



NEWSLETTER

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Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

February 2023

A very nice Thank You note was received from the Nelson Family that I want to share with the club.

"Dear MG Classics. Thank you so much for bringing the lovely line up of cars for Mom's service. The gesture means so much to my Dad and me. Mom would be so happy to have seen the turnout and stunning cars. Additionally, the flowers were beautiful. We are so grateful to have you all as part of our family. With gratitude, Neil and Kathryn."

Rest in Peace, Johnnie; and sincere condolences to Neil and Kathryn on their loss.

As of today, February 16, we have received 69 MG Classics Club renewals for 2023. I urge those members who have not yet renewed to please do so as soon as possible. Any member who does not renew by March 30 will be deleted from the club mailing list. We treasure every members participation in the club and hope you will choose to renew.

The GOF 2023 Website is up and running, and we have 71 registrations 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 next First Coast Car Council "Cruising to the Creek" Spring event will be held on April 15, 2023 at the Trout Creek Marina. The club is not prepaying for 10 spaces this time. Since the event is the weekend before the GOF and many of you will no doubt be busy preparing, I invite you to attend on your own if you chose. You can register on the FCCC website if you are interested. I will probably attend. We can firm up any plans at our April 1 meeting, which is ACTUALLY our March club meeting late by one day.

The St Augustine Cruisers 2023 Car Show will be held at the St Augustine Classic Car Museum on US 1 south of St Augustine. A link to their event will be on our club website.

The club is in desperate need of a member to step into the role of Club Secretary. Anyone who regularly attends meetings is invited to assume this role.

As I will be away in Spain with Joyce, Fred Woller will once again assume the duty of leading the club meeting on February 25. Please join us at this meeting.

Saturday, February 25, 2023:

10 am until 12 pm

Bannon Lakes Amenities Ctr

435 Bannon Lakes Blvd,

St. Augustine

Safety Fast!

Mark



MG Classics of Jacksonville**January 14th, 2023****Club Meeting**
At Bannan Lakes**Total Attendance: 20****Number of MGs: 1**

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.

Twenty club members braved cold and dreary weather though only one arrived in an MG - a new member - Victor Taylor and his wife Sandra brought their MGB.

The meeting was called to order at 1020 by our VP - Fred Woller.

Topics covered:

Johnnie Nelson's funeral. Eight MGs in cortège. Nice ceremony. Condolences to Neil. Club sent flowers to memorial ceremony.

GOF 2023. Please register asap. Please volunteer. Richard address in his remarks later.

2023 Membership dues are due.

Next club meeting here Feb 25.

Southeast Eurofest til 3pm today at St A Classic Car Museum if you'd like to visit.

Sat Jan 28 North South Picnic. Richard attending and has details.

Military Vehicle Rally Sat and Sunday 2/25 and 26. Green Cove Springs

British Car Show Orlando Sat April 1. Same day as our meeting here

GOF South April 21-23

Cruising to the Creek April 15. No decision on whether Club wants to participate and whether to buy 10 spaces for show. Discuss donation to Ronald McDonald House

St Augustine Cruisers Show, April 29 at Classic Car Museum.

Our club is Featured Marque at June Caffeine and Octane. We are the FCCC website for July.

Treasurer report.

GOF. – Richard Gross conducted a background introduction for the new members present about the upcoming GOF (Gathering of the Faithful) to be held in Gainesville in April this year. He explained the course of events in general terms, the guest speakers and topics to be presented and the show judging as well as the banquet and driving events. He encouraged everyone to sign up for some of the open helper slots and to be sure to confirm reservations at the hotel as soon as possible.

New Business?

The meeting was adjourned at 1110, there being no further discussion.

[Check the website for news. Thanks to Ian for tremendous website. The website has the most up to date and official information about club events and activities. Be sure to check it out frequently to get the latest information.](#)

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



Tinkering Notes

MG Electrics - Part 1

As the owner of an MG you are no doubt aware of the ongoing discussion regarding Lucas electrical system in these cars. Despite the inuendo the systems are relatively simple and just a modicum of care can result in a marked improvement.

There are two primary areas that prove to be the villain almost every time: electrical connections (+ voltage), usually a spade connection; and grounds (- connection, also referred to as "earth" in many of the British car manuals). Keeping those connections free of corrosion and protected from moisture will yield optimal performance from your electrical system. That is easier said than done on our 40+ year old cars, but not impossible.

In order of importance the battery connections are prime. The battery terminals must be clean, free of corrosion and solidly tightened onto the battery posts. When checking them, loosen the terminal connectors and remove them from the battery post – start with the negative connection first and move it so that it can not contact the post inadvertently. Clean any battery acid corrosion off the post and the terminal with a baking soda paste (to neutralize any acid therein) and clean the post and terminal with a wire brush or specially made battery post cleaning tool. Dry everything off with a clean paper towel or cloth. Prior to reassembly put a light coat of grease or battery anti-corrosion spray on both the post and the terminal connection. Reconnect them after you've finished fixing the system.

Now do the same for the positive terminal connection and post.

