



NEWSLETTER

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7 Sep, 2020

Greetings my fellow MG Classics Members!

I come to you in good health and good spirits and hope the same for all of you. As I have been saying in past communications we have started back up with monthly meetings. These have been fairly well attended and Ian has been doing a great job posting meeting minutes and pictures of attendees and MGs being driven there. Instead of 1 or 2 MGs driven to what used to our be normal last Monday night of the month meeting. We are seeing 10-12 MGs lined up by the pavilion at Trout Creek Marina. I must say it's a beautiful sight!

We will have our September club drive/picnic/meeting on September 26, 2020 at 10:00 am at Trout Creek Marina. All pertinent info is on the website.

You must preregister on the website so we might be able to try and organize some rally points to gather at and caravan to Trout Creek Marina. This is an outside event under a steel roof, open pavilion. You must bring your own chairs, food, drink, Covid-19 safety equipment, and your significant other, as none of these will be provided. 9. All CDC guidelines must be adhered to. Please see the website for additional details/information.

I include my usual disclaimer; MG Classics is not sanctioning or requiring attendance to any events during this pandemic. It is each members obligation to weigh their own risk and risk to others and to take all precautions as outlined by the CDC. We just want to



offer some normalcy (even it comes with a mask!) to members who would like this kind of opportunity.

Moving on I would like to welcome new member, Michael Goldsberry. Michael is presently restoring his 75 MG Midget and also owns a 74 MGB though It's unclear if this is up and running. Welcome Michael!

I would also like to thank relatively new member John Galeani for being coerced, I mean, volunteering to be MG Classics Events Coordinator. Thank you John and welcome aboard!

I have one last important bit to share. October is the month we ask for member nominations for the next year club officers. Those offices are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. I will throw it out there that this year has seemed as if I have done practically nothing for our club. Our Club bylaws state that the president can only serve 2 terms. Should no one come forward for the office of president, I would be willing to serve a 3rd term if that was the wish of the Board and members. Having said that, If someone would desire to be President I would be delighted and do everything I could to help them assume the office. Of the 4 offices to be filled only the Treasurer really needs to know what they're doing. We have been blessed with an excellent one in Mike Hogan! 3Rd term Mike? 9 Seriously though, all it takes is a willingness to serve and a love for our little cars. The rest is easy
Safety Fast!

Bruce



Club Meeting Minutes - August 2020

MG Classics of Jacksonville

Meeting August 29, 2020

Meeting convened: 10am

Total Attendance: 24

New members: Jerry Smith

Returning Members:

Guests: Nancy York

Location: The August Club meeting was held at Trout Creek Marina in the open air on Saturday, August 29. The open air meeting was held to mitigate the potential to transmit the COVID virus.

Old Business

1. Canceled Events: Numerous events have been canceled due to COVID-19. These include Cars and Coffee at the Avenues Mall, the annual British Car Classic at King's Head Pub, and GOF-South 2021 to be hosted by MG Classics. The newsletter and website will be the means of updating the membership on events as they are either canceled or scheduled.

New Business

1. Future Meetings: In an effort to establish a more normal routine, future club meetings will be held at Trout Creek Marina from 10 AM until no later than noon so we can avoid the heat. The manager of Trout Creek Marina visited our August meeting and requested that we formalized our relationship with the Marina owner to hold our monthly meetings in the pavilion area. The meeting approval process has now been officially formalized.

2. Articles & Stories: If you have any humorous MG predicament stories, mechanical or technical insights, fond MG memories, etc. please send them to Fred Groenert for inclusion in the newsletter. Kathy Gross congratulated Fred Groenert, our new Newsletter editor, on his excellent NLs after taking over as Editor in January.

