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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

We had a good turn out for the July 28th meeting at Woody's Bar-B-Q. There was a great meeting area set aside with ample space for all members in attendance, food good with excellent service provided by their staff.

The first order of business was the retelling of an absolutely true story of an over weight three legged chicken. The deformed three legged chicken was very fast and the folks at Kentucky Fried Chicken have big plans for this chicken and all of its family members.

Plans are being made for a caravan of our club members to drive to Dillard, Georgia for the Southeast British Car Festival. The date for the show is September 19th - 21st. This car show has always been a very relaxing, southern-style weekend in the north Georgia mountains, if you have not signed up as of yet you are not too late. Give me a call or call Wayne Snook or Neil Nelson. We are planning on leaving the morning of September 18th with a layover in Madison, Georgia for the night then proceed to Dillard on Friday morning. Don't miss this trip if you can swing it, even if you must drive the family car as, it is a great time.

Bob Phillips is putting together a first time driving/social event for the Fall. It is shaping up to be an opportunity for many of us to put our grand old cars through their gears on a safely designed driving track. The club will pay the $35 per hour club fee for the use of the track. Club members can bring a covered dish and the club will provide water and soft drinks. The location of the event is in St. Augustine at the First Coast Technical College. Thanks Bob for your efforts on this unique event.

It is getting close to the time of the year when we are asking for club members to step forward to fill the club officer positions. I really have enjoyed this year and have had a lot of outstanding help from all of our club members. This is a really fun group and I have tried to keep it light and fun. I followed excellent examples in John Leenhouts and Jeff Sager. A special thank you goes to Henry Hischman for his great ideas and excellent help as my Vice President. Karen Altomare, Karen Soger, and Pheona and Joe Kaiser I couldn't do it with out you. Please contact John Leenhouts and Jeff Sager with your wishes as they will be serving as the nominating committee for next years slate of officers.

SAFETY FAST,
Roger





OOPS !

CORRECTION

It has come to light contrary to the report supplied by the Prez for the July MG Classics newsletter some of the participants did make it to Cedar Key on June 12st. After waiting for several minutes past the scheduled arrival time at the restaurant they had a delcious meal and afterward took a very interesting tour of the delightful town and visited with locals, as there were no other MG Classiccs members available.

The trusty MGTD of Wayne and Judy Ottson made the round trip from Palm Coast to Cedar Key with nary a glitch, Lucas or otherwise!



Peachtree MG Registry

Southeast British Car Festival 2008

Dillard, Georgia

September 19-21, 2008

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The Dillard House Inn

Dillard, GA.

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BRITISH CAR CLASSIC MARK XX

October 11, 2008 • Kings Head British Pub • St. Augustine, Florida

The Pub is located on US-1 about six miles North of St. Augustine



REGISTRATION

NAME _____ **Day Phone** _____ **Evening Phone** _____

ADDRESS _____

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CLUB AFFILIATION _____

Vehicle #1 Make _____ **Model** _____ **Year** _____ **$** _____

Vehicle #2 Make _____ **Model** _____ **Year** _____ **$** _____

ADDITIONAL VEHICLES (Attach additional page) **$** _____

$25.00 Early Registration (On or Before Sept. 15th) Free Tee Shirt S M L XL **$** _____
Additional Vehicles $15.00 each

$30.00 Registration after 9/15/08 (May purchase one Tee Shirt for $5) S M L XL **$** _____
Additional Vehicles $15.00 each

Additional Tee Shirts ($10.00 each) S M L XL **$** _____

$30.00 VENDOR REGISTRATION (All Vendors MUST have a Vendor Registration) **$** _____

TOTAL **$** _____

SHOW EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

October 11th, 2008 Time 9:00AM - 4:00PM

ALL BRITISH CAR SHOW

TECH SESSION

BRITISH CAR QUIZ, with prizes

AUTHENTIC BRITISH PUB RESTAURANT AND BAR

QUALITY AWARDS FOR SHOW CARS
Year Categories, Best of Show, Peoples Choice

LIGHT LUNCH AND SNACKS AVAILABLE ON GROUNDS

BRITISH CAR CLASSIC TEE SHIRTS

CLUB AND MARQUE REGALIA





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Limited Vendor Slots

There are NO 'FOR SALE" SIGNS PERMITTED on Show Cars!

