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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

Thanks to all that traveled east to the beach. We were not disappointed with the food and service Nolan provided.

I trust everyone that ventured down to Palm Coast had a wonderful time. The view from my office window revealed a fabulous day. The heavy tax season load occupied my weekend, which prevented me from attending the GOF. The report I have indicated a very large number of T-series vehicles were present. I am looking forward to reading more of it in the newsletter.

My brother, Marc, unfortunately had to transport Bernie Nowotny to Shands hospital in Gainesville. Bernie suffered an aneurysm the weekend before the GOF. We hope for a full and quick recovery for Bernie.

The month of May brings two great outings to attend. The first will be the Fernandina Shrimp Festival on May 3. We hope the temperatures are lower than last year's scorching day. Traditionally we have been graciously provided great parking spaces on the edge of the festivities.

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Calendar of MG Classics of Jacksonville Events

April 28: Next meeting of MG Classics of Jax is at the St. John's Seafood , 9825-1 San Jose Blvd. Jacksonville, FL. 338-9349. It is in the Outback Plaza, about one mile north of I-295, east side of the street. Grub starts when you get there, meeting starts about 7:30pm

May 3: Fernandina Shrimp Festival. This is an annual event for us. They usually set aside an area in downtown Fernandina Beach for us to park/show our cars. We then get to eat shrimp and visit all the art and crafts areas nearby. Details will be disseminated and a caravan will be organized at the next club meeting.

June 7: Drive and Picnic in the Ocala Area. (Note The Date Change!) Iggy Miller of the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club has planned a (short) twisty-turny road tour in the Ocala horse ranch area. Bruce and Judith Brunson and the Suncoast club have graciously invited us to stop at the Ironwod Farm for some lunch and some games. We will organize a caravan to meet up with the other clubs - details of the caravan will be coming soon - plan on this being an all day event. See info on page 9.

October 25: British Car Classic. We will be hosting this year and it will be held at the Mandarin Community Center, 12447 Mandarin Road, Jack-

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Prez Sez (Continued)

There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting. There is plenty of food and fun to be had.

Unfortunately I have been unable to establish a planned trip with the Tallahassee Group (Big Bend MG). However this month we can see them by traveling to Tallahassee on May 24 to attend their 4th Annual British Car & Bike Day held at Maclay Gardens State Park. The Tallahassee area has some of the most beautiful scenic drives in all of Florida. Just imagine driving your MG with the top down under renowned canopy roads of Florida's panhandle combined with the spring flora and fauna in bloom.

I have to report a date change to our trip to Ocala. At the request of the hosts, it has been rescheduled to June 7. I will have complete details at the meeting.

This month's newsletter contains our 2003 Member Roster. If you paid your dues, you are listed. I would like to suggest finding a new name in the roster and then meet the individual. After all, a club like ours is only a group of individuals.

I have only seen one MG out of the garage that did not belong to me. On April 16, I saw a green TD in the parking lot of the new 3rd Street Diner. I believe it was waiting for a slightly heavier Haden Allen. I have heard that the diner has a huge menu and an on-sight pastry chef. I think it is a potential future meeting location.

Safety Fast!

Mike

The Great Race

By Rick Reichert

My Dad, Wallace Reichert, and I just returned from the Great Race Texas speed-time-distance rally driving my 1951 MG TD for three days over hill and dale. I was the navigator while Dad did the driving. We arrived ready for some hot Texas desert but a cold front put the temperature down to 30 degrees, so we ended up at a Walmart buying gloves and sweatshirts. We took third place rookie division and $155 in winnings from a field of 17 rookies and 81 total teams.

Great Race vehicles must be 50 years or older with vintage stock equipment except for limited safety and racing equipment including an additional speedometer which is calibrated for temperature, barometric pressure, and humidity. Cryptic course instructions and an accurate analog clock is all that is allowed; no calculators, stopwatches, maps, binoculars, or outside assistance is permitted.

The competing cars are all beautiful antiques but must be kept in great running shape. Some of the best cars included a 1917 Peerless racer, 1920 Essex Roadster, 1931 Ford Phaeton, and a 1929 Hudson. A number of cars dropped out with mechanical and structural breakdowns. Our car was the only MG and made it through without any problems.

We had a great time and we have already signed up for this year's Great Race 2003 which covers a 4,000 mile staged course starting in Michigan on June 20, passing through Texas then North Carolina, to finish in Florida with a lap around the track during ceremonies of the Daytona 500 on July 5. The purse is over $250,000! While our odds of winning are about the same as the lottery, we remain hopeful anyway.

Rick Reichert

Make sure to check out Rick's pictures on the next page! Looks like they had a great time!

Pictures from Rick's Great Race



Rick and Wallace with their winning plaques.



Shot of Rick's car in the line up.



Inspection Time.



All the racers line up.

Calendar

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sonville, FL. We'll post an application here when it gets a little closer to the date.

December 7: Annual Xmas Party. To be held again in the party room of Dave and Linda White's condo. Mark your calendars, more details to come.

April 23 thru 25, 2004: GOF South Mk XXXVIII. It's our turn to host the biggest MG event of the year. Looks like we'll be doing it in Palm Coast. Mark your calendars, more details to come.