3. Show/Drive Opportunities: (More info and registration on MG Classics website):

a Southeast British Car Festival at Dillard House in Georgia will still be held September 17-20, 2020

b. The Ponte Vedra Auto Show is also being held November 15, 2020.

c. Cars and Coffee at Amelia Concours: 15 MG Classics Members have submitted Registration forms, ten have been accepted and the last 5 to Register have been added to a Waiting list. There has been no notification why there is a waiting list but possibly as they may be looking for a reduced field if COVID remains a health threat in March 2021. The cost has increased to \$50 this year but it is a quality event and a lot of fun.

d. Cars and Coffee at the Classic Car Museum in St Augustine: 7 MG Classics members with 6 MGs attended the July Cars and Coffee event on the third Saturday in July. The St. Augustine Cars and Coffee is scheduled for the third Saturday of each month. See the Club Events Calendar for details.

e. Cruisin' to the Creek: This popular annual Car Show has been canceled for 2020.

4. Club Events Coordinator: John Galeani has volunteered as the new Club Events Coordinator. Look out for Event Notifications in your email Inbox from John from "eventschair@mgclassics.org". Add that email address to your email 'White List' to be sure you receive Club event communications.

5. NAMGBR: Our Club President submitted the Club's vote for two NAMGBR officer positions for 2021. As there was only one candidate for each position, Terry Allen for Vice Chairman and Lee Ann Loft for Secretary. The MG Classics vote can be considered a vote of support for NAMGBR who have done an excellent job providing us with Event Insurance.

6. Club Regalia: Auto Badges are available from the President for \$30 each for members and \$40 for non-members. Patches are \$1 each.

7. Website: The Roster listing on the Website will be updated to include 'partners and family members'. The Membership registration and renewal form has been updated to allow members to include an optional field to add details of a family member, if they so wish. The website events calendar will only display events that are actively



scheduled to take place. All canceled events will be removed.

8. Board Meeting: A meeting of the Club Board was convened after the official Club meeting to discuss the 2021 GOF-South.

9. Raffle & 50/50 Results:

1. 1. 50/50 drawing was held with Ian Massey winning \$26. Ian kindly donated winnings back to the club.
2. 2. Neil Nelson and Wayne Snook donated an "at cost" part from Moss Motors. Must be ordered within 30 days. Good for one part only not an entire order. Part must be ordered prior to the next meeting. Winner was Ian Massey.

Next Meeting:

The next club meeting will be held September 29, 2020, at 10 AM. Location will be Trout Creek Marina.

Meeting adjourned at 1125 AM.

Tech Topics - WHITWORTH - METRIC - SAE

Which wrench do I need?

From [The New England M.G. 'T' Register](#)

Whitworth - Metric - SAE

By: Steve Schultz

Steve gave a most interesting presentation on the technical aspect of the nuts and bolts used in our MGs over the years - in particular the standards to which the hardware was made - Whitworth - Metric - SAE. It covered both the history and technical specification of these standards.

In England in the early 1800's, there were no industrial thread standards. Every manufacturer had their own thread standard, which led to significant hardware problems. In 1841 Joseph Whitworth made a presentation to the "Institute of Civil Engineers" in England, proposing his "Whitworth Standard" for threaded fasteners, and it became the first "Standard" thread in England. It used a 55 degree angle of Pitch (the angle made between two threads) with rounded peaks and valleys on its threads.

Whitworth:

Comes in 3 configurations of British Standard Whitworth (BSW):

1. British Association (small threads),
2. British Standard Coarse, and
3. British Standard Fine.

SAE:

It was developed by William Sellers around 1850 in the US. It was originally called the "Sellers Thread". The name was later changed to "American Standard Thread". It had a pitch angle of 60 degrees with pointed peaks and valleys on threads.

Whitworth and SAE thread standards came into particular conflict during WWII between the US and Britain, on compatibility and repairs of military equipment. The two then agreed to a compromise standard, and the "Unified Thread Series" was established. It was based on the US pitch angle of 60 degrees utilizing Whitworth's rounded peak and valley radius on threads. Unified National Thread consisted of both Unified National Course (or NC) and Unified National Fine (NF) threads. (Note: most bolt diameters have both a course and a fine thread designation, like 1/4 inch coarse - 20 threads/inch, or 1/4 inch fine - 28 threads/inch. Most automotive applications tend to use the fine thread. As a result, a British Standard Whitworth nut will fit a UNF bolt, except for the 1/2 inch size, although the fit is not a strong combination.



Sep 17-20, 2020

The Peachtree MG Registry presents:

A Southern British Car Weekend in the mountains of North Georgia at: [The Dillard House Inn](#), Dillard, GA.

