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Prez Sez Jeff Sager

Well, the GOF South for 2007 has come and gone. If you missed it, you missed a good one. We had 110 cars registered and over 200 people at the banquet. There are pictures, a list of award winners, and a page to enter your comments on the club web site at www.mgclassics.org. Most of the comments we've received so far have been very positive, and the suggestions folks have made are definitely going to be used the next time we do it. I want to, one more time, give a great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make it such a big success. I can't begin to articulate how much it means to me that you, the club members, saw the value in doing such a good job and made the effort required to bring it all off so well. I'll resist the temptation to call out certain names, lest I leave some off, but there are more than just a few who went "above and beyond". The personal sacrifices those people made are truly inspiring and my appreciation and admiration know no bounds.

Speaking of events – we have another opportunity to host one this October. It is our turn to host the annual British Car Classic. Some of us have begun preparations, but we could really use a "take charge" person to step up and hold the reins. If you're interested, please contact me.

Joe Calvert is organizing a drive to Fernandina for the weekend of June 2nd. Make plans to participate. As it happens, that weekend is the end of the annual "British Car Week" – a grass roots effort by many people to call attention to our shared passion for MG's, Triumphs, Jaguars, Healey's, Mini's, etc. Even if you can't participate in Joe's drive, be sure to drive your British car a time or two during the week of May 26th through June 3rd and give your LBC the exposure it deserves!

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, our monthly meeting will be moved up one week to May 21st. We'll be meeting at the Seven Bridges restaurant on the corner of Southside Blvd and Gate Parkway. Don't be a week late! See you there!

Safety Fast,
Jeff



Best in Show



Donald Caldwell's 1935 MG PA Airline Coupe

Notable GOF-S Award Recipients

Believe it or not the Coupés and GTs took seven of the sixteen top awards, well that maybe stretching it a bit including the First Place - Modified winner in the category but here is the Editor's list

Best in Show - 1935 MG PA Airline Coupé
1st Place First Timer - 1961 MGA 1600 Coupé
1st Place - Modified - MGB LE V8 Hardtop (Wanna be Coupé)
1st Place - MGB GT - 1974 MGB GT (Wanna be Coupé)
1st Place - MGC - 1969 MGC GT (Wanna be Coupé)
1st Place MGA - 1961 MGA 1600 Coupé
Hard Luck Award - 1970 MGB GT (Wanna be Coupé)

