MG Classics of Jacksonville

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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 Bernie Nowotny

Our August meeting was well attended at Buffalo who threw in a dinner with our door prize. Ed Altomare has spruced up the club trailer and it is looking great. Ed has installed a trailer hitch on his MG for towing purposes. His next project is to correct the wiring for signals and such. Great work Ed thanks for your time and effort.

The SouthEast Regional meet at Dillard, Georgia Sept 17-19 was discussed. Our members are leaving Sept 16 making it a two-day trek to the mountains. I'm anxious to hear a report on the trip and show. I hope someone has a digital camera - photos for the newsletter would be great.

There is also a group of members going to the Fox Lake British Car Show in Titusville Fl. I'm anxious to hear about that show,. My understanding is it is well run and works in conjunction with the NAMGAR.

The Prez was in error about the club patches, Sorry; the membership will receive two patches with its membership. If you want additional patches they are available for $1.00 U.S. dollar.

Mike Kazmierski has been in contact with the Ocala folks and unfortunately they are booked solid, so the day trip will be rescheduled for early spring 2005.

The club is in need of a newsletter editor. If you or you and a friend are interested let Jeff Sager or myself know. It takes some time but it is an important aspect of our club.

The club's next tech session will be held in November and will be hosted by Neil Nelson. The subject will be carburetors or fuel pumps.

Our next meeting will be at Dick's Wing at the beach. Mark your calendar for Sept

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Events of Note Bernie Nowotny

October 30th- Halloween Rally #1. Drew and Betsy DeCandis have come up with this event and it sounds like fun. British attire is required as we look for clues and search cemeteries for clues to get to Drew and Betsy's for a fun filled evening. Come as your favorite British character. **Saturday October 30th**. Mark your calendar. This is now being planned and it promises to be a fun time for all. See you there!!!!

October 1-2 First Annual Hammock Beach Cruise Classic Car Show.

Friday OCT 1ST
6:30 – 10PM Beach Party
Saturday OCT 2ND
10-2PM Show & Shine
2-3pm Cruise down A1A
6:30PM Awards Ceremony & Sock Hop.

Break out your poodle skirts, saddle shoes and brillcream and enter the Best Dressed 50's Contest. Entertainment by Jason D. Williams. THE WILD MAN of ROCK N' ROLL.

Show entry fee: $100.00 includes goody bag, two event shirts, two hats, an event poster and more.

November 5, 6 & 7 - MG Jamboree "American Tour-

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Please email updates to:

newsletter_editor@mgclassics.org

Club Regalia For Sale

- Club Polo Shirts (Medium or Large) - $10 each
- Club Car Badges - $35 each
- MG Baseball Hats (in red, white, or blue) - $10 each
- MG Tool Bags - $10 each
- Rubber Bumper CB Radio Antenna Mounts - $10 each
- Gear Shift Knobs (various colors, styles, and applications) - $5 each
- MG Key Fobs (various colors) - $5 each
- Miscellaneous Car Pins - $5 each

To purchase regalia or to ask questions please contact Wayne Coker, Regalia Chairman, at:

904-543-0201

or

rwcoker@aol.com.

Automobiles For Sale

1952 TD

Make a great car to drive and enjoy now and restore later. Asking $7,500. Contact Dallas Stratton at 904 692 5914 or 4290 Independence Ave., Hastings, FL, 32145.

1958 MG Magnette

Complete Car. Needs floors and lower panels. Comes with new rockers and side frame supports. Good title. Restorable. Will sell for reasonable price or will trade for goof rubber bumper tub or set of chrome A or B wire wheels. Also have three doors and extra trunk to help close the deal. See picture at mgclassics.org. Drew: 904-287-3072 or drewdecandis@comcast.net

1962 MGA 1600 Mk II

Like new condition. Approximately 2500 miles since full frame-off restoration. Original owner, always garaged, non-smoking environment. $17,500. Jan Matott: 904-321-0801 or janmatott@earthlink.net. See much more detail and lots of pictures at mgclassics.org.

1972 Midget - Must Sell!

Car in good shape. Engine 1 yr old. NEW: clutch, brakes, battery, tires, radio, front shock s. INCLUDES: extra rims, tires, gauges, tonneau cover, spot fog lights. Can easily be a daily driver. Asking $4000 OBO. Ranger Inman 813-882-3153 or 2ranger@tampabay.rr.com.

1973 MGB GT

Good condition. Original paint. Car is in DeLand, FL. $2000. Contact Amie at mmcclellan@cfl.rr.com.