All makes and models of British cars and motorcycles are welcome!

This is also a NAMGBR and a NAMGAR regional event with MG Magnette ZA and ZB, built between 1953 and 1958, as the featured models!



Our Facebook [page](#) is revitalized! Check it out

France, Germans, and Switzerland would not agree to this Unified National Thread standard (no surprise), and came up with their own "Metric" Standard. It used a pitch angle of 60 degrees, but metric dimensions and divisions. The winners in all this disagreement became Sears and Snap-On, who got to sell more wrenches to you and me!

-Tool wise, to help you identify your hardware, you can buy a set of "Thread Pitch Gauges". It is like a small set of saw-tooth fingers, each one of a different pitch. When a particular finger's teeth perfectly matches the threads on a nut, bolt, or threaded hole, then that is the thread pitch you are dealing with. You can also buy templates with various hole diameters to determine what size (diameter) bolt you have.

Also, concerning BOLTS:

- The head of bolts may have "marks" on them. This designates their "hardness". No marks - probably made of recycled old Budweiser beer cans. If there are marks, count them up and "add 2" to the number, to determine the grade (don't know why - just do it). Grades range between 0 and 8, with 8 being the hardest and "0" the softest. So, if 3 marks on a bolt head, it would be a grade 5 bolt, etc.
- Make sure a bolt goes - at absolute minimum - all the way through its nut, or a few threads more - when assembled. (3 threads protruding is a good rule).
- It is recommended to use Grade 8 or "AN" bolts on suspension and drive line components for maximum reliability and safety. Also consider stainless hardware for use on your car because it "does NOT RUST"!

OTHER RELATED ITEMS

Nuts: Come in various types. Plain, nylon-lock, jam nuts, castle nuts, etc. Recommend nylon stop nuts as the best general-purpose use.

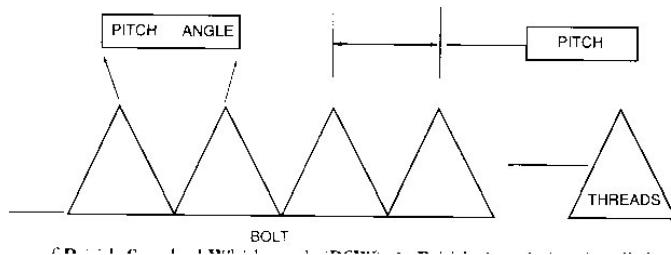
Cotter Pins: NEVER-EVER RE-USE a cotter pin! When using a cotter pin to lock a nut, bend one end of the pin over the top of the nut, and the other end down and trim it if you have to. This provides maximum holding strength.

Washers: Split washers like used on our MGs - are practically useless for keeping nuts from loosening up (but they might help prevent "galling" when tightening). Consider other type washers like "Star Washers", or using a thread locking compound like "Lock-Tite" - a liquid which acts like a glue between the nut and bolt.

Safety Wiring: Not as simple as you might think. Get info

on how to do it properly if you decide to do your own.

Tightening: Wherever possible "Torque" nuts and bolts to proper specified amounts. This will provide proper clamping force while preventing over-stressing, - which might cause failure. An excellent resource all about automotive hardware is Carroll Smith's book "Nuts, Bolts, Fasteners, and Plumbing Handbook"



Disclaimer: All Tech Tips presented here are copyright of The New England M.G. 'T' Register. Be advised that every effort was made to verify the validity of each tip. But as in any free advice, it's up to the user to judge the usefulness of each tip presented here.



Please welcome
Michael Goldsberry
our newest member

Michael is the proud owner of not one, but TWO Mgs, a 1975 Midget and a 1974 MGB!!! Yay! The Midget is "being restored". (Aren't they all?)

Welcome Aboard Michael!

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The Cars and the Pavilion at Trout Creek Marina Park

We could not ask for a better venue than Trout Creek Marina Park for our “outdoor” monthly meetings. The cars have plenty of room for the display of their individual shiny bits, under hood and on top. The pavilion provides us space to host more than twenty member participants. Actually it could easily handle 100 attendees and still have adequate social distancing space. The caveat being that if we have more than 20 attendees we have to pay a small fee for the facility. We stalwart MG scoff at the thought of that dissuading us from assembling and enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow car nut buddies.

