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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 **Stan Kinmonth**

"Thanks to all of you who attended the May meeting at Buffalo's. The meeting was well attended for being scheduled a week off from the normal last Monday. The only business discussed was in regard to the October show. Karen Sager received volunteers for trophies, parking, and registration, but has more volunteer positions still available. She also asked that everyone start collecting items to donate as prizes for the raffles. Jim Hall described the grip prints he inflicted on Mark Cooley's V-8 MGB as they attended an event for British cars re-powered with V-8 engines in Tennessee. Two new members joined and a prior member returned.

The June meeting, June 27th, will be at Whiskey River at the Markets at Town Center. Directions to Whisky River Restaurant: I-95 or 9A to JTB, to Gate Parkway, Gate Parkway to Town Center Parkway(2nd light once you get off JTB), Right on Town Center Parkway, Town Center Parkway to Big Island Drive (2nd light), Right on Big Island Drive, You will see the Restaurant in front of you to your right (1:00 position) Address is 4850 Big Island Drive. Telephone number is 645-5571

We continue to sell off the existing inventory of MG Classic polo shirts; 4 were sold at the May meeting. Future requests for embroidered shirts will go directly to the vendor - the club will no longer maintain inventory.

MG Classics is a member of the First Coast Car Council. As a member, we can take advantage of their webpage by posting photos of our cars on a widely visited web site, posting ads for parts or cars for sale, and checking what other car related events are going on. Go to www.carcouncil.org. To have a photo of your car or an advertisement posted, email the info, photo and caption, including club affiliation, to the webmaster - webmaster is under the "Contact Us" tap on the left. Click on "Upcoming Shows" in the left column to see what shows are scheduled (note that our Oct 1 show is listed). Click on "Cruise-In Schedule" to see the times and locations of routine weekly cruise-ins around the area.

Upcoming Events:

BRITISH CAR CLASSIC - our show - Saturday, October 1, at Buffalo's on Youngerman Circle at I-295,

June 5, 2011 - Want to support Foster Families in the area ? Foster

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Ancient art a gift from one student to another



one of us

charlie patton

For Chic Holliday, two of the most memorable periods of her life were the time she spent in the late 1960s living in Thailand, and the years she spent earning her bachelor's degree from the University of North Florida.

She spent the time in Thailand with her husband, Sgt. Major Earl K. Dellinger, who was stationed there for two years, and her five children.

While there, she visited the Wat Rajburana temple in Ayutthaya. Outside the ancient temple, she spent the equivalent of about $100 to buy two fifth century artifacts: a bronze altarpiece of Siddhartha, the man who would become Buddha; and a stucco votive tablet with a representation of Buddha.

She and her husband returned to the United States in 1970, their lives changed by the death of their 16-year-old daughter DeLores, killed by a drunken driver near the end of their stay in Thailand.

Dellinger retired from the Air Force, having developed heart problems that Holliday blames in part on grief. He decided to pursue his education and was enrolled at the University of North Florida when he died during open heart surgery in 1979.

When Chic wed her second husband Terry Holliday in the early 1990s, she discovered that as the widow of a disabled veteran, she was entitled to money for tuition and

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Chic Holliday has donated two pieces of art depicting Siddhartha (top of frame) and Buddha (bottom of frame) to the University of North Florida.

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Conversion In Progress

by Tony Langley

This 1977 MGB was given to my wife when she was 18 (she won't let me tell you how old she is now), when her father died some years ago it made the car more than priceless to us... We are going to do it right for him and for my great wife!

The date was set wrong in the camera which shows on the photos. The photos of the motor in the car were taken before we took the car completely down, we were checking the fit, etc. The newly built motor is not in the car but, it's ready to be installed pending more parts from D&D in Michigan. We're putting together a parts list some time this week (billet cone pulleys, chrome 100 amp altenator, v-belts , mounting brakets, etc.), as we progress, I'll update you. Right this minute the brake pedal,clutch pedal, brake booster, master cylinders and housing are at East Coast Powder Coating, housing ebony colored and booster school bus yellow, pedals ebony satin black. I intend to install an aftermarket air conditioning and heating unit from Nostalgic Air Company. Holes are cut for 6"X9" Boston speakers in trunk the bulkhead, 4" speakers will be in their normal position in the forward lower door panels. I am looking at as light a tan interior and insulated convertible top as I can find, if the kits aren't light in color I'll go with a custom interior.The 1977 was stripped to the unibody, cleaned, blasted and chemical washed to remove the rest of the old paint, Old English White. Three coats of primer, each sanded, body work fixed the front and back ends to accommodate chrome bumpers plus various other sins. Seal primed, wet sanded and painted with three coats Golden Bronze (no other MG this color?) then six coats of clear, then wet sanded and buffed, it's a Ford King Ranch pickup color. I picked the color because it doesn't show dust and dirt at all and the paint is available again if need be. Motor (Buick Skylark 215ci) came from Mark Cooley and it has been balanced and blueprinted with various other perks (480 lift cam with roughly 280 duration). Moly pushrods and enlarged valves, new larger than oem valves installed, heads have been ported and polished. On the Dyno it developed 230 hp at 5800 rpm and went to 250 hp at 6500 rpm. Gary Johns did the engine work with me giving him what I basically wanted to do - 9 to 1 compression ratio so I can burn 93 octane ethanol. Jim Hall has been a real help along with Mark Cooley (who I couldn't do without!) I'm using the front disc brakes set Jim sells and have completely rebuilt the front suspension again with the help of Mark. I took apart the brake booster and watched it fly across my shop with a sproing from hell.

