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Prez Sez John Leenhouts

Where has 2006 gone? For those of us fortunate enough to be in possession of one of Morris Garage's special British beasts of the road it was a year filled with many cruz'en adventures and a few challenging roadside repairs. The best part of the past 12 months has been the opportunity for Nancy and I to be in the drivers seat with so many wonderful passengers who willing went along with most of our navigational guidance on the club's "Road Trip 2006". I can not thank all of you enough for the enumerable extra hours of support you gave me and the MG Classics of JAX. We covered a lot of miles and have a scrapbook full of photos to prove how much fun it truly was (some photos will never be released to the public).

As hard as it is to give up the helm, it is made considerably easier when the replacement is better than yourself. Jeff and Karen are perfect for the position and have been doing a substantial amount of the work for the club in the background for a long time. I for one am looking forward to Jeff at the wheel so I can give unsolicited direction from the backseat and not be held accountable for any of the rotationally wrong turns (not that he would make one). Please join Nancy and I in welcoming and supporting our new "Fearless Leader" as he guides us on the winding roads of 2007

"Never steer by the rear-view mirror, but rather navigate by the road signs in your windshield". Safety Fast Always, Lutes

Christmas Party - MG Classics Style

by Jeff Sager

Well, it's Christmas time again and that means the MG Classics of Jacksonville gets their party hats on. This year John and Harriet Lovejoy were hosts at their very, very, very secluded "love shack" on Black Creek. I'm not sure how Santa finds the place!

About 30 of us assembled and began the evening with cocktails and appetizers. It was a bit nippy out but Dr. Lovejoy wasted no time in lighting a fire inside the cabin and out on the back porch so that we could mingle comfortably back and forth. The conversations were lively and folks had a lot of fun admiring the cabin and playing with some of the animal trophies on the walls.

Eventually, some of the ladies got hungry and the few left-over scraps of appetizers where swept away and out came the main courses and, in time, the desserts. The turkey and ham were outstanding - many thanks to John and Nancy Leenhouts for



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arranging them on behalf of the club from Buffalo's Cafe. The vegetable, salad, and dessert dishes that folks brought to share were incredible as well. Thanks to everyone for making it a meal fit for royalty! The gentlemen agreed to let the ladies serve themselves first and dog gone if they didn't take over the entire dinner table too! But that was OK, we fellas would do anything to keep the ladies happy.

After eating and story swapping it was time for the gift exchange - done the MG Classics way. Folks were randomly selected to go up and choose any gift they wanted, but they couldn't peek inside the wrapping. After everyone had their "first" gift, we went in reverse order and each person chose whether to trade their gift for one that somebody else had chosen. Chic Holliday had her mind made up and she worked very hard to eventually get the one she had her eye on. Then it was time to open the gifts. Chic then learned that you have to be careful about what you ask for, you might get it! Well, that was another donation to the GOF raffle. Everyone had a really good time. The Hollidays then treated everyone to very special "parting gifts" - cloth carrying bags with words and our club logo to commemorate the event. Thanks to Chic and Terry for their wonderful generosity!

Thanks to the Lovejoys for hosting, the Leenhouts for coordinating, and everyone else for their friendly participation. If you missed it - too bad!! Don't miss it next year!



Safety MG Fast!

Repairing the MGB Rubber Bumpers

by John "The MG Doc" Mangles, owner - All British Car Repair, St. Louis, MO - www.themgdoc.com

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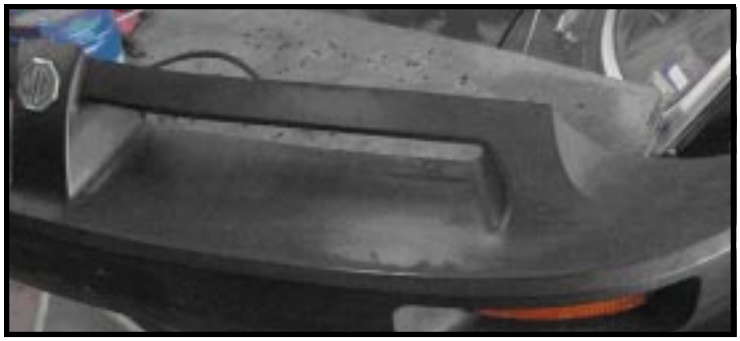
As a professional restorer, I've been asked many times how to repair / refinish the rubber bumpers of the MGB. After years of use, many bumpers have nicks and scratches as well as a weathered look due to sun bleaching. In this article, I'll try to explain how to properly refresh their appearance.



