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Prez Sez: Christmas Party - 8 December
Ocala Planning Visit Productive
Al Moss Passes, 1932-2012

The Prez Sez,

It's Party Time! **We have scheduled December 8th, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM for a luncheon party at the new Holiday Inn on Wells Road in Orange Park for our Christmas Party.** The evening times were already booked by another party. My sincere apologies for waiting so late to get this together. I have been so busy working on the GOF that I let the time slip up on me. I will have copies of the menu with prices to distribute at the Club meeting on October 29th at Ronnies in Green Cove Springs. We will select a menu at that time so be prepared to write a check to MG Classics of Jacksonville or bring cash so we can firm up a head count to the hotel caterer. The Club will pay the $200.00 facility fee and each individual will pay for the cost of their meal. 7% tax and 20% service charge will be added to the meal cost. The Holiday luncheon buffet is $14.95 per person, therefore the total cost per person would be rounded to $20.00 per person to help defray the $75.00 set up fee. As usual we will have our gift exchange. A $20.00 gift is the suggested amount to spend.

It is also time for the selection of new MG Classics officers for 2013. The current list of officers is listed in the club newsletter. You can use that as a guide to nominate new officers for the coming year. We will open the floor for nominations at the October meeting so be prepared to make your nominations. I will respectfully decline a second term since I volunteered to Chair GOF 2013 and will be very busy with last minute preparations for that event. Someone else needs to step up to the plate and accept the nomination for President of the Club for 2013. We will elect the new officers at the November Club meeting and install them at the Christmas party which is a Club tradition.

THE GOF REGISTRATION FORM IS NOW ON OUR WEB SITE www.mgclassics.org , and in this newsletter. Register early so we can get an early handle on our head count. I will have some registration forms at the next six (6) Club meetings so be prepared to take one, fill it out and give it or send it to Jeff Sager. Jeff and Karen volunteered to head up our pre-registration so please make their job easier by signing up early!

VR,

Jim Hall

The Prez

Ocala GOF Planning Visit

Recently, a team of our GOF planners visited the host hotel in Ocala where the Hilton reps were very

helpful. The meeting was mutually beneficial because of the exchange of much-needed information.

Pets are allowed. The Hotel website states there is a 73-pound limit, and a $49 deposit is required; however, our hotel contact indicated the size limit is seldom, if ever enforced, but more importantly, the deposit is un-refundable.

There will be ample parking for trailers. Car washing facilities will be available and the hotel will provide old towels, so please don't use room towels.

The Friday night buffet will be held next to the pool. There will be plenty of food and an open bar. The First-timers Show will be held in the adjacent Car Show Area.

A very nice Hospitality Room is located on the second floor. It's my understanding, that our *"Hospitality Queens"* will be located next door.

The main event - The Car Show - will be held on Saturday morning. At 1:30 in the afternoon, the Horse Farm & Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing tours will begin. Neil N. and Henry H. will lead the caravans to the horse farm and the museum, respectively.

The Awards Banquet and Raffle will be held on Saturday evening in a ballroom tailored to the size of our group.

On Sunday, there will be a Winners Circle and adequate time for pictures and good byes.

All in all, it looks like we will have great Gathering of the Faithful.

For details on menus, times, ticket prices, room rates, and the tours, please see the GOF Registration form at the end of this Newsletter.

Al Moss Passes - May He Rest in Peace

Al Moss, founder of Moss Motors, passed away on 25 September 2012. The cause of his death has not been released. Al Moss built Moss Motors in the early Fifties. I attended GOFs in 1979, and 1980 where he was a major presence at both Gatherings. He was noted for his marvelous sense of humor and love of practical jokes.

At the 79 GOF in San Diego, I remember an appropriate practical joke being played on him. In those days when you ordered parts, they came to you in a box stuffed with Styrofoam "peanuts." When you opened the box, the "peanuts" went everywhere. Well, a number of folks at the GOf conspired with Moss Motors employees and played a practical joke on Al. They opened the sunroof on his MG Y-Type sedan and filled the car with the little white blessings from Moss Motors. Needless to say, when he opened the door to the car, they went everywhere to where it looked as if it had snowed in the parking lot.


