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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

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Thanks to all that made it to last month's meeting. We will be back in the same area this month.

I am glad to report that Jim Hall's recovery from heart surgery is going well. Jim Hall is continuing his recovery at home and is doing well. I took to the wet county roads to visit him one evening to deliver the club's impromptu get well cards and pick up a parts order. Earlier in the day Jim and Wayne Snook had done some brake work on Jim's B-GT and discovered that the wheel hub and axle splines had severe wear. Apparently, the nut that holds the wheel hub in place loosened, which allowed the hub and axle shaft to slip. Jim had already ordered the necessary parts, and undoubtedly will have it all back together in time for his vacation to the mountains.

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Calendar of MG Classics of Jacksonville Events

June 2: Next meeting of MG Classics of Jax is at Santioni's, 11531 San Jose Blvd. Jacksonville, FL. 262-5190. It is approximately 1 mile south of I-295, east side of the street. Grub starts when you get there, meeting starts about 7:30pm

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 page 7 for info)

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

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Prez Sez (Continued)

Bernie Nowotny is also doing well. He has been recuperating at home, but will require additional surgery. The report is that he is a little stir crazy. We wish Bernie a full recovery.

Instead of the Shrimp Festival, a larger number than expected of our members attended the AACA Car Show held at the Orange Park Kennel Club on Saturday, May 3. Jeff Sager provided some DJ music and did a little MG'ing as well. Rod Marcum also took advantage of the day by getting two of his MG's out. Linda Dillard and Wayne Snook were also in attendance, and good times were had by all.

The same weekend offered an antique car show in Ponte Vedra. Chris Waage and Bev Gilfilian drove across the street to the event. Jeff and Brenda Sager had their TD out of the garage for the second day in a row.

During a business lunch, Steve Hicks and I arranged an afternoon to work on his '74 B-GT. Fuel pump problems had prevented him and Chris from getting the car going on a previous attempt. I had an extra pump that I offered to Steve. After installing the pump and tightening a few loose clamps, Steve fired the engine for the first time. It was great to hear the hum of the engine once again and the renowned MG exhaust note.

The arrangements for the trip to Ocala are almost complete. We will likely meet in the Green Cove Springs area, and head down 301 to Ocala where we will meet Iggy Miller. After a quick pit stop, Iggy will lead us to the Ironwood Farm. The day is sure to be an enjoyable occasion. For those that are interested in staying in Ocala, I have contacted the Silver River Inn (352/236-2616) for accommodations. Thanks to Dave White for scouting the area for us while he was there a few weeks ago. We will run through more of the details at the meeting.

Safety Fast,

Mike



The British Car Line Up from the AACA Car Show in OP

Thank You

Note from Jim Hall

Just a note to thank you for the live flower arrangement, cards, visits, phone calls and prayers during my recent bypass surgery. All went well and I am recovering rapidly, translated meaning I will see you at the next meeting if I am not laying under an MG installing a new 5 speed. The doctors are amazed at my recovery rate but then I am a clean living guy, no Wine, Women, and Song. A special thanks to my friend Wayne Snook who helped me with the parts and other things while I was down. Hope to see all of you soon.

