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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 Pat Shotwell

Our meeting on the 27th was attended by 29 members. The British Car Classic turned out great. We had 74 registrations and 17 MG owners took home an award with Neil Nelson winning BEST OF SHOW. Congratulations to you all. Thanks to Joe Kaiser for the award clocks that were made for the show. Thanks also to those who brought door prizes, I think just about everyone won a prize. Buffalo's turned out to be a nice place for the show. I hope you have turned in your registration for the First Baptist of Orange Park Car Show on November 8th. Jim Hall has asked us, if we are going to the show, to bring door prizes. November 7th, Hibernia Baptist Church will have a car and bike show. November 21st and 22nd is the Ham Jam Classic Car Festival a non-stop entertainment and great prizes. WWW.hamjam.org <http://www.hamjam.org> Saturday November 14, Jacksonville Rod Runners will hold their Annual Toys for Tots. Charity Car and Truck cruise-in will be at the Food Lion shopping center 445 State Road 13 in Fruit Cove. It will be from 3:00pm to 7:30pm, bring a new toy or cash donation to help the children. For the U.S. Marine Corps. Toys for Tots Campaign. Please help them help others!

Our Christmas party is on December 19th at 2:00pm. Hopefully it will be great weather, so we can get a club picture of our cars. Think of that favorite dish you would like to make, we will have the sign up sheet at the next meeting.

Unfortunately, Wednesday, October 28th, Johnnie Nelson fell and broke her leg. She will be moved to Woodland Terrace Rehab in Fleming Island in a couple of days and is expecting to graduate from the walker to a cane and then back to her cheerful self. She would like to thank all the friends who offered help and prayers and since she is on the mend, looks like the prayers are working. Hopefully she will be back at full speed quickly. Neil would like to thank everyone for all the great offers to help and says "we have some difficult times ahead with rehab, but knowing Johnnie, she will be back to 100 percent sooner than we think". Seems the orthopedic surgeon and Johnnie were talking about her surgery and she mentioned the MG club. Dr. Hutton, said he used to own two MG's. Well, one story led to another and seems Dr. Hutton is friends with Dr. Lovejoy, a club member, and when we mentioned Dr. Fipp, another great member who has passed on, he said 3/4 of his office furniture came from him. This led to some typical MG banter and finally when he came into the waiting room after Johnnie's surgery, he said he had installed a grease fitting on her leg so we could us some "non MG grease" in it. He didn't recommend MG grease because it was known to break down. We had a good laugh and everyone else in the waiting room was wondering what was so funny. You just can't get away from those MG people!

You'll be in our prayers Johnnie.

Our next meeting will be at Clark's Fish Camp Restaurant in Mandarin on November 30th.

Results from British Car Classics Mk XXI

CLASS 3, 1950-1954:

1st Place: **Wayne Snook**, Orange Park,1953 MG TD
2nd Place: **Neil Nelson**, Fleming Island,1950 MG TD
3rd Place: **John Leenhouts**, Orange Park,1952 MG TD

CLASS 4, 1955-1959:

1st Place: **Ron Watz**, Palm Coast,1959 Triumph TR3A
2nd Place: **Bob Wrenn**, St. Johns,1959 MG A
3rd Place: **Joe Kaiser,** St. Augustine,1958 MG A Coupe

CLASS 5, 1960-1964:

1st Place: **Steven Giambra**, Ponte Vedra Bch,1962 Austin-Healey Mk II 3000
2nd Place: **John Leenhouts**, Orange Park,1960 Triumph TR3
3rd Place: **Helen Hirschman**, St. Augustine,1963 MG B

CLASS 6, 1965-1969:

1st Place: **Bud Elliott**, Jacksonville,1967 Sunbeam Tiger
2nd Place: **Karen Sager**, Orange Park,1965 MG B
3rd Place: **Jim Bak**, Jacksonville,1968 MG C

CLASS 7, 1970-1974:

1st Place: **Dyaarl Anderson**, Jacksonville,1971 Jaguar XKE
2nd Place: **Linda Dillard**, Fleming Island,1972 MG B
3rd Place: **Stan Kinmonth**, Orange Park,1974 Triumph TR6

