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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

Wow- 50 MG enthusiastic folks enjoyed Buffalo's in Orange Park for our July 28th meeting and what a busy meeting it was. George Fipp supplied the financial data on the GOF. All said and done with all the bills paid we came out negative - $119.90. Not bad considering what changes were made on short notice. Again my deepest ***Thanks*** to all those who helped make the GOF a success.

Jim Hall is holding the Tech session at his garage in July. The session will be concerning 5 speed transmission conversion. The date is being discussed and those that signed up will be notified by phone. If you were not in attendance but wish to be at the session call Jim and put your name on the list.

The club welcomes Dick Fowler and his 1953 MG TD. Dick drove his car to Buffalo's and it drew quite a crowd when the meeting concluded.

I'm pleased to announce that Pheona Kaiser has accepted the position of club secretary. Pheona brings with her a solid club background from the BigBend MG Club, which she and her husband Joe started.

The next business at hand is newsletter editor. As announced Brenda Sager resigned and Jeff is helping out until we can fill the vacancy. It's an important position in our club that needs attention. Think about it, maybe you and a fellow member might join forces and help the club.

Nametags are in and look great. Bob Wrenn has the balance of tags that need to be picked up. If you ordered a set, they are $5.50 ea. or $11.00/set. Bob also brought up Club Patches for those interested. He has contacted a manufacture who will supply a first piece for approv-

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Events of Note Bernie Nowotny

September - St. Augustine Rally put on by the British Pub. Spend the day in the oldest city in America and enjoy the sights. The entry fee is non-perishable food for the Food Bank. Our first rally gathered over 100#, our goal is to beat that and have fun. VP Joe Calvert will coordinate this event.

September 17-19 2004- Southeast Regional MG Festival Dillard Georgia. A Southern MG weekend at the Dillard House in the mountains of North Georgia. Make your reservations early. Check the web site www.peachtreemg.com for details (there are links from our website also at www.mgclassics.org). A registration form is inside this newsletter. Several club members are already signed up. Don't get left out.

October- Halloween Rally #1. Drew and Betsy Decandis have come up with this event and it sounds like fun. British attire is required as we look for clues and search cemeteries for clues to get to Drew and Betsy's for a fun filled evening. Come as your favorite British character. **Saturday October 30th**. Mark your calendar.

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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
- Gear Shift Knobs (various colors, styles, and applications) - $5 each
- MG Key Fobs (various colors) - $5 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.

1954 TF

Black with Biscuit interior. Tan canvas, wire wheels. Restored in 1999 - has 1200 miles on car since restoration. Asking $20,000 OBO. Contact Bill Litchfield by phone at 727 819 8674 or e-mail at bsroadster@msn.com for more info. Car in New Port Ritchey. Motivated seller.

1955 MG TF 1500

Restoration project. Many new parts. Rough but very restorable car. Genuine 1500, NOT a 1250 with 1500 engine. $6500.00 OBO. Contact Jim Hall 904-282-1658.

1957 Red MGA

Runs great, beautifully restored, have $27,000 in it – listed in Auto Trader for $16,900, will take $1,500 off for club members or friends. Contact Jerry @ 874-1859.

1958 MGA Roadster

Red with biscuit/red piping interior. Full frame-off restoration (1997) with pictorial documentation. 4500 miles on engine rebuild, stellite valves, oil cooler, new wiring harness. $19,000. Call Hal Pabst 904-471-0341.

1960 MGA Coupe

90% complete total body off restoration. Needs dash, interior, glass, grill, and front bumper installed. Have all required parts. Save thousands + time. Bob Wrenn, 904-230-8396 or mgowner@bellsouth.net.

1962 MGA Roadster

Cream White, Disk Wheels, 1000 miles in engine rebuild (English Garage). $18,000. Contact Bill Eckert at 285-3581.

1966 MGB Roadster

Wire wheels, new paint, top, exhaust and tires. Very original car, runs well. $5250. Contact Tom at 904-284-8202.

