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Jax Classics

Monthly Newsletter of the MG Classics of Jacksonville

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.

The Prez Sez

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Thanks to all that braved the weather to make it the beach. Despite the threatening weather and distance, the turnout was strong with 26 in attendance.

Although many were missing, former president Jim Bak was in attendance. A bowling accident left him with the time to rekindle old MG friendships. At the end of the evening, he told me that he was done with bowling, so we should see and hear more from him in the future.

Also in attendance were Neil and Marilyn Roland. Neil's heart valve replacement surgery went extremely well, as is his recovery.

We also had a few new faces. New members Chuck and Julie McMorra were welcomed into the fold. Tim and Cheryl Daucher were delighted to find that there are others that share their enthusiasm over our little British sports cars.

I was invited to Tim and Cheryl's one Saturday morning to view the project restoration began by Tim's father. He has done a wonderful job replacing the wood on the '53 TD, and the engine looks superb. However, there remains a significant amount of work left, and Tim took advantage inspecting my TD to see how it all fits together. We went as far as removing the seats. The rolling thunder of an approaching storm alerted Cheryl, who informed me. Thankfully, I made it back to my house before the sky opened.

I have made reservations with the San Sebastian Winery to take a tour on Saturday, September

Calendar

August 25: Next meeting of MG Classics of Jax,
7:30 pm
Sam's St. Johns Seafood
1464 Park Ave (Hwy 17)
Orange Park
269-1560

September 13: MG Classics of Jax trip to the San Sebastian Winery in St. Augustine. Details at meeting.

October 2-5, 2003: Southeast Fall GOF Mk XII, Lake Chatuge Lodge, Hiawassee, GA. See registration form in newsletter.

October 25: British Car Classic. We will be hosting this year and it will be held at the Mandarin Community Center, 12447 Mandarin Rd, Jacksonville, FL. See application form in newsletter.

December 7; Annual Xmas Party. To be held again in the party room of Dave and Linda White's condo. Mark your calendars, more details to come.

April 23 thru 25, 2004: GOF South MK XXXVIII. It's our turn to host the biggest MG event of the year. Looks like we'll be doing it in Palm Coast. Mark your calendars, more details to come.

Prez Sez (Continued)

13. We should plan on arriving around 3 o'clock to take the tour. A band is also scheduled to perform upstairs. We will discuss the details at the meeting.

At the end of last month's meeting, Jack Thomas informed me that the MG's had dominated the field at the American Le Mans series race at Sonoma. It was the first time in the series history that a LMP 675 car had finished first overall. Reports indicated that the winning Dyson racing MG lapped all but two cars in the entire field. To read more check out www.mg-xpower.com.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Safety Fast,

Mike

Up Coming Car Shows

See Flyer and Registration Form on pages 5 & 6 for Fox Lake

See Registration Form on page 7 for Planet Radio Auto Show

Jim Hall highly recommends the Fox Lake British Car Show on Sept 20th. Jim notes "This is a show that is close enough for a nice drive with an EARLY departure to get there in time for the show. The MG Car Club of Florida is the sponsor. Their link is on our web site. Fox Lake is a local County Park and is very nice with lots of pavilions. It is very similar to Lake Helen but with more pavilions. Hope you guys can make it!!"

I also heard from Planet Radio93.3. They are holding an Auto Show Sunday August 31 at the Jax Raceways off Pecan Park Road. Imports have their own class.

10 Best Tools of All Time

Forget the Snap-On Tools truck; it has never been there when you need it. Besides there are only 10 things in this world you need to fix any car, any place, any time.

Duct Tape - Not just a tool, a veritable Swiss Army knife in stickum and plastic. It's safety wire, body material, radiator hose, upholstery, insulation, tow rope, and more in an easy to carry package. Sure, there's prejudice surrounding duct tape in concours competitions, but in the real world, everything from LeMans winning Porches to Atlas rockets use it by the yard. the only thing that can get you out of more scrapes is a quarter and a phone booth.

Vice Grips - Equally adept as a wrench, hammer, pliers, baling wire twister, breaker-off of frozen bolts and wiggle-it-til-it falls-off tool. the heavy artillery of your tool box, vice grips are the only tool designed expressly to fix things screwed up beyond repair.

