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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 Roger Brinkley

An effort is being made to contact our club members who have not paid their dues to renew their membership for 2008. Henry Hirschman and I have been calling the 25 members who have not renewed. Some no longer have their MG's, some have been unavailable for club functions for various reasons and some have forgotten to send in their dues. The rest were left messages to contact us.

We had 33 members in attendance at Opie's Wings on June 30th for our monthly meeting. Opie's did a nice job of providing us with ample space for our meeting. I thought the food was very good and that the service was excellent. Jeff Sager came to the meeting prepared to put on a big screen T.V. demonstration of our redesigned web site but as luck would have it the television would not accept his hook up, but check it out at home.

Check June's newsletter for upcoming events and remember to get your cars out of the garage and have fun driving them.

Safety First,

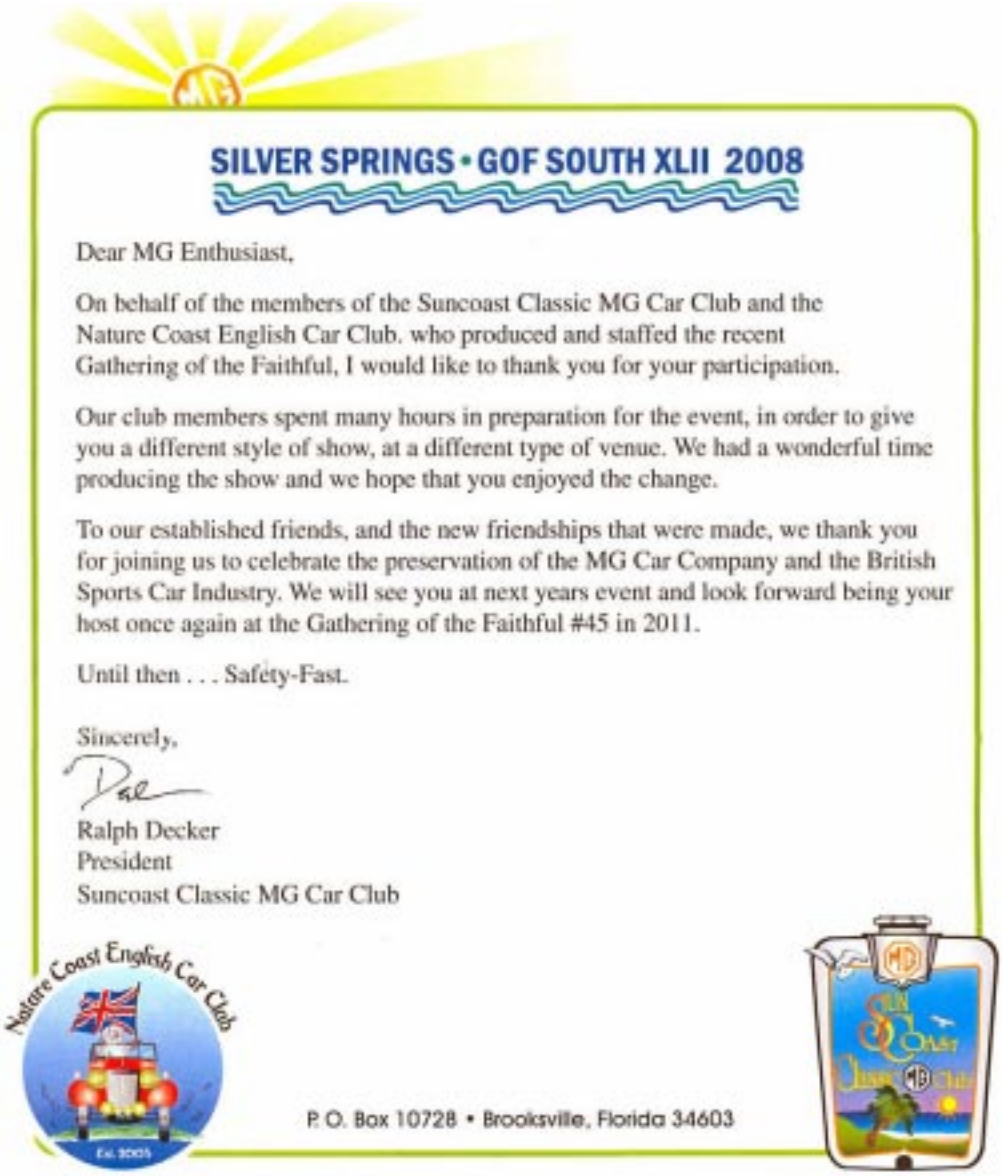
Roger

Safety MG Fast!

MG first on D-Day ?

It's a little known fact that on D-Day, June 6 1944, the first to arrive in occupied France, was an MG. An MG? Sure, but the story is a bit complicated. In 1941 Cecil Kimber, Managing Director of MG, obtained a contract to manufacture the front end of the Albemarle bomber aircraft at the Abingdon factory. The Albemarle was Britain's first nosewheel bomber. It could be built in sections by different factories. The front end of the bomber contained the cockpit with all its controls. To manufacture this nosepiece proved far more complex than any car ever produced by MG. Yet the workforce at Abingdon succeeded to construct 653 of these nosepieces. On D-Day the fast Albemarle planes were the first to drop airborne troops on the Continent so it seems fair to say that MG arrived there first.

Provided by Neil Nelson



SILVER SPRINGS • GOF SOUTH XLII 2008

Dear MG Enthusiast,

On behalf of the members of the Suncoast Classic MG Car Club and the Nature Coast English Car Club, who produced and staffed the recent Gathering of the Faithful, I would like to thank you for your participation.