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First Place - Modified



Patrick Dempsey's 1980 MGB LE V8

First Place - MGB GT



Terry McClain's 1974 MGB GT

First Place - MGB -RB



Ron Wharton's 1979 MGB

First Place - MGC



Johnny Rose's 1969 MGC GT

First Place - MGB -CB



Wayne Stewart's 1966 MGB

First Place - MGA



Norris Williams' 1961 MGA 1600 Coupe

First Place - MG TF



Milly Player's 1954 MG TF

Vintage - MG



Donald Caldwell's 1935 MG PA Airline Coupe

First Place - MG TD



John Lovejoy's 1952 MG TD

First Place First Timer



Norris Williams" 1961 MGA 1600 Coupe

First Place - MG TC



Robert Faria's 1949 MG TC

Premier



Wayne Snook's 1953 MG TD

Long Distance



Tom Myslinski's 1978 MGB V8

Hard Luck



Lynn & Marshall Fleury's 1970 MGB GT

Beach Ball Display



Milly Player's 1934 MG PA

Photo Contest



Chic & Terry Holiday

Additional MG Classics Winners

Premier - Third Place
Bob Wrenn - 1959 MGA

Late MGB - RB - Second Place
Stan Wakefield - 1976 MGB

Late MGB - RB - Honorable Mention
Richard Marquis - 1979 MGB

Late MGB - RB - Third Place
Jim Hall - 1980 MGB

MGB GT - Third Place
Rodney Marcom - 1971 MGB GT

Early MGB - CB - Third Place
Mark Cooley - 1973 MGB

Early MGB - CB - Honorable Mention
Helen Hirschman - 1963 MGB

MG TD - Second Place
Wayne Ottoson - 1953 MG TD

MGB Boot/Trunk Emergency Release

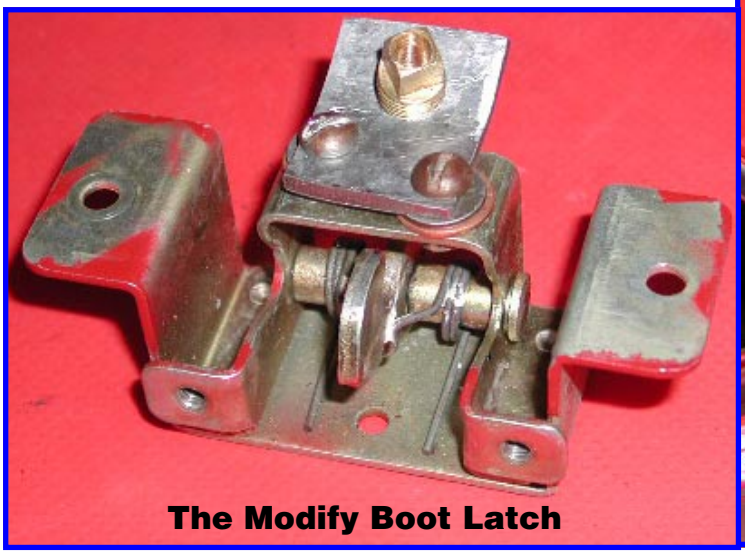
by Clifton Gordon, from Quadriga *NC MG Club, with permission*

In my article on the bonnet release I said I would post if I figured out a boot release. I did some experimenting and have installed one in my 74 MGB that works. I wanted to avoid having the release cable exposed to the storage area in the boot. I was almost successful but there is a small loop just behind the latch, I think it will not be a problem. The materials I used were a small piece of 1/8" galvanized metal, A used MGB bonnet release cable I pulled from a parts car, a 1/8"-27 brass pipe plug and two small screws with nuts and washers. Tools needed are a drill and some bits, basic hand tools, hack saw, a good vise helps, and a 1/8" pipe tap. The release is for locks that are opened with a push button as used on MGB's.



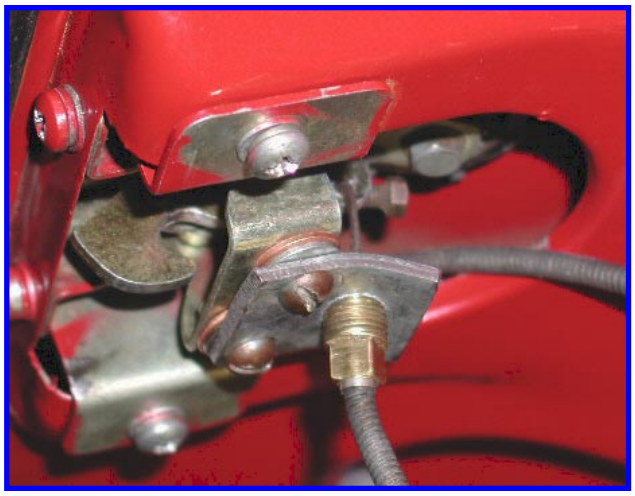
The Boot Latch

The latch assembly should be removed to provide access. I drilled a 1/8" hole in the latch lever near the top where the push button contacts the lever. I used a length of 1/8" thick 1" wide galvanized steel for a cable bracket. It's easier to drill all the holes before cutting the bracket to the correct length, it is about 1 1/4" long, it's not a critical dimension. Drill two 1/4" holes in the end of the bracket to fit the existing holes in the latch frame. Mark the bracket at the edge of the latch metal frame. Place the bracket in a vise and bend it at the mark. The bend should be around 15 degrees, you want the bracket bent so that the cable will be pointing toward the hole in latch lever. Use a 11/32" drill to drill the hole for the 1/8"-27 brass pipe plug, this hole needs to be close to the latch frame to get the correct position for the cable to align with the hole in the lever. Use a 1/8"-27 pipe tap to make threads in the bracket. Screw in the brass plug and drill a 1/8" hole through it, try to get the hole in the center. Now you need to drill a counter sink hole almost through the plug to retain the cable sheath, the bonnet cable I used required a 13/64" drill. I installed the cable in the rear bulkhead on the drivers side, I wanted it to come through near the top of the boot area. I ran the cable through the boot lid frame and it's currently held in place with some strips of pipe insulation foam. I used a nylon tie to secure the cable to the boot hinge.