It never occurred to me how much detail is involved in the conversion and how much you learn doing it. All in all a fun project.

Latest shown in the inset photo show the powder coated powder coated the brake and clutch assembly and installed. Also has new disc brakes (4 caliper with over sized dual brake discs with new wheels installed on front.













Finished the dash inlay from Barry Barnes in Reno, Nevada. Gauges are domed lenses, faces old school pale cream white.

MG Classics of Jacksonville
Invites you to the
British Car Classic, Mk XXIII

October 1st, 2011, 9:00am to 3:00pm

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Buffalo's Southwest Café

Located at 6055 Youngerman Circle, Just off Blanding Blvd, 1 block south of I-295
Their number is 904-778-1101

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Open to **all** British cars

$25.00 entry fee for first car, $15.00 each additional car

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People's Choice Trophies Awarded for Classes Based On Model Year
Show starts at 9:00am, voting ends at 1:00pm

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Registrations Paid Before September 15 Receive One Free Day-of-Show Lunch from Buffalo's

(Additional lunches for that day available at the show for $5.00 each)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Car 1 ($25): Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Car 2 ($15): Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Write any additional cars ($15.00 each) on back of form

Make checks out to **MG Classics of Jacksonville**

Mail to: MG Classics of Jacksonville, 2031 Theta Court, Orange Park, FL, 32073

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2011 British V8 Meet In Townsend TN

by Mark G. Cooley

TN was great, Jim and I had a great time even though it rained a bunch. We did a short rally with Jim navigating as we raced through the mountains. We were in second place behind a TR6 with a L82 Corvette engine and try as hard as he did he could not shake the yellow flash, Jim was hanging on for dear life and I was having a blast. All in all a good group of folks in all kinds of British cars with various engines installed to make driving more fun. This was not a place for a purist but a really good gathering for gear heads.











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Closet, www.fostercloset.org, a completely volunteer organizationwhich supports foster families on the first coast, is having a Bar-B-Q Benefit near the Town Center on Sunday June 5th. They have requested car clubs bring classic cars out for show - no registration fee but there will be awards. They will be selling tickets which will be "votes" deposited in bags at each car - the cars will receive awards based on categories and numbers of tickets collected. Funds will be raised by selling Bar-B-Q and vote tickets (why did I just think of Chicago - "vote early - vote often").

July 16, 2011 - Want to encourage the next generation of automotive engineers ?? UNF has just established a Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) chapter. The engineering students build a Formula SAE racecar and compete with engineering schools from around the world, including Japan and Germany, who have Toyota and Audi as sponsors. The UNF team (www.ospreyracing.org) is organizing a car show to raise funds for their project. The show will be July 16th, location and registration ($20 ?) to be determined. Sponsors have already agreed to feed all who sign up.

Sept. 17, 2011 - 25th First Coast Car Council show at the Jacksonville Landing. Always a well attended show, will receive extra coverage this year as it is the 25th anniversary.

Check out the other shows, including those supporting the Wounded Warrior Project and the First Coast Honor Air Honoring WWII Veterans. There are many other shows listed on the car council page. If anyone knows of other events that may be of interest to our members, please forward that information to me and I'll include it in the next Prez Sez.

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books. Although she had been an indifferent student when she graduated from Jacksonville's Lee High School in 1950, she decided to attend Florida Junior College at Jacksonville and then UNF.

She graduated with a degree in communications in 1984. By then, she was already embarked on an advertising career, having won awards for her work on behalf of local McDonald's franchises. She opened her own company, American Speciality Advertising, and launched a busy career from which she is now mostly retired.

Always a community activist, she has won many awards, including being honored in 1998 by the Commission on the Status of Women, and was named the Jacksonville Minority Business Development Center's Advocate of the Year in 1989.

"I worked real hard to get everybody a level playing field," she said.

As a mother of five (two of her children are deceased), grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 12, trying to pick which relative would inherit her two ancient Thai treasures was impossible, she said.

Her solution was to give the pieces to UNF, where they now hang in the Special Collections wing of the Thomas G. Carpenter Library.

