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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.

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Prez Sez Bernie Nowotny

Well, GOF XXXIX has come and gone. We had the largest contingency of members from Jacksonville that I can remember. A total of 29 members and spouses traveled to Sebring in 14 cars to enjoy the weekend festivities put on by our sister club from Tampa (Sun Coast Classic MG Club). Weather-wise, it was great and the cars were a wonderful display of British workmanship. The MG Classics of Jacksonville had two caravans of cars that traveled to Sebring without breakdowns. We were well represented as several of our members received trophies in their class: Neal Roland 1st place Premier Class, Neil Nelson 1st Place chrome bumper "B", John Leenhouts 2nd place rubber bumper "B". Jeff Sager 1st place TD. Congrats to all for your fine display of cars. Thanks to all who made the trip and represented our club: John & Nancy Atkinson, Roger & Phyllis Brinkley, George & Betty Fipp, Terry & Chic Holliday, John Leenhouts & Nancy Green, Jeff Sager & Karen Search, Bob Wrenn, Wayne Snook, Jim Hall & grandson Christopher, Larry & Linda Dockins, Neil & Johnnie Nelson, Neal & Marilyn Roland, Bob & Bonnie Phillips, Richard & Kathy Gross, Joe & Pat Calvert, Bernie & Rosemary Nowotny.

We also had winners in non-car contests: Chic Holiday outdid all in the poodle skirt contest and came away with top honors and John & Nancy Atkinson out-danced everyone in the "twist" contest.

Along with all the attention on the cars, there was also a tour given of WWII vintage airplanes and vintage racecars. Formation flying training was taking place at the airport nearby all weekend and the air was full of vintage aircraft in flight formations as the show continued. Those who would venture onto the famous Sebring racetrack got 2 laps to fantasize as to what racing a vintage car would be like. For those of you who could not make the trip, enjoy the photos on our web page. Think of joining us next year if we have peaked your

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March Meeting Minutes Michael Chalut

The March meeting at Dick's Wings was called to order by President Bernie at 7:24 with an introduction of guests Tom & Betty Curtis.

Much discussion regarding the GOF in Sebring April 8-10. A group was to meet at Rich's BBQ in Green Cove Springs at 9:30am on the 8th to caravan down via Orlando by the back roads.

We talked about dues, nametags, and business cards for the club.

Drew's MG Magnette was featured nicely in Classic Motorsports.

Linda Dockins won $39 in the 50/50.

The April 25th meeting is scheduled for Lil' Bambino's in O.P.

Mike



Please email updates to:

newsletter_editor@mgclassics.org

Club 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.

Automobiles For Sale

1952 TD

Make a great car to drive and enjoy now and restore later. Asking $7,500. Contact Dallas Stratton at 904 692 5914 or 4290 Independence Ave., Hastings, FL, 32145.

1962 MGA 1600 Mk II

Like new condition. Approximately 2500 miles since full frame-off restoration. Original owner, always garaged, non-smoking environment. $17,500. Jan Matott: 904-321-0801 or janmatott@earthlink.net. See much more detail and lots of pictures at mgclassics.org.

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

1972 MGB GT

Restoration project, or for spare parts. Have clear title. Best offer. Call Dick: 904-765-7569

1974 MGB

Overdrive, chrome wire wheels, cross-flow head, 1.75in SU carburetors and manifold. Has 2in free-flow exhaust system with header. Excellent red paint with black interior and top. Fast and reliable. $11,000. Contact Roger Brinkley: 904-981-8600.

1976 MGB

Rare sandglow, rust free, garage kept, dual S/U's, new carpet and seat covers, new top w/top boot & tounneau included, new front suspension, new tires, new exhaust system, $10,000.00 invested, Sacrifice for $7,500.00 firm. Jim Hall 904-282-1658.

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 email at 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. chrimina@comcast.net.

PARTS:

69 MGB Carb/Manifold Parts

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.

2 MGA Engines and Transmissions

Not long ago we acquired 2 MGA's one is a 1960 and the other is a 1961, both have engines and transmissions in them, mind you they have been sitting a long time and we know nothing about them nor are we interested in using them in our projects. I would guess that they will need to be rebuilt. We are located in west central Florida, about 20 miles from Ocala. We are not interested in shipping these items they would need to be picked up. I can e-mail pictures upon request. Contact Joe: 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. eMail: drewdecandis@comcast.net

New Set Mini-Lites w/New Tires

$650.00 New Mini-Lites are now $179.95 each at Moss - do the math. Contact Jim Hall: 904-282-1658.

Safety fast!

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interest.

Just as a reminder we will sponsor the British Car Classics Show at the Mandarin Community Club later this year. If you're available, we will be looking for volunteers.

Our 50/50 winner this past month was Linda Dockins - $39.00.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Linda Dillard whose mother passed away recently after suffering a stroke just before the GOF.

April's meeting will be at Lil' Bambino's in Orange Park. The address is 1241 Blanding Blvd. The phone number is 904-276-6000. They are located just north of Knight Boxx Road on the east side of Blanding (on the left as you head south) in a shopping center with the Crazy Horse Saloon and the Salvation Army store. They are opening the doors for us at 6:00pm and the meeting starts at 7:30.

