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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

The weather's changing and it's becoming top down weather. So we will begin planning some events that will allow us to enjoy our vehicles. Scheduled as of now is a dinner drive Sunday May 15th to Eddie's fish camp on the inter-coastal at SR210 in Palm Valley. We will meet at the Avenues Mall on Philips Hwy. @ 4:00pm and caravan from there. In addition, we will have our first tech session in June. This will be held at Neil Nelson's home. Mark you calendar June 11th starting at 11am. Lunch will be pizza and cold drinks for those who wish to participate. Subject is care and feeding of SU carbs. We will cover the several types used on MG's, theory of operation, diagnostic troubleshooting and tuning. RSVP is appreciated so we can plan on how much food is needed. Call Neil or Bernie. If there is any particular tech session needed for our members please inform us so we can schedule it.

Thanks to all who have contributed photos of the GOF to our website. By the way, our website is one of the best in Florida. Find the time to explore this site and thanks to Jeff Sager for doing the work to make it what it is today. The web site today is the quickest method we have in communicating with our membership. Please use this tool to find out about upcoming events locally as well as statewide. In addition, you the members can communicate with the board members by posting ideas, or thoughts that would improve our club. You, the member, have the answers to making our club successful; we look to you for ideas, new events or pointing out errors that need to be corrected. We look forward to hearing from you.

May 1st, at the request of Jim Hall, 10 MG's showed up at Jim's church function. The crowd appreciated them and fun was had by all. Thanks for representing our club: Bob Wrenn, Rodger Brinkley, Larry Dockins, Neil Nelson, Wayne Snook, Mark Cooley, Udo Stillmayer, Richard Gross and Jim Hall. If I have missed someone I apologize.

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Tech Session - 6/11/05 Neil Nelson

Neil Nelson has been kind enough to host a Tech Session for the club on June 11th, starting at 11:00am at his house. The subject will be SU carbs: Care and feeding, diagnostic troubleshooting, various types, tuning, theory of operation, etc.

A Pizza lunch, will be served at 12:30pm. Bring your own favorite lunch-time drinks please (though some soft drinks will be available for those who forget).

This is an open invitation to all club members and spouses, but please RSVP so that enough food can be on hand. Call Neil at 904-264-3676 or Bernie at 904-731-2081 to RSVP.

Directions: From I-295 go south on 17, or from Green Cove go north on 17 to CR-220/Bald Eagle Drive. Turn

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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.

1974 MGB - Price Reduced!

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. Price reduced to $9,500. Contact Roger Brinkley: 904-981-8600.

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: 407-834-0561, or 407-257-6262.

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.

Two 1979 MGB Roadsters

Two 1979 MGB's. One is in fairly good shape, dented trunk lid with hole in it from attempted theft in it's distant past. This car was bought about 6 years ago. Has not been running in some time. Second MGB was bought for parts. Has a good trunk lid, but has been pretty well stripped. Engine and transmission are still in it. Make an offer around $800 to $1000. Steve Spaeth. (352) 665-7227.

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. 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.

Prez Sez (Continued)

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Several of our members traveled to Key West to participate in the NAMGAR regional GT April 20-24. Representing MG Classics were Terry & Chic Holiday and Joe & Pheona Kaiser. My understanding is it was a great time: The "A's" caravanned on Duval Street, members gathered for several wonderful dinners, enjoyed Key West Sunsets and the many activities that were planned.

May has Memorial Day as the last Monday so we will move our meeting to May 23rd. Thanks to Bob Wrenn for making arrangements at Sticky Fingers at Baymeadows and 9A.

A reminder (as if we need reasons to drive!) May 28th thru June 5th is British Car Week. The annual awareness week for all owners of classic British cars to roll their car out of the garage and drive it through the neighborhoods and by-ways of their communities. You'll be surprised at how many heads you'll turn.

Can anyone tell me what is celebrating its 50th anniversary? Give up? – MGA is 50 years old.

Safety Fast,

Bernie

"May has Memorial Day ... so we will move our meeting to May 23rd."

April Meeting Minutes Michael Chalut

The April 25th meeting at Lil' Bambino's was called to order at 7:24 by President Bernie. Everyone seemed happy with food & service.