1971 Midget

Fully restored BRG $4000. Contact David at 733-4762.

1972 Midget - Must Sell!

Car in good shape. Engine 1 yr old, NEW: clutch, brakes, battery, tires, radio, front shock assemblies. INCLUDES: extra rims, tires, gauges, tonneau cover, 2 service manuals, spot fog lights, new uninstalled airhorn, parts and more. Can easily be a daily driver. Asking $4000 OBO. Contact Ranger Inman 813-882-3153 - Tampa, Florida - email 2ranger@tampabay.rr.com.

1973 MGB GT

Good condition. Original paint. Car is in DeLand, FL. $2000. Contact Amie at mmcclellan@cfl.rr.com.

1976 MGB

No rust, very clean, good interior. New tires, brakes, SU's, stainless steel exhaust. $4000. Call Floyd Maycroft, 904-534-1233.

1976 MGB

Rare sandglow, rust free, garage kept, dual S/U's rebuilt and properly tuned, new carpet and seat covers, new top w/top boot & tounneau included, new front suspension, nice stereo radio, 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.

1976 Midget

New paint, interior, top and almost everything else. Rebuilt engine, BRG color including roll bar. $4500 Contact Bob Phillips 904-751-6496.

1977 MGB - Overdrive

All original except that Zenith carb replaced with twin SU's. Has overdrive. 56,000 miles. Asking $7000.00. Call Larry Dockins at 904-219-3830.

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.

1978 MGB

Contact T.K. Hilton at 904-262-3104 or email at tkhil-

Southeast Regional MG Festival 2004

The Peachtree MG Registry invites you to join us this fall for a relaxing, southern-style weekend in the North Georgia mountains at The Dillard House in Dillard, GA. Old fashioned Dillard House cooking is as mouth watering as always. It's not fancy, it's just good! The porch swings and rocking chairs are perfect for visiting with friends and swapping MG stories – you'll feel right at home. The Dillard House offers it all with a family-oriented atmosphere.

Festival events are listed in the next column. Other activities include horseback riding, swimming, tennis, and antiquing. For those who want to get-away, book a romantic "chalet for two", away from the crowd.

September scenery in the mountains is not to be missed; enjoy it at a leisurely self-paced tour, or on a rally tour.

A word of caution, September in the Georgia mountains is very popular. Make your reservations early.

All MG's are welcome!

Visit us at: www.peachtreemg.com

Events

Seating for the Barbeque Dinner and Banquet are limited.

Register early!

Thursday, September 16

Early Arrivals

Friday, September 17

Registration - 10:00 AM -4:00 PM

Hospitality Suite –10:00 AM-6:00PM Open after auction until 11:00PM

Self-paced tours of Georgia mountains

Barbeque Dinner - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

"Doozie of an Auction," 8:30 PM to ?

Saturday, September 18

Registration - 8:00 - 11:00 AM

Car Show from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MG Swap Meet-Bring your extra parts – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Valve Cover Races at 12:00 PM

Mountain Road Tour at 2:30 PM

Tech Session - 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Hospitality Suite - 8:00AM-6:00 PM

Open after Banquet until 11:00 PM

Banquet at The Dillard House at 7:00 PM

Awards Ceremony follows Banquet – Hospitality Suite open after Banquet

Sunday, September 19

Good-byes

Registration

Please print

Driver _____

Navigator _____

Street Address _____

_____

City _____

State _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone-H (____) _____

Phone-Alt (___) _____

E-Mail _____

Car 1: Year _____ Model _____

Body Style _____

Show Class _____

Offered for Peachtree Award Y / N

Car 2: Year _____ Model _____

Body Style _____

Show Class _____

Offered for Peachtree Award Y / N

Club affiliation _____

Arrival date _____

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Registration



Southeast **Regional**

MG Festival 2004

Dillard, Georgia

September 17 – 19, 2004

The Peachtree MG Registry
This year hosts

A Southern MG weekend at
The Dillard House

In the mountains of North Georgia

Inviting all types of MG

Car Show Award Classes

MGA	**MG TA/TC**
MGB 62-67	**MG TD**
MGB 68-74 1/2	**MG TF**
MGB 74 1/2—80	**MG Other**
All MGB GT	**MG Modified**
MGC Rdstr & GT	**Diamond in the Rough**
MG V8	**"People's Choice"**

Place awards will be based on the number of entries in the class.

