



NEWSLETTER

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Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

January 2024

**The New Year is here, and it's
time to welcome 2024 with
hope, positivity, and good times!**



Hello and Happy New Year to all
the members of MG Classics of Jacksonville!

I am honored to be your newly elected incoming
President of the MG CLUB and I want to acknowledge
the great leadership & dedication provided by Mark our
Past President . I am happy to welcome back our Officers
and many returning valued members, I am certain
together we will make this a great year!

2024 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT : FRED WOLLER

VICE PRESIDENT : BRUCE SEDELMAYER

SECRETARY : MARK SPAULDING

TREASURER : RON PALLONARI

I would like to Thank and Welcome all of our existing
Board Members for their continued collective effort!

I also would like to make a Special Shout Out to Richard
Gross, who was recognized and presented with the
honor of being the second LIFETIME BOARD MEMBER.
Richard has been a member of our club since 1973...50
fabulous years!

In addition, I would like to recognize the invaluable
contributions of Ian Massey for running & maintaining
our wonderful Website! Our Newsletter in Chief is Fred

Groenert who always uses his unique creativity in
compiling our Newsletter....A million Thanks!

Keeping our MG Car Classics Club Going and Growing!

Please join me in welcoming all our new members! We
are thrilled and excited you've joined our club! I look
forward to meeting and getting to know all of you!

MG Classics of Jacksonville has always had a very robust
membership. In the last few years, we have maintained
an average of 90 to 110 members annually. It is
wonderful to see so many new faces across the age
spectrum. This will help to ensure our club maintains its
vibrant enthusiasm!

As we continue to come together with our shared
passion , I am reminded of this special camaraderie &
connection that exists in the classic car world. Each one
of you brings your cherished moments & experiences
and it's been awesome to hear so many
adventures.....because most Vintage Cars have an
interesting story!

★ A friendly reminder to New Members... Please
purchase your new Name Badges available on our
website. It always helps to see a name that goes along
with the face 😊

Our annual Christmas Party was a huge smashing
success!

Though it was grey rainy day with gusts of wind
blowing, we had approximately 48 of us who attended!
Somehow the inclement weather didn't stop us from
enjoying ourselves! Thanks to all that brought yummy
deserts & treats , plus the help of so many who helped
setting up and making sure everything ran smoothly!



We are always greatly appreciative to Mike & Christine Hogan for arranging this fantastic venue at their Bannon Lakes community room!

We were treated to a great video presentation from Glenn & Jill Moore which added to the day's festivities ! Thank you all!

An interesting observation came to mind, that because of the awful weather - we all unanimously didn't drive in our cherished possessions.

I think that the decision to come in our daily drivers made it easier to attend the holiday celebration.

On a more serious and sad note, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to Tony Kimball and his family, whose wife Cody passed away on January 4th. Sending our love at this difficult time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 27th Monthly Meeting at Bannon Lakes from 10-12

February 10th Caffeine and Octane 8-11am at Avenues Mall

February 24th Monthly Meeting at Bannon lakes 10-12

February 29th to March 3rd Amelia Island Concourse de Elegance

A Special Cars And Coffee at Amelia Island - Saturday morning 3/2

If anyone from the club sent in an application and was accepted to this... Please let the officers know so that we can arrange a central meeting place so members can drive up together.

If you haven't sent in an application by now, I believe that the registration is closed for that event.

March 30th MONTHLY MEETING TO BE ANNOUNCED

April 6th All British Car Classic - will be in Sanford Florida

April 18-21st GOF SOUTH Event 2024

PLANTATION RESORT ON CRYSTAL RIVER

★ **HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS: Info on Website with Link**

★ **REGISTRATION APPLICATION TO ATTEND EVENTS: Info on Website**

PLEASE be sure to get your reservations for Hotel and Registration Application to attend completed. ASAP !

I'd like also to remind current members to Renew your Membership before January 30th - as it will automatically expire.

Thanking you all so much for your continued participation , support and enthusiasm! Looking forward to 2024 with new adventures & making more great memories with fellow classic car lovers....

Be well,

Fred 😊

Saturday, January 27th 2024:

9 am until 11 am ← Note Earlier Time!

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

Safety Fast!

Fred Woller (The other Fred)

NOTE 1: If you won a door prize bring your chit to the Jan meeting for your certificate!!!

NOTE 2: The SHANDS bridge will be closed 27 Jan - Plan accordingly

MG Classics of Jacksonville

December 17th, 2023

Christmas Party & Nov rehash

At Bannon Lakes

Total Attendance: ~40 club members

Number of MGs: 0 - (WX!)