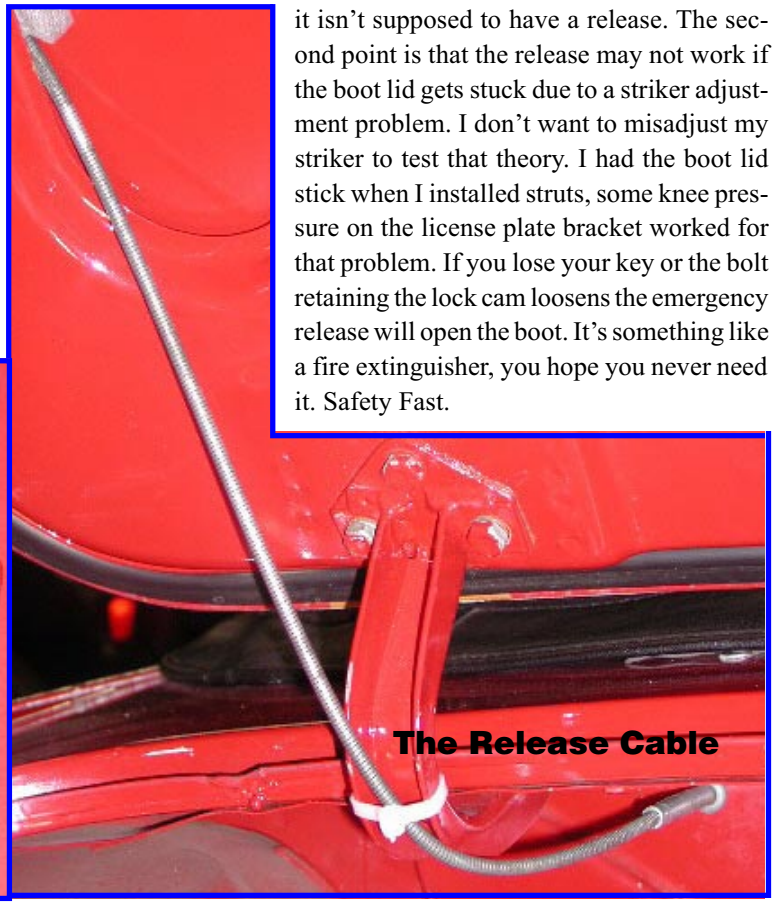


The Modify Boot Latch

An Up Close Look at the End Result



The photos will show where everything fits. There are a couple of points to consider before installing an emergency release. One is security, since I have the release knob on the bulkhead behind the drive seat it could be opened by someone interested in the boot contents. It may never be a problem because it isn't supposed to have a release. The second point is that the release may not work if the boot lid gets stuck due to a striker adjustment problem. I don't want to misadjust my striker to test that theory. I had the boot lid stick when I installed struts, some knee pressure on the license plate bracket worked for that problem. If you lose your key or the bolt retaining the lock cam loosens the emergency release will open the boot. It's something like a fire extinguisher, you hope you never need it. Safety Fast.



The Release Cable



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Automobiles For Sale

53 MG TD

Car has been painted, but NOT back together. Frame off restoration late 80s'. New paint and body work 2005-07. Car is complete except NO side curtains. Red with red interior. Very good chrome. Mechanically perfect. Been in the same family since new. Excellent shape. Will sell as is or completed. Car can be seen at The Finish Line 1950 Parental Home Road. Call Buzz Goodall @ 543 9650 or hwgoodall @comcast.net

59 MGA 1500 Coupe

Rust free barn find (really). Not running but it is all there for restoration. Features: Extra MGB 1800 engine and five speed conversion kit to fit the 1800 engine, Engine needs rebuild before installation, Original engine & tranny still in the car, 3.9 rear end not installed, Has disc wheels. Car is green but needs complete paint job. No dents. Sacrifice at $8500. Jim Hall @ 904-282-1658 or 904-613-9591. Pictures available upon request

58 A/H BugEye Sprite

For Complete Restoration! Imported from Scotland. Titled as a 1959 model. The car has not been started or driven in 25 years. Pictures available. 2nd owner William (Bill) Nelson. 904-285-2886 around 1:35 pm.

1967 MGB-GT

2 year old complete restoration. Wire wheels, overdrive, 45 DCOE side-draft Webber. 10,000 miles on rebuilt engine. Many custom features. $8,500. OBO Bob Phillips 904-751-6496 or bphill3001@aol.com

67 MGB

Black W/Black Interior (new), 92,000 miles, overdrive, electronic ignition, 5 new Goodyear tires, 12V pos grd, show quality car. Have to sell due to family illness. $11,000 OBO. Kimo Silcox 904-910-5381

68 TR 250

Excellent restoration project, minimal rust, with lots of good spares including 3 fenders, 2 hoods, Left and Right doors, windshield, etc. $3,000 buys it all. jp@boutinbrown.com (Tallah)

72 MGB

Restoration nearly complete, must make room for next project for my bride, this is a disease and I'm not ashamed to ask for help. Rebuilt engine, carbs, brakes, suspension, shocks, all new rubber including Michelin tires, paint (as a shell), only minor cosmetic items remain - the heavy lifting is done, its ready for fun. $9,900 jp@boutinbrown.com (Tallah)

1979 MGB

British Racing Green. Jim Hall inspected the car & would be a good parts car. $800 Call Pia Brenan at 389-6299 or piabrenan@hotmail.com

80 MGB

56,000 miles. Runs well. Tires and top in good shape. Garage kept for the past 3 years. Asking $6,000. Car is in Brunswick, GA. Mr. Stalvy: (912) 264-2999.

