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Prez Sez

Jim Hall

What a great turnout of our members for our first monthly meeting in 2012. I didn't get a head count but there must have been 45+ members and guests at Buffalo's Southwestern Grill.

We have been looking hard and have secured a venue for the GOF which we will host in 2013. We have established a date which is April 19-21, 2013. Richard and Kathy Gross did most of the leg work to find a great venue for our event. They recommended the Hilton in Ocala as a good possibility. Richard and board members Neil Nelson, Bob Wrenn, Wayne Snook and I went to Ocala Wednesday, Feb. 8 and met with the sales manager at the Hilton in Ocala. He was very accommodating to the point that we decided to secure the dates for our event with the Hilton. The sales manager is preparing a proposal to send to us for our approval. We then talked to the Ocala Convention and Visitors Bureau representative at his suggestion and she offered to help defray some of the cost of holding our event in Ocala. She even offered to provide registration packages and stuff them for us which will include brochures for other attractions in the area such as Silver Springs and other items. She will also prepare a proposal and send it to us. We also made a side trip to the Don Garlit's Museum of Drag Racing and Antique Cars located near Ocala and secured the group rate schedule. We plan to offer our GOF participants a drive through some of the beautiful horse country from the Hilton to the Don Garlit's Museum. About a 20-25 minute drive. A side note. The museum has The Navy A7 Corsair Attack Aircraft from Navy Attack Squadron 105 on display that graced the entrance to Cecil Field when it was a master jet base with none other than our own Retired Navy Captain John Leenhouts' (LITES) name painted on it as the pilot. John was the Attack Wing Commander when Cecil Field closed.

We still have a year until our GOF but we will prepare and hand out flyers at the upcoming GOF in Altamonte Springs next month and at the National MGB meet in Dillard, GA. in June and will also publish the information in our newsletter which goes out to most of the other MG clubs in the Southeast. We will soon start holding planning meetings and form committees to address all the aspects of hosting this event. We need participation from all our members to make our event a memorable one for all who attend.

We will also host the 50th Anniversary GOF South in 2016 which will provide a unique opportunity for our club to prepare and present a once-in-a-lifetime event for the MG community in the Southeastern area of our great country. That event will require our best effort ever so be thinking about it between now and then.

Henry Hirschman, the go-to guy for our "Lunch Runs" is planning another outstanding MG drive so look for this information elsewhere in the newsletter, at the next monthly meeting or on your emails. Henry has mastered these events and I promise you it will not be disappointing but will be fun and entertaining and end at a great place to eat lunch and socialize. Our February 27th meeting will be at the Anatolia Grille and Bar at 9825 San Jose Blvd. behind Outback steak house. Joe will have directions elsewhere in this newsletter.

I have received a couple of suggestions for a venue for our 2012 Christmas party. One from new members, Geoffrey and Paula Ashcroft and one from Neal Roland. We will be checking out these locations and get some menu options and prices and check out the amenities and present them to you for your consideration. If you have other suggestions please mention them to me by email or at the next meeting.

Safety Fast
Jim

A
Committal Service
will be held for
Edwin E. Altomare, Jr.
on Friday, March 2, 2012,
2:30-3:00PM at the
Jacksonville National Cemetery
which welcomes veterans home
to their final resting place.
Location is 4083 Lannie Road,
Jacksonville, FL 32218
(Access from Lem Turner, NW of
Airport, 5 miles from 295)

Ed served in the Navy for 4 years during the Viet Nam era and was discharged as a ADRAN in 1966.

Cremains will be taken to the Columbarium following the service.



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 is 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 - Jun 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)

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

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	Year	Model	Condition
1.			
2.			
3.			

Club Use

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

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REGISTRATION FORM

GOF SOUTH MK. XLVI, 2012
MARCH 23-25, 2012



Name: (include ALL in your party – for name badges) _____

_____

Address: _____ City: _____ State____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

First Entry: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____
Second Entry: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____
Are you a First Timer? _____ Club Affiliation _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Car Registration + 2 persons (S40.00 after 3/1/2012)	**$35.00**	$_____
Registration of additional persons	$10.00 each	$_____
Registration, each additional car	(no charge)	$ 0
Meet and Greet Friday evening buffet (Mardi Gras Buffet)*	$25.00 each	$_____
Saturday evening banquet (Beef w/veggies or Salmon Rockefeller)*	$40.00 each	$_____
Please indicate # Beef_____ Salmon_____		
Vendor Pre-Registration ($40.00 on day of show)	$35.00	$_____