Safety Fast,

Bernie

GOF South Mk XXXIX Photos Jeff Sager (see all these and more - in color - at www.mgclassics.org)



Terry and Chic Holliday take Poodle Skirt Trophy



Best of Show - 1930 MG Midget "Double Twelve" Racer. One of the last of the "serious" racers built at the MG Works. Named for a two day twelve hours-a-day race in 1930. [Ed. Note: Sorry, I lost the names of the owners.]



MGBs and Bumble-Bees were both in attendance at the show.

More GOF South Mk XXXIX Photos Jeff Sager (see all these and more - in color - at www.mgclassics.org)



Vintage war birds and vintage British roadsters - It doesn't get any better than this!



Neil Nelson tries to keep Roger Brinkley from climbing into the Piper.



Roger tells all about his Piper antics to George and Betty Fipp.



Bob Wrenn and Wayne Snook head on over to the race track.



Joe and Pat Calvert cavort on the famous Sebring race track.



The Southeastern Fall "Gathering of the Faithful" Mark XIII

Lake Chatuge Lodge

Hiawassee, Georgia

October 6 - 9, 2005

Featuring the MG TC

Hotel Rooms are Limited. To receive the discount rate of $89.00 per night, you must register by September 1st. To make reservations, Call 1 800 613-4349 before September 1st, and tell them you are with the MG Club.

Wayne Stewart, GOF Chairman; 3883 Andrews Crossing, Roswell, GA 30075 Phone 770-992-2498
Cut Here and Mail to: Elaine Stewart, Registrar, 3883 Andrews Crossing, Roswell, GA 30075

Registration: Southeastern Fall GOF MK XIII, Lake Chatuge Lodge, Hiawassee, GA

Name: _____ **Spouse/Guest** _____

Address _____ **Additional Guest** _____

City, State, Zip _____ **MG Club** _____

Phone No. (___ **)** _____ **e-Mail Address** _____

1st MG Model _____ **Year** _____ **Color** _____

2nd MG Model _____ **Year** _____ **Color** _____

Date Recd.	
Car # 1	
Car # 2	

Registration: $35 per MG Owner + 1 Guest; $10 each Adult Guest $ _____
$5.00 for 2nd Car or each additional Car

Friday Evening BBQ $15.00 per Person X_____ $ _____ Children under 12 $7.50

Saturday Banquet $35.00 per Person X_____ $ _____ Children under 12 $17.50

T-Shirts Size S ( ), M ( ), L ( ), XL ( ) @ $12.00 ea. X_____ $ _____

Grand Total $ _____

(Make check payable to The Southeastern MG T Register)

Mail to: Elaine Stewart 3883 Andrews Crossing, Roswell, GA 30075 770-992-2498

THE SOUTHEASTERN FALL GOF MK XIII LAKE CHATUGE LODGE, HIAWASSEE, GA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY: Oct. 6
REGISTRATION DURING AFTERNOON
DINNER AT DEER LODGE - (on your own)

FRIDAY: Oct. 7
REGISTRATION
SELF GUIDED MOUNTAIN ROADS TOUR
HOSPITALITY
FIRST TIMERS CAR SHOW
HAPPY HOUR
BBQ DINNER
ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY: Oct. 8
REGISTRATION
CAR WASH
CAR SHOW
HOSPITALITY
TECH SESSION
AFTERNOON RALLY
(DIVORCE COUNSELING PROVIDED)
BANQUET, AWARDS, AUCTION

DIRECTIONS

Hiawassee is located in the North East Georgia mountains

From Atlanta:
Take **I-75 to I-575** North to highway **US-76** and follow the signs to Hiawassee.

From Florida:
Take highway **US-441** to Clayton, GA. turn left in Clayton on highway **US-76** and follow the signs to Hiawassee.

HOTEL:
Lake Chatuge Lodge
Hiawassee, Georgia
30546
phone 1-800-613-4349

(note: you Must Register by September 1st to receive the special GOF rate of $89 per night)
Tell them that you are with the MG Club

Dear Fellow **MG** Enthusiast,

The Southeastern MG T Register invites you to the thirtenth biannual "SOUTHEASTERN FALL GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL". We emphasize the term "Gathering of the Faithful or GOF because the event is exactly that - a gathering of those unique individuals who enjoy, even love their MGs and find nothing better to do or more fun than simply getting together to share their cars and experiences.

There is no better place to drive MGs than the North Georgia Mountains in October. With a nip of fall in the air, the winding roads, scenic mountains and valleys, interesting little shops, traditional festivals and the fall color all contribute to make driving an MG as good as it gets. Located just four miles from the North Carolina border, Hiawassee, Georgia is an excellent base to enjoy the Georgia mountains to the south and the Nantahala and Smokie Mountains to the north. The Lake Chatuge Lodge has given us the entire lodge for our use at the summer rate of $89.00 per room and you know how difficult and expensive it is to get reservation in the mountains in October. The Lodge will even let us keep the low rate into the next week if you want to extend your stay and use the Lodge as a base for touring the mountains. Our GOF is the week-end before the famous Hiawassee Fall festival. We will use the Fall Festival theme and use their entertainers and food vendors for funnel cakes, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc at our GOF. We will have fun.

