



NEWSLETTER

Prez Sez

Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

August, 2022

Cheers from St. Augustine everyone. I like to start every Prez Says with good news. This month the good news is that Fred Groenert, our hard working, talented and impossible to replace newsletter editor is back in the saddle. Personal work responsibilities took him out of town and made it impossible to publish for a few months. Welcome back, Fred.



Following the tradition of Formula 1, the club decided to give everyone a vacation from meetings for the month of August. We will be back in the saddle at Bannon Lakes on September 17.

Our excellent website (thank you Ian) contains a travelogue from Richard and Kathy Gross about their trip to Canada for MG 2022. I encourage everyone to read Richard's summary on the website. These once a year events are really a lot of fun and there are always opportunities to attend nearby events like the Vintage Auto Races and to appreciate other tourism opportunities like visiting Niagara On the Lake, and so many other places.

At the Jacksonville Caffeine and Octane event, the second Saturday in August, British Cars were a featured group. There was a nice selection of MG, Triumph, a very nice Jaguar XJ6, which I invited to join us at the British Car Classic in October. This, our next big club effort, will be at the Kings Head Pub in St Augustine on October 22. Bruce and Sybil are the coordinators for that event and will be seeking assistance in making it a successful, enjoyable event.

The Southeast British Car Festival will be held in Dillard Georgia from September 15 -19 for those of you who might be interested in a trip to Georgia. A link to their event is provided on our website.

The July meeting was held on Saturday, July 25; I was unable to attend. I thought I had asked our VP Len to pinch hit for me. But I must have forgotten to. Never fear though, our always reliable past President Bruce took the bull by the horns and presided over the meeting.

Our attempt to stick to a last Saturday of the month meeting schedule has been thrown a couple curve balls because of venue availability issues. It looks now that the meeting schedule for the rest of 2022 will be: no August meeting, September 17, no October meeting (the British Car Classic on October 22 substitutes), November 19 or 26 (TBD), and the Grand Finale, December 10, the Club Christmas Celebration.

I am interested in holding a tech session in October, possibly on October 15 at Legacy Automotive. I will investigate that. In that vein, please let me know by email to president@mgclassicsfl.org if you would be interested in a such a tech session.

I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting.

Safety Fast!

Mark

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Old Yellow: An Adventure in Canada

MG2022 in Peterborough, Canada

The excitement of the 3,000 mile round trip to Canada started months before in getting "Old Yellow" (1970 MGB) ready for the trip. She had been prepped and polished for the GOF-South in April; only a fresh splash of octane was needed to get her engine to roar again. All her vital signs were given a work-over to ensure she was fit for the journey. She knew that she had to be presentable after her placing among her Southern sisters in April.



She had made a few trips out of the garage for some ice cream runs to be sure that everything was working as should be. She would be going in style by having her own portable garage (trailer) to rest in every night for the duration of the adventure. Unfortunately her owner's backs couldn't handle traveling all the way to Peterborough, Ontario in Old Yellow within the time scheduled for the adventure.

The trip started a week prior to reaching the Motorsport Park for the VARAC and Vintage Grand Prix racing events. Quality time was spent attending a seventy+ family gathering at the "Say-Hay Farm" in WV.

The excitement and adrenaline rush continued. As we drove to the Canadian Border booth with her navigator nervously wondering if we had all the information with passports and COVID paperwork for entry into Canada. We answered all the questions correctly except one; we did not know Old Yellow's tag number. Motoring on our first stop was Niagara-on-the-Lake for a few days taking in Estate Wineries and watching the large ships go up and down, and through the locks. We visited the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum which took a five hour tour to take everything in. The tour guide and I exchanged our experiences on aircraft that were similar in design and function. After touring the Toronto South area, we moved on to Peterborough to find our abode for the week. With good fortune it turned out that we had to stay at a hotel other than the event host hotel that was sold out. MGs were parked in every space available. The venue could not hold another twenty MG's for the event that were expected.