Tools and materials assembled

As with any kind of repairs, proper safety equipment is a must. For this job I'll use a dust mask, ear & eye protection for grinding / sanding, a charcoal respirator for painting, and rubber gloves for the chemicals. Be sure to read and follow the directions on all the products. Some can be hazardous to your health!

The tools needed will be a grinder, a sanding block or DA sander, a small auto body filler spreader, a blow gun (for compressed air), and a heat gun.



Before repairs. Notice the dull, crazed finish. Home restorers should remove bumpers first.

Supplies needed will be plenty of clean water; plenty of clean lint-free rags; a Scotch Brite (tm) pad; cleaning detergent; wax and grease remover; 80, 180, 220, 320 and 400 grit sandpaper; masking tape; a flexible bumper repair kit; and flexible bumper paint - not to mention plenty of elbow grease.

With this particular repair, I used a paint spray gun for the refinishing; however, the flexible bumper paint comes in an aerosol can if you don't happen to have spray equipment. For ease of working, you might want to remove the bumper. I started with the bumper on the car then removed it for final sanding, cleaning, and painting.

Start by first removing all lights, bumper stickers, and the MG emblem, then clean the bumper with a good quality wax and grease remover. I used DuPont's Prep-Sol (tm) #3919S following the directions on the can. Next, wash the bumper with a cleanser such as Fantastic or 409 and the Scotch Brite pad - scrubbing it to within an inch of its life - then rinse it with plenty of clean water. Now you are ready to make the repairs.

Start by sanding the bumper (every bit of it) with the 80-grit sandpaper to remove any and all of the paint from the surface. I used a DA type air sander; but it can be done by hand, it just takes longer. Clean all sanding dust from surface then wash and dry using clean, lint-free towels.

Some dents and deformations can usually be removed using a paint stripping heat gun. To do this, play the heat on the inside (if possible) and outside of the area until it softens a bit. Be careful not to heat too much or you'll have more repairs to do. As the area softens, pull or push the area into place, using your fingers (careful, it's HOT) or some other sort of tool and then cool it down using cool water. If the area does not respond properly, heat and cool until it does.

For scratches, nicks, gouges, and some small tears, start by sanding / grinding the effected area to roughen it up a bit and remove any loose pieces. Fill the effected area by mixing a small amount of the flexible repair filler (following the directions on the package) and evenly coat the entire surface of the bumper using the auto body filler spreader. You may not be able to cover the entire surface with the amount you mixed so continue mixing more until the surface is covered. The flexible repair that I used can be worked for about 5 minutes and sets in about 15 minutes. It will set up faster in warm weather and slower in cooler weather.

When the filler sets up (cures), it will be smooth to the touch. Filler that has not completely cured will feel sticky and will not sand well at all. Once the filler has cured, start by sanding with 180-grit sandpaper using a sanding block or sander until smooth. If there are still small imperfections, spread another coat on the effected area and sand smooth. When the surface is smooth to your liking and all of the imperfections are removed, wet sand the entire surface with 220-grit, wet or dry sandpaper with plenty of clean water. Rinse and dry again, using the lint free towels.

With the bumper completely sanded, cleaned and dried, you are ready to start the refinishing. Again, read and follow all instructions on the paint can and use your



Bumper after cleaning with wax & grease remover and initial sanding.



Bumper after final sanding and ready for finish.

safety equipment!