Spray Lubricants - A considerably cheaper alternative to new doors, alternator, and other squeaky items. Slicker than pig phlegm, repeated soakings will allow the main hull bolts of the Andrea Doria to be removed by hand. Strangely enough, an integral part of these sprays is the infamous little red tube that flies out of the nozzle if you look at it cross eyed (one of the 10 worst tools of all time).

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10 Best Tools .... (Continued)

Margarine Tubs with Clear Lids - If you spend all your time under the hood looking for a frendle pin that caromed off the petal valve when you knocked both off the air cleaner, it's because you eat butter. Real mechanics consume pounds of tasteless vegetable oil replicas just so they can use the empty tubs for parts containers afterward. Some, of course, chuck the butter-colored goo altogether or use it to repack wheel bearings. Unlike air cleaners and radiator lips, margarine tubs aren't connected by a time/space wormhole to the Parallel Universe of Lost Frendle Pins.

Big Rock at the Side of the Road - Block up a tire. Smack corroded battery terminals. Pound out a dent. Bop noisy know-it-all types on the noodle. Scientists have yet to develop a hammer that packs the raw banging power of granite or limestone. This is the only tool with which a "made in India" emblem is not synonymous with the user's maiming.

Plastic Zip Ties - After 20 years of lashing down stray hose and wiring with old bread ties, some genius brought a slightly slicked up version to the auto parts market. Fifteen zip ties can transform a hulking mass of amateur quality wiring from a working model of the Brazilian Rain Forest into something remotely resembling a wiring harness. Of course it works both ways. When buying a used car, subtract $100 for each zip tie under the hood.

Ridiculously Large Standard Screwdriver - Let's admit it. There's nothing better for prying, chiseling, lifting, breaking, splitting or mutilating than a huge flat bladed screwdriver particularly when weilded with gusto and a big hammer. This is also the tool of choice for all filters so insanely located that they can only be removed by driving a stage in one side and out the other. If you break the screwdriver --and you will just like Dad and your shop teacher said--who cares if it has a lifetime guarantee.

Bailing Wire - Commonly known as MG muffler brackets, bailing wire holds anything that's too hot for tape or ties. Like duct tape, it's not recommended for concours contenders since it works so well you'll never need to replace it with the right thing again. Bailing wire is a sentimental favorite in some circles, particularly with the MG, Triumph, and flathead Ford set.

Bonking Stick - This monstrous tuning fork with devilish pointy ends is technically known as a tie-rod-separator, but how often do you separate tie-rod ends? Once every decade if you're lucky. Other than medieval combat, its real use is the all purpose application of undue force, not unlike that of the huge flat-bladed screwdriver. Nature doesn't know the bent metal panel or frozen exhaust pipe that can stand up to a good bonking stick. (Can also be use to separate Tie-rod ends in a pinch, of course, but does a lousy job of it).

A Quarter and a Phone Booth - See tip #1 above

Reprinted from the SOL website, British Car Tech page.

Stuff for Sale

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

1980 MGB w/OD

39,000 on odom. Reduced to $6500 for quick sale, need space and $$$ for other projects. Excellent throughout. Silver repaint expertly done. Interior perfect including carpet. No dash or door cracks. No rust or accident damage ever. Good soft top. 75 PSI oil pressure. New tires. Stainless steel trim rings. Contact Jim Hall at 904-282-1658 or cell 904-613-9591.

1976 MGB

Blue, no rust, good interior. New tires, brakes, SU's, stainless steel exhaust. In Auto Trader for $5000, will sell to club member for $4500. Call Floyd Maycroft 904-534-1233.

66 MGB Roadster

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

1962 MGA Roadster

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

1969 MGB

White with wire wheels. Fully restored $5600. St Augustine. Contact Ron at 904-461-0166 or (cell) 904-669-3152.

MG-TD Hardtop

Needs paint, headliner, windows to be fabricated. Have one frame for sample. $400. Contact Beverly Gilfillan at 904-285-3466.

1971 Midget

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

1 pair of MGB doors

Clean, hardware included, windows and upholstery. $150. Contact Chris Waage 904-273-9493.