Tee- Shirts – (M)___(W)___ Med ____LG____XL____XXL____ @ $15.00 each $_____
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Please indicate number required

TOTAL ENCLOSED (make check payable to "Classic MG Club") $_____

RELEASE AND WAIVER: In consideration of and for the right to participate in the 46th Annual Gathering of the Faithful, I, on my behalf and on behalf of all members of my party attending the event, release the Classic MG Club of Orlando Inc., all of the participating clubs, event sponsors and the **Hilton Altamonte Springs**, 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 and Passenger sign below:

Signed:_____ Date:_____

Signed:_____ Date:_____

Send to Paul Plasschaert, 1304 Wellington Terrace, Maitland, FL 32751 with a check made payable to the Classic MG Club. For more information, contact Al Cook at 407-678-6814 or e-mail arcpa@mpinet.net

FOOD CHOICES ON PAGE TWO - SEE WEBSITE FOR THAT DETAIL

MG Classics January Lunch Run

by Henry Hirschman

At 10:40AM Thursday, January 19, 16 beautiful cars departed Trout Creek Park on Highway 13 south of Orangedale. Most were MGs with two Healys, a T-Bird and a Mustang. Those participating were the Calverts', Kaisers', Whitings', Grosses', Rolands', Forests', Hirschmans', Ashcrofts', Snook and guest Amanda, Lovejoy and guest George Vanhouten, Tony Martini and Daryl Anderson, and Curt Loehr. Dan Simpson (T-Bird) met us at Lulu's, our destination restaurant. We were most pleased to have our Healy and T-Bird friends join us for this outing. The drive proceeded south on Highway 13 from Trout Creek Park to Joe Ashton road where we turned left and proceeded to Highway 208, then east to Pacetti Bay Road crossing SR 16. We were then on International Golf Parkway which proceeds through 9 mile swamp, a lovely canopied stretch dead ending into Highway 1. The drive went north on Highway 1 to Highway 210 east where there is a large Gate station. We stopped at the Gate station and enjoyed about 20 minutes of fellowship and sunshine waiting on Denny and Sherri to get back up with us. Denny was riding tail gunner and got held up by a truck and double yellow lines. Leaving the Gate station, we headed east on Highway 210 passing Nocatee and crossing over the Inland Waterway. We turned right at the foot of the waterway bridge and entered Roscoe Road (another canopied stretch) headed east for Lulu's restaurant. The total route distance to Lulu's from Trout Creek is 55 miles, We arrived Lulu's at 12:15PM. They were ready for our group of approximately 24. The food and service was excellent and we departed Lulu's around 2:00PM. Everyone seemed to really enjoy socializing, driving the cars, and having a nice lunch. Be on the lookout for notification of the next one.









Car Museums

by Kathy Kresser, proofread by Anice Etz

I visited two car museums last October and found both to be interesting warehouses filled with history - car history, that is.

The first was the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, Ten-nessee. This museum houses a wide cross-section of ve-hicles from a variety of countries. Founder Jeff Lane re-cycled the Sunbeam Bakery plant into an array of micro-cars, military and amphibious vehicles. Needless to say, the collection is quite eclectic. Over 150 cars from Aus-tria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, England, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden and the United States grace this museum. As reporter Chris Hefner wrote in April 2009, "This is the home of the misunderstood, the unusu-al, and the bizarre." The museum houses French Cit-roens, Soviet Tatras, prototypes and one-of-a-kind won-ders plus many other cars than changed and set the direc-tion of future automobiles.



BMW (Lane Motor Museum, Nashville, TN)

One car is downright scary, knowing I have seen it on the roadways. It is a propeller-powered car. It sounds like an airplane. The liability of driving this vehicle is serious. The propeller is open and rotates at an alarming speed. Imagine a person in the cross walk leaning too close to the propeller or a child putting a hand into it – eeeegh! I mentioned the amphibious vehicles. I particu-larly enjoyed the gigantic 1959 Larc-LX Amphibious Landing Vehicle. The Larc was barged to Nashville where Jeff Lane and his crew navigated through the city streets in the wee hours of the morning to its resting place at the museum. I love the crushed NSU 1000 coupe car on display and the video of crushing the car.



