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# Jax Classics

Monthly Newsletter of the MG Classics of Jacksonville

The purpose of MG Classics of Jacksonville is the enjoyment, preservation and maintenance of MG sports cars. Club membership is open to all MG owners. Associate membership is available to all MG Enthusiasts.

## The Prez Sez

Dear MG Club Members,

Monday January 28,2004 we are having our first meeting of the New Year. Our meeting will be held at Golden China off San Jose and Claire Lane. I'm looking forward to the coming year for several reasons: the Mark XXXVIII G.O.F. at Palm Coast Resort, the various gatherings we do as members, tech sessions, and the Sunday drives etc. I've received several calls about the GOF, members wanting details. So as a reminder, April 23,24 & 25 in Palm Coast Fl. (386-445-3000 or 1-800-654-6538.) The show will be upon us in no time, so don't be caught short in preparing your car for the weekend. In addition to our show several other events are scheduled in our area. March 13th – 2nd Annual Pinewood Christian Academy Hot Rod & Custom Car Show, March 26-28 Southern Trans Am Regional Show (Ft. Walton Beach) and Bikes for Tykes Show hosted by the Jacksonville Corvette Club. As you can see many activities are being held in our area.

## Calendar

**January 26, 2003**

**Golden China**

**At the corner of San Jose & Claire Ln.**

**1/2 mile south of 295**

**In the same plaza as Barnes & Noble**

**Next to the Mandarin Ale House**

**Buffet: $6.95**

**We will be in a separate meeting room**

**Meeting starts at 7:30 pm, dinner when you get there!**

April 23 thru 25, 2004: GOF South MK XXXVIII. Palm Coast, Florida. John Twist from University Motors will be presenting a tech session. Information and registration form inside!!

# Prez Sez (Continued)

Now down to business, "Dues are Due" enough said.

Please make a special effort to attend the meetings. I would like to hear from each and everyone of you to tailor our agenda to incorporate the wants of our membership. As an example a cruise meeting, a Sunday drive for lunch/short meeting at Jekyll Island Club or Club Continental in Orange Park would be a great time.

I've suggested to the membership a community event that would benefit our club as well as the community we live in. I understand it has brought many thoughts to the table. Please bring these thoughts to the meeting so we can all benefit from it. I'm looking forward to seeing ALL of You.

Thanks

# Tech Sessions for 2004

At the last meeting we discussed trying a new format for Tech Sessions this year. Each tech session will have a topic. Time will be spent going over the topic with an "expert" then demonstrations will be performed. Three Tech Sessions with this format were planned.

Tech Session #1: End of January or February, Jim Hall will lead a session on 5 Speed Conversions.

Tech Session #2: Date to be determined, Neil Nelson will lead a session on carberators.

Tech Session #3: Date to be determined, Mike Kazmeriski will lead a session on brakes.

Please bring other topic ideas and suggestions to the next meeting, January 26th at the Golden China Restaurant in Mandarin.

# Dues are Due ....

It's that time of year again. Dues for 2004 are due. Please take time to fill out the form on the last page of the newsletter and return it with your dues to George Fipp.

# Quiz .... The answer

Question:

A, B, and C drive either a TD, TC or both.
1) If A drives a TD, B drives a TC.
2) Either A or C drives a TD, but not both.
3) B & C do not both drive a TC

The Answer:

From 1 and 2, if A drives a TD, B drives a TC and C drives a TC. This is impossible because of Statement 3. Therefore, A must only drive TC's and from 2, C must only drive TD's. B can drive both TD's and TC's.

# Stuff for Sale

1976 MGB Roadster

No rust, very clean, good interior, SU carbs, stainless steel exhaust, new tires, original top/ boot & tonneau. $4000. Call Flyod Maycroft at 534-1233

1976 Tartan Red MGB

Excellent condition. Kept in garage. Less than 15000 miles on engine rebuild. Sell has all documentation of work done on car. $7500.

Contact Benn at 904-360-8644 or bsoto@adamsmark.com

1980 MGB

Great project car. Appears to have a complete engine. Moving and must sell. Contact Shannon at 393-9098 or duvalteacher@yahoo.com

1978 MGB Roadster

Rebuilt front end and brakes, overdrive, twin SU carbs, lowered to chrome bumper specifications, new interior and top, paint fair, runs great, $4500, Call Mark Cooley, 751-0330 or 759-8938.

