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MG Classics of Jacksonville

Merry Christmas – Happy Chanukah
Happy New Year
Thank You Jim, Bob, Jeff & Kathy
Good Luck Mike, Cynthia, Jeff, & Kathy

Safety MG Fast

Old Prez Sez

I would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your support these past two years, please support your new Prez, Mike Kazmierski as well as you did me. Thank you for a great run as President of MG Classics of Jacksonville.

Safety fast,
Jim

New Club Leadership	
President	Mike Kasmierski
Vice President	Cynthia Jordan
Secretary	Kathy Albers
Treasurer	Jeff Sager

Next Big Event

GOF, South 2015

7 April – 19 April

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Mission Inn Resort & Club
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November Meeting Minutes

President, Jim Bak called the meeting to order at 7:00 at Bella Vita Italian Restaurant. Thirty people were in attendance.

New member, Andy McClellan, was welcomed. He's the owner of a 1980 MGB.

Mike Kazmierski reported on his experience working with Neil Nelson in Neil's garage, and offered up extra tonneau cover racks for an MGB for anyone who's interested.

Stan Kinmonth proudly showed off the latest edition of Triumph World magazine, which featured his TR6 on the front cover as well as an article on him and his car.

Election of officers for the 2015 year took place with the following results:

President – Mike Kazmierski
Vice President – Cynthia Jordan
Secretary – Kathy Albers
Treasurer – Jeff Sager

Chuck Warden won $36 in the 50/50 raffle.

The annual club Christmas party will be December 6th at the Hilltop Club, 2030 Wells Road, Orange Park in the Patterson Room, which is to the right of the main entrance. The cost is $15 per person, and the party is held in lieu of a December club meeting. Reservations are required, so a reminder was given to get money to Jeff Sager by December 1st.

The next monthly meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on January 26th at St. Mary's Seafood Restaurant at 11290 Old St. Augustine Rd, Jacksonville 32257.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Albers

Christmas Party and Gift Exchange

Thanks to the hard work of our Club Secretary, Kathy Albers, the Christmas Party and Gift Exchange went off without a hitch. The Hilltop Club provided a great venue, and superb service and food.

The Gift Exchange went well despite it being in competition with the Atlantic Coast Conference Champion game. As always, our elves were on top of their game. A good time was had by all.

Two-term President Jim Bak "passed the shaft" to the new Club Leadership with much enthusiasm, and even



glee.

A big thank you to outgoing President Jim Bak, and Vice President Bob Wrenn. The same goes to Kathy Albers, and Jeff Sager for agreeing to serve another term as Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. We congratulate President Mike Kazmierski, and Vice President Cynthia Jordan. Rest assured; the Club plans to support you in every way it can. Thank you, and good luck

Club Rosters

The newsletter plans to publish an **End of Year Club Membership Roste**r sometime after the January meeting. The end of the year, membership list contains everyone who was a member during 2014.

The Roster will list the following:

- Members Names
- Home Phone Number
- MG Cars Owned
- Email Address
- Street Address
- City Address
- State Address
- Zip Code

Since you may consider some or all of your information sensitive, you can op out by telling the Newsletter Editor what data not to list. This can be done by notifying him at: jamesnolan@comcast.net . Silence is consent.

In the meantime, you can find this data on the Club Website at www.mgclassics.org .
If you have any objections to the roster, please mention it at the next meeting or send an email, to that effect, to the Editor.
Thereafter, updated rosters will be published in March, June, September, and December.

$25,000 Donated to Ronald McDonald House

Recently, the First Coast Car Council Donated $25,000 to The local Ronald McDonald House. Over the past decade, it has donated $335,500 to this worthy cause.
The Ronald McDonald House provides lodging, and other services to families of critically ill and seriously injured children. Its facility supports Nemours Children's Hospital.
Stan Kinmonth represents MG Classics at the FCCC as he does for two other local car clubs. Moreover, he is our prime source of information on car-related events.
Lily Kinmonth, Stan's better half, is the recently elected Secretary of the Council.
In the photo below, Stan and Lily are on the left in the first and second row. Council President, Lon Greenwood is seen presenting the check to Ronald McDonald House Executive Director Diane Boyle on the right.



