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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

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Thanks to all that made it to the last meeting. We tried out a new meeting location, and I think we will revisit them. The food and service were great. We also had a great turnout, plus a few potential new members were in attendance.

The spring season of shows has started. A smaller caravan than originally expected traveled down to Lake Helen on the weekend of the 15th. I have heard that all in attendance had a wonderful time. I believe we had 5 of our members registered, however not all of them were in an MG. We will have to get an explanation of that later. The story I heard is Chris and Beverly like the way the Panther pulls the trailer needed to haul all of the goodies our members won.

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## Calendar

March 31: Next meeting of MG Classics of Jax, 7:30 pm, Nolan's Sports Grille 1266 Beach Blvd, Jax Beach, FL. Phone 242-9335.

April 11-13, 2003: GOF South, Mark XXXVII, Palm Coast Golf Resort, 300 Club Drive, Palm Coast , Florida 32127. Reservations 800-654-6538. Mention MG Club weekend.

May 24, 2003: 4th Annual BBMGs British Car & Bike Day. 9:30 am to 4 pm at Maclay Gardens State Park. Info pkaiser@nettally.com or 850-222-9317. (See the flyer on pages 5 & 6 of the newsletter)

June 14, 2003: Drive to Ocala Area. We plan to meet up with the Tampa club for some road time in the Ocala horse ranch area, stopping at a horse farm belonging to one of their members. Possibly a lunch and mini car show there. Should be a good time, more details to come.

October 25, 2003: British Car Classic, Mandarin Community Center. MG Classics of Jax sponsors this year!

November 11, 2003: Festival of Performance Cars at Hilton Head Island". An entire weekend of car events hosted by Hilton Head Island, including a judged "Shine and Show" and a Concours d'Elegance

December 7, 2003: MG Classics of Jax Christmas Party. Sunday, late afternoon, note the day & time change for your calendar this year!!

# Prez Sez (Continued)

I also heard we had a good showing at the tech session. Unfortunately, my work prevented me from attending. Despite the wet weather, some front-end work was accomplished with the aid of many helping hands. The lunch spread was superb, and included shrimp as well as the usual grill items.

The tech session continued at Neil and Jonnie's. In addition to completing the cross flow-head conversion on the purple B, Dr. Lovejoy's TD received a little attention. Corrections were made to his brake pedal, which had apparently been bent to aid in a prior owner's heel/toe braking ability. I look forward to seeing John's TD at the GOF.

Jeff Sager has done a fantastic job with the web site. As you may remember, we took a vote last month to pay to secure our domain name for our club's web page. I am very happy to announce that we have an up-to-date web page. Check it out at www.mgclassics.org Many thanks Jeff.

After many months of sporadic work on my TD, I got it back on the road. There is still a little tweaking and many small repairs still needed, but I look forward to driving it to the next meeting.

This is going to be my last reminder--dues are past due. We would like to get the club roster together and distributed to you all. If the Treasurer (George Fipp, address is on the membership renewal form on page 7 of this newsletter) has not received your dues by April 30, you will not be included in the roster.

There is not much time remaining before the GOF in Palm Coast will be upon us. I have received word that rooms at the inn are almost full. If you have not done so, make your reservations now, as it will soon be too late. If you are planning on going sign up to join the caravan. Additional information will be presented at the next meeting.

Not many MG's have been on the road lately. I suppose it has been too wet for convertibles, but I am sure that will soon change. See you at the meeting.

Safety Fast,
Mike

# Tech Session at DeCandis's "Farm"

## By Chris Waage

A very wet start to a great tech session was the order of the day. Jim Hall and Bernie Nowotny were the first to arrive followed by Tom Bott. Pete Wilson assisted with work on Bernie's "A".

We hit a roadblock with the ignition wiring in Tom Bott's B, and we need a club member to learn more about the later rubber bumper B's and their wiring attributes. There are 4 or 5 solenoids scattered under the hood and not too many of us are sure what each one's function is and how to troubleshoot these items.

As more members arrived Wayne Coker and Dave White helped empty the food trailer. With help from several members we managed to get one of the club tents up so Chris could start cooking. Someone took the shrimp to the kitchen where the ladies were slicing the peppers and onions and were able to sample the shrimp for 45 minutes before those "guys" in the garage devoured them. Beverly, Brenda, Linda, and Helen visited with Betsy's mom, Violet, as the veggies were being prepared.

In the kitchen we learned the DeCandis's dog loves raw vegetables and actually begs for them. The members watched as the little dog put away

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# Club Notes

Change of address for the Prez:

Mike Kazmierski has moved. Check the web site for his new address and phone number (the phone number on the back of the newsletter is the new correct one also!).

Notes on the upcoming GOF:

From Joe Calvert —> Saw Tony Roth at Lake Helen show. There are over 100 cars pre-registered for the GOF! Tony seemed very excited.