CLASS 8, 1975-1980:

1st Place: **Lance Brazil**, Atlantic Beach,1980 Triumph Spitfire
2nd Place: **Richard Marquis**, St. Augustine,1979 MG B
3rd Place: **John Stech**, Jacksonville,1977 MG B

CLASS 9, 1981-PRESENT:

1st Place: **Todd Tetterton**, Kingsland, GA, 2005 Lotus Elise
2nd Place: **Norm Reimer**, Neptune Beach,2007 Jaguar S Type
3rd Place: **Craig Shankland**, Ormond Beach,2006 Jaguar XJ8

MODIFIED/RACING:

1st Place: **Bob Phillips**, Jacksonville,1970 MG B GT Honda
2nd Place: **George Oller**, Jacksonville,1983 J2K 3-Wheeler
3rd Place: **Les Biglands**, Jacksonville,1978 MG B V8

HARD LUCK AWARD: Cam Anderson, St. Augustine,1965 Triumph TR4A

BEST MG: Lily Kinmonth as voted by Triumph Club of North Florida Members, Orange Park,1971 MG B GT

BEST TRIUMPH: Stan Kinmonth as voted by MG Classics of Jacksonville Members, 1974 Triumph TR6

LONG DISTANCE AWARD (83 miles): Gregg (Iggy) Miller, Anthony,1973 MG B

HONORABLE MENTION: Stan Stokes, Middleburg,1960 MG A (in progress)

BEST OF SHOW

Neil Nelson, Fleming Island,1950 MG TD

2010 Vintage and Custom Car Show and Super Car Corral
Saturday, February 27, 2010

Produced by The Villages Vintage Car Club

Held at the Market of Marion
12 miles south of Ocala
12888 SE US Highway 441
Belleview, FL 34420



LADIES:
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SPECIALTIES OF THE SHOW
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Contests
- *Fan Belt Toss*
- *Oil Filter Installation Contest*

ENTRY FEE: $15.00 pre-registered - $20.00 day of show
- Pre-registration ends with receipt of form on Friday, February 12
- Registration Day of Show – From 8:00am to 11:00am

Judging starts at 12 noon
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$100.00 + Trophy

• Goody-Bag Giveaways • DJ entertainment • Great food on show grounds and inside the Market •
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Best Austin-Healy	Best Mustang	Best Interior
Best Camaro	Best Orphan Car	Best Paint
Best Chevelle	Best PT Cruiser	Best Wheels and Tires
Best Convertible	Best Rat Rod	
Best Corvair	Best Roadster	Best Stock Car 1900-1936
Best Corvette	Best Sedan	Best Stock Car 1937-1965
Best Coupe	Best Sport Tuner	Best Stock Car 1966-1985
Best Custom Car	Best Studebaker	Best Stock Car 1986-Present
Best Custom Truck	Best Thunderbird	
Best Firebird	Best Truck	Best Stock Truck 1900-1936
Best M.G.	Best V.W.	Best Stock Truck 1937-1965
Best Model-A Ford		Best Stock Truck 1966-1985
Best Model-T Ford		Best Stock Truck 1986-Present

AT LEAST 25 ADDITIONAL trophies to be awarded to those outstanding vehicles not winning a specific category.
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Portion of our Car Show proceeds to be donated to "Villagers for Hospice"

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(1) COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION; (2) *PHOTOCOPY COMPLETED FORM TO BRING TO SHOW*
THEN (3) SEND COMPLETED ORIGINAL REGISTRATION FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO
VILLAGES VINTAGE CAR CLUB c/o Mike Ferlisi – 17078 SE 80th Locustwood Ct – The Villages, FL 32162, OR
Drop Off Your Registration at Our Monthly Villages Car Show, 3rd Saturday of the Month at Our Club Table.