Ms Boyle said their 30 room facility is at capacity, but a $7.6 million renovation and expansion project will begin in January.
Two shows at the Budweiser Brewery, and the "Cruisin' at the Creek" show raised the funds for the donation. MG Classics members participated in these events, but not as many who could have. So, in 2015, let's make the effort to support these worthy fund raisers.



British Car Classic XXVII

This year the ***MG Classics of Jacksonville*** is the sponsor for the **British Car Classic**. The Club needs to begin planning soon.
We will need an organizer, or organizers, as well as, volunteers to lead the various supporting committees:

- Registration
- Field Layout
- Publicity
- Master of Ceremonies
- Trophies
- and Others

A venue must be selected. Will it be The Kings Head British Pub, The Green Cove Springs Downtown Festival, or some other location?
A date must be selected that does not conflict with other significant events in and out of the area.
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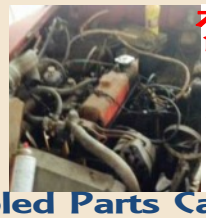


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- **13-15 March - Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island, FL 21**
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- **28 March - JCCNF Great British Dixie Car Rallye, Jax FL**
- **19 September - Shrimp & Grits Festival, Jekyll Island, GA**
- **TBD - British Car Classic, Jax, FL**
- **15-17 October - SEMGTR All MG Exposition, Macon, GA**

Recurring FCCC Events

Cruise-Ins: 5 PM - 8 PM

1st Saturday – Kmart, Orange Park (Kingsley & Blanding).

2nd Saturday – 11701 San Jose Blvd, North.

3rd Saturday – Temporarily Suspended.

4th Saturday – Suspended until further notice in Support of the Main Street Cruise-in.

5th Saturday – New Location Is the Loop in Fernandina (Corner of Sadler Road and 14th Street in Fernandina) – **Begins: Saturday, 31 Jan 15.**

Other Cruise-ins

2nd Friday

- T-U Riverside Ave - Cars & Coffee - 8 - 11 AM
- Pep Boys, 204 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL 6 - 9 PM

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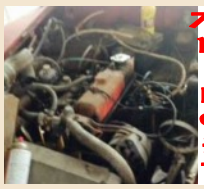


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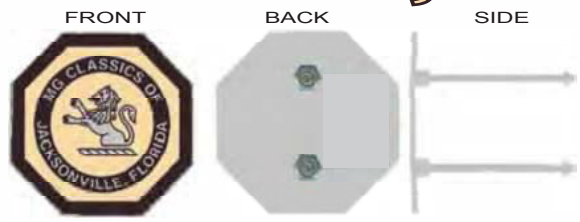




