

WHAT'S A GOF SOUTH?

It seems as though every club meeting these days includes discussions about a GOF South. Maybe there are a few new members who are wondering just what all the excitement is about. So, for the edification of the "still wondering," here is a short explanation.

By official definition a Gathering of the Faithful South, (GOF South) is a weekend get together of owners (and enthusiasts) of any make or model MG. Unfortunately, that definition does not even come close to covering the subject.

A GOF South is the premier annual MG event in Florida and has been continuously held for the past 46 years. Three Florida MG clubs are responsible for hosting the event with a different club hosting each year. The event usually includes a Friday First Timers display, a Saturday morning show of cars with popular choice judging, car games and tours on Saturday afternoon, an awards banquet with raffle or auction on Saturday night and finally coffee and donuts Sunday morning along with goodbyes. Each event reflects the flavor of the club hosting it so no two are just alike. This year is MG Classics of Jacksonville's turn to create a fun filled weekend of just plain MGness and frankly we need your help!

Our club has a reputation for going all out when it comes to hosting a GOF South and we need all members to be "all in". Your GOF steering committee is hard at work planning the activities and there are a number of other committees where help is needed. What follows is a list of what you as a club member can do to assist in making this 2013 GOF South a great one.

First and foremost, if at all possible, plan to attend. Whether you take your MG or other iron, just try to be there.

Second, fill out a registration form so you can participate in all the activities.

Third, get involved by joining one of the committees. See Jim Hall and volunteer.

Fourth, donate a raffle prize. The raffle is where our club gets the funds to pay the bills. Look around your garage, did you order two of something MG that you only needed one of? Make a trip to Sears or Harbor Freight and purchase something that would make a nice prize and sell tickets. The ladies of the club are making baskets to raffle off, can you make one too? If every club member would just donate one prize we would have a successful raffle.

Turn in your prizes at any club meeting before the GOF or call Jim Hall, Wayne Snook or Neil Nelson and we will find a way to get them delivered. We will mark you off our list and make you a member of our "A Team".

Fifth, buy some raffle tickets! Ya gotta have a ticket to win a prize. Who knows, you might win the big grand prize the club buys.

And lastly, have fun. That is what owning an MG is all about. Enjoying the fellowship, friendship and hardship that comes along with these little British cars.

Neil Nelson

Raffle Committee

PREZ SEZ…

The weather was a cold, but the warmth of the Orlando Club made for an AWESOME weekend. Approximately, twenty-four MG enthusiasts attended the **Classic MG Club's Fernandina Trip.** The highlights were **the ferry crossing** of the St. Johns River, **the awesome Amelia Hotel** we stayed in, (thanks Choo Choo and Holly) and the tour of **Choo Choo's great car collection**.

The ladies enjoyed their Saturday afternoon shopping downtown Fernandina. Saturday night we were again hosted by Coo Choo at his **fantastic Crab Trap Restaurant**.

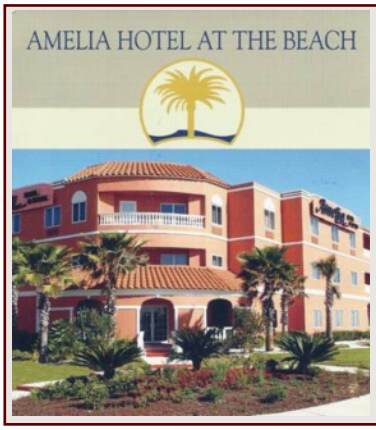
All in all, it was a superb weekend, one that we need to do once more later this year. Thanks to the Classic MG Club of Orlando for including us in their weekend getaway and especially to **Will Bowden** and the rest of their members who so graciously welcomed us.

Please read the **GOF South article by Neil Nelson** on page 1. Moreover, volunteer to help make our **GOF** in April the super event it has been in the past.

Please remember to bring your **Membership Renewal**, **GOF Registration,** and any **GOF Raffle Donations** you may have.

Since I'm constrained for time this month, I'll close now. I'll see you at our **Monday, 28 January Meeting at The Pizza Palace, Baymeadows.**

Safety Fast!!
Jim Bak



Great Hotel.

Super Location.

Stayed Friday night, but missed the Saturday events.

Highly Recommended.

The editor

Classics of Jacksonville

SURVEY: - EVENT PREFERENCES

1. Meeting Start Time: 7, 6:30, or 6 pm
2. Meeting Locations:
• ½ East & ½ West of River
• Anywhere Near I-295
• List Other Loctions:
• Recommended Restuarants:
3. Tech Sessions: 1/mo, 1/qtr, 2/yr, 1/yr
4. Rallies: 1/mo, 1/qtr, 2/yr, 1/yr
5. One-day Lunch Drive: 1/mo, 1/qtr, 2/yr, 1/yr; Sat, Sun
6. Weekend Drives to Nowhere Special (ETD Sat am - Hotel - ETR Sun pm**):** 1/mo, 1/qtr, 2/yr, 1/yr.
7. REMARKS:
Report Preferrences To: mgjim49@yahoo.com

Sample Email Report Format

1. **MST:** 7 pm
2. **ML:** Anywhere near I-295, Anatolia.
3. **TS:** 1/qtr
4. **R:** 1/qtr
5. **LD:** 1/qtr; ½ on Sat; ½ on Sun.
6. **WEDNS:** 2/yr
7. **Rem:** Start the meeting at 7 pm, so folks who are still working, or have a long drive can get to the meeting on time.