Our assembly at the event in August distracted a driver on SR 13 to the point that he did not miss the van stopped for turning traffic and seriously crunched his car. The van had a slightly dented bumper, the whole front of the car was smashed and the bumper was torn off.

The "Owd Speck'Id 'Un" is For Sale

Translation: The "Old Speckled Hen" is For Sale

By
Ian Massey

For those well versed in MG Folklore the Old Speckled Hen (a.k.a. "Owd Speck'Id 'Un") is a Classic. It has now appeared on the Market for a cool £65,000 (\$85,000) following a restoration. "It" being the Beauty in the Photo. According to Legend the "Owd Speck'Id Un" was built as an experimental model in 1927. The model was called the 'MG Featherlight Saloon' which featured cellulosed fabric stretched over a wooden frame, and was finished in black (speckled with gold???)

The "Owd Speck'Id 'Un"*

The Legend has it that the "Owd Speck'Id 'Un" became the factory runabout. Eventually it became speckled not only with the alleged original gold speckles, but also a multitude of early MG bodywork colors as it traveled around and through the factory. If this element of the Legend is true then it certainly cleaned up nicely after its restoration. It was the center of attraction at Silverstone 2002.



The actual history surrounding the early days of MG is difficult to chronicle accurately as there are a multitude of stories in the literature. However, the experimental car was a forerunner of the 14/40 launched in 1927 and was based on the contemporary Morris Oxford flatnose that was a development of the 14/28. It was the first car series reported to have the MG Octagon on the Radiator. The /40 was supposed to represent the Horsepower of the vehicle but it probably never exceeded 35 Horsepower. It was classed as a sports car so the Featherlight construction was probably aimed at encouraging more speed from the model. Production of the 14/40 stopped in 1929.

A reported 851 units were manufactured. The excellent example of a 14/40 Tourer above is clearly a spectacular MG. However, it doesn't have the 'Story' behind it that the Original "Owd Speck'Id 'Un" has.

Fast forward from the late 1920's to 1979 and the launch of Old Speckled Hen Beer. The Morland Brewery was asked by MG to create a commemorative beer for the factory's 50th anniversary. Daniel O'Leary (brewer and former cooper), had developed a recipe for a private beer in his garden shed in Abingdon and O'Leary's recipe was used when the brewery agreed to release the celebration beer for the anniversary. The beer, an amber coloured Pale Ale, was brewed at a gravity of 1050 to denote the 50th anniversary. 25 barrels and 1200 dozen half-pint bottles were produced mostly for the promotional activities at MG, but also for limited distribution to Morland Pubs in the Abingdon area. What had been produced as a one-off celebration brew, proved so popular that a second batch had to be brewed in time for the main celebrations which were to be held in Abingdon over the weekend of the actual anniversary.

Rolling Forward to the present day: An empty Speckled Hen Beer Can makes a Statement under the Bonnet of any MG as a radiator overflow receptacle, as demonstrated by Club member Mark Spaulding's 1970 MGB engine bay. The can is a permanent attachment!

