

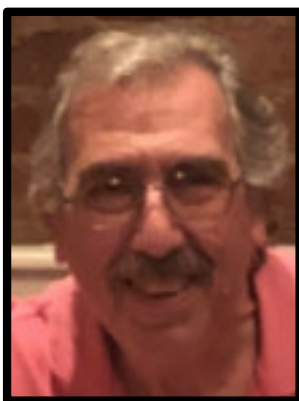


NEWSLETTER

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**Update from the President of
MG Classics of Jacksonville
August 2026**

Well, it's been a few months since you've actually heard from me. I am alive and well, and I am still the club president. I hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer. It has been excessively hot and so many of you have not been out in your MG's. But if you can, try to get them out in the early morning before it reaches 90°.



First, I would like to welcome a new member of our club, his name is Zane Dowty

Second- I would like to go over a few car shows that will be happening in the next few months

1) SEPTEMBER 26 -STAKER PRODUCTION Will be putting on their endless summer car show Which will be held downtown Jacksonville at 315 East Bay St.

You can go to sticker productions online to register

2) OCTOBER 3- Cruise to the creek, which is an annual event is hosted by the First Coast car council. They do not accept credit cards and you can go to the website to print out a registration form and mail it to them at the address located. our club normally reserves 10 spots for this show and those that wish to attend the club will be paying for those first 10 spots after that each person registering will pay \$25

3)OCTOBER 17-BRITISH CAR CLASSIC Will be hosted by our club MG Classics of Jacksonville and

will be located at Callahan's Irish pub in Orange Park. This is a rain or shine event and you must register to participate. You can go to our website and fill out the information.

4) November date has not yet been finalized. It will be the 42nd year and is usually hosted by the ancient city auto club of Saint Augustine. When the date is finalized, the club will be notified.

5) December 5- USS Orleck car show, will be located on the West Bank of the Saint Johns on the river near the USS Orleck museum

We are in the process of finalizing details for the 2027 GOF (Gathering of the Faithful) which will be held here in Jacksonville at the St. Johns town Center, the host hotel will be the Hyatt Place.

The location for the August 29th MG Classics meeting will be at Donovan's Irish Pub, 7440 US 1 in Palencia.

All will be announced as things change.

I would also like to thank Roger Hartman for the use of his house and workshop for the monthly meeting where we had 25 people in attendance with seven MG's Publix deli sandwiches were served with chips and sodas a broad discussion was held concerning the upcoming GOF that we are hosting .A vote was taken with the unanimous consent being that we will have it in Jacksonville FL

Hope to see all of you soon and look forward to chatting about our MG's

Fred Woller- president

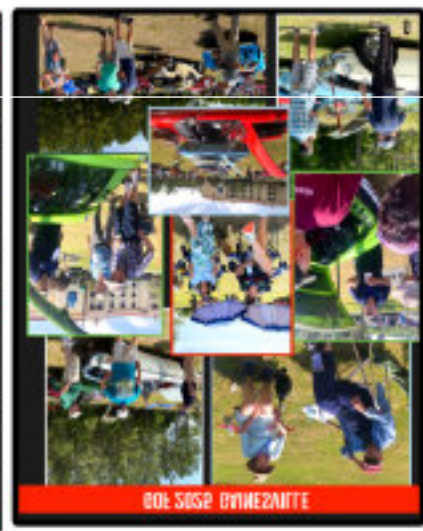


July 2026 Meeting at Roger Hartman's Shop / Backyard



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looking back on the day of our 60th SOUTH CAR SHOW in Gainesville 🤔 ★



Safety **MG** *Fast!*

We are still finalizing the dates of the show.....and determining whether we will schedule the show on the weekend like usual or as a midweek show as they did this year in Titusville!

Possible Dates : **April 15-18 Thurs-Sun**
OR **April 13-16 Tues-Fri**
Room Rate **\$159**

The hotel offers complementary hot daily breakfast buffet, which is included in this room cost. Usually scrambled eggs, a breakfast, potato, yogurt, granola, fresh fruit, etc ...

Plus The Daily Parking fee of \$5 WILL BE INCLUDED!

The rooms are modern contemporary and very new looking, they are like mini suites which have a very nice comfortable spacious configuration with a little couch area, plus each room has a mini fridge, 55 inch flat screen TV, free WiFi, coffee maker, etc.

