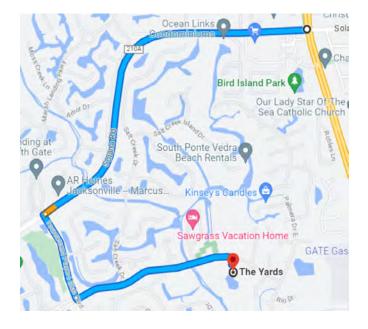
unpleasant as I was fearing, and I hope it will enable me to continue my plans to drive my MGB on my 100th birthday.

I was looking forward to seeing many of you on July 29 at The Yards. However, I have a family obligation in Maryland that day, so our highly entertaining and informative Vice President Fred will be presiding. Please sign up on the web page and give our new venue a try. I am sure that you will all enjoy The Yards.

Saturday, July 29th 2023: 09 am until 11 am

The Yards Athletic Complex 254 Alta Mar Dr Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Safety Fast! Mark



MG Classics of Jacksonville

June 24th, 2023 Club Meeting At Kings Head Pub

Total Attendance: 15 club members Number of MGs: 5

- 3 new members present?
- Current membership. 94
- We NEED a club Secretary. Please step up if you can.
- Next club meeting July 29 at The Yards in Ponte Vedra Beach, Also in August
- Need meeting locations for September. Any ideas?
- Any ideas for pop up drives?
- New cars and Coffee at Beachwalk on 4th Saturday 1030 to 1300. Young audience..
- Elaborate on 100th MG celebration
- First Coast Car Council. Raffle tickets for 2002 Jaguar. Winner in October.
- Classic MG Magazine. Needs support!! Great magazine.
- British Car Rendezvous 7/15 12-3
- Spring Park. Green Cove Springs.
- Treasurer report.
- Final GOF finance wrap up.
- New Business?
- GOF 2025 same place agreed.
- Ordering some more club grille badges. May consider future redesign of club logo.
- Good thoughts for Ron Pollinari. (Mark too)
- Check website for news. Thanks to lan for running a tremendous website.
- Kings Head for lunch anyone?

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



The Great Race

By Glen Moore

Member, Dave Burrows, a long-time MG racer in SCCA events, also has a great race on his resume. Well, actually, The Great Race. In 2017, he ran the Great Race, beginning in Jacksonville, traveling north to Sault Ste. Marie, then back south to finish in Traverse City, MI. This is one race that his car was not an MG; he ran a 1948 Mercury Woody with a flathead V8. Jill and I happened to be on our boat in Sault Ste. Marie and saw all the cars arrive. Quite a thrill.

The route changes every year. For 2023, the cars started

in St. Augustine and headed north and west to finish in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Nine days of travel are allotted for this journey. Planned stops are arranged



for lunch each day and overnight stays. The day after the race, there is a climb up Pikes Peak planned.



Limited to cars built in 1974 and earlier, it is a vintage car event.

No, they don't race to see who can drive the roads the fastest, the challenge is to drive the roads on a prescribed course at the speeds given for different sections of the road. It is like a TSD rallye (time/speed/distance) except

that the competitors are not allowed to have an odometer – it has to be covered. No cell phones, no GPS,



no technology except a speedometer, clock, and one stopwatch.



The participants do not know the specific route. Each morning, they get a set of rallye instructions with specific turns to take along a route, with speeds to be maintained along sections of the road. There can be as many as six

checkpoints each day, with penalty points assessed at each checkpoint. For every second the car arrives early or



late, a one-point penalty is given. The round stickers on the MGTC are "Ace" awards, given for zeroing a



MGTC of John Laslo was running his third event. Brent Aikin was making his second start in his MGTD MkII. His 92-year-old mother, who purchased the car in 1957, will



meet him in Colorado to serve as navigator on the last section of the route.



There were two MGAs, one was an Old English White MGA Mk II owned by Gary and Terri Jones, who live in New Hampshire. Gary serves as the driver and Terri

navigates, the much more difficult of the tasks. It was the Jones' first attempt at the Great Race.



Need a challenge and a chance to explore some of the USA in your MG? Consider the Great Race in some future year.

BCCNF Spring Drive & Picnic July 15th 2023

By Fred Woller

It was beautiful summer day with blue skies with white wispy clouds , chance of rain only 20 to 30%. As I drove up to Spring Park, I noticed an array of beautiful British sports cars. Under the opened awnings were picnic tables filled with people, many of whom I was familiar with, and quite a few more that I had never seen before. After-driving down the street and parking my MGA . I looked at the Lotus's, Austin Healy's,Triumph's, Jaguars, and MG's all parked along the road .

As I approached the pavilion, not only was I perspiring, but most everybody else was also, but at the same time was greeted with hellos and big smiles. Everyone had brought their own lunch and beverages, and were enjoying conversation, after eating and looking at the array of unique and individual cars, to which we had all brought. The hour approached 2 PM, and the temperature rising to almost 95 degrees, someone mentioned that there were some rain clouds coming from the west. At which point people started to gather up their belongings, said their goodbyes and headed to their cars to make it home before it rained.hopefully for a smooth ride home.Overall it was a great day to see old and new friends and some really pretty cars.

Below is a list of the different marques , And number of cars that attended for each club.

MG -6
TVR-1
JAGUAR-2
TRIUMPH-4
AUSTIN HEALY-2
LOTUS-5

In addition to those who attended with their cars, a few members attended whose cars were not road worthy. We thank them for coming and adding to the festivities.

The MG's:





JULY 2023



Brand X:



















Tinkering Notes

Chasing Electrical Faults

Every MG owner will, at some point during their ownership experience niggling electrical gremlins that will vex their soul. Most vexing among them is a pernicious cause of battery drain. It seems that ones battery will not maintain its charge for more than a couple of days. The reason is not obvious, but the culprit is usually an unintended and usually overlooked simple fix.

