



The Registry

Peachtreemg Registry

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Welcome New Members

- Warren and Sondra Neuburger
- Ronbert and Peggy Horansky
- Howard and Fudy French
- Richard and Rosemary Martin
- Judson and Margaret Chapinn
- Richard and Susan Field
- Martin and Pat Shane
- James and Linda Farris
- Malcolm and Cynthia Davison
- Alberto and Silvia Bazan
- Christopher and Debi Powell
- Steve and Sissy Cawood
- Vincent and Hollis Mendes
- Jerry and Kathy Heard
- Bruce and Melody Swift
- Wayne and Beth Bond
- Jim and Alice Hester



President's Message

Hello Peachtree MG Registry members!

I am Blake Aasgaard, and I will be serving as the president for this year. We have elected Erich Starzinger to be our vice president, and we are so fortunate to have him. He is a quiet treasure trove of all things MG, quite the accomplished mechanic, and currently in process of performing an engine swap for his MGB GT, using the GM 60-degree V6. We are also extremely lucky to still have Larry Norton as our treasurer. Regalia and Tech sessions are still in the capable hands of Reinout Vogt, and Madell Dobrushin and Steve Ratcliffe have most graciously offered to continue the wizardry and alchemy involved in our computer-based services, including our newsletter, our website, and mem-

bership.

We are in 2022 already and facing what I believe to be the greatest show on earth, at Dillard, Georgia, in only nine months. We will be needing a lot of muscle and magic from our membership if it's going to be anywhere near as good as it has been in previous years. So, step up, and tell us what you do, and how you can help your club shine!

Always keep an eye on the calendar of events!

I'm so excited about all the wonderful things we'll do this year.

Blake



Vice President's Message

Hi PMGR,

My name is Erich Starzinger, and I will be the VP for 2022. I've been in the club since around 2012 but not that active since my job and ailing parents sucked up most of my time. Now that I've retired, I'm in a position to contribute to the club it has been my pleasure to belong to.

I had a 40-year career in engineering and IT, starting with RCA supporting the space program, the USAF during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and ending up at Lockheed.

I grew up with British sports cars. I learned to drive in my father's TR4 - he said he would teach me when I was tall enough to fully depress the clutch. I bought my first MGB (a 1967 roadster) in 1985 and now own two 1974's, a Mirage roadster and an Aconite GT.

All that being said, I hope everyone has a fun and happy holiday season and hope to see you all next year!

Safety fast,
Erich

January 2022

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Polar Bear Run
9 PMGR Meeting 5PM	10	11	12	13	14	15
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Upcoming

January

January 8, 2022 Polar Bear Run, <https://gatriumph.com/calendar/>

January 9, 2022 General Club Meeting, 5:00 PM

Vintage Pizzeria,
5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd
Dunwoody, GA 30338
(470) 359-5982

April 22-24, 2022 - Gathering of the Faithful South, <https://www.gofsouth.org/>

April 22-23, 2022. Natchez, MS, Euro Fest [www.euro-fest,](http://www.euro-fest.com)

April 22-23, 2022. Brits on the Bay, Pensacola, FL <http://pbca1.com/>

June 19-23, 2022 - MG2022

September 15-18, 2022 Southeast British Car Festival 2022.

at the Dillard House in Dillard, Ga.

Registration will be open after the first of the year.

September 30-October 1, 2022, Euro Fest Classic, Ridgeland, MS, [www.euro-fest](http://www.euro-fest.com)

Wise Words



Meeting Minutes

Peachtree MG Registry, Ltd.
December meeting minutes:

Our December meeting/Christmas/Holiday party was held at Atlanta Motorsports Park on the 5th at 12:00 PM with a one hour social and the meeting start at about 1:15 PM. Meeting was called to order by our President, AvivA Hoffmann. AvivA welcomed everyone and she then mentioned that one of our members, Glenn Lenhard has been in the hospital. The club has sent flowers to the Hospital, and we all hope for a speedy recovery for him. Also in our thoughts is Phil O'Brien who is recovering from surgery. Theresa Gaffney then asked to be recognized and thanked the club for all the support she and Tim received during his health struggles. We will miss his enthusiasm. AvivA then moved on to reports.

