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Tres Sez Karen Altomare

As the Club Treasurer I must report there are several members whom have not as yet remitted (that means paid) their dues for this year. PLEASE do so ASAP. A membership renewal form is on page 2 of this newsletter. All members will receive the newsletter in the mail this month to insure that you have a current form.

Hope to see you all at the MG Classics meeting on Monday 27th March.

Safety Fast, Karen

For Those of You Who Missed It:

On 03/11/06 there was a Club Cruise to San Sebastian Winery in St. Augustine. Anybody who wanted to join on for a relaxing afternoon drive to St. Augustine to tour the San Sebastian Winery, met at the Gate gas station on US-1 at SR-210 at 11:30

On that day a vast number of MG Classics Members (5) participated and had an enjoyable afternoon. All arrived at the Gate before 11:30 am. After waiting til after 12:00 pm we wrote off any others but were still hoping that we somehow had misread the instructions and were in the wrong place. Knowing when we arrived at the Winery there would be 30+ MG's in the parking lot!

Having missed lunch we decided to stop at Theo's before proceeding to the Winery. Surprised again - Theo's closes at 12 Noon on Saturday.

So back into the MGs and a quick hop to the Winery and no other MGs evident. Our luck improved when we found the rooftop wine bar with plentiful tidbits of which we partook ending the Official MG Classics Tour shortly before 2 pm.

All who participated agreed that it was a great, well organized tour and should be repeated in the future!





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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 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)

Please supply the following information:

Owner's Name(s): _____ ___New ___Renewal

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Home Ph: (_____) _____ Work Ph (opt.): (_____) _____

Email address (Opt.) _____

Please email my newsletter to help the MG Classics save printing and postage costs _____

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

_____

MG Automobile Currently Owned (use reverse side 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"**

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c/o Karen Altomare, Treasurer, 6371 Eman Dr. N., Jacksonville, FL 32216-5647

GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL, MK XXXX, SOUTH

PLANTATION INN AND GOLF RESORT

9301 WEST FORT ISLAND TR. • CRYSTAL RIVER, FL 34429

April 7-9, 2006

This beautiful resort is on U.S. highway 19, at the Southern end of the town of Crystal River, Florida. The facilities are first class. The ca park will be on the lawn of the Resort on the banks of the crystal river. It is a great place to sit and watch the water flow by while enjoying MG fellowship.

Again this year, we have arranged a package deal with the Resort to give you both food and lodging. This will make early registration easier as you do not have to pay for your meals until you leave.

Prices are as follows:

Two nights lodging for two and two Saturday Awards Banquets.	$270	All taxes are included.
Two nights lodging for one and one Saturday Awards Banquet.	$229	All taxes are included.

Note: We couldn't arrange a Friday dinner at a reasonable price with the Resort. We are working on a dinner tour or the like.

If you can only make it for Saturday night, or if you want to come on Thursday, $87 Taxes NOT included
You will have to purchase your banquet ticket when you register with us.

These prices are for "standard" rooms. Upgraded rooms with patios and/or king beds are available at an additional rate of $10.00 per room par night (plus tax) based of availability.

The above prices are good as long as there are rooms left in our block of rooms. **March 8, 2006 is the deadline for obtaining these prices**. After that you will have to pay the going rate for rooms at the time. They are only for people registered for the GOF.

CANCELLATION: Individual room reservations may be cancelled up to 31 days prior to arrival without penalty.
Cancellations received after this date WILL BE CHARGED back to the individual at a price of $87.00.

NOTE: We have the right to substitute people who want to register late with rooms that people want to cancel late. Please contact the Chairman to get on the appropriate waiting list.

A credit card will be needed to guarantee the reservation..

Make your reservation NOW by calling 800 632 6262. **Mention you want the ClassicMG Club weekend April 7 - 9.**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name (Include all in your party for name tags)_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____ _____ e-mail address_____

Are You bringing an MG?_____If so, what year an Model?_____

First Timer _____yes _____No

Club Affiliation_____

Registration fee, Before March 1	$25.00	$_____
After March 1	$40.00	_____
Banquet for those not paying thru the Hotel	35.00 per X____	_____
T Shirts – number wanted Med.___Large___X Large____Other____	15.00 per.	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		$_____

Send to Paul Plasschaert, 1304 Wellington Terr,, Maitland, FL 32751 with check payable to Classic MG Club
For more information call Tony Roth 407 671 6888 or e-mail to ClassicMGClub@att.net

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.



