



NEWSLETTER

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Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville August 2026

Good evening to all of our MG members !This PREZ SEZ is being sent out at the end of September with one point in mind.

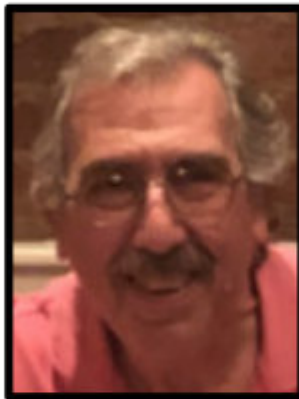
The most important thing that I can say before I get to the rest of the newsletter is that October 17 is our British car classic being held at Callahan's Irish pub in Orange Park.

I implore you with deepest sincerity, if you have not registered for this event, please go on our website and do so. We are only about three weeks away from the event, and we must have as many members come to the show as possible in order for it to be a success. If you have any questions concerning this annual event, you can either contact Fred Woller, or Bruce Sedelmeyer.

Onto the rest of this newsletter.

October 3 is the cruise to the creek car show being held at the Trout Creek Marina, we have nine numbers signed up to go and would love to have as many of you register and come as well.

As of yet the ancient city auto club, which normally hosts the car show in November, at the school for the deaf and blind in Saint Augustine,



does not have a firm or committed date yet, and you will be notified as soon as I am aware of it.

December 5 is the car show being held down at the USS Orleck in downtown Jacksonville across the street from the Maxwell House coffee factory. It will be sponsored by the Corvette club and you must go to US S Orlick/car show in order to register.

At this point we have a tentative date of December 13, which is a Sunday for the Christmas party, A location has not been confirmed or determined yet, but you will be notified in the near future.

I am happy to say that we have signed the contract for the GOF, gathering of the faithful.

The dates will be April 15 through April 18, 2027, which is a Thursday through Sunday. The location will be here in Jacksonville, Florida at the Hyatt Place Hotel , at the St. Johns town Center. You will be notified of further details, and also when the registration page will be up and available for you to fill out and reserve your spot.

Fred Woller- president



Cruisin' to the Creek Oct 3 2026

What started out to be a very questionable day, ended up being a wonderful morning and early afternoon with only clouds and no rain. Humidity was up to 120%, and everyone was just glad that it wasn't raining. Our club ended up with eight members, and while the show is a whole was down in attendance. There were many many wonderful cars to look at. During the awards ceremony, our club ended up with four winners. The first three, were top 10 winners in the foreign category.

Craig Greenhill

Mike Hogan

Fred Woller

And our own Frank Winegar won best of show for his 1958 MGA coupe.

A warm congratulations to all of our club members who won awards



We have finalized 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**

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 24/7 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 selling!

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




Looking back on the day of our GOF SOUTH CAR SHOW in Gainesville 😊


We had a mix of about 80 MG'S & it was a fantastic fun day!

This has been our biggest challenge at this venue- Good News! 😊 We have worked on it & have solutions that will work out wonderfully !



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 local on & 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 the 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!





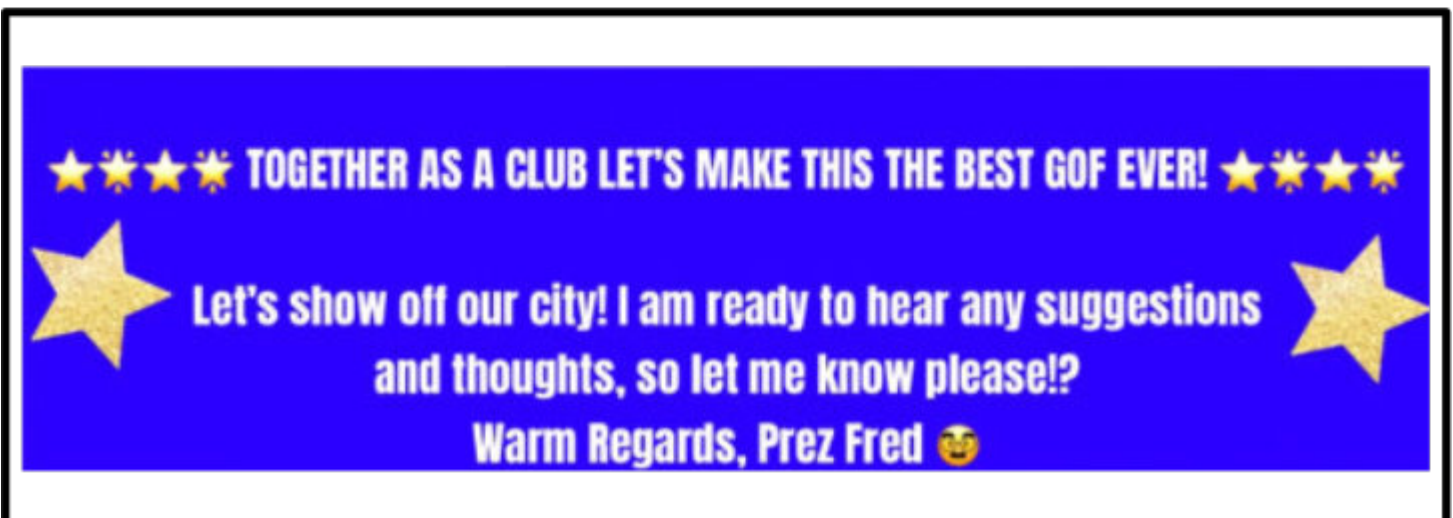
There are a few British Pubs that we are looking into:

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.





Don Hayter (left) congratulates Alec Hounslow (right) on his retirement in early 1974.

Hounslow was the foreman of M.G.'s development department, and the one-time riding mechanic to legendary racer Tazio Nuvolari. The car is the prototype of the right-hand drive MGB/GT V-8.



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Latest Events of Interest

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
- 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
Jan 2026				
Feb				
Mar				
Apr				
May				
Jun				
Jul				
29 Aug	Donovan's Irish Pub	7440 US 1	St Augustine	
Sep				
17 OCT	• Britihs Car Classic	Callahan's Irish Bistro •	Orange Park	
Nov				
5 Dec				

2023 CLUB LEADERSHIP

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