"I love UNF," she said. "They changed my life. ... I want to share these with my fellow students."

Meanwhile, life is good, she said. "You're never too old to have a happy childhood."

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MG Classics May 23rd Meeting Minutes

Buffalo's Southwest Cafe - St. Johns Town Center

Meeting was called to order by President Stan at 7:30pm who then introduced two new members. John Robinson attended a meeting seven or eight years ago and has a 1970 MGB purchased in 1984 that he is rebuilding. Our other new member is Greg Benstein attending for the first time who has a 1976 MGB. Welcome to you both.

Jim Hall reported that he and Mark Cooley attended a Brit V8 meet in Townsend Tennessee. They learned a lot about other enthusiasts experience with V8 MGB conversions. They also had a great road rally in the mountains!

Karen Sager is organizing the British Car Classic MK XXIII scheduled for October 1st. So far some of the commitments are: Parking-Jim Hall, Registration-Linda Dillard, and Bob Wren-trophies. Karen is of course looking for more volunteers. This is a big job and we need to give her the full support of our club, individually and collectively. Karen also emphasized we need donations for door prizes, not auction items, but door prize items.

The Club still has many shirts to sell, so contact Lily Kinmoth.

The June meeting will be at Whiskey River in the St. Johns Town Center. Stan is looking for July suggestions for a meeting place.

Stan mentioned the 25th anniversary of the Car Council Show to be held September 17th at the Landing. Registration is $25.00 per car. He would like to see the Club buy 10 or so slots for this event. More discussion at the June meeting. Go to www.carcouncil.org <http://www.carcouncil.org> for more on this event.

Helen Hirschman answered the Trivia question right and first. This meeting was held on Victoria Day which is the Canadian Memorial Day and is a week prior to our Memorial Day. Yeah Helen.

And last but not least, Les Biglands won the 50/50 pot which was $35. The attendance was a little light in May, so let's turn it out in June at Whiskey River.

Respectfully submitted,
Pheona S. Kaiser
Secretary

This is a big thank you to my friend Henry Hirschman for once again stepping forward and taking the minutes of the meeting. I know I have missed several meetings and feel somewhat guilty but this last month nothing could convince me to leave hpme for any reason. I was waiting for the air conditioning service man to come repair my air conditioning. Believe me people, I enjoy your company but not as much as I enjoy air conditioning.

See you in June.

pk

25th First Coast Car Council's Annual Show

by Stan Kinmonth

On September 17 (I know - two weeks before our show BRITISH CAR CLASSIC), The First Coast Car Council's Annual show will be held on the streets around the Landing. The city closes off the streets and access is well organized. Registration closes at 10:00, but you can leave any time. The Car Council will guarantee reserved group parking if a block of 10 spaces are registered together. In the past, the Lotus group, the Jaguar club, and the Triumph club have taken three of the four corners at Water and Hogan streets. - - I propose we go for the 4th corner. If nine of you are willing to join with me, or if the club wants to purchase the block, we can ensure anyone attending the show sees British cars well represented. This year is the 25th anniversary show, so it will be widely publicized. Individual registration is $25/car; block of ten is $250. The show has door prizes for participants, games, a 50-50 raffle, and awards - Jeff and Karen's Camaro won an award last year. The local Ronald McDonald house is the beneficiary.

THE OTHER TRIUMPH, THE SURVIVOR!

Part One, Coventry Triumphs - by Charles Fenwick

To be present at the birth of Triumphs, we must accompany Siegfried Bettmann, a German, who at the age of 20 arrives in Coventry England. In 1884 he starts S. Bettmann & Company Import / Export Agency .

The London based company sells bicycles manufactured in Birmingham England along with German made sewing machines and other German manufactured goods. In 1886 Bettman renames the company "The Triumph Cycle Company" as he believes Triumph is a word easily understood in most languages.

1887 is a turning point for the company registered as New Triumph Co Ltd. It changes to "Triumph Cycle Co Ltd" with shares underwritten by Dunlop Tyre Company. Maurice Schulte, a German engineer joins the company as a junior partner. He convinces Bettmann that the company should manufacture their own products rather than sell those of other companies. In 1889, bicycle manufacturing starts and the company headquarters moves from London to Coventry.

In 1902, the first Triumph motorcycle, known as Triumph No. 1 and designed by Schulte, is produced.. He would have done this earlier, but the national speed limit of 4 mph was not repealed until this year; one year before Harley Davison starts producing motorcycles.

In 1905 the first all-Triumph motorcycles are produced and lay claim to being the first all-British motorcycle. This leads to another name change:"Triumph Engineering Co. Ltd. Jump forth a decade and it is now 1915, and all production is for the war effort. Triumph produces over 30,000 Model H bikes for the allied forces, with 20,000 distributed to the U.K.'s military.