There will also be a "Peachtree Award" for judged Best of Show. All other awards are popular vote. Any registrant may "offer" their car for this judging. Please note on registration form.

Alcoholic Beverages

The hosting car club, the Peachtree MG Registry, will not provide or serve any alcoholic beverages at this Festival. The Dillard House does not prohibit its use on their premises. If you want it, bring it.

Charity "Doozie of an Auction"

If you would like to contribute any item to the charity auction, please bring it with you and contact any member of the Festival staff. A portion of the proceeds will go to charity.

More Information

For more information and directions to The Dillard House, call 1-800-541-0671 or 1-706-746-5348 or please visit their web site at: www.dillardhouse.com.

Keep abreast of Festival developments at: www.peachtreemg.com or contact Dennis DeLoatch, Chairperson at

Fees

First MG (pre-registered)	$25	_____
Additional MG's (each)	$5	_____
Friday BBQ Dinner (Family Style) (each)	$23	_____
Saturday Banquest & Awards Ceremony	$25	_____
Tee Shirst Short Sleeve	**#**	
Medium @ $12	___	_____
Large @ $12	___	_____
X-Large @ $12	___	_____
XX-Large @ $15	___	_____
Tee Shirst Long Sleeve	**#**	
Medium @ $14	___	_____
Large @ $14	___	_____
X-Large @ $14	___	_____
XX-Large @ $16	___	_____

Total Payment Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to
Peachtree MG Registry

For hotel reservations, contact the Dillard House directly at 1-800-541-0671 before July 15. Mention that you are with the MG Festival. Room rates are from $75 and up for Thursday and $98.00 and up for Friday and Saturday. (Other rates available outside of block) Be sure to reserve early! Cancellation must be made by 8/17/04 to avoid one night's cancellation charge.

RELEASE AND WAIVER: In consideration for the right to pay the event fee and participate in the S.E. Regional MG Festival, the undersigned hereby release the Peachtree MG Registry, other clubs and event sponsors from any and all liability resulting in damage to my car and/or property and to the property of others, and all injuries not limited to but including death, while participating in, or traveling to or from the S. E. Regional MG Festival.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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al, then run 500pcs @ $.63 ea. Vote was taken to pursue this further.

Larry Dockins and I attended the Jacksonville Great Race meeting. The city did a fine job as being this year's host. 96 cars participated and the Saturday events were well done. These cars are real drivers ranging from 1909 to 1959. At present 82 cars are still in the race with the rookie Jacksonville team 5th overall. If you wish to follow this event go to GreatRace.com for complete coverage.

Mike Kasmerski is getting together information to return to the Brunson Farm in Ocala FL for a day trip. This was very successful last year and the Brunsons were fantastic hosts. Tentative time schedule will be in the fall. Stay tuned to your newsletter (and www.mgclassics.org) for future information.



Report from MG2004 (NAMGBR Convention) Jim Hall

Tuesday 22 June 8:00 A.M. : Joe Kaiser, Christopher and I departed Lake Asbury with a truck load of parts and my BGT in tow bound for the Hilton at Parsippany, NJ., the site of MG2004 . Joe brought his GPS which he had already programmed for the trip. We had a AAA Trip Tic for a backup which turned out to be a good thing because Joe had programmed the GPS for the shortest route and it tried to send us on some back roads which we didn't want to take. We traveled up Interstate 95 through Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and into Virginia with a RON in Richmond.

