

NEWSLETTER

Prez Sez

October 2021 Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

December 1, 2021

The Prez



Happy New Year to MG Classics of Jacksonville!

Welcome to my first ever Prez Says for the January newsletter. As this is my first effort, following many works of art from our previous president, I beg your pardon if I fall a bit short.

First, I want to thank each of you who voted for me and assure you that I hope to do justice to the club. Those of you who have not attended many meetings are invited to get to know me in a brief bio at the end of this message.

We had a great Christmas party at the Trout Creek Marina, which we intend to continue to use for all meetings for the foreseeable future. If you check our website, you will find links to a host of upcoming events of interest. I want to call particular attention to the GOF South event in late April at Howey in the Hills, and to the Amelia Island Cars and Coffee in early March that we hope will be available for registration soon.

One goal of mine is to try to increase our presence at the Caffeine and Octane event on the second Saturday of each month at the Avenues Mall. I would truly love to have a TC, TD, TF, A, B (chrome and rubber bumper), BGT, and C lined up together for one of these. We do get a lot of questions from younger folks at this venue, and we need to be looking for our successors to keep the MG heritage alive.

As many of you know, I recently bought a new alloy cylinder head for my B. When my head gasket decided to start weeping coolant, it was time. So, I went whole hog and bought a complete new head (picture after installation attached). Between Christmas and New Years, Bruce, my son Scott and I tackled and completed the job. It was the biggest single mechanical job I have ever undertaken, and without Bruce's guidance, I am sure I would have found an extra part on the garage floor, after thinking the job was completed. Thankfully, when it was all finished, the B started and ran on the first turn of the key. A minor leak was cured by following the instructions provided with the head and adding a tube of AlumaSeal, thoughtfully provided with INSTRUCTIONS, which I ignored at my peril, when I decided I knew better than the manufacturer (duh!) I have an innate suspicion about additives, thinking that they are all some form of snake oil. But in this case, following instructions worked.

In any case, I do look forward to many more meetings and enjoying our MGs together for a long time.

For those of you who don't know me, you are invited to read further if you are interested in my travels through life MG wise. I bought my first MGB new in July 1969, two days after returning from Vietnam with hazardous duty pay burning a hole in my pocket. I took it back to college with me and soon after graduation, a new job pushed the MG on to a new owner, and I bought a more practical car, a Vega GT (ha ha!). Ten years later in 1982 the MG bug bit again. So, in 1982, I bought the 1970 MGB that I still have. For a while in the 90's it was a hangar queen on jack stands in the garage. Finally, after retiring from 30 years of federal law enforcement and my daughter graduating from college, I found enough money

in 2003 to entrust the car for renovation to Mountjoy's Auto shop in Hyattsville MD. It has been well cared for and driven regularly over 38,000 miles since then. I have made small continuous improvements since then; the biggest and most important of these was the addition of an overdrive transmission in 2013, which has made long distance trips an enjoyable experience, instead of a teeth rattling torture. A longtime member of MGs of Baltimore, when I moved to St Augustine in 2016, I joined our club as a snow bird. In 2018, I sold my house in Annapolis MD, and Joyce Fink and I relocated full time to her home, which we now share in Palencia.

So Happy New Year and Safety Fast!

And I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next regular club meeting at:

Trout Creek Memorial Park and Marina

11am – 1pm, Saturday, January 29th, 2022

Stay Safe and Safety Fast!

Mark

Christmas Party Minutes (Reiterated)

MG Classics of Jacksonville
December 11, 2021

Event Convened: 12 pm
Total Attendance: 46 (!)
Number of MGs: 20 (!) + 1935 Austin Nippy
New Members Present: Ralph Miller
Returning Members: Johnny Kirby, Paul & Lana Wlodyka
Guests: Barney and Elliott Gaylord, Bill Easter, Teresa & Tom Lee

Location: The Event was a Party with a short Official Meeting held at Trout Creek Memorial Park and Marina to mitigate the potential for COVID Virus transmission. The weather started out warm and was perfect for the event. Twenty MG Owners arrived in their MG to display at the Park dressed in Christmas attire. A total of Forty-six Members and their Guests attended the Event.

Party Format: The format of the Party followed the successful Format used in 2020.

- Socializing as Members arrived, primarily in their MG.
- A Call for Lunch. The Box lunches had been labeled with members Choice of meal and laid out on a table for collection.
- A short Club meeting including a ceremony to Install the new Officers for 2022 whose nominations had been voted in at the November Club meeting. This included the tradition of giving the incoming President 'The Shaft'
- A review and voting on for the Award for the best MG Christmas Attire.
- More Socializing as the Meeting element ended and members trickled out to drive home.

The Short Club Meeting: The outgoing President, Bruce Sedelmeyer, chaired the Meeting. Bruce welcomed all the Members and Guests present at the event.

President's Report on the Club's 2021: "The Club Membership remains strong ending the Year with One hundred-ten primary Voting Members and the addition of approximately thirty nominated family members. The newest member, # 110, Tom and Paula Griffin and their 1978 MGB joined after an internet search". Bruce welcomed Tom and Paula! "Unfortunately Member Tom Kobrick passed away during the year and a few of our older members sold their MG(s)".

