

NEWSLETTER

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August 2021 Update from the President of MG Classics of Jacksonville

August 1, 2021



Greetings to my fellow MG enthusiasts!

I'd like to say a few heartfelt words concerning the change in venue for our last meeting. Heck! Darn! Doggone, and Confound it! There, that makes me feel better! As you know we had made reservations at the Caddyshack for our July meeting; the first indoor meeting in a year and a half. Many of you as well as myself were looking forward to a leisurely lunch in sublime air conditioning. Thanks to this sudden, recent spike in Covid, and the corresponding surge in hospitalizations we reluctantly canceled those plans. The safety of our members is paramount over my desire for A/C. This means we will continue to meet at our outdoor venue at Trout Creek Marina until it is safe to resume indoor meetings. However, I have to say I believe we will still meet in afternoon outdoor venues for the bulk of our meetings because it promotes driving our MG's more so than evening dinner meetings do.

A couple of bright spots to convey, though we had to meet at the Trout Creek Marina for our July meeting, in my mind it was a rousing success! As I checked the forecast in the morning and saw 95 degrees and '500' % humidity, I had accepted there would be a very low turnout. To my great surprise there were 21 in attendance and 10 gorgeous MG's.

Even better, was to see Geoff and Paula Ashcroft at the meeting. As some of you may know Geoff had recently undergone a medical procedure. The great news is he came through with flying colors and will be going up to Michigan for their annual summer trip after a few more weeks of recovery. Paula also shared with us that they will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this September. Well done, The Ashcroft's! So, it's easy to conclude from this that if you own and drive an MG your marriage will last a very long time.

We hit 100 primary members at our June meeting and our numbers continue to climb. I'd like to welcome our newest members Tony and Colleen Kimball and their 1960 MGA, and John and Elizabeth Ragusin and their 1973 MG Midget. Welcome Kimball's and Ragusin's! That puts our ranks up to 102. We also re-united with Kimberly Dyson whom we haven't seen in a good while. Kim is a longtime member and a good mechanic. Welcome back Kim it was great to speak with you.

In other news, the Avenues Mall Cars&Coffee has changed leadership and has now opened back up. It is now re-branded as Caffeine and Octane.



The August Meeting: Ten MG Line-up

The next two Caffeine & Octane meets are scheduled for August 14th (my birthday so bring gifts ☺), and September 11th. The time is 8am to 11am and you will need to register with the events coordinator at eventschair@mgclassics.org so we know how many parking slots to reserve. This is an excellent event with several hundred cool cars. Plan to come so our MG marque is well represented.

Please continue to check the website and events calendar for information on upcoming events. There are

a number of excellent events scheduled during the fall for those who want to travel further afield in their Classic MG. These include 'Brits in the Valley' in Columbus GA, Britfest 2021 in Myrtle Beach, SC, and MG 22 in Safety Harbor, FL. If you have an interest in any of these shows please eMail 'eventschair@mgclassics' with details of your interest as in some cases you may be able to caravan with other MG owners to the event.

Closer to home I've been informed that the registration for the British Car Classic XXXII at the Kings Head Pub in St. Augustine is now available. If you click on the date 10/16/21 on our events calendar there is a link to take you to the registration form that you need to print out and mail in with your entry fee.

It has been decided that the Club will pre-pay for ten parking spots for the First Coast Car Council Cruisin' to the Creek Car Show on October 2. This will guarantee that we can all park as a group. Interested members will be expected to register their interest and pre-pay the Club to cover their $25 entry fee. All the above plus a full schedule of the usual local shows and Drive-ins.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting at… you guessed it, Trout Creek Memorial Park, 10am – 12pm, Saturday, August 28, 2021Safety Fast,

Stay Safe and Safety Fast!

Bruce

Meeting Minutes | MG Classics of Jacksonville

Meeting Convened: 10am

Total Attendance: 21

Number of MGs: 10

New Members Present: None

Returning Members: Kimberley Dyson.

