MG Classics of Jacksonville

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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.

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Prez Sez Bernie Nowotny

HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone! I hope all had safe and happy holidays. 2005 will be a year of many events and the beginning stages of planning a GOF for 2006. Since December is a non-meeting month there is not much to report on. However many ideas have been brought to the table and we will try to introduce those to the membership. In October 2005 we will hold the British Car Show XVII at the Mandarin Community Club. This will help us in preparation of the 2006 GOF40. These shows are what bring in the dollars that allow us to run the club's yearly budget. Since the GOF is a major undertaking, we are planning to get committees organized early, set up a budget and find the appropriate place to hold the event. Every year this event is held we are finding it is difficult to find the appropriate place that can handle the cars and MG enthusiasts that attend the event and still make it affordable and fun. If you are interested to lend a hand please see Joe C. or myself. It is also my intention to do some traveling to restaurants where we can enjoy good food and camaraderie on the weekends. We will set up a date and inform the membership in advance of the meeting point and restaurant where we will dine. This is subject to weather conditions.

GOF40 is around the corner and much needs to be done to have a successful event. To handle this event we will need volunteers who will take a small portion of the pie and handle it. There are many facets to the GOF, here are a few: finding the right location, sales of tickets to raise monies, obtaining products for the sale of tickets, organizing the gift basket creation and auction sales, advertising the event to all clubs within state and surrounding states, registration of cars, parking show cars, and organizing the wine and cheese party. Most important is new ideas that will put our show over the top.

In 2004 several rallies were held and all who attended had fun. We will hold two rallies in 2005 and will post in our newsletter the guidelines and instructions that will help all understand how a rally is run and to add to the enjoyment of participating.

2005 GOF at Sebring is coming up April 8-10. It promises to be a good time. If you are interested get your application in now to receive a conformation number at Kenilworth Lodge. You will be asked for a GOF registration number.

Well that's all for now I'm looking forward to meeting and working with everyone this New Year. I know it can be successful if we work as a team.

Safety Fast,

Bernie

Dues Are Due!

See the form on page 6.



Please email updates to:

newsletter_editor@mgclassics.org

Club Regalia For Sale

- Club Polo Shirts (Medium or Large) - $10 each
- Club Car Badges - $35 each
- MG Baseball Hats (in red, white, or blue) - $10 each
- MG Tool Bags - $10 each
- Rubber Bumper CB Radio Antenna Mounts - $10 each
- Gear Shift Knobs (various colors, styles, and applications) - $5 each
- MG Key Fobs (various colors) - $5 each
- Miscellaneous Car Pins - $5 each

To purchase regalia or to ask questions please contact Wayne Coker, Regalia Chairman, at:

904-543-0201

or

rwcoker@aol.com.

Automobiles For Sale

1952 TD

Make a great car to drive and enjoy now and restore later. Asking $7,500. Contact Dallas Stratton at 904 692 5914 or 4290 Independence Ave., Hastings, FL, 32145.

1962 MGA 1600 Mk II

Like new condition. Approximately 2500 miles since full frame-off restoration. Original owner, always garaged, non-smoking environment. $17,500. Jan Matott: 904-321-0801 or janmatott@earthlink.net. See much more detail and lots of pictures at mgclassics.org.

1967 Jaguar XKE Coupe

Contact Bob Phillips 904-751-6496.

1972 MGB - One Owner for Last 30 Years

A new member wishes to sell his 72 MGB, which he has had for 30 years. Good Condition. 79K miles. Wire Wheels. Jim Folds: 904-388-5643, 904-262-2000 Ext 14, or foldsj@aol.com.

1972 Midget - Must Sell!

Car in good shape. Engine 1 yr old. NEW: master cylinder, slave cylinder, clutch, rear brake cylinders, brakes, battery, tires, radio, front shock assemblies. INCLUDES: extra rims, tires, gauges, tonneau cover, lug wrench, jack, 2 service manuals, spot fog lights, new uninstalled air horn, parts and more. Can easily be a daily driver. Asking $4000 OBO. Ranger Inman 813-882-3153 or 2ranger@tampabay.rr.com.

1972 MGB GT

Restoration project, or for spare parts. Have clear title. Best offer over $300. Call Dick: 904-765-7569

1976 MGB

Rare sandglow, rust free, garage kept, dual S/U's, new carpet and seat covers, new top w/top boot & tounneau included, new front suspension, new tires, new exhaust system, $10,000.00 invested, Sacrifice for $7,500.00 firm. Jim Hall 904-282-1658.