A Recent Photo of Al

At the 1980 GOF in Lake Tahoe, Al gathered us all together and told us he had just returned from the United Kingdom. This was just before the eventual demise of MG. He told us there was still hope for MG because an American group was trying to save the marque. Unfortunately, this never came to pass.

I visited Moss Motors in Goleta, California on two occasions. The first time, Moss Motors was a smaller


Al Moss recently photographed driving his TC in the paddock area of the Laguna Seca Raceway. He owned the TC from 1948 until it was sold at auction in 2012.

operation than it is today. It was located in a small building in a sort of an industrial park. The customer area was a little over 100 square feet. Moreover, the standing room was reduced because AL's MGTC in the photo above was on display in the customer area. The next time I visited his business it was in his brand new, very large brick facility

The second trip was memorable for two reasons. First, I drove my recently painted 1969 MGBGT there from Camp Pendleton, California. Second, on the way to Goleta, I stopped in Santa Barbara and visited a doctoral candidate who had a meticulously restored TA for sale for $17,000. He was being forced to sell the car because he needed the money for his education. Unfortunately, or fortunately, I did not have that kind of money.

Years ago, Al sold the business and retired to Sanoma, Arizona. Meanwhile, he remained active in the vintage car world. Recently, I saw where his TC was sold on the auction block.

At age 80, at the urging of friends, Al wrote his autobiography: ***The Other Moss: My Life with Cars and Horses.*** Certainly, there will be many stories about this adventurous, thoughtful, humor-filled life Al so vibrantly lived. Al's book is available on www.Amazon.com in paperback. I just bought a copy for $21.

Al Moss was a good friend to all and a man who always made you feel like you were the most important person he met that day. We will miss him; may he rest in peace.

Budweiser Car Show and Brewery Tour

On Saturday, 10 November, there will be a Car Show and Brewery Tour at the Anheuser Busch Brewery at 111 Busch Drive, Jacksonville, Florida.

Registration will be from 8-10 in the morning, and the Show will be from 10 am - 3 pm. All makes, and models of cars are welcome.

The event will also include a free brewery tour, door prizes, over thirty awards, and a 50/50 drawing. Dash plaques and goody bags will be given to the first 100 cars registered the day of the show.

Registration is $20 and in honor of Veteran's Day, which is 11 November, which is commonly referred to by Marines as the Birthday Ball recovery day. Displaying an American flag will reduce your registration fee by $5. The proceeds of this show will go to United Way and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville.

The First Coast Car Council is one of the sponsors of this event. The *MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville* is a member of the Council; therefore, our Club should strongly support to this worthy cause. There will be more on this event at the October Meeting.

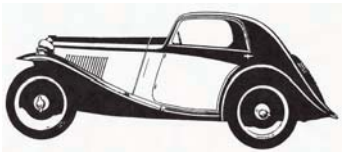
Jim Nolan's 1969 MGBGT Departs

Jim Nolan's British Racing Green 1969 MGBGT -"The Range Target" - has been given away after 35 years. I rather suspect that Mother Teresa conspired with Wayne and Kim. She seemed quite pleased to see it go.

Now, I have a problem. I have a southern home without an old car rusting in the back yard. What is the world coming to?

GOF Car Show Ballot Counters Needed

Jim Hall needs a couple or a few good guys or gals to count the ballots after the GOF Car Show. No special skills are required and it doesn't take much time. So, let Jim Hall know if you are willing to volunteer.



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GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL, SOUTH XLVII

HILTON HOTEL, OCALA, FLORIDA

19-21 APRIL 2013

REGISTRATION	**NAME TAGS** – LIST PREFERRED NAMES / NICKNAMES & HOMETOWNS	
NAME:		
ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE:
ZIP:	PHONES / EMAIL:	

MG CAR SHOW ENTRIES - INDICATE SPECIAL CLASS, IF APPLICABLE: **1 - FIRST-TIMER, 2 - PREMIER, & 3 - PRESERVATION**

ENTRY	YEAR	MODEL	CLASS	REMARKS – LIST MODIFICATIONS, IF ANY, AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION.
FIRST				
SECOND				

HILTON HOTEL - 3600 SOUTHWEST 36TH AVE, OCALA, FL 34474. – **DIRECTIONS:** LOCATED JUST EAST OF EXIT 350 INTERSTATE-75

GOF ROOM RATE: $109.00 / NIGHT **INCLUDES FULL BREAKFAST BUFFET FOR TWO PER DAY.**	**Reservations:** Phone: 1-352-854-1400; 1-800-HILTONS (445-8667). **Online:** www.hilton.com/ocala **Room Rates:** ***Request MG Show Rates***. Early Arrivals and Late Departures Get MG Show Rates. **Check In/Out:** 3:00 PM / 12:00 PM **Pets Allowed:** Maximum 75 Pounds - $49 Un-refundable Deposit Required.

