



NEWSLETTER

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Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

November, 2022

Good news, bad news? At the Ponte Vedra Auto Show, John Lovejoy's TD took the trophy for Best European Classic. The competition in this class was formidable. John's restoration took six years. When he got the car it was in boxes. John's skills as an orthopedic surgeon were put to good use as he had to reconstruct the wooden portions of his TD from scratch. Congratulations to John. Bad news, I am sad to say that attendance at meetings is slipping. Only 16 people attended the annual general meeting to elect the officers and directors for next year and to plan the Christmas club gathering. Thank you for those who did come and participated in a long, but productive meeting.

The election results are posted in the minutes. However, we now have an Executive Board of 11 members, four officers and seven elected directors. This group of 11 will guide the club through the next year, including importantly GOF 2023. Thanks to Lorraine Puzanskas, a new member this year, who accepted my invitation to run for the Board.

Two upcoming IMPORTANT events to remember and register for.

The First Coast Car Council "Cruisin to the Creek" event was cancelled because of



Hurricane Ian. It has been RESCHEDULED for December 3 at the Trout Creek Marina. The club has donated \$250 to First Coast Car Council for ten reserved spots so the club can park together at a good location. It is the last local car show of this year, and it supports the Ronald McDonald house.

Our club Christmas Holiday party will be held on December 10 at Bannon Lakes Amenity Center from 2pm to 5pm. Registration for the event is online and MUST be completed by close of business, Sunday, December 4, so that we can purchase food and supplies. PLEASE register by then. If you fail to register, you may still attend but you may not be fed at the club's expense. Only business at this meeting will be the installation of officers for next year.

The British Car Classic at the Kings Head Pub was truly a memorable show. The event resulted in a profit for the club of more than \$1,000.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas meeting.

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Saturday, December 10, 2022:

2 pm until 5 pm

Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr

435 Bannon Lakes Blvd, St. Augustine

Safety Fast!

Mark



MG Classics of Jacksonville

November 19, 2022

Meeting Convened: 10:30 AM

Total Attendance: 21

Number of MGs: 4

New Members Present: None

Returning Members: Jeff & Paula Ashcroft

Guests: None

Location: The Meeting was held at the **Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr.**

Elected Directors:

Club Founder - Neil Nelson

Past President - Bruce Sedelmeyer

Len Geiger

Richard Gross

Jim Hall

Mike Hogan

Lorraine Puzanskas

The weather included rain so a number of attendees elected to arrive in their Daily Drivers and leave their MGs at home. We received 5 RSVP's from Regular Attendees due to various issues, including traveling to visit with family for Thanksgiving.

Old Business

1. British Car Classic: The British Car Classic held at the Kings Head Pub on Saturday, October 22 was a great success. Sybil Bradley and Bruce Sedelmeyer lead the team from our Club that planned and executed the event. 77 British Classics attended a superb event; the weather was perfect, all aspects of the event were executed smoothly without any issues. Parking was accomplished without any snarl-ups. The Voting tabulation was completed in record time thanks to Team Lead Richard Gross and his small team of vote tabulators. We received many compliments from those attending from other British car clubs for a most enjoyable and smoothly executed event. The event made a profit of \$1,400 and raised \$381 for a local Food Bank.

New Business

1. Club Officers and Directors: The Nominations for the posts of Club Officers and Directors were announced and voted in by the Quorum present. A new slate of Officers was appointed for 2022 and they were requested to serve for two one year terms as 2023 is the year our Club is hosting GOF-South 2023. It was considered inappropriate to appoint a new slate of potential inexperienced Officers for 2023.

Elected Officers:

President - Mark Spaulding

Vice President - Fred Woller

Treasurer - Ron Pallonari

Secretary - OPEN

The Position Club Secretary remains Open and a Volunteer is required to fill this position for 2023. If interested please contact Mark Spaulding.

2. Treasurer's Report: The Club funds remain in a strong position with a balance of \$17K. These Funds are required to support the Cash outflow as the expenses associated with the GOF are released prior to the receipt of revenues from the event. The British Car Classic made a net profit of \$1,400.

3. Cruisin' to the Creek: This show was postponed due to weather conditions in October and is now scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2022. The Club has paid for ten spots at the show. Some members have already registered and paid the FCCC to attend. Additional members wishing to attend are covered by the ten spots reserved, those who have already Paid directly to FCCC require a refund from the Club.

4. 2023 Club Meeting Schedule: It was agreed that the Club meetings for January, February, and March 2023 will be held at the Bannon Lakes Community Center. Mike Hogan will book appropriate dates for the three meetings in the First Quarter of 2023. Later meeting locations to be identified at the January meeting.

5. Christmas Holiday Party: The 2022 Christmas Holiday Party will take place at the Bannon Lakes Community Center on Saturday December, 10 between the hours of 2pm to 5pm. Setup and Teardown assignments will be between 12pm to 2pm and 5pm to 6pm respectively. The charge will be \$5 per head. Food and beverage will be supplied by the Club up to a limit of \$25 per head. If you wish to bring a dessert or cookies to share please do so. Members are encouraged to decorate their MG and themselves with Christmas Attire. Please register for this event as we require to know how much food to purchase.

6. GOF-South 2023: The Club is responsible for hosting GOF-South 2023 at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel & Conference Center in



Gainesville, FL., in April 2023. The Organization of the Event is now well advanced and it is proposed to launch the Registration Form within the next ten days. Event Chairman Richard Gross gave a full rundown on the plans for the event. The Event includes a NAMGAR sponsored Regional element featuring MGAs. A Motion was passed to provide authority to the Club Officers to add additional funds to the Budget up to \$2,000 should it become necessary

Details of GOF-South 2023 may be seen at the Event Website at the following URL:

<https://www.gofsouth.org>

7. Club Membership Dues: Club membership dues are due January 1, 2023. Membership dues will remain at \$30 per family.

Other Business

Club member John Lovejoy won First Place in the European Division of the Ponte Vedra Car Show in October with his MGTD. Congratulations John!

Next Meeting: The next meeting is the gathering for the Christmas Holiday Party on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at the Bannon Lakes Community Center at 2pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 12.30pm

Submitted:

Webadmin

11/20/22

Approved:

Mark Spaulding

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Classic MG Club – Jan 2016, Lonnie Cook

This article First appeared in **The Octagon**, the newsletter of the Classic MG Club of Florida. The author: Lonnie Cook

Tech Tips:

Tires: TICKING TIME-BOMBS!

This could ruin your day

Tommy Moscoso's 10 year old left front tire exploded at 50 mph. (photo)
Patrick Raley's tire separated two days later.
John Camichos' 15 year old tire lost rubber a few months earlier.
The tires were on their MGs and looked like new.

It's a fact: *Tires on collector cars don't wear out.*
They just get old.



This month I will discuss what defines an "old tire", how to find the age of your tires, tips on choosing the size for your car, and I'll show you a special way to true and balance your tires for a perfect ride.

• SIX YEARS

The Tire Safety Group states "Six years from the date of manufacture, most tires are no longer safe for use on a vehicle." General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Nissan, and Mercedes-Benz tell consumers to replace tires six years after their production date, regardless of tread life. Some tire manufacturers say that a tire can last up to ten years, provided you get annual tire inspections after the fifth year.

Oxidation causes the flexible components of a tire to harden, become brittle, and crack. This cracking can eventually cause the steel belts in the tread to separate from the rest of the tire. The tire will simply fall apart under normal stress. Research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) found that tires age more quickly in warmer climates and with exposure to sunlight and coastal climates.

Spare tires and tires that are sitting in a garage or shop also age. A spare tire in the trunk, is "baking in a miniature oven," says Dan Zielinski, senior vice president of public affairs for the Rubber Manufacturers Association. If the tire has been inflated and mounted on a wheel, it is technically "in service," even if it's never been used.

• READ THE DATE CODE

Tires made after 2000 have a four-digit DOT date-of-manufacture code on the sidewall. The first two numbers represent the week in which the tire was made. The second two represent the year. The DOT date code on this tire is **5107**. It was made in the **51st week of 2007**.



The date code is usually on only one side of the tire, so you may need to crawl under the car to read it

Note: Tires with a three-digit date-of-manufacture code were made before 2000.

Photo: TireRack.com

• WHAT SIZE?

The original tires on MGs were taller and narrower than modern tires. TA-B-C tires had a 100 aspect ratio. TD/TF, MGA, MGB, Midget bias-ply tires had a 92 aspect ratio. Later or optional metric tires were 82 aspect. (Aspect ratio is the height of the sidewall measured from the rim to the tread, divided by the widest dimension of the sidewall.)

165/80R15 : "165" = Width (mm), "80" = Aspect Ratio; "R" = Radial; "15" = Wheel Diam (inches)

The tallest, narrowest radial tires that we can easily buy for our cars have an 80 aspect ratio, e.g. 165/**80**R15. Substituting overly wide tires requires new wider wheels and may not improve handling. Choose tires that have a combination of width and aspect that produces an outside diameter that is within 3% of the outside diameter of the tires that MG originally installed on the car.

$$\text{Bias-ply Outside Diameter Inches} = (2 \times \text{Width} \times \text{Aspect} \div 100) + \text{Wheel Diam}$$

$$\text{Metric Outside Diameter Inches} = (2 \times \text{Width} \times 0.03937 \times \text{Aspect} \div 100) + \text{Wheel Diam}$$

ORIGINAL MG TIRE SIZES AND APPROXIMATE OUTSIDE DIAMETER

TIRE SIZE	5.20-13	145-13	5.60-14	155-14	165-14	5.50-15	5.60-15	5.90-15
ASPECT	92	82	92	82	82	92	92	92
DIAMETER	22.57"	22.36"	24.30"	24.01"	24.65"	25.12"	25.30"	25.86"

RADIAL TIRE SIZES SUGGESTED BY MOSS MOTORS

MG MODEL	RECOMMENDED SIZE	APPROX. O.D.	NOTES
Midget	145/80R13 or 155/80R13	22.13", 22.76"	Original wheels
MGB	155/80R14 or 165/80R14	23.76", 24.39"	Early, w/4" steel wheels
MGB	175/70R14 or 185/70R14	23.65", 24.20"	"Rostyle" 5" wheels
MGB	185/70R14 or 195/65R14	24.20", 23.98"	5.5" alloy wheels (Check for tire clearance)
MGA, TD, TF	155/80R15 or 165/80R15	24.76", 25.39"	4" wheels or 48-spoke
MGA	165/80R15 or 175/80R15	25.39", 26.02"	4.5" wheels & 60-spoke
MGA	175/80, 185/70, 195/70	26.02", 25.20", 25.75"	5.5" 72-spoke wheels (check for clearance on the wider tires)

Many of our MGs were made before the advent of tubeless tires. Tubeless tires can often be mounted onto tube-type wheels. However, if your rims leak, then you will need to use tubes in your tubeless tires. You can use radial tubes in bias-ply tires, but you can't use bias-ply tubes in radial tires. Ask the tire shop to grind away the manufacture tag that is molded inside radial tires if it could cut the tube.

• TRUE AND BALANCE

Wheels or tires may not be perfectly round. Hubs may be out of balance. Modern balancing machines may hold MG wheels off-center. However, tires can be shaved to make them round; and spin balanced on the car to balance the tires, wheels, and hubs as a unit.

Doug's Alignment in Sanford uses vintage equipment to true tires and spin balance wheels while they are on the car. My TF has a severely out of balance front hub. It now rides as smooth as a new car after Mark at Doug's Alignment performed his magic.



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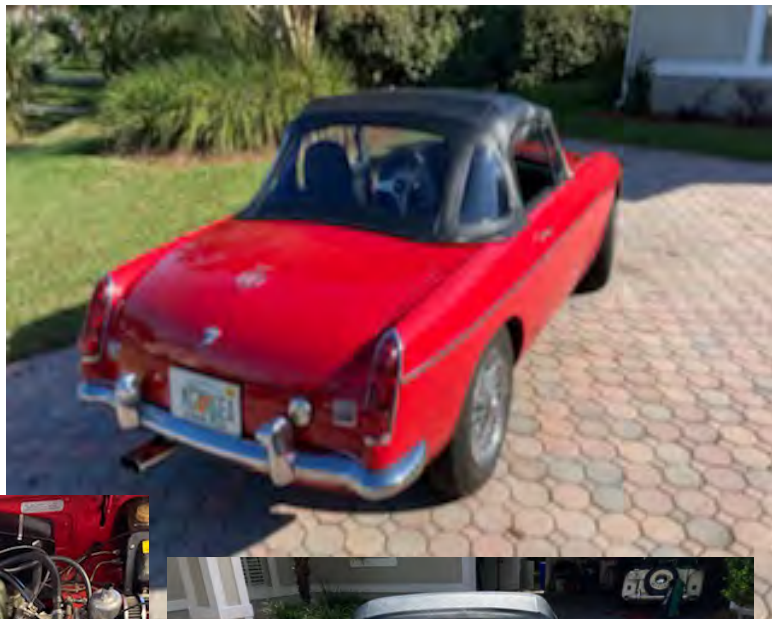
Now - Go check the age of your tires.

This Tech Tip was originally published in the January 2016 Octagon because of a failed tire on a member's car on the October 2015 trip to Cedar Key. It is reprinted this month because Jim McSweeney had the same problem on this year's Cedar Key trip. His tire was 21 years old.

CHECK YOUR TIRES!



Featured Car for Sale



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(Casting about for pertinent and relevant content for your newsletter.)

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Latest Events of Interest

Cruizin' to the Creek Trout Creek Memorial Park , 03 December 2022,
6550 State Rd 13, St. Augustine FL 32095

MG Classics Christmas Party - 10 December 2022, Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr
435 Bannon Lakes Blvd, St Augustine

GOF South 2023 - <https://www.gofsouth.org>

April 21-23 2023

The Best Western Gateway Grand, Gainesville FL 32606



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 2022 MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	Location	Address	City	Phone
29-Jan	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
26-Feb	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
26-Mar	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
30-Apr	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
28-May	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
25-Jun	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
23-Jul	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
27-Aug	Meeting Cancelled	Venue Conflict		
17-Sep	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
22-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
10-Dec	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471

2023 CLUB LEADERSHIP

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MGs in the Marketplace

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Hemmings Auctions:



1965 MG B



SOLD
\$9,000



1971 MG B



SOLD
\$19,425



1965 MG Midget



SOLD
\$6,200

Bring a Trailer



No Reserve: 47-Years-Owned 1958 MG MGA Roadster

Sold for \$9,100 on 11/25/22



No Reserve: 1948 MG TC

Sold for \$27,500 on 11/25/22



1.8L-Powered 1957 MG MGA Coupe

Sold for \$19,500 on 11/23/22



Original-Owner 1977 MG Midget

Sold for \$7,075 on 11/22/22



1959 MG MGA Roadster

Sold for \$20,000 on 11/22/22



1967 MG Midget

Bid to \$5,500 on 11/21/22



1979 MG MGB Roadster

Bid to \$13,500 on 11/18/22



No Reserve: 1969 MG MGB GT Project

Sold for \$2,800 on 11/18/22