



NEWSLETTER

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Greetings my friends

Here it is June 10th and we are still in the throes of COVID-19. Though the numbers have declined we must still exercise diligent caution against unnecessary exposure. For this reason we still will not have our normally scheduled formal meeting on June 29.

There is a small group of us that have hopped into our cars for socially distanced short runs, taking appropriate pre cautions, ie masks and distancing. One such outing took place on Sunday, May 24, 10am to 12pm.. There were 7 cars and 13 members who enjoyed a picnic lunch and each other's company. Ian Massey has placed a small write up and some photos on our MG Classics website.

There is interest in doing this again and a probable date of June 27, 10am to 12pm has been circled. Again, please go to the website and website calendar for more information and location which is still TBD. We had wanted to try an outdoor meeting at an event like this but we have not been able to procure a pavilion site as yet in case of rain. So for now braving the weather and doing so 6 feet apart is our immediate plan. Also please note that there are a few shows that are starting back up. One in particular is the Avenues Mall Cars and Coffee on July 11, 7am to 11am. There are few more opening up that will be posted on our website/ calendar. Please note MG Classics is not sanctioning any events but we are informing members of opportunities as they come about. It is up to each member to weigh the risk and then take all appropriate precautions.

On a sad note, long time member James Albright passed away on May 23 after a lengthy illness. I never had the opportunity to meet James but I do know the fine son he raised, Mark Albright. Mark is our Vice President and owner of Legacy Automotive where many of our tech sessions are hosted. Mark is married to Vanessa who is one of our Board members as well. Please keep the Albright family in your thoughts and prayers.

The MG community lost another long time enthusiast with the passing of Hank Rippert. Many of our long time members knew Hank well and spoke with great fondness for him. He was very active in the New England MGT Register and well known across the country. He will be missed.

We are watching the news and listening to the officials and hope that by September, October to make an informed decision to the viability of continuing planning for the 2021 GOF South. We need to see if the virus will make a resurgence in the fall and decide whether MG members will be willing to attend in accordance with prevailing risks. This conversation to be continued.....

In closing I would like to say I will accept NO excuse for dirty cars when we are at last back in our little cars and cruising down the road. There has been more than enough time to get them cleaned up! Except for mine of course, as I live on a dirt road and I'm bit lazy!! ☹️.

Safety Fast!

Bruce



A B for all seasons

By [Mark J. McCourt](#) on Apr 22nd, 2020 as seen in Hemmings Classic Car, photos by the author & Judi Dell'Anno

A recent profile piece of ours features a face familiar to longtime readers of Hemmings Sports & Exotic Car. Hemmings Graphic Designer Judi Dell'Anno and I recently traveled across southern Vermont to Westminster West, to visit with our friend David Clark, and to experience his latest cold-weather daily driver, a Blaze Orange 1974-1/2 MGB/GT. That eye-catching car is this month's featured "Driveable Dream;" we'd like to give you a bit more information than we had space for in print, so let's go behind the scenes.

If you're not familiar with that unofficial model year



reference, it signifies the third iteration of MGB to be sold in the 1974 model year. Initial 1974 MGB Tourers (roadsters) and GTs, built in autumn 1973, were largely identical to 1973 models that sported the traditional chrome bumpers and slender, rubber-tipped overriders seen on these cars since the 1970 model year. The U.S. market examples built between January 1974 and September of that year featured an interim rubber block-style overrider, the infamous

"Sabrina" blocks (think 'Dagmars,' and you're on the right track). And the final batch of 1974-model-year MGBs were built with the Federally mandated 5 MPH, impact-absorbing polyurethane "rubber" bumpers. Those end-run cars retained their twin-SU HIF 4-carbureted, 1973-spec engines, and the circa-1,250 rubber bumper GTs so equipped would be the last that American buyers would see of this solid-roof variant.

U.S.-spec MGBs built between September and December of 1974 combine model year 1973 and 1975 features.



David picked up his first of three 1974-1/2 GTs in 2000, a \$50 initial investment that would last him seven years. He told HS&EC editor and story author David LaChance of the emotions that car - which he retroactively dubbed Winter Beater #1. It inspired:

"You have people who are absolutely appalled, because it's somewhat, shall we say, déclassé," David said. "The second reaction is, 'Way cool!' And the third reaction is, 'Oh man, I used to have one of those myself—and I wish I'd never sold it.'"

It turned out that the season we featured Winter Beater #1 in print was indeed its last. But he already had its replacement on hand in the form of a nearly identical, Teal Blue 1974-1/2 GT, this one with a rare Webasto

sliding sunroof and overdrive. Despite his attempts to better rustproof it, Winter Beater #2 wouldn't live indefinitely; it served David well from 2007 through January 2016.

Terminal rust ultimately rendered them unsafe for the road. The British sports car specialist told Judi and me stories of the first two daily-driver GTs as we worked to capture the third. It was then that we learned that the



engine currently powering the orange car had cycled through both of its predecessors.

