

NEWSLETTER

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Greetings my friends.
In an effort to try and get back on track with keeping you informed, you are hearing from me again just a few short weeks since our combined Apr, May, June newsletter.

It is my intention to make sure we get our newsletter out every month.

This intense time we are living through hasn't been seen by most of our generation. As COVID-19 appears to be roaring back at us and filling our news channels and talk, it is hard to be optimistic about our cars and fraternizing with known eccentrics of like-mindedness who actually believe MG's are reliable cars to drive! As I press on you will see there are some good things actually happening within our club.

We have 6 new members in the second quarter:

1. Brent Siegel -73 MGB
2. Reid Webb - 76 MGB
3. Peter Newton - looking for a TD or an MGA in case someone might have a spare to sell
4. Bruce Bernstein - 76 MGB
5. Paul Wlodyka
6. Jerry Smith - 76 MG Midget
7. Bill Mullen - 78 MGB
8. Jerry Gabet - 78 MGB

A hearty welcome to all of you !!
Reid Webb has already volunteered, renewed and updated our Facebook page. Thank you Reid, for that I will gladly help you install your new starter!

Ian Massey (our webmaster) has spent dozens of hours updating the members roster on the club website. Please take a gander to ensure everything is correct. Thank you Ian for wading through all of the different sites required to do this.

We had a lovely June Drive and Picnic that was well attended. Please go to the website, Ian has done a well written critique of the event with several pictures of the attendees and their cars. I'm not the one holding a bottle of Guinness Extra Stout!

Lastly I will announce we will have another one, the July Drive and Picnic on July 18th. Please go to the MG Classics website for details. You must register on the website so we might loosely attempt some caravan locations. We will also try having an abbreviated meeting, our first in 4 months.

As you can see even though we are limited in what and where we can go, there are some events available. I will include my disclaimer that MG Classics of Jacksonville FL is not sanctioning any meeting or events at this time. It is the responsibility of any attendee to weigh their personal risk. Anyone deciding to attend will be required to exercise all CDC guidelines; distancing, masks, no handshaking, no hugs no kisses……

Looking forward to safer, freer times but until then I'll take what I can safely get!

Safety Fast!

Bruce



See the article on page 11

Our Facebook page is revitalized! Check it out

A Matter of Safety

By Ian Massey, Stalwart Webmaster

Several months ago I was enjoying an early morning drive in my 1955 MGTF. The weather was perfect T-Car weather, cool but dry and sunny. As I started to brake to a stop at a set of traffic signals I heard a screech of brakes behind me. I immediately glanced in my rear view mirror and braced for the impact. Fortunately no impact but my rear view mirror was filled with the image a large pickup truck. The next thing I knew the driver jumped out of his cab and started to berate me yelling "Your brake lights don't work", with a few expletives thrown in for emphasis. Of course they worked as I check them in the darkened garage before I go out for a run. Clearly 'Truck Man' was not paying attention. By the time he approached my MG I was in neutral with the hand-brake on and my foot off the brake pedal as the particular lights had a long cycle-time and had just turned red. This reinforced his theory that my brake-lights didn't work.

'Truck Guy' was a large guy so I thought it was not sensible to start to argue with him and eventually he retreated back to his truck after his tantrum subsided.

The incident did concern me at the time as I know that the T-Car brake lights are not too bright and on a sunny day are not easily seen. So when I arrived home I did another check of the brake-lights, both still working of course, but decided I needed to add a third brake-light as a Matter of Safety. After searching on the Internet I didn't find anything that appealed to me and was easy to fit. I went for the Third Brake-light in the MOSS catalog. It duly arrived and I put it in a drawer in the garage with the intent to install it within a few days.

After several months passed I got out of bed one morning and thought "What can I work on on one of the MGs today". The third brake-light came to mind. The first problem was where have I put it. I had totally revamped the garage with new drawers and cabinets in the meantime. I spent a couple of hours searching and eventually found it. How do I fit it? Perhaps I should have thought about that before I spent my money. My T-Car is positive ground, will the LEDs work?

Looking at "T-Car" it seemed that to hang it from the Luggage Rack made sense but in a manner that does not interfere with any items on the rack.