09:25 – Opening remarks:

(The minutes are verbatim as recorded.)

There are 25 names recorded as attending but 26 here. Please add your name to the attendance list Thank you.

The newsletter listed the proposed amendments to the by laws. They will not be voted on today. Not to be discussed. We can vote on them next month. The membership will receive a ballot for voting. The final tally will be divulged at the Christmas party on Sunday the 17th of December. The changes that are approved by the membership will be added to the bylaws thereafter.

First of all, as we do in every meeting, are there any new members here? New members are always invited to



introduce themselves. Tell us a little bit about yourself and a little bit about your car. And, we have something for you.

Anybody that never wanted to use. Okay, I'm coming. I'm like feel like I'm handing out the Girl Scout cookies.

I'm John Fox. I've been here. 16 years. I've had a 72 MG for 37 years. I was in Chicago, the last Olympic Year that has had a son, had it up there and it's running okay. The spinach Chicago, does that mean it's an exposed to Salt? It was

Not now has to solved the demolished environment. Uh, when I first got mine, it was had been in Illinois car. And when I bought it, I looked under the rugs and it was just well ..., there's the ground up the panels.

My name's ?? I've got a 75 MGB. Fairly decent, runs good. I've been in St, Augustine about eight years.

My name is Jim Thompson. I got 80 MGB. And I've been in Jacksonville Florida, for about 17 years.

So, for the new members, I want to show you some things here. Uh, and this is This is something that we need to uh, it's being taken care of. As, you know, the club bought.

Grill Badges – The last batch we got tends to have the fastening posts twist off when one tries to tighten them to the grill. The vendor is replacing them with a new batch. Be gentle with them when installing. (You may want to use a dab of JB Weld to help secure them).

We have two remaining MG 100 Centenary badges available for \$44 each. (They require a different method to secure them to your grill. Be creative.

Okay, let's take care of the first year, the first business today. And,

I'm not sure exactly how to do this, because I forgot to bring the balance with me but There are four people running for offices. Fred Woller for President; Bruce Sedelmeyer for Vice President; Mark Spaulding for Secretary; and Ron Pallonari for Treasurer. Each elected position will be for two (2) years if the new bylaw changes are accepted.

We're also accepting ad hoc nominations now. Don't be shy or embarrassed, throw your hat in the ring.

No takers? Okay, we'll have a show of hands to vote for each candidate.\

By popular acclamation all four candidates were elected to their respective offices. Congratulations to the winners!

Now we will vote for directors by popular acclamation.

Directors elected:

Neil Nelson (Founder & permanent director)

Richard Gross (Permanent director)

Jim Hall

Lorraine Puzanskas

Mike Hogan (Past treasurer)

Len Geiger

Fred Groenert (Newsletter editor)

The installation and inaugurations for all electees occurred at the Christmas party.

So make sure you come to Christmas morning Okay, so that makes the Christmas party, the next item on the agenda. Oh, you will be held in this very room on the 17th of December, which is a Sunday. From two to five pm. Um, we will have essentially the same meal that we had last year

Nobody, from the club will have to bring anything except desserts or cookies if you'd like to. We'll have all those drinks and all the food.

Door prizes that will be given out of Christmas party. The \$10 collected per person will go towards door prizes that the club is buying.

Upcoming car shows:

Feb **10th Caffeine and Octane 8-11am at Avenues Mall**

Mar The Amelia, 1-3 Mar 2024, Amelia Island, FL

Apr

38th All British Car Show - Saturday, 06 April, 2024
09:00 am - 03:00 pm Henrys Depot, Sanford, FL
32771

The Gathering of the Faithful South LVIII - April 18-21, 2024

[The Plantation on Crystal River](#), Crystal River, FL

MG2024 - April 21-24, 2024 [Sun – Wed], Katy Texas – Sponsored by NAMGBR

British Car Classic – 3rd Sat – we host

Cruizin at the Creek – date TBD??

Nov

Dec

Richard mentioned that he has an open trailer that can haul an MG that may be available if someone wants to travel to a MG show out of the area. It does need new tires, though.

Discussion about First Coast Car Council and how MG Classics participates in their scheduled events.

Discussion about club meeting venues, locations and scheduling. No concrete determinations. The club leadership is entertaining ideas for new meeting venues. Please forward your suggestions to Fred Woller.

Safety  *Fast!*



The Christmas Party





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

Driving down the road and all of a sudden, the noise stopped!

