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UpComing Events

- March 6-Quasi ORF in Cobb County
- March 13-Tech Session MIG Welding via Zoom
- March 14-PMGR Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM social, 7:00 PM Business meeting via Zoom
- March 15-Articles for Newsletter due
- March 17 ORF
- March 20 GTA
- March 21- Ladies Zoom
- March 27-British Car Club Midlands Center Car Show Columbia, SC www.bcmmc.com CANCELLED
- April 3- Annual Wheels Across the Pond, Jupiter, Florida CANCELLED
- May 1- Lewes British Car Show
- May 20-23 Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance, Amelia Island, Florida
- June 14-17 MG International, Atlantic City NJ
- Oct.2 -Southern British Car Show-,Ooltowah, TN TENTATIVE
- Sept 4 British Motor Car Day, Cartersville
- Sept 11-Atlanta British Motorcar Fayre, Norcross
- Sept 16-19 Columbus Brits in the Valley

Don't forget to *Renew Your Membership*
Your membership ends April 1st.



MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Dr. Seuss's Birthday	3	4	5	6 Drive
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Tech Session Zoom
14 National Pi Day Member- ship Meet- ing, 7 PM, 6:30 social Spring Forward	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day ORF	18	19	20 Spring Equinox
21 Ladies Zoom	22	23	24	25	26	27 Passover Begins
28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31			

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**Membership renewal period
Jan 1st to Mar 31st.**

Memberships expire Apr 1st.

During the membership renewal period, you should see a renewal icon when you hover your cursor over your name where you log-in on the website. Click on that to renew on line with PayPal.

If you want to renew earlier or later than the renewal period, follow these steps:

- Log into your PayPal account.
- Select "Send Money".
- Where it says "Email",

enter:

peachtreetreasurer@gmail.com

- Follow the prompts and both you and the Treasurer will be notified of the payment.

If you prefer to renew by check, send payment to:

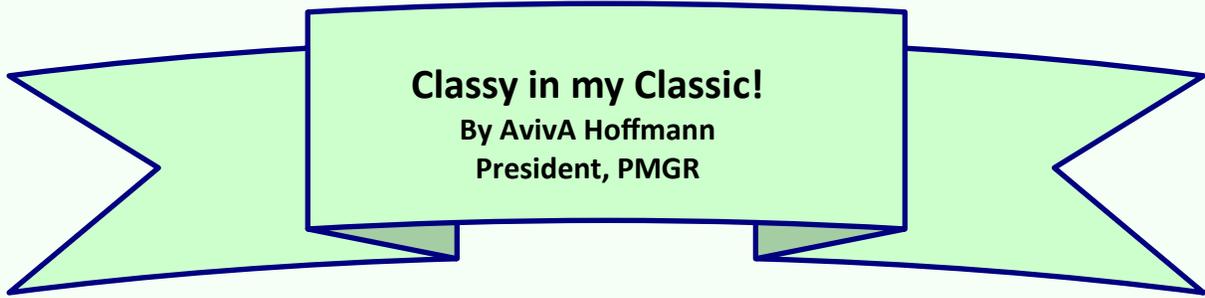
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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzpUQ2q-HkGoLwwgqurewPw>

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(866) 279-9728



I'd like to thank everyone who attended our general meeting in February, and I hope to see even more of you this month at our next Zoom session on Sunday, March 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m. for socializing, business at 7:00 p.m., and a game following that. I realize virtual meetings are not the same as "in person," but I believe, they are still necessary at this current time.

We need to see many more of you at the March meeting. Remember, during these meetings, important club matters are discussed, and decisions are made that will impact all club members. As a Peachtree MG Registry member, you have a voice and the ability to weigh in on club business. If you have any issues or hesitations about participating in a virtual meeting, please contact me for any troubleshooting or practice – or anything that will make you more comfortable. I am ready to help. After all, we are a club that exists to bring us together and "share the love for British cars." During these challenging times, we need to keep our connections as strong as possible.

Spring is coming... which means more opportunities to drive! Although many official, organized events have been cancelled in this first part of 2021, I believe this will improve once the pandemic is more under control. Until then, keep monitoring our event calendar and newsletters for updates. Also, keep participating in smaller (safe) drives and activities, and be sure to post to the club's Facebook page and share with the newsletter editor, so we can all be a part of it.

During the February meeting, we chose The Georgia Mountain Food Bank (GMFB) as the club's charity recipient for 2021. This organization addresses "...hunger, health and quality of life by serving those in need throughout North Georgia. GMFB provides a vital link between sources of food supplies and hardworking community-based partner agencies who help get the food into the hands of families and individuals who need it." You can learn more about this charity online at: <https://www.gamountainfoodbank.org>.

I am encouraged by a slight increase in membership during the past month. I hope this upward trend keeps going. If you haven't renewed already, please make that a priority. And, be sure to take care of yourself – and others – as we all get through these interesting times. I am looking forward to seeing you all (virtually or in person) soon. Also, one final thing... don't hesitate to contact me about any club matters on your mind.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Safety Fast!



Meeting Minutes

Peachtree Monthly Meeting – February 2021

Our meeting started at 6:30 PM on Sunday Feb 21st with a general social discussion and hello to those who logged in.

AvivA called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 and we followed her agenda.

Old business was the charity for this year. It was suggested we do the North Georgia Food Bank and AvivA will follow up with Abe Cheij as we think he is the one who proposed them. AvivA will follow up via email.