Make checks Payable to: Triumph Club of North Florida
Send to: 1409 Forest Avenue, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266
Information call: Norm Reimer at 904-246-6044 or suennorm@comcast.net

Updating A 25D Dizzy To Electronic Ignition

by Simon Dix, Editor, The MG Club of St. Louis

Points were a new concept, to me at least, when I got my 72B. I had wanted to understand them and had successfully updated the points and finally understood the method for adjusting the gap. I must have done it fairly well because the car starts, as it should, with just a bump of the key.

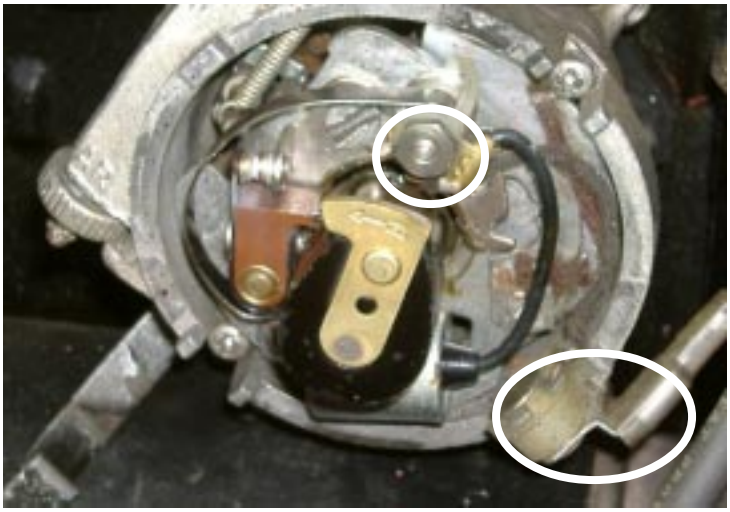
However, the car wasn't running that great and I had a slight misfire, so some while back, I bought a Pertronix Ingnitor(r) electronic ignition module. As it turned out the misfire was apparently due to having the wrong coil installed and may also have been contributed to by a failing (rusty pin holes) and badly connected exhaust down pipe.

Anyway, although I'm no points expert since I had already bought the Pertronix, LU-142A is the part number for a 25D, I decided there was no reason not to put it in and save the points just for emergencies. What follows is a pictorial flow of the installation process I followed.

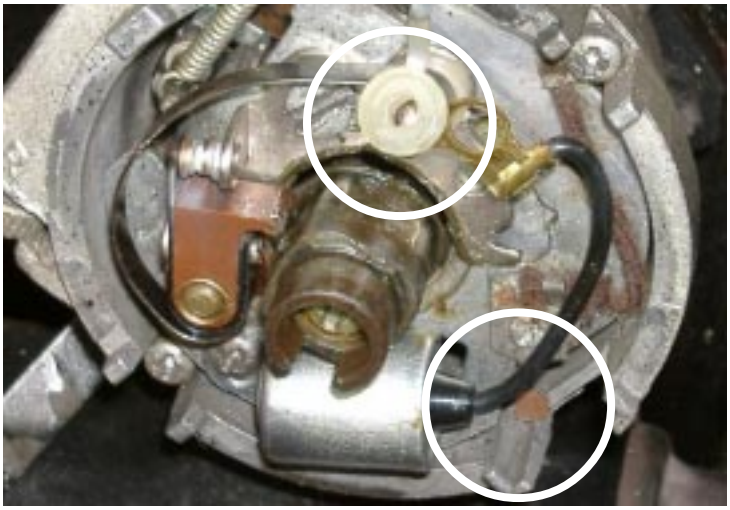
I did have some experience with a Pertronix as I have one in my 77B which has the Opus 45DE4 distributor. However, that's different because that was always electronic and doesn't install quite the same and the wiring is different to address the ballast resistor etc.

If you feel you need a new distributor, if yours is worn, shaft wobble, non functioning vacuum advance etc. then as an alternative to a new unit I can personally recommend Jeff Schlemmer of Advanced Distributors (see www.advanceddistributors.com). He has a great service and can setup the vacuum advance curve to match stock or customized engines/setups. He does great work and is a regular advisor on www.mgexperience.net. Your distributor will come back looking brand new and Jeff can install a Pertronix for you if desired.

