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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.

Volume 34, Issue 10 **October 2005**

Prez Sez **Bernie Nowotny**

Important notice to club members

Oct 22nd was scheduled as British Car Classic at Orange Park Kennel Club. **NOTE:** This has been changed to World Golf Village in conjunction with the Octoberfest celebration. This is a unique opportunity for our club to be noticed within the community. Because of this change, there are changes in registration. 1st car registration is $35, second car $25. Registration is from 8am – 10am. Spectator viewing and voting 10am— 2pm. MG Classics will vote as normal for the classes of our cars. All entrants will be photographed with their car at the village, and will receive a drawing ticket for a BBQ grill worth $5000. All profits from the registration will go to the–**United Way Hurricane** relief fund. I have sent via e-mail an invitation to all to attend this event and enjoy the day while raising monies for others less fortunate. Other activities taking place at the show are authentic Bavarian dancers, Oompha band, German food, and German beer. If we can bring in 40 cars the total entry for the show will be between 120-140 cars.

On Sept 26th we held our second meeting at the home of one of our club members. Our thanks goes to Ed & Karen Altomare for being such great hosts. Twenty-five folks showed up to enjoy a wonderful top down day with good food and fellowship. Keep an eye on the newsletter as the holidays approach. Remember Dec. 10 is our club Christmas Party and along with that is the induction of the new slate of officers for 2006.

Octobers meeting is rescheduled for the 24th so it will not conflict with Halloween activities. We will be trying a new restaurant "Goombah's Italian Ristoranta" on St. Augustine Road. There is a separate room that can seat up to 60+ people.

Looking forward to seeing you at the show.

Safety Fast
Bernie N



Directions to MG Classics at World Golf Village

Take I95 to Exit 323
Exit WEST on to International Golf Parkway
First Stoplight turn into World Golf Village and follow to road & signs around to the Show Area
(about 1.5 miles)

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GUS's GARAGE

J. Rodney Dukworth brought Bea Carr (his 1966 MGB wire wheel roadster) to Guss's Garage on a flat bed trailer. The left front wing (fender to you non Anglophiles) was ripped out. The tire wheel and bumper were severely damaged.

J. Rodney said he was towing the dang thing in on his dolly when the left front wheel just flew off. How the heck can something like this happen?

Gus put on his professor of Autoology hat and explained the physics of Knock-On (knock-off to you yanks) hubs. As the wheel rolls the hub works at an almost imperceptible level causing the hub nut to rotate opposite the direction of travel. You will notice the hubs are "handed" left and right so they tighten while rolling forward. Towing backward with the wheel rolling on the ground can cause the knock-on to loosen.

J. Rodney allowed that he didn't know that. Gus said that wire wheels had many peculiarities specific to their operation, maintenance, and testing. J. Rodney asked Gus if he would be willing to conduct a seminar on wire wheels for the members of the PCCPMGAOBCC at a future meeting. Gus demurred, saying he was in this business to make money so he and Koli could live happy ever after. By the way what the heck is PCCPMGA.....what ever? J. Rodeny Dukworth, Prime Minister of Pub Crawling Cricket Playing MG and British Car Club answered dang I can't remember, but the letters are all on my name tag!!!

The moral of this story is NEVER TOW WIRE WHEEL CARS BACKWARD!!!

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See Map on page 7.

Lucas

Joe Lucas, Prince of Darkness

Here is a collection of jokes and myths associated with Lucas Electrics.

The Lucas motto: "Get home before dark."

Lucas denies having invented the darkness. But they still claim the "sudden, unexpected darkness"

Lucas is the patent holder for the short circuit.

Lucas - Inventor of the first intermittent wiper.

Lucas - Inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.

The three position Lucas switch - Dim, Flicker and Off. The other three switch settings - Smoke, Smolder and Burn.

The Original Anti-Theft Device - Lucas Electrics.

I have had a Lucas pacemaker for years and have never had any trou...

If Lucas made guns, wars would not start either.

Did you hear about the Lucas powered torpedo - It sank!

