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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 made it to the last meeting. We were packed in pretty tight, but everyone had a seat. The service was fantastic. They even rang a bell to call the meeting to session. The tire kicking that followed included test drives of several newly supercharged MG B's. After receiving a call from a non-MG friend, I confirmed that Jim Hall has the sharpest B-GT I have seen yet.

The caravan to the San Sebastian Winery met at the intersection of U.S. 1 and 210. Dave White, Wayne Coker and myself drove together to meet the caravan to find the Sagers and DeCandis's, Bob Wrenn, and others already waiting. The cloud free day warranted the shade provided by the drive-thru of the bank next to the Gate Station, which was the predetermined meeting point. After a slight delay to purchase the official club camera for the day, we headed south to St. Augustine. The falling sun cast a welcome shade on our lane most of the way down U.S. 1. In St. Augustine, another MG occupied by Mike and Michaeleen Chalut merged into the group. We arrived at the winery with 22 people and 12 MG's, plus John and Nancy Atkinson arriving shortly afterwards. After speaking with the staff, the group was served with the first sample. The self-guided tour allowed everyone to

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Calendar

September 29: Next meeting of MG Classics of Jax,
7:30 pm
Santioni's Italian Restaurant
11531 San Jose Blvd
262-5190

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

Oct 13, 4:30 pm: Nater and Noggin. More info at the meeting! See New Tradition on page 3 of 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.

Nov 1: Tech Session at Drew DeCandis's. Contact Jim Hall to order parts. More info at the meeting.

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. Palm Coast. John Twist from University Motors will be presenting a tech session.

Prez Sez (Continued)

sample at their own pace, and mingle. After tasting, some watched the video documenting the wine making process, while others gathered on the roof. Additional samples were had while we chatted and made dinner plans. Two restaurants were selected, so the group split. Goodbyes were shared with the departing group before we all passed by Flagler College and the Bridge of Lions. Over dinner, we continued to share stories and experiences. Everyone I spoke with had a great time and many asked, "When are we going to do this again?"

During the day, I overheard several conversations planning the next trip. The word is that several of us would like to arrange to have these on a regular occasion. Tentative plans are to have an afternoon drive and dinner on the second Sunday of each month. The idea that has received the most support includes the group meeting, taking a drive, and having dinner. Participants will fill in the blank areas. Additional planning will be discussed at the next meeting.

As indicated, everyone I spoke with had a wonderful time. If you missed it, better make plans to attend next time. I am happy to say that only two minor (depending on who you ask) problems occurred. The battery in the Chalut's Midget went south. Drew and Betsy DeCandis were able to supply necessary starting power with their Magnette. One the way home, Jeff and Brenda Sager had to change a flat, apparently with some difficulties. Regardless, I believe they had enough fun to do it all over a second time.

Other events that are coming up include British Car Classic on October 25. We are the host club, so please get your registration in to Bernie, and volunteer some of your day to help with the event. Contact Chris Waage to find out what volunteer positions are vacant. Also, if you see a British car, tell the owner about the event because it is up to us to get the word out. October also includes the Fall Southeast GOF in Hiawassee, GA. This event is always well attended, and provides us with scenery of the southern tip of beautiful Appalachian Mountains.

Please think of long-time member, Beverly Gilifillan, as she is currently in the hospital. Bev has been suffering from chronic pain for some time, and we wish her well.

MG's on the road-I spotted Haden Allen in his TD northbound on 3rd St; a British racing green rubber-bumper B in the Regency area, and an orange rubber-bumper B at the corner of Osceola and South Beach Parkway at the beach. Other sightings include Jerry Steckloff on CBS 47 news. Jerry was interviewed about the Jag's game and was noted to have an innovative method of watching the games at the sports bar.

The end of the year is fast approaching. Begin to think of whom you would like to serve as officers next year. This will be the conclusion of my Presidential position as our club by-laws restrict an individual to retain an officer position for more than two years. I will open the floor for nominations at the next meeting.

A personal note—I have moved. My new number is (904) 242-2909 if you need to contact me. I can also be reached via email at mikaz@prodigy.net.

The next meeting is at Santioni's in Mandarin. I hope to see you all there.

Safety Fast,

Mike

New Tradition ... A Nater and Noggin

Dave White

How does a Sunday evening drive sound? After your weekend chores and errands are finished how would you like to meet a few friends and hit the road for a relaxed evening ride? Last month four cars rallied at the 210 and US 1 intersection for a jolly good time. We cruised to St. Augustine by driving down A1A, through the World Golf Village to Mandarin. Then south again to the Outback Crab Shack south of the Shands bridge on Cty Road 13 for dinner. We had such a good time we agreed to plan another drive the second Sunday of the next month (Oct 12th) at 4:30 pm. The route and meeting sites will be determined at the regular monthly meeting. From the discussion it sounds like October's drive will take us to Fernandina Beach. The group would like to make this a monthly tradition for club members. We also discussed names for this drive and the best suggestion so far has been "Nater and Noggin". I believe, although Neil Nelson might correct me, that is also an English term that they use for their drives in the UK. Also, drives will be cancelled on wet, rainy and dreary days. Bring your ideas for drives to the next meeting and we'll start planning the "new" tradition.