The conventional troubleshooting solution is to disconnect the battery, charge it and begin a methodical search for the solution.

First, remove the bottom fuse of the four in the underhood fuse block and connect an ammeter between the disconnected ground wire (black) that is normally connected to the battery and to the positive battery connection. Be sure the meter is on the 10 amp scale. The reading should be OPEN (no apparent current). IF there is any current flowing in this state you have an issue in your starting circuit, most likely in the starter solenoid. That will require disconnecting the wiring at the starter to isolate the fault and likely a starter change,

If there is no current flowing, re-insert the bottom fuse. If current begins to register on the ammeter there



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During ones investigation one will likely discover previous owners "fixes" which may or may not need to be corrected correctly forthwith. Doing so now will avert subsequent issues at inopportune moments, e.g on a rainy night on a desolate roadside.

If no culprit can be found, remove the bulb from the trunk light - the problem will likely be solved. Now extend the pin on the trunk light switch so that it engages the edge of the trunk lid when closed and the issue will be corrected for good. Re-install the trunk light bulb.

Your battery and your alternator (or generator) will thank your and your MG will once again be the joy of your driving experience.

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secretary@mgclassics.org



Latest Events of Interest

MG Jamboree 23, Oct 6-8 2023 Bethany Center, 18150 Bethany Center Drive, Lutz, FL 33558

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



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

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.

- 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	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	TBD			
28-Oct	TBD			
18-Nov	TBD			
09-Dec	TBD			

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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.



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:





1969 MG B SOLD FOR \$14,963



1952 MG TD ☆
SOLD FOR
\$36,750

SOLD FOR \$13,650

Bring a Trailer



1973 MG BGT

28-Years-Owned 1965 MG MGB Roadster

Bid to \$9,000 on 7/22/23



1977 MG MGB Roadster

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No Reserve Sold for \$7,700 on 7/22/23

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1996 MG MGF No Reserve Sold for \$5,780 on 7/21/23



MG MGA Roadster Project

No Reserve

Sold for \$13,000 on 7/19/23



1960 MG MGA 1600 Roadster

Bid to \$21,000 on 7/18/23



1969 MG MGC GT Sold for \$25,000 on 7/18/23



1966 MG MGB Roadster

No Reserve

Sold for \$19,000 on 7/15/23



1.8L-Powered 1956 MG MGA Roadster

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Sold for \$23,000 on 7/14/23



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October 6-8, 2023 at the Bethany Center in Lutz, Florida.
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The Center rests in the midst of a 250 acre wildlife sanctuary with two lakes, walking trails, meeting rooms, a full service kitchen and dining room. It is a few miles north of Tampa. This private area is reserved just for our event. Registration includes event fees, 2 nights' lodging and 5 excellent meals. This is an all-inclusive package which cannot be modified. **Reservations are limited**.



Living accommodations are in motel style "cottages" on the banks of Lake Mary. Each cottage has an ADA compliant room. Meals and seminars are held in the modern fully equipped conference center.

This **MG Jamboree** will include a car display, driving tours, games, seminars, a celebration of MG's 100 years, a Roaring 20's themed banquet, great food and much more. *So mark your calendar*.



For information: Barrie Carson at: 727-808-1869, <u>mgbguy80@gmail.com</u> or Bruce & Bert Rauch at: 727-317-5649, <u>brauch1@tampabay.rr.com</u>.



It's Gotta Be Fun!





October 6 – 8, 2023 Bethany Center 18150 Bethany Center Drive Lutz, FL 33558

MG Jamboree 23 – Revival of the Roaring '20s It's Got 2 B Fun!"

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club invites All British Car Enthusiasts to join us as we celebrate 100 years of MGs.

There will be a Car Display, games, tours, tech sessions, plus more. Fun is mandatory (it can't be helped). There are a limited number of rooms, so register early.

Location:

The event will be held at the beautiful Bethany Center, a 250-acre wildlife sanctuary on Lake Mary, a few miles north of Tampa. **Bethany Center has a NO PETS policy.**

Raffle:

These items will be on display on Friday & Saturday so make sure you purchase your tickets and place them in the container by the Item you would like to win. Guests are encouraged to bring items for the Raffle. They do not have to be car related. The drawings for these items will take place during the Saturday night dinner. The more tickets you purchase the more chances to win!

Friday:

3 – 5 p.m. – Registration in Foyer/Drop off Raffle Items

6 – 7 p.m. – Dinner in the Dining Hall

7 – 9 p.m. – 100 Years of MGs

9 – 10 p.m. – Hospitality Suites open **Saturday Morning:**

8 a.m. – Breakfast – Dining Hall Regalia Sales – Registration Area Raffle Items on Display – Registration Area 9 a.m. – Noon – Car show, games, etc.

Saturday Afternoon:

12 Noon – Lunch in the Dining Hall

Tours/Games/Hospitality Suite/etc. following lunch Saturday Evening: "Wear your "1920's" inspired attire

6 p.m. Dinner – Dining Hall, Awards, & Raffle **Sunday Morning:**

8 a.m. – Breakfast – Dining Room Fond Farewells – until MG Jamboree 24 in 2025 **PRICE INCLUDES: ROOM, MEALS & EVENT**** FORM & CHECK MUST BE **RECEIVED BY 9/14/2023** ONE ADULT: \$500 TWO ADULTS: \$600 For More Information Contact: Barrie Carson mgbguy80@gmail.com or 727-808-1869 **REGISTRATION FORM** Please return this completed form with Check made payable to FSMGCC, Inc to: Lorraine Spicer 2573 Frisco Drive Clearwater, FL 33761-3821 Please PRINT the First & Last Names of all people attending. Name/s

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