1957 MGA

Red, Runs great, beautifully restored. Have $27,000 in it. Listed in Auto Trader for $16,900, will take $1,500 off for club members or friends. Contact Jerry @874-1859.

1960 MGA Coupe,

90% complete total body off restoration. Needs dash, interior, glass, grill and front bumper installed. Have all required parts. Save thousands + time. Bob Wrenn, 904-230-8396 or mgowner@bellsouth.net

66 MGB Roadster

Wire wheels, new paint, top, exhaust and tires. Very original car, runs well. $5250. Contact Tom at 904-284-8202.

1962 MGA Roadster

Cream White, disk wheels, 1000 miles in engine rebuild (English Garage). $18,000. Contact Bill Eckert at 285-3581.

MG-TD Hardtop

Needs paint, headliner, windows to be fabricated. Have one frame for sample. $400. Contact Beverly Gilfillan at 904-285-3466.

1971 Midget

Fully restored BRG $4000. Contact David at 733-4762.

1 pair of MGB doors

Clean, hardware included, windows and upholstery. $150. Contact Chris Waage 904-273-9493.

MGB Door Hinges

Straight and tight $20 each. Contact Chris at 904-273-9493.

1977 MGB

Red w/black top. Canvas top is new, 110,000 miles. Runs good, with some rust. Pictures available via email. $3000. Contact Charles Stephens for info at chrimina@comcast.net or 904-256-4774.

Parts Needed

Pete Wilson is looking for a Steel wheel and a turn signal switch for a MGA 1500. Call him at 317-2413 or 610-7789.

Note from the editor: If you have an item in this column that has sold or is no longer needed please contact the editor. Thank you.

# Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip

## A New Documentary by Ken Burns

Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip tells the story of Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson, the eccentric Vermont doctor who, on a visionary whim and 50-dollar bet, became the first person to drive an automobile across the continent. Produced by acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns, the two-hour documentary retraces Nelson's adventurous and often hilarious drive from San Francisco to New York City in 1903. Horatio's Drive originally aired in October on WJCT Public Television. Watch for it again this season.

"It's just a fascinating and entertaining story about the most American of activities," Burns says of the journey that took place 100 years ago. "It's something that we can all identify with because we all have stories about the road."

Horatio's Drive captures the nation at a moment of change. In 1900, there were 8,000 cars in America, and 14 million horses. Most Americans rarely traveled more than 12 miles from home. And there were only 150 miles of paved roads, most of them in large cities.

The story begins on the evening of May 19, 1903, as members of the exclusive University Club in San Francisco debated the reliability of the newfangled "horseless carriages." Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson, a 31 year-old doctor passing through San Francisco, accepted a $50 wager that he would be the first person to drive the "horseless carriage" across the country, and that he would do so within three months. Four days later, Dr. Jackson and a 22 year-old bicycle repairman, Sewall K. Crocker, set off from San Francisco on the adventure of their lives, Driving a cherry red 1903 Winton Touring Car. Christened the Vermont after Jackson's home state, the car sported a two-cylinder, 20 horsepower engine under the driver's seat, with a chain drive, capable of speeds up to 30 miles per hour. Along the way the group picked up it's third member, a bulldog named Bud. Since the vehicle lacked a windshield, Bud too wore drivers' goggles, and soon became the mascot for the drive.

"What's striking about this story is that you can almost feel like you're on the cusp of history with Jackson," says Dayton Duncan, who co-produced and wrote the script for Horatio's Drive. "He passes homesteaders in covered wagons. He often has to wait for parts to be delivered by stagecoach. And for many repairs he turned to blacksmiths. He is like the Paul Revere of the 20th century, making his way tortuously across the continent."

Jackson and his companions completed their cross-country journey in 63 days, 12 hours and 30 minutes. By the time they crossed the Harlem River into Manhattan on July 26, they had become a national sensation. Their story of the open road is one that still resonates today. "This film, like our film about Lewis and Clark," Burns explains, "is about the magnetism of the American landscape, this huge space of ours, and it's central role in the formation of a distinct American sensibility and character."

Check WJCT on line at www.wjct.org for future airings.

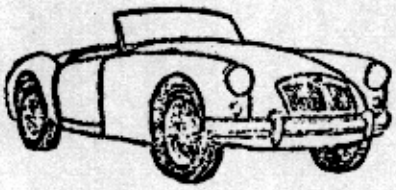
Thanks to George Fipp for this article.

