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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.

The Prez Sez

Thanks to all that made it to Santioni's. I saw at least 4 MG's I had not seen prior to last month's meeting, as the tire kicking session was well attended.

In attendance was new member, Don Phillips. His B along with the A of Pete Wilson occupied two of the many of the spaces filled with MG's. Larry Dockens departed in his newly acquired B-GT, while talk of MG experiences continued to bring smiles to the faces of many.

After many emails and a few phone calls with Bruce Rauch and Gregg Miller, and a brisk drive to Ocala, many of us were browsing the grounds of Ironwood Horse farm owned by Bruce and Judith Brunson. For me the morning started by moving numerous cars to get my MGB out of the garage in anticipation of Wayne Cooker's scheduled arrival at 7 o'clock. A prompt departure had us heading towards Green Cove Springs. On the way we picked up Dave and Linda White. Breakfast was being finished by some when we arrived at Rich's BBQ. Some made last minute adjustments before the group posed for a group photo, which you can see on our web page. The short delay sent us all scrambling for our cars. Unfortunately, I was the first to raise the bonnet as my B had developed warm starting difficulties. In little time I had my MG running with all of its parts reattached and was in the line of 13

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Calendar of MG Classics of Jacksonville Events

June 30: Next meeting of MG Classics of Jax is at St. John's Seafood, 9825-1 San Jose Blvd. Mandarin, 338-9349.

Located about 1 mile north of I-295 on east side of San Jose (SR 13). Grub starts when you get there, meeting starts about 7:30pm

October 2-5: Southeastern Fall GOF MkXII. Lake Chatuge Lodge, Hiawassee, GA. See registration form page 5/6 of newsletter.

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 event of the year. Looks like we'll be doing it in Palm Coast. Mark your calendars, more details to come.

Prez Sez (Continued)

MG's purring towards Ocala. Look for the rest of the story elsewhere in the newsletter. I will say, there are few things that make me smile like seeing a few friends in MG's ahead of you and even more just behind you.

Looking ahead, we have begun to accept volunteers for British Car Day. The Mandarin Community Center will be the show site on October 25. Please see me or contact Chris Waage if you would like to lend a hand, otherwise you may hear me asking if you would like to share in responsibilities of hosting the event.

Begin thinking of the Fall shows and events to attend. One of particular note that is usually well attended will be held at the Lake Chatuge Lodge in Hiawassee, GA on October 2-5. More details and planning will come (see the registration form on page 5/6 of the newsletter).

I look forward to seeing everyone at this month's meeting--we will return to Mandarin at St. John's Seafood on San Jose Boulevard.

Safety Fast,

Mike



The caravan forms up at Rich's Barbeque in Green Cove Springs.



A view of the total field at Ironwood Farms, includes cars from Jax and Tampa.

Ironwood Farm/Ocala Trip

Jeff Sager

It all started many months ago, really. Iggy Miller, of the SunCoast MG Club, and several other members of his club thought it would be a good idea to organize a back-roads drive and picnic in the Ocala horse farm area. One of their member families, Bruce and Judith Brunson, own a farm where they raise Missouri Foxtrotters, so it seemed to be the perfect spot. (Those readers, who like me, can't tell a quarter horse from a full horse, will be disappointed to learn that Missouri Foxtrotters do NOT dance ballroom style. The name refers to their very special "gate", which does not refer to how they enter and exit the corral – oh, never mind). Out of the kindness of his heart, Iggy also coordinated with our own president Mike K. to invite our club to join in.

Well, join we did. When it was all said and done, about 30 MGs (and 2 or 3 American iron wagons), which constituted about 60 or 65 people, invaded the spectacularly beautiful Ironwood Farms belonging to the Brunson's. When Iggy started out the planning process, he probably imagined about one third that number would join in, but sometimes, good ideas take on a life of their own. The attendees were split about half and half between the two clubs. Their club participated in a scavenger hunt rally on the way there, and ours did a cross-country tour to a secret meeting place on U.S. 301 (a meeting place so secret, that the leaders of the caravan didn't really know where we were supposed to meet).

Our tour caravan began at the Rich's Barbeque in Green Cove. The most exciting thing about the start of every caravan is waiting to see who misses the start due to car troubles. New members John and Nancy Atkinson had a major breakdown and never got their B out of the garage, but joined us anyway in their "M-Jeep". But that wasn't the saddest story. No, on this day, it was our own poor Linda Dillard that had the most disagreeable start. I wouldn't want to embarrass her by giving too many details, let's just say that the drivers-side door hinges on her B are permitting the door to open just a bit wider than they're supposed to, and the gap between the front of the drivers-side door and the left front fender is more of a chasm than a gap, and the garage door track in her home garage is a little bent up at right about the level of an MGB door, and... well, maybe you get the picture. To her credit, Linda did not sit at home where she would be forced to sob each time she walked out in the garage and saw the flakes of "Lord Nuffield Green" paint falling from the left front fender, rather she joined in with us anyway as a passenger in Wayne Snook's "new" car. (Let us all bow our heads in a brief moment of silence for her award-winning MGB, may it quickly be restored to its former beauty).