If you just need a Pertronix module then I've found good prices at www.carshopinc.com. They are located in Illinois and so ground shipping gets here pretty quickly.



Here's my starting point after removing the distributor cap. You need to remove the points and the first thing to do is to remove the nut holding the wires in place. Also remove the white/black wire that comes from the coil to the distributor.



With the nut removed lift the plastic insulator/spacer top piece to access the wires. This will allow you to remove the wire to the condenser and to also remove the wire/plastic connector that brought the connection from the coil to the points.



In this picture the points are removed. I removed the large flat head screw at the top edge and the Philips screw at lower left that was also securing the condenser.



At this stage I have installed the mounting plate from the Pertronix kit. It fits perfectly and the Philips screws are provided as part of the kit. Tighten both of these securely. Note the mounting posts this plate provides for the Pertronix module.



The Ignitor module is just sitting on the locating posts and the rubber fitting, made to fit, is in place allowing the wires to pass to the outside of the distributor. Be careful with the rubber fitting to make sure you locate it correctly, it's shaped like the plastic it replaces.



Here I have simply secured the Ignitor module with the provided lock nuts that are in the kit. I used a 5/16th nut driver and made sure these were really secure-enough to move the plate/advance mechanism.



I have secured the wires of the Pertronix to the distributor plate using a tie wrap. The kit provides a lock tie, but this is easier if you need to remove the unit. It's really important to ensure the wires cannot get caught up but have slack enough for the vac advance!



Now you can see the magnet piece fitted over the distributor shaft. The inside of this is shaped to fit the shaft perfectly, so if it doesn't seat fully just rotate it and try again until it fully seats itself and leaves room for the rotor.



Here the only change is the rotor being installed. As I'm paranoid about the wires get caught up (previous bad experience) I checked on them several times during testing. But remember to always to put the rotor back on being trying to start the car! :-) Less anxiety.



Connect the black Pertronix wire to the negative side of the coil and remove the white/black wire from the harness connection. Tie up/secure the white/black wire connections (from coil and distributor) as they will no longer be needed. Keep them safe in case you need to go back to points at some point (planned or unplanned). The red Pertronix wire goes to the positive side of the coil. Put the distributor cap back on (make sure the rotor's in place) and fire up and test your handy work out!

UPDATE/NOTE: You can leave the white/black wire connected at the coil end - it should work either way. If you have any tach problems try putting the white/black wire back on the coil.

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 Sprite MK III
'68 1275cc engine, new items: wiring harness, tires, carpet & amateur new interior & ed paint. Refurbished gas tank & lines, fuel pump and brakes, recent exterior body work. Contact Bill for more details. Car is garaged in Tallah. Asking 3K - will haggle. 850 385-6581, bthom32312@aol.com

19 71 MGB-GT
Total restoration done by Wayne Snook and Neil Nelson. Electric overdrive; ac;am/fm radio mallard green or BRG or Lord Nuffield Green. Dr. Rod Marcom or Wayne Snook for info. $11,000.00 268-0988 or miturn@bellsouth.net

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.

77 MGB
Leather interior, chrome wire wheels, A/C, SU carbs. $7400. Jeff 910-3930 or mrjefferymcdowell@comcast.net

77 MGB
Red, rebuilt motor, new brakes, new interior. Pat (386) 503-0409. (Palm Coast.)

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

1996 Jaguar XJS 2+2 convertible
57K miles, fully loaded with all standard Jaguar accessories, mechanically sound, good tires. Exterior champagne & matching leather interior. Exterior paint shows wear and driver's seat shows wear. Special price for club members at $11,000. Rod or Carol Marcom (904) 268 0988 or miturn@bellsouth.net

Parts:

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70 Good complete motor & gearbox & many B parts.
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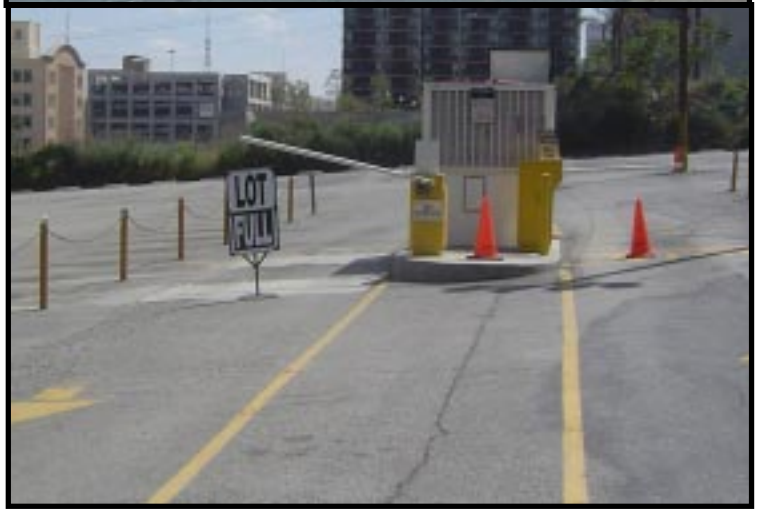
TD Front Fender
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EVENTS CALENDAR

MG Classics Meeting Place for August 25th is Santioni's, 11531 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32223 Santioni's is on the east side of San Jose Blvd about a mile south of I-295. Their number is 904-262-5190. - 7:30 PM

OWNERS OF CLASSIC CARS Informal car 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.

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

7th Annual OKTOBERFEST 2008 -Sept. 20 - World Golf Village - Register at: https://www.uwnefl.org/archived_surveys/211form/registeroktoberfest.asp

9th Annual British Car Club of WNC's Autumn in the Mountains - Oct. 3-4 - Chimney Rock Park, Website: www.bccwnc.org for details.

British Car Classic XX - Oct. 11 - King's Head British Pub

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.

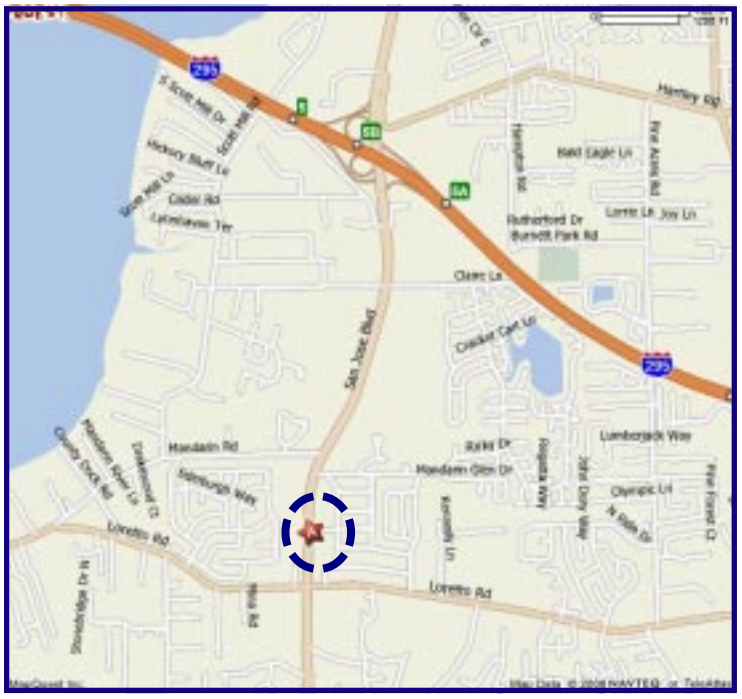
MG Classics Annual ChristmasParty - Dec. 13th - At Leenhout's Hanger House

British and European Classic Car Show at Zephyrhills Celtic Festival & Highland Games - Mar. 7, 2209

NAMGAR Mini-GT Key West - The Last Sunset - Apr. 21-25

RENDEZVOUS 2009 - May 1-3, 09 - Tallahassee - Info at www.bigbendmgs.com or www.bigbendmgclub.com

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Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are welcome & requested.

Thanks go out this month to Roger Brinkley, Wayne Ottoson, Karen Altomare, Neil Nelson, Brandon & Glenn Brazil, and ***Simon Dix, Editor, The MG Club of St. Louis***

Submissions requested before the 10th of the month.

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