1976 Midget - Project/Parts

Restoration was begun, but never finished. Car has many new parts and is in good shape, but is not currently running. Very little rust and a clean title. Contact Steve at 904-591-6654 or email at smschriefer@yahoo.com.

1976 Midget

New paint, interior, top and almost everything else. Rebuilt engine, BRG color including roll bar. $4500 Contact Bob Phillips 904-751-6496.

1977 MGB

Red w/Black top. Canvas top is new. 110,000 miles. Runs good, some rust. Pictures available via e-mail. $3000. Contact Charles Stevens at 904-256-4774. chrimina@comcast.net.

1997 Jeep Wrangler

4 Cylinder, automatic transmission, transmission cooler. 4 wheel drive. Practically new top. Brand new A/C. Brush bar, fog lights, tubular running boards. Very new big honkin' tires. Dark blue with tan top. A real hoot to drive - great for muddin', dune'n, beach'n, or as an every day driver. Hate to sell but had to please very spoiled daughter with a new car. $7000.00. Call Jeff: 904-536-8068.

PARTS:

MGB Door Hinges

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

1 Pair MGB Doors

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

New 3 Main and 5 Main Engine Blocks

Also, 5 main motor, Pull Handle doors, and a late B trunk. Contact Drew: 904-287-3072. eMail: drewdecandis@comcast.net

New Set Mini-Lites w/New Tires

$650.00 New Mini-Lites are now $179.95 each at Moss - do the math. Contact Jim Hall: 904-282-1658.

Safety fast!

GOF South Mk XXXIX, April 8-10, 2005

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
Friday April 8	Noon	Registration, Venders, and Hospitality Room opens
	3-5 PM	First Timers Show of cars and voting
	6 PM til ?	Barbeque dinner, Vintage British racing film, and 1950's style Sock Hop - Poodle skirts and saddle shoes encouraged!
Saturday April 9	9 AM	Registration Opens; Quick Start Breakfast
	9 AM-1 PM	Show of cars and voting
	3 PM	Caravan Parade departs for Sebring Raceway and tour of Bob Tullius's Group 44 Racing Museum
	6:30-7:30 PM	Cocktails
	7:30 PM	Awards Banquet, Drawings and Auction
Sunday April 10	9 AM	Hospitality Room open; Quick Start Breakfast Winners' Circle photo opportunity

Stay in the historic Kenilworth Lodge and enjoy the graceful surroundings of another time. Period furnishings combine with modern convinces to make your stay enjoyable. Choose from a wide variety of room styles: individual detached villas, inside lodge rooms, suites, efficiencies, and apartments.

HURRY --- THIS PACKAGE DEAL IS GOOD ONLY UNTIL MARCH 8, 2005

PACKAGE DEAL * FOR 2 PEOPLE * YOUR BEST VALUE
Available only to those registered for the GOF

Friday AND Saturday nights at the Kenilworth, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

A) Lodge Rooms	$95.00 + tax per person
B) Villas	$105.00 + tax per person
C) Efficiencies	$110.00 + tax per person
D) Apartments & Presidential Suite	$155.00 + tax per person

Includes: 2 nights lodging
Barbeque dinner on Friday night
Awards Banquet on Saturday night
Quick Start Breakfast both mornings

Please make room reservations directly with the Kenilworth. *Deposits of $50.00 per room are required* 30 days prior to arrival. Rooms not confirmed with a deposit will be released back into inventory without further notice. To ensure you get the "Package Deal" register for the GOF first and then make your hotel reservations with the *Kenilworth Lodge* . You will be asked for your GOF registration #. You will receive your registration # ASAP after Suzy receives your GOF registration form.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THE **GOF SOUTH XXXIX** TO BE ELEGIBLE FOR THE "PACKAGE DEAL"

If you have questions about accommodations call (863) 385-0111; (800) 423-5939.

REGISTRATION FORM

GOF SOUTH XXXIX - Sebring, Florida April 8-10, 2005

The first 100 registrants will receive a free MG map reader/tape measurer.