Treasurer indicated that our finances are in good shape and then passed the report to Abe Cheij for a report on our charity. \$2,359 dollars have been raised and the club made a motion and was seconded that our total donation to the Georgia Mountain Food bank be rounded up to \$3500. Motion was approved.

Tech sessions – Tech session at Barry Rosenberg's was well attended and over \$500 was raised for our charity. Future sessions TBD.

Reminder by AvivA that the club has a YouTube channel where all the tech sessions are recorded for viewing. Go to YouTube and search on Peachtree MG Registry.

Regalia – Reinout reported he has window stickers, name badges and grill badges available. Also the winner of the MGB GT model was announced – Steve Ratcliffe.

Newsletter – Articles due by the 15th of the month. Please send them to Madell at any time before so she can include in the newsletter.

Events – Club calendar will be filled at the January meeting. This has been traditionally accomplished during the November meeting to ensure January doesn't get overlooked. Suggest we move back to November in 2022.

Social media – Facebook. Kathy reports we have 190 Facebook members and requested content be submitted for the page. Pictures, stories, places visited, etc.

Charity – Georgia Mountain Food Bank. Abe presented earlier and we will "top up" the monies already raised to \$3,500. Our annual officers election was held with Erich Starzinger being elected VP and Larry Norton as Secretary/Treasurer.

Track time – We were led out onto the track for a few laps behind a pace car. Unfortunately, it was in a good amount of rain, but it gave us all an idea of the twists, turns, elevations, etc. that running at speed would present.

Meeting continued with more socializing and departures. I think a good time was had by all. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays.

Larry Norton
Secretary/Treasurer

Celebrate

January

Atkinson	Linton	01/23
Brockman	John	01/25
Cheatham	Gloria	01/11
Davison	Mike	01/03
Diaz, Jr.	Manuel	01/19
Guidice	Melissa	01/31
KinKade	Rick	01/20
Kosbab	Bruce	01/26
Laughran	Darleen	01/18
Miller II	John	01/04
Peck	David	01/22
Richards	Frank	01/11
Russell	Mike	01/21
Skilling	Abby	01/09
Tansy	Gail	01/14
Thompson	Denise	01/29

February

Appleby	David	02/21
Couch	Tom	02/25
Curtis	Brad	02/06
Dennison	Michael	02/25
Dennison	Becky	02/19
Horansky	Robert	02/17
Lehman	Bart	02/17
McHugh	Dennis	02/26
McPherson	Jim	02/04
Scarpucci	John	02/25
Smith	Bob	02/10
Unger	Jim	02/17
Whiting	Gary	02/15

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PMGR Holiday Party – December 5, 2021

The Peachtree MG Registry held its Christmas Party in the Conference Center of the Atlanta Motorsports Park in Dawsonville. The weather was overcast and rainy, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the 50+ members that attended. After an hour of visiting with old friends and meeting new ones, we had a wonderful buffet meal.

Afterwards, there was a short business meeting where President AvivA passed the gavel to incoming president Blake Aasgaard. After discussing ideas and plans for next year, Blake presented a plaque to outgoing board member and past president Jay Franklin in appreciation for his service to the club.

It was then time for the main reason we met at AMP – a driving tour of the track in our MGs! Although it was a little wet on the track, about a dozen cars, mostly MGs but also a Mini, a BMW and a Corvette, enjoyed three laps of the track. It was a great way to end the party!

Happy holidays to everyone and we will see you on some great MG travels in 2022!



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Holiday Party December 5, 2021



More Holiday Party



Paul and Barbara Flexner lighting Chanukah Candles.

VP Blake Aasgaard presents a plaque to Jay Franklin, thanking him for his service on the Board of Directors.



Spontaneous, Impromptu, and Low-Key Holiday Lights Tour in Avondale Estates



As Saturday, Dec. 18 came closer, the weather forecast for our tour became worse and worse. Lower temperatures and rain, from 50%, to 60%, and even to 75% chance. But we tried it anyway because it was (sort of) dry at 5:30 pm and we left home, in Emma and with the top off. While we were waiting at the Wild Heaven Brewery, the rain returned, and we put the top back on. And when I say top, that's because that's what it is. No side-screens, just a tiny top.