So as a temporary setup I hung it from one of the bars on the luggage rack as shown in the photograph. The power supply is tapped into the appropriate two connectors feeding the rear light cluster. The power cable is threaded up the tube supporting the rack and pops out at the vent hole in the rack added during manufacture to vent out the gases during welding. The setup is clunky and temporary. I will drill the cross tube on the rack and thread the power feed through the cross tube, drill and tap the tube for longer screws and make a more professional job of mounting the light. I will drill and tap the light mounting pedestal and make a more professional looking setup.



Of course it will likely be several months into the future before I get around to the refit! In the meantime I am very happy with the result. The 'Third Brake-light' is as bright and as easy to see as those on any modern car so I feel a little more safe when I hit the brakes in traffic. Hmmm, should I duplicate the light on the other side of the rack?

I decided to add a Second 'Third Brake Light' on the other side of the rack bar and tied the lights in to work as Directional Indicator lights. The two 'Third Brake Lights' now work effectively as both Stop lights and rear Directional Indicator lights. To alert unwary road users to my driving intentions I now have four operational Stop lights and four operational Direction Indicator lights arrayed on the rear of my TF.

My 'fantasy project' is to fit a high power laser that will evaporate any vehicle that appears not to brake in time and is considered a potential fender bender. In the meantime my Third, very bight, brake-light will be my immediate safety feature to forewarn vehicles behind that I am braking and try not to rear-end me. Sadly, they don't generate sufficient heat to vaporize the dangerous drivers who like to stop, foot ready to slip off their brake pedal, one foot away from my rear bumper when sitting stationary in heavy traffic!

I added a nice safety feature in a few hours. It is a trivial project but I believe well worth the cost and effort.

Safety Fast! … The Webmaster

LIFE IN 2020 - A little Kung Flu humor (Very little)

Reprinted from Spoke and Word- The newsletter of Idaho British Car Club.

1. Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
2. I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
3. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
4. PSA: Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
5. Homeschooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.
6. I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks, we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.
7. Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
8. My body has absorbed so much disinfectant and soap lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
9. I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?
10. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.



Found on E-bay?:

Have you inadvertently let the smoke out of the wires on your classic British car? This, then, is the solution to your problem!

Here is presented for your perusal one Lucas Replacement Wiring Harness Smoke kit, P/N 530433, along with the very rare Churchill Tool 18G548BS adapter tube and metering valve. These kits were supplied surreptitiously to Lucas factory technicians as a trouble-shooting and repair aid for the rectification of chronic electrical problems on a plethora of British cars. The smoke is metered, through the fuse box, into the circuit which has released it's original smoke until the leak is located and repaired. The affected circuit is then rectified and the replacement smoke re-introduced. An advantage over the cheap repro smoke kits currently available is the exceptionally rare Churchill metering valve and fuse box adapter. It enables the intrepid and highly skilled British Car Technician to meter the precise amount of genuine Lucas smoke required by the circuit.

Unlike the cheap, far-eastern replacement DIY smoke offered by the "usual suppliers", this kit includes a filter to ensure that all the smoke is of consistent size, It has been our experience in our shop that the reproduction Tiawanese smoke is often "lumpy", which will cause excessive resistance in our finely-engineered British harnesses and components. This is often the cause of failure in the repro electrical parts currently available, causing much consternation and misplaced cursing of the big three suppliers.

These kits have long been the secret weapon of the "Ultimate Authorities" in the trade, and this may be the last one available. Be forewarned, though, that it is not applicable to any British vehicle built after the discontinuing of bullet connectors, so you Range Rover types are still on your own...

This Genuine Factory Authorised kit contains enough smoke to recharge the entire window circuit on a 420 Jaguar, and my dear friend and advisor George Wolf of British Auto Specialty assures me that he can replace ALL the smoke in a W&F Barrett All-Weather Invalid Car(147 CC) with enough left over to test a whole box of Wind-Tone horns for escaped smoke. How much more of an endorsement do you need?

