

May God Bless America, Again

Happy Birthday United States Army

June 14th was the 238th birthday of the United States Army

The Prez Says:

Last month's meeting at Bella Vita was our second meeting in a row there because everyone liked it so much the month before. I prefer to conduct meetings on alternate sides of the river to keep folks from having to drive so far, BUT I gave in to the will of the members in attendance, including the OP members, and we met at Bella Vita again. They did a bang-up job of serving us, and the food was awesome. We will go back there in the future.

The bowling outing at Bowl America Mandarin on San Jose Blvd. is this weekend, probably before this newsletter gets published, so I'll give you an update next meeting and in next month's newsletter.

Don't forget the tech session is next weekend (the 13th of July) at Neil's garage. Check our website, which is so professionally managed by our awesome treasurer, Jeff Sager.

Next month (August) we are planning a weekend drive to Amelia Island. It will be either August 10th or 17th. I will get that cast in stone before this month's meeting. Also, Phyllis has been hard at work finding us a venue for our Christmas Party. I think she has secured a reservation but more on that at the meeting this month and next newsletter.

Other than that, we are now in the thick of SUMMER heat and hurricane watches so be sure your beloved MG is under cover and when we start cooling down again we will plan some drives to nowhere or some weekend getaways. Check the website for more tentative activities and dates. Next meeting will be at Athens restaurant on St. Augustine Rd. between San Jose and University Blvd. See the newsletter for more info on this meeting, location, etc. Thanks to everyone for your participation and attendance. If you have any ideas for a social gathering or outing, please let me know, especially if you know of a good restaurant with a private room on the west side of the river.

Safety Fast,

Jim

MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville Monthly Meeting Minutes

- Our monthly meeting on 24 June 2013 was held at the ***Bella Vita Italian Restaurant***, Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville, Florida. Twenty-eight members attended.
- Jim Bak passed around flyers for the ***First Coast Car Council Car Show*** at the Jacksonville Landing on 14 September 2013. For details go to: www.carcouncil.org
- Jim Bak reported, ***"a letter of encouragement"*** will soon be sent to our members who did not renew their membership.
- We enjoyed humorous observations regarding Lucas Products read by Jim Bak.
- Bob Wrenn displayed the new and improved ***Club Logo Grill Badge*** *(Cream and Crackers)*. They are on order and will be available soon for approximately $30 each.
- Karan Sager won the ***$30 Fifty/Fifty*** *drawing*.
- Wayne Snook, Neil Nelson, Karen Sager, and Pat Shotwell won the *drawings for* ***MG ball caps***. The choices were red, blue, or white.
- Jim Bak passed around sign-up sheets for
  - ***Cosmic Bowling*** at 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 6th, at Bowl America, 10333 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida.
  - ***Food Donations*** for the *Tech Session* at Neil Nelson's Garage on Saturday July 13th.
- The ***next monthly meeting*** will be held Monday, ***29 July*** at the ***Athens Café*** located at 6271 Saint Augustine Road, Jacksonville, Florida, Phone: (904) 733 1199.

Respectful submitted,

Phyllis Brinkley
Secretary



This is the new Grill Badge Bob Wrenn briefed on at the last meeting. It is a top-quality product.

Governor Scott Signs Bill Eliminating the Ethanol Requirement

State Representative Matt Gaetz's, R-Fort Walton Beach efforts to end requirement that gasoline sold in Florida contain some ethanol is over. Legislation that began as H.B. 4001 was recently signed by Gov. Rick Scott.

The new law repeals a five-year-old statute requiring all state service stations to sell gasoline containing an established percentage of ethanol. Service stations can continue to sell gas containing ethanol if they wish.

Last year, Gaetz succeeded in reducing the impact of the 2008 law mandating ethanol use. He supported legislation that specified businesses could not be punished for selling ethanol-free gasoline. This meant that although the legislation was still on the books, a business could not be punished for not supporting it.

State Senator Greg Evers, R-Baker sponsored the Senate version of the repeal bill.

The elimination of the ethanol requirement is great news for MG Classics and other vintage car enthusiasts. Furthermore, it is good for owners of older cars, small engines and boats.

What are some of the problems caused by ethanol in gasoline? Most owners of newer cars have minimal problems with E-10 Ethanol, when quality gasoline is replaced every 1-2 weeks. For all others, the effect of 10% ethanol is very different. Marine engines and engines manufactured prior to 1998

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From The Frame Up

***From the Editor**: Recently, I saw an advertisement in a British MG newsletter for an Arizona company called **From The Frame Up** (FTFU) that offered hard to find MG parts and services. I contacted Doug Pelton, the owner, and asked him to give me some information on his company. Additionally, I checked with our Founding Father, Neil Nelson, to see if he knew anything about Doug's company. He said he did, had ordered parts from him, and was very satisfied with them. Doug can be reached at:* www.FromTheFrameUp.com

From ***"From The Frame Up"*** **(FTFU)** is now in its sixth year of operation providing parts and assistance to MG owners. Its specialty is providing hard to find spares for the MG TC. As with many old car parts and service companies, his was founded in an effort to help fellow enthusiasts. Over time, the company grew based on demand and satisfaction.