Winter Beater #3 had just over 62,000 miles on the odometer when David bought it, and the original engine made it to 95,000 miles when camshaft failure took it out of service. Luckily, he'd pulled the engine had used to power #2, which had initially seen duty in #1. As David explained, this pushrod inline-four came to him in a 1969 MGB that he'd purchased for \$150. It received a replacement camshaft, a turned crankshaft, .020-over pistons, and a valve job. It was used in #1 through the decommissioning of that car, then installed in #2 before that GT hit the road. (He'd already sold the #2 car's engine to a customer.) In short order, it was transferred into our current feature car when that GT's original camshaft failed. He estimates that this engine has covered between 50,000 and 75,000 miles in these three cars. Interestingly, the factory 14-inch steel wheels on this car also came from that 1969 parts car, as did the overdrive transmission currently serving in David's summer-driver MGB Tourer.

He continues to drive and enjoy Winter Beater #3 daily. It's adept on all surfaces, thanks to the traction provided by its studded winter tires and Quaife limited-slip differential.

Stunning all-electric MG E-motion coupe is coming to Britain by 2021

Stylish two-door E-motion coupé, will be coming to the UK, MG bosses have confirmed

By John Malloy, Auto Express 6/16/2020



The four-wheel-drive, twin-motor, pure-electric coupé was unveiled at the Shanghai Motor Show back in 2017. It's said to sit on a modular electric vehicle platform created by MG's owner, Chinese firm SAIC, and the concept had a claimed 0-62mph time of less than four seconds, with 310 miles of range between charges.

MG UK's head of product and planning, Matthew Stevens, told us: "The E-motion is coming. That car is real and it's a couple of years away. We think it is in almost a unique segment, especially in Western Europe, because there's no other car doing what it does in that class. It'll be a real statement of intent, a 'halo' car."

MG's sales and marketing boss Daniel Gregorious added: "The E-motion has some incredible tech, and it taps into



our heritage as a sports car manufacturer." Some of the show car's features are likely to be dropped for production – including the scissor doors and the curved glass roof. But

the powertrain may well be retained, delivering around 250 miles of range, even under the tougher WLTP test regime.

Insiders had previously suggested the car could start at less than £30,000. As well as signalling MG's return to the sports car market, the E-Motion also previews a new design language for the brand aimed to help attract young buyers. Matrix LED headlamps are inspired by the look of the London Eye, while they also feature innovative 'covers'



which slide open to give the E-Motion the trademark round headlamps from classic MG sports cars. A retractable rear spoiler, carbon fibre rear diffuser and completely glass canopy extends the full length of the car. MG's chief designer Jingfeng also said that the E-Motion would form part of MG's plan to help push the brand more upmarket and away from its budget roots. Proportionally, the E-Motion is slightly larger than a Toyota GT86 and like that model has a 2+2 seating arrangement. The concept

also features butterfly doors and a new interpretation of the MG badge also feature. Inside, a central spine running through the car features two large digital displays and give access to the cars on board functions. There's also a digital instrument cluster. Quilted leather trims the seats and



doors, while small digital panels have been installed in the doors to replace the physical buttons used to operate the windows and adjust the door mirrors.

Zhang Liang, MG Product portfolio planning director, told Auto Express that the company is now ready to develop a sports car. "This time I want to do it different. From an architecture perspective we are prepared and we have a new energy system available. "A lot of work and research has been done. The next step is to gather audience and customer feedback," Liang added. "In another word we plan to make it; we are prepared for production."

MG Classics June Drive & Picnic

Saturday, June 27, 2020

Destination: An Outdoor Gathering at The Trout Creek Marina

For Members and your Guests

Catch-up with your MG Friends

Due to the COVID-19 Emergency we have suspended our Monthly Restaurant Dinner Meetings until further notice.

For those members who wish to blow-the-cobwebs out of your MG's engine, we are organizing a Drive and Picnic on Saturday, June 27, 2020. This is an outdoor event with mandatory social distancing to mitigate the potential for virus transmission. To avoid exposure to the mid-afternoon heat, assembly at the Trout Creek Marina will be at 10.00am and the event will last approximately two hours. Caravans to Trout Creek will be formed as requested at various locations.

The destination and picnic location is the Trout Creek Marina. It is necessary that members and guests who join the event bring their own food, beverage, chairs, and picnic paraphernalia. Members and guests attending the event must respect and safeguard the safety of themselves, their guests, and all other attendees by following the social distancing and hygiene recommendations as defined by the CDC and the State of Florida at the time of the event.

! If your MG is not currently running join us in your Daily Driver !

To attend you must register. Click the [Join Us](#) to access the registration form

CRUSIN' CLUB MEMBERS



Proper prior planning ... (before the heist?)



Impromptu MGClassics member's picnic at Trout Creek Marina in St. Johns County (After the getaway?)