80 MGB

Rebuilt and resprayed green six years ago. Runs good, may need minor cosmetics. $4,900 OBO. Beth Dyher 407 415 5994

85 Jaguar XJ6

Car in good shape. Pearl White, new low profile Pirelli tires has not been driven much in past 5 years. Garage kept. John Stech 904-230-1770

91 Jaguar XJS V12 Roadster

2nd owner, less than 47K miles, enhanced cooling system, shocks, brakes, hoses, filters, tune up, fluids, battery, Pirelli tires new within the last 2K miles, black with tan interior. $18,000 jp@boutinbrown.com (Tallah)

Parts:

(4) Minilite Wheels w/tires

Like new. Just removed from my MGB & cleaned with less than 500 miles on the wheels and tires.$895. or OBO for the set of 4.Call Jim Hall at 904-282-1658 or jimndeehall@comcast.net. I will ship but buyer pays the freight.

1970 Good complete motor & gearbox.

Plus many other B parts. Bob Phillips 904-751-6496 or bphill3001@aol.com

Wire Wheel Set of 4 - 15x5.5 72 spoke

Freshly Powder Coated. Less than 1 year road use since these beautiful wheels were powder coated silver. Spokes tight, splines very good condition. Great deal at half of new price = $110 each. Tom Phares at twjphares@comcast.net or 850-878-3996 (Tallah)

Portable Luggage Rack

No holes in your boot lid, use it only when you need it. Chrome has some flaws, but overall very presentable. 17"x24" $100. Tom Phares at twjphares@comcast.net or 850-878-3996 (Tallah)

66 TR 4A Parts

Parting out recently dismantled car, radiator, fenders, windshield, complete front end & rear end, gas tank, hood, etc. jp@boutinbrown.com (Tallah)

62-74 Front Bumper Bar with Overriders. VG condition. $75 takes it.

MGB Left/Right window glass w/lower channels & glazing VG condition, $75 both

MGB Left & Right window regulators in VG condition. 1 set of window regulators, (L/R windows) in VG condition. Tested & excellent working condition. I will also include used L&R rear window channel, $75 takes it all.

MGB window outer frames fair condition. These frames are no longer available & will fit bodies from 65865 on. Glass & inner frames are available also. $75 for all including glass.
Bill @ 904 737 9656 for info.

2 MGA Engs./Transmissions

One is from a 1960 and the other 1961. Conditions are unknown, but they will probably need to be rebuilt. Located near Ocala, interested buyer would need to pick them up (no shipping). Pictures can be emailed on request. Joe at originalroadtoad@aol.com.

New 3 Main and 5 Main Engine Blocks

Also, 5 main motor, Pull Handle doors, and a late B trunk. Drew: 904-287-3072 or drewdecandis @comcast.net.

13" wire wheels

(5) 13" wire wheels for Sprite or Midget. Good condition, $35.00 each Call Don Scarborough at 904-282-1883 or email at d.scarborough@comcast.net

Club Regalia

Club Polo Shirts
(Medium or Large)
$20 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 (addition colors also)



To purchase regalia or to ask questions please contact:

Wayne Coker,
Regalia Chairman,
at:
904-543-0201 or
rwcoker@aol.com.

British Car Week Field Trip

Yes we are going somewhere with our cars!!! Saturday June 2 will be in response to all of the requests that we get together and drive our cars somewhere.

We are going to Palatka and hope to arrive at Gator Landing around 2:30 pm. for a late lunch/early dinner.

Because our membership covers a wide area we will meet at three locations. Joe Calvert 610 -0783 will herd cats at Panera on San Jose Blvd. in Mandarin with plans to leave at 11:00. Neil Nelson 716 6550 will attempt the same at Rich's BBQ in Green Cove to leave at 11:30 am. We will then combine at the Trout Creek Park with hopes to leave at 12:30 pm. The Park in on Rt 13 about 2 miles south of the Shands Bridge.

All of this in on MG time. The day will be relaxed and slightly organized. Riverdale Park is further along and can provide another comfort stop and great view. If you want to stop and take in other views, buy some veg or Bulls Chips, feel free. The goal is to meet at Gator Landing. We will follow scenic Rt 13 to lovely Palatka and I will make a short quiz for us. We will award some semi-valuable prizes.