It's not true that Lucas, in 1947, tried to get Parliament to repeal Ohm's Law. They withdrew their efforts when they meet too much resistance.

Did you hear the one about the guy that peeked into a Land Rover and asked the owner "How can you tell one switch from another at night,as they all look the same ?" "He replied, it does not matter which one you use, nothing happens !"

Back in the 70's, Lucas decided to diversify its product line and began manufacturing vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they offered which did not suck.

QA called and told the Engineering they had trouble with his design shorting out so he made the wires longer.

Alexander Graham Bell invented the Telephone. Thomas Edison invented the Light Bulb. Joseph Lucas invented the Short Circuit.

Recommended procedure before taking on a repair of Lucas equipment: Check the position of the stars, kill a chicken and walk three times sunwise around your car chanting: " Oh mighty Prince of Darkness protect your unworthy servant..."

Lucas systems actually uses AC current; it just has a random frequency that's all.

From Gene Vierling & Blair Engle of BBMGs



$5500 Outdoor Kitchen from Fridgadaire/ Electrolux is the grand prize giveaway all Oktoberfest entrants are eligible to win.

The Kaiser's Visit The MGCCQ

It all started with my first email to MGCCQ when I asked about visiting the new club rooms, whilst in Brissy.

A prompt reply came from longtime member and past editor of Octagon (the MGCCQ newsletter) Bruce Mutch who said "It would be the greatest of pleasure for us to show you around".

As our travel plans evolved I kept Bruce advised, it was agreed that when we arrived we would contact him and go from there. We landed in Brisbane in the dead of winter (75 degrees) on August 17. The day and night view from our hotel window at the Mercure Brisbane was enough to start Pheona talking about living in Brisbane.



When I called Bruce he had it all planned, starting with collecting us at our accommodations the following morning.

It was a beautiful Brisbane morning when Bruce picked us at our hotel and we proceeded to see the city and it's landmarks. We talked about MGs, the club and Bruce explained that the licensing scheme there allows much lower rates for cars that were driven only for club events or maintenance trips and that a regular license rate was several times higher.

We stopped at a club members shop and picked up the keys for the club rooms and hillclimb. There we met MGCCQ members David Robinson, Ron Clydesdale and Jeanne who is David's wife. Davids display of trophies and awards from MG and racing events decorate the office.

Jeanne, who is one of 69 accredited kilt makers in the world gave Pheona a tour of her realm and products and a picture of Pheona's family clan Duncanson tartan.



After a cuppa off we went to the MGCCQ Hillclimb. WOW - what a facility! From start to finish I was impressed with what the club membership has done. The well groomed grounds accentuate the twin loops with banked and hairpin curves and well located bleachers for spectators. The hairpin curve protective barrier is made of a pile of macadamia nut shells. Actually 30 tons worth, they protect your car, then you pick the shells out for several weeks. After an indoctrination turn around the track by Bruce I found myself behind the wheel of his Ford sedan doing a lap. Pheona declined her lap which surprised me knowing her love of speed!



Bruce Mutch with MGCCQ sign and Pheona

Next stop was the recently purchased building where the club rooms will be established. Plans for the rooms inside the large building are about complete and some construction has started, with the club's paraphernalia, trophies and excellent library awaiting installation. It is a diamond in the rough on the way to perfection with the willing hands and talents of the membership.



After returning the facility keys we had a late fish & chips lunch then visited several MG shops where a range of MGs of various ages and stages of repair and restoration were viewed. The dedication to preservation of the marque was in evidence!

As the Brisbane home bound traffic increased Bruce dropped us back at our hotel on the bank of the Brisbane river. Bruce made this American a very happy member of MGCCQ!

MG Car Club Queensland is located in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The club website is www.mgccq.org.au

The Kaiser's are members of AMGBA, NAMGBR, MG Drivers, BBMGs, NAMGAR, FSMGCC, MGCCQ, BBC, MG Classics of Jacksonville.

FYI

Last year, more than 71,500 calls were made in Northeast Florida.