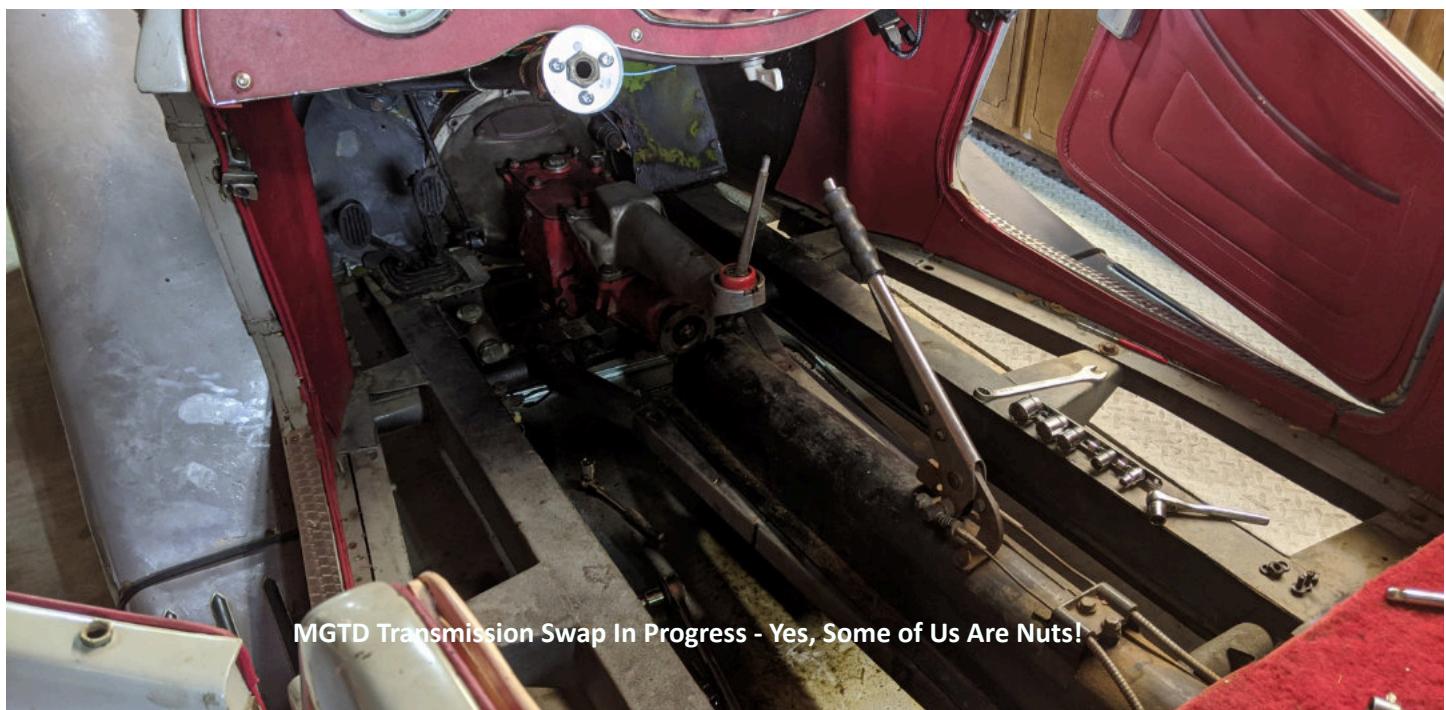


Authors Note: The regions of the UK have a diverse selection of accents and slang to the degree that it is sometimes practically impossible for an outsider to understand what is being said. The English Civil War between the House of Lancaster and the House of York to control the Throne lasted from 1455 through to 1487 and divided the Kingdom. Having lived in both Lancashire and Yorkshire I can attest that there remains a significant difference in accents and slang between the two counties and animosity between some folk living in each county remains to the present day.

*Photo of the revamped "Speck'Id 'Un" courtesy of "The Early MG Society".

*The narrative above is a mix of information from various sources. There doesn't appear to be a definitive reference source such was the chaos associated with the early days of MG.

* Old Speckled Hen Pale Ale can be purchased from Total Wine in St. John's Town Center.



Latest Events of Interest that are Currently Scheduled

[MG Classics Drive & Picnic - Trout Creek Marina, 09/26/2020](#)

[Southeast British Car Festival - Dillard, GA 09/17-20/2020](#)

[Ponte Vedra Car Show - 11/15/2020](#)

[Myrtle Beach Concours d'Elegance - Myrtle Beach, SC 03/03/2020](#)

[Cars & Coffee at Amelia Concours - March, 6, 2021](#)

The REAL meaning of the Haynes instructions

Haynes: See illustration for details

Translation: None of the illustrations notes will match the pictured exploded, numbered parts. The unit illustrated is from a previous or variant model.

Haynes: Replace old gasket with a new one.

Translation: I know I've got a tube of Krazy Glue around here somewhere.

Haynes: Index

Translation: List of all the things in the book except the thing you want to do!

Haynes: Apply moderate heat...

Translation: Unless you have a blast furnace, don't bother. Clamp with adjustable spanner then beat repeatedly with hammer.