T SHIRTS Please indicate number required for each size.
"To view T shirt design, go to web site: www.mgclassics.org, or next page.
A very limited number of shirts will be available at the GOF, so order when you register.

SIZE	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X	TOTAL @ $18	TOTAL @ $20	TOTAL
MEN'S								$	$	$
WOMEN'S								$	$	$
PRICE	$18 EACH				$20 EACH			T SHIRT - TOTAL		$

REGISTRATION - ACCOUNTING

REGISTRATION (INCLUDES FIRST CAR) - $40.00 AFTER 22 March 2013			$35.00	$
ADDITIONAL CAR - $30.00 AFTER 22 March 2013	NUMBER		$25.00 EA	$
FRIDAY NIGHT MEET & GREET BUFFET TICKETS	NUMBER		$25.00 EA.	$
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET TICKETS: – **TS ROAST** __ **V LASAGNE** __ **TILAPIA** __	NUMBER		35.00 EA.	$
MUSEUM OF DRAG RACING TOUR TICKETS: – **ADULTS** = $12 __. **60 & OVER** = $10 __. **13-18** = $10 __. **5-12** = $3 __ .				$
HORSE FARM TOUR TICKETS	NUMBER		$25.00 EA.	$
	TOTAL - REGISTRATION			$

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Registration & T Shirts) - Make check payable to: *"MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville"* **$**

SEND TO	*MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville*, 2031 THETA CT., ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
ONLINE	**ONLINE REGISTRATION & INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT**: www.mgclassics.org .
PAYMENT	**PLEASE MAIL CHECK WITH REGISTRATION**.
INFORMATION	**JIM HALL** - 904.282.1658, 904.613.9591; jimdeehall@att.net

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HILTON HOTEL, OCALA, FLORIDA

19-21 APRIL 2013

FRIDAY BUFFET: – **MENU:** Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Cold Slaw, Baked Beans, Rolls, and Peach Pie. Drink station with Ice Tea, Coffee, and Water. **PRICE:** $25.00 Per Person. **Cash Bar:** Before and during buffet. **BEGINS:** 6:30 PM.

SATURDAY BANQUET: – **MENU:** Top Sirloin Roast, Tilapia Piccata, Vegetable Lasagne, Rosemary Potatoes, Grilled Vegetable Medley, Tossed Salad, Fruit Salad, Rolls, Three layer Chocolate Cake, and Key Lime Pie. Drink Station with: Ice Tea, Coffee, and water. **Cash Bar:** Before and during banquet. **BEGINS:** 6:30 PM.

SATURDAY TOURS: 1:30 to 5:00 PM



DON GARLITS MUSEUM OF DRAG RACING: – **GO TO**: http://garlits.com/ for videos, slide shows, and details on this great museum. This website is a little difficult to work with, but just go back to "Home" if you get lost. Make sure you view the slide show as well as the videos. A visit to this museum alone is worth a trip to Ocala. **HENRY HIRSCHMAN** will lead a caravan to the museum. **THE CARAVAN WILL DEPART FROM THE HOTEL at 1:30 PM on Saturday.** Return to the Hotel on your own. **DISCOUNT TICKETS:** Under Five - free, Five to twelve - $3. Thirteen to eighteen - $10. Adults over eighteen - $12, Sixty and over - $10. Order tickets when you register.