Name

LAST FIRST MI

Address

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone ( ) _____

E-mail (for a QUICK reply) _____

MGs registering for the GOF:

MG#1 _____ year _____ model _____

MG#2 _____ year _____ model _____

Your Totals

MG REGISTRATION received before 3/8/05 _____x$25.00 ea. MG

$_____

received AFTER 3/8/05 _____x$40.00 ea. MG

$_____

SEBRING RACEWAY *MG MUST BE REGISTERED ABOVE*

Bob Tullius Group 44 Museum tour $__free__

and parade laps on the raceway _____x $25.00 ea. MG $_____

# of MGs to go on track

GOLF SHIRT Quality shirt with embroidered GOF logo

Sml___ Med___ Lrg___ XL___ 2XL___ 3XL___ x$25.00 ea. $_____

ORDER SHIRT BEFORE 3/8/05 TO BE SURE TO GET YOUR SIZE PREFERENCE

ONLY for those *NOT* staying on the "*PACKAGE DEAL*" at the Kenilworth

Friday night Barbeque dinner _____x$20.00 each $_____

Includes "50's Sock Hop and Movies # of dinners

Saturday night Awards Banquet Beef _____x$30.00 each $_____

# of dinners

Chicken _____x$30.00 each $_____

# of dinners

Sorry, NO CHANGES after 3/8/05 You must be registered for the GOF

"Package Deal" entrée choices: Beef _____ Chicken _____

TOTAL DUE $_____

SORRY, NO REFUNDS AFTER 3/8/05

Send this form and your check for registration total (made out to "Suncoast Classic MG Club") to **Susan Maxon; 2712 Beagle Pathway; Palm Harbor, Florida 34683.** Questions? Call Suzy at 727-736-1990 or e-mail at Armana-Suzy@msn.com Subj. "GOF39".

Tech Tip - Get The Right Plug

Originally By Donald McKinsey, Gas Engine Magazine

[Ed. Note: This article was submitted to Jax Classics by Neil Nelson. I believe he got it from the internet ether. As far as I can tell, it was originally from Gas Engine Magazine and is reprinted here without permission.]

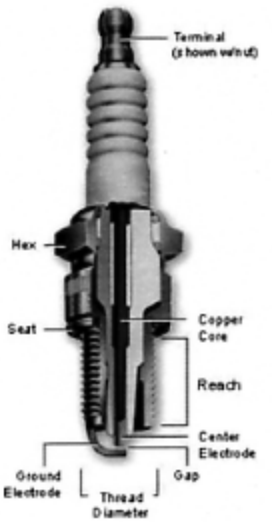
I find there needs to be a lot of enlightenment about spark plugs. I am the reference for obsolete spark plugs for the Champion Spark Plug Co., Autolite and AC. I handle their customer service referrals for obsolete spark plugs and I talk to their service personnel on a regular basis.

First, let's define the problem with the modern spark plug. When automobiles became computer controlled, the spark plugs no longer had to have the bottom of the insulator glazed; a saving in manufacturing cost. Modern cars have fuel injection, and the computer will not put enough fuel in the cylinder to flood it. The computer injects fuel into the cylinder and says, I will not put any more fuel into the engine until it fires. Then, it fires the cylinder with 40,000 volts. If something happened to the computer control and too much fuel was injected into the cylinder, the engine floods, the vehicle will not run right until you have replaced the old plugs.

What has happened is the trash gasoline that has been forced on us contaminates the spark plugs because they are not glazed on the bottom. However, when was the last time you flooded a computer-controlled vehicle? More likely, never.

Now, our old engines do not have computer control, and if your carburetor is running rich or you flood the engine, the same thing happens. The bottom of the insulator, where it fires the engine, becomes contaminated and becomes junk, and the point-coil or magneto ignition does not have 40,000 volts to try to fire the spark plug.

The solution to the problem is to find spark plugs that were manufactured prior to the time they quit glazing the bottom of the insulator. If you are fortunate to have old type glazed insulator spark plugs clean them with WD-40, kerosene, diesel fuel or anything that will not remove the glazing. In any case, do not sand blast or bead blast these spark plugs as the glaze will be removed.