Haynes: Refitting is the reverse sequence to removal.

Translation: But you swear in different places.

Be careful what you wear (or don't wear), when working under your vehicle...especially in public.

From the **Sydney Morning Herald**, Australia, comes this story of a central west couple who drove their car to town, only to have their car break down in the parking lot. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed it there in the lot. The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of male legs protruding from under the chassis.

Although the man was in shorts, his lack of underwear turned private parts into glaringly public ones.

Unable to stand the embarrassment, she dutifully stepped forward, quickly put her hand UP his shorts and tucked everything back into place. On regaining her feet, she looked across the hood and found herself staring at her husband who was standing idly by.

The mechanic, though, had to have three stitches in his head.

Club Website Features You Can Use

Go To: <https://www.mgclassics.org>

- Join MG Classics of Jacksonville
- Renew Your Annual Club Membership
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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](#)



MG CLASSICS 2020 MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	Location	Address	City	Phone
27-Jan	Culhane's Pub	9720 Deer Lake Ct	Jacksonville	904-619-3177
24-Feb	Olive Garden	6050 Youngerman Cir	Orange Park	904-777-9827
30-Mar	CANCELED - BJ's	15022 Max Leggett Pkwy	Jacksonville	904-751-4935
27-Apr	CANCELED - Caddyshack	455 S. Legacy Trail E106	St. Augustine	904-940-3673
18-May	CANCELED - The Fish Co.	725-12 Atlantic Blvd.	Atlantic Beach	904-246-0123
29-Jun	CANCELED - The Reef	4100 Coastal Hwy	St. Augustine	904-824-8008
27-Jul	CANCELED - La Nopalera	2024 Kingsley Ave	Orange Park	904-276-2776
29-Aug	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N, St.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
26-Sep	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N, St.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
24-Oct	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N, St.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
28-Nov	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N, St.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471

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Cars and Coffee at the Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine - 15 August 2020

Seven of our club members attended, along with 8 Mgs. A good caffeine buzz was had by all.



Dave Burrows: 1969 MGC



Bernie Savoie and his 1953 TD



L-R John Bacon, Mark Spaulding, Len Geiger



Jordan Kleinhands, John Bacon, Len Geiger

From

FLACarShows.com**UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

Show submissions are coming in slowly as venues open back up. Go to their website for more info.

Sep 12 - Dick's Wings Cruise In Fleming Island
 Sep 12 - Talking Cars Under The Stars Cruise In Gainesville
 Sep 13 - Palm Coast Cruisers Cruise In Palm Coast
 Sep 18 - Freddy's Cruise In Orange Park
 Sep 18 - Johnny Angel's Cruise Night Jacksonville
 Sep 19 - Classic Car & Truck Brag St Augustine
 Sep 19 - Riverside Center Cruise In St. Augustine
 Sep 19 - Amelia Cruizers Cruise-In Fernandina Beach
 Sep 26 - Breakfast At Nicole's Orange Park
 Sep 26 - Tom & Betty's Cruise In Orange Park
 Sep 27 - Cars & Coffee Vaughn Motorgroup Jacksonville



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Saturday, March 6, 2021

Founded in 2013, The Amelia's Cars & Coffee at the Concours allows individuals with vintage, exotic, and collectible vehicles to gather on the same show field used to display vehicles entered in the following day's prestigious Concours d'Elegance.

Unlike Sunday's main event that is limited to a select group of vehicles with unique historical significance specifically chosen to tell a thoughtfully-scripted story, Saturday's Cars & Coffee at the Concours features a diverse group of vehicles that celebrate the automotive enthusiast's spirit. Proud owners of beautiful collectible and exotic vehicles awake early, shine up their prized automobiles, drive to The Golf Club at Amelia Island and gather with like-minded enthusiasts on the first, tenth, and eighteenth fairways for a cup or two of fresh coffee.

Cars & Coffee at the Concours is free to spectators, but participants must submit an application with the fee for showing a car. The event generally fills up in early November or December.

We have begun accepting Cars & Coffee applications for 2021!

[2021 Cars & Coffee at the Concours Application](#)