You can be part of the celebration!
April 26-30, 2006

For the regional GT last year the weather was superb, the trip was fun, the food was great, and the camaraderie was excellent. So we are going to do it again – the Second Annual Key West Regional GT. We will be there for the island chain's Conch Republic Independence Celebration Days. This "tongue in check" celebration is one of Key West's premier parties and we're going to participate in the annual parade down Duval Street. What a chance to be part of the party and show off our cars!

We are going to be a part of another event reserved for the very few and the very fortunate – the opportunity to drive our cars on the old Seven Mile bridge out to Pigeon Key, made famous and historically significant by Henry Flagler who built the Overseas Railroad from the mainland to Key West. Pigeon Key was the location of the main encampment for those hard-working men who built all 42 bridges that link Key West and the Florida Keys to the mainland.

This year's Key West Regional GT will be one to remember, as it becomes an annual event featuring the participation in the Conch Republic Independence Celebration. Be sure to pack a camera, and if you can find a bag of beads, throw them in the car, as parade goers in Key West, just like Mardi Gras, will do crazy things to get noticed by a bead thrower.

The weather in April in Key West is generally excellent with highs in the 80s and lows in the high 60s or 70s. No need to pack anything fancy as the dress code for all events in Key West is "casual". Shorts and a shirt will get you anywhere, and shoes are optional. Here is the current agenda:

Wednesday, April 26 - Get to Marathon or around the Keys on your own – some hotels in the area are: In Key Largo – Sheraton Key Largo 305 852-5553; In Islamorada – Holiday Isle Resort 305 664- 2321, Hampton Inn 305 664-0073; In Marathon - Banana Bay 305 743-3500, Holiday Inn 305 289-0222. Please note that there is not a group rate established at any of these hotels due to our staggered arrival.

Thursday, April 27, 2006
10:00 am - Muster in Marathon on the south side of the Seven Mile bridge (the ocean side) in a field that is at water's edge. Someone will be there to direct you. It is also the entrance to Knight's Key. It is a fantastic location for a photograph, and we will have a professional photographer to take a picture of you and your car with the seven mile bridge as a backdrop. You will make arrangements to pay for the photo with the photographer.

11:00 am - Caravan from the field directly across U. S. 1 to the "old" seven mile bridge to historic Pigeon Key where we will have a box lunch. The bridge and Pigeon Key are closed to vehicular traffic, but we will be allowed to use them because we are "special." While in transit an aerial photographer will take a picture of us on the bridge that will also be available to purchase before leaving Key West. We will leave Pigeon Key about 1:30 pm and drive to Key West, hopefully in a caravan aided by the Sheriff's office.

2:30 pm - Check-in at Key West hotel. Choices are: Doubletree Grand Key Resort, Contact is Javiar Garrido, 3990 S. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West,305 293-1818. Rates are $175 and $185, plus a parking fee. 30 rooms are being held for NAMGAR. Also, the Best Western Key Ambassador. Contact is Armida Averette, 3755 S. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, 305 296-3500. Rates are $129 for a non-ocean view and $159 for ocean view just across the street, no parking fee and free continental breakfast. 10 ocean view and 20 non-ocean view rooms are being held, but *must* be booked before March 3, 2006 to get this rate.Since Conch Republic Celebration is going on, rooms should be booked early. Get an early dinner because we're going to be in a parade.

7:00 – 7:30 pm Muster at the south end of Duval Street to join the Conch Republic Independence Parade down Duval Street.The parade ends at the Schooner Wharf Bar, or before if you prefer, and you are on your own for the rest of the night. The town will stay a bit crazy for the evening. Time For Key West Already? Regional GT Details April 26 - 29, 2006

Friday, April 28 - Open Day for sightseeing, shopping, sleeping off hangovers, recreating, or whatever you want. At Hurricane Hole Marina there will be discounts for anyone belonging to NAMGAR for fishing charters, rental boats, kayaking (with or without guides), Safari tours (small, fast boats you drive yourself with a guided tour), jet ski tours around the island of Key West, White Knuckle boat rides (an exciting, spinning, fun experience), or parasail trips.