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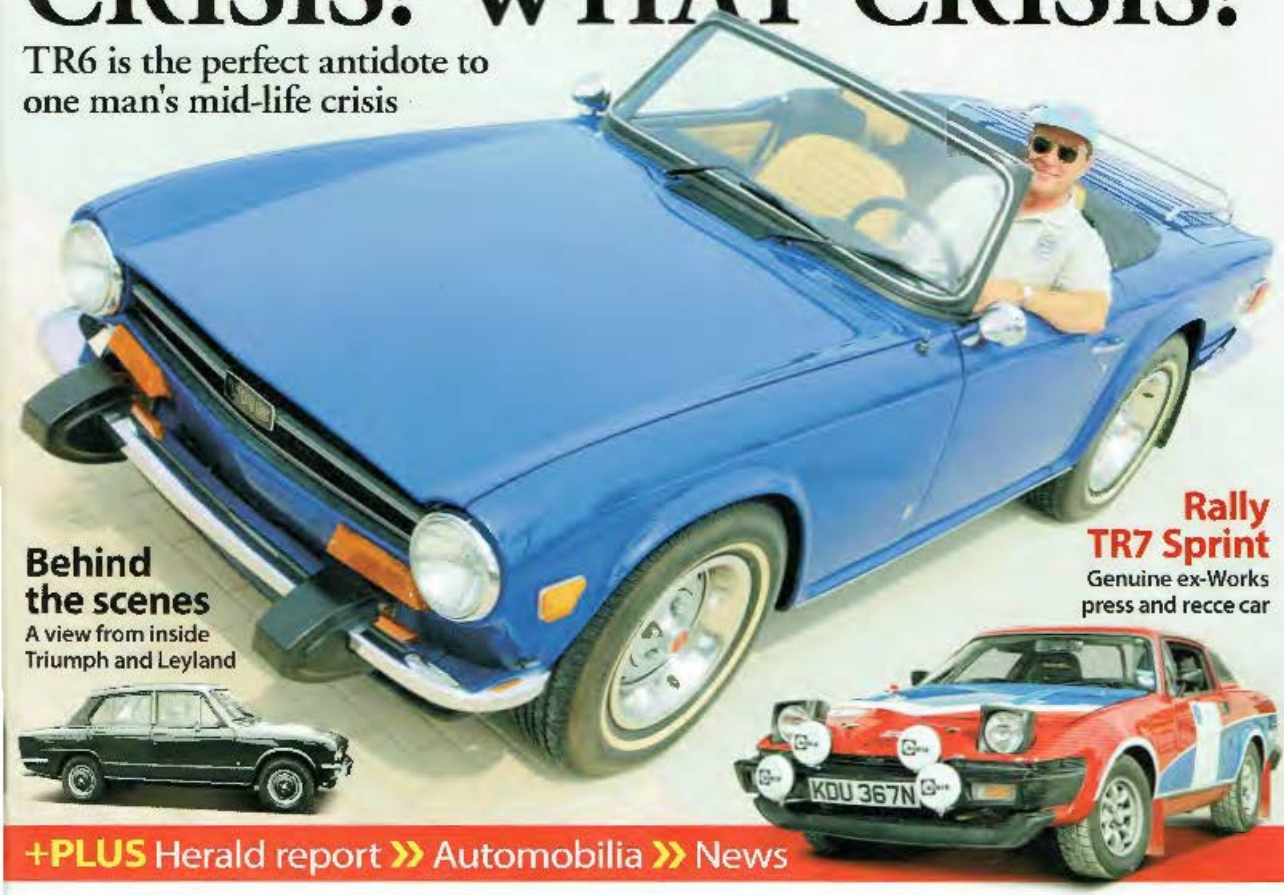
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MID-LIFE CRISIS

When Stan Kinmonth wanted a car to take apart and restore, his eye fell on a tired TR6. It all looks rather different today!

Words and pictures: Andy Willsheer

Professional engineer Stan Kinmonth could well be described as an Anglo-American retro automotive aficionado inasmuch as he has a trio of oldies but goodies – a '71 MGB GT, '42 Ford GPW Jeep and the '74 TR6 featured on these pages. The TR came into Stan's life some years ago when, he said: 'I was in a kind of mid-life crisis and wanted a car that I could take apart and restore.' He looked around and checked out the For Sale ads in various publications, magazine by an individual in Orlando.

Stan was told that the car had spent all its life in Florida and was one-family owned, having been passed down from father to son and sibling to sibling before being offered for sale. Although it would be fair to say it had certainly seen better days, Stan was not discouraged because it was all there, albeit in what he described as 'neglected condition, but at least the vermin had moved out.'

Sealing the deal, the tired TR was trailered to his then home in Orange Park, a Clay

that he'd lost his mind! But Stan had a grand plan to refurbish the sports car to first-class order, although it would be a protracted period of some seven years before the task was completed. Working on the vehicle as time, funds and family commitments permitted, the frame-off restoration has been the subject of toil and tribulation, Stan undertaking much of the work apart from engine/gearbox rebuilding, some minor chassis welding and final paint on the owner-prepped-and-primed bodywork.