HORSE COUNTRY CARRIAGE COMPANY & TOURS: is located in the heart of Ocala's finest farms. **GO TO:** www.hcccandt.com for details on the tour. You will be impressed. Driving through the gates you will feel you have stepped into a private resort surrounded by mighty live oaks, majestic palms, and best of all - beautiful horses. **LOCATED AT KIMBERDEN FARM**, a premier hunter & jumper training facility, it is a true oasis for horseman and horse lovers, alike. The tour includes visits to other farms. After the tour, you can sit on the patio under the live oaks to watch the horses and riders training. **NEIL NELSON** will lead a caravan to the farm. **THE CARAVAN WILL DEPART FROM THE HOTEL at 1:30 PM on Saturday**. Return to the Hotel on your own. **TICKETS:** $25 per person. Order tickets when you register.



T-SHIRT DESIGN



A very limited number of shirts will be available at the GOF, so, order when you register.

GOF LOGO



RELEASE & WAIVER

In consideration of and for the right to participate in the 47th Annual Gathering of the Faithful, I, on my behalf and on behalf of all members of my party attending the event, release the ***MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville Club, Florida Inc.***, all of the participating clubs, event sponsors and the ***Hilton Hotel, Ocala, Florida*** from any and all liability for damage to myself, my party, my car, or other property, while traveling to and from the event and while attending the event.

DRIVER & PASSENGER SIGN & DATE				
PLEASE PRINT NAMES				

MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville

Club Regalia

Club Polo shirts
medium
large
$20 each

Club Car Badges
$35 each

MG Baseball Hats
Red
White
Blue

CB Radio Antenna Mounts
(for Rubber-bumper MGBs)
$10 each

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Several Colors
$5 each

For Purchase & Information
Contact:

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Saturday - November 10th, 2012
Registration 8-10 am- Show 10am-3pm
Anheuser Busch Brewery
111 Busch Drive, Jacksonville, FL
All Makes and Models Welcome
Featuring Free Brewery Tour, Door Prizes, Over 30 Awards, 50/50 Drawing, Dash Plaques and Goody bags for the First 100 Vehicles Registered Day of Show. Registration is only $20 and in Honor of Veterans Day, display an American Flag on Your Car and receive $5 off registration.

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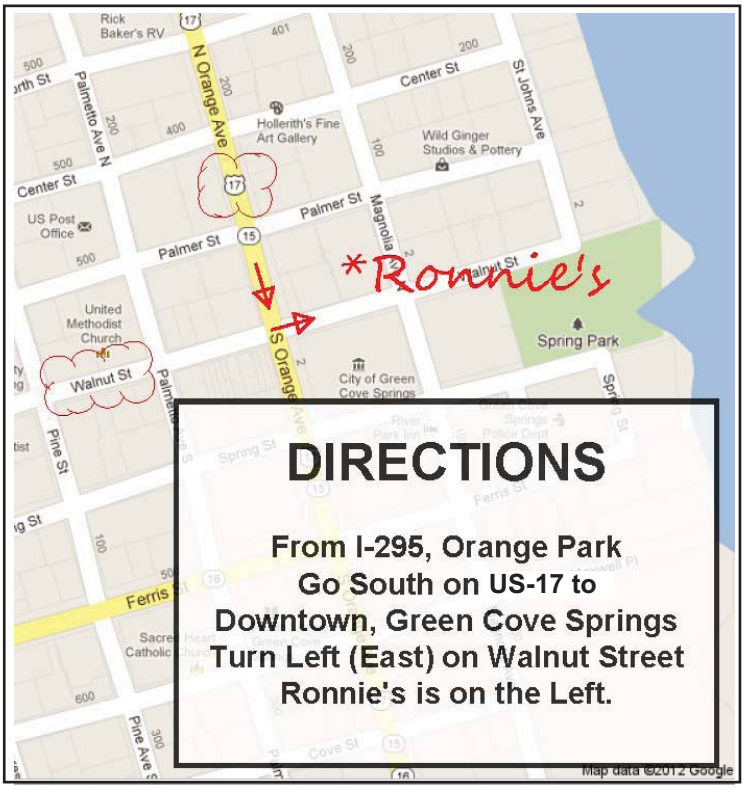
Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location/Information
	October	
13	**All British Car Show** By Triumph Club of North Florida	**King's Head Pub** US-1, St. Augustine. FL www.tcnf.org
20	**Annual 8 Flags Car Show** Amelia Cruizers	www.ameliacruizers.org
29	*MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville* Meeting	Ronnie's Green Cove Springs
	November	
2-4	FLORIDA SUNCOAST MG CAR CLUB JAMBOREE 18	**Riverside Inn** Homosassa Springs, FL gail@glenns.mg.com Gail Lenhand @ 727-521- 9890
10	**Bud Car Show & Brewery Tour** **See Article in this Newsletter**	**Budweiser Brewery** **111 Busch Dr., Jax**
	December	
8	*MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville* **Christmas Party**	**Holiday Inn** Wells Rd, Orange Park www.mgclassics.com