Our club members spent many hours in preparation for the event, in order to give you a different style of show, at a different type of venue. We had a wonderful time producing the show and we hope that you enjoyed the change.

To our established friends, and the new friendships that were made, we thank you for joining us to celebrate the preservation of the MG Car Company and the British Sports Car Industry. We will see you at next years event and look forward being your host once again at the Gathering of the Faithful #45 in 2011.

Until then . . . Safety-Fast.

Sincerely,

Ralph Decker
President
Suncoast Classic MG Car Club

Nature Coast English Car Club

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ALL BRITISH CAR SHOW

Come join us for a celebration for British Motorcars including MG, Mini-Cooper, Truimph, Jaguar, Austin Healey, & more

FREE to spectators; registration fee $25 for participants

BRIT BASH AT WICKHAM

Saturday, November 1, 2008
Rain or Shine
Wickham Park
2500 Parkway Drive
Melbourne, Fla.

TECH SESSIONS conducted by Glenn Lenhard

Glenn's MG Repair
Glenn's MG Repair
3130 39th Avenue N.
St. Petersburg, Florida
727/821-9890
Toll Free: 888/821-9890
Glenn@GlennsMG.com

Jim Hall's FIVE SPEED COMPANY
(Distributor for Moss Motors & others)

CANVASWORKS
will be doing Canvas & Upholstery Consultations
& on site minor repairs

MG cars & memorabilia FOR SALE

Raffle prizes

For Additional Information:
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SAFETY FAST

FOR THE WOMAN DRIVER



By Mrs. T. H. Wisdom.

It has been my fortune to drive many makes of cars. And of the lot I can say that I like the " Safety Fast " M.G.'s best of all.

I can see trouble ahead for me after that statement, but stick to it. If I want to go fast and safely I would rather have an MG.

On the track, in hill-climbs and on the road, Midgets, Magnettes and Mark II's have never let me down. My one ambition now is to handle an M.G. in a road race, but that will have to wait until the powers that be decide that women drivers are good enough to drive in a road event. At present Le Mans is the one exception among road races of importance. Maybe women are not good enough—but they will be one day.