Commenting on the Saturday outdoor meetings: "They have been a positive factor as we routinely have 10-15 MG's at meetings now rather than the 1-2 we'd get at a Monday night restaurant meeting. This is getting our MG's out and about in daylight hours giving them opportunity to be seen. The MG line-up at the Party is an impressive twenty and has attracted a significant number of onlookers. Over the various meeting we attracted at least two current members during the year". As Bruce has repeatedly said, "Driving our MGs is why we joined a MG Club and to share camaraderie with like minded members. Keep up the good work and we will continue to grow".

Sharing thoughts on the out-going Club Officers especially the fellow three term officers: "Over the past three years we have worked very hard to keep moving forward and bring about changes to keep our Club active especially during this pandemic. Without the help of Mike Hogan, Sybil Bradley, and this last year, Mark Spaulding, we would never have been able to continue to grow. Many Car Clubs and social groups have suffered dwindling membership and met via Zoom meetings from the safety of their home. With the help of strong leadership and key members dedicated to our club we have thrived in this

New Members

Please welcome: **Richard Benditti**
Alan Segal
John Hibben

outdoor setting. Thank you Mike, Sybil, and Mark, without your help we couldn't have accomplished all that we did".

For the new club officers for 2022 Bruce thanked then for stepping up into their new position and stated "Don't hesitate to ask for help or ideas from the departing leadership. Mark Spaulding, Len Geiger, and Ron Pallonari you have the Club's support and we're certain you will do an excellent job".

Bruce Thanked those who helped set up decorations and thank Marked and Vanessa Albright for Co-ordinating the Caterer and the donation of the Chips.

Bruce thanked MG Classics Founder Member Neil Nelson and long time Member Wayne Snook for donating Raffle Certificates for discounted MG parts to be ordered through the MOSS Distributorship (BMC) that they own.

Best Attired MG: There was a splendid array of MGs' sporting Christmas Attire. However, although perhaps not the most decorated, but certainly the most innovative was Ryan and Kristina Massfeller's 1980 MGB. It had a faux Gramaphone with a rotating turntable on the Luggage Rack Christmas display belting out Christmas Tunes. Well done Ryan and Kristina for winning the Award!

Award Presentations: Richard Gross made a presentation of a beautiful Plaque to Bruce on behalf of the Club for the excellent leadership he had shown, particularly through the last two years of the COVID Scourge.

Bruce also made a presentation: He gave incoming President Mark Spaulding the 'Shaft' and the appropriate "Accessory". The 'Shaft' is the Badge of Office for any Member who is prepared to take on the Presidency of the Club.

Incoming President's Remarks: Mark Spaulding gratefully acknowledged being duly 'Shafted' and made a few comments about his experience as a leader of various Federal Law Enforcement Committees over the years and the fact he is Confident that the new Team will work diligently to maintain the popularity and health of the Club for its' Members. He also commented on the popularity of Trout Creek Memorial Park as a MG driving destination and meeting location for a majority of the Membership.

Damn MG has a Problem: Of course it wouldn't be a MG event if someone didn't have a Technical Problem. Fred Woller's '60 MGA had a major Heater Valve failure that sprayed water over the distributor resulting in the A running like a dying dog. Fortunately Guest Barney Gaylord just happened to have a spare heater valve and replaced the offending valve.

Raffle & 50/50:

50/50 Drawing: Lorraine Puzanskas was the winner of the 50/50 cash pot.

BMC Gift Certificates: Neil Nelson and Wayne Snook donated Five Gift Certificates to purchase an MG part at a discount through their MOSS Motors Distributorship, BMC. Must be used within 30 days. There were five Lucky Winners.

MG Classics of Jacksonville's January 2022 Club Meeting & Picnic:

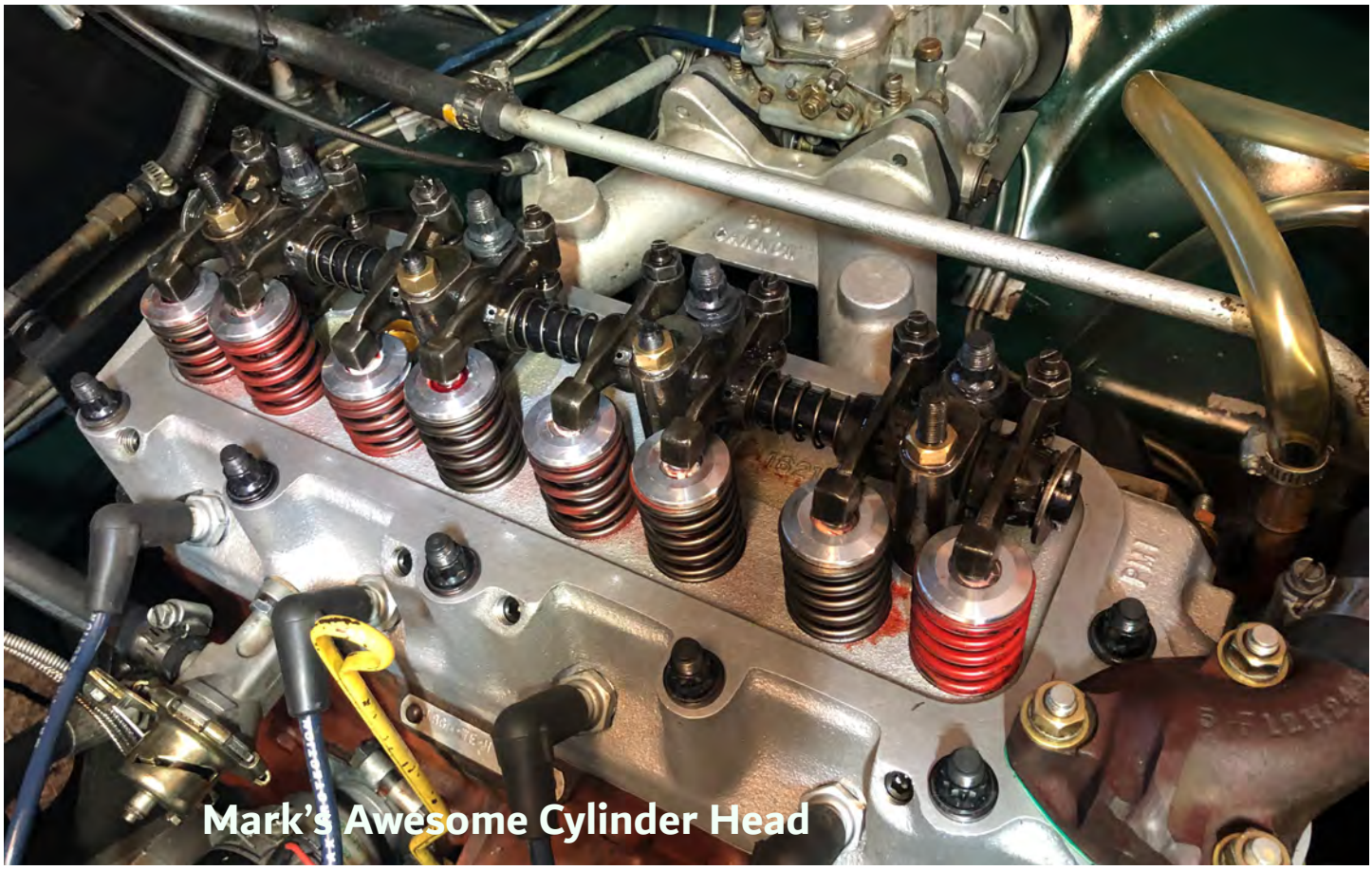


Saturday, January 29, 2022

Trout Creek Memorial Park and Marina, St. Augustine

11am until 1pm

Submitted:	Approved:
Ian Massey	Bruce Sedelmeyer
Secretary (Acting)	Past President.



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The 2021 Christmas Party!















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Latest Events of Interest

MG Classics Meeting - Trout Creek Marina Park, 6550 FL 13 N, 01/29/2022

Caffeine and Octane, The Avenues Mall, 0730-1100, 02/12/2022

Winter Tour & Picnic, Lake Idamere, Tavares, FL, 0900-1600, 02/05/2022

SVRA Speed Tour, Sebring, FL, 25-27 February

Cars & Coffee at Amelia Concours, Amelia Island, Florida, 0800-1300, 03/05/2022



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 2022 MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	Location	Address	City	Phone
29-Jan	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
26-Feb	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
26-Mar	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
30-Apr	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
28-May	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
25-Jun	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
30-Jul	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
27-Aug	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
24-Sep	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
29-Oct	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
28-Nov	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
??-Dec	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N	St. Augustine	904-342-2471

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OFFICERS	
President	Mark Spaulding
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Secretary	Sybil Bradley
Treasurer	Ron Pallonari
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Permanent Member	Neil Nelson
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MGs in the Marketplace

The market for our beloved marque is active as illustrated below by examples of competed on-line auctions from Bring a Trailer and Hemmings Auctions within the last month. If one is in the market to buy or sell, or knows someone who is, these two sites are among the best.

Hemmings Auctions:



1962 MG 1600

SOLD
$19,500



1952 MG TD

SOLD
$25,000



1975 MG B

SOLD
$11,500



1965 MG TF

SOLD OFFERS
$7,600 2

Bring a Trailer



1962 MG MGB

Sold for $14,500 on 1/23/22



1952 MG TD

Sold for $20,000 on 1/23/22



1957 MG MGA 1500 Roadster

Sold for $38,000 on 1/22/22



No Reserve: 1980 MG MGB Roadster

Sold for $15,000 on 1/21/22



1954 MG TF

Bid to $23,100 on 1/20/22



1950 MG YA

Sold for $24,776 on 1/16/22



1953 MG TD

Sold for $19,250 on 1/16/22



1959 MG MGA Twin Cam Roadster

Sold for $37,000 on 1/16/22