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On The Links

Bob Wrenn provided the following links of interest to car enthusiasts.

Hydraulic Chair. The link below is to a video on "mechanic's creeper" that is also a hydraulic chair. With the older members, it's not the getting down on, but the getting up from a mechanic's skate board that is a problem. My solution has been: when you get down there, stay there and take a nap. However, this does solve the "getting up" problem.

http://wimp.com/hydraulicchair/

Dan Masters' 1974 MGB-GT with Ford 302 V8. The below link documents the conversion of a MGB-GT into a souped-up fantastic hot-rod. I know; the purists are turning over in their graves.

http://www.britishv8.org/MG/DanMasters.htm

Glen Brazil provided these links.

New E15 Gas. Watch this video from Fox Business News. If your **car is older than 2012** you need to **avoid the new E15 gas** that is just starting to show up at gas stations. Most car companies will not honor the warranty on your car if you use this new gas. There is a short advertisement before this important video.

http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/2000862202001/

Please pass this information on to friends and family.

Stan Kinnmonth provided this link to Jay Leno's Garage. You may want to maintain a link to Jay's web page.

Chrome Simulations. The link below is to a video that demonstrates a newly improved process for simulating chrome platting. It will work on many different materials. Unfortunately, it's not yet readily available. The website is underdevelopment and has been for several years. Stay tuned.

www.chromesoultions.de

"**T"Series Body Numbers.** This link provides detailed information that can be derived by MG "T Series Cars.

http://www.niagarabritishcarclub.org/mgtnumbers/numbers.html

You may have to cut & paste some links in your browser.

Drawing an Octagon
Below is an easy way to draw a perfect octagon.



1. Tools needed:
   a. a calculator and
   b. a ruler.
2. Start with a perfect square of any size.
3. Measure one side and multiply that by 0.2929.
4. Take that dimension and measure from the corners, both ways and place and place a mark.
5. Join those marks to form an octagon.

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OCALA, FLORIDA

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You better Volunteer for the GOF, or I'll send my friend Bobby after you.



I'm Bobby. And I'll bring the Beefeaters.



GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL, SOUTH XLVII

HILTON HOTEL, OCALA, FLORIDA

19-21 APRIL 2013

REGISTRATION		**NAME TAGS** – LIST PREFERRED NAMES / NICKNAMES & HOMETOWNS	
NAME:			
ADDRESS:		CITY	STATE:
ZIP:	PHONES / EMAIL:		

MG CAR SHOW ENTRIES - INDICATE SPECIAL CLASS, IF APPLICABLE: **1 - FIRST-TIMER, 2 - PREMIER, & 3 - PRESERVATION**

ENTRY	YEAR	MODEL	CLASS	REMARKS – LIST MODIFICATIONS, IF ANY, AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION.
FIRST				
SECOND				

HILTON HOTEL - 3600 SOUTHWEST 36TH AVE, OCALA, FL 34474. – **DIRECTIONS:** LOCATED JUST EAST OF EXIT 350 INTERSTATE-75

GOF ROOM RATE: $109.00 / NIGHT

INCLUDES FULL BREAKFAST BUFFET FOR TWO PER DAY.

Reservations: Phone: 1-352-854-1400; 1-800-HILTONS (445-8667). **Online:** www.hilton.com/ocala
Room Rates: ***Request MG Show Rates***. Early Arrivals and Late Departures Get MG Show Rates.
Check In/Out: 3:00 PM / 12:00 PM
Pets Allowed: Maximum 75 Pounds - $49 Un-refundable Deposit Required.

T SHIRTS Please indicate number required for each size.
"To view T shirt design, go to web site: www.mgclassics.org, or next page.
A very limited number of shirts will be available at the GOF, so order when you register.