Even the most exacting woman motorist could find her ideal car among the extensive range of M.G. products.

The M.G. Midgets, in particular, are, I think, the most attractive light cars on the road, not only from the truly feminine view-point as regards "pretty" bodywork but also from their very workmanlike build; combine this with excellent performance and lightness of upkeep, and what more can one desire? I have had the pleasure of handling a supercharged Midget at sundry hill-climbs, both here and in Ireland, and for sheer joy in its feeling of speed and steadiness on corners there are few cars that can compare with it.

For the sportswoman who wishes to run a car in competitions the supercharged M.G. Midget is ideal. Light to handle, needing little physical effort, yet very steady and roadworthy, and, of coarse, with speed proclivities that a great many larger cars find it very difficult to obtain. Its acceleration has to be tried to be believed.

Behind all the M.G. products is the experience that they have gained by racing and record breaking, the finest testing ground in the world and the hardest.

One of the first things which attracted me when I sat at the wheel of an M.G., Midget with its engine giving a healthy and very satisfactory "blip-blip" as I dabbed the throttle up and down waiting for a timed run, was that highly ingenious M. G. handbrake. In a "getaway," where clocks are not used, its quick release is invaluable. Apart from competition work, many times when it has been necessary to stop on a fairly steep hill in a traffic jam, and to get away smartly have I wished for that very useful little M.G. handbrake. Do not think for a moment that I judge a car by such a small point as this, but it is good to find that having studied and perfected all the important points which go to the making of a successful sporting car, the M.G. Car Company have taken their ideal right through to the minor points, which sometimes are the most irritating and neglected.

A delightful "baby," indeed, for the woman who wants a light, easy to handle—and park—attractive little car with an excellent turn of speed.

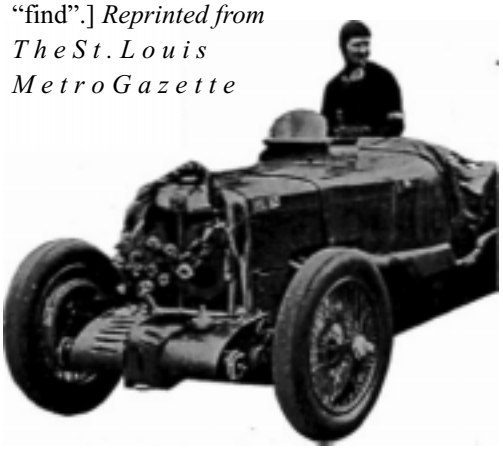
A bigger brother has recently made its appearance in the shape of the "blown" Magnette. I was out in Italy during the recent Mille Miglia race, in which the Magnettes put up such a fine performance. It was a wonderful race, and I shall never forget the arrival of those two dustcovered little green cars in the early hours of the morning at Brescia. I knew that I should be driving George Eyston's Magnette in the International Trophy event, so I had asked George at the start of the race not to bend the car too much! and he had laughingly assured me that he would not. And there he was, after 1,000 miles of gruelling road racing, rather dusty but quite cheerful, assuring me that the car was quite O.K.

The same day, a few hours later, after lunch to be exact, George escorted Mrs. Kimber and myself all over the roof of the Milan cathedral— which is one of the most wonderful sights I have ever seen—he then had tea with us and, after, caught the night train down to Rome. You just can't wear George out.

One of the experiences which I enjoyed most while I was out in Italy was to take a fast car down the autostrada from Milan to Brescia. This was one of the most amazing roads I have ever motored on, a perfectly dead straight road with an excellent surface, without any other reads crossing it. Where another road joined the autostrada there was a level-crossing gate which was not opened until the road was clear. No pedestrians are allowed on to the autostradas, so having paid your liras at the entrance you could "blind" to your heart's content without danger, except the danger of blowing up your engine. And the M.G. Mark II speed model which I had did 78 m.p.h. for 23 miles without complaint half a dozen times!

