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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

Monday March 29th 49 people showed for the meeting at Santioni's. Comfortably crowded the business at hand was taken care of.

First was the clubs liability insurance. This is now with J.C. Taylor at a cost of $505/year for 2 mil in coverage. Discussed was the need to join First Coast Car Council the vote taken was not to join.

Brought to the membership was the request of nametag badges for those who wish to have them. Terry & Chic Holiday brought examples of badges that were not expensive. The price range was $6.50-$11.50 depending on quantity. If you are interested in name tags that show the clubs name as well as you're own please contact Joe Calvert or myself. At the next meeting we will pass a sign up sheet for those wanting nametags.

Joe Calvert gave a report on the Treasure Hunt rally held in St.

Calendar

April 26, 2004

Monthly Meeting
Golden Corral
11470 San Jose Blvd
Appx 1 mile south of 295
272-0755

Meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Arrive early for dinner and prime seating!

April 23 thru 25, 2004: GOF South MK XXXVIII. Palm Coast, Florida. John Twist from University Motors will be presenting a tech session. Caravan to Palm Coast Friday April 23rd. We will have two gathering points, Rich's Bar-B-Que in Green Cove Springs 12pm and the Denny's at I-95 and Rt. 16. (We will depart by 1pm from here)

May 1: Fernandina Shrimp Festival. Plans to caravan will be discussed at the meeting.

Prez Sez (Continued)

Augustine. 11 cars participated and much food was collected for the Food Bank. No one got lost and all enjoyed the day traveling through the streets of St. Augustine. **Thanks to all those that participated in donating food, we collected over 100# , and thank you Larry Dockins for delivering the food to the Food Bank.**

Chris Wagge gave a report as to the status of the G.O.F. We still need some volunteers but we also need raffle items. If you have items that could be donated to this event call Chris or myself. It was discussed as to the importance of this event. If your available that day come on down and enjoy the commeradity and friendship only a weekend like this can afford. **Hope to see you there.** Pat Calvert and several ladies of our club showed baskets that will be raffled off. They have put in much thought and the results are great. Any guys out there with ideas, now is the time to put it together. Drew Decandis gave us some information of a three-piece combo who would be willing to play free at our Friday night dinner. We will pursue this generous offer. If you are not staying at the resort but wish to attend the dinner Friday or Saturday please contact me for costs and getting your dinner arrangements.

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Again let me remind everyone if you have not sent in your dues for this year please do so. We are doing many exciting things, so don't miss out join the club.

May 1st we are gathering together those who would like to go to the Shrimp Fest in Fernandina. This is normally a fun day and Fernandina is hopping during this weekend.

Anyone interested in a Sunday afternoon ride to a local restaurant, starting in May we will pick a meeting place and a restaurant, then for those who wish to take out the MG's for a Sunday ride, grog, spirits and fellowship are welcome.
Bernie

Note from the Editor

Sorry for the mistakes in last month's newsletter. Life was a little topsy turvey at the Sager household last month. We packed up most of our house for storage as we moved in with Jeff's Mom (Marge) for the next year while we build in Colee Cove. We are still available at the regular email addresses or by cell phone at 476-8069 (Brenda) and 536-8068 (Jeff). Hopefully this newsletter will be closer to the norm!

I have updated the electronic distribution list for the Newsletter to match the updated membership roster. Please let me know if you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail only. Also, please let me know of updates to your email address.

Thanks for your sense of humor in dealing with last months newsletter mistakes!