1976 MGB

Rare sandglow, rust free, garage kept, dual S/U's, new carpet and seat covers, new top w/top boot & tounneau included, new front suspension, new tires, new exhaust system, $10,000.00 invested, Sacrifice for $7,500.00 firm. Jim Hall 904-282-1658.

1976 Midget - Project/Parts

Restoration was begun, but never finished. Car has many new parts and is in good shape, but is not currently running. Very little rust and a clean title. Contact Steve at 904-591-6654 or email at smschriefer@yahoo.com.

1976 Midget

New paint, interior, top and almost everything else. Rebuilt engine, BRG color including roll bar. $4500 Contact Bob Phillips 904-751-6496.

1977 MGB - Overdrive

All original except that Zenith carb replaced with twin SU's. Has overdrive. 56,000 miles. Asking $7000.00. Call Larry Dockins at 904-219-3830.

1977 MGB

Red w/Black top. Canvas top is new. 110,000 miles. Runs good, some rust. Pictures available via e-mail. $3000. Contact Charles Stevens at 904-256-4774. chrimina@comcast.net.

1978 MGB

See picture at www.mgclassics.org. $1000 OBO. Contact T.K. Hilton at 904-262-3104 or email at tkhilton@bellsouth.net.

1980 MGB

Complete car, needs restoration. Minor rust and good floors. Interior dirty, but looks like new carpets. Ran when parked several years ago. Selling for a friend. $750.00. See picture at www.mgclassics.org. Drew: 904-287-3072 or drewdecandis@comcast.net

PARTS:

MG TD Hardtop.

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

MGB Door Hinges

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

1 Pair MGB Doors

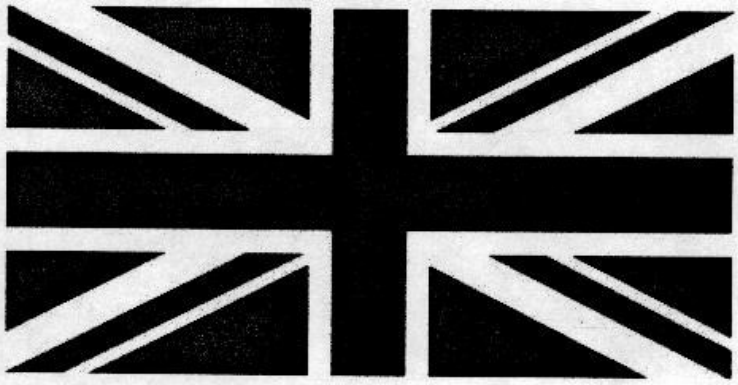
Clean, hardware included, windows and upholstery. $150. Contact Chris Waage at 904-273-9493.

New Mim-Lites w/New Tires

$650.00. New Mini Lites are now $179.95 ea.at MOSS - do the math. Contact Jim Hall 904-282-1658

New 3 Main and 5 Main Engine Blocks

Also, 5 main motor, Pull Handle doors, and a late B trunk. Contact Drew: 904-287-3072. eMail: drewdecandis@comcast.net



BRITISH CAR CLASSIC MARK XVI

October 9, 2004 * Kings Head Pub * St. Augustine, Florida

REGISTRATION

$25.00 Vehicle #1 $15.00 each Additional Vehicle
All Registrants after September 15, 2004 may purchase one Tee Shirt for only $5.00
Additional Tee Shirts are $10.00 each

EARLY REGISTRATION

On or Before September 15, 2004
$20.00 Vehicle #1 $15.00 each Additional Vehicle
Early Registrants receive one free Tee Shirt
Additional Tee Shirts are $10.00 each

VENDOR REGISTRATION $25.00

All Vendors MUST have a Vendor Registration

Make checks payable to: **Triumph Club of North Florida**
Send to: **1409 Forest Avenue**
Neptune Beach, Florida 32266

Need More Information? Call Norm Reimer at 904 246 6044
e-mail address: suennorm@comcast.net

KINGS HEAD PUB

U.S. #1 Approximately Six Miles North
Of Intersection of U.S. #1 and State Road #16

REGISTRATION

NAME _____ Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

ADDRESS _____

_____

CLUB AFFILIATION _____

VEHICLE #1 Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ $_____

VEHICLE #2 Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ $_____

ADDITIONAL VEHICLES (Attach additional page) $_____

Early Registration Free Tee Shirt S M L XL

Registration after 9/15/04 (one shirt @ $5.00) S M L XL $_____

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

TOTAL $_____

SHOW EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

October 9th, 2004 Time 9:00AM – 4:00 PM

ALL BRITISH CAR SHOW

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

VENDORS
Limited Vendor Slots

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

Trivia - The History of UK Car Registration Copied from www.britishcarnumbers.com

The UK car registration system traces back to 1903. The Motor Car act which came into force on January 1st, 1904 required all vehicles in the United Kingdom to be registered and carry number plates. Originally County and Borough Councils were to issue the number plates - a system which was to last until 1974 - when the Department of Transport took over the task with it's specially equipped Vehicle Registration Offices (VROs).