Of the International Trophy there is little to say, except that George's Magnette performed admirably, handled well on the corners, went up to 115 m.p.h. on the straight and never gave a moment's trouble. The Magnette is yet another "well-bred" car that has come from the Pavlova Works.

[Ed—Thanks to Bob Horzmann for this article "find".] *Reprinted from The St. Louis Metro Gazette*





MG Classics Cedar Key Trip participants at Newberry (photo by Roger Brinkley)

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

Rubber Bumper CB Radio Antenna Mounts
$10 each

Miscellaneous Car Pins
$5 each (several colors also)

To purchase regalia or to ask questions please contact:

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

MG Classics - Tech Session at the Nelson's Garage

June 21st, 2008 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

We had a great turn out for the tech session in Neil's garage. Neil and Wayne gave an excellent session on the electrical components of MG cars. They handed out several enlarged wiring diagrams on the T series cars as well as our more modern MGA's and MGB's, plushey had a whole bunch of actual MG switches with detailed information on how they functioned.

Neil and Wyne discussed how to go about troubleshooting a faulty switch or electrical connection. A logical sequence was suggested to properly trace down a short - where do you start first? A voltage meter was discussed with the various tests that it can perform when you are either rewiring a car or tracing down a wiring problem. Jeff Sager, Bob Wrenn, Jim Hall and others were encouraged to add to the session providing their first hand experiences on car wiring.

We had five of our club ladies present including Phyllis Brinkley, Helen Hirschman, Linda Dillard, Karen Sager and Johnny Nelson. It was great for them to take part in what has been typically an all male event. I think it helped that the tech session was held in the Nelson's air conditioned garage.

At about mid way through the session we broke for lunch. Karen Sager, with Jeff's help, delivered the pizzas and soft drinks. Withs more than enough for everyone. We finished the meeting on schedule at 2:00 p.m. Everyone said they thoroughly enjoyed the tech session and that they learned something new. I know I did.

Many thanks to Neil, Wayne and Johnnie for a job well done.

Roger Brinkley

MG Classics Tech Session 6-21 in Pictures

by Neil Nelson











FLORIDA SUNCOAST MG CAR CLUB

JAMBOREE 16

November 7 – 9, 2008 • St. Petersburg, Florida
All British Car Owners are invited to join the Fun!

Theme:

It's Jamboree 16! The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club would like to invite ***ALL*** British Car Owners to celebrate with us. We'll have a Sweet 16 party Friday night and a Slumber Party Saturday night. As in past years, costumes are encouraged, and fun is mandatory (can't be helped). Ladies attend the "Sweet 16 Tea Party". Bring a photo of yourself as a 16 year old or at your 16th birthday party. Dress like Jackie "O" or like someone else from the 1960's.

Please bring items for the Club to auction on Saturday evening. While it's fun if the items are British car-related, they don't have to be. Our auction is the main fundraiser for our Club.

Location:

We'll be having the event at the gorgeous Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in St. Petersburg near the Skyway Bridge. It offers a beautiful view of the bridge as well as having its own private beach! If you want to stay an extra day or two, the hotel will extend your stay for the same MG Jamboree rate.

Friday:

Upon arrival at the Hotel, join us in the Meet & Greet Room where you will find the MG Jamboree Registration and complimentary beverages and snacks nearby. Drop off your Auction items and pick up your Event Packet.

6:00 p.m. Sweet 16 Party! Dress in your finest 1950's attire! Diner will be served under the pavilion by the pools. After dinner will be the "MGs in the Movies" game in the banquet room featuring movie roles our MGs have starred in over the years, with a quiz. Afterwards, stay for the Sock Hop and dance the night away!

Saturday Morning:

Continental Breakfast – Meet & Greet Room
MG Flea Market & Regalia Sales
MGs Displayed on the Grass
Fun Judging of Cars and/or People
And Much More....