PLEASE **PRINT** THE FOLLOWING REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Name:_____ Email:_____ Phone:_____

Street:_____ City:_____ ZIP:_____

Make:_____ Model:_____ Year:_____

Club Affiliation:_____

NO "FOR SALE" SIGNS PERMITTED EXCEPT IN CORRAL AREAS

PRE-REGISTER: $15 ☐ REGISTER AFTER FEB 12: $20 ☐ CAR CORRAL (NON-DEALER): $20 ☐ NO REFUNDS

Tolbert dyno $60 – PLEASE CHECK: ☐ Money will be collected by Tolbert at show.

WAIVER: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, by execution of this entry form, entrants and spectators release and discha the sponsoring clubs, officers, employees, agents and representatives and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of the show/swap meet of and from any course whatsoever that might be suffered by the entrant to his person or property. Further, each entrant expre agrees to indemnify all the foregoing entities, firms, persons and bodies of and from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduc entrant or any participant assisting or cooperating with entrant and under the direction or control of entrant. We reserve the right to res inappropriate, offensive or copyrighted merchandise and to deny admittance.

No alcoholic beverages permitted on Show Grounds

SIGNATURE:_____ DATE:_____

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GOF South - Mk XLIV Registration Form

Register on-line at: **www.mgclassics.org/gof2010**
Or
Make checks payable to *MG Classics of Jacksonville* and mail this form to:
Jeff Sager, 2031 Theta Court, Orange Park, FL 32073

Please make your Hotel room reservations directly with Oceanside Inn & Suites (information on next page). This form is for the GOF-South Registration. You can mail this form with your payment, or register on-line (see above), and we'll send you an invoice to return with your payment.

_____ _____ ___ _____ _____

Mr./Ms./Dr. *First Name M I *Last Name Jr./III/Esq.

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

*Street Address Apt. *City *State *Zip

(___) ____ - _____ (___) ____ - _____ _____

Primary Phone # Secondary Phone # Email Address (please provide to help save on costs, it will not be shared, we promise)

Spouse/Guests: _____ _____

(For Name Tags) _____ _____

First MG: _____ _____ ☐ ☐ ☐

*Year *Model *First Timer? *Premier? *Preservation?

Second MG: _____ _____ ☐ ☐ ☐

Year Model First Timer? Premier? Preservation?

First Registered MG: # _____ x $35 = $_____
($40 after March 19th)

Additional MGs: # _____ x $15 = $_____ **Total For Registered Cars** $_____

We'll have a Low Country Boil dinner w/fried chicken, etc., by the pool Friday night and the traditional Awards Banquet Saturday night in the conference center with themed dinner stations: Georgia Country w/sliced roast beef, catfish, hush-puppies, bread pudding; And Cajun w/crawfish etouffee, stuffed pork loin, jambalaya, gumbo, cinnamon beignets, also salads, soup, veggies, rolls, coffee, tea, and cash bar. Please indicate the number of meals you'll need for each:

Friday Low Country Boil: # _____ x $20 = $_____

Saturday Banquet: # ___ __x $40 = $_____ **Total for Meals** $_____

Shirts (Total from other side) $_____ **Grand Total (cars+meals+shirts):** $_____

Make checks payable to MG Classics of Jacksonville

In consideration for the right to pay the event fees and participate in GOF South Mk XLIV, the undersigned hereby releases MG Classics of Jacksonville, its members, the hosting hotel, and event sponsors, from any and all liability for damage to car(s) and/or property and/or person while traveling to or from or participating in GOF South Mk XLIV, and that I have suitable liability insurance covering my registered car(s).

Signature (required): _____ Date: _____

*Required Information

GOF South - Mk XLIV

Additional Information

Hotel: Our host hotel is the Oceanside Inn & Suites, 711 North Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA, 31527. It is located directly on the beach and offers large rooms with kitchenettes, a pool & whirlpool, beach access, and plenty of parking. They are blocking six categories of rooms for us at special rates. *Please make your reservation directly with them by calling toll free 866-553-5955*. *Mention that you are attending the MG Car Show Event in April, 2010.* They will require a one night advance deposit to secure your reservation. A 48 hour cancellation is required to receive a full refund of the deposit. You can extend your reservation at these rates for up to three days before and three days after the event (if space is available). **Please reserve early**. To ensure these rates please reserve by March 4, 2010.