From Neil Nelson —> Rooms at the Inn are going fast but folks can still get a room. There are 24 rooms available for Friday night and 30 rooms available Saturday night. Better make your reservations now!!!

Notes on the Concours D'Elegance from Joe Calvert:

Eight members of MG Classics of Jax supported the Community Hospice of Northeast Florida again this year. Our continued volunteering to help the Concours d'Elegance enables them to provide nearly $1,000,000 to help this worthwhile cause.

This year was eventful with an unplanned thunderstorm which forced the car show inside. The early morning crews were troopers in helping move cars into tents and parking garages. They even pitched in to help clean and dry cars. Unfortunately because of limited room many cars were not displayed.

I saw Jan and Pierre who plan to be at the GOF and Pierre introduced me to Burt Levy who writes for British Car Magazine.

There was an MGA racer and a very rare PB on display.

This is a great event that MG Classics of Jax should be proud that we support!

MG's at Sebring from Mike Kazmierski:
The MG-Lola won the LMP 675 class at Sebring last weekend. Sebring is one of the toughest endurance races that takes place, and finishing alone is a recognizable task. It is regarded as the best test in preparation for LeMans.

# Stuff for Sale

1976 MGB Restoration Car

For sale $600 OBO. Good engine and drive train, new floor pans installed, solid body, new tires, ros-tyle wheels repainted properly, much other work completed, needs a little body work and paint, complete care. Call Jim Hall for details 904-282-1658 or 904613-9591 (cell).

1980 MGB

$9500 OBO. Orange, dual S/U's, 5 speed tranny, complete new interior (carpet, panels & seats), trunk carpeted, ice cold A/C, new top, mini lite alloy wheels, tuned exhaust, lowered front and rear (no more body roll). Call Jim Hall for details 904-282-1658 or 904613-9591 (cell).

1976 MGB

$7500 OBO. Rare Sunglow color, rust free, new upholstery, new carpet, new top, nice clean driver. Call Jim Hall for details 904-282-1658 or 904-613-9591 (cell).

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.

1969 MGB

White with wire wheels. Fully restored $5,600.

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# WWW.MGCLASSICS.ORG Goes Live!!

The day has finally arrived! All the paperwork and red tape has been filed and cut!! You can now see "Everything you wanted to know about MG Classics of Jacksonville (but were perhaps afraid to ask)" at ***www.mgclassics.org.***

The current and previous newsletters, the club calendar, other car club links, club members items for sale, a "members only" roster, and much much more are there waiting for your perusal. Surf on over and check it out.

Starting in April, club members who have contacted the newsletter editor and requested "electronic copies only", will receive an email message with a direct link to the current newsletter at the web site rather than receiving a hard copy via snail mail. So far the newsletter editor has heard from three club members regarding this change. Watch your email April 21 or 22 for the first electronic newsletter!

If you have items you would like posted on the web page email them to: webadmin@mgclassics.org (or call Jeff Sager at 904-287-8068).

## Stuff for Sale (continued)

St. Augustine. Contact Ron at 904-461-0166 or (cell) 904-669-3152.

**1980 MGB Roadster**

Silver, overdrive, 38,000 miles, alloy wheels, no rust, no accident damage, 75# oil pressure, new MG-V8 front end bushings, interior & carpet perfect, top-perfect and has a good radio. $8,500. Contact Jim Hall at 904-282-1658.

**MG-TD Hardtop**

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

**MGB Weber downdraft carburetor**

With K&N filter in chrome housing, manifold and exhaust headers. $250 OBO. Also, Rostyle Wheels. Set of 4 painted correctly black w/silver w/175X65R14 good tires. $240 OBO. MGB exhst header. $20. Contact Jim Hall at 904-282-1658.

**1953 MG-TD**

100% running car. Needs total restoration. $5000. Contact Dave White at 904-246-6201.

**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 at 904-273-9493.

**MGB Door Hinges**

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

**1960 Morris Minor**

Motivated seller. Car in Lake Worth, Florida. Contact Iris Eisenberg at 904-387-4825. Can email photos.

**Wanted : TD bumper.** Over riders and low style lug, rack. Contact Phil Topcik at 904-880-4626 or *endofil@prodigy.net.*

# Spring Fling 2003

By Chris Waage

From 13 who "signed" up for the show 5 actually went and 3 caravanned. Wayne Coker, Beverly Gilfillan and Chris joined the Calverts at World Golf Village for coffee and donuts and decided to run down I-95, since we didn't have any slow pokes. Along the way we were able to see a tour bus being pulled out of the mud somewhere in the St. Augustine area on southbound I-95. Apparently the driver had to get off the roadway and took the bus for a dip in the water. There was a definite "high water" mark down the side of the bus. I wonder how much water found it's way into the luggage compartments?