# MG Classics of Jacksonville

## Presents:

# The Gathering of the Faithful, South - Mark XXXVIII

Palm Coast, Florida - April 23, 24, 25, 2004



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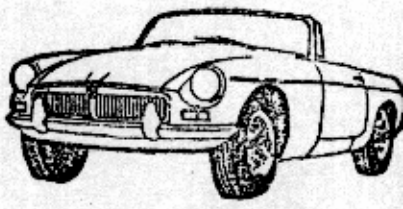
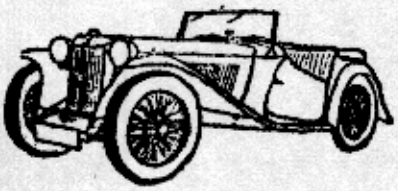
Palm Coast Golf Resort

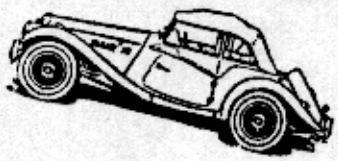


Come join us in Florida for the 38th annual GOF South

John Twist will be conducting his famous "drive thru" tech session



There will be vendors:
The B-Hive
Lederman Rupp
Classic MG Spares

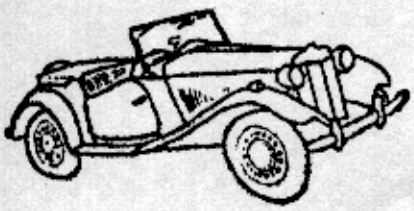


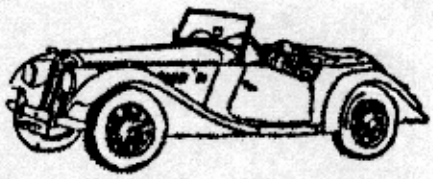
MG tool bags for the first 80 registrants

Pedal car races for cash prizes

Photo Contest

MG fellowship





# Gathering of the Faithful, South - Mark XXXVIII

Palm Coast, Florida - April 23, 24, 25, 2004

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|---|---|---|
| Car Registration Fees | Before March 1, 2004 | $25.00 |
| | 2nd car before March 1, 2004 | $15.00 |
| | After March 1, 2004 | $40.00 |
| | 2nd car after March 1, 2004 | $30.00 |
| | Event T-shirt (at event $16)(See Registration Form, page 2) | $15.00 |
| | Event golf shirt (at event $26) (limited supply) | $25.00 |
| In Spirit Registration | (for those who cannot attend, yet desire a dash plaque and a program) | |
| | Dash Plaque & Program mailed to you | $10.00 |

Host Hotel

Palm Coast Golf Resort
300 Club Drive Palm Coast, Florida 32137 Phone: 386-445-3000
Room Reservation Line – 1-800-654-6538

Package Room Rates for the GOF based on double occupancy is $304.00

- 2 nights room accommodations
- Friday night hot dog dinner and Saturday evening awards banquet. (chicken & beef)
- Resort fee included
- Room tax not included

Single occupancy for both nights and both dinners is $257.00 per package
Double occupancy staying one night with 2 people for Saturday night banquet is $169.00 per package.
Single occupancy for one night with one person for Saturday night banquet is $137.00 per package.

- Room tax not included

For guests not be staying at the resort, but attending the dinner functions, the prices are as follows:

- Friday night hot dog dinner - $15.00 inclusive of tax & gratuity.
- Saturday night beef & chicken dinner $32.00 per person inclusive of tax & gratuity.

Payable to the hotel

*When making reservations at the Resort, you must mention MG Classics and Gathering of the Faithful to get the rates!*

*Reservations received by January 27, 2004 will receive the above package rates.*
*Reservations received from January 28 – February 28,, 2004 will pay $10.00 more per package.*
*Reservations received after February 28, 2004 will be based on availablilty and will pay $20.00 more per package.*

For further information call: Chris Waage, Chairman 904-273-9493 - Fax - 904-273-9992
Or go: mgclassics.org

Hotel room reservation verification # _____

## RETAIN THIS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT ROOM RATES.

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## Tentative Schedule of Events

AN ALL MG WEEKEND FEATURING:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON – 2:30PM Registration opens

First Timers Show- 4PM to 6PM

FRIDAY EVENING – Hot Dog, Beans, & Coleslaw gathering for registrants & their guests.
Free Beer for registrants and guests - 21 years and older please.