On Interstate 70 heading East, driving overnight, it happened about 11 PM, on a Saturday, in the middle of Missouri. I still had about 800 miles to go. The reassuring drone of the exhaust note abruptly went silent. No cough, stutter or gradual loss of power. It was immediately silent as I coasted to the shoulder. Fortunately, there was little traffic, primarily semi-trucks. There was nothing there, no exit, gas station, farm house ... nothing. But it was DARK! And this happened before cell phones were a thing. So no easy solution.

A couple of tentative tries with the ignition switch yielded no hint of ignition, though all the electrics worked, as did the starter. Just no BRRRRRRMMMMM. I popped the hood and exited the car to see if I could surmise the problem.

Standing at the side of the road staring into the blackness of the engine bay I thought, "Where is my flashlight?" Popped the trunk and rummaged around for a bit, nope. Emptied the glove box. Also, no joy. Then I remembered the @\$&*(flashlight was at home, 800 miles away. BUMMER! I had enough forethought to at least have a rudimentary set of tools. I didn't smell gas fumes, so there was probably not a leak. Besides it had quit suddenly and completely, so it was most likely an electrical problem.

Then I pulled my trusty Zippo out of my pocket and surveyed the situation by its flickering flame. Everything was secure and connected to the right connections. No wires were dangling. So I popped the distributor cap off and examined the points.

HA! The cam rider and broken off the points. There was not enough of a nub left to readjust them. They were shot.

It quickly dawned on me that late on Saturday night, in the middle of nowhere Missouri, there is not likely a set of Lucas points within 100 miles. Better get creative. [In hindsight that is likely not the case. They are in Massey Ferguson tractors]

A thought flitted though my consciousness: Didn't I throw that last set of points I changed a while back into the glove box? A quick search ensued, by Zippo light, through the glove box. Eureka! There they were, none the worse for the wear. A perfectly serviceable, only slightly pitted, set of Lucas points.

The old ones came out readily. The "new" ones were installed, (without dropping any screws!). I eyeballed the gap and jumped behind the wheel for the ultimate test.

A twist of the key and: BRRRRRRMMMMM. The sweetest sound I'd ever heard. Whew! Bullet dodged! I lowered the hood, jumped back in the car and pulled back onto the highway. On the road again! The rest of the trip was uneventful, thankfully.

LESSONS Learned:

1. Always have a functional flashlight in one's car.
2. Assemble a small collection of critical parts and keep the kit in the car, just in case.
3. Always have a suitable set of tools in the car, to save your bacon, when your stars don't align.



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Please report your membership to:

Tony Kimball

secretary@mgclassics.org

Latest Events of Interest

Caffeine and Octane 8-11am at Avenues Mall, 10 Feb 0700-1000

The Amelia, Amelia Island Ritz-Carlton, 29 Feb-03 Mar

**All British Car Classic, Sanford Florida 06 Apr. 0900-1600 . Henry's Depot
212 W 1st St, Sanford, FL 32771**

**GOF SOUTH LVIII 2024, 18-21 Apr,
PLANTATION RESORT ON CRYSTAL RIVER**



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
27-Jan	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
24-Feb	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
30-Mar	TBD			
18-Apr	Plantation Resort, Crystal River	GOF Plantation Resort	Crystal River FL	
25-May	TBD			
29-Jun	TBD			
27-Jul	TBD			
31-Aug	TBD			
28-Sep	TBD			
28-Oct	TBD			
??-Nov	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
14-Dec	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ct	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471

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OFFICERS	
President	Fred Woller
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Secretary	Mark Spaulding
Treasurer	Ron Pallonari
DIRECTORS	
Permanent Director	Neil Nelson
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GOF Chairman	—
Membership Chair	—
Permanent Director	Richard Gross
Director	Jim Hall
Director	Len Geiger
Director	Mike Hogan
Director	Lorraine Puzanskas
Director	—
Newsletter Editor	Fred Groenert
Past President	Mark Spaulding