Latest Events of Interest that are Currently Scheduled

Cars & Coffee - Avenues Mall - 07/11/2020

[Southeast British Car Festival](#) - Dillard, GA 09/17-20/2020

[Ponte Vedra Car Show](#) - 09/27/2020

[Myrtle Beach Britfest](#) - Myrtle Beach - 10/03-2020

British Classics at the Kings Head Pub - 10/10/2020

Cancelled



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Club Website Features You Can Use

Go To: <https://www.mgclassics.org>

- Join MG Classics of Jacksonville
- Renew Your Annual Club Membership
- Review the Club Membership Roster (This Requires a Website Password)
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- Use Your Credit Card or PayPal to Pay Club Dues and Other Fees
- Order and Pay for Club Name Tags
- Review Calendar of Events and Car Shows of Club Membership Interest
- Register for Club Sponsored Events
- Link to GOF South 2020 Website
- Review Details, and Register for GOF South 2020
- Read the Latest Club Newsletter

- Read Earlier Newsletters in the Newsletter Archive
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 - Read the Club Bylaws
 - Read Automotive Technical Articles
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 - Vote on Club Initiatives and in Surveys Using the Online Ballot
 - Link to Nearby Out of Area MG Club Websites
 - Link to NAMGAR and NAMGBR Websites
 - Link to Local British Car Clubs (Jaguar, Austin Healey, Triumph) Websites
 - Review past Club Event Photo Albums
 - Read/review Details on MG Classics of Jacksonville Hosted GOF South 2019
 - And More ...
- just [click here](#)

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MG CLASSICS 2020 MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	Location	Address	City	Phone
27-Jan	Culhane's Pub	9720 Deer Lake Ct	Jacksonville	904-619-3177
24-Feb	Olive Garden	6050 Youngerman Cir	Orange Park	904-777-9827
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27-Jul	La Nopalera	2024 Kingsley Ave	Orange Park	904-276-2776
31-Aug	Olive Garden	10144 Phillips Hwy	Jacksonville	904-292-4845
28-Sep	Caddyshack	455 S. Legacy Trail E106	St. Augustine	904-940-3673
26-Oct	St Mary's Seafood	11290 Old St Augustine Rd	Jacksonville	904-647-7358
30-Nov	Tom and Betty's	2134 Park Ave.	Orange Park	904-375-1965

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NAMGAR Coordinator:	Glen Moore	Coordinate with the NAMGAR board members.
Webmaster:	Ian Massey	To build the 2021 GOF Registry and promotional announcements via the web.
Treasure & Registration Accounts:	Mike Hogan	To Maintain all financial & registration matters.
Hospitality Room :	Jim Hall	To plan & maintain the Hospitality Room. 6 additional helpers are needed.
Awards/trophies Program:	Richard Gross	To order trophies & develop awards program.
Banquet & BBQ Dinner Coordinators:	Paula Massey, Kathy Gross + 2 helpers needed	To plan meal selections, work with BW staff, & collect tickets before dinners.
Ballot Coordinator:	Vanessa Albright	To develop a plan for ballot counting & working with photographer & awards presentation.
Photographer:	Gary Whiting	To photograph the event & present a side show for the banquet & photos for the web.
Sponsorship Solicitor:	Volunteers needed	To develop sponsorship package levels & solicit for Sponsorships.
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Editor & Publisher:	Fred Groenert	To keep members updated on GOF events & advertise to other organizations, magazines & publications. To develop a pamphlet for awards ceremony.
Facebook Coordinator:	Volunteer needed	To develop a Facebook account & maintain it's comments with shoutouts of information on the 2021 GOF.
Rally Planner & Coordinator:	Glen Moore	Develop rallies and drives for the event. Need additional leaders to run the different drives.
Show Ground Coordinator:	Volunteer needed	To lead a group of helpers to place MGs on the display area for First Timers & Sat. show. Also to set-up a car wash area. (5 helpers needed). A show layout plan will be available.
Grant & Budget Writer Planners:	3(+) Volunteers needed	To develop a budget pkg. plan and a grant solicitation for the GOF.
Data & Prints Layout Coordinator:	Kathy Gross	To develop layouts & print data for GOF info cards, windshield place cards, ballots, voting instructions, counting ballot tabulations sheets, registrations info & packets info, rally info, & all other printing data required etc.
T-shirts sales:	Glen Brazil	To develop T-shirts, sales & take orders via registration.
GOF Host & Coordinator:	2+ Volunteers needed	To Plan activities & be the host of the GOF. To be the point of contact as to where the local restaurants & locations are to visit in the Gainesville area.
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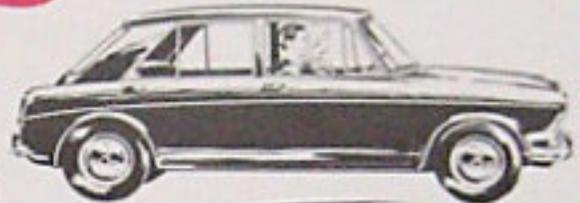
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