Much talk about the GOF at Sebring with the club well represented and many awards won. Pictures are on the website. [If you were there and would like to share your pictures, please email them to webadmin@mgclassics.org - ed.] Orlando has the next GOF with place and time TBA.

Neil Nelson volunteered for a "tech session" sometime in June [6/11, see story on page

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On The Way To GOF XXXIX Bernie Nowotny

Larry Walker drove his MGA from Bastrop Texas to Sebring Florida. This is his story on traveling 1200+ miles in an MG to attend GOF XXXIX.

Larry and Karin left Bastrop Texas April 3rd at 4am, Larry driving the MGA and Karin driving their Land Rover. They would drive until they got tired or their butts couldn't stand it anymore.

That day they drove to Slidell, Louisiana, which is 585 miles. 40 miles short of Slidell, the MG started to run rough, like on 3 cylinders. They limped into Slidell, which is 30 miles east of New Orleans, and checked into a hotel. Larry tinkered with the car that night, changed the spark plugs and adjusted the carburetor. Well, she was running rough but strong.

The next morning they left at 6am and got approx 5 miles, when she coughed once and died. Larry asked the tow truck driver and the State Trooper (who worked on old cars locally) and they suggested Trioli's [Garage].

Fortunately, Trioli's was only two blocks from the hotel they stayed at, so they had it towed there and re-checked into the hotel. Trioli's said the solid-state ignition that had been installed 2 months earlier had melted.

They ordered new parts from Moss Motors in California and had them mailed overnight. The parts were: a new solid-state ignition, coil, and rotor and distributor cap.

With new parts the MGA was running, but rough. Larry had changed to a Weber carb and it was recommended to go to a mechanical distributor. So, that was over-nighted again from Moss Motors.

Next day it was running better, but not quite right.

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Official GOF XXXIX Participant Vote Results Jeff Sager

*Members of the MG Classics of Jacksonville.

First Timers		
First Place	1971 MGB	Lou and Pat Ballard
Second Place	1958 MGA	Karin and Larry Walker
Third Place	1967 MGB GT Special Edition	Dave and Rita Hauser
Outstanding Entry	1972 MGB	Rick Bucchino
MGB Chrome		
First Place	**1973 MGB**	**Neil Nelson***
Second Place	1971 MGB	Gery Cardamone
Third Place	1971 MGB	Bart and Audry Savino
Outstanding Entry	1971 MGB	Lou and Pat Ballard
MGB Rubber		
First Place	1973 MGB (?)	Theresa Miller
Second Place	**1980 MGB**	**John Leenhouts***
Third Place	1977 MGB	Dave Able
MGB GT		
First Place	1967 MGB GT Special Edition	Rita and Dave Hauser
Second Place	1970 MGB GT	Lynn and Marshall Fleury
Third Place	1967 MGB GT	Pat and Norman Ridgely
MGC		
First Place	1969 MGC	Ronald Boisvert
MGA		
First Place	1960 MGA 1600	Rick Brown
Second Place	1958 MGA	Karin and Larry Walker

Premier		
First Place	**1952 MG TD**	**Neal Roland***
TC		
First Place	1949 MG TC	Jim Pyle
Second Place	1949 MG TC	Gene Gillam
TD		
First Place	**1952 MG TD Mk II**	**Jeff Sager***
Second Place	1951 MG TD Mk II	Stuart Keen
Third Place	1953 MG TD	Bev and Dean Sprague
Outstanding Entry	1951 MG TD	Bill Partington
TF		
First Place	1955 MG TF	Clay and Gail Lowery
Second Place	1955 MG TF	Scott McAllister
Third Place	1954 MG TF	Suzy Maxon
Pre-War		
First Place	1938 MG SA Tickford	Ben Gilbert
Second Place	1930 Brookline Racer	Jack Kahler
MG V8 - Variant		
First Place	1948 MG YA	Rivita and Tom Bowman
Best Of Show		
Best Of Show	1930 Brookline Racer	Jack Kahler

Additional trophy winners from the MG Classics of Jacksonville: "Best Sock Hop/Poodle Skirt Outfits" - Terry and Chic Holliday; "Best Twist-ers" - John and Nancy Atkinson and Pat Calvert.



