



NEWSLETTER

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Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

December 2023

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This will be my last column as your President. Fred Woller will be taking over next month as President. So, this monthly missive will become his tool for communication with you all. I hope Fred enjoys his time as President as much as I did.



The Annual General Meeting was in November at Bannan Lakes. We elected officers and directors for the upcoming year. Those officers and directors will be installed at the December Holiday party on December 17 from 2 to 5 PM also at Bannan Lakes. Please remember to register for the Holiday party by December 12 so that I will be able to arrange the proper amount of food for the party. If you don't register and later decide to attend, I cannot guarantee that we will have enough food for everyone. Feel free to bring desserts to share.

The only club business, other than the party, will be a brief report to the club regarding the results of the voting regarding some minor changes to the By Laws, and the installation of new officers.

The officers and director elected in November are:

Fred Woller as President

Bruce Sedelmeyer as Vice President

Mark Spaulding as Secretary

Ron Pallonari as Treasurer

Richard Gross was elected to a permanent position as a Director, joining Neil Nelson in that role.

Five additional directors were elected: Jim Hall, Mike Hogan, Lorraine Puzanskas, Fred Groenert and Len Geiger. Assuming the By Law amendments passed in the email referendum, all officers' and directors' terms will begin on January 1, 2024 and continue through December 31, 2025.

The car show season is at an end now and I must say that our British Car Classic in 2022 and our GOF in 2023 were each a successful event thanks to the volunteer efforts of many of you. We have recently gained 7 or 8 new members and I hope they will enjoy their association with the club and volunteer for the BCCC in 2024 and the GOF 2025. I am now passing the torch to Fred Woller and the new slate of officers and directors with much appreciation for the chance to serve for the last two years.

Sunday, December 17th 2023:

2 pm until 5 pm ← Note Later Time!

Bannan Lakes Amenities Ctr
[435 Bannan Lakes Blvd](#)
St. Augustine FL 32092

Safety Fast!

Mark



MG Classics of Jacksonville

November 18th, 2023

Club Meeting

At Bannan Lakes

Total Attendance: ~26 club members

Number of MGs: 10

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)	May
Jim Hall	Jun
Lorraine Puzanskas	Caffeine & Octane (MGs featured)
Mike Hogan (Past treasurer)	Jul
Len Geiger	Aug
Fred Groenert (Newsletter editor)	Sep

The installation and inaugurations for all electees will occur 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

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 [Henry's 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

Oct

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.

Proposed By Law changes:

Item 1

Current Wording: Article V, Section VI

The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be in November of each year at which meeting the Officers and elected Board members shall be elected for the following year.

Proposed New Wording: Article V, Section VI



The annual Meeting of the Club shall be in November of each year at which meeting the Officers and elected Board members shall be elected for the following two years.

Item 2

Current Wording: Article VI, Section II

The Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Full membership at the annual meeting in November of each year and shall take office in December and shall serve one (1) year or until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The slate of Officers shall be selected by the nomination committee. No Officer, except the Treasurer shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive years.

Proposed New Wording: Article VI, Section II

The Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership attending in person or by proxy at the annual membership meeting in November and shall take office in December and shall serve two (2) years or until their respective successors are elected and qualified. No officer, except the Treasurer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms of office (four years).

Item 3

Current Wording: Article VI, Section VII

Vacancy in Office: A vacancy in office may be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of those present at a duly constituted meeting. An officer shall continue to hold office until he/she resigns or his/her successor is duly elected.

Proposed New Wording: Article VI, Section VII

All officers and directors must attend at least four regular meetings per year, participate in Executive Board discussions and deliberations, as needed, and participate in a significant role in club events, including the GOF and the British Car Classic. The office of any officer or director will be declared vacant if any officer or director does not fulfill these requirements. This provision regarding vacancy does not apply to Permanent Directors.

Vote "Yea" of "Nay" on each Item by eMailing your response to:

Please be sure to vote your preferences on the ballot via return email to . mgjaxfl.ballot@gmail.com

Tony Kimbal gave a short pitch on the benefits of the NAMGAR (The MGA Registry) organization. He is our club representative for that group.

Mark gave a short pitch about the North American MGB Registry (NAMBGR). It's a sister organization that also publishes an excellent bi-monthly magazine.

Random discussion on venues and meetings

10:38 Adjourned



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



Ancient City Auto Show - Nov 11th 2023

The 39th annual Ancient City Auto show was held on the grounds of the grounds of the St. Augustine School for the Deaf and Blind on November 11th 2023. Over 100 cars attended, 9 of which on the show field were MGs.

Mark Spaulding and Fred Woller were each awarded top 30 awards

One new member at the show joined the club and another expressed interest, contemplating membership.



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NAMGAR & NAMGBR MEMBERS

Please report your membership to:

Tony Kimball

secretary@mgclassics.org

Latest Events of Interest

MG Classics of Jacksonville Christmas Party
17 December 2023, 2 - 5 PM
Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr
[435 Bannon Lakes Blvd](#)
St. Augustine FL 32092



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
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
18-Nov	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
17-Dec	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471

2023 CLUB LEADERSHIP	
OFFICERS	
President	Mark Spaulding
Vice President	Fred Woller
Secretary	—
Treasurer	Ron Pallonari
DIRECTORS	
Permanent Member	Neil Nelson
Technical Chair	Bruce Sedelmeyer
Events Chair	—
GOF Chairman	Richard Gross
Membership Chair	—
Past President	Bruce Sedelmeyer
Director	Jim Hall
Director	Len Geiger
Director	Mike Hogan
Director	Lorraine Puzanskas
Director	—
Newsletter Editor	Fred Groenert



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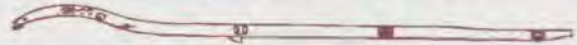
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FOR SALE is a **1952 MGTD**, previously owned by James Nolan for 45 years. The car was originally registered in Arizona by an 80+ year old submariner who served in the U.S. Navy during WW II.

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:



1951 MG TD



SOLD FOR
\$17,325



1969 MG Midget



SOLD FOR
\$6,800



1954 MG TF



SOLD FOR
\$24,150

Bring a Trailer



**1969 MG MGB
Roadster**

Bid to \$5,300 on 12/9/23



1948 MG TC

Sold for \$24,250
on 12/7/23



1970 MG MGB GT

Sold for \$23,000
on 12/6/23



1952 MG TD

No Reserve

Sold for \$27,000
on 12/6/23



**302-Powered 1974
MG MGB Roadster
5-Speed**

Bid to \$18,500 on 12/5/23



**1977 MG MGB
Roadster**

No Reserve

Sold for \$7,100 on 12/4/23



**25-Years-Owned
1.8L-Powered 1959
MG MGA Roadste...**

Bid to \$18,250 on 12/4/23



**1957 MG MGA
Coupe**

No Reserve

Sold for \$9,250 on 12/3/23