United Ways of Northeast Florida 2-1-1 Get Connected. Get Answers.

United Way 2-1-1 Frequently Asked Questions

1. What exactly is United Way 2-1-1?
2-1-1 is the easy to remember, three-digit telephone number that connects people in need of services with the most appropriate community and human resources. By simply dialing 2-1-1, callers are able to be connected with specially trained information and referral (I&R) call center specialists from their community who can assist them with finding solutions to the problems and issues that are troubling them.

2. What is Information and Referral (I&R)?
Information and Referral (I&R) is a service which helps people understand their problems, provides information to help them make informed decisions regarding possible solutions, and links those people in need of services with appropriate service providers in the community who can meet their needs. Highly trained staff provide these services and also maintain a large community resource database that adheres to state and national standards.

3. Who calls United Way 2-1-1?
Each year, more than 69 million people use I&R services nationwide. In Florida alone, more than 1.6 million people and 71,500 in the Northeast Florida area dialed an I&R for help. Callers are:

- parents struggling with out-of-control kids
- single parents trying to make it on their own
- young children alone or afraid
- teens struggling with adolescence
- adult children concerned about their aging parents
- the elderly trying to retain their independence
- the financially disadvantaged of all ages who are on the verge of being evicted or losing their electricity or water
- teachers, social workers, judges, nurses and other human service, medical and mental health professionals seeking resources in order to meet the complex needs of their clients

4. What counties are covered by United Way 2-1-1?
United Way 2-1-1 serves residents in a 10-county region that includes St. Johns, Duval, Clay, Nassau, Baker, Bradford, Putnam, Suwannee, Columbia and Hamilton counties.

If a county resident cannot access 2-1-1, the caller can dial 632-0600 or 1-866-318-0211.

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For all who appreciate British Cars

For Information call **904-731-2081**
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• RESERVATION FORM

BRITISH CAR CLASSIC

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

#1 Make Vehicle _____ Model _____ Year _____

#2 Make Vehicle _____ Model _____ Year _____

☐ **$35 First Car** Amount enclosed _____

☐ **$25 Second Car** Amount enclosed _____

For Information call **904-731-2081 or www.mgclassics.org** **Total Amount Enclosed** _____

Send with check made to: **MG Classics** c/o Bernie Nowotny, 9404 Whittington Dr., Jacksonville FL32257

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View all of the British Car Classics on Display

Don't forget to bring your camera!

First Car – $35.00

Second Car – $25.00



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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.

1972 MGB GT
Excellent condition. 26K miles on rebuilt drive train. 280Z 5-speed transmission, A/C, many suspension and engine upgrades. $5000.
Contact Norm Jones, at normandbetty@msn.com or 904-724-8030.

1972 Midget - Must Sell!
Car in good shape. Engine 1 yr old. New: master cylinder, slave cylinder, clutch, rear brake cylinders, brakes, battery, tires, radio, front shock assemblies. Includes: extra rims, tires, gauges, tonneau cover, lug wrench, jack, 2 service manuals, spot fog lights, new uninstalled air horn, parts and more. Can easily be a daily driver. Asking $4000 OBO. Ranger Inman at 813-882-3153 or 2ranger@tampabay.rr.com.

1974 MGB - Price Reduced!
Overdrive, chrome wire wheels, cross-flow head, 1.75in SU carburetors and manifold. Has 2in free-flow exhaust system with header. Excellent red paint with black interior and top. Fast and reliable. Price reduced to $9,500. Contact Roger Brinkley at 904-981-8600.

1974 MGB Under Restoration
MGB in Orlando. Engine has been rebuilt. Comes with many new parts and an extra engine and tranny. Asking $3000 obo. Call John Loudermilk at 407-834-0561, or 407-257-6262.

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 smschriefer@yahoo.com.

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 or chrimina@comcast.net.