Islandside Room	$107.00/night plus taxes
Oceanside Room	$117.00/night plus taxes
Superior Ocean	$146.00/night plus taxes

Lanai or Ocean Efficiency	$156.00/night plus taxes
Oceanfront Loft	$174.00/night plus taxes
Sand Dollar Suite	$288.00/night plus taxes

Tentative Event Schedule

Thursday	7:00pm	Get Together for Early Arrivers
Friday	2:00pm	Registration Opens / Hospitality Room
	5:00 - 7:00pm	First Timer's Show
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Low Country Boil Dinner near pool...next to the First Timer's Show
Saturday	8:00am	Registration Opens / Hospitality Room
	8:30am	Begin Parking Cars On Show Field
	10:00am - 1:00pm	Grand Show Of Cars
	1:30pm	Driving Tours and other Jekyll Island Activities
	6:00pm	Wine and Cheese Gathering
	7:00 - 10:00pm	Awards Banquet / Raffle / Auctions
Sunday	8:00am	Farewells / Hospitality Room

Shirts: Special GOF South Mk XLIV shirts are available for purchase through the MG Classics Club. There are two types: Tee's (100% cotton, Sand color only, with silk-screened event logo front & back); and golf shirts (100% cotton with embroidered logo, choice of colors). *Please check the web (www.mgclassics.org/gof2010) to see examples of the logos*. **All shirts (golf or tee) must be pre-ordered.** They will not be available after the show.

Mens Tee@$12	**Qty**	**Size** (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)
	___	_____
	___	_____

Ladies Tee@$12	**Qty**	**Size** (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)
	___	_____
	___	_____

Mens Golf @$25 (addl $2 for 3X)	**Qty**	**Size** (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)	**Color** (White, Red, Bimini Blue, Spring Green, Putty)
	___	_____	_____
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Ladies Golf @$25 (addl $2 for 3X)	**Qty**	**Size** (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)	**Color** (White, Red, Lt Blue, Pink, Chino Khaki)
	___	_____	_____
	___	_____	_____

Total For All Shirts (Carry to other page) $_____

Reading a Wiring Diagram

by Lance Brazil *Reprinted from the Newsletter of the Triumph Club of North Florida*

A word of caution: there are multiple sets of wiring diagrams for every car. An example would be cars with right or left hand drive or cars that were made for the California market which has always had more stringent pollution control laws than the rest of the nation. Make sure you have the correct diagram for your car and year before you start to work on the wiring.

A few generalities from **David Gerrard** at the English Garage on wire colors on our British Cars:

Brown: Carries voltage (hot)all the time and is unfused.

Purple: Hot all the time, fused.

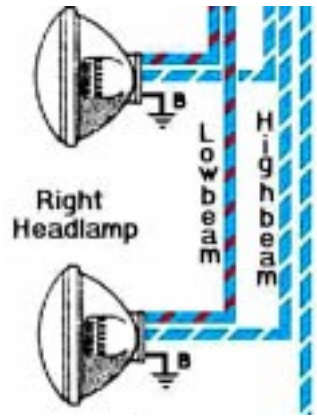
White: Hot with the ignition on, unfused.

Green: Hot with ignition on, fused.

Blue: Headlights.

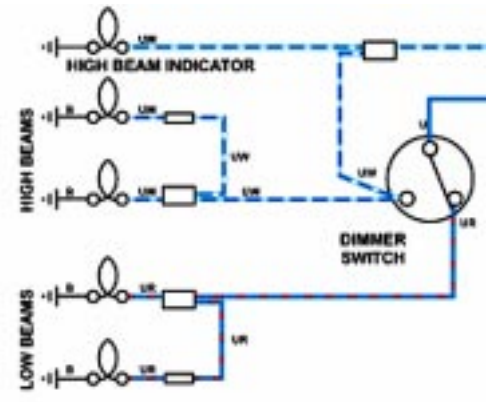
Red: Side marker lights.