Committee and officer's reports, as follows:

VP – No report

Treasurer – YTD net income \$6,478.75. Almost all were renewals with a grill badge and some pins sold. Expenses were \$759.30 with Zoom subscription and some AV equipment along with normal monthly bills for club express.

Membership – Steve reported on the number of renewals and that we have 4 new members.

Tech – New AV equipment will be used on future sessions and Reinout has scheduled a tech session for March 13 on MIG welding.

Regalia – Reinout said he will write an article on how to use the Lands End link to order items.

Historian – Eric had no report.

Social Media – Kathy continues to keep our

Facebook page current.

Newsletter – Madell said that March was waiting on a couple of articles and would be ready to go.

Website – Steve said he is enhancing the site as he gains more ideas and content. Links have been established for regalia and our Facebook page.

New business – Nothing to report.

Event planning updates – Columbus is still under consideration for September. Southern British Car Club is scheduled for their show in Oct 2021. Pensacola show in April has been cancelled.

A quiz was conducted by AvivA where you had to listen to a song (car related) and guess the artist and song title. Blake won for the most correct answers and Madell got the booby prize for the fewest. Prize for each was an MGB -GT (miniature version) donated by Reinout.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM



Happy Birthday!!

We would love to recognize your birthday, anniversary, or other happy occasions. Please email me at newsletter@peachtreemg.com.

March

April

March 2nd

Dr. Seuss'



- 3/3 Sean Lawson
- 3/8 Brendan C Glover
- 3/9 Dennis P Somerville
- 3/11 Stephens, Nancy
- 3/12 Moose Stovall
- 3/13 Janet Petree
- 3/16 Stephen W Cohen
- 3/18 Susan Atkinsone
- 3/19 Neil Estes
- 3/19 Richard O Schloemer
- 3/19 Anne Walton
- 3/20 Rick A Hartlein
- 3/21 Philip B Clark
- 3/21 James Zavorski
- 3/22 Macolino, John
- 3/23 Larry Norton
- 3/24 Arlene Dafrico
- 3/26 William Perkins
- 3/28 Debbie Levy
- 3/29 Marjorie Hartlein
- 3/30 Ted Stewart

- 4/1 Donald M Laughran
- 4/3 Susan Hunter
- 4/5 Warren J McCluer
- 4/8 Jim Graves
- 4/13 Rhonda McCartney
- 4/16 Nancy Carter
- 4/16 Amy Simpson
- 4/17 Brian M Dubuc
- 4/19 Kit L Forshee
- 4/19 Gary Whiting
- 4/24 Judy Rossi
- 4/25 George Hussey
- 4/26 Jay Levy
- 4/28 Charles Birchfield
- 4/29 Danny Beeson



NORTH AMERICAN COUNCIL OF MG REGISTERS

MG INTERNATIONAL ATLANTIC CITY 2021

MG INTERNATIONAL 2021

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

14 – 17 JUNE 2021

THE REGISTRATION WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE



PeachtreeMG News

How to Reach PeachtreeMG Registry

(see page 4 for email addresses)

We have a phone number!! If you need to get in touch with any of the officers in the club, you can either email them or leave a message on our voice mail. Your call will be directed to the proper person. Keep this number handy!

(866) 279-9728

YouTube

We now have a YouTube Channel!! We will be putting the Tech Sessions on our channel. *Make sure you subscribe* to our channel.

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzpUQ2q-HkGoLwwgqurewPw>

Wanted

1. Photos of your children/grandchildren in your LBC.
2. Stories with photos about your cars. Wouldn't you want your car to be the Cover Girl of the Month?

Story Starter

On St. Patrick's Day, you found a Pot of Gold at the end of a rainbow. What would you do with it? Choose three ways you would use the Gold. Tell why you chose these ways.



Membership Reminder:

Your 2020 membership ends April 1. If you wish to continue to received our newsletter, please renew your membership by March 31. See page 3 for more information.

More News

Paul Flexner reported:

At Los Angeles' largest museums, officials say, it would be easy to enforce distancing measures. "We have 100,000 square feet of space and a limited number of people in the museum," said Terry L. Karges, executive director of the [Petersen Automotive Museum](#).

Cana-mex vintage road rally

We are organizing a fantastic road rally for late Sept of 2021 that will run from Canada to Mexico on the best mountain roads America has to offer (this year we are eliminating the border crossings due to Covid however).

We are working diligently to make the event as covid safe and fun as possible as we know owners and enthusiasts are anxious to get back out there. I'm asking for your help in getting the word out to your members. Let me know what I can provide to help support that. There is a link to our website below that also includes a rally questionnaire. We want to know what your members are looking for in an event like this. (Vintage Road Rallies On Open Motorways)

www.cana-Mex.com

BRITISH MOTOR CAR DAY 2021

DATE CHANGE

At the request of our host, the Tellus Museum in Cartersville, the annual BMCD will be moved from May 6 to **September 4** (Labor Day Weekend). Special arrangements are being made for visitation to the Museum during the show and to the new auto museum opening a few miles down the road – if it is open by then. Please watch the Newsletter for further details as the time draws nearer.

More News

PMGR Drive

On **Saturday, March 6th**, there will be a PMGR drive and picnic starting in Marietta. From there to the Smith-Gilbert Gardens and ending at the Dry County Brewery in Kennesaw. GTA is also invited.