Guests: None

Location: Originally the July Club meeting was scheduled to be at The Caddyshack at World Golf Village. However, due to a surge in COVID cases in the Jacksonville Catchment area the decision was made to switch to the outdoor location of Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina in the open air. The open air meeting was held to mitigate the potential to transmit the COVID virus.

The weather forecast called for temperatures in excess of 90 Degrees so we expected a low turnout. However, twenty-one members attended in ten MGs. A number of members travelled in their daily Driver to take advantage of their A/C . For most of the meeting period a cooling breeze blew through the pavilion reducing the effect of the higher temperature. The early time for the start of the meeting also helped everyone keep cool.

The President welcomed the return of Kimberley Dyson and congratulated Geoff Ashcroft for a fast recovery after serious surgery. Geoff and Paula Ashcroft joined us for the meeting.

Old Business

1. Information Update: Go to the MG Classics of Jacksonville Website Events Calendar and the Newsletter for current information updates. Name Badges, Club Patches*, and Club Car Badges may be purchased via the Website using your PayPal account, Credit Card, or a Personal Check. Note: We are unable to ship items so they must be picked up at a Club meeting or event.* New members are entitled to 2 free club patches with their membership.

2. Resource Directory: The Club Resource Directory continues to grow and should be reviewed when looking for assistance in keeping your MG fit and healthy and on the road.

3. Club Roster: The Club Roster if temporarily unavailable after the Website software company completed a system update that damaged the Table Master software used to display the Roster. Other Data Tables are also damaged.

New Business

1. Membership Statistics: During July the Club attracted two new members who found our Club website on the Internet. This takes our total roster of full members to 102. Tony & Colleen Kimball who own a 1960 MGA and John & Elizabeth Ragusin who own a 1973 Midget. Both vehicles are reported as being in good condition and on the road, we hope to meet the new members at a Club meeting or event in the near future.

2. 1978 MGB: Following much ribbing about his TD restoration taking forever, Newsletter editor Fred Groenert purchased a 1978 MGB to bring to the show. It is a strong runner but requires some attention from wet sanding, compound, and polish!

3. The Election Process: The election process to elect the Club Officers commences in the month of October with the identification of Nominees. The four Club Officer positions open for consideration are: The President; Vice President; Secretary, and Treasurer. Please seriously consider running for office in 2022. Nominations are required to be posted at the October Meeting with voting taking place at the November meeting. We are looking for 'new blood' to join the Team of Officers handling the day-to-day running of the Club. If you wish to join the slate of candidates please contact the Vice President at: 'vicepresident@mgclassics.org'. Include you name eMail Address, phone number and the position you are interested in.

4. Spare and Replacement Parts Issues: All of the major suppliers of MG Spare and Replacement parts are suffering supply shortages with in increasing number of items out-of-

Renewed Members

Please welcome back:

Cory Aulenbach

stock. Back Order parts are taking months to fill inventory again.

5. Shows, Driving Events: Caffeine and Octane at the Avenues Mall, 2nd Saturday of the month. The President and Webmaster attended the First one and it's looking like a must attend event with not just "a lot of cars" but an "awful lot of cars" Rumor has it that this event will be televised in the near future! For a group of cars to park together they must arrive together. If you are interested in attending then please contact; 'eventschair@mgclassics.org' and we will arrange for a meeting point so we can all drive in together. Note: we will meet with the intent to Roll-out to the event no later than 7.15am.

We are seeing an increasing number of car shows, drive-ins and auto-centric events in our local catchment area and further afield for members wishing to drive their MG. However, it is uncertain if the current surge in COVID infections will result in cancelations. October is living up to its reputation as being the month with the most activity following the hot summer hibernation period. Some of the Fall attractions are as follows:

5a) Brits in the Valley, Columbus, GA (September 23-25) for those wishing for a longer trip. If interested please contact Ian Massey via eMail 'eventschair@mgclassics.org.

5b) Annual Brit Fest 2021, Myrtle Beach, VA (October 2). This Show traditionally attracts a large following of British Cars. Interested: Contact Vice President Mark Spaulding via eMail 'vicepresident@mgclassics.org'.