We have invited the Triumph, Healys and Jaguars to join us, let's show them the MG folk know how to have fun and also can team up to repair their cars on the road!

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- **MG Classics Name Tag Order** The following members placed orders for club name tags and have not picked them up. If your name follows, please send payment of $7.00 for each tag ordered. They will be mailed to your address once payment is received. You may, of course, pick them up at the next club meeting. Mail check or M.O. to Bob Wrenn, 1471 Mallard Lake Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32259: **Haddon Allen; Scott Dumon; Jon Held (2); Chuck McMorran; Alex Rosenblad; L. Hanko Rosenblad; Jerry Steckloff; Chuck Wright; Mary Wright; Chuck Rowe; Rev. Judi Rowe; Janet Tarr; Tom Harris; Barbara Carpenter**
- **BECAUSE THE LAST MONDAY OF MAY IS MEMORIAL DAY THE BOARD MOVED THE MEETING UP ONE WEEK TO MAY 21ST. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SEVEN BRIDGES GRILLE AND BREWERY, 9735 GATE PKWY. (NEAR SOUTHSIDE BLVD).**
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EVENTS CALENDAR

MG Classics Meeting is May 21st. Because the last Monday of May is Memorial Day the Board moved the meeting up one week to May 21st. The meeting will be held at Seven Bridges Grille and Brewery, 9735 Gate Pkwy. (near Southside Blvd).

20th Springtime in the Smokies British Car Gathering - **5/12**, Held on the grounds of the Talley Ho Inn. 314 St. Hwy 73,Townsend, TN, 865-448-2465 Form at MG Classics.org

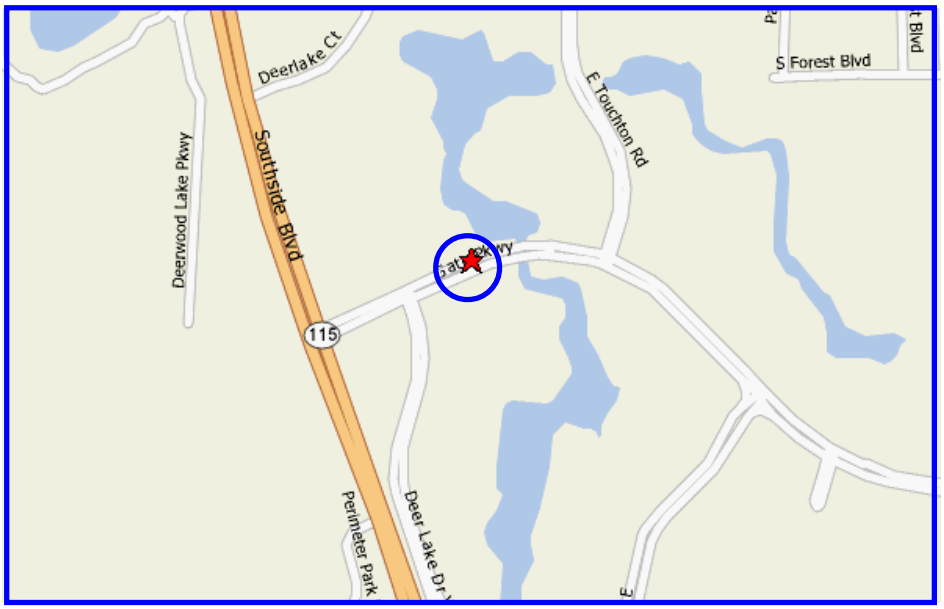
GOF-SE - 9/7-9 Hiawassee, GA. Ramada at Lk. Chatuge (800) 613 4349 *SE MG discount!* You can dowload the information & Registration form at www.mgclassics.org

British Car Week Field Trip - 6/2, MG Classics (that is us) is going for a drive June 2 to celebrate British Car Week. Plan is to meet in Mandarin and Green Cove then travel on the East side of the river to Palatka and have a mid afternoon lunch at Gator's Dockside Grill. **Details on page 7**

Rendezvous 2007

October 12-14 • Tallahassee
Info at www.bigbendmgs.com

MG Classics MAY 21st Meeting Place Seven Bridges Grille and Brewery, 9735 Gate Pkwy, (near Southside Blvd).



Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are welcome and requested.

Thanks go out this month to Jeff Sager, Bob Wrenn, Clifton Gordon, Pat & Joe Calvert, Karen Altomare, and Neil Nelson.

Submissions requested before the 10th of the month for possible inclusion.