APRIL 2013		
19-21	Gathering of the Faithful	**Hilton Hotel, Ocala** www.mgclassics.com



MG CLASSICS of Jacksonville
227 Hollywood Forest Drive
Orange Park, FL 32003

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 6 PM - 29 OCT 12

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232 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
904-284-4728
For Menu and Other Info - Go to:
www.ronnieswingsflorida.com/

Bring Your Checkbook

Sign up for the Christmas Party

at 11 am, on 8 December 2012
@ the Holiday Inn, Wells Road,
Orange Park, Florida

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British Car Classic MK XXIV



Classes In The Show

1950 and Earlier
1951-1955
1956-1960
1961-1965
1966-1970
1971-1973
1974=1976
1977-1980
1981-1990
1991 and Later
Race
Best of Show

Where: Kings Head Pub US1 **When**: October 13, 2012
six miles north of St Augustine **Time**: 9am - 4pm

Sponsored by: Triumph Club of North Florida

Description: All British car show Participants choice trophies Free public admission

Registration: by Sept 15 $25; after Sept 15 $30 Vendors welcome $30

Contact: Norm Reimer (904)246-6044 suennorm@comcast.net

In addition, the following will apply:

- Early Registration first vehicle $25 additional vehicles $15
- Registration after Sept 15 first vehicle $30 additional vehicles $20
- Early registration gets one free tee shirt and can buy additional tee shirts for $10 each
- Registration after Sept 15 can buy one tee shirt for $5 and can buy additional tee shirts for $10
- Registration the day of the show ends at 12 noon.
- Voting ends at 1pm.
- Door prize drawings will be done through the day.
- There will be a British car quiz with prizes to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

BRITISH CAR CLASSIC (24TH ANNIVERSARY) MK XXIV
October 13, 2012 – Kings Head Pub – St. Augustine, Florida

** EARLY REGISTRATION**

$25 Vehicle #1 - **$15** Each Additional Vehicle Postmarked On or Before 9/15/12. Entrance fee after this date will be $30 with additional vehicles being $20.

Vendor Registration $30. All Vendors Must Have A Vendor Registration

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TRIUMPH CLUB OF NORTH FLORIDA **SEND TO**: 1409 FOREST AVENUE NEPTUNE BEACH, FL 32266

FOR INFORMATION: (904) 246-6044 OR suennorm@comcast.net

LOCATION: KINGS HEAD PUB – On U.S. 1 Approximately 6 Miles North Of Intersection Of U.S. 1 And State Road 16.

REGISTRATION

NAME _____ DAY PHONE _____ NIGHT PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CLUB AFFILIATION _____

VEHICLE #1 MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ $ _____

VEHICLE #2 MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ $ _____

Additional Vehicles (Use Back Of Form) $ _____

Souvenir Tee-Shirt(S) ($10 EA.) **S M L XL** $ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED $ _____

Post in all MG Classics Shops & Garages

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DATA SHEET

ELEMENT:	Woman
SYMBOL:	♀
DISCOVERER:	Adam
ATOMIC MASS:	Accepted as 55kg, but known to vary from 45kg to 225kg

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

1. Body surface normally covered with film of powder and paint
2. Boils at absolutely nothing – freezes for no apparent reason
3. Found in various grades ranging from virgin material to common ore

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

1. Reacts well to gold, platinum and all precious stones
2. Explodes spontaneously without reason or warning
3. The most powerful money reducing agent known to man

COMMON USE

1. Highly ornamental, especially in sports cars
2. Can greatly aid relaxation
3. Can be a very effective cleaning agent

HAZARDS

1. Turns green when placed alongside a superior specimen
2. Possession of more than one is possible but specimens must never make eye contact