Brenda

Stuff for Sale

1976 MGB
Rare Sandglow, Rust free, Garage kept, Dual S/U's Rebuilt and properly tuned, New carpet and seat covers, New top w/top boot & tounneau included, New front suspension, Nice stereo radio, New tires on Rostyle wheels w/Stainless steel trim rings, New exhaust system, $10,000.00 invested. Will sell for $7500. Contact Jim Hall 904-282-1658

1955 MGTF 1500
Restoration project, Many new parts, Rough but Very restorable car, Engine free, Genuine 1500, NOT a 1250 with 1500 engine, Only around 3300 1500's built so car is rare example, $6500.00 OBO. Contact Jim Hall 904-282-1658

New set Mini Lites w/new tires
$650.00 (New Mini Lites are now $179.95 ea.at MOSS) do the math. Contact Jim Hall 904-282-1658

Custom 7"X15" Wheels
by American Racing w/MG center caps, set of 4 $440.00. Contact Jim Hall 904-282-1658

1976 MGB Roadster
No rust, very clean, good interior, SU carbs, stainless steel exhaust, new tires, original top/boot & tounneau. $4000. Call Floyd Maycroft at 534-1233

1969 MGC
Antique white, needs some work, body & paint very good, interior pretty good. Over all good shape. Make offer! Mark Cooper 904-375-0642

1957 MGA
Red, Runs great, beautifully restored. Have $27,000 in it. Listed in Auto Trader for $16,900, will take $1,500 off for club members or friends. Contact Jerry @874-1859.

1960 MGA Coupe,
90% complete total body off restoration. Needs dash, interior, glass, grill and front bumper installed. Have all required parts. Save thousands + time. Bob Wrenn, 904-230-8396 or mgowner@bellsouth.net

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.

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

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 904-273-9493.

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

1977 MGB
Red w/black top. Canvas top is new, 110,000 miles. Runs good, with some rust. Pictures available via email. $3000. Contact Charles Stephens for info at chrimina@comcast.net or 904-256-4774.

Parts Needed
Pete Wilson is looking for a Steel wheel and a turn signal switch for a MGA 1500. Call him at 317-2413 or 610-7789.

Tow Dolly
Master Tow tow dolly for sale. Used twice. $550. Call Tom at 260-4043 (home) or 955-4713 (cell).

76 Midget
Many new parts & is in good shape. Is not running. Very little rust, clean title. Has been waiting 4 years for me to restore. Contact Steve at 904-591-6654 or smschriefer@yahoo.com for more info.

Note from the editor: If you have an item in this column that has sold or is no longer needed please contact the editor. Thank you.

Check out ads on www.mgclassics.org. Several include pictures along with the descriptions listed above!

News from the VP

JoeCalvert

What a great rally ! Twelve cars showed up and found new parts of St. Augustine. Thanks to Dave for putting on a great event. Dave has agreed to do it again in the Fall. Maybe we can get the other British Car clubs involved. Bernie and Rosemary collected the food and calculated that we had 90 pounds of food that we donated to The Mandarin Food Bank.
Say thanks to Larry Dockins for delivering the food.

Come to the GOF! There are great people involved with our hobby, right here in our club. Take some time to get to know a few. I will have a challenge for the next meeting. Identify the following people :

1) Who learned to fly as a teenager when he lived in the Caribbean ? He flew to beaches to Scuba Dive.
2) Who's parents were in Vaudeville ?
3) Who's parents were in the Circus ?
4) Who was the youngest Navy Pilot when he received his wings?
5) Who is a retired Admiral ?
6) Who from Yulee has an Allard ? Bonus points if you can spell her first name!

Thanks again Dave !

Joe

Ford in Trouble Over Pigeon-Bashing Ad

Submitted by Wayne Coker

An advert for a self-proclaimed "evil" car featuring a pigeon-bashing bonnet has been slammed by animal charities. The advert shows a pigeon about to swoop down from a tree to deposit it's load on a newly-polished Ford Sportka. As it gets close to the car the bonnet springs up, strikes the bird and catapults it across the road to it's death.

Pigeon fanciers have been quick to condemn the advert, which appears on the Ford UK website. Brian Tattersall, president of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association, has called for the advert to be banned. "It is in incredibly bad taste," he said. "The pigeon finishes up dead in the middle of the road—it's black humour which we don't find amusing." "We have written to the Advertising Standards Agency and to Ford UK and are hoping for an apology."

The RSPCA has also joined the battle to ban the advert, claiming that the use of shock tactics to cause offense and gain publicity is just "very, very bad taste."