The itinerary is:

- Meet around 9:00 AM at the Marietta Diner for breakfast. Parking can be a bit dicey but the Diner has two overflow lots. If you don't want to chance the Diner, there are a few other places nearby:
 - Waffle House - Roswell St and Frey's Gin Rd SE (by I-75)
 - Waffle House - Hwy 41 and Barclay Circle, south of the Diner
 - Red Eyed Mule - 430 South Marietta Pkwy SE, Marietta (ex-Huddle House, is very good but limited parking)
 - IHOP - Hwy 41 near the Diner
 - McD - Hwy 41 south of the South Loop
 - Chick-Fil-A - next to the Sam's Club which is just north of the Diner
- The driver's meeting will be held in the Sam's Club parking lot just north of the Diner around 10:00 AM.
- The drive will take us through Marietta, past the National Cemetery and through the Kennesaw Mountain Battle Field to the Smith-Gilbert Gardens. The drive should be about 30 minutes. Tickets to the Garden are \$6 for seniors and \$10 for adults. Online tickets will go on sale next week or can be purchased at the Gardens.
- We will depart the Gardens about 11:45 AM for the Dry County Brewing Co. for lunch and libations. You will need to bring your own food. The brewery has outdoor picnic tables and some seating inside. For those who want to spend some more time in Kennesaw, here is a sampling of other places of interest:
 - Southern Museum of the Civil War and Locomotive History, 2829 Cherokee St NW, Kennesaw, GA
 - Wildman's Civil War Surplus (museum), 2879 S Main St NW, Kennesaw, GA
 - Lazy Guy Distillery, 2950 Moon Station Rd NW, Kennesaw, GA
 - Frozen Cow Creamery, 2870 Cherokee St NW, Kennesaw, GA
 - Kennesaw National Battlefield. If you've never been there it is worth taking some time to visit.

RSVP is requested, as I will need an approximate count, not later than Tuesday, to give to the Gardens and the brewery. If you will be joining us at the Diner, I will also need to know that as well.

Please send the RSVPs to Erich Starzinger, erichs@mindspring.com or call my cell phone at 404-663-5352.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be re-scheduled for April.

More News

Zoom Tech Session III MIG Welding

On **Saturday, March 13**, we'll host our third Zoom Tech Session.

Club member Jeff Jones, from Woodstock, GA has quite some experience with this technique from taking a few classes and doing a lot of restoration work on his 1969 MGA Roadster.

We'll be in John Scarpucci's garage in Atlanta to hear Jeff talk a little bit about MIG welding and demonstrate it by filling in several, no longer needed, holes in the engine bay of John's 1972 MGBGT.

Zoom detail and starting time, etc. will be announced in a separate email notification and on the club website calendar.



The poster features a teal Triumph car with a leprechaun in the driver's seat and a woman in a green hat and outfit sitting on the back. A large glass of LNB beer is on the right. The LNB logo is in the top left, and the Georgia Triumph logo is in the bottom left.

**GTA 2021 SPRING
ST. PADDY'S DAY DRIVE
SATURDAY
MAR 20**

HOLD ON TO THE ONE YOU GOT LEFT
LNB
LEFT NUT BREWING Co.
GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, USA

TO LEFT NUT BREWING CO. / GAINESVILLE, GA

Invitation for a drive to Gainesville, GA for lunch and visit to Left Nut Brewing Co.
MEET: 10 AM at Starbuck's, 10800 Alpharetta Hwy #312, Roswell, GA 30076.
DEPART: 10:30 AM. Our route will get us to Gainesville about 11:45 AM,
where lunch is available downtown at a restaurant of your choice.
Left Nut Brewing opens at 1 PM / 2100 Atlanta Hwy, Gainesville, GA 30504.
Further Info, contact: Mark Post, GTA / mp2422@att.com / 678-612-1608

Brits in the Valley

Columbus, GA

- Sept. 16-19, 2021

Save the date

Mark your calendars

Following the very successful first Columbus British Car Show in 2019, the Peachtree MG Registry is getting ready for the 2021 edition. We have plans to make it bigger and better than before, with more space for social distancing and activities for all tastes during the whole weekend.

All of us hope that by the time September rolls around, Covid-19 will be manageable and we can enjoy our British cars again. From our side we'll put everything in place to make Brits in the Valley happen safely. And if that isn't possible, we'll do it another time.

Preliminary Program (details and registration to follow)

Thursday September 16

Ice Breaker, drinks and dinner to kick-off the weekend

There are several interesting museums in Columbus for early arrivals, incl. Ma Rainey Blues, Columbus Art, Civil War Navy, National Infantry, and several more

Friday, September 17

Driving Tour through Georgia and Alabama with a lunch stop

Dinner in downtown Columbus, just a block from the Marriott Hotel

Stroll over to Broadway and stop where you like or make reservations together with new or old friends

Saturday, September 18

Carwash at the hotel

Car Show at the Woodruff Park, along the Chattahoochee River

Explore Columbus, guided tour with a stop at the Ma Rainey House & Blues Museum

Banquet

Awards

Sunday, September 19

Breakfast to go and departure

Grab a complimentary juice, coffee and some bakery goods before hitting the road early, finishing up with the museums, or joining a caravan back to Atlanta with a stop at Callaway Gardens

Columbus, and the location of the Marriott hotel, is very family friendly, with interesting and fun things to do for all ages, including the downtown Whitewater Express with kayaking, tubing, and a zipline across the river into Alabama. So, please bring children, grandchildren, teenagers, and friends of all ages.