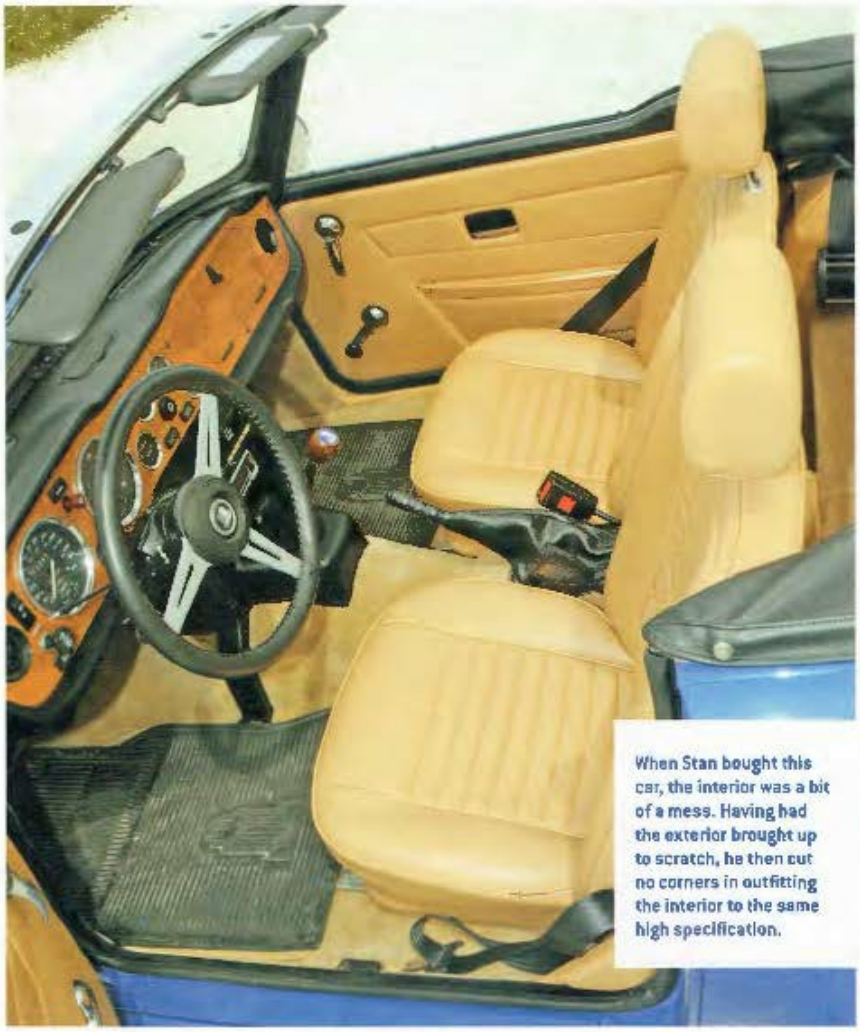
nothing that couldn't be corrected over time. 'There was a bit of rust in the bootlid and the right-side rear wing was full of Bondo, but this presented no undue difficulty to remedy,' the owner told us.

Local business Darren's Custom & Restorations in Green Cove Springs was the company to which Stan entrusted the specialist application of copious coats of Royal Blue paint (used in the model years 1969-71) to the Karmann-styled curvaceous coachwork, and he was delighted with their part of the project, which included replacement of the floor pan assembly. 'I removed the doors before sending the shell to Darren's and took each of the pair along individually to be sprayed inside and out before reassembly and later refitment,' he said. The pair of Union flag decals affixed to the rear quarters proclaim the car's heritage and look well in keeping.

The standard 104bhp Federal-spec 2.5-litre inline six-pot, replete with the US-model Zenith Stromberg 175 SEV dual carburettors in place of the more familiar fuel injection used in European TR6s, has been fully rebuilt and balanced. 'I had a hot cam installed that necessitates an idle speed of 1000rpm rather than the normal 800-850rpm,' confides Stan, 'but once it's on the move the car performs admirably.' With the engine having its power augmentation completed, Stan also had the standard 4-speed gearbox rebuilt and a period-correct, optional extra Laycock-de-Normanville J-type overdrive unit installed, primarily to improve fuel economy. One of the dash warning lights was rewired by the owner so that it now illuminates whenever the overdrive is engaged. The original radiator remains in situ, though it has been re-cored.