SATURDAY – 8:30am – Registration opens.

Car Show - Late morning & early afternoon
Voting – 11:00AM to 2:00PM

Raffle ticket sales all day long – Tools, parts, accessories, stuff, batteries, set of tires, Stained glass MG stuff+++

Vendors of MG and British car stuff. New and used parts.

Meet other MG enthusiasts

Funkana– Win the Pedal car autocross for men & women. Drive as fast as you can or dare!

AWARDS BANQUET
Cocktails 7:00pm

Dinner 7:30pm. Awards and raffle following dinner – Jackets preferred for gentlemen.

SUNDAY MORNING - BLOODY MARY PARTY - FAREWELLS
Golf – Swimming – Tennis available at the Resort.

COME AND SEE A GREAT COLLECTION OF MG'S FROM THE 1930'S TO 1980.
J's - k's - P's - T's - A's - B's - C's - Y's - Magnettes – Midgets – 1100's - V8's - GT's

Mark your calendar–GOF South, Mark XCI

Tentatively Scheduled for April 20, 21, 22, 2007 at the Palm Coast Resort once again!

# GOF SOUTH REGISTRATION FORM

## Gathering of the Faithful, South - Mark XXXVIII

Palm Coast, Florida - April 23, 24, 25, 2004

Please complete and return to: Bernie Nowotny, 9404 Whittington Drive, Jacksonville, Florida, 32257

NAME_____ PHONE(H)_____

(W)_____ E-MAIL ADDRESS_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE_____

ZIP_____

OTHERS IN PARTY_____

WHAT MG(S) ARE YOU BRINGING?

1)_____ 2)_____

3)_____ 4)_____

FIRST TIMER? YES . NO. IS/ARE YOUR CAR(S) IN PREMIER CLASS? YES. NO

HOW MANY?_____

#_____Registration $25 per car $40 per car after March 1
- (If entering 2nd or 3rd car, see previous page)

Total $_____.

#_____T-Shirts X $15 per shirt Sm. thru XL. For 2X & 3X add $1.50/shirt

sm_____ med_____ lg_____ 2x_____ 3x_____

#_____Golf Shirts X $25 per shirt Sm. thru XL. For 2X & 3X add $2.00/shirt

sm_____ med_____ lg_____ 2x_____ 3x_____

Shirt total $_____.

Total enclosed (Registration + Shirts) $_____

Please make your check payable to: MG Classics of Jacksonville

For further information:
- Chris Waage, Chairman 904-273-9493 - Fax - 904-273-9992
- Go to mgclassics.org.

# MG Classics of Jacksonville

(Founded in 1971)

## Membership Application/Renewal Form

The purpose of MG Classics of Jacksonville is the *enjoyment*, preservation, maintenance, and appreciation of *all* MG automobiles. Full club membership is open to titled owners of all MG cars and the owner's immediate family members. Associate membership is available to persons who have an interest in the club but are not owners of an MG. A full copy of the by-laws of the club are available upon request.

The annual fee for dues is $25.00. Dues are due and payable in January of each year and are delinquent after March 1.

For new members annual dues are prorated as follows: Jan. 1 - June 30, $25.00
July 1 - Sept. 30, $16.50
Oct. 1 - Nov. 30, $8.25
Dec. 1 - Dec. 31, $25.00
(pays for following year).

**Please supply the following information:**

Owner's Name(s): _____ ___New ___Renewal

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____

Zip: _____ Home Phone: (___) _____ Work Phone (opt.): (___) _____

Email Address (opt.) : _____

Special talents/expertise that you'd be willing to share: _____

**MG Automobiles Currently Owned (use reverse for more):**

| Year | Model | Condition |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |

Club Use
Date Received: _____ Dues Received: $_____ Added to Roster: _____

Make checks payable to: "MG Classics of Jacksonville"
Return to: MG Classics of Jacksonville, c/o George Fipp, Treasurer, 7639 Hollyridge Cir., Jacksonville, FL, 32256.

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## *Safety Fast!*

Thank you to this month's contributing editors. Remember any and all contributions to the newsletter are appreciated and heartily encouraged. Next newsletter deadline: February 14

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