Please know that you are welcome to join us at any time or just for one day or event, if you are not able to spend the whole weekend at Brits in the Valley in Columbus, GA.

Found on Facebook!!

OK, I have to brag a little on this one. Most issues of the New England MG-T Register's "Sacred Octagon" magazine feature a photo of someone as the "MG Girl." I submitted some photos of granddaughter, Josie, in my 1951 MGTD and she was selected as the MG Girl for the February issue! She appears on page 5 right below the chairman's message. Doesn't she look dashing in her leather racing helmet?

Jay Franklin



The Lewes British Motor Car Show is back on for May 1, 2021, after a year-long postponement!

Please Note: This event is contingent on the state's Division of Public Health's approved plan that is in process and any future restrictions that may be mandated prior to the event.

The Lewes Chamber of Commerce and British Car Club of Delaware, Inc., is Celebrating 25 Years of the "British are Coming – Again!" Motorcar Show - 1996 – 2021.

Show Date: Saturday, May 1, 2021

Place: Cape May – Lewes Ferry grounds, 43 Cape Henlopen Dr. Lewes, Delaware 19958

Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Eligibility: British cars manufactured years 2000 and earlier

Awards: To be determined based on total entries of the varied British Marques.

Preregistration: Available through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). (on-line only) **Email:** inquiry@leweschamber.com

Web Addresses: <https://www.leweschamber.com> <http://bccdelaware.org> Visit us on Facebook

**Important Information
for MG International**



Dear MG Enthusiast;

First, we want to thank you all for taking the time to open, read, and in many cases respond to the email survey that we recently sent out to all Register members regarding factors that may affect your decision to attend **MG International – Atlantic City 2021**. We had a better-than-expected response rate and appreciated the input that you provided!

Today, we send this note to all members of the North American MMM Register, the New England MG T Register, the North American MGA Register, and the North American MGB Register to update you with correspondence that we received this week from both Meet AC (the Convention and Visitors' Bureau for Atlantic City) and from Harrah's (our host hotel for the event).

Richard Liddick (B Register), Tony Burgess, and I have visited Atlantic City twice since this pandemic took grip here in North America; once in April 2020 and once in October 2020. We have always been impressed with the way folks in Atlantic City have handled the pandemic and never felt "at risk" with our interactions with either workers or other guests of the hotels, restaurants, or venues that we visited.

The three of us will be making a final site visit (along with fellow Council members Tom Metcalf of the MMM Register, Blair Weiss of the T Register, and Tom Medeen of the A Register) to the city in late April to nail down any loose ends that may have presented themselves in preparation for "The Big Event" in June.

When both Harrah's and Meet AC were contacted for their input on Covid-19 concerns, it took less than 48 hours for us to receive their responses. It is obvious that they want our business and have worked diligently to make Atlantic City as safe as possible for us by following all guidelines and policies mandated by Local and State authorities. Please read their comments below.

Please help us plan for this event by registering for *MG International – Atlantic City 2021* at www.mg2021.org sooner rather than later since we must release commitments we have on certain events by April 15 and may not be able to add more tickets after this time. Please remember that your Registration can be canceled by you before May 14 for a refund (see website for complete terms). "

Remember, too, that you can order AC2021 swag through our online store (in partnership with Wagner Signs & Apparel) at <https://mgint.itemorder.com/sale> . (We have swag available at online registration as well, but there are additional items (such as face masks) to be found at the online store.)

If you would like to reach out to us with any questions, please send an e-mail to MG2021INFO@gmail.com and we will get back to you as soon as possible (usually within a few hours).

We hope to see you for **"MGs by the Sea" during MG International – Atlantic City 2021!**

Thank you from the North American Council of M.G. Registers!

Rick Ingram, Executive Director
Tony Burgess, Operations and Finance
Tom Metcalf, North American MMM Register
Blair Weiss, New England MG T Register
Tom Medeen, North American MGA Register
Richard Liddick, North American MGB Register

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Harrah's Resort

Atlantic City, New Jersey

Dear MG International Atlantic City 2021 guest,

We are excited and honored to welcome all fans, enthusiasts, friends and exhibitors of MG International — Atlantic City 2021, the North American Council of MG Registers' joint convention, to Harrah's Resort Atlantic City this June.

Our team is in full preparation for your arrival to create a memorable and safe stay. Since our re-opening, post quarantine, in July of 2020, we have implemented over 200 new safety and sanitation protocols in our fight against Covid transmission.

To name a few:

All guests and team members receive temperature checks upon entering the resort. We also verify Covid related symptoms and compliance with the protocol.

We have installed Plexiglass partitions at the front desk, casino table games, and at all points of sale or service. Ten self-check-in kiosks are available and cleaned frequently by our Lobby Ambassadors. Our Clean-Team frequently disinfects all high-touch items, such as door handles and elevator touch buttons and our guestrooms receive a door-seal after a thorough deep clean after each guest stay. We have socially distanced all areas of our operations both front of house and back of the house with reminders to guests and team members. Hand sanitizers are available throughout our resort.