Let's start with some basics: battery and ground. Most of our cars are 12 volts, negative ground (Negative earth in Britspeak.) A few of the earlier models were positive ground. What this means is one side of the battery (negative or -)is grounded or attached to the engine or body of the vehicle in some manner. The positive (+) of the battery is generally attached to the solenoid. When you turn your key to the On position it switches 12 volts to the coil and other electrical components. When you turn the key to Start, it supplies 12 volts to the starter motor by way of the solenoid and cranks the engine.



Everything electrical on the car works on the principle of battery on one side and ground on the other. If you have a marker light, tail light, backup (reversing lamp) on the car, one side is grounded to the body of the car. You may have only one lead going to the light since the socket it is in contact with the grounded body. When the light needs to be on, 12 volts is supplied to the other side and the light comes on. This is a little easier to visualize if you look at the wiring diagram to the left.

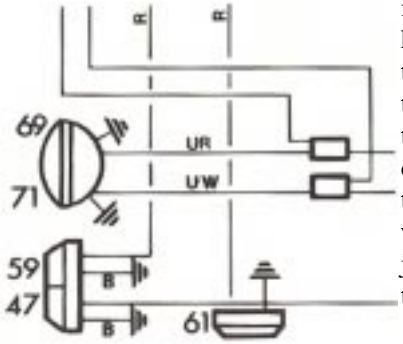
In the excellent example shown, ground is shown as B along with the universal symbol for ground. This drawing shows the wire colors as they will appear at the light and if you follow the wiring back to the source (the dip or dimmer switch, you will find the same colors attached there.) Each of the Headlamps has two filaments, one for high beam and one for low beam. Both filaments are grounded on one side. According to the lead with battery supplied on it that lamp will light; battery on the blue/white wire, high beam, battery on the blue/red wire, low beam.



In this drawing from another company we see a slightly different set of symbols, these are more universal. This diagram is still a good one because it shows wiring in the colors found on that model. Notice that the high beam indicator lamp is shown. It shows a wire connected in the middle of another... This is almost never done in practice. What you would see is two leads coming from the same terminal or connector.

Both of the drawings here show labels for each major components. Bentley Workshop Manuals and Haynes Workshop Manuals have everything numbered with a numbered list identifying what each number represents. Also in these manuals, everything is in black and white, so wires are labeled with somewhat esoteric letters: N = Brown, U = Blue, B = Black, etc. There will always be a legend defining the coloring codes used in their particular diagram. The color codes are very important. In the diagram below notice the color codes of UR and UW.

This diagram, is an example of what you might find in Bentley's or Haynes manuals. Although functional, it is troublesome to locate an item, get its number, refer to the key to the wiring diagram, check the color code of the wires, look them up in the legend, and then try to remember what you were doing in the first place. Sometimes this is all you have to work with and you struggle through, it just takes a little more concentration.



Let's go through a trouble shooting scenario. One of your backup lamps does not work. It cannot be a fuse, since both left and right lamps work from the same fuse. The first thing you do is replace the bulb. The new lamp still does not light.

Set the parking brake, remove the bulb, turn the ignition key to the ON position (do not start the engine) and put the gearshift in reverse. Ground the common lead of a voltmeter to the body, set the voltmeter scale to DC volts and anything greater than 15 volts. Take the other lead of the volt meter and touch the center button at the bottom of the bulb socket. If you don't have 12 volts, check the lead coming from the other backup lamp. The wiring usually goes from the transmission switch to one lamp and then through a short (jumper) wire over to the other lamp. If you don't have voltage, check the wire from the other lamp. If you do have voltage, it probably means the bulb is not making good contact. Clean the button in the bottom of the bulb socked, replace the bulb, and test again.

A few times you may have to follow a wire from the electrical device back to the source. This is where having a color code for a wire is essential. An example of my own is when my horns failed to work after I had new carpeting installed (that doesn't seem logical does it)? I first checked the horn relay, by pressing the horn button several times and I could hear it clicking. I used a long piece of wire temporarily from the positive terminal of my battery and touched the + side of the air compressor. After banging my head on the bonnet because it startled me I knew the compressor and the horns worked.