5c) MG Jamboree 22, Safety Harbor, FL (November 19-21, 2021). Contact Ian Massey at eMail 'eventchair@mgclassics.org'

Closer to Home:

5d) First Coast Car Council - Cruisin' to the Creek, Trout Creek Memorial Park, St. Augustine, (October 2). It has been agreed at the meeting that the Club will pre-pay for ten spots so all MGs attending can park together. Each attending member will then refund the Club for their parking spot.

5e) The British Classic XXXII, St. Augustine, FL (October 16)

5f) Classic Car Club of Orlando, Overnighter St. Augustine, FL (October 22-23). Interested in meeting up with them; eMail: 'richard94gross@gmail.com'

5g) Ponte Vedra Auto Show, Ponte Vedra, FL (November 14)

5h) GOF-South 2022, Mission Inn Resort, Howey in the Hills, FL Still waiting for registration form completion but recommend reserving your hotel asap as there are limited rooms available. For more information and hotel reservation details Go To;

https://www.gofsouth.org

Full details and Registration for all the above are posted on the Club Website Events Calendar.

All other local Drive-ins and shows are posted on the Events Calendar: https://www.mgclassicsfl.org/calendar.

6. Newsletter: Editor, Fred Groenert, is always looking for stories, articles, tech tips etc. for our newsletter. If you have any such thing, please contact Fred at eMail: 'newsletter@mgclassics.org'

7. Raffle & 50/50:

50/50 Drawing: Lorraine Puzanskas was the winner of the 50/50 cash pot.

Part at Cost: Neil Nelson and Wayne Snook donated an "at cost" part from Moss Motors. Must be used within 30 days. Good for One item only. Winner - Lorraine Puzanskas (AGAIN!). Lorraine appears to be the designated winner of this raffle element. Three times in as many months!

Jim Bak Memorabilia: Two items from ex-Club President Jim Bak MG memorabilia donation were also raffled.

Next Meeting

Date: Saturday, August 28, 2021:

Trout Creek Memorial Park and Marina St. Augustine

10am until Noon

Meeting adjourned at Noon although groups hung around kicking tires and talking MG and Club Stuff

Submitted:	Approved:
Sybil Bradley	Bruce Sedelmeyer
Secretary	President.

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1953 MGTD

- Has been in family almost 50 years. CA car. Complete and professional frame off restoration about 12 years ago…2600 miles since restoration
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- Car is in Jacksonville, FL. Only serious buyers/collectors please.

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MG Classics Members!

Here is an idea from your frowny newsletter editor.
(Casting about for pertinent and relevant content for your newsletter.)

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Club Member's Cars at the June Meeting

















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Sybil Bradley

secretary@mgclassics.org

Latest Events of Interest

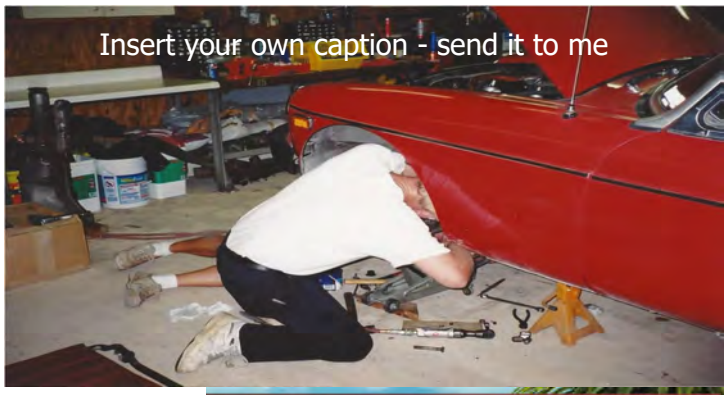
MG Classics Meeting - Trout Creek Marina Park, 08/28/2021

First Coast Car Council - Cruisin' to the Creek Car Show on 10/02/2021

Myrtle Beach Britfest - Myrtle Beach - 10/03-2021

The British Classic - King's Head Pub - Philips Highway - 16 Oct 2021

MG Jamboree 22 – 2 Cool 2 Miss – Nov 19 – 21, 2021 in beautiful Safety Harbor, FL





MG Classics Ads

Members:

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There are presently at least 3 MG's listed on Craigslist, the silver and burgundy TD above and 2 MGBs, all appear to be driveable in their present condition. The owners of the MGBs have them go to the website to post ads for their cars that will be exposed to enthusiasts.