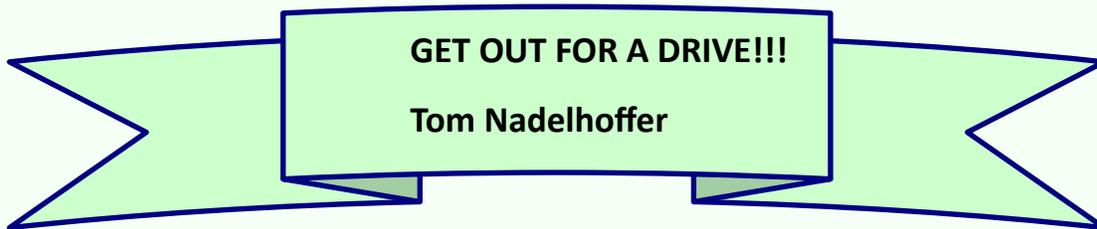
New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy has been very pleased with our commitment and dedication to implement these new procedures and recently eased capacity restrictions for our casino, dining, meeting, and entertainment operations.

We are in close contact with the New Jersey Department of Health as well as the local regulatory gaming approval committee to monitor the further roll-out of vaccines. The expectation is as Covid cases decline and more residents receive the vaccine, current restrictions will be rescinded in the coming weeks and months.

Lastly, we are collaborating with the planning team of MG International — Atlantic City 2021 to continue to plan out all details regarding the expo, banquets, and meetings to assure a fun and safe event.

We look forward to seeing you at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City soon and welcome all feedback to further enhance your stay with us.

Gregg Klein - Sr. Vice President & GM
Josep Giunta - Vice President Operations
Steve Van Der Molen - VP Meeting Operations



Here's this month's recommendation to get out of the house for a self-guided drive and, if you are comfortable, a bit of shopping, sightseeing and dining!

March's City of the Month is **Blue Ridge, GA**

Quick Facts About Blue Ridge, Georgia

- Incorporated in 1886
- Elevation: 1,751'
- Size: 2.2 Square Miles
- County: Fannin
- Population: 1,473 (2020 census)

Official City Website: <https://cityofblueridgega.gov/>

Easy to get to via GPS services

Named for the southern reach of the Appalachian Mountain Range that stretches into the area, the City of Blue Ridge boasts beautiful mountain views. With key water features, such as Lake Blue Ridge and the Toccoa River, Blue Ridge is the Trout Fishing Capital of Georgia. Blue Ridge was ranked by Southern Living Magazine as one of the 2020 South's Best Mountain Towns, and 2019 Top Small Mountain Towns for Retirement.

The downtown area boasts quaint shops and eclectic restaurants along with festivals and plenty of activities for residents and tourists all in a smalltown setting. The city is home to one of the few remaining drive-ins in North Georgia, the Swan Drive-In theater.

Tracks for the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway bisect the downtown area, with the Scenic Railway itself operating out of the town's historic 100 year old Depot. (<https://brscenic.com/>)

Blue Ridge is also one of the Top Ten Craft Towns in the country. The natural beauty of the area draws artists, potters, musicians, creative enterprises and the people who appreciate them. The Art Center, located in the historic Fannin County Courthouse, houses studios, a pottery and kiln studio, five artistic guilds, five galleries and an artist in residence program. For a complete schedule of events, see the website: www.blueridgearts.net.

A few of my favorite restaurants in downtown Blue Ridge are: The Fightingtown Tavern, Rum Cake Lady Cuban Café, The Boro Inn Irish Pub and Restaurant. A couple of other restaurants that I like in the area are Toccoa Riverside Restaurant just outside Blue Ridge and Burra Burra on the River in McCaysville. Check out other places to eat in Blue Ridge and the surrounding area at:

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/blueridge-2018/documents/14Food-2020.pdf>

You may also want to sample the wares at The Grumpy Old Men Brewing Company. Their liquid refreshments are really good but, the only food on the menu is hot dogs:

<https://grumpyoldmenbrewing.com/jeffs-hot-dogs>

Check out all the things to see and do, places to eat and stay in Blue Ridge and the surrounding area at:

<https://www.blueridgemountains.com/>

Have Fun and Safe Travels!!!!



Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Tom Nadelhoffer

The January ORF Tour was canceled because the tour leader (me) was on the losing end of a run in with a log splitter the day before the tour. After a bit of bleeding, swelling and pain I am happy to report my left index finger has almost resumed its normal size/color and most of its functionality. The really good news is the previous cancelation enables me to reuse the itinerary for our MARCH ORF!!!

The MARCH ORF is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 17th**. The starting location will be the IHOP in Dawsonville, GA. We'll be heading WEST thru Ellijay and on to Chatsworth. The comfort stop along the way will be in Ellijay at either a service station, an "apple house" or the city parking lot/restroom in Ellijay. After our run up/over Fort Mountain our lunch stop will be The Village Cafeteria in Chatsworth. I have contacted The Village Café and verified, barring any unforeseen issues, they plan to be open March 17.

See URL below for menu:

<http://www.allmenus.com/ga/chatsworth/423423-village-cafeteria/menu/>

Our return will be via back roads south out of Chatsworth until we pickup Hwy 136 towards Jasper and then back to Dawsonville.

Below is the proposed schedule:

09:00 – 09:45 – Breakfast at the IHOP, 4117 Dawson

Forest Rd E, Dawsonville, Ga

09:45 - 10:00 – Tire kicking in the parking lot with a **10:00 departure**

10:00 – 11:00 – A run thru downtown Dawsonville to Ellijay via Hwy's 53/183/ 52

11:00 – 11:15 - Rest break @ TBD location

11:15– 12:00 – Continue on Hwy 52 up/over Fort Mountain to Chatsworth, Ga

12:00-13:30 – Lunch at The Village Cafeteria

13:30-15:00 – Homeward bound on back roads south from Chatsworth until we pickup up Hwy136 towards Jasper, Ga then across to Dawsonville

There are plenty of opportunities to join/leave the group along the way. **Please contact Tom Nadelhoffer if you plan to attend no later than Friday March 12 at either blueb@bellsouth.net or 770-887-8877(h) 404-402-3004(c). Advise Tom the following:**

Yes you plan to attend and how many in your party

*Do you plan to eat breakfast? Yes/No. If 'no,' be there for a **10am departure!!!***

Do you plan to order and eat inside for lunch.