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Club Car Badge**



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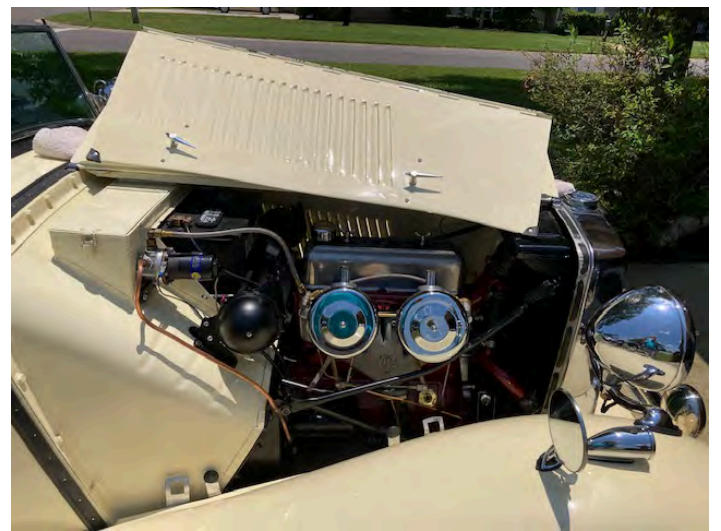
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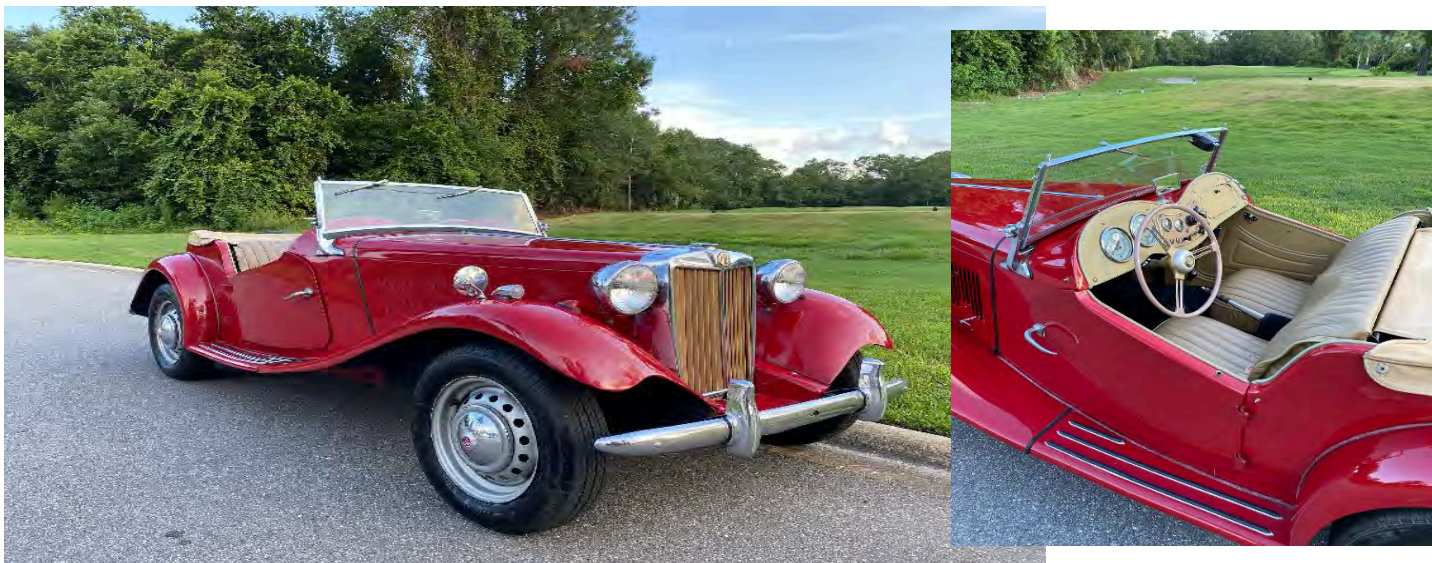
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FOR SALE is a **1952 MGTD**, previously owned by James Nolan for 45 years. The car was originally registered in Arizona by an 80+ year old submariner who served in the U.S. Navy during WW II.

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 \$20,000 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:](#)



1961 MG A



SOLD FOR
\$11,026



1951 MG TD



SOLD FOR
\$17,325



1969 MG Midget



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\$6,800

[Bring a Trailer](#)



1978 MG Midget Project

No Reserve

Sold for \$2,700 on 1/17/24



1960 MG MGA 1600 Roadster

Sold for \$39,000 on 1/13/24



1978 MG Midget Project

No Reserve

Sold for \$5,600 on 1/9/24



1964 MG MGB Roadster

Sold for \$12,500 on 1/7/24



1977 MG MGB Roadster

No Reserve

Sold for \$4,500 on 1/4/24



Supercharged 1974 MG MGB GT

Bid to \$17,500 on 1/4/24



1966 MG MGB Roadster

Sold for \$20,250 on 12/29/23



1976 MG Midget

No Reserve

Sold for \$5,300 on 12/28/23