Early registration starts on Thursday, Oct. 6th and activities really begin on the 7th with self-guided mountain tours, a great Tech Session, tire kicking, our famous hospitality room and a BBQ Friday night with mountain entertainment. Saturday we will have the traditional car show, the famous Thornley Rally, followed by another great tech session or visiting the quaint mountain shops. Saturday night we will have the awards banquet followed by a brief auction of MG and other great stuff. This year we will have a flea market so bring those MG things you haven't found a use for that have been cluttering your garage and make your wife happy. Your trash may be someone else's treasure.

This GOF is not to be missed so fix up and drive or drag you MG to the Georgia mountains. We expect to have MGs from A to Z at the GOF, but if you can get your T type or earlier MG to North Georgia please try to bring it, we all want to see it. We will have fun!

H. Wayne Stewart, Chairman

Elaine Stewart, Registrar

Southeastern Fall GOF
3883 Andrews Crossing
Roswell, GA 30075
Tel: 770-992-2498

MG History - The Evolution of the MGB 1962-1980 mgcars.org.uk

[Ed. Note: On the table, at the Awards Banquet of GOF South XXXIX, were several documents giving interesting historical facts about MGs. All were "borrowed" from the internet. Re-borrowed here, without permission, is one. It comes originally from "MG - The Classic Marque", a very good web site at www.mgcars.org.uk. I highly recommend the site for research into the MG automobile, or for just general time-killing perusal.]

Design work for the replacement of the MGA started in the late 1950's under the direction of Syd Enever and was completed by early 1961. The car styled by Don Hayter was influenced by EX 181. To be successful the car, to be known as the MGB, had to succeed in America. A monocoque construction was used and the car was to incorporate some refinements over the MGA, such as wind -up windows. The first production car was completed on the 22nd of May, 1962 a LHD roadster, chassis number G-HN3-102, and a blue RHD car, chassis number G-HN3-101 being completed a few days later. The car was launched to the British public at the Earls Court motor show in September 1962 and was priced at £690 plus £259 purchase tax.

The first major change came in the 1965/7 period with the introduction of an all syncro gearbox, five bearing crank engine and a Salisbury rear axle. However, the most significant change was the addition of a GT to the range. This had been styled at the Abingdon design office but then sent to Pininfarina in Italy who made only detailed changes. The result was a car which, at launch, was described by Autocar as "perhaps the prettiest Sports Coupe' ever to leave the BMC drawing boards." Another major development to the car during its production life came in 1975 and was brought about by American safety regulations related to impact resistance. This was directly responsible for the introduction of rubber bumpers and raising the ride height. Over the coming years American emission rules would also result in an engine which, for this market, produced significantly less power. During the life of the MGB only two special editions were produced: firstly the jubilee cars produced in 1975 with a build of 750 cars - all GT's - finished in BRG, then finally MG announced that the last 1000 cars produced before the factory closed in October 1980 would be a "Limited Edition". The final car was a Pewter GT, chassis number G-HD5-523002 .One other special car of note was produced in 1977 when MG celebrated the Queen's Silver Jubilee by producing a one-off blue and silver GT which was auctioned for charity.

The final chapter of the MGB however was to be written when, following the closure of the factory, a consortium headed by Aston Martin tried to purchase the MG name and went as far as producing a roadster based on the GT body shell (a concept used 12 years later by Rover in the RV8) however financial problems prevented the car going into production.



During the 19 years of production of the MGB 512,112 cars were produced. A figure greater than the total of all other models of MG produced at Abingdon and which to date is still the largest volume of a single design of sports car produced anywhere in the world. The MGB can rightly claim - as MG said in one of it's advertising slogans of the 1970's - "THE GREAT BRITISH SPORTS CAR"

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Next Meeting

April 25, 2005

Lil' Bambino's, 1241 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park.

904-276-6000.

Way south on Blanding, on the left (east) side of the road while heading south. Near Crazy Horse Saloon and Salvation Army. See map at www.mgclassics.org.

Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are always welcome. Thanks go out this month to Bernie Nowotny and Michael Chalut. Submissions for next month must be received before May 18th for possible inclusion.

Upcoming Events

04-26-05: Your newsletter editor's birthday!

04-30-05: Motorcycle Concours d'Elegance at World Golf Village.

05-07-05: Twenty-Second Annual British Motorcar Day at Chateau Elan, Braselton, GA. Call 770-804-9380, 770-302-1706, or see www.atlantabritishmotorcarday.com.

05-30-05: Memorial Day, Monthly Meeting TBD.

06-18-05: Vettes At The Village - World Golf Village.

06-27-05: June Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

07-25-05: July Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

08-29-05: August Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

09-26-05: September Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

10-31-05: October Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

11-28-05: November Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

12-10-05: Annual Holiday Party of the MG Classics of Jacksonville. Pelican Pointe, Jacksonville Beach.