SAAB Number 92

The Dubble Bubble Cars were included in the second museum, the Bruce Weiner Microcar Museum, located in Madison, Georgia. Bruce Weiner, an executive of the chewing gum company Dubble Bubble, collects mi-crocars as a hobby and has the world•s largest collection of these small cars. He remains fascinated by these super small vehicles, some less than three meters in length. Reporter Sheila S. Hudson described the museum as " an overwhelming metal flower garden with a sparkling array of freshly painted, chromed cars all in neat rows interspersed with child-size rides and road signs. …Just walking up and down the aisles is a treat – even to someone who isn•t a car aficionado." The vintage games and toys included in the display are awesome. Check out the virtual tour of this museum at http://microcarmuseum.com.



Fiat Multipla

Hudson quoted Weiner and Mark Hyman of Hyman Ltd. in St. Louis in her article. Weiner said, "Microcars were the sole domain of low-budget, blue-collar types with a sense of humor. …With rising gas prices, driv-ers today are re-thinking smaller autos, such as Daimler Chrysler•s (now Fiat Chrysler) Smart For Two, Hon-da•s Fit, Nissan•s Versa and Toyota•s Yaris." Hudson wrote that Weiner has multiple old microcars available for trips to town, but he refuses to drive a new Mini Cooper or a Smart Car stating, "I don•t believe in modern microcars. They•re too dangerous." Hyman said, "Pound for pound, a microcar is the greatest bargain in crowd-attracting fun in the collecting-car universe." I totally agree with Hyman.



Messerschmidt

These little cars are just too cute! The Messerschmitts are everywhere in this museum. They have a bubble aircraft-type top leading to the name "bubble car". The Isetta microcars are another popular car in the muse-um. You may have seen the movie, "Pixar," if so; you may recall the two tire-changing Isettas. Other cars on display include Mopettas, Super Minis, Goggomobil Dart, NSU Prinz II and the Zeta Sports.

I had a fun time examining these cars. Be sure to drop by these museums if you find yourself driving through Nashville or Madison. I think you will enjoy it.

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THE LAWS OF BRITISH SPORTS CARS

by Don Hayward
Updated June, 1997

Here are some laws of owning and restoring British sports cars, but I think that they could apply to any car.

LAWS THAT CANNOT BE BROKEN

Most of us are familiar with the physical laws discovered by Sir Isaac Newton, the guy who invented gravity. He said things like, "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction." Newton's laws made sense for hundreds of years, and everybody believed them. They believed them right up until the time when British sports cars were invented, when it was suddenly realized that a whole new bunch of laws was going to be needed. Many distinguished scientists, with names like Morris, Healey, Leyland, Mowog and Murphy, shook the scientific community when they published a new theory of mechanical behavior called "The Laws For British Sports Cars". Many people are not familiar with the five major laws, so they are listed below with a brief explanation of each.

LAW OF PECULIAR RANDOM NOMENCLATURE

"The name of a British sports car shall consist primarily of letters and numbers, with said letters and numbers chosen in random fashion so that the resultant vehicle name is totally devoid of any meaning." This law explains why British cars have spectacularly bad names, like "E-Type", or worse yet, "MGBGT."

LAW OF CRYPTIC INSTRUCTION

"Any book, manual, pamphlet, or text dealing with the maintenance, repair or restoration of a British sports car shall be written so that at least every fourth word will be unknown to the average reader. In the event that any portion of the text is understandable, the information contained therein shall be incorrect." Most people are familiar with this law. Here is an excerpt from page 132 of the MGA Shop Manual: "Before rebushing the lower grunnion banjos, you must remove the bonnet fascia and undo the A-arm nut with a #3 spanner." All attempts to publish an English language version of this manual have failed.

LOVE OF HARDSHIP LAW

"The more a British sports car malfunctions, breaks, and/or falls apart, the more endearing it becomes to the owner." You buy a British sports car. You have had it a year and a half and have replaced every item on the car at least twice. When the engine is started, it sounds as if someone has thrown Page 9 The Oil Spot a handful of ball bearings into a blender. But when someone offers to buy it, you are offended because "it is like part of the family," and besides, "it is so much fun to drive." British sports car owners often stare into space and smile a lot.

LAW OF NON-FUNCTIONAL ATTRIBUTES

"All British sports cars, regardless of condition or age, shall always have at least one system or subsystem of components which is entirely non-functional, and which cannot be repaired except on a semipermanent or semi-functional basis." (Also known as the "Lucas Electrics Law".)