I began following the wire back to the firewall. Once it went through the firewall I was able to tease it out of the wire loom and followed it to the horn relay. I unplugged the lead from the relay, applied battery, and the horn sounded. Upon careful inspection, I found that the WHITE lead to the relay was missing. I found the lead, reconnected it and everything worked fine.

This diagram is for the overdrive circuit in a Spitfire. There are two switches in this circuit: the first is the overdrive switch located on the gearshift connecting the green wire to the Yellow/green wire.



These colors may or may not be correct. The second switch is located on the transmission and it keeps the overdrive from being activated in first, second, and reverse gears. The main thing to see here is the symbols used for a switch and that both switches have to be operated in order to activate the overdrive solenoid.

Wiring diagrams for TR2, TR3, TR3A, TR3B, TR4, TR4A, TR6, and almost all MGs can be downloaded free from http://www.advanceautowire.com/. Scroll to the bottom of the page to find the links. Each download is in the form of a PDF file with multiple pages. Be sure you are using the correct diagram for your car.

Excellent wiring diagrams for Spitfires and GT6s can be downloaded from http://www.triumphspitfire.com/wiring.html . These diagrams are more accurate than Hayne's according to the web site and this is the one I use when I need to work on the wiring. The first example of diagrams at the beginning of this article is from this site.

I had my wiring diagram laminated ($2.36 at Office Max) and took it along on a recent road trip. Although my car has never given me trouble, it did on this trip and the wiring diagram enabled me to make temporary repairs in order to drive home. I drove 1148 miles in three days!

MG Classics October 26th Meeting

We had 29 members at our October meeting at Ronnie's in Green Cove Springs.

We started out the meeting with a thank you gift for John Leenhouts for doing a great job with the British Car Classic.

Beth Stokes and Jeff Sager woke up the crowd with a couple of jokes.

The GOF-S will be here before you know it. Please start thinking of how you would like to help. Sign up sheets will be available soon. TOOLS, TOOLS, TOOLS, please bring them to our November meeting. Baskets and raffle prizes are also needed. Don't forget ladies, a prize for the best basket! We would like to have vendors at the GOF, so if you know of anyone who would like to set up a booth, please inform Jeff Sager. Vendors of any kind are welcome, not just for car items.

Our Christmas party will be on December 19th, at 2:00pm at John Leenhouts hangar house. Please bring a gift, with a $20.00 value, if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. It would be great if everyone brought their dish in a disposable container if not, please be sure to take your dish home. All dishes left at the Christmas party will be auctioned on Ebay!!

Hibernia Bike and Car show will be at Hibernia Baptist Church on Saturday, November 7th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.

The First Annual, Orange Park First Baptist Car and Bike show will be on Sunday, November 8th. It will be held at Orange Park First Baptist church, 1140 Kingsley Avenue. The Car show and BBQ begins at 2:00pm and concert with Marty Rabon and Full Circle will be at 6:00pm. Registration will be one bag of donations or $20.00 for the Orange Park Clothes Closet. Please contact Jim Hall for questions. If you would like to help out, door prizes are needed.

The following members have been nominated for next year; President-Nancy Leenhouts, V-President-Karen Sager, Secretary-Pheona Kaiser, and Treasurer-Karen Altomare. Board of Directors MGC-Jim Bak and Parts coordinator-Wayne Ottoson

Linda Dillard was our lucky 50/50 winner, taking home $36.00. Congratulations.

Our next meeting will be at Clark's Fish Camp Restaurant in Mandarin on November 30th. We will see you there!

TOWING A 1980 MGB

——Original Email Message——
From: **JOHN LESTER**
To: **BILL THOMPSON**
Sent: Wed, 7 Nov **2007** 6:12 pm
Subject: **Towing 1980 MGB**

Bill: I am emailing various MG Clubs hoping I can get an answer to my question. I want to tow a 1980 MGB behind my Motorhome with all wheels on the ground. I think it should be OK with the transmission in neutral but I am not 100% sure. Just wondering if you or anyone you know can help me. Thanks
John Lester, Tampa

From: **BILL THOMPSON**
To:**JOHN LESTER**
Sent: Wed, November 7, **2007** 7:50:54 PM
Subject: Re: **Towing 1980 MGB**

John: I have towed my 1967 MGB behind a pick up truck using a steel triangular device where one side of the triangle bolts to the two front bumper brackets (bumper is removed) and the other point of the triangle fits onto the ball hitch. With the transmission in neutral, there was no problem pulling the car or turning. I'm not a mechanic, so I don't know if long term pulling does any harm to the car, but I can't imagine where it would except for just the tires wearing normally. Hope this helps.