Saturday, April 29 10:00 A.M. - or before Have your car at Hurricane Hole Marina for the First Annual "Conch-curs d'Elegance" Classic Car Show. We will, of course, be featuring MGAs, but there will be cars of all descriptions from the Keys and perhaps elsewhere. Judging will be from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

6:30 pm - Cocktails and Lies will be shared at Hurricane Joe's Bar with live music.

7:00 pm - Dinner and Awards at Hurricane Joe's Bar and Seafood Grill – your choice of Steak, Chicken, or incredibly fresh "Catch of the Day"(you can eat chicken or steak anywhere). You will be able to purchase your photographs of your car at the Seven Mile bridge and/or the photo of all the cars on the Seven Mile bridge during dinner.

For those of you who want to become "citizens" of the Conch Republic and get a passport, (dual citizenship with the US and/or Canada is permitted), Peter Anderson, Secretary General of the Conch Republic, is offering discounted passports for all NAMGAR members. The special price is $75. If you would like your own passport, print out the application at <www.conchrepublic.com>. Send the completed application along with the copy of your driver's license (he is suspending the need to have it notarized as it says on the internet site), and the required pictures, together with your NAMGAR number and a check for $75. You *must* mention NAMGAR and your number so he knows the discount applies. The swearing-in ceremony at the dinner will be quite an elaborate event in itself.

As you can see, this will be even more fun than last year. If you are interested, fill out the registration form and send it in as soon as possible. And don't forget to make those hotel reservations early.

NAMGAR in Key West

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Conch Republic Independence Days Festival

Registration Form

Name: _____

Other attendees: _____

Mailing address: (for confirmation information)

_____

City _____ State/Province ____ Zip/Post Cd _____

Which vehicle do you plan on driving to the event? _____

Marathon Box Lunch @ $10 ea _____

Awards Banquet – Hurricane Joe's Bar and Seafood Grill @ $40 ea _____

Registration Fee – $20 _____

Total _____

Fees may be paid by check payable to "NAMGAR" or by Visa or MasterCard.

Card # _____-_____-_____-_____

Expiration Date _____/_____

Complete this form and mail with Registration Fee and meal charges to: George Merryweather, NAMGAR in Key West, 536 Buffalo Bend Court. Murphy, TX 75094. Questions? Contact George Merryweather, 972 422-9593, <gmerryweather@verizon.net>

Release: All members of your party older than 17 must sign this release before your registration can be accepted. *Neither my heirs nor I will hold the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR) or its chapters liable for any personal injuries or damages sustained by me, my party or my car while traveling to and from this event and while participating in this event.*

Signature(s) _____ *Date*_____

Signature(s) _____ *Date*_____

GUS's GARAGE

Gus was in the middle of an engine overhaul on a big Healey when Petrol Halfshaft came into The Garage. Petrol said "Boy that looks a mess." Gus agreed adding "When things break they usually make a mess. Gus asked Petrol if he was there to shoot the bull or did he have a problem. In the mean time he said Petrol could put that rocker cover and sump(valve cover and oil pan to you) into the parts cleaner to earn his keep.

While he was cleaning parts Petrol told Gus about repacking the front wheels on Flintstone (his chrome bumper MGB). He said that no matter how tight he turned he still had a lot of free play on the hub. Gus asked if he had adjusted the shim pack. Petrol said no he just replaced the oil seal and replaced everything else cleaned with fresh grease. Gus told Petrol that MG used a shim pack to adjust end float, not double cone bearings as in USA applications. The shim should allow .002 to .004 inch end float. To get this you put everything together dry and torque to 60 LB/Ft. The movement is just perceptible but you can use a dial indicator. You can now add grease, install everything and torque to 40 to 70 LB/Ft while rotating the hub. The reason for the torque spread is to line up the split-pin hole. Install the split pin refit the dust cover and the job is done.

Gus suggested that you have a variety of shims in your spares kit before starting the job. Shims are available in 3, 5, 10, and 30 thousandths a new split pin should be used. Bearings should be repacked with every brake job as a minimum.