Order and take out or bring a sack from home?

Depending upon the weather there's a city park with picnic tables 2 blocks from the restaurant or you can always eat in your car.



Our Stories

What's in Your Boot?

Tom Nadelhoffer

I'm sure Madell will receive numerous responses to her "Story Starter" assignment for the March issue: Write a story about one, two or three things you carry in your British car trunk that is/are vital to your existence. Make sure you include the reason(s) you carry this item and how you have used it in the past.

Over the years, I have had the good fortune to lead or participate in quite a few road trips. Some of those trips, like our club's monthly ORF (Old Retired Friends) runs, were rather short (< 150 miles) while trips to regional or national car shows were quite a bit longer (some > 1,000-2,000 miles). What I carry in my boot depends upon the destination and who I'm traveling with. No sense everyone in the group packing the same items so we create a shared "Spares List" for that particular trip. This saves a little space in everyone's boot.

The list of items Madell receives will be as diverse as the technical expertise of the respondents and their sense of what's vital to their existence. In no particular order, the 3 item list will undoubtedly include:

Personal items – Cellphone, AAA card, bank card, NAMGBR Mutual Aid Directory, bottled water, snacks, favorite alcoholic beverage, snacks, sun screen, sun glasses, bug spray, hat, jacket, flashlight, folding chair, umbrella, soft mat to sit/kneel on, hand cleaner, rags/towels, black trash bag, warm

blanket, etc.

Technical items depending upon your destination and skill set – tool kit, duct tape, baling wire, oil, 50/50 antifreeze, brake light switch, heater valve, gasket material, wiper blade, stop leak, test lamp, set of points/condenser or electronic ignitor, coil, fuses, lamps/bulbs, battery jump start box (doubles as a cell charger), alternator w/pulley, fan belt, Facet fuel pump, fuel filter, throttle/bicycle brake cable, oil flex line, front wheel bearings, tie wraps, brake pads, carb rebuild kit, spare gas & radiator cap, water pump, head/exhaust/valve cover gaskets etc.

Three items not on the above lists, but have proved vital to me or a traveling companion at the time of use, are toilet paper, dental floss, and a small camera!!!!

Regarding toilet paper...some will question if toilet paper is vital in your boot??? Well, I have found when there is a need for toilet paper, it is far better and timelier, to have it in hand rather than to be searching for it. You could always ask the grumpy looking attendant behind the register at the bio stop if he/she will stop what they're doing and replenish the toilet paper for you. Oh! Remember it is unlikely you or anyone else in your traveling group intends to purchase anything while in the store!!! You don't need an entire roll in the glove box or boot. In the past, the ¼ roll I keep in the plastic baggie tucked in

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the boot has relieved many a fellow traveler's panic and anxiety at a time of urgent need!!!

Dental Floss – or more specifically the Glide Floss in the little quarter-sized tin my dental hygienist provides at each teeth cleaning. I usually have a much larger container of it available in the bathroom at home so I have relegated several of the little tins to my dopp/shaving kit for use while traveling. As intended...it does a fine job getting all the pesky particles from between my teeth. Several years ago on a road trip to The British Car Club Midlands Centre's Annual show in Cayce, SC, it came in handy for an unexpected use. A group of Peachtree MG Club members agreed to caravan the 200 miles to the show from Atlanta, GA. . One of our members, Larry Norton, mapped out a great route utilizing mostly backroads. A late morning departure from Dacula, GA, including a lunch stop at the Dixie Diner, an eclectic lunch spot in Greenwood, SC, would put us at the host hotel around 4pm. It was a gorgeous, sunny day. The roads had smooth surfaces and no congestion. The lunch stop was a bit crowded, but the food was very good. We were rolling right along and less than 20 miles away from rendezvous for a gin and tonic poolside at the host hotel, when the lead car started sputtering and running very poorly. After several stops and various potential remedies were applied, the caravan came to a stop in front of a local bank less than 5 miles from that aforementioned gin and tonic. It was finally determined that the problem was in the front HIF carburetor and had something to do with a threaded needle valve

not properly seating in the housing. Several attempts to tighten the valve failed and it appeared the dreaded tow truck was going to have to be summoned. Someone mentioned how some Teflon tape applied to the threads might provide enough friction to keep the valve tight. Great idea! But who carries a roll of Teflon tape in the boot. It made me start thinking about those two little tins of dental floss in my shaving kit and how much they resembled Teflon tape. We dug them out and applied a light wrap to the needle valve threads and, presto... the threads tightened right up. All the under hood piece parts were reassembled and the engine cranked right up and ran smoothly all the way to the hotel in time for the before dinner cocktail hour. In fact, the dental floss fix for the carburetor held all weekend, including our 200 mile return run home. Later that week, a new/used housing without stripped threads was fitted to properly fix the problem.

The last vital item in my boot is a camera. This requirement is somewhat mitigated today with the camera capabilities of cellphones, but having a reliable back-up is a must. It's wonderful being able to take pictures of beautiful roadway landscapes and extraordinary cars on the show field. But, in that rare moment when your very tech savvy friend is unable to implement roadside repairs to get his car fixed.....it is **PRICELESS** being able to take a photo of his car on the back of a tow truck headed for the shop!!!!