Club Website Features You Can Use

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

- Join MG Classics of Jacksonville
- Renew Your Annual Club Membership
- Review the Club Membership Roster (This Requires a Website Password)
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- 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
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- 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**

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MG CLASSICS 2021 MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	Location	Address	City	Phone
~~30-Jan~~	~~Trot~~Jimmy Jams BBQ~~:~~	~~6550 FL-13 N, St.~~	~~St. Augustine~~	~~904-342-2471~~
~~27-Feb~~	~~Trout Creek Marina Park~~	~~6550 FL-13 N, St.~~	~~St. Augustine~~	~~904-342-2471~~
27-Mar	~~Trout Creek Marina Park~~	~~6550 FL-13 N, St.~~	~~St. Augustine~~	~~904-342-2471~~
24-Apr	~~Legacy Automotive~~	~~2487 County Road 220~~	~~Middleburg~~	~~904-282-6993~~
29-May	~~Trout Creek Marina Park~~	~~6550 FL-13 N, St.~~	~~St. Augustine~~	~~904-342-2471~~
~~26-Jun~~	~~Trout Creek Marina Park~~	~~6550 FL-13 N, St.~~	~~St. Augustine~~	~~904-342-2471~~
~~31-Jul~~	~~Trout Creek Marina Park~~	~~6550 FL-13 N, St.~~	~~St. Augustine~~	~~904-342-2471~~
28-Aug	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N, St.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
25-Sep	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N, St.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
30-Oct	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N, St.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471
27-Nov	Trout Creek Marina Park	6550 FL-13 N, St.	St. Augustine	904-342-2471

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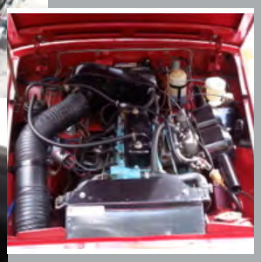



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MGs in the Marketplace

The market for our beloved marque is active as illustrated below by examples of competed on-line auctions from Bring a Trailer and Hemmings Auctions within the last month. If one is in the market to buy or sell, or knows someone who is, these two sites are among the best.

Hemmings Auctions:



Elemental British Sports Car: 1947 MG TC

Location: San Pedro, CA

- **Restored in the 1980s by a renowned shop**
- **In the same family since the 1970s**
- **XPAG 1,250-cc inline-four with a four-speed manual**

Sold for: $34,650



Restored 1952 MG TD

Location: Fargo, ND

- **30 Years in the Same Family**
- **Proper 1,250-cc XPAG inline-four**
- **Four-speed manual**
- **Frame-off restored in the 1990s**

Sold For: $26,250



Classic British Motoring with Something Extra: 1952 MG TD with an MGA Engine

Location: Phoenix, AZ

- **1,500-cc MGA engine**
- **Four-speed manual**
- **Recently restored with fresh paint and new leather hides inside**

Sold For: $14,438

Bring a Trailer



No Reserve: 1974 MG MGB Race Car

Sold for $7,500 on 8/17/21



1974 MG MGB Roadster

Sold for $15,500 on 8/16/21



1960 MG MGA 1600 Roadster

Sold for $31,150 on 8/14/21



1948 MG TC Boat-Tail Speedster 5-Speed

Sold for $75,500 on 8/13/21



No Reserve: 1953 MG TD

Sold for $16,500 on 8/13/21



1954 MG TF

Sold for $27,254 on 8/11/21



One-Family-Owned 1952 MG TD

Sold for $19,250 on 8/11/21



1969 MG MGC Roadster

Bid to $16,000 on 8/9/21