The second most important part of the electrical system is the bit that converts the rotation of the engine internals to create

the electrical power that will charge the battery and provide power for the rest of the electrical system, i.e. the alternator or generator.

Now it's time to check the alternator (or generator) connections and give them a similar treatment. The stock alternators have a multi-connection plug that makes it difficult to access the spade ends to clean off any corrosion, but a judicious application of Scotchbrite and followed by a light mist of WD-40 should be sufficient. Be sure the mechanical attachment points of the alternator (or generator) are tight and the drive belt is properly tensioned.

Now it's time to start the inspection of the rest of the electrical system, starting with the fuses. Check your driver's manual for the correct sizes, most should be 20 amp or there about. Be careful of the sizing as pointed out in a previous article, as the marking standards changed sometime in the 1980's and if you insert fuses marked as called out in the manual, they will not give the circuit protection you are expecting. If you have an electrical fault with too highly rated fuses installed you may find that some of the smoke gets out and the circuit will become inoperable.

If you are experiencing random electrical gremlins in any electrical system start trouble shooting by looking for loose connections and grounding connections that have become corroded, loose or disconnected. Another symptom of a bad ground is a "sneak circuit". This happens when the electrical current is unable to follow its normal path, so it literally follows the path of least resistance. This phenomenon presents itself when a circuit does something completely unexpected, e.g. when you press on the brakes, in addition to the brake lights coming on, one of the turn signal lights also lights up! This is a classic symptom of a bad ground.

To be continued next time ...

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<https://www.ameliaconcours.com/event/schedule>

You Can't Change Your Tyre With a Union Jack Road Rally, 25 Mar 2023

GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com

GOF South 2023 - <https://www.gofsouth.org> - April 21-23 2023

The Best Western Gateway Grand, Gainesville FL 32606

Cars and Caffeine, June 10th 2023, 8 AM - 11 AM

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MG Classics Ads

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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](#)

Ian



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

2023 CLUB LEADERSHIP

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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:



1953 MG TD



SOLD
\$36,225



1970 MG B



SOLD OFFERS
\$13,650 4



1968 MG CGT



SOLD OFFERS
\$13,125 7

Bring a Trailer



54-Years-Family-Owned 1962 MG MGA 1600 Mk II Roadster

Sold for \$30,000 on 2/17/23



22-Years-Family-Owned 1953 MG TD 1.8L

Sold for \$24,900 on 2/17/23



No Reserve: 1973 MG MGB GT

Sold for \$14,000 on 2/17/23



No Reserve: 1980 MG MGB Roadster

Sold for \$5,100 on 2/13/23



No Reserve: 55-Years-Family-Owned 1952 MG TD

Sold for \$21,000 on 2/11/23



No Reserve: 1959 MG MGA Twin Cam Roadster

Sold for \$97,000 on 2/10/23



One-Owner 1974 MG MGB GT

Sold for \$18,000 on 2/10/23



1965 MG MGB Roadster

Sold for \$10,250 on 2/7/23



Join Us at GOF-South 2023 & NAMGAR Regional April 20 Through April 23, 2023

GOF-South 2023 welcomes all MG cars from the Marque's conception to the end of production in the Abingdon Works.

We have Teamed with NAMGAR to include a NAMGAR Regional Element to the Program.



The Program Includes:

- > Two Judged Car Shows (First Timers and All Comer's Show)
- > Technical and Informational Seminars
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All Hands,

Everything is coming up GOF!!

The GOF committee is feverishly working hard to ensure that this is one of the best GOF ever. How can you help? You ask?

We need everyone and anyone to donate to the raffle. Some suggestions are tools, a basket of cheer, gift certificates to Moss, Victoria British, even nationwide auto parts stores, a case of oil, etc. That's ideas for the guys.

Now for the ladies, a nicely decorated basket of anything is always a hit. We also need baked goods, like cookies, cakes, brownies, fudge, etc. for the hospitality room. Use your imagination ladies. MG'ers is actually pretty easy to please. The Hospitality Room will be open for three days so lots of home baked cookies are needed.

Don't forget to register for the GOF and make your hotel reservations. Check out the T-shirts and hats on the registration site for apparels. You know we all need hats when driving our MG's and you might find one that matches your MG color.

We still need lots of volunteers to support this event and not let the current committee members struggle to hosts the guests. Your participation will make the event even more fun and rewarding for everyone.

I promise, whether you've been to a GOF before or not, you will have an absolutely wonderful weekend with a bunch of GREAT people. See you at the next meeting and the GOF.

Please contact a GOF committee member to see if you can help or donate to the GOF.

Richard Gross,





You Can't Change Your Tyre With a Union Jack Road Rally
Start & Finish in Conway SC
Saturday March 25, 2023
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All makes, models, and clubs are welcome.

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9AM DRIVERS MEETING

Route instructions & questions provided

930AM STARTING GRID & LAUNCH

115 PM FINISH LINE CHECK IN CLOSED

1PM-2PM LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

2PM DEBRIEFING & AWARDS

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