There is a hotel lobby bar, which is small but has couches and tables to sit at and schmooze with friends plus a small menu at their on-site restaurant called THE PLACERY located in the bar area. A limited menu option but a full little kiosk is set up in the lobby, which is 24/97 grab and go kiosk for snacks, salads, drink drinks, which makes it extremely convenient!

The hotel does offer also a workout room plus a lovely outside pool.

The Hyatt Place has a lovely 2500 sq ft BANQUET Room which can hold max about 135 which should accommodate our needs. One wall of windows looking out onto the lake with a beautiful sky view is a really nice feature. This is a nice setting!

Our awards dinner would take place here and also the hotel has agreed if the weather is bad for our get together barbecue which would be on the beautiful outside Terrace Deck -this is a great convenient backup plan for us!

The hotel has a full banquet menu that we will be able to choose from... We are discussing the variations now and price points. At the moment it looks comparable to our GOF prices from two years ago in Gainesville, but I do not have definite info on that at the moment, but by the end of the week I shall have that sorted out.

There is also a very nice open area outside of the Banquet room before you go in, where we could do our cocktail open bar before the dinner banquet begins. All in all, the layout looks good.

A beautiful Patio Terrace Deck is situated on the backside of the hotel. This is a great space for our BAR-B-QUE DINNER GET-TOGETHER! A meet and greet that everyone loves! This outdoor patio is overlooking a lovely lake with a great view! This deck area is also a fabulous place to chitchat with friends



CAR SHOW DAY FROM GOF 2025



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We have figured the solution for CAR SHOW DAY!



The Hyatt's Parking Lot is situated in front of the hotel.

We will have a RESERVED PORTION sectioned AREA for only OUR REGISTERED MEMBERS. **EACH REGISTERED MG WILL HAVE AN ASSIGNED PARKING SPOT**

THIS ASSIGNED SPOT WILL BE YOURS THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF STAY, INCLUDING CAR SHOW DAY! It will be marked CLEARLY, SO WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND PARK AT THE HOTEL, YOU WILL GO INTO YOUR SPOT. WE WILL ARRANGE AND CATEGORIZE THE MODELS IN SECTIONS. WE PLAN TO DO THIS THE DAY BEFORE PEOPLE ARRIVE SO EVERYTHING WILL GO SMOOTHLY AND BE IN ORDER AND EASY!

We are pleased & happy to say that the TRAILER PARKING will be in a separate area on the side of the hotel with plenty of space!

First Timers show will be on the other side of the hotel - in a small parking section which we will have reserved. This lot can hold approximately 20 cars and if we have more, we will figure out a solution.

There are many great possibilities in the Jacksonville area and close by. We are looking into interesting drives for our TWEED DRIVE DINNER location & other interesting events. Your thoughts and suggestions are greatly appreciated! Please let us know if you have any ideas. we can make this an exciting event here in Jacksonville!

From the hotel east on JTB for a short distance till we hit A1A driving south... we drive along Guana state preserve on one West side of A1A and the beautiful ocean on the East side. It's a beautiful drive and possibly having lunch at restaurant like Aunt Kate's, which is on the Intercoastal Waterway or, the REEF, which is on the ocean... these are thoughts.... WE COULD ALSO DRIVE DOWN A LITTLE BIT FARTHER is Solano Beach AND AT THE END TOWARDS THE OLD PIER, THERE IS A GREAT SPOT, a restaurant - called Beaches which is very relaxed outdoor seating and has a very tropical vibe to it!