CRUSIN' CLUB MEMBERS



Club member's cars at the Trout Creek Park Picnic on June 20th 2020



Latest Events of Interest that are Currently Scheduled

Southeast British Car Festival - Dillard, GA 09/17-20/2020

Ponte Vedra Car Show - 09/27/2020

Myrtle Beach Britfest - Myrtle Beach - 10/03-2020

British Classic Meeting - Mead Pub - 10/10/2020 **Cancelled**

Cars & Coffee at Amelia Concours - March, 6, 2021

The REAL meaning of the Haynes instructions

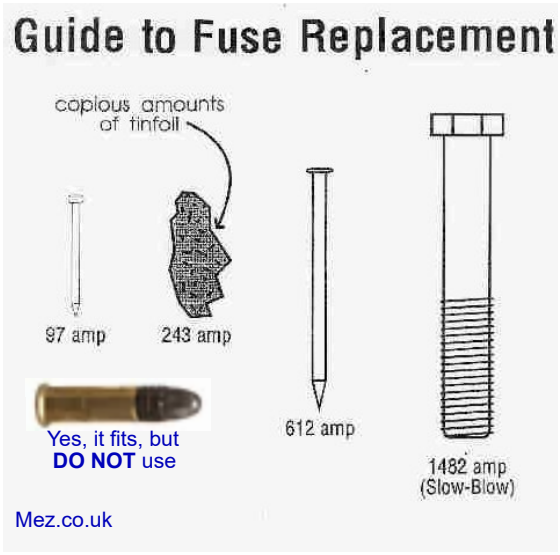
Haynes: Should remove easily.
Translation: Will be corroded into place ... clamp with adjustable spanner then beat repeatedly with a hammer.

Haynes: This is a snug fit.
Translation: You will skin your knuckles! ... Clamp with adjustable spanner then beat repeatedly with hammer.

Haynes: Retain tiny spring...
Translation: "Crikey what was that, it nearly had my eye out"!

Haynes: Pry...
Translation: Hammer a screwdriver into...

Haynes: Ease ...
Translation: Apply superhuman strength to ...



Club Website Features You Can Use

Go To: https://www.mgclassics.org

- Join MG Classics of Jacksonville
- Renew Your Annual Club Membership
- Review the Club Membership Roster (This Requires a Website Password)
- Obtain a Club Website Password.
- Use Your Credit Card or PayPal to Pay Club Dues, Fees
- Order and Pay for Club Name Tags
- Review Calendar of Events and Car Shows of Club Membership Interest
- Register for Club Sponsored Events
- Read the Latest Club Newsletter
- Read Earlier Newsletters in the Newsletter Archive
- Read Club Meeting Minutes in the Minutes Archive
- Read the Club Bylaws
- Read Automotive Technical Articles
- Read Car Related Classified Advertisements
- Apply and Pay for Classified Advertisements
- Vote on Club Initiatives and Surveys With the Online Ballot
- Link to Nearby Out of Area MG Club Websites
- Link to NAMGAR and NAMGBR Websites
- Link to Local British Car Clubs (Jaguar, Austin Healey, Triumph) Websites
- Review past Club Event Photo Albums
- Read/review Details on MG Classics of Jacksonville Hosted GOF South 2019
- And More ... just **click here**

MG CLASSICS 2020 MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	Location	Address	City	Phone
27-Jan	Culhane's Pub	9720 Deer Lake Ct	Jacksonville	904-619-3177
24-Feb	Olive Garden	6050 Youngerman Cir	Orange Park	904-777-9827
30-Mar	CANCELED - BJ's	15022 Max Leggett Pkwy	Jacksonville	904-751-4935
27-Apr	CANCELED - Caddyshack	455 S. Legacy Trail E106	St. Augustine	904-940-3673
18-May	CANCELED - The Fish Co.	725-12 Atlantic Blvd.	Atlantic Beach	904-246-0123
29-Jun	CANCELED - The Reef	4100 Coastal Hwy	St. Augustine	904-824-8008
27-Jul	CANCELED - La Nopalera	2024 Kingsley Ave	Orange Park	904-276-2776
31-Aug	Olive Garden	10144 Phillips Hwy	Jacksonville	904-292-4845
28-Sep	Caddyshack	455 S. Legacy Trail E106	St. Augustine	904-940-3673
26-Oct	St Mary's Seafood	11290 Old St Augustine Rd	Jacksonville	904-647-7358
30-Nov	Tom and Betty's	2134 Park Ave.	Orange Park	904-375-1965