Web Site Update

Jeff Sager

Just a quick note about our club website at www.mgclassics.org. I'm sure many of you are visiting it every month—our stats average abpit 400-55- "hits" per day. Based on the emails I receive from non-club members, I know that we get many visitors too. Please be sure to visit it often to get many of your questions answered: "Where's the next meeting?", "When's the next show?", "What are some other interesting British car sites I could visit?", "What is (insert members name here)'s Phone number and email address?". All of these questions and many more can be answered. I update the site about every week, so if you've visited the site before, keep visiting and check out the "What's New" link on the first page to see what's been updated. Please be sure to send any suggestions or questions to webadmin@mgclassics.org. I try to check that mail every day. (Yes, I know that can be interpreted as "Be Bad Min at mgclassics.org", but it wasn't meant that way!!

Pictures from the San Sebastian Outing

From the official camera of the day (for copies see the website)



The "gang" before setting out from the Gate Station at 210 (Palm Valley Rd) and Hwy 1. We took advantage of the shade from the bank drive thru but no free "samples" were available.

Stuff for Sale

1957 MGA

Red, Runs great, beautifully restored. Have $27,000 in it. Listed in Auto Trader for $16,900, will take $1,500 off for club members or friends. Contact Jerry @874-1859.

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.

Registration Form

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Registrant number



British Car Classic, Mark XV



"The Gathering of the Legends"

Saturday, October 25, 2003 @ Mandarin Community Center
12447 Mandarin Road, Jacksonville, Florida

Goodie Bags - Dash Plaques - Trophies - Games
Raffle Prizes - Food & Drink (Soda & Water)

Last Name_____First Name_____

Street_____City_____

State_____Zip_____Phone_____

Club Affiliation_____

Please indicate what car(s) you are entering.

1. Year_____Make_____Model_____

2. Year_____Make_____Model_____

Registration Fees: $20 per car. $25 per car after September 20, 2003

Mail to: Bernie Nowotny, 9404 Whittington Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32257

____Cars@$20 each $_____

____Cars@$25 each $_____

Total $_____

Make checks payable to: MG Classics of Jacksonville

For more information, contact MGClassics.org or call Chris Waage @ 904-273-9493

RELEASE: Neither I nor my heirs will hold the organizers, MG Classics of Jacksonville Car Club, or any affiliate clubs or persons associated with the event, liable for personal injuries or damages done to me or by me, my party, or my car(s), while engaged in this event or traveling to and from this event.

Print Name:_____Signature_____

Date:_____

More Pictures from the San Sebastian Outing



Club members getting their first taste of Blanc du Blanc. More tasting to follow!!



Club members in the winery getting a good look at the wine making equipment (and tasting the Vintner's Red!).



Impromptu tech session. Jumping the Chalut's midget with the only vehicle with a battery not behind the back seat (Drew & Betsy's Magnette)!

SOUTHEASTERN MG "T"
GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL MK XII



LAKE CHATUGE, GEORGIA

The Southeastern Fall

"Gathering of the Faithful"

Mark XII

Lake Chatuge Lodge

Hiawassee, Georgia

October 2 - 5, 2003

Featuring the MG Sedans

Hotel Rooms are Limited. To receive the discount rate of $79.00 per night, you must register by September 1st. To make reservations, Call 1 800 613-4349 before September1st. and tell them you are with the MG Club.

Wayne Stewart, GOF Chairman; 3883 Andrews Crossing, Roswell, GA 30075 Phone 770-992-2498

Cut Here and Mail to: Nancy McCaffrey, Registrar, 2125 Versailles Place, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Registration: Southeastern Fall GOF MK XII, Lake Chatuge Lodge, Hiawassee, GA

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____ Additional Guest _____

City, State, Zip _____ MG Club _____

Phone No. (___) _____ e-Mail Address _____

1st MG Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

2nd MG Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

Registration: $35 per family		$ _____
Friday Evening BBQ	$12.00 per Person X_____	$ _____
Saturday Banquet	$26.00 per Person X_____	$ _____
T-Shirts Size S( ), M( ), L( ), XL( ) @ $12.00 ea.	X_____	$ _____
Grand Total		$ _____

Date Recd. _____
Car # 1 _____
Car # 2 _____

(Make check payable to The Southeastern MG T Register)

Mail to: Nancy McCaffrey, Registrar, 2125 Versailles Place, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 770-513-0647

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