Two 1979 MGB Roadster's
Two 1979 MGB's. One is in fairly good shape, dented trunk lid with hole in it from attempted theft in it's distant past. This car was bought about 6 years ago. Has not been running in some time. Second MGB was bought for parts. Has a good trunk lid, but has been pretty well stripped. Engine and transmission are still in it. Make an offer around $800 to $1000. Steve Spaeth at 352 -665-7227.

1979 Triumph Bonneville Special
Beautiful condition. 750cc, 5spd, dual disc brakes. Same owner last 11 years. Meticulously maintained. $6000 or trade. Contact Jim White at Hm: 269-9922 or Cell: 742-2933.

Parts:

69 MGB Carb/Manifold Parts
Manifold (intake and exhaust), heat shroud, Zenith! Stromberg carburetor with adjustment tool, air filter, plate to attach everything. All original equipment. Installed a Weber and no longer need these. All this for $200! Call Udo at 904-573-3547.

Parts for 68, 70, & 73 MGB
MGB 70 on assorted lenses in fair-very good condition. Retail value new estimated at $175. All items are used and in fair to very good condition.
MGB 69-72 Left & Right Doors in good condition. These doors are painted grey and in good condition. One includes the chrome molding strip and both include interior handles which are in working order. The weep holes have a small amount of rust. A parts catalog shows the price for a set of new doors and handles as $1150.
62-74 Front Bumper Bar with Overriders. This bumper is in good condition with some pitting and scratches. Price new is $200+ for the described assembly.
68-71 Dash Panel Cover. Like new condition. Never been installed. Parts dealers list it at $180 new.
MGB Left & Right window glass w lower channels & glazing. One set of window glass in very good condition with glazing and channels. New windows with channels list for $200 each in parts catalogs.
MGB Left & Right window regulators in VG condition. One set of window regulators, (left and right windows) in very good condition. Both have been tested and are in excellent working condition. I will also include used l&r rear window channel, an $80 value if new. New regulators list for $150+ each in parts catalogs if available.
MGB Hardtop, good condition. Some of the lexan is crazed.
MGB window outer frames in fair condition. These frames are no longer available and will fit bodies from 65865 on. Glass and inner frames are available also. MGB 70 dashboard wiring harness in good condition. Call Bill @ 904-737-9656 for add'l info. Jacksonville.

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 or drewdecandis@comcast.net.

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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

Miscellaneous Car Pins
$5 each

To purchase regalia or to ask questions please contact:

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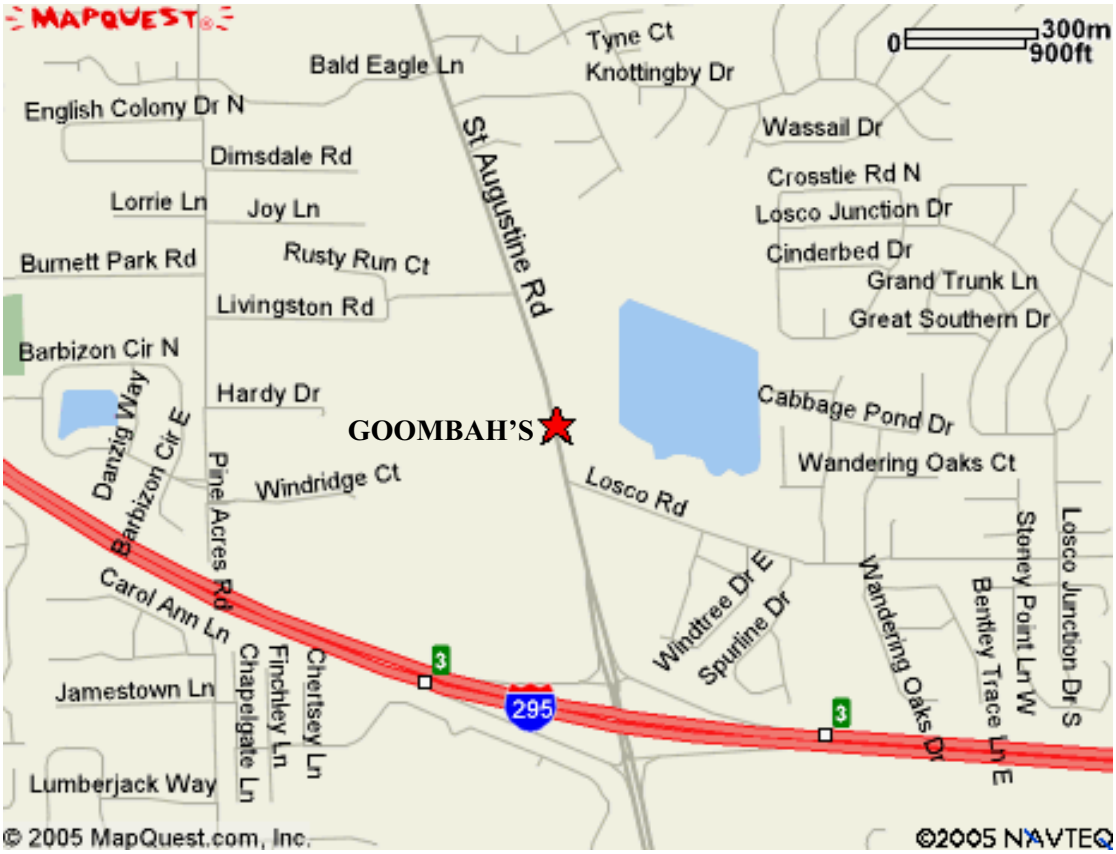
Two MGA Engines/ Transmissions
One is from a 1960 and the other 1961. Conditions are unknown, but they will probably need to be rebuilt. Located near Ocala, interested buyer would need to pick them up (no shipping). Pictures can be emailed on request. Contact Joe at originalroadtoad@aol.com.