Top three things I carry in my MG

Larry Norton

I have said on many occasions that you need to build confidence in your car. They were made in the 50's, 60's and 70's and were intended to be driven as daily drivers, and also on trips. How do you get confidence in your car? Drive it as much as possible and don't let it sit for more than two weeks at a time. Ethanol is bad juju, so put 100% gas in your car or at least fuel stabilizer. Many of the newest gas stations in our area have pumps for 100% gas, by the way. If your car will go 5 miles without issue it will go 50. If it will go 50 it will go 100, etc, etc. I have traveled coast to coast and have had no major issues since, as in all things, preparation is the key. Don't neglect maintenance on your car.

Things do happen and so the reason for "boot insurance," better known as spares. So here goes;

A basic tool kit. In today's world, you can buy a relatively inexpensive set up. It does not have to be top of the line, as you only want it for emergencies and not to make a living.

I always carry an upper and especially a lower radiator hose. These hoses have minor changes based on the year of your car. On the MGB, you just can't pick one up at your local auto parts store.

I carry a spare distributor. This will work if you

have points or have upgraded to an electronic system like Pertronix. It is much easier to slide the distributor out and put a new one in. Just make note of where your vacuum advance is pointing so the timing stays the same.

You should have your own list of personal items and, if you are traveling in a group to a distant location involving multiple day stops, I suggest making a spares list with your traveling companions. I also carry NAMGBR's Mutual Air Directory (MAD) along with one of the newer battery jump start kits, fan belt(s), gasket set, throttle cable, although I use Teflon coated bike brake cables for this, the oil pressure line from the block (I've had one blow out) and a couple of fuel filters to go along with a spare pump. Large contractor garbage bags are great to put on the ground if you must work under the car. In addition to the regular twist-up jack I carry a scissors jack as a temp jack stand.

Sometimes the minor breakdowns along the way make for great stories over dinner or for that after-dinner libation. Just ask someone at the next meeting about their experiences and you will almost always enjoy a laugh or two.



O.S.H.I.T. - Wild West Edition

Jack Orkin

Part 3

Day Six – Garage Party, cont.

Carol was a great host as she showed the girls some of the local color and history around Dodge City while the guys made good progress today, as the fuel and hydraulic systems are pretty much complete. The electrical system is coming along, and the engine and transmission are about to be mated and installed. The doors have been assembled and are ready for installation. Maybe we'll get to fire-up the engine tomorrow. This afternoon, there was another thunderstorm and it really dropped the temperature, but no hail or tornadoes!



Installing engine and transmission.



Mark installing the rear seal.



Greg taking a break

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O.S.H.I.T. - Wild West Edition continued



Day Seven – Our Last Day and We’re Working on Two Midgets

Part One: Today is a big day. More pieces and parts are installed, including the clutch and the engine and tranny were mated. Soon, a milestone was reached, as the lump and the driveshaft were installed. Next to go in was the exhaust system. Unfortunately, we kept running into problems finding tools, parts, pieces and fasteners. We all got to know the way to the local auto parts and hardware stores, which luckily were close by. But, alas, by the end of the day, we were not at a point to bring the engine to life. There is not a lot more to do – install the windshield, seats and doors and then the front fenders, grille and radiator. But these will have to wait until needed parts are ordered and another OSHIT event scheduled later this year. Despite our problems and disappointment at not reaching our goal, it was great meeting, spending time and working with all the OSHITers! We’ll plan on coming back for OSHIT 2, but we’ll be in the Subaru!!

Damn, where did that washer go?



Our farewell dinner. L-R: Jack and Kathy Orkin, Kathy and Kevin Valentine, Delores and Bob Kitterer, Greg Gowins, Mark Haynes, Carol and Jim Johnson.

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O.S.H.I.T. - Wild West Edition continued

Part Two: This morning, when leaving the hotel to drive to Jim's, my brake pedal went to the floor. No brakes! Doing a quick inspection, I noticed a tell-tale puddle under the right rear wheel. It appears the brake cylinder had failed. Jim picked me up and we would look at my car later. By sheer luck, we found a seal repair kit at Jim's so, later that afternoon, we took a jack and headed back to the hotel to work on Midget number two. We got it jacked up, wheel removed and used the seal kit to rebuild the cylinder. Everything was going fine until we went to bleed the brakes and found the bleed nipple/cylinder was stripped and could not be tightened! Ugh! Due to some difficulties finding the needed parts, we went to have our farewell dinner with plans to check with NAPA in the morning.



Day Eight – Finally have brakes, mostly...



View from the hotel in Wichita – rain, rain and more rain

After more difficulty finding British car parts in Dodge City, we found a bleed nipple at Jim's that fit the tee

fitting on the differential. Back to the hotel and we were now working in another thunderstorm with high winds and low temperatures. The hotel was great and let us work under the portico which helped only a little bit due to the high wind. We disconnected the pipe going to the defective wheel cylinder from the tee and screwed the bleed nipple in and tightened it, bypassing the leaking cylinder. After bleeding the brakes and making a few stop-and-goes in the parking lot, I had brakes again! Since the rears do such a small amount of the braking, we should be able to get back to Georgia with brakes on 3 wheels. Then I can work on the car in my own warm and dry garage! We left for Wichita soon after, in the rain. Shortly, after we left Dodge City, I noticed a strong odor that smelled sort of like hot brakes. After a couple of miles, it disappeared. Turns out we were passing a very large feedlot and the odor was the fragrance of a few tons of manure that was filling the air. We made it to Wichita with no further problems except that it rained the whole way!