While the term "Trusty Triumph" had been used in advertising as early as 1910's, during the war soldiers called the the Model H motorcycle "Trusty Triumph" for its reliability. It is considered to be the first modern motorcycle.

After the Armistice, Maurice Schulte leaves the company after a disagreement with Bettmann. The row stems from Schulte wanting to stop bicycle production in order to produce cars. However, Triumph does starts producing cars in 1923 when Bettmann purchases the Dawson Car Company. The first Triumph car is an open tourer, Model 10/20, based upon the Dawson with 23.5 bhp four cylinder engine.

Another decade passes and in 1933, at the age of 70, Slegfried Bettmann retires. The following year sees another name change. The company is now known as Triumph Co. Ltd.. The short life of a consolidated Triumph motorcycle and car company comes to an end in 1936. Production of car and motorcycles are split into two separate companies. John Sangster buys the motorcycle works and changes the name to Triumph Engineering Company. Bettmann comes out of retirement to be the new chairman of the company.

World War II begins in 1939 and 1400 motorcycles are requested for the war. Meanwhile, Triumph cars goes into receivership. T.W Ward, an internationally known coach builder, acquires the company and places it under the charge of Donald Healey (later of Austin-Healey fame; he was the General Manger at Triumph Motor Co in 1931). The car plant in Coventry closes, never to be open as Triumph again.

In the summer of 1940, the German aerial bombardment of the United Kingdom begins with, London, followed by Coventry and Birmingham. On November 14, 1940 the Blitz of Coventry begins. As we shall see, it would be bring forth a new era in the history of Triumph motorcycles.



1914 Triumph Motorcycle - This Motorcycle cost £65, which was 10£ more than the basic model because it has a Stumey Archer 3-speed gear hub in the back wheel. During the early part of the First World War these motorcycles were used by many Allied soldiers on the Western Front. Beside it, is a 1912 Triumph bicycle.



1934 Triumph Gloria – a True Triumph. First produced in 1933 and stayed in production until 1938. It had a 4 cylinder, 1087 cc engine with overhead intake vavles and side exhaust valves. The Gloria was fitted with primary / secondary carburettors and hydraulicvbrakes. All pre war Triunphs cars were very well made and were fitted with quality materials including instruments. These Triumphs were very pleasant vehicles to drive.

A short video history.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXsipYE3jPo

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Automobiles:

1960 MGA
43,000 original miles. Father-in-law purchased this car new. Always garaged. No rust at all. Wire spoke wheels, white with red leather interior, all accessories work, horn, wipers, blinker… Has been painted once & new leather about 20 years ago. Have the original owner's manual, jack, engine hand crank, spare spoke wheel. John McNeil 904 234 6032

1974 MGB
Chrome bumper, complete restoration body taken to bare metal-repaired & painted (base clear) BRG, all new chrome& rubber, Minilite wheels, engine rebuilt by Jim Hall (less than 2,000 miles) Moss supercharger, street cam, MG 5 speed, 16 row oil cooler, Petronix, performance headers, stainless exhaust, Spax adjustable shocks rear, 3/4" sway bar front, new master cylinder brakes & rotor, new gas tank, new black leather interior, Moto Lita steering wheel, roll bar, trunk carpet kit, & lots more, one of the nicest MGB's you'll ever see 1st place at the 2010 Ormond Beach Festival of Speed Show. Over $28,000 spent on restoration (have all receipts) $15,000. contact John Clifton 904-540-5588 or email for pictures. johnscsa@juno.com.

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77 MGB
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Club Car Badges $35 each
MG Baseball Hats (in red, white, or blue) $10 each
Rubber Bumper CB Radio Antenna Mounts $10 ea.
Miscellaneous Car Pins $5 each (several colors also)

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Jun, 12-18 - MG2011 NA Council of MG Registers, Reno-Tahoe, NV – Info: www.mgcars.org.uk/mgcouncil

July 17 - British Invade Gettysburg, PA. Bob at 717-259-6324, **Info: www.lancomgclub.com.**

Aug. 6 - 34th Annual American MGB Association Meet 2011, Dayton, OH, in conjunction with the MG Car Club's SW Ohio Centre's 27th Annual Exhibition of British Automobiles

Sept. 17-18 - CLASSICS ON THE GREEN, New Kent Winery, New Kent, VA, Info: **www.classicsonthegreen.com/**

Oct. 1 - BRITISH CAR CLASSIC hosted by MG Classics at Buffalo's Southwest Cafe, 6055 Youngerman Cir., Orange Park,FL

Oct. 14-16 - SE Fall GOF, Foundry Park Inn & Spa, Athens, GA

Oct. 22- Legends on the Green Car Show celebrating the E-Type Jaguar 50th Anniversary at World Golf Village around the Lake



Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are welcome and requested. Submissions requested before the 10th of the month.

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