Start by applying two medium wet coats of the flexible bumper paint being sure to let it flash-off (dry to dull finish) between coats. When dry, usually in about 30 to 45 minutes depending on temperature and humidity, wet sand with 320-grit wet or dry sandpaper again and use plenty of clean water. Rinse and dry. Apply one to two more, medium wet coats of flexible paint allowing proper dry time, then wet sand with 400-grit sandpaper. Rinse and dry, lint free towels again.

The surface should now be ready for the final coat of paint. Let the final coat of paint dry overnight then reassemble and reinstall the bumper. Your finish should have a smooth, semi-gloss finish.

The Products John used:

- DuPont 3919S Prep-Sol(tm) solvent (wax and grease remover)
- 3M Automix(tm) EZ Sand Flexible Parts Repair
- 3M 80, 180, 220, 320, & 400 grit sandpaper
- 3M Scotch Brite(tm) scuff pad (red or grey)
- SEM(tm) #39104 Flexible Bumper Coater (paint)
All products supplied by Automotive Finishes, INC. St. Louis, MO



Het Presto! The Final Result

ED Note: Gatlinburg/MG2006 John Mangles & Glenn Lenhard returned Daphne to running condition and she got 32.2 mpg - average speed 60 mph with the A/C on full blast returning to St. Augustine, Fla. Enroute to Jamboree 15 she ended up at Glenn's MG Repair after having a severe LUCAS Moment!

JAMBOREE 15!

by Pheona Kaiser

Even the death rattle of Daphne could not dampen the enjoyment of your editors at this bi-annual event. That's right Daphne experienced a devastating LUCAS Moment and required transport to Glenn's MG Repair in St. Petersburg.

Lets start from the beginning when your editors departed home and headed for the Tallahassee hospitality of Wanda & Tom Phares. After a pleasant and problem free trip to Tallahassee the Phares provided an evening of fabulous food & beverage.

Our MG Jamboree Caravan departed the following morning with *Basil*, JP Brown's MG Midget leading, *Daphne*, Kaiser's MGA Coupe and *Earl*, Phare's MGA Roadster tailing. After a pleasant lunch at *Crackers* in Crystal River the BBMGs Jamboree Caravan departed . South of Homassasa Springs the caravan left US19 and continued South on the Sunshine Parkway. Just south of the Spring Hill exit and 1.25 miles North of the Brooksville exit *Daphne* had a LUCAS Moment (loud POP, the tack pegged full, wipers running in the OFF position and the cd player quit)! Alongside the road we determined that we also lost the horn, clock, brake lights plus the engine would not restart. The starter however still functioned normally.

A quick call to the other caravanners alerted them, then we contacted AAA Road Service and Glenn at Glenn's MG Repair. Two and a half hours later we were on a flat-bed wrecker and in short order arrived at Glenns to find him waiting patiently with shop door up and the back hatch open on his daughters SUV. Quickly the ailing beast was garaged and off we went following Glenn, to the Jamboree 15 site!

We missed only the beginning of the Jamboree Calypso Night games but joined in on the merriment for the remainder of the weekend. MG Classics (Jacksonville) members Ron & Janet Tarr, had towed their TD with their Chevy 4 door pickup, they were our gracious ride home!

Thank You Ron & Janet!

FSMGCC has again raised the bar for MG Events!



Ron & Janet Tarr & TD



Your editors in Buffett attire

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 is 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 - Jun 30	$25.00
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Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	$8.25
Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	$25.00 (pays for following year)

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

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MG Automobile Currently Owned (use reverse side for more):

	Year	Model	Condition
1.			
2.			
3.			

Club Use

Date Received: _____Dues Received: $_____ Added to Roster: _____

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Automobiles For Sale

59 MGA 1500 Coupe
Rust free barn find (really). Not running but it is all there for restoration. Features: Extra MGB 1800 engine and five speed conversion kit to fit the 1800 engine, Engine needs rebuild before installation, Original engine & tranny still in the car, 3.9 rear end not installed, Has disc wheels. Car is green but needs complete paint job. No dents. Sacrifice at $8500. Jim Hall @ 904-282-1658 or 904-613-9591. Pictures available upon request

58 A/H BugEye Sprite
For Complete Restoration! Imported from Scotland. Titled as a 1959 model. The car has not been started or driven in 25 years. Pictures available. 2nd owner William(Bill) Nelson. 904-285-2886 around 1:35 pm.