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Day Nine – Flooding in Kansas and Missouri

The plan today was to make it to Arkansas, but the weather was against us. The rain was now sporadic and lighter, but heading east out of Wichita there is a lot of flooding. There are now many new lakes in Kansas and Missouri. What was once vast crop land is now vast lakes and most of the rivers and creeks we crossed were out of their banks. At one point we even had to ford a stream that used to be a road! We passed a flashing sign board on the side of the road that read, “Standing Water on Road.” A little further along, there was a DOT truck with flashing lights where the water was flowing across 200-300 feet of roadway and was 1-2 inches deep. Traffic was light so I just drove slowly down the center on the crown of the road and we made it across with no problem. Because of the weather, we only got as far as Branson, Missouri. We have never been to Branson, but everyone seems to rave about it, so we were looking forward to seeing what it was like. We found a lot of traffic and it reminded us of Gatlinburg, TN. It’s not very pretty with lots of garish signs for all the shows. We were underwhelmed. We ate dinner at Landry’s Seafood and are looking forward to leaving tomorrow.

Day Ten – Uh oh, more trouble??

We left Branson this morning for our next stop in Tupelo, Mississippi. The roads are now winding as we drive through the Ozarks and several small



Meacham’s Restaurant – Ash Flat, AR

towns in Arkansas. Near the town of Yellville, we passed a huge concrete structure rising from the ground that resembles the grain elevators in Kansas. It turns out that it is a Butterball poultry feed mill that will make feed for turkey farms, which is a big business in northeast Arkansas. Continuing, we passed through Ash Flat, AR, where we stopped for lunch at Meacham’s Restaurant. This appears to be the only place to eat in the area, as it was quite busy. When you walk into the waiting area, there is a sign that says to “Wait Here” and when a table becomes available, they will come get you. Where you are in line is on the honor system and it seemed to work just fine. This is a family-owned operation with an extensive menu and the daughter of the founder still works there. The food was good and filling.

After lunch, we continued toward Tupelo. Along the way, we discovered a chain of very nice gas stations called Casey’s General Store, from Iowa. They were very clean and reminded us of QuikTrip that we have at home. Soon, I started hearing a noise whenever I would come to a stop. The car was running fine, so we just continued to monitor it as we motored along. As we were coming into Jonesboro, AR, one of the few big cities along the way, and thinking it might be an alternator bushing, we stopped at Bud’s Starter and Alternator Shop to have it checked. I got the name of this shop from an MG contact in MS that knew an MG guy in Jonesboro, and he recommended Bud. After a little diagnosing, Bud agreed that it sounded like a bushing. Unfortunately, there was not a replacement in Jonesboro. However, there was one in Memphis, which was on our way. Bud suggested loosening the belt to take some stress off the bushing and continue on to Memphis. So, off we went! The car was still running fine and I was checking the ignition light and voltmeter constantly. We got to Memphis and picked up the alternator. Since the car was running fine and it was getting late, we decided to keep going to Tupelo where I could change the alternator in the morning when it was cooler, and when the car had cooled off.

O.S.H.I.T. - Wild West Edition continued

All was going to plan until about 25 miles from Tupelo, as the sun was setting, the ignition light came on! The car continued to run fine, and checking the voltmeter showed I still had plenty volts left. Luckily, traffic was very light on I-22 at the time, so as it got darker, I did not turn the lights on until I saw someone approaching from behind, then turned them on. After they passed, I would turn them off to save the battery. We made it to Tupelo, but I had to turn the lights on at that point to get to the hotel. We made it with no problem, then walked to dinner at a nearby Buffalo Wild Wings and then next door to Lowe's for a tool I might need in the morning when I swap the alternators.

Day 11 – May 23, 2019 Homeward Bound!

Everyone at the hotel was very nice and the maintenance man loaned me a couple of tools I needed. As I was swapping the alternators, I became aware of something that I had not thought of. Swapping the pulley! I needed an impact wrench! I was ready to buy an electric one at Lowe's, but they didn't have one.



Jim and his almost done Midget

I called the local NAPA store and they had one and would be glad to help me. The NAPA was about a mile away and I didn't want to walk carrying two alternators! I tried to call Uber but, guess what, No Uber in Tupelo! So, I called a cab! Remember those?! The cabbie was super nice and didn't even charge me while he waited for me at NAPA. The NAPA guy zipped off the nut, swapped the pulley and even tested the new alternator to make sure it worked before I left. And he didn't charge me a thing. So, after a short taxi ride back to the hotel, I got the alternator all buttoned up, crossed my fingers and started it up! The ignition light was out, and it was much quieter. We were soon traveling along the back roads of Alabama and stopped for lunch in Holly Pond at the locally owned/operated Holly Pond Café. It was a good time to stop between lunch and dinner, as there was only one other couple in the place. Everyone in town must know the place because we couldn't see a sign or name on the street or the building. After a good lunch, we were on our way, and soon were getting to familiar territory. We entered Georgia, passing through Cave Spring, Rome and Cartersville, where we stopped at a QuikTrip for gas and coffee. Because of the late start this morning, we were late getting home, but we made it without further incident.

We covered 2624 miles and travelled through 