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** _____

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	$ _____	

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

(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

On The Way To GOF XXXIX (continued)

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So off with the carbs. They put in smaller jets. Now it was running great.

April 6th 4:30pm and storming - 5 inches of rain. They drove thru 200 miles of rain and storm and tornados and had so much water in the car that Larry had wrinkled fingers.

Next stop: Pensacola FL. After driving thru 2-3 ft of water, they found the hotels were full and they had to find a hotel that took animals because they had brought their cat "Simba".

Finally a hotel that took animals, they had to wade through the water to get to the registration desk. After checking in and putting on dry clothes they had a power loss, and Simba found a hole in the wall under a sink. After much searching she was found and the cat box was placed in front of the hole. Larry and Karin waded thru the water to the restaurant that was closing due to the power loss. They continued to wade through water to the Waffle House where they ate and waded back to the hotel.

Next morning 4am they drove thru 300 miles of storm until I-75 South then 250 miles of better weather.

At the GOF Larry won some trophies: #1 for driving the farthest, #2 for the dirtiest engine and most love bugs. #3 for the most trouble while on the road to the GOF. #4 2ND place first timers. #5 2nd place for MGA's.

Quite a trip for a few trophies. And still they had the trip home to look forward to: On which they had a flat tire episode and another MG death 55 miles from home.

Enough was enough and a tow truck was called. Larry is a little tired of working on the MG for now.

Until the next GOF!!!

Tech Session on 6/11 (continued)

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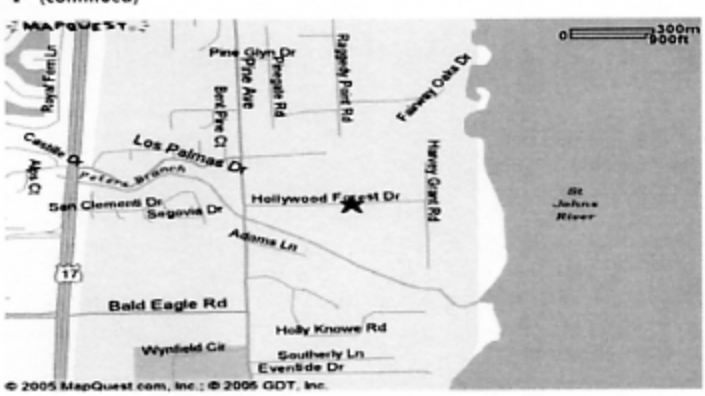
east (toward the river). Go to the end (T intersection about .25 mile) and turn left on Pine Ave. Go to the third street on the right, Hollywood Forest Drive. The address is 227 Hollywood Forest Drive. See map at right.



April Meeting Minutes (continued)

1 - ed.]. Jim Hall invited all to a show on May 1st at Island View Baptist Church.

Bernie suggested a short tour to Eddie's on the intracoastal at Palm Valley bridge on Sunday May 15th. It was suggested we meet at the Avenues Mall at 4p to caravan down.

The 32nd annual AACA car show is May 7th behind the O.P. Kennel Club.

Richard Gross suggested we get pictures of members with their cars to post on our great web site.

Mike related that Ocala horse farm is already booked.

Next meeting is tentatively set for Sticky Fingers at 9A & Baymeadows.

Linda Dockins was the very lucky 50/50 winner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

- Mike

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Next Meeting

May 23, 2005, 7:30pm

Sticky Fingers Rib House, 8129 Point Meadows Way (Baymeadows area).

904-493-7427.

Located just north of Baymeadows Road right where it intersects with 9A. See map at www.mgclassics.org.

Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are always welcome. Thanks go out this month to Bernie Nowotny, Neil Nelson, and Michael Chalut. Submissions for next month must be received before June 16th for possible inclusion.

Upcoming Events

05-27-05: Mini GOF/Spring Break 05 at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. For info call Jim Stidham at 864-938-9655.

05-28-05 thru 06-05-05: British Car Week - Get out and drive your British Cars! See www.britishcarweek.org.

06-11-05: Tech Session at Neil Nelson's house. See details inside.

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.

10-06-05: Southeastern Fall GOF at Hiawassee, GA. See flyer/registration form inside.

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.