67 MGB
Black W/Black Interior (new), 92,000 miles, overdrive, electronic ignition, 5 new Goodyear tires, 12V pos grd, show quality car. Have to sell due to family illness. $11,000 OBO. Kimo Silcox 904-910-5381

69 MGBGT
Rust free Arizona car (really). Still had Arizona radio station sticker on rear hatch window. Features: Crane street performance cam, Supercharger, Five speed conversion kit, Custom alloy wheels w/205X55-15 tires. Custom (Pontiac Fiero) seats,Big brake kit up front, Rear disc brakes w/ electric parking brake, Aston Martin Green metallic base coat-clear coat. 5000 miles on rebuilt engine. Electonic ignition. Sacrifice at $12,500. $16,000.00 invested. Great driver. Pictures available upon. Jim Hall @ 904-282-1658 or 904-613-9591

69 MGB Roadster For restoration
Disassembled for restoration and is all there. Features: Excellent wire wheels (repainted). New floor pans for installation, (Old driver side floor pan removed), Rust pimples in front and rear doglegs but no rust through, No top but frame is there, Engine running with good oil pressure when removed. (about 6 mo. ago). 4 speed tranny. Sacrifice @ $500. & you tow it away. Jim Hall @ 904-282-1658 or 904-613-9591

71 MG Midget
It has been sitting in my Dad's yard (in Lake City) for 3 Years. Teal, wire wheels, chrome bumpers, 1275cc, Weber Down draft, Generator replaced with alternator, trans from ' 76', needs body work (I also have two more fenders for it.) Restoreable. First one with $800. Mike Cell # (904) 813-0605 - creighton_island _pirate@yahoo. com

72 MGB
Restoration nearly complete, must make room for next project for my bride, this is a disease and I'm not ashamed to ask for help. Rebuilt engine, carbs, brakes, suspension, shocks, all new rubber including Michelin tires, paint (as a shell), only minor cosmetic items remain - the heavy lifting is done, its ready for fun. $9,900 jp@boutinbrown.com (Tallahassee)

72 MG B
Has o/d and is nice, red with white wall tires, chrome rims, CD player, tonneau, boot, carpeted trunk, etc. Does not run hot! $6K.

72 Midget
Needs paint, everything works, even the trunk light which is unusual. $1,500 Jack Sterrett. 912-634-5791 Cell is 478-232-2908

72 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 & more. Can easily be a daily driver. Asking $4000 OBO. Ranger Inman cell 813-298-4804 - 813-882-3153 - 2ranger@tampa bay.rr .com.

74 MGB For Restoration
Not running but all there for restoration. Features: Body rust pimples in doglegs but not rust-through. No Top but frame is there, Silver paint, Rostyle wheels, 4 speed tranny. Car is very restorable. Sacrifice @ $500. & you tow it away. Jim Hall @ 904-282-1658 or 904-613-9591.

79 Triumph Bonneville Spec.
Beautiful condition. 750cc, 5spd, dual disc brakes. Same owner last 11 years. Meticulously maintained. $5000 or trade. Jim White Hm: 269-9922 - Cell: 742-2933.

80 MGB
56,000 miles. Runs well. Tires and top in good shape. Garage kept for the past 3 years. Asking $6,000. Car is in Brunswick, GA. Mr. Stalvy: (912) 264-2999.

80 MGB
Rebuilt and resprayed green six years ago. Runs good, may need minor cosmetics. $4,900 OBO. Beth Dyher 407 415 5994

85 Jaguar XJ6
Car in good shape. Pearl White, new low profile Pirelli tires has not been driven much in past 5 years. Garage kept. John Stech 904-230-1770

91 Jaguar XJS V12 Roaster
2nd owner, less than 47K miles, enhanced cooling system, shocks, brakes, hoses, filters, tune up, fluids, battery, Pirelli tires new within the last 2K miles, black with tan interior. $18,000 jp@boutinbrown.com (Tallahassee)

Parts:

66 TR 4A
Parting out a recently dismantled, intact engine with 50k since rebuild, transmission (needs clutch), radiator, fenders, windshield, complete front end and rear end, gas tank, hood, etc. jp@boutinbrown.com (Tallahassee)

62-74 Front Bumper Bar with Overriders. VG condition. $75 takes it.