A1 - YY9999 : 1903 - 1930's



Each council was issued with one or more letter codes for registering vehicles. Originally both one and two letter codes were issued as of 1903. A list of these codes and the areas they apply to can be found on the area identifier pages. This original system, using the one or two letter area code and one to four numbers (e.g. AA1 - AA9999) soon ran out and by the 1930's a change was needed.

AAA1 - YYY999 : 1930's - 1960's



It was decided an extra serial letter was to be introduced prefixing the original area code. This could only be used with two letter area codes, as prefixing a one letter area code would duplicate a two letter code, so the single letter area codes became obsolete. Serial letters were first introduced around 1932 as necessary.

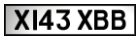
In order for the size of the plates to remain the same, a maximum of only three numbers (e.g. AAA234, GRF823) was used with this system. This serial letter ran in rotation with the numbers, so in the example ADE998, the "DE" is the area code (in this instance, Pembrokeshire County Council), and the A--998 runs in sequence. The next number in the Pembrokshire series would be ADE999, followed by BDE1 (note that no zeroes prefix the number 1).

1AAA - 999YYY : 1950's - 1960's



In the 1950's the system was reversed by councils who had run out of combinations in the previous series, now with the numbers prefixing the letters (e.g. 237RYU). A small number of councils ran out of these numbers by the late 1950's / early 1960's and as a temporary measure, four number / one or two letter area code registrations were issued (e.g. 2345AA). These did not have a serial letter, the one or two letters being the area codes as originally issued in the reversed format. Only the single letter area codes D,E,F,H,K,N,R,U and W were issued in this reversed format (e.g. 1042D) between 1953 and 1962. This was the last time the single letter area codes were used. Not all of these numbers were issued, making this type of number rarer than the ABC123 type. Some of these numbers are now being auctioned off as personalised registrations.

AAA1A - Y999YYY : 1963 - 2001



By the 1960's, some of the busier councils began to run out of numbers again and it was clear an extra letter or number was needed on the plates. From 1963 the suffix letter "A" was added to the registrations of some busier councils (e.g. NAT233A), the letter changed to "B" in 1964 and so on. Not all councils used the "year suffix letter" until 1965 when the "C" suffix was issued and the addition of the year letter became compulsory. On 1 October 1974, registrations were centralised, and some area codes changed.

In 1983, the year letter suffix system ran out and it was replaced with a year letter prefix system. This system operated in the same format, but reversed (e.g. A234UUV). There is more information about these year suffix and prefix codes on the age identifier pages. The suffix and prefix letters I,O,Q,U and Z have not been used. The year prefix system ran out with the "Y" prefix on 31 August 2001.

AA51AAA : September 2001 onwards



The current system of number plates is based around the old practice of year and area identifiers but a new, simpler system of codes has been introduced.

In the above example, the AP is the area code and 51 the age identifier. The age identifier changes every 6 months in March and September as before, but gives an 'at a glance' idea of the age of the vehicle with 51 representing September 2001 to February 2002, 02 March to August 2002, 52 September 2002 to February 2003 and so on. The final three letters are serial letters, and for the first time in the UK the letter Z is permitted (only in the serial letters and not in the area code).

The new area codes are listed here and apply to new vehicles registered from 1 September 2001 onwards - vehicles that date before this time will continue to use the previous system. The new system has been designed to last for at least 50 years and if reversed (i.e. AAA 51AA) could last until 2099.

BRITISH CAR NUMBERS

MG Classics of Jacksonville

(Founded in 1971)

Membership Application/Renewal Form

The purpose of MG Classics of Jacksonville is the *enjoyment*, preservation, maintenance, and appreciation of *all* MG automobiles. Full club membership is open to titled owners of all MG cars and the owner's immediate family members. Associate membership is available to persons who have an interest in the club but are not owners of an MG. A full copy of the by-laws of the club are available upon request.

The annual fee for dues is $25.00. Dues are due and payable in January of each year and are delinquent after March 1.