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1952 MG TD For Sale Located in Ocala,FL





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1953 MG TD For Sale Located in Hollywood,FL



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Neil Nelson

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2021 GOF Committee Members

Chairman:	**Richard Gross**	To recruit volunteers and to keep the GOF project on tract. Implement and support all activities of the GOF.
NAMGAR Coordinator:	**Glen Moore**	Coordinate with the NAMGAR board members.
Webmaster:	**Ian Massey**	To build the 2021 GOF Registry and promotional announcements via the web.
Treasure & Registration Accounts:	**Mike Hogan**	To Maintain all financial & registration matters.
Hospitality Room :	**Jim Hall**	To plan & maintain the Hospitality Room. 6 additional helpers are needed.
Awards/trophies Program:	**Richard Gross**	To order trophies & develop awards program.
Banquet & BBQ Dinner Coordinators:	**Paula Massey, Kathy Gross + 2 helpers needed**	To plan meal selections, work with BW staff, & collect tickets before dinners.
Ballot Coordinator:	**Vanessa Albright**	To develop a plan for ballot counting & working with photographer & awards presentation.
Photographer:	**Gary Whiting**	To photograph the event & present a side show for the banquet & photos for the web.
Sponsorship Solicitor:	**Volunteers needed**	To develop sponsorship package levels & solicit for Sponsorships.
Raffle & Silent Auction Donations Coordinator:	**Volunteer needed**	To develop & maintain a plan to get donations.
Editor & Publisher:	**Fred Groenert**	To keep members updated on GOF events & advertise to other organizations, magazines & publications. To develop a pamphlet for awards ceremony.
Facebook Coordinator:	**Volunteer needed**	To develop a Facebook account & maintain it's comments with shoutouts of information on the 2021 GOF.
Rally Planner & Coordinator:	**Glen Moore**	Develop rallies and drives for the event. Need additional leaders to run the different drives.
Show Ground Coordinator:	**Volunteer needed**	To lead a group of helpers to place MGs on the display area for First Timers & Sat. show. Also to set-up a car wash area. (5 helpers needed). A show layout plan with be available.
Grant & Budget Writer Planners:	**3(+) Volunteers needed**	To develop a budget pkg. plan and a grant solicitation for the GOF.
Data & Prints Layout Coordinator:	**Kathy Gross**	To develop layouts & print data for GOF info cards, windshield place cards, ballots, voting instructions, counting ballot tabulations sheets, registrations info & packets info, rally info, & all other printing data required etc.
T-shirts sales:	**Glen Brazil**	To develop T-shirts, sales & take orders via registration.
GOF Host & Coordinator:	**2+ Volunteers needed**	To Plan activities & be the host of the GOF. To be the point of contact as to where the local restaurants & locations are to visit in the Gainesville area.
Logo & Graphics Designer:	**Jim Nolan**	To develop logos & T-shirts designs for the GOF.

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Saturday, March 6, 2021

Founded in 2013, The Amelia's Cars & Coffee at the Concours allows individuals with vintage, exotic, and collectible vehicles to gather on the same show field used to display vehicles entered in the following day's prestigious Concours d'Elegance.

Unlike Sunday's main event that is limited to a select group of vehicles with unique historical significance specifically chosen to tell a thoughtfully-scripted story, Saturday's Cars & Coffee at the Concours features a diverse group of vehicles that celebrate the automotive enthusiast's spirit. Proud owners of beautiful collectible and exotic vehicles awake early, shine up their prized automobiles, drive to The Golf Club at Amelia Island and gather with like-minded enthusiasts on the first, tenth, and eighteenth fairways for a cup or two of fresh coffee.

Cars & Coffee at the Concours is free to spectators, but participants must submit an application with the fee for showing a car. The event generally fills up in early November or December.

We have begun accepting Cars & Coffee applications for 2021!

2021 Cars & Coffee at the Concours Application