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Automobiles For Sale

49 MGTC
White w/Green interior, runs great, show condition. $22,000 to club member. Ed Fahy 904-687-3077

67 MGB
Black W/Black Interior (new), 92,000 miles, overdrive, electronic ignition, 5 new Goodyear tires, 12V pos grd, show quality car. Have to sell due to family illness. $11,000 OBO. Kimo Silcox 904-910-5381

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 at 813-882-3153 or 2ranger@tampabay.rr.com.

1974 MGB Under Restoration
MGB in Orlando. Engine has been rebuilt. Comes with many new parts and an extra engine and tranny. Asking $3000 obo. Call John Loudermilk at 407-834-0561, or 407-257-6262.

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 smschriefer@yahoo.com.

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 or chrimina@comcast.net.

1979 Triumph Bonneville Special
Beautiful condition. 750cc, 5spd, dual disc brakes. Same owner last 11 years. Meticulously maintained. $6000 or trade. Contact Jim White at Hm: 269-9922 or Cell: 742-2933.

1980 MGB
56,000 miles. Runs well. Tires and top in good shape. Garage kept for the past 3 years. Asking $6,000. Car is in Brunswick, GA. Call Mr. Stalvy: (912) 264-2999.

1980 MGB
Great for restoration. Ran when parked. Quarter sized in fenders otherwise sound body. Good carpets. Interior looks ok if cleaned up. Needs dash pad. Steering column locked. Needs paint. $1,000 OBO as is. $1500 if I get her running and clean her up. Drew DeCandis: 904-287-3072.

Parts:

79 MGB Carb/Manifold
Manifold (intake and exhaust), heat shroud, Zenith! Stromberg carburetor with adjustment tool, air filter, plate to attach everything. All original equipment. Installed a Weber and no longer need these. All this for $200! Call Udo at 904-573-3547.

62-74 Front Bumper Bar with Overriders. Bumper is in very good condition. $75 takes it.
68-71 Dash Panel. Like new condition. Never been installed. Parts dealers list it at $180 new. Yours for $50
MGB Left & Right window glass w lower channels & glazing in very good condition, $75 for both

MGB Left & Right window regulators in VG condition. One set of window regulators, (left and right windows) in very good condition. Both have been tested and are in excellent working condition. I will also include used l & r rear window channel, $75 takes it all.
MGB window outer frames in fair condition. These frames are no longer available and will fit bodies from 65865 on. Glass and inner frames are available also. $75 for all including glass. Call Bill @ 904 737 9656 for additional information. Jacksonville.

Two MGA Engines/ Transmissions
One is from a 1960 and the other 1961. Conditions are unknown, but they will probably need to be rebuilt. Located near Ocala, interested buyer would need to pick them up (no shipping). Pictures can be emailed on request. Contact Joe at originalroadtoad @aol.com.

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 or drewdecandis@comcast.net.

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

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.

JUST ONCE MORE ! !

HELP Please!!!

MG is the **Featured Marque** at the 20th Annual All British Field Meet & Autojumble on October 28, 2006. Your editors have been asked to advise the Tampa Bay Austin-Healey Club as to the best MG type and color to put on the commemorative T-shirt? HELP - What model MG & Color should we tell them? Please email us at: newsletter_editor@mgclassics.org. At last years meet the Mini was the Featured Marque. Over 220 cars and bikes were registered but because of Hurricane Wilma they had a few no-shows.
Since when did none of you have an opinion???

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- Are you all aware that the MG Classics Newsletter is in living color on the website at **www.mgclassics.org** as a pdf so you can download it, print it, and send it to others?
- Each month more of your fellow members sign up to receive this newsletter by email. In doing so they are helping MG Classics save on postage and printing. You will be receiving the newsletter faster than by USPS and it will be in living color to boot! With the recent USPS raise in postage this can be a substantial savings for the club! If you would like to try it for a couple months please let the editors know at newsletter_editor@mgclassics.org
- Prez John Leenhouts is taking orders for an Official club shirt - a polo shirt with the club logo and the member's name for $20.00.
- The May MG Classics meeting will be moved to May 22nd because of the Memorial Day holiday on the last Monday.
- Your editors travelled last month and were not at the February meeting. Ramada Inn reportedly was/is a great venue with a nice meeting room and good food! The Ramada is just North of I-295 on the South side of San Jose Blvd. "B" There!