Saturday Lunch:

Grab your toll money, your boxed lunches, and head to your cars for a drive to the Blackthorn Memorial on the west side of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. Relax, eat, and explore the historic sight. After lunch, join the caravan over the bridge and then back to the hotel. Don't forget your cameras!

Saturday Afternoon:

Tech Session: Drive to Glenn's MG Repair – see map
(After taking the ladies back to the hotel.)

Ladies "Sweet 16 Tea Party" – see Reg. Form to RSVP

Siesta Time or unwind by one of the two beautiful pools.

Saturday Evening:

5:30 p.m. Games – by the pool – join the fun!

6:00 p.m. Slumber Party! (Remember your app.'s!)

Dinner
Awards (if any are deserved)
Auction

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast – Meet & Greet Room
Fond Farewells – until next time

Gail Lenhard, Chairperson • (727) 521-9890
Or gail@glennsmg.com

Make your reservations directly with:
Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort
(800) 227-8045 or (727) 867-1151

Please mention the **"MG Jamboree"** when reserving your room. Reservations must be made prior to October 25 to get special room rates, starting at $89.00 per room per night. After that the rate will be $95 per night. These reduced rates are available to MG Jamboree registrants only. In addition, the hotel will honor these special rates for two days before and after our event, if you want to come early and/or stay later.

Map and Driving Instructions to the Holiday Inn Sunspree

NORTH – HEADING SOUTH ON I-275 - EXIT 16 (SKYWAY LANE). LEFT ON PINELLAS POINT DRIVE. RIGHT ON SKYWAY LANE.
SOUTH – HEADING NORTH ON I-275 - EXIT 16 (SKYWAY LANE). LEFT ON SKYWAY LANE.





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Automobiles:

1965 MK III Sprite
Good stuff: 1968 1275cc engine, new wiring harness, new tires, new carpet & amateur new interior, refurbished gas tank & lines, fuel pump and brakes, recent exterior body work and new red paint. Not so good stuff: some floor pan rust damage but solid, needs a new rag top, brake MC leaking but new kit ordered. All maintenance records included. I have 4 LBCs and am desperate for space! Over 6K in the car so asking for reasonable offers starting around 3K. Car is in Tallahassee, garaged. Call or email with any questions: 850-385-6581 bthom32312@aol.com (Tallah)

1975 MGB - Price Reduced
MGB in Middleburg Florida. Rebuilt carburetor and installed new alternator & ignition system. Installed new rack & pinion steering & new muffler. Running with good body. Needs new top & paint. $3500.00 - $3000.00 OBO.Don Shillcutt 904-291-4246 DShill1637@Bellsouth.net Photos on request.

1952 MGTD Limited Edition Replicar-
Manufactured by London Motors Corp., Dearborn, MI in 1984, and sold by GM at Ennesy Buick Cadillac, Vero Beach. *THIS IS NOT A KIT CAR!* Air-Cooled 1.8 liter 4-cyl. rear mount engine, 4-speed manual. Excellent Condition! $12,500. Information: 904-377-1961 or Tiffanysattic@aol.com.

1929 Mercedes-Benz Gazelle Roaster Replica-
Deluxe model by Classic Motor Carriages, Hallandale, FL. In 1976. Ford 2.3 liter engine, automatic transmission, top & side curtains. Excellent condition! $6,500. Information: 904-377-1961 or: Tiffanysattic@aol.com. Located in World Golf Village, St. Augustine, FL

MG Classics Meeting Minutes for Monday, June 30, 2008

Thirty-six people attended the June 2008 meeting which was held at Opie's Wings, Oysters, and More in Orange Park.

President Roger Brinkley opened the meeting with a farm joke.

Rave reviews were shared on Neil and Wayne's electrical tech session. The female attendance was overwhelming, and everyone appreciated the sharing of knowledge and socializing. Pizza, snacks and soft drinks were provided for lunch.