Humor of The Month - Burma-Shave

Submitted By George Fipp

For those who never saw the Burma-Shave signs, here is a little history: Before the interstates, when everyone drove the old 2-lane roads, Burma-Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmer's fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet ... and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma-Shave, a popular shaving cream. Examples:

- DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
- TO GAIN A MINUTE
- YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
- YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT
- Burma-Shave

- DROVE TOO LONG
- DRIVER SNOOZING
- WHAT HAPPENED NEXT
- IS NOT AMUSING
- Burma-Shave

- CAUTIOUS RIDER
- TO HER RECKLESS DEAR
- LET'S HAVE LESS BULL
- AND LOTS MORE STEER
- Burma-Shave

- BEFORE I TRIED IT
- THE KISSES I MISSED
- BUT AFTERWORD -
BOY!
- THE MISSES I KISSED
- Burma-Shave



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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.

Burma-Shave (Continued)

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- MY JOB IS
- KEEPING FACES CLEAN
- AND NOBODY KNOWS
- DE STUBBLE I'VE SEEN
- Burma-Shave

- AROUND THE CURVE
- LICKETY-SPLIT
- IT'S A BEAUTIFUL NEW CAR
- WASN'T IT
- Burma-Shave

- NO MATTER THE PRICE
- NOW MATTER HOW NEW
- THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE
- IN THE CAR IS YOU
- Burma-Shave

- A GUY WHO DRIVES
- A CAR WIDE OPEN
- IS NOT THINKIN'
- HE'S JUST HOPIN'
- Burma-Shave

- CANDIDATE SAYS
- CAMPAIGN CONFUSING
- BABIES KISS ME
- SINCE I'VE BEEN USING
- Burma-Shave

- DINAH DOESN'T
- TREAT HIM RIGHT
- BUT IF HE'D SHAVE
- DINAH-MITE!
- Burma-Shave

- THE ONE WHO DRIVES
- WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING
- DEPENDS ON YOU
- TO DO HIS THINKING
- Burma-Shave

- PASSING SCHOOL ZONE
- TAKE IT SLOW
- LET OUR LITTLE
- SHAVERS GROW
- Burma-Shave

[See more at www.fifties web.com/burma.htm or at www.two-lane.com/burmashave.html

- Ed.]

Tech Tip - Firewall Rubber Grommets

Bill Baker, Southeast MGT Register

This article applies specifically to my TF 1250; However, I'm sure it is applicable to all T series cars.

I'm doing a ground-up on my car and when I received the Firewall Grommet Set from Moss I was somewhat disappointed. Not only was it incomplete, but the grommets did not provide a snug fit.

I'm providing a list of grommets which I have discovered. I'm sure there are many other sources that are just as good, but I thought I could save somebody some time in this effort.

Sources: †Steele Rubber Products, 800.544.8665, www.steelerubber.com. ‡Restoration Specialties & Supply, Inc, 814.467.9842, www.restorationspecialties.com.

Purpose	Sheet Metal Hole Size	Cable/Wire Diameter	Part#
Wiper Motor Wire	15/16	3/8	†32-0401-45
Speedometer Cable	11/16	3/8	†32-0047-14
Choke Cable	1/2	3/16	†32-0365-20
Starter Cable	3/8	3/16	†32-0414-32
Oil Line	5/8	1/4	†32-0970-17
Tachometer Cable	5/8	3/8	†32-1072-20
Temp Gauge	1	1/8	‡4418A
Wiper Motor Screws	7/16	5/16	‡4419

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Safety fast!

We're on the Web!
www.mgclassics.org

Next Meeting

January 31, 2005

Buffalo's Southwestern Cafe, 6055 Youngerman Circle 904-778-1101.

First traffic light south of I-295 on Blanding Blvd. On the west side of Blanding (right side when traveling south from I-295), across from Orange Park Mall.

Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are always welcome. Thanks go out this month to Bernie Nowotny, Neil Nelson, and George Fipp. Submissions for next month must be received before February 16th for possible inclusion.

Upcoming Events

01-31-05: January Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Buffalo's Café, on Youngerman Circle across from Orange Park Mall.

02-28-05: February Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

03-28-05: March Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

04-08-05: GOF South Mk XXXIX in Sebring, FL. See www.ranjos.com/Britcars/Britclub.htm for more info.

04-08-05: Jaguar Club's Councous d'Elegance at World Golf Village.

04-23-05: Jacksonville Mustang Club's Mustang show at World Golf Village.

04-25-05: April Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

04-26-05: Your newsletter editor's birthday!

04-30-05: Motorcycle Concours d'Elegance at World Golf Village.

05-30-05: Memorial Day, Monthly Meeting TBD.

06-18-05: Vettes At The Village - World Golf Village.

06-27-05: June Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

07-25-05: July Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

08-29-05: August Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.