For more info on calendar items check out our web page at *MGClassics.org*.

Stuff for Sale

1976 MGB Restoration Car

For sale $600 OBO. Good engine and drive train, new floor pans installed, solid body, new tires, rostyle wheels repainted properly, much other work completed, needs a little body work and paint, complete car. 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.

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 *endofli@prodigy.net*.





Pictures from GOF XXXVII, April 11-13 2003

GOF

By Brenda Sager

GOF XXXVII was terrific!! The site and the weather could not have been more perfect. The field for the car show was grassy with giant oaks for shade, truly a perfect background for the cars. Jeff and I believe it was the largest field of competitors we have seen, especially in the T car groups! There were many beautiful cars and even more interesting stories to be shared. MG Classics of Jacksonville had a good showing also. There was a caravan that drove down on Friday morning. It included the Nelsons, Wayne Snook, Linda Dillard, the Wrenns, the Dockins, the Brinkleys, and the Fipps (sorry if I missed anyone!!).

They had some excitement on the way down. The Meth's had a "fatal" water pump failure. Unfortunately their A had to be towed home from the St. Augustine Airport. The rest of the gang headed on down to Palm Coast and enjoyed the Friday night fish fry.

Jeff and I drove down Saturday morning early. We arrived at the venue about 9 am and the site was buzzing. Jeff quickly got the T parked and started cleaning off any new road dirt. We registered and voting began at 10 am.

We found all the Jax Classics members and met quite a few new faces as we cast our votes. Voting ended at noon then we set out for a "tour" and lunch.

The Calverts found a nice place on the ocean, The Shark House. The service was a little slow (we thought Jeff was going to waste away!) but the food was great. After enjoying the view and the great weather we returned to the resort for the evening festivities.

There was a Wine and Cheese Party which we all really enjoyed! It was a great social hour and we found some different wines and cheeses (in particular a stilton with lemon, mmmmm). Then it was on to the banquet hall for the main event.

Once again the program was first class. MG Classics of Jacksonville did well in the awards especially considering the stiff competition on the field!! And the winners were ..... First timers: 2nd Wayne Snook (B) & Bob Wreen (A) tied. Premier: 1st Roger Brinkley (TF). Midget: 1st Mike Chalut. MBG Chrome: 3rd Neil Nelson, 1st Wayne Snook. MGA: 1st Bob Wrenn. TD: 1st Neal Roland. TC: 3rd Rod Marcom. And the Fipps picture in their TD won 1st place in the photo contest! Congratulations to everyone!!











More Pictures from GOF XXXVII, April 11-13 2003

NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGION AACA

30TH ANNUAL

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BEHIND ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB UNDER THE TREES ON THE ST JOHNS RIVER

SATURDAY MAY 3rd 2003 8am - 3pm

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CLASS 2 1946-1959 ORIGINAL/RESTORED

CLASS 3 **1960-1977 ORIGINAL/RESTORED.**

CLASS 4 **1900-1977 MODIFIED.**

CLASS 5 1977- PRESENT



30 TROPHIES INCLUDING PRESIDENTS CHOICE & BEST OF SHOW
Dash plaques to the first 100 participants

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NAME----------[PLEASE PRINT]

ADDRESS----------

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MAKE OF CAR----------YEAR---------MODEL----------CLASS----------
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I,the undersigned, understand and agree that N.E. Fl. Region AACA and/or the Orange Park Kennel Club will not be held responsible for any liability that I might incur during this meet and any car entered will carry a public liability and property damage insurance. Fire extinguisher must be in all cars.

SIGNED----------

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"IRONWOOD FARM"

MG DRIVE-IN EVENT

Saturday, June 7th, 2003

Hosted by

Bruce & Judith Brunson & Florida Suncoast MG Car Club

Bruce & Judith Brunson are hosting an MG drive-in to their beautiful and manicured horse farm located on 118 rolling acres in northwest Marion County. Better known as Ironwood Farm, Bruce & Judith have worked very hard to establish this as their home that has many thoroughbreds in some of the nicest horse stables one can lay their eyes on. Charles, the farm manager, and his wife Melissa, are also anxious to meet the MG crowd, see the cars, and plan to do the cooking at one of the barns for the usually hungry MGer's at lunch time on Saturday June 7th.

Clubs should plan on arriving in Marion County by 10:30 am for many fun activities. This will probably require a departure time of no later than 8:00am considering there is a drive time of about 21/2 hours to Ocala. One activity will be a short horse farm tour of the area in an MG caravan which will allow club members to view and appreciate the beauty of Florida's horse farm country. We will plan as many twisting and winding roads as possible to add to your driving pleasure. The tour will be kept as short as possible since both the Jacksonville group and the St Pete drivers will have already driven a good distance. The tour will either begin right after arrival to Marion County, (after a short leg stretching break) or during the activities at the farm, those details have yet to be worked out, and all will be advised.

Other activities will be Horse Shoes, Darts and other games as well as a great lunch to be provided to all, courtesy of the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club and Judith and Bruce Brunson. Farewells will be in order in the mid-afternoon so all can have a relaxing drive home.

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