Our group was small with Deirdre and Duane Johnson in their very pretty 1970 (split-bumper) orange GT, the only other MG. Margot and John McMillan along with their son Connor and AvivA and Oliver Hoffman were there with OM's (other makes) and Kathy and Jack Orkin missed us due to the darkness and the pouring rain. We all tasted one of the craft brewery's delicious beers and when we started the tour, the rain miraculously stopped again. Luckily, because you can't really see too many lights from an M-Type with the top up. We had purchased the official tour map with short descriptions of many of the beautifully decorated residences and streets. Our favorite was the display at the lake, with a floating tree and the clubhouse in the background.

After the tour, we stopped at The Lost Druid Brewery. The place was packed, parking full, streets full, cars everywhere. But we had arranged for (private) parking on the property of the business across the street. Luckily, the band just started to pack, and a large table soon opened up. When we parked, it was still dry, but while we were enjoying a few good beers and some delicious food (we loved Chef Angél Joseph's vegan chicken, which has just won Kellogg's Away From Home' "I'm Not Chicken Challenge") it started to rain again. And I think it might have been raining quite hard because when we returned to the car, to go home, it was wet, very wet, I mean wet inside because we forgot to put Emma's top back up. Oh well, it is only water and she dried out in Sunday's sun again. We'll do it again next year, and when the forecast calls for rain again, we'll remember to put the top up while we're at the Lost Druid.

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During the summer of 1992, hundreds of MGs converged on scenic Peterborough, in the Kawartha Lakes region of Ontario, for the inaugural convention of the North American MGB Register. Thirty years later, we are going back to where it all began. Come join us June 19th to 23rd to honour our history and celebrate the future. We will have a slew of activities for enthusiasts of all ages including a car show, tech sessions, lift lock tours, funkhana, local rally, self-directed drives, a parking lot party and an awards banquet with a very special guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you in Peterborough at THE MG event of 2022!

JUNE 19 - 23, 2022





Dillard, Georgia

Save the Date!

The Southeast British Car Festival

Dillard, Georgia

September 15-18, 2022

The Peachtree MG Registry of Atlanta presents:

A Southern British Car Weekend in the mountains of North Georgia

All marques of British cars and motorcycles are invited to participate. Self-driving tours, guided tours, wine tours, local arts and crafts, silent auction, great food and fellowship.

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Creative Work

Willard 2022 MG Rodeo and Arts Festival

By Dave Peck

StayMGcation

Series 1: Episode 7

Recap: If you missed Episode 6 in the July newsletter, here's a quick summary. Three Club members (Harry Culpepper, Arthur Dankworth, and Oliver Wheelwright) and Oliver's 12-year-old granddaughter Priscilla "Pris" Wylde met at an Atlanta English pub to plan for the Willard 2022 car show. They decided to add a rodeo to this year's show. They received a message that someone purloined a bunch of very valuable pre-war MGs and may be planning to sell them. The Peachtree MG Team's mission is to find out who stole the cars and recover them. They flew to Monaco. They successfully recovered Old Number One and three old MGs. After Pris and Oliver appeared in court, Pris, aka the Pink Princess, got a key to the City. The Team entered the Monaco Grande Prix.

Pris got some great footage on her cell phone of the MGs racing around the track. Each of the MGs did one lap and called it a day. Pris explained to the Team that they could use some old GM cars using Photoshop.

"We can splice in a 1947 Chevy Fleet Master or Aero Sedan," said Harry.

"What about a 1949 Chevy 2 door Fleetline or a '53 Chevy Woodie station wagon?" asked Arthur.

"Great idea! Those cars are so big and heavy that any MG could beat them. Our

movie 'GM vs. MG' is gonna be great. Hey, Pris, we need to get you home so you can start school," said Oliver.

"But we haven't recovered all the stolen MGs," added Harry.