Doug worked on restoring a family TC for over four years. During that time, as a customer, he found the quality and availability of parts, and service was not always what should be expected. It was time-consuming searching for each item. Eventually, he would find a source or in some cases he would just manufacture the part himself. Doug then realized that all the bits and pieces should be available from a central source. That way, others would not have to endure what he had experienced.


Doug Pelton

The first item he developed was a pedal spring set, #SPG010, for the TC. Doug spent about three months trying to find the correct springs. He ordered them from one supplier and did not like what he got, so he ordered from other suppliers as well and then compared them and chose what was best. He ended up sourcing them through a major spring manufacturer. Finally, he had a complete quality set that fit and did the job. This spring set became one of six items listed in his very first one-page catalog. Since then, his catalog has grown to over 100 pages and 4,500 line items. It is now the largest collection of offerings for the TC worldwide.

His customer base has expanded around the globe. He now routinely exports to over thirty countries. The primary reason is that with the high cost of shipping, there is great value in shopping with one vendor and thus consolidating shipping.

Aside from parts, FTFU now offers "exchange services." There are many assemblies that need refurbishing on the TC. Rebuilding shocks, distributors, steering boxes, gas caps, headlamps, generators, starters, dash instruments and more can take weeks. Who can you send it to that has the parts and expertise to ensure quality work? FTFU has most of these requirements on hand ready to ship.

One item that has become very popular is the fastener set. There are over 200 specific sets of "factory correct" hardware for the TC. If you want to fasten the rear wing to the tub, just get the set. For those items that are non-existent, FTFU has been a leader in manufacturing whether a small batch or a full production run. A most-recent example is the front springs for the TC. These springs are quality items and *in stock*.

He is now expanding his business to the wholesale segment. This has been the ultimate compliment when other vendors are looking to Doug to help their customers. Future plans for FTFU include building body tubs for TCs and offering full-frame off restorations. It only makes sense to offer these services as well with the availability of in-house parts and technical expertise.

Doug says he will never forget that he started as a customer searching for quality and service. Now, quality and service have become and will remain the hallmark for From The Frame Up.

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Doug Pelton's TC 7670

The Spirit of 76: Above is **TC 7670** owned by Doug Pelton, and below is **TC 7676** owned by Mike Losey of MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville.


Mike Losey's TC 7676

Mike wrote a wonderful article about MG TC 7676, and another about a long-time British friend of his who was personally involved in the closing of the MG Works at Abingdon. Both articles are comprehensive and informative, but, unfortunately, too long for the newsletter. However, I am working on publishing them as a package.

You will note that Mike's TC is decked out in the ***"Cream Crackers"*** color scheme. This is the scheme used by the **MG racing team** in the Thirties. I also have an article published from a superb British T-Type newsletter published by John James about one of the racing cars (BL-80) that was part of the team. I am planning to include that article in the package as well. Below is a picture of BL-80.



BBL 80 - one of the four Works supported 1938 "Cream Cracker" trials team cars. Photo taken in the grounds of the Badminton Estate, Gloucestershire.

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have the greatest difficulty using and managing E-10 blends fuel blends.

Ethanol is corrosive and an excellent SOLVENT (dissolves plastic, rubber, fiberglass and more). It also ABSORBS WATER, which can cause serious problems for engines.

Ethanol uses as much gas to produce and ship by truck than it saves. Currently, it is not shipped by pipeline because it is too corrosive. One gallon of ethanol contains about 66 percent of the energy as a gallon gasoline. So, fuel economy suffers when ethanol is used.

Eliminating Ethanol as a fuel additive should increase the availability of corn as a food. More importantly, it should lower the cost of animal feed and thus the cost of meat.

Meanwhile, this site may help you find gas without ethanol go to: **pure-gas.org. .** It is a site designed by a private citizen who is "dedicated to one, simple task: to list the gas stations in the U.S. and Canada that serve ethanol-free gasoline."

We should take reasonable and economically sensible steps to limit our impact on the environment, but we should not succumb to the hysteria of environmental extremists.

Remember, if it hadn't been for climate change, we'd never have gotten out of the Ice Age. Let us not forget: in 1975, the sky is falling crowd was saying we were headed for a new Ice Age.