After a brief pause as Mike K. disassembled his air-cleaner to get his 1980 B started, we were off to Ocala. (I am sometimes tempted to volunteer to lead caravans such as this one, but each time I think about it, I realize I would miss out on the sport of harmless criticism of the leader's best-laid plans). As near as I can figure, the plan was to call Iggy on the phone once we reached Hawthorne, giving him just the right amount of time to drive to the spot where U.S.301 and U.S. 441 merge, meeting us there as we rounded the bend. It reminds me a little of the way NASA has to calculate the correct speed and trajectory of the Shuttle to meet up with a wayward satellite. Of course, a plan like this requires that the planners take into account uncontrollable factors such as construction traffic, tail winds, gravitational anomalies, and,most importantly, the lack of cell phone service in the middle of nowhere.

Well, once Iggy finally found us wandering aimlessly in the countryside, he lead us to yet another even more secret meeting place. From there, Bruce Brunson took over the lead in his MG TD and we followed him through some of the most beautiful twisty-turny-hilly roads in all

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Stuff for Sale

1980 MGB with O/D

39,000 miles on Odom, reduced to $6500 for quick sale, need space and $$$ for other projects. Excellent throughout. Silver repaint expertly done. Interior perfect including carpet. No dash or door cracks. No rust or accident damage ever. Good soft top. 75 PSI oil pressure. New tires. Stainless steel trim rings. Contact Jim Hall at 904-282-1658 or cell 904-613-9591.

1976 MGB

Blue, no rust, good interior. New tires, brakes, SU's, stainless steel exhaust. In AutoTrader for $5000, will sell to club member for $4500. Call Floyd Maycroft, 904-534-1233

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.

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 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.

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.

91 Toyota MR2

Mid-engine sports car. Metallic black, excellent running, new AC, T-tops, New Tires, Power everything, naturally aspirated. Very fast 0 to 60 in six seconds. For sale $5000 OBO or trade for V-6, V-8 pickup of equal or greater value. Contact Drew 287-3072.

1960 MG Mk3 "Farina" Magnette

Very little used but well-mainteained 4 door sedan. The rare Italian-designed body style was made between 1959 and 1961. It is reported that only 43 are known to exist now. This has been maintained recently by Glen Lenhard of "Glenn's MG Repair", where the car currently resides. Asking $5800. Call Glenn at 727-521-9890.

Note from Bernie

Dear MG Classics,

I was planning to attend the June 2nd meeting, but will be in Shands Gainsville undergoing another surgery. I was happy to speak to Jim Hall recently and hear he is doing so well. Say hello to all for me. I am planning on attending the July meeting if all goes well. I appreciate your prayers!

Bernie Nowotny
Vintage MG Owner

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 September1st. 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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'Investment' Jaguar sells for £100,000

Submitted by Wayne Coker

A rare sports car which spent years bricked up in a carpet shop today sold for just over £100,000.
The Jaguar XJ220, which was delivered in June 1993 and has just 111 miles on the clock, was kept in a special room at the Marlborough Carpets store in Cardiff.
Today the car, which would have had a price tag of £400,000 when it was new, sold for £105,000 to an unnamed bidder.
The Jaguar, with a top speed of 200mph, was up for sale at auction as the main asset of the firm, which went into liquidation.
It is believed the car's owners had bought it and kept it so safely because they thought it would be a sound investment.
Chris Hall, vice president Europe of international valuers and auctioneers Dovebid, which advised the liquidators, said before the sale that the car was unusual because it was unregistered and right-hand drive.
"The car has not been used since it was bought - it has been mothballed," he said.
Just 350 Jaguar XJ220s were produced, and they were made in the very building where today's auction took place, in Oxford.
The XJ220 made its debut as a concept car at the 1988 Birmingham Motor Show, and later went into production in 1991 when Jaguar Sport created the purpose-built factory in Bloxham near Oxford.
The only car to beat it for speed since has been the McLaren F1 supercar.

Drive to Ocala

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of Florida. We drove for about 45 minutes or so, but discovered only later that we had covered about two miles as the crow flies. It was great! We arrived at the farm and began to make ourselves at home under the big oak trees where they had placed all the chairs and picnic tables, and snack tables, and everything. This was a truly first-class picnic.

Then, just about the time the other club began to arrive, Mother Nature decided to rain on our parade. Our hosts just took it in stride and moved everything directly into the horse stables. OK, I know that it sounds un-appetizing to have a picnic in a horse stable, but Martha Stewart herself could have inspected this stable and she would not have found anything to complain about. We're talking clean here – cleaner than my teenage daughter's room (well, maybe that's not saying much).

After eating an army's share of food (including brownies and watermelon for dessert) we socialized for awhile in the now rainless yard where door prizes were awarded and our hosts were presented with gifts. Judith Brunson gave us a brief lesson about the horses they raise and we did a little tire-kicking and carburetor adjusting. The members of our club were more than pleased with the planning and generosity that went into this "little" excursion. We can't thank the Brunsons and the Suncoast club enough! Bravo!

In a later installment, I may just tell the story of our night in the $36 motel in Silver Springs. I'll give just a few hints: paper-thin towels (no more than 2 to a room), no parking spaces, dead car batteries (OK, the motel can't be blamed for that), no ice machines, and hack-saws as room keys. I'm not making that up.

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