BUYING A COLLECTOR CAR

This series is a plan to help a novice to become the proud owner of a collector car, with a minimum of "If I had known that I would not haves." It is not intended for people who have been around the block a few times in the old car hobby. Nor is it for the hobbiest with a shop full of tools and the knowledge and skills to use them. With these disclaimers lets begin.

Usually the process begins with a latent interest in a particular car from ones youth. If that is the case the decision of what to buy is solved. For the rest of us we look at many factors. Among these are engineering, style, charm (ugliness), price, rarity, availability etc. The next step in the process is to gather information so we can obtain our hearts desire.

To begin your personal data base (YPDB) join the local and national car club for the make and model car of your interest. This will provide a wealth of knowledge about your choice. The next step is to purchase a restoration manual specifically for your choice if available. You are now ready to go to school. You will learn the peculiarities of your choice. you will also find out what activities the aficionados who own these cars enjoy. You will narrow down what you would like to participate in, casual weekend driving, racing, long distance touring, or other activities.

We will next deal with condition vs value. You are still working on YPDB. Rick Feibusch of British Car magazine has a system as good as any. It consists of five classes A through E:

A = Completely restored to showroom new not driven since restoration.	
B = Restored to non-original or older restoration.	$=about 67% of A.
C = Good driver, very clean, unrestored or amateur rest.	$ = about 5% of A
D = Running, good body, mostly original, may need major work.	$ = 25% of A
E = Mostly intact, limited rust, major work before driveable.	$ = 1% of A

Using this system you can now assess your finds and develop a price grid for your YPDB. As you have noted we have not established $A. As a general rule from an economics standpoint it is best to buy the best, most complete, operating car possible with the money you have allocated for the transaction. It is difficult for a first time buyer to maintain enthusiasm during a prolonged restoration process which rules out D and E class cars. In 1999 you could buy an A class car for about 50% of the cost of restoring a E class to A class.

to be continued. CAL (Gus's brother-in-law)



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EVENTS CALENDAR

MG Classics Meeting
March 27th, 7:30pm
Ramada Inn: 904-268-8080
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22nd Annual Maitland-Winter Park All British Car & Motorcycle Show,March 31-April 2, Mead Gardens, Winter Park, FL Information and Registration forms are on the host club's web site: All British Car Club Show Information at www.allbritishcarclub.com/22ndcarshow.htm.

GOF MK 40, South, April 7- 9, 2006, Plantation Inn & Golf Club, Crystal River Florida. Registration form on page 3. **Caravan for the Crystal River GOF** leaves from Hardee's in Green Cove Springs (on Blanding/SR 21 in Green Cove, **NOT** in Orange Park) at 10:00am on Friday April 7th. Call Jeff Sager at 904-641-8387 or register online at www.mgclassics.org if you want to be in the caravan.

NAMGAR Mini-GT Key West, April 26-30 During **Conch Republic Independence Celebration.** Information & Form pages 4 & 5

33rd Annual AACA Antique, Classic, Special Interest Car Show and Swap Meet, May 6th,Orange Park Kennel Club, Orange Park, FL Car show is from 9:00am to 3:00pm and is open to all interested car owners. Call Mike Chalut at 904-284-3256 for more information.

Legends on the Green - 3rd Annual Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance and Charity Banquet at World Golf Village. Saturday, May 6. Information (904) 287-9701, concourschair@jagdriver.org, Website: www.jagdriver.org

March Meeting Place - Ramada Inn just off I295 North of San Jose Blvd



MG International 2006 - June 21-25, 2006 - Gatlinburg, Tennesee -The NACMGR presents MG 2006. Put on every 5 years by MGRNA. Previous shows were at Indianapolis and St Paul. You will have the driving vacation of your lifetime! Please visit the website to register and make hotel reservations at http://www.mg2006.com/

All Brit 2006 - Oct. 28, 2006, Tampa, Florida.**"MG the Featured Marque"**

MG Jamboree 15 - Nov. 10-12 - Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, Tampa, Florida

Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are always welcome. Thanks go out this month to John Leenhouts, Don Schmidt (Gus & Cal)

Submissions requested before the 10th of the month for possible inclusion.