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Tech Session

11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, 13 July 2013

Neil Nelson's *Air-Conditoned* Garage

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The subject of **Tech Session** on Saturday, 13 July at Neil's Garage will be **Reupholstering MGB seats.** Mike K has volunteered his car as the victim. I mean subject. This should take up most of the session's time. However, if you have any small car problems you would like advice on notify Neil. Time permitting they will be addressed.

If you are r**ebuilding SU carbs**, disassemble them and bring them to the tech session. You can use Jim Nolan's in-line ream to prepare **your carbs for over-sized shafts. The process only takes a few minutes.**

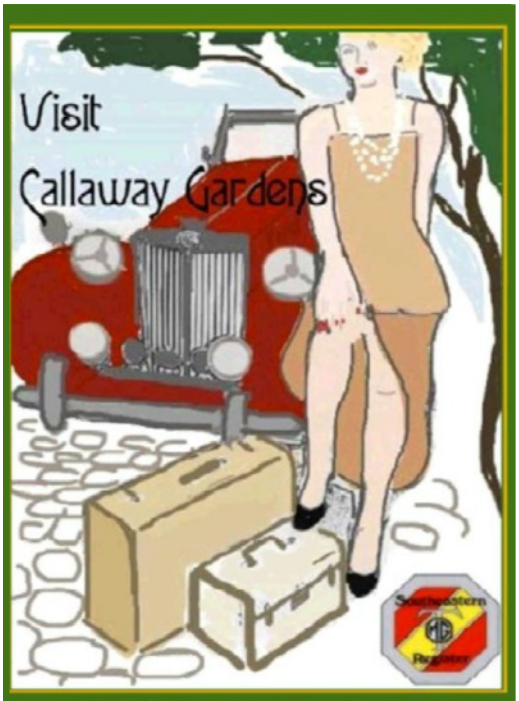
Chef Jim Bak will prepare his *special* **burgers.** Hot dogs will also be provided**.** The club will provide the meat and buns. **Others should bring** chips, beans, salads, desserts and what they want to drink. There will be ice on hand. The food will be served on Neil's new outdoor patio deck.



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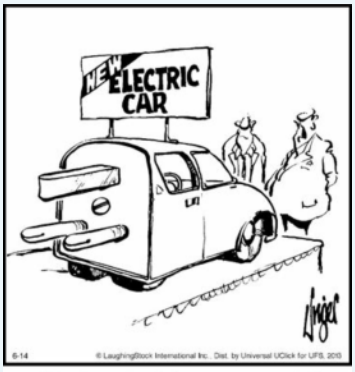
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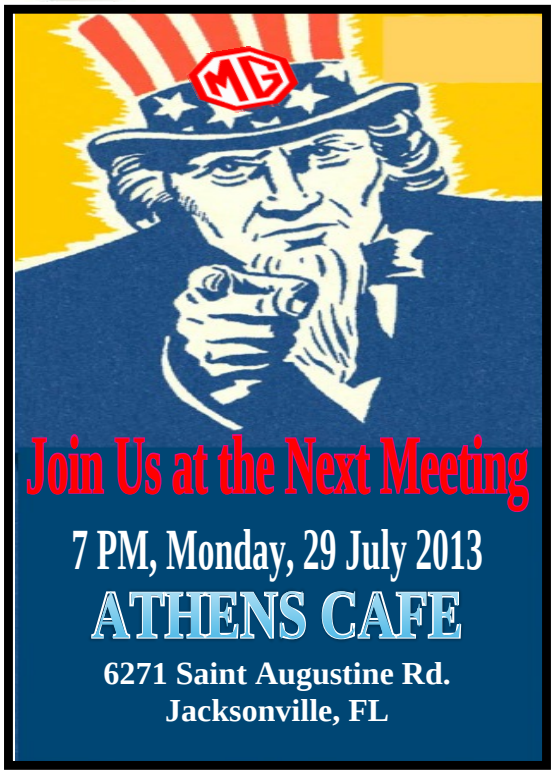
Those that missed it missed a really fun time.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

13 Jul 13	**11:00 AM**	**Tech Session - Neil's Garage**
28 Jul 13	**7:00 PM**	**Club Meeting - ATHENS CAFE - Saint Augustine Rd.**
10 Aug 13	**11:00 AM**	**Tentative Overnight Drive to Amelia Island.**
14 Sep 13	**8:00 AM**	**27th Annual Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show at the Landing**
28 Sep 13	**9:00 AM**	**British Car Classic**
10 Oct 13	**12:00 AM**	**Southeastern Fall GOF - Pine Mountain, GA.**
10 Dec 13	**6:00 PM**	**Club Christmas Party**

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