Bill Thompson, BBMGs, Tallahassee
From: **JOHN LESTER**
To: **BILL THOMPSON**
Sent: Thu, Oct 29, **2009** 12:03 pm
Subject: Re: **Towing 1980 MGB**

Bill: Sorry for the delay in replying to you. I have now towed my 1980 MGB about 15000 miles behind my motorhome with all wheels down. I had brackets welded on the MGB front frame to use a Blue Ox Tow Bar from my motorhome. I just put the transmission in neutral and the ignition key to auxilliary to release the steering lock also handbrake off. I have had no problems except for if I make a sharp turn one way and imediately make a sharp turn the other way I can get some rather violent movement of the MGB steering from side to side. I just have to take manoevers slowly. It does put miles on the clock but I am not going to disconnect the speedo every time I hook up. Does not seem to have any detrimental effect on the transmission front end or steering.

Just thought I would let you know
John Lester, Tampa

To: **Editor:** I answered John Lester's request for towing advice based on my own personal experience, and he took me up on it, for the most part. Seems it worked pretty well after 15,000 miles of pulling his MGB. **Bill Thompson**

Club Regalia

Club Polo Shirts (Medium or Large) $20 each
Club Car Badges $35 each
MG Baseball Hats (in red, white, or blue) $10 each
Rubber Bumper CB Radio Antenna Mounts $10 ea.
Miscellaneous Car Pins $5 each (several colors also)

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Regalia Chairman,
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California TD, 2-tone Green, louvered hood & leather racing straps, front fenders cut like TC, spare tire cover, windwings, custom camel interior/black carpet, tan canvas top & zippered rear window, matching side curtains, tonneau cover, new head gasket, water pump, freeze plugs, battery, side air filters, front springs, A arm bushings, rear spring rubbers, steering accordion boots, 5 Vredestein Sprint S80 165/15 tires, tubes, rear brake shoes & rear axle seals, recent fuel pump, aluminum MG valve cover, Silver steel disc wheels & orig. MG Medallion hubcaps, orig. owner's handbook, workshop manual, parts manual, original tools & jack, SU carb tools, special edition steering wheel, chrome headlights, turn signals, cotton car cover & orig. MG Mitten rubberized car cover, stainless steel mesh grille stoneguard, faux chrome wheel knockoffs, silicone brake fluid. $19K Mark Maretka, Sarasota, FL 941-907-9559 after 6:00 p.m.Cell: 941-993-3718, mmaretka@verizon.net

52 MGTD LE Replicar

Manufactured by London Motors Corp, Dearborn, MI in 1984, Sold by GM at Ennesy Buick Cadillac, Vero Beach. *THIS IS NOT A KIT CAR!* Air-Cooled 1.8 liter 4-cyl. rear mount engine, 4-speed manual. Excellent Condition! $9,995. tiffanysattic@aol.com Call 904-377-1961. St. Augustine, FL

58 MG Magnette ZB

Restored White MG Magnette ZB featured in May 2002 issue of Classic Motor Sport Maga. World's first sports sedan. ZB's are very rare & there is said to be only a couple of hundred roadworthy vehicles world wide. Car won premier class in SE MG Gathering of the Faithful in 2002. Car looks really good inside & out. It could use some additional exterior cosmetic work. Car is mechanically sound & recent new clutch, mounts, brake cylinders, brakes, etc. Car comes with extra hard to find parts including 3 doors, trunk, new rockers, wiper motor, heater box, radiator, water bottle, radio, steering wheel, motif, & other misc. parts. $15K. Andrew T. DeCandis 904 403 3028 or drewdecandis @comcast.net