The under-bonnet area has the appearance of pretty much how the car rolled off the production line, albeit now with a custom yet very practical modification that Stan thought up – a bonnet dual release set-up. 'This just seemed a practical idea,' he said, 'so that in the event of a cable breaking when pulling on the release handle, it wouldn't then be a rigmarole to open the bonnet as the other cable would still be intact.'

Interior-wise, all the carpeting has been renewed, as has the trim. A tan vinyl upholstery kit was bought from Victoria British and the bare-bones driver's seat ('At time of my purchase the seat had just the foam in place and a pillow wedged on top, the whole bodge simply sitting on the floor!') was brought back to showroom condition, along with the passenger perch and nigh-on all of the cabin appointments. The veneered dash



When Stan bought this car, the interior was a bit of a mess. Having had the exterior brought up to scratch, he then cut no corners in outfitting the interior to the same high specification.









had delaminated over the decades, necessitating replacement with one bought from The Roadster Factory and then swapping over the stock gauges, switches, knobs and ventilation outlets after first ensuring all were in fine fettle. Other new components include the soft top and tonneau cover, seat belts, steering wheel and Kenwood AM/FM/CD unit with triangular speakers (Stan's own design) mounted in the corners of the rear seat squab. The cabin package has a classy appearance and everything works as it should.

North American TR6s, of which 11,440 were produced for the model year 1974, were originally outfitted with either Michelin X or Goodyear 185-SR red band rubber on 5½in steel rims with Rostyle wheel covers and polished aluminium trim rings, and the only change Stan has made from this spec is installation of Uniroyal Tiger Paw P205.75 whitewalls that are an ideal substitute.



104bhp Federal spec 2.5-litre engine has been boosted by the addition of a hot cam, and overdrive has been added to the four speed gearbox.

Prominent black rubber overriders – first fitted to the US-spec 1974 model – that protrude from the chrome bumper blades fore and aft have been burnished for aesthetic appeal and will presumably provide protection aplenty in the event of a 5mph bump...



Being registered as an antique – Florida's Department of Motor Vehicles ascribe this designation to any vehicle constructed 30 or more years ago – helps minimise annual registration fees, and as that well known UK-based supermarket chain states in its marketing bumph, every little helps.

In summation, enthusiasm and dedication have made this beautifully restored example of one of Triumph's most popular models a welcome addition to north Florida's eclectic collector car scene and will be a part of the Kinmonth family collection for the foreseeable future. Unless, perchance, a further mid-life crisis or senior moment dictates otherwise!



MG Classics of Jacksonville

(Founded in 1971)

Membership Application / Renewal

The purpose of the 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, due and payable in January of each year. Membership is delinquent if dues have not been paid after March 1.

For **new members**, annual dues are prorated as follows:

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MG SCHEDULE

4/17/2015 - 4/19/2015
GOF South 2015
The Classic MG Club of Central Florida is hosting the 2015 GOF South at the Mission Inn Resort and Club in Howie In The Hills, FL.

4/20 - 4/24/2015
Brits In Paradise
A super fun gathering (NAMGAR GT) in Key West Florida. The 2015 edition of the event put on by the Key West British Car Club is shaping up to be a great time again. We could have nearly as large a group as the "Last Sunset" back in 2009. We'll be bringing back some favorite activities such as Bocce Ball and, of course, we'll drive our cars in the Conch Republic Independence Celebration Parade. But we're looking into some new activities also

01/25/2015, 9:00am - 4:00pm
4th Annual Open House / Fly-in at Palatka Municipal Airport
The event is free, the cars will park among the airplanes on the apron and adjoining grass areas. It is just an opportunity to show the vehicles, there is no judging or awards.

06/06/2015
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