RECENTLY DISCOVERED COMPONENT FAILURE LAW

"Any component of a British sports car which is entirely unknown to the owner shall function perfectly, until such time that the owner becomes aware of said component's existence, when it shall instantly fail." Case in point: The author owned a rather natty MGB for six years. He never knew there was such a thing as a "Gulp Valve" until he saw new ones offered for sale by Moss Motors. The next day, while driving to work, his gulp valve fell off the engine and was promptly run over by a truck. He bought a new one, figuring to install it himself, but after one look at the shop manual, he decided to have someone else install it. (See "Law of Cryptic Instructions", above). While driving the car to a local repair establishment, he notices that the MGB is performing just as well as it ever did, and that the loss of the mysterious Gulp Valve has not had any effect on its behavior. He figures this is due to the "Non-Functional Attribute Law", so he decides not to replace it after all. Three days later, the engine had no more oil in it and promptly seized into a solid mass of metal. The tow truck operator, being ignorant of the "Love of Hardship Law", offers to take the car off his hand for $100. The owner just smiled.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

FEB. 26th - February meeting is at Anatolia Grill and Bar in Mandarin. It is located at 9825 San Jose Blvd. behind the Outback Steakhouse where St. John's Seafood used to be. Their number is (904) 329-1336.

Mar. 23rd-25th - GOF-S - Hilton Hotel, Altamonte Springs, FL - Info: www.classicmgclub.com. Page 6 has form

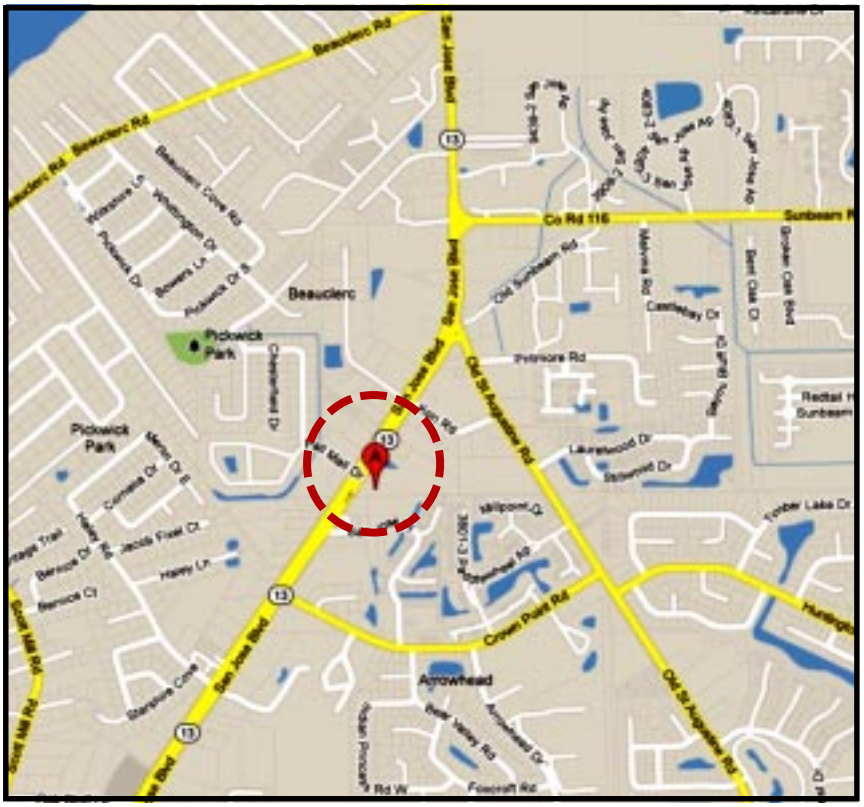
Mar. 24th-22nd New Orleans British Car Day - Info: www.bmcno.org

Apr.23rd-27th - NAMGAR Regional Event 2012 Key West Gathering by KWBCC - Key West, FL Info. Jim Ferguson, Vice Admiral Vice@KWBCC.com

Apr. 5th - Drive Your MGA Day - Everywhere in North America

May 30th-June 2nd - British Car Week National Meet - Hot Springs National Park, Hot Springs, Arkansas

June 3, 2012 - Red Mill British Car Day - Clinton, NJ - Contact: Richard Miller. Ph. 908-713-6251. Email: mgdriversclub@hotmail.com. Web: www.mgdriversclub.com



June 6-10 - MG2012 NAMGBR Annual Convention -Dillard, Georgia - this year hosted by Peachtree MG Registry. Host hotel is the Dillard House- More info will be posted on http://www.mg2012.com

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