Oliver and Arthur thought it was time to go home. Arthur remembered the pilot of the Super Galaxy gave him a text number that he could use when the Team was ready to return home.

Arthur sent the text and was instructed where they would be picked up. They drove to the rendezvous site and drove their MGs up the ramp and into the plane.

Scribe: "I lost track of you guys after you boarded the plane to head back home. What have you been up to since July?"

"We got back to the States in July, but there was no welcoming party," said Harry. "We went dark for July, August and September."

Scribe: "What do you mean, 'you went dark'?"

"We thought someone was trying to kill us. At first, we thought it was the Russians, then the Chinese, and then the Iranians."

Scribe: "Now hold on just a minute—you can't be killed because you're not real—you're just fictional characters driving around in cyber space."

"Are you sure it's us that aren't real, maybe it's you that's not real? We looked at all the possible scenarios and concluded that it was you (Scribe) who was trying to kill us."

Scribe: "You guys have a vivid imagination. Why would I want to kill you?"

"Because you thought we were getting too close to finding out who really stole the old MGs," replied Arthur. "Isn't that why you didn't tell our story for July through November?"

Scribe: "That's enough tomfoolery! Can we move on to something a little more important, like the MG club meeting."

"Oh ya, the meeting was pretty contentious," said Oliver. "So, we get back to Atlanta and Pris went back to school. We decided to attend the August monthly meeting of the MG Club. Pris begged me to take her along, so I let her come with me. When we got to the meeting, the first

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order of business was to elect a new President and fill some board positions. The Old Guard had their pre-selected slate of candidates that they expected would be unanimously confirmed.”

Scribe: “Well, that’s how it should be. Every nominee has been fully vetted, so the members can rest assured that only the best-qualified candidates are presented to the members. That way the vote is a formality, and everyone can spend more time eating and socializing. No one wants to listen to someone’s stump speech.”

“Not so fast knucklehead!! Harry stood up and told the story about Pris’s heroic actions in France and how she singlehandedly saved the marque. Arthur then nominated Pris for President!! Boy, did that strike a raw nerve. There were shouts of – ‘she’s just a kid; she doesn’t even have a driver’s license; no one’s gonna listen to a seventh grader; what does this kid know about cars, much less about MGs; and she’s young enough to be my great-granddaughter. At that point, the Old Guard’s chosen candidate for President stood and began to espouse his qualifications and why he was a much better choice than this little hussy. His wife was sitting next to him and politely asked him to sit down. When he refused, his wife stood up and used her handbag to give her husband a clocker to the head. He was knocked unconscious and fell

down to his chair. After much hand wringing and gnashing of teeth, the current President conceded that Pris was the only remaining nominated candidate. When the current President asked Pris if she would like to address the members before the vote, Oliver interjected that Pris would not be making any speeches because she had to leave soon to do her homework. Since no one now opposed Pris’s nomination, she was affirmed as the new Club President by voice acclamation.”

Scribe: “Pris must be the youngest President of any MG Club in the world!”

After a standing ovation, Pris stood up and thanked everyone for their support and faith in her. Someone asked her if she had any idea what direction she wanted to take the Club. She responded that it was critical to bring in young members to keep the marque going. There was another round of applause! “Oh, there was one more thing,” said Pris, “we need MG Purity.”

“MG Purity, what’s that?”

To be continued next month

Writing Prompt

What is the most unforgettable trip you have taken in a British car? I know many of you have wonderful stories about your British car experiences. We would love to read about them: the great, the good, the bad and the OH NO!

Submit your writings to: newsletter@peachtreemg.com for publication.



MG ZS EV named Car of the Year by DrivingElectric.

14th December 2021



The MG ZS EV has scooped a brace of trophies in the 2022 DrivingElectric Awards, including the coveted overall Car of the Year prize. The win cements MG in the A-list of electric-car producers and finally puts to bed the myth that buyers need to dig deep for a quality EV.

DrivingElectric's judges praised the MG ZS EV's unbeatable value for money, with the Long Range version costing less than £28,500 – the same as many family hatchbacks. Its official range of 273 miles is more than many of its big-name competitors, too.