MGB Left/Right window glass w/lower channels & glazing VG condition, $75 both

MGB Left & Right window regulators in VG condition. 1 set of window regulators, (L/R windows) in VG condition. Tested & excellent working condition. I will also include used L&R rear window channel, $75 takes it all.

MGB window outer frames fair condition. These frames are no longer available & will fit bodies from 65865 on. Glass & inner frames are available also. $75 for all including glass.
Bill @ 904 737 9656 for info.

2 MGA Engs./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. Joe at originalroadtoad@aol.com.

New 3 Main and 5 Main Engine Blocks
Also, 5 main motor, Pull Handle doors, and a late B trunk. Drew: 904-287-3072 or drewdecandis @comcast.net.

TD/TF Rear Axle
3.9 Ratio $750 Exchange Other ratios available. Art Floyd 1-321-267-5698 or arvon@ prodigy.net

Miscellaneous

Stock TD wheel, TD differential, couple of boxes of original TD stuff & original TD manual.

Miata & Motorcycle
Jack Sterrett. 912-634-5791 Cell is 478-232-2908

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

MG Tool Bags
$10 each

Rubber Bumper CB Radio Antenna Mounts
$10 each

Miscellaneous Car Pins
$5 each (addition colors also)



To purchase regalia or to ask questions please contact:

Wayne Coker, Regalia Chairman, at:
904-543-0201 or
rwcoker@aol.com.

GOF South ~ Mk XLI

April 20-22, 2007









MG Classics of Jacksonville, Host

GOF-South 2007 Registration is now on-line at the MGCLASSICS website: www.mgclassics.org.

Information for Hotel Reservations is on the website also.

MG Classics Name Tag Order Received

The following members placed orders for club name tags and have not picked them up. If your name follows, please send payment of $7.00 for each tag ordered. They will be mailed to your address once payment is received. You may, of course, pick them up at the next club meeting. Mail check or M.O. to Bob Wrenn, 1471 Mallard Lake Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32259

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EVENTS CALENDAR

MG Classics December Meeting the Christmas Party on December 9th.
Sorry if you missed it!

Topless In January - 01/07/07 - For a fun day of top-down driving and a picnic lunch in mid-winter. We'll meet up at 10:00am at the GATE gas station/bank at the corner of US 1 and SR 210 (Palm Valley Road) in St. Johns County (just a couple miles south of the Avenues Mall on US 1/Philips Highway). We'll travel south to Tomoka State Park at Ormond Beach and have a picnic. Bring your picnic lunch! You MUST drive with your top down unless it is raining - so bundle up if it turns out to be cold! Sign-up sheet & Map on MGClassics.org website (Jim Hall & Joe Kaiser need to borrow a cutting torch, I guess!)

Sebring MGA Reunion - 3/13-17 A special celebration of Sebring MGAs during the "12 Hours of Sebring". mgclassics.org website has links to complete information.

GOF South MK XLI - 04/20-04/21/07. It is our clubs turn to host the GOF South in 2007. www.mgclassics.org website has link to hotel and registration for the show.

NAMGAR Mini-GT Key West - 04/25-28, Advance info page 7. *Your Ed.* suggests making reservations ASAP because of the events taking place that week.

People who don't evacuate during hurricanes: "Now lemme explain something to ya. It isn't the wind blowing. It's what the wind is blowing. If you get hit by a MG, it don't matter how many sit-ups you did that morning."

Ron White



Contributions to YOUR club newsletter are welcome and requested.

Thanks go out this month to John Leenhouts, Jeff Sager, Bob Wrenn, Karen Altamare and Neil Nelson
Submissions requested before the 10th of the month for possible inclusion.