Wednesday 23 June 8:00 A.M. : We hit the road and a traffic jam just south of D.C. which only held us up for 20 minutes or so . On up through Baltimore and then across the Delaware river and the corner of Delaware and hit the NJ Turnpike which is I-95 as well. We exited onto I-287 which took us right into Parsippany and exited onto Route 10 about a stones throw from the Hilton, at least it would have been if my navigator had given me a left turn instead of a right turn. It only took

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Events of Note (continued)

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November 5, 6 & 7 - MG Jamboree "American Tourist". Florida Suncoast MG Car Club 3-day event at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Sabal Park, Tampa. For more information contact: Arnie Anderson (813) 651-1646. On the web visit members.aol.com/fsmgcc/jamboree/jambo.html or, more easily, link to it from our web page www.mgclassics.org.

December 5 - MG Classic's Christmas Party. Our annual event hosted by Dave and Linda White at Pelican Point at the beach. A gift to pass is appreciated. Price range for gift swapping $15 approx. Mark your calendar. Sunday December 5th.



Joke of The Month

Linda Dillard via George Fipp

A priest and a pastor from the local churches are standing by the side of the road, pounding a sign into the ground, that reads:

The End is Near! Turn Yourself Around Now Before it's Too Late!

As a car sped past them, the driver yelled, "Leave us alone you religious nuts!"

From the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash.

The pastor turned to the priest and asked, "Do you think the sign should just say "Bridge Out?"

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a couple of minutes to realize our mistake so we made a uey and arrived at the Hilton about 3:30 P.M. We dropped the BGT and trailer and went to the Holiday Inn on route 46 for the night. (No room at the inn [Hilton] for Wednesday night).

Thursday 24 ,June 8:00 A.M.: Joe and Christopher along with Charlie Tredidgo from the NJ Club helped me unpack the truck and set up in the conference room with 4 other vendors and Kelvin Dodd, Marketing Director from Moss. We were sort of cramped for space but it worked out ok. The NJ Club was very hospitable and tried to make our lives easier in every respect. Thursday was the day that bus and boat tours were scheduled for NYC so the vending was pretty slow. The indoor pool made up for it later as Christopher and I took advantage of the hot tub and pool.

Friday 25 ,June 8:00 A.M.: Back into the conference room for more vending after a good breakfast at the IHOP on route 46. The rally to Lewis Morris Park began at 12:30.(Lewis Morris was the 1st governor of NJ , thus Lewis Morris Park). Morristown is very near Parsippany and is steeped in Revolutionary War history. George Washington actually had his headquarters there in a private home. The family that lived there moved into 2 rooms and gave the rest of the house to GW. It still stands today as a museum of the era. The picnic was scheduled from 4:30 P.M. until dark which came early due to rain. The NJ club luckily had the foresight to erect a large tent with tables and chairs for the picnic of HB's HD's and Chicken. Joe. Christopher and I got there about 5:00 P.M. and Chicken was all gone due to some folks taking too many pieces but they still had plenty of HB's, HD's , baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad and watermelon so a good time was had by all. One of their club members is a member of a Revolutionary War reenactment group and was dressed in full field garb and gave us a little howgoesit on the battles. I did not plan to set up my parts at the car show on Saturday so we packed the truck after the picnic as the rain had let up and it was mostly clear.

Saturday 25 ,June 8:00 A.M. : Christopher and I jumped into the BGT for the trip back to Lewis Morris Park for the car show. NO CLUTCH!!!!!. I checked the reservoir and it was bone dry. I think someone sabotaged me! Luckily I had some brake/clutch fluid in the GT so I filled the reservoir, pumped the clutch a few times and off we went to the park with no further trouble. Joe caught a ride with one of the local club people and as it turned out, helped count the ballots later. Saturday was beautiful with a few clouds in the A.M. but no rain. There were 245 cars on this beautiful grass field in the park and this was the National MGB meet so there were mostly MGB's on the field. There were 5 or 6 MGA's and 4 TD's and would you believe there were about 30 BGT's in attendance. They had a class for (Others) and there was a nice Morris Minor and a few other oddball British cars in attendance. A few MGC's were there and one of them should have been in the concours class which cost an extra $10 to get in that class. It was a Primrose roadster with automatic tranny but it was stunning to say the least. The awards banquet was held at still another location and was well attended and the food was good. We sat with some MN and WI folks and had a good time.