61 MGA 1600 Mk I

Gorgeous red paint, new black leather interior, 3K miles on rebuilt engine, redone brakes, front end, slave & master cylinders, all new weather equipment. Show & drive. $21,500 or BO, Stephen 904-280-3822 cell 770-853-4949

73 MGB

Metal Bumpers, Wire Wheels. New Paint-Bracken & Windshield, seals, seat covers & Robbins Top. 2 Tonneau covers. CD/ Radio Stereo. Garage kept,covered, driven weekly. Maint. records. 87,777 miles $9800 Fred 904-772-1842

75 MGB - FRESH PAINT

Middleburg FL. Rebuilt carburetor & installed new alternator & ignition system, rack & pinion steering & muffler. Running! Good body. Needs new top & paint. "Last chance - $2750. Don 904-291-4246 DShill1637@Bellsouth.net Photos on request.

96 Jaguar XJS 2+2 convertible

Last of the 'real' Jaguar styling. 58K miles, fully loaded with all standard Jaguar accessories, mechanically sound, good tires. Second owner for 3 years. Exterior color is champagne with matching leather interior. Exterior paint freshen-up to restore & driver's seat repaired (due to leather cracking). Special price for club members at $12K Call Rod or Carol Marcom at 904-268 0988

Parts:

MGB Parts

Left side floor pan, Rocker panel, Inner rocker panel $60 each Les Biglands W4MGB@comcast.net

67 MGB Motor +

1.8L & 4 spd, Running when pulled a year ago. Complete from air cleaner to oil pan, extra starter, exhaust head pipes, trans & clutch have not even been separated. Weber progressive 2bbl carb. $500 obo (904) 361-8951 Matt or area51auto@gmail.com

"T" Type Welded steel tow bar

Standard ball hitch for your "T Type" towing needs. $25.OBO. Will deliver to club meeting. Lamar Drake (904) 262 6182

71 MGB parts car

motor runs, body has extensive rust. Make offer Bob Phillips 904 751 6496 Will deliver up to 100mi.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

MG Classics Meeting Place for Nov. 30th is Clark's Fish Camp Seafood Restaurant (904) 268-3474 at 12903 Hood Landing Rd Jacksonville, FL 32258

Nov 14-15 -2009 Vintage Motor Classic - St Petersburg Yacht Club- Info: www.spyc.org

Dec. 19 - MG Classics Christmas at the *Hangar House* - 2:00pm

Feb 27 - 2010 Vintage & Custom Car Show & Super Car Corral - by Villages Vintage Car Club - Market of Marion in Belleview, FL

Mar. 20, 2010 - New Orleans 20th Annual British Car Day - Info: www.bmcno.org

Apr. 8-11, 2010 - MG GOF South Mk 44 - Jekyll Island, GA - Back to Jekyll for the 44th Gathering Of the Faithful.

Apr. 19-23 - Mile Zero GT6 Key West - Participate in the **Conch Republic's *Worlds Longest Parade - Info coming!***

Jun. 12 & 13 - "The Drive-In" annual gathering of the M.G. Drivers Club of North America for 2010 held in conjunction with the Manchester (VT) Classic Car Event. www.mgdriversclub.com

Jun. 23-27 - MG 2010 - Ontario, CA **-** Info: www.mg2010.com

Jul 1-3 - GOF Central XXXII at Lake Erie in Sandusky, OH – All MGs Welcome – hosted by the Ohio Chapter, NEMGTR

Jul. 30-31 - The Roadster Factory (TRF) Summer Party, Armagh, PA, www.the-roadster-factory.com 1-800-283-3723

Jul. 26-29 - NAMGAR GT-35 - Delvan, WI, Info: www.mgcars.org.uk/namgar

Sep. 24-26 - SE British Car Festival - Dillard, GA- Peachtree MG Register

Nov. 5 -7, 2010 - JAMBOREE 17 - *Returning to the Riverside Inn in Homosassa Springs* *(which caused Pheona to start BBMGS !)*

Jun 12-18, 2011 MG2011 NA Council of MG Registers, All-Register Gathering at Reno-Tahoe, NV – Info:www.mgcars.org.uk/mgcouncil



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