Your MG Parts Guy

Jim Hall

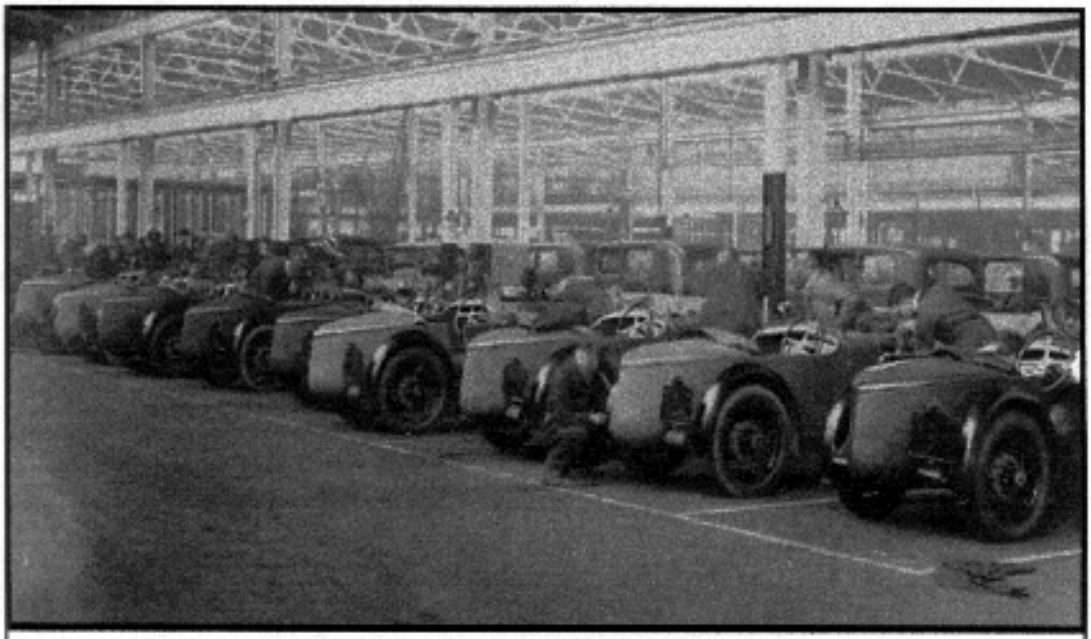
The Retro Page

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Of the many MG anniversaries being celebrated this year, the 75th anniversary of the M Type Midget is perhaps the most significant. Announced at the London Motor Show in 1928, the little M Type was to be the car that really launched the MG Car Company at Abingdon. Until then the three pioneer MGs, 14/28, 14/40 and the six cylinder 18/80, were all produced in relatively small numbers for a limited market who could afford these noble models. With the arrival of the small and sporty Midget, selling at just £185, this was to appeal to a much wider market and some 3,245 cars were built over a three year period.

The Midget's simple design was based upon the Morris Minor but with an attractive pointed tail two-seater fabric body. There was also a pretty Salonette version and metal panelled coupes. The power unit was derived from the Wolseley 847 cc unit producing 20 bhp giving a top speed of around 60 mph.

Following some early competition successes there was the inevitable demand for more power and in 1930 the Double Twelve model was announced with an improved camshaft and more sporty appearance costing just £60 extra. Not surprisingly the Midget was to become the most popular sports car of its day.



M Type Midgets in the factory circa 1928

Calendar

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

Stuff for Sale

1976 MGB

$7500 OBO. Rare Sunglow color, rust free, new upholstery, new crpet, 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.

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.

1980 MGB

Silver. $6500, firm. Contact Jim Hall for details 904-282-1658 or 904-613-9591 (cell).

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 Stephens for info at chrimina@comcast.net or 904-256-4774.

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

Biking Incident

Submitted by Wayne Coker

Current world cycling champion Mario Cipollini has been caught speeding on his bike while training. Cipollini was stopped by police in Italy as he reached a speed of almost 60 mph on a motorway. He was training with team-mate Mario Scirea in Livorno when he was stopped. Eurosport quotes the Italian newspaper Gazzetta dello Sport saying Cipollini and Scirea were fined about 40 lire each. Cycling is banned on the stretch of road where the pair were spotted.

Note: Our own Dave White has experienced a similar situation with a St. John's County sheriff officer and a school zone!

Thanks Wayne for another amusing antidote!!

SOUTHEASTERN MG "T"
GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL MK XII



LAKE CHATUGE, GEORGIA

The Southeastern Fall

"Gathering of the Faithful"

Mark XII

Lake Chatuge Lodge

Hiawassee, Georgia

October 2 - 5, 2003

Featuring the MG Sedans

Hotel Rooms are Limited. To receive the discount rate of $79.00 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: Nancy McCaffrey, Registrar, 2125 Versailles Place, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Registration: Southeastern Fall GOF MK XII, 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** _____

Registration: $35 per family		$ _____
Friday Evening BBQ	$12.00 per Person X_____	$ _____
Saturday Banquet	$26.00 per Person X_____	$ _____
T-Shirts Size S( ), M( ), L( ), XL( )	@ $12.00 ea. X_____	$ _____
Grand Total		$ _____

Date Recd. _____
Car # 1 _____
Car # 2 _____

(Make check payable to The Southeastern MG T Register)

Mail to: Nancy McCaffrey, Registrar, 2125 Versailles Place, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 770-513-0647

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

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

SATURDAY:
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 $79 per night)
Tell them that you are with the MG Club

Dear Fellow **MG** Enthusiast,

The Southeastern MG T Register invites you to the twelfth bi-annual "SOUTHEASTERN FALL GATHERNING 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 $79.00 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 2nd and activities really begin on the 3rd 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 a tech session or shopping the quaint mountain shops. Saturday night we will have the awards banquet followed by the ever-entertaining 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!

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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.

Contact Bruce Rauch of the Fl. Suncoast Club at *brauch61@aol.com*
Or Gregg Miller, Ocala Coordinator at *igmandada1@aol.com*

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