Spokeswoman Katy Geary said: "There surely must be better ways of describing a car's capabilities than this.

"It's about time that these companies stop these shock tactics, start acting responsibly and think carefully about the messages they are giving out."

A spokeswoman for Ford said that the advert was aimed at young men and was intended to be humorous.

"We do take the public's concerns very seriously but we believe that people will understand that we would not hurt an animal in the making of an advert.

"The car is most certainly not designed to hurt animals."

totalMG - the all-new MG magazine

MG enthusiasts the world over will soon have a new magazine devoted to their favourite cars. *totalMG* reflects the excitement that is MG. It's the magazine that the MG world deserves and gives today's MG owner what they want - fun, informative articles with stunning photography and lively writing.

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MG Tips

Bumper Protection

To protect your nice new or rechromed bumpers AND have them look great, instead of using an undercoating compound, consider coating the insides of the bumpers and over-riders with silver POR-15 before re-assembly. An epoxy paint, it brushes on, dries hard, and will look like a primed inner bumper surface, with a nice gloss. Plus, it is rust-proof. I use this on all the cars I restore.

Paint Masking

Our Tech Tip this week is from Bill Schmidt. Ever had to paint a small part that's still on the car and wanted an easy and quick way to mask off the surrounding area from over spray? Simply use aluminum foil! It's cheap, quick and can easily be molded to fit odd shapes, especially in the engine compartment. Use as many pieces as necessary to cover the possible over spray area. Just be sure there are no gaps or places the overspray can get under the foil. When the paint is dry the foil comes off easily with no sticky mess from tape. I've used this trick to touch up exhaust headers before a car show and always get great results.

Installing Top Snaps - Made Easy

Our Tech Tip this week is from Andrew Dowling. I recently replaced the soft top on my 1979 Spitfire and was having a very hard time with the snap tool that I had bought at the local automotive store. Talking with an acquaintance about my dilemma he told me about a tool he had made to make his life easier. Take an ordinary flat jawed vice-grip and weld the button cup on one side and the punch on the other side you only need enough of the punch for the depth of the button you use. You want to put the button part on the top stationary jaw and the punch on the bottom clamping jaw. Wow what a difference this made and you can put the snaps on while top is on the car with out worrying about scratching the paint or hammering.

Attaching SU Air Cleaners

Our Tech Tip this week is from Fraser Cooper. After many years of frustration in getting the bolts to line up with the air cleaners from around behind the SU ears on my MGA, I replaced the bolts with short studs. These were 5/16-24 and I made the protruding part just long enough to get through the SU flange plus the thickness of a 5/16-24 nut. The stud thread should be spoiled so that the stud is locked in place, or use 'Locktite'. Now, the air cleaner slips onto the SU very nicely and is held in proper alignment, making it easy to get the nuts started. Ideally, the nuts should be the type with the attached toothed lockwasher, but so far I've not had a plain nut (no lock washer) fall off.

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Historic Sales and Installation Brochure submitted by Neil Nelson

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1. Remove the hood.
2. Remove the radiator.
3. Remove the front engine mount belts.
4. Remove the cylinder head water outlet, ready for replacing.
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6. Remove the fan blades and install the special adapter plate supplied. Replace fan blades.
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9. Install supercharger induction manifold and supercharger, belting supercharger casing to support bracket, where indicated fat front.
10. Install idler pulley bracket at front of engine, upper left.
11. Replace water outlet with special outlet supplied.
12. Rework header tank on radiator, moving water outlet about 1 1/2 in back, to rear edge pf tank. This is a simple soldering job.
13. Install induction pipe, carburetor and controls.
14. Install supercharger V-belt supplies and make sure of correct tension by adjusting idler sprocket on bracket.
15. Replace radiator and hook-up hoses.
16. Replace hood.

Installation time: 5 to 6 Hours

(That's my favorite part—
Jim, how does that compare to the
Supercharger you installed from Moss?
There may be more "truth in advertising
Laws in 2004!)

Unfortunately there are no dates on the brochure. We'll have to check with Neil for possible publication time frame!

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