Several upcoming events were discussed including:

July 14-18 - NAMGAR GT-33, Seven Springs, PA

September 19-21 - Southeast British Car Festival at the Dillard House hosted by Peachtree MG Registry. Several members are planning to attend this event.

October 11th - British Car Classic Mk XX at Kings Head Pub hosted by the Triumph Club

November 7-9 - MG Jamboree 2008 in St. Pete hosted by The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club

December 13th - Annual MG Classics Christmas Party at the Leenhouts' hangar house in Green Cove Springs

Bob Phillips suggested an event at the St Augustine Rally Track. The cost would be approximately $35 per car for 4 hours on the track.

John Leenhouts circulated a signup sheet for anyone wanting to order a club golf shirt. He offered the option of an alternate color, in addition to the tan official club shirt.

Jeff Sager introduced the new MG Classics website to the group. Though it is not completely finished, he showed a demo to anyone who wanted to see it after the meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 28th at Woody's BBQ on Phillips Highway near Baymeadows.

Parts:

MG A & B Air Conditioning
MG Five speed company is now offering air conditioning installed in your MGA or MGB, Supercharged or non-supercharged. Please call Jim Hall at 904-282-1658 or 904-613-9591 for price and availability quotes. We use most of the same components Moss supplies in their kit BUT we install the units for less than Moss charges for a kit YOU have to install or have installed at an additional cost.

70 Good complete motor & gearbox & many B parts.
Bob Phillips 904-751-6496 or bphill3001@aol.com

TD Front Fender
100% solid original condition. looks like it still has its original black paint.Some scratches & shallow dent on the inside edge near the front where the hood comes down. $600 Dave Breakwell, St.Catharines, Ontario, Can. <dbreakwell@cogeco.ca> or 905-935-3229

Services:

Complete classic car restoration & repair service.
Bob Phillips bphill3001@aol.com or (904)751-6496 (JAX)

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EVENTS CALENDAR

MG Classics Meeting Place for July 28th is Woody's BBQ on Phillips Hwy at Baymeadows. It's in a new shopping center on the southwest corner of that large intersection. Their number is 904-256-0066. - 7:30 PM

OWNERS OF CLASSIC CARS Antiques or just cool wheels and motorcycles are invited to an informal cars and coffee get together from 7am to 9am every Saturday at the Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Shop at 11117 San Jose Blvd, just South of I-295.

NAMGAR GT33 -July 14-18- Seven Springs, PA. Registration on-line at www.namgar.com

Southeast British Car Festival 2008 - Sept 19–21- Dillard, Ga., At Dillard House in the mountains of N. Ga., for details and registration information or contact: peachtreemg1@bellsouth.net

7th Annual OKTOBERFEST 2008 -Sept. 20 - World Golf Village - More information soon!

9th Annual British Car Club of WNC's Autumn in the Mountains - Oct. 3-4 - Chimney Rock Park, the site of the famous Hill Climb held from 1955-1995. Website: www.bccwnc.org for details.

British Car Classic XX - Oct. 11 - King's Head British Pub - **More details to come!**

Brit Bash at Wickham - Nov.1st - Melbourne, FL, Hosted by MGCCF - Info. www.mgcarclubflorida.org or email to <BritBash@comcast.net> or (772)770-0083

JAMBOREE 16 -Nov. 7-9 - St. Petersburg, FL, hosted by FSMGCC. Info at www.fsmgcc.com

MG Classics Annual ChristmasParty - Dec. 13th - At Leenhout's Hanger House

MG Classics Meeting Place for July 28th, 2008 - Woody's BBQ on Phillips Hwy at Baymeadows



Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are welcome & requested.

Thanks go out this month to Roger Brinkley, Henry Hirschman, Karen Altomare, Neil Nelson, and Bob Horzmann for this article "find" and *The St. Louis Metro Gazette*

Submissions requested before the 10th of the month.

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