SIZE	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X	TOTAL @ $18	TOTAL @ $20	TOTAL
MEN'S								$	$	$
WOMEN'S								$	$	$
PRICE	$18 EACH				$20 EACH			T SHIRT - TOTAL		$

REGISTRATION - ACCOUNTING

REGISTRATION (INCLUDES FIRST CAR) - $40.00 AFTER 22 March 2013			$35.00	$
ADDITIONAL CAR - $30.00 AFTER 22 March 2013	NUMBER		$25.00 EA	$
FRIDAY NIGHT MEET & GREET BUFFET TICKETS	NUMBER		$25.00 EA.	$
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET TICKETS: **– TS ROAST __ V LASAGNE __ TILAPIA __**	NUMBER		35.00 EA.	$
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HORSE FARM TOUR TICKETS	NUMBER		$25.00 EA.	$
	TOTAL - REGISTRATION			$

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Registration & T Shirts) - Make check payable to: *"MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville"* **$**

SEND TO	*MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville*, 2031 THETA CT., ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
ONLINE	**ONLINE REGISTRATION & INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT**: www.mgclassics.org .
PAYMENT	**PLEASE MAIL CHECK WITH REGISTRATION**.
INFORMATION	**JIM HALL** - 904.282.1658, 904.613.9591; jimdeehall@att.net

MG Classics of Jacksonville

(Founded in 1971)

Membership Application / Renewal Form

The purpose of the 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 is available upon request.

The annual fee for dues is $25.00, due and payable in January of each year. Membership is delinquent if dues have not been paid 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 (includes following year)

_____New _____ Renewal

Please provide the following information:

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Home Phone: (_____)_____ Other Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Please email my newsletter to help MG Classics save printing & postage costs: _____

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

_____

MG Automobile(s) Currently Owned (use other side for more):

	Year	Model	Condition
1.			
2.			
3.			

Make Checks Payable to: MG Classics of Jacksonville

Mail To: Treasurer, MG Classics of Jacksonville
2031 Theta Court
Orange Park, FL 32073

Club Use:

Date Received: _____ Dues Received: $_____ Added to Roster: _____ Added to email List: _____

CLASSICS of Jacksonville

Events Calendar		
Date	**Event**	**Location/Information**
January 2013		
28	*MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville* Meeting	Pizza Palace Baymeadows www.pizzapalacejax.com
April 2013		
19-21	*Gathering of the Faithful*	Hilton Hotel, Ocala www.mgclassics.com

Remember your 2013 MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville Club dues are now due.
Complete the enclosed **Membership Application / Renewal form** *and mail it with a check made payable to the MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville to:* **Treasurer, MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville, 2031 Theta Court, Orange Park, FL 32073**

NEW CLUB LEADERSHIP

President:	**Jim Bak**
Vice President:	**Bob Wrenn**
Secretary:	**Phyllis Brinkley**
Treasurer:	**Jeff Sager**
Board of Governors	**Remains the Same**





MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville
227 Hollywood Forest Drive
Orange Park, FL 32003

First Meeting of the New Year:
Monday, 28 January 2013 @ 6:30 PM

Pizza Palace Jax
BAYMEADOWS

Location:
3028 Baymeadows Rd
Jacksonville, FL
Near San Jose, Blvd

Directions:
Take Exit 5 on I-295
Go North on Florida 13 / San Jose Blvd for about 3 Miles.
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Website & Menu: www.pizzapalacejax.com

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FRIDAY BUFFET: – MENU: Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Cold Slaw, Baked Beans, Rolls, and Peach Pie. Drink station with Ice Tea, Coffee, and Water. **PRICE:** $25.00 Per Person. **Cash Bar:** Before and during buffet. **BEGINS:** 6:30 PM.

SATURDAY BANQUET: – MENU: Top Sirloin Roast, Tilapia Piccata, Vegetable Lasagne, Rosemary Potatoes, Grilled Vegetable Medley, Tossed Salad, Fruit Salad, Rolls, Three layer Chocolate Cake, and Key Lime Pie. Drink Station with: Ice Tea, Coffee, and water. **Cash Bar:** Before and during banquet. **BEGINS:** 6:30 PM**.**

SATURDAY TOURS: 1:30 to 5:00 PM



DON GARLITS MUSEUM OF DRAG RACING: – GO TO: http://garlits.com/ for videos, slide shows, and details on this great museum. This website is a little difficult to work with, but just go back to "Home" if you get lost. Make sure you view the slide show as well as the videos. A visit to this museum alone is worth a trip to Ocala. **HENRY HIRSCHMAN** will lead a caravan to the museum. **THE CARAVAN WILL DEPART FROM THE HOTEL at 1:30 PM on Saturday.** Return to the Hotel on your own. **DISCOUNT TICKETS:** Under Five - free, Five to twelve - $3. Thirteen to eighteen - $10. Adults over eighteen - $12, Sixty and over - $10. Order tickets when you register.

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T-SHIRT DESIGN



A very limited number of shirts will be available at the GOF, so, order when you register.

GOF LOGO



RELEASE & WAIVER

In consideration of and for the right to participate in the 47th Annual Gathering of the Faithful, I, on my behalf and on behalf of all members of my party attending the event, release the ***MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville Club, Florida Inc.***, all of the participating clubs, event sponsors and the ***Hilton Hotel, Ocala, Florida*** from any and all liability for damage to myself, my party, my car, or other property, while traveling to and from the event and while attending the event.

DRIVER & PASSENGER SIGN & DATE				
PLEASE PRINT NAMES				