The vintage races were an excellent side attraction to the MG2022 NAMGBR show. They were in progress for four

days, we attended the last two days of the event. We were able to drive through pit row with Old Yellow and stopped and chatted with some of the crew members and drivers. If they were not working on their cars they were very eager to talk about why and how they got involved in vintage racing. Of course we followed their progress on the track. It was possible to spot the front runners as they always shifted at the same spot on each turn into a curve or uphill climb. Old yellow and I wanted to be out there so bad. I had the roll bar but forgot the helmet and the number 9 decal.

The four day MG 2022 activities started with a meet and greet party which was a social event. We were warmly welcomed to a group that had driven their four B's 500 miles from Sault Ste. Marie to Peterborough. We only knew a few other couples from previous shows but everyone welcomed us.

A large group was from the Toronto MG Club, the club that hosted the event. Most of the event MG's were from Eastern Canada. Many activities were presented during the four days, so many that it was hard to choose which ones to attend. One of the best activities that had nothing to do with the MG event was a boat ride on a cruise boat through the locks nearby.



We anticipated the most difficult thing would be the exchange of money but a Visa card was accepted everywhere. The weather was so nice that we were able to leave the top down all the time.

We received many comments and conversations once the other MG guests saw our 70 MGB plates were from Florida. The show ground was not at the hotel but several miles away on a soccer field lined with trees. Thankfully there was a long time for judging cars before the ballots were due. We barely made it back to the box as we wanted to stop to hear all the stories that many of the owners had to tell. Old Yellow did us proud, She was recognized for traveling such a long distance and was awarded first place in her class. Hopefully, you'll see her in your next 'MG Driver' magazine. We always say after attending an event like this that it was a wonderful adventure and we enjoyed being among MG friends old and new who enjoy the same things. We left not having seen all that we wanted to see, but had a wonderful time. We are looking forward to MG2023 in Calgary.

By Richard & Kathy Gross

Editor's Note: Old Yellow won First Place in Her Class, Chrome Bumper MG's built between 1969 through 1972. This Class comprised 23 MGs.



Lifeguard, with Sam Elliot



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[Caffeine and Octane, The Avenues Mall, 0730-1100, 09/10/2022](#)

[Southeast British Car Festival - The Dillard House, 768 Franklin Street, Dillard, GA 30537, 09/15/2022 - 09/18/2022](#)

[9th Annual BRITFEST, The Market Common, Myrtle Beach, SC - 10/01/2022](#)

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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.

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- 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
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MG CLASSICS 2022 MEETING LOCATIONS

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27-Aug	Meeting Cancelled	Venue Conflict		
24-Sep	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
29-Oct	British Car Classic - King's Head Pub	6460 US Hwy 1 N	St. Augustine	+1 (904) 823-9787
19-Nov	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
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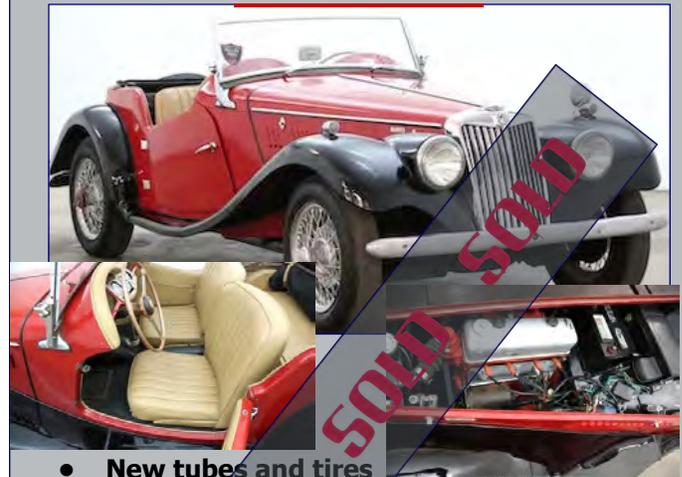
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