Successfully meeting the up-front cost and range concerns of motorists puts MG's ZS at the vanguard of transforming Britain's roads to electric. Only last week, DrivingElectric parent company Autovia revealed that those were the top factors leading to consumers holding back from buying an EV over the past two years.

The MG led a charge of other categories, all celebrating the best electric and hybrid cars, plus charging providers and EV technology. Hyundai was a big winner, with its Ioniq 5 scooping the Best Long-Distance Electric Car and Technology awards, while the Tucson was named Best Family Hybrid Car. Both models are reigning Car of the Year holders from DrivingElectric's sister titles, Auto Express and Carbuyer.

DrivingElectric's readers also had their say, naming the Kia EV6 their favourite electric car for

2022, and the Nissan Ariya their most anticipated electric car, due in showrooms next year.

And with demand for used vehicles at an unprecedented high, the British-built Nissan Leaf Mk2 took Best Used Electric Car honours, while the Toyota Prius Mk4 was named Best Used Hybrid Car.

The latest DrivingElectric awards also saw Zappi take the inaugural Best Home Charger category, an award which, like Best Universal Charging Network (Shell Recharge) was voted for by existing EV owners taking part in Autovia's Driver Power ownership satisfaction survey.

The exceptional rates offered by Octopus Energy's Go smart-meter tariff led to a win in the Best Home Electricity Tariff category, while Zap-Map once more took top honours in the Best Electric-Car App award.

Commenting on the ZS EV's award, Guy Pigounakis MG Motor Commercial Director, said: "This is an absolutely amazing achievement for the ZS EV so early in its life and it really brings home the fact that MG has cemented its position in the UK market, as both a leader in electrification and a provider of great quality, great value cars that are just what the market demands.

"That a brand as high profile as DrivingElectric has recognized this and given MG its top award is an incredible accolade and we're absolutely delighted that the ZS EV is their Car of the Year for 2022."

Richard Ingram, DrivingElectric editor, said: "The new MG ZS EV is quite simply the best-value electric car on sale. It addresses arguably the single biggest barrier to entry for EV buyers: price. As a package, the ZS simply can't be beaten with a long range, impressive efficiency and a lengthy kit list, all wrapped up in a practical SUV body. Our judges were unanimous – the updated MG ZS EV perfectly encompasses everything that's important to electric-car buyers in 2022."

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Postcards from Karel

An MGA Twincam in front of the Palazzo del Cinema on the island of Lido di Venezia. The island, part of the city of Venice, in the Adriatic Sea is known for its beaches. The Palazzo del Cinema has been the home of the annual Venice Film Festival since 1932. It looks a little modernized today, but the architecture hasn't changed since the photo for this postcard was taken, probably around 1960.



This postcard is from the Vintage and Classic Car Collection in the Garden Hotel in Udaipur, India. The twenty cars all belonged to previous Maharanas (Indian princes). The hotel and the semi-circular garage are housed in the former Mewar Sate Motor Garage. This MG TC, one of a few more affordable cars amongst several Rolls Royces and Cadillacs, is one of the only 49 that we're exported to India in 1946. Click here to read more about the TC. <https://hrhhotels.com/>



Greeting Card from Reinout



A TC to go along with Karel's postcard.

The card, published by Malcolm Bradburn in England, shows beautiful artwork of a red TC in a typical English environment; in front of a pub. Just for fun, I Googled the name of the pub, Red Lion. It must be one of the more common pub names as there were literally thousands of hits.

The description on the back states, in part; "The T-Series, with their sweeping wing lines, fold-flay wind-screens, cut-away doors, and headlamps hung on the radiator, were for many a glorious introduction to open two-seater motoring". And, I am sure that the T-Series owners in our clubs will fully agree.

The card was published by Malcolm Bradburn in England. The artists initials are RW but the full name is unknown.

Tech



See the latest Tech sessions on YouTube. Just search for Peachtree Registry or use the QR code.



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Dues are due between January 1, 2022 and March 31, 2022.

On or after January 1, 2022, you will get a reminder when you log into the PMGR website.

Simply “click” on that and it will take you to the many dues-paying options.