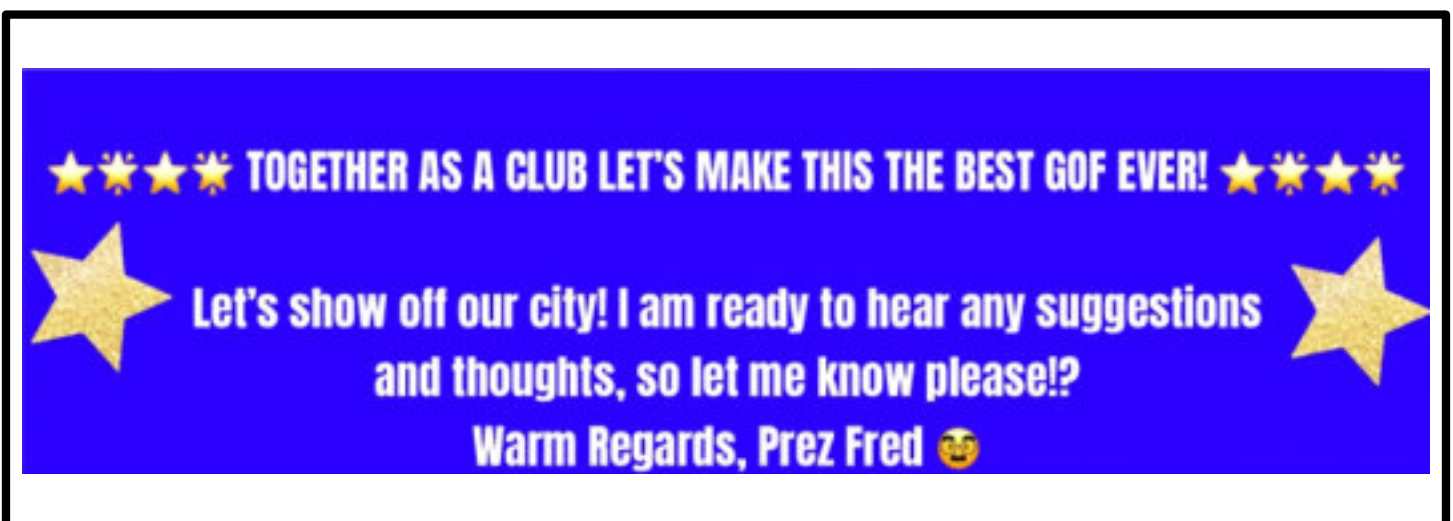
There are a few British Pubs that we are looking into:

We have all gone to before to before. Donovan's Irish Pub on Philips Hwy w

Possibly a drive on Heckscher Drive towards the beach, eat at the Sand dollar restaurant then possibly drive towards Fernandina...

BRUMOS AUTO museum

Though our club did go to this venue and we all loved it, this could be wonderful outing for the GOF! Very accessible from the hotel down JTB to San Pablo. An easy drive on the highway there and a great spot. I think the other members coming to the event would enjoy it greatly and afterwards we would hit a spot for lunch, possibly MAVI which we had gone to for a meeting, which was on Beach Boulevard directly on the Intercoastal... We will look into other places, possibly at the beach or elsewhere.





Lonnie Cook (Orlando MG Club). brought his wife's TF differential to us for a ring and pinion conversion. Wayne Snook, Dave Hodson and I made the conversion. He now has a nice 4.55 gear ratio to install. The process went well and we actually were able to finish in just one day. We still have some ring and pinion sets available to install if anyone with a MGT Type is interested.



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Tony Kimball

secretary@mgclassics.org

Latest Events of Interest

Aug 29 - **Cruise In At The Creek**, Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns FL
9 - 12 Trout Creek Memorial Park, 6550 St Rd 13N St Augustine FL

Sep 26 - **STAKER PRODUCTION: Endless Summer Car Show**
downtown Jacksonville at 315 East Bay St.

Oct 3 - **Cruisin' To The Creek, First Coast Car Council**
9 - 3 Trout Creek Memorial Park, 6550 St Rd 13N St Augustine FL

Oct 17- **BRITISH CAR CLASSIC** Callahan's Irish Pub in Orange Park

Nov TBD **Ancient City Auto Club** of Saint Augustine



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
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- Read Club Meeting Minutes in the Minutes Archive

- Read the Club Bylaws
- Read Automotive Technical Articles
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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](#)

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MG CLASSICS 2023 MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	LOCATION	ADDRESS	City	Phone
Jan 2026				
Feb				
Mar				
Apr				
May				
Jun				
Jul				
29 Aug	Donovan's Irish Pub	7440 US 1	St Augustine	
Sep				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

2023 CLUB LEADERSHIP

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How to Test Your Old Coil by Neil Nelson

Use a digital multi-meter on the lowest ohms range for primary, and the 20k range for secondary.

1. Primary Test

Measure between the + and – small terminals.

A healthy non-ballasted coil should read:

- 2.8–3.3 Ω

If you see:

- < 2.5 Ω → coil is effectively a ballast-type or shorted
- > 4 Ω → internal winding deterioration

2. Secondary Test

Measure between the HT tower (inside the screw terminal) and either small terminal.

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- 8–11 k Ω

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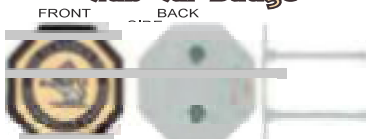
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