For new members annual dues are prorated as follows: Jan. 1 - June 30, $25.00
July 1 - Sept. 30, $16.50
Oct. 1 - Nov. 30, $8.25
Dec. 1 - Dec. 31, $25.00
(pays for following year).

Please supply the following information:

Owner's Name(s): _____ ___New ___Renewal

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____

Zip: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone (opt.): (____) _____

Email Address (opt.) : _____

Special talents/expertise that you'd be willing to share: _____

MG Automobiles Currently Owned (use reverse for more):

	Year	Model	Condition
1.			
2.			
3.			

Club Use
Date Received: _____ Dues Received: $_____ Added to Roster: _____

Make checks payable to: "MG Classics of Jacksonville"
Return to: MG Classics of Jacksonville, c/o George Fipp, Treasurer, 7639 Hollyridge Cir., Jacksonville, FL, 32256.

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27th; enjoy the food and friendship of an MG meeting.

Safety Fast,

Bernie

Events of Note (continued)

ist". Florida Sun Coast MG Car Club 3-day event at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Sabal Park, Tampa. For more information contact: Arnie Anderson (813) 651-1646. Link to more information from www.mgclassics.org.

December 5 - MG Classic's Christmas Party. Our annual event hosted by Dave and Linda White at Pelican Point at the beach. A gift to pass is appreciated. Price range for gift swapping $15 approx. Sunday December 5th. The Club will provide the meats, attending members are asked to supply the fixens: potatoes, vegetables, rolls, salads and deserts. BYOB, the club will also supply mixers.

Joke of The Month Jeff Sager

Two cars are traveling in opposite directions on a long and winding country road. A man is driving the car heading south and a woman is driving the car heading north. It is a beautiful Spring day and both drivers have their windows open to enjoy the fresh air.

As they pass, the woman yells out of her window "PIG!!!" The man yells back at her "WITCH!!!", proceeds around the next bend, and runs smack into a giant sow that was lounging in the middle of the road.

The moral of the story: Men should "listen" to women.

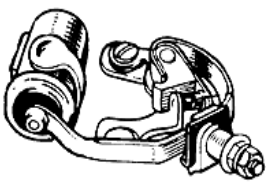


Tech Tip - Distributor Breaker Points Copied from www.mgdriversclub.com

Problem Areas: Each time the points open, a very small amount of metal is transferred from one side of the points to the other. This transfer is uneven, and in effect closes the point gap. The second problem area is the fiber block that rides on the distributor cam and opens the points. This fiber block not only seats itself on newly installed points, but wears on points that have been in use for long periods of time. The combination of wear and metal transfer will eventually close the points completely, and the engine will no longer run.

Symptoms: As the gap begins to close beyond some rather broad limits, the engine will start to misfire under hard acceleration. As the gap closes even further, the engine will start to miss at normal road speeds. Further closing of the gap will result in an engine that is hard to start and impossible to make idle properly. These symptoms are very similar to those of fuel starvation caused by a faulty fuel pump, plugged fuel line or filter, or dirty carburetor.

Conclusion: Before taking the fuel pump apart or tearing into the carburetors - both messy jobs - check the point gap.



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Safety fast!

We're on the Web!
www.mgclassics.org

Next Meeting

September 27, 2004

Dick's Wings at Jax Beach

410 N. 3rd St. (A1A)

On the west side of A1A, a couple blocks north of Beach Blvd.

247-3730

Meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Arrive early for dinner and prime seating!

Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are always welcome. Thanks go out this month to Bernie Nowotny. Submissions for next month must be received before October 15th for guaranteed inclusion.

Upcoming Events

10-09-04 - British Car Classic at the Kings Head Pub (on U.S. 1) in St. Augustine. Hosted by Triumph Club of North Florida this year. Registration and information inside.

10-15-04 - Euro 2004 Auto Festival at the BMW factory in Spartanburg, SC. MGs are featured this year! See www.euroautofestival.com for more information.

10-25-04: October Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

10-30-04 - Halloween Rally.

11-05-04: MG Jamboree 14. Hosted by Florida Sun Coast MG Car Club. Takes place at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tampa. Arnie Anderson 813-651-1646. http://members.aol.com/fsmgcc/jamboree/jambo.html

11-29-04: November Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

12-05-04: Tentative date for the MG Classics of Jax Christmas Party.

01-01-05: Annual dues for MG Classics of Jacksonville are due.

01-31-05: January Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

02-28-05: February Monthly Meeting of MG Classics of Jacksonville. Location TBD.

04-08-05 - GOF South Mk XXXIX in Sebring, FL. See www.ranjos.com/Britcars/Britclub.htm for more info.