MBG Door Hinges

Straight and tight $20 each. Contact Chris at 904-273-9493.

1960 Morris Minor

Motivated seller. Car in Lake Worth, FL. Contact Iris Eisenberg at 904-387-4825. Can email photos!

1977 MGB

Red w/black top. Canvas top is new, 110,000 miles. Runs good, with some rust. Pictures available via email. $3000. Contact Charles Stephens for info at chrimina@comcast.net or 904-256-4774.

91 Toyota MR2

Mid-engine sports car. Metallic black, excellent running, new AC, t=tops, new tires, power everything, naturally aspirated. Very fast 0 to 60 in six seconds. For sale $5000 OBO or trade for V-6, V-8 pickup of equal or greater value. Contact Drew 287-3072.

1960 MG Mk3 Farina Magnette

Call Glen Lenhard of "Glenn's MG Repair" for more info. Asking $5800. 727-521-9890.

Fox Lake British Car Show 2003

All British cars of any kind welcome

Saturday, September 20, 2003
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Titusville, FL at Fox Lake Park

Located near I-95 & Rt 50-Exit 79 East

Presented by

MG CAR CLUB FLORIDA

Over 70 Trophies to be awarded

"Participants' Choice" Balloting

35+ Show Classes

Swap Shop, Vendors

$1 Hot Dogs, Drinks & Other Food

Lot's of Fun and Enthusiasts

$20 Pre-Registration Fee
(Show Cars) $25 day of Show
Free Dash Plaque

Spectators FREE

Registration

Fox Lake British Car Show 2003

(Please Print)

Name _____

Street _____Apt___

City _____State__

Zip _____

Phone (____)_____

E-mail _____

Show car Make, Year and Model:

_____

T-shirt @ $12 ea - M, L, XL, XXL (circle size). Will be $15 day of show.

This Entry For:

( ) **Show Car** **$20 Pre-register by September 13, 2003 $25 day of show**

**Class Choice (Number) _____

( ) **Vendor** **$30 pre-register by September 13, 2003 $35 day of show**

I do hereby release MG Car Club Florida, Brevard County Parks & Recreation and any volunteers of Fox Lake British Car Show 2003 from all liability before, during and after Fox Lake British Car Show 2003.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Amount enclosed: $ _____

No pre-registration accepted without signature, date and payment, **Must be postmarked by 9/13/03.** Make check out to MG Car Club Florida, 10590 S Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32952. **Show cars must be registered by 11 a.m.** ** Final classification determined by show committee

Cash Only Day of Show

Planet Radio 93.3 Auto Show
Registration Form

Sunday, August 31, 2003

Jax Raceways, Pecan Park Road

Car Show – move in 10:30 am – 11:30 am. Judging Begins at 1:00 pm.

Registration Fee : $ 15 per category you wish to compete in. Please indicate which category below.

Plaque/Trophy to Category Winners. Plus all cars eligible for "People's Choice" (Best of Show)

Domestic : _____ Best Engineered _____ Best Looking Body _____ Best Total Package

Import : _____ Best Total Package

Truck : _____ Best Total Package

Participants Name (Print) : _____

Address : _____

Email Address : _____ Phone : _____

Vehicle Make : _____ Model: _____ Year : _____

Signature : _____

To be eligible to compete, you must fill out this registration form and return with payment.
I am paying by (Check or Credit Card only please) :

☐ **Check** **Please make payable to Clear Channel Radio and mail or drop of to:**
Clear Channel Radio
Attn: 93.3 Car Show
11700 Central Parkway, Jacksonville FL 32224

☐ **Credit Card** **Card Type :** ☐ **VISA** ☐ **MASTERCARD**

Card # _____ Expires : _____

Cardholder Name (print) : _____

Authorized Signature : _____ Date : _____

Mail or Drop off this form to the above address or Fax to: 904 636 7971 – Attn Christine

For More Information:
Call Christine Walsh at (904) 998-3071; email cwalsh@ccjax.com or visit www.planetradio933.com

This Registration Form is for the Car Show elements of the event. To drag race, you may register day of event - The Planet Radio 93.3 Auto Show, Jax Raceways by signing waiver and paying $15 registration fee.

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