FYI

- MG Classics Newsletter is in color on the website at **www.mg classics.org**
- President Nowotny passed out copies of the September British Marque Car Club News at the Sunday September 25 MG Classics Club meeting. He has additional copies for those that did not attend. The British Marque Car Club News is a monthly tabloid newspaper featuring the news of numerous British car clubs throughout the U.S. and Canada, plus interesting and informative articles from some of the most entertaining writers you'll come across in an automotive publication. Over 100 Participating Clubs contribute to the Marque. British Marque is published monthly, 11 times a year, and offer both regular and participating member subscriptions. The classifieds usually stretch to two pages. Each issue contains tech tips by the dozen, plus invitations to all sorts of rallyes, autocrosses, car shows, and much more! Would you like to have the Marque as a Club Member Benefit? Tell Bernie.
- For those who missed the Club meeting at Ed & Karen Altomare's YOU missed a treat to say the least. What a wonderful venue for an excellent meal and topping it off with Ed's tour of his hubcap collection, garage and grounds!
- ***GUS's GARAGE*** articles are reprinted herein with the gracious permission of the First President and First Prime Minister of Big Bend MGs Donahue H. Schmidt. "Don" provided *GUS's GARAGE* to your editors whilst we produced the BBMGs Newsletter *TALLY HO* in Tallahassee, Fla.

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Next Meeting Place Map To GOOMBAH'S!



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MG EVENTS CALENDAR

Oct. 22 - MG Classics sponsored British Car Classic Mk XVII is moving to World Golf Village and the OKTOBERFEST Car Show. More information on page 4 and registration on page 5. Support YOUR Clubs event!

Dec. 10 - MG Classics of Jacksonville Christmas Party will be Dec. 10th this year at Pelican Point (Dave & Linda White's condo party room). Start about 7:00pm. A double-reverse gift exchange if you choose to participate - everyone who brings a gift gets a gift. Wrap yours deceptively to make the exchange more fun! Gifts should be approximately $15 in value. Reservations at the next meeting.

Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are always welcome. Thanks go out this month to Bernie Nowotny, Don Schmidt, Gene Vierling, Blair Engle

Submissions for next month must be received before the 10th of the month for possible inclusion.

MG Y pickup custom built from a sedan by MG City, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Website:www.mgcity.com.au/. It's worth a look!