We made it to Lake Helen in just over an hour with no problems and got ourselves in the proper places on the field. Jim Hall was there selling fleas and having a slow start to an eventually good day. Dave, Teena and Loren Gable arrived shortly after, registered their Mini and parked with the rest of the Minis. There were some nice cars. Harrison Hayes had a TVR and a Lotus Exige , which seems to be the Lotus Elise on steroids. It is all business and not street legal! There was a rubber bumper orange B with a crossflow head setup much like Roger Brinkley's, Dave Gable's and Neil Nelson's. This guy , from South Carolina, used the SU HS-4 setup and had done a real nice job. He also installed a ¾ cam and lightened flywheel.

There were two real good looking MGAs, a white one and a robin's egg blue one. Both had wide white wall tires and were well done restorations.

On behalf of MG Classics, I donated a new pair of 3 ton jack stands to their raffle. We all bought raffle tickets and food to help support their event and everything seemed to go well.

We ran into Tony Roth with his TF and he seemed to be in good health. We'll see him again at GOF. Art Floyd was there but didn't bring his V8-TF!

The most interesting car at the show was a 1950 Alvis TB-14, which is a large right hand drive roadster with some luxury appointments – a fold out bar in the passenger door complete with crystal decanter and glasses! It seemed to be somewhat larger in width and length than a Jaguar XK140. It has a lot of chrome in the front grillwork and large wire wheels. It won best of show. I will have some pictures at the meeting.

The weather remained cloudy all day and made for a good day without the risk of sunburn.

Everyone made it home in one piece and the cars all ran well.

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about a half pound of peppers.

John Leenhouts arrived with his GT and during the course of disassembling the front end we found the left A-arm that had instead of a 3/8" hole there was a 3/8" by 3/4" slot. That part might make it to the meeting for everyone to see.

Fortunately, Jim Hall had all of the necessary parts to correctly reassemble all the cars. He also oversaw all of the work to be certain everything was done properly.

The Hirschmans arrived and Henry convinced Jeff Sager, who was dressed to go somewhere else, which didn't involve greasy, dirty cars, to check the carbs on their B. With rubber gloves and paper towels Jeff made some carburetor equalization adjustments and the B ran much smoother.

As lunch approached, John Lovejoy arrived and returned to me a TD brake pedal which he borrowed to use as a sample, as someone had bent the brake pedal on his TD to the point that it interfered with the accelerator. He and George Fipp had to get busy with a torch, a vice and a large hammer to make everything right again! John jumped right in and browned off the bratwursts that had been steamed in beer to give them that grilled texture and flavor. They were all perfectly browned and none were burned!

Speaking of George Fipp, he arrived just in time to get the next to last bratwurst and give moral support. Jack Thomas was able to schedule a visit to Wayne and Neil for some adjustments to his TD.

Drew gathered several people around their pond and fed the fish. Perhaps our next session at Drew's, we could have sushi?

This was a great tech session as we did some important work on members' cars where people learned more about their cars, did some socializing, ate some good food, and everyone was as involved as they wanted to be and had a good time. Thanks to all who participated!

# Big Bend MGs

# 4th Annual British Car & Bike Day

**Saturday, May 24th 2003**

**9:30 am to 3:00 pm**

**Maclay Gardens State Park**

**Followed by a scenic drive**

*To promote an appreciation for British cars and bikes*

View all of the cars, enjoy the activities.

Car Display
People's Choice Awards for Best Car & Bike
Valdez Contest
Cribbage & Darts
Beautiful Garden, Nature Trail & Swim in Lake Hall

**SPECIAL EVENT**

**Catered Traditional English "High Tea"**
**Scones with Jam & Clotted Cream, Tea-Time Sandwiches, Savories, Biccys (English Cookies), Assorted Cakes, Assorted Seasonal Fruit Tray & Hot English Tea.**

Catering by *Fancy That*

The park has coin operated drink machines.

*Don't forget to bring your camera!*

**Advance Reservation $35.00**
**"High Tea" *ONLY* $25.00**
Day of Event - Reservation $45.00
Day of Event - "High Tea" *ONLY* $30.00
**(Includes Maclay Gardens State Park Admission)**

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**• ADVANCE RESERVATION FORM •**

**BBMGs 4th Annual British Car & Bike Day**

Big Bend MGs 850-222-9317 or pkaiser@nettally.com or www.bigbendmgs.com for more information.

**Each Reservation is for PARK ENTRANCE FEE for 1 vehicle & "High Tea" for 1 person. Additional "High Teas" are $20.00 each for those making a reservation with a British car.**

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make Vehicle _____ Model _____ Year _____ (A separate registration is required for each vehicle)

Names for badges _____

☐ **$35 Reservation** Number of Additional "High Teas" _____ @ $20. each Amount enclosed _____

☐ **"High Tea" *ONLY*** Number of "High Teas" @ $25. each _____ Amount enclosed _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MAY 16, 2003**

Send with check made to: **BBMGs, 638 E College Ave, Tallahassee 32301**

# *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 |
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| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |

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

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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. Send items to newsletter_editor@mgclassics.org. Next newsletter deadline: **April 20**

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