Sunday 26 ,June 8:00 A.M.: Back in the truck with the GT in tow and off for home. We were making good time so we decided to drive straight through after hitting the worst thunderstorm I can remember somewhere in SC. We arrived at Lake Asbury about 2:30 A.M.

Monday 27 ,June. Joe set his GPS for World Golf Village (where he lives) and Christopher and I went to bed. Next year MG2005 is in Olympia Washington and I am going (with parts) since I have never been to the northwest. Everyone is invited. Caravan anyone? Maybe on the Amtrak car train? Think about it ... you have a year.

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Tech Tips & Trivia Jeff Sager, Wayne Coker

Electrical Wires in Your MG - The Color DOES Matter

Have you ever heard anyone say these words while maintaining some piece of electrical wiring in their car: "Heck, what difference does it make what color the wire is, the electricity doesn't know"? The truth is however that the colors in the Lucas wiring harnesses in your MG actually have a great deal of logic to them. If you understand some of the logic of the wire colors, maintenance and repairs can go much more smoothly.

Here's a basic primer on wire colors: The main wires that feed a circuit (i.e. come from the battery) are a solid color. The wires that branch from a switch or relay have a main color and a secondary "tracer" color. And the wires that complete a circuit (usually called "ground" wires) are black.

The main feeder wires are of four basic varieties: Brown = hot all the time and unfused; Purple = hot all the time and fused; White = hot when ignition is on and unfused; Green = hot when ignition is on and fused.

Hands on The Wheel

Q. When most of us went through drivers training in high school, we were taught that the proper way to hold a car's steering wheel was with hands at the ten and two o'clock positions and to use the hand over hand method to turn the wheel. Modern day schooling instructs students to place their hands at the eight and four o'clock positions and to turn the wheel using the push-pull method commonly used by bus and truck drivers. Do you know why?

A. Air bags - Late model cars are equipped with driver's side air bags which could cause arm (as in broken), facial, or eye injuries to the driver if they are deployed when the drivers arms are at the ten and two o'clock positions. Always having ones hands on the lower half of the steering wheel minimizes the possibility of such injuries.

My son told me that a coworker of his mother had shown up to work one morning with a pair of black eyes. The office staff was surprised when she said that she had had a very minor bumper contact with another car after work the previous day. The force of the impact was sufficient to deploy the air bag while her hands were at the ten and two o'clock positions, resulting in two shiners. Fortunately, her engagement ring missed her eye.

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Next Meeting

July 26, 2004

St. John's Seafood, 9825-1 San Jose Blvd., Mandarin. In the Outback Plaza 1 mile north of I -295 on east side of San Jose. 338-9349.

Meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Arrive early for dinner and prime seating!

Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are always welcome. Thanks go out this month to Bernie Nowotny, Neil Nelson, Wayne Coker, George Fipp, and Linda Dillard. Submissions for next month must be received before August 16th for guaranteed inclusion. Address, email, and phone are listed above.

Upcoming Events

08-30-04: August Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Buffalo's Southwestern Café, 6055 Youngerman Circle.

09-17-04: Southeast Regional MG Festival in Dillard, GA. Sponsored by Peachtree MG Registry. See Registration Form inside!

09-27-04: September Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

10-09-04 - British Car Classic at the British Pub (on U.S. 1) in St. Augustine. Hosted by Triumph Club of North Florida this year.

10-16-04 - Charity Octoberfest at World Golf Village.

10-25-04: October Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

10-30-04 - Halloween Rally.

11-05-04: MG Jamboree 14. Hosted by Florida Suncoast MG Car Club. Takes place at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tampa. Arnie Anderson 813-651-1646. http://members.aol.com/fsmgcc/jamboree/jambo.html

11-29-04: November Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

12-05-04: Tentative date for the MG Classics of Jax Christmas Party.

04-08-05 - GOF South Mk XXXIX in Sebring, FL.