



NEWSLETTER

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Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

December, 2022 / January 2023

Sad news for the club. On December 29, 2022, Johnnie Nelson passed away after a long illness. She and Neil were founding member of MG Classics and both played a significant long term role in the club. We all know that over the last several years Neil's devotion to Johnnie was total, and as a club, we missed his wise counsel and participation in some of our club events. Johnnie's memorial service was held in Orange Park on Friday, January 6, 2023. The club was well represented at the service. Eight MG's, led by Johnnie's TD, participated the funeral cortege to the cemetery. A short video clip of the cars participating is posted on the club website. Rest in Peace, Johnnie; and sincere condolences to Neil on his loss.



The GOF 2023 Website is up and running, and we had over twenty registrations in the first day, and over 35 so far. Thanks so much to Ian for getting this done. Now, since it is up and running, I am very hopeful that many more club members will get on the site and register. This is a big event for the club, and I urge you to support the club by registering early and making concrete plans to attend and to participate as a volunteer in the organization and presentation of a successful GOF. Richard Gross and the committee cannot do it all by themselves.

The First Coast Car Council "Cruising to the Creek" event was held on December 3 at the Trout Creek Marina. The club did quite well in the judging. Three club members cars were selected in the top ten in the Import group. Fred Woller's MGA, Geoff and Paula Ashcroft's TD, and new member this year, John Hibben's 1947 TC represented the club well. My B, which I am very partial to, once again was not selected for anything. Oh well!

Our club Christmas Holiday party was held on December 10 at Bannan Lakes Amenity Center from 2pm to 5pm. About 26 members enjoyed more food than we could possibly eat. 35 members registered, but weather and Covid reduced the total. Even if 35 had come, we would have had more food than we needed. The food was quite good, but I guess I over-ordered a bit. I must thank Mike Hogan for all his hard work preparing for the party.

Please remember to renew your club membership on the club website after January 1, 2023.

My New Years resolution is to do everything in my power to encourage members who we have not seen at a meeting to join us again at a meeting. We have around 130 members and it seems like no matter what I try we always see the same 20 to 30 members. If any of you have ideas to increase participation, please share them. I must miss the January 14 meeting at Bannan Lakes. Fred Woller, our new VP, will be the master of ceremonies.

Happy New Year

I look forward to seeing many of you on

Saturday, January 14, 2023:

10 am until 12 pm

Bannan Lakes Amenities Ctr

435 Bannan Lakes Blvd,

St. Augustine

Safety Fast!

Mark

In Memoriam MG Classics Pioneer Member

Mrs. Johnnie Nelson

From Richard and Kathy Gross,

We are saddened to announce that MG Classics pioneer member Johnnie Nelson passed away this afternoon, 29 Dec. 2022. Johnnie and Neil were part of the original members that formed the MG Classics of Jacksonville club over 50 years ago. Johnnie was an avid member in helping and supporting Neil all those years. She always attended the meetings with Neil and was quite known as the First Lady of the MG Club and probably one of the first to be known to have a MG that was hers and not one of Neil's. Most of us remember Johnnie as being quiet until you engage in a conversation with her. She had a quick sense of humor and in a joking way, always put a smile on your face. She & Neil have been missed, not being able to come to MG meetings for many years due to her health issues. Neil has been the loving husband to Johnnie, the single caregiver and companion during all those years.

She was laid to rest on the 6th of January in Orange Park, Florida.



MG Classics of Jacksonville

December 10, 2022

The Christmas Party

Total Attendance: 25
Number of MGs: 4

Location: The Bannan Lakes Amenities Ctr. was the site of the club's annual Christmas Party.

The festivities included a gathering of the stalwarts at the club house and a catered luncheon. Though it wasn't rainy or too cold, it was a little dreary.

The following club members braved the elements and many brought their LBCs.

- Jim & Dorita Ranieri
- Ron Pallonari
- Fred & Salena Woller
- Mark Spaulding & Joyce Fink
- Mike & Christine Hogan
- Richard & Katherine Gross
- Greg & Barbara Arnold
- Tony Kimball
- Geoffrey & Paula Ashcroft
- Len Geiger
- Glen & Jill Moore
- Ian & Paula Massey
- Patrick & Carol Basile
- Ron & Michelle Edwards

Pictures of the event were provided by our intrepid VP - Fred Woller - attaboy Fred!









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 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

Cruisin' to the Creek

December 3rd 2022

Seven members of the club arrived in the morning and we were joined by Another aficionado, his wife and dog. Victor Taylor has subsequently joined the club. Yahoo!

It was a good day at the park for our member's cars. Three won awards, Geoff and Paula Ashcroft's MG TD won, as did John Hibben's MG TC. Fred Woller won the "It Keeps On Tickin'" award! Congratulations to all participants for a strong club representation. Way to go!



Tinkering Notes

While in the course of tinkering on your beloved LBC you encounter what I like to refer to as "wire cocoons", be advised that Joseph Lucas (aka the Prince of Darkness) has already bestowed on them sufficient electrical vagaries that these sorts of discoveries should be dealt with forthwith.

Despite the previous owner's (PO) attempt to protect the connection it is not sufficient for protecting or connecting, as the wrapped joint is undoubtedly as illustrated by the kluge shown beside the cocoon in the photo.

A purist might replace the wire, but that involves dissecting the wiring loom - a daunting task for us mere mortals.



A sufficient solution requires clipping the mangled connection out of the wire, stripping 3/8" of insulation off each now free end and inserting them into a waterproof heat-shrink connector of the appropriate size, crimping the two wire ends in the splice, using the appropriate tool. Then, using a heat gun, apply heat to the splice to shrink the tubing, warming the sealant inside the sleeve in the process, to form a permanent water proof splice. While not as aesthetically pleasing as replacing the entire wire it is MUCH simpler and just as effective.

The cable bundle can be wrapped with cable wrapping tape if one desires, concealing the repair from fussy car show judges. And no one's the wiser.



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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	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
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27-May	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
24-Jun	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
29-Jul	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
26-Aug	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
30-Sep	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
28-Oct	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
18-Nov	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
09-Dec	Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr	435 Bannon Lakes Blvd	St. Augustine	904-342-2471

2023 CLUB LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS

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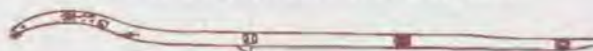


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MGs in the Marketplace

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:



1974 MG BGT



SOLD OFFERS

\$16,170 1



1953 MG TD



SOLD OFFERS

\$18,375 1



1965 MG B



SOLD

\$9,000

Bring a Trailer



**1973 MG MGB
Roadster**

Bid to \$10,000 on 1/3/23



**No Reserve: 1967
MG MGB GT**

Sold for \$4,500 on 1/3/23



1955 MG TF 1500

Bid to \$25,000 on 12/30/22



**No Reserve: 1976
MG Midget**

Sold for \$8,200 on
12/30/22



1950 MG TD

Sold for \$24,250 on
12/29/22



**50-Years-Family-
Owned 1946 MG TC**

Bid to \$23,000 on 12/28/22



**No Reserve: 1978
MG MGB Roadster**

Sold for \$15,500 on
12/27/22



**1960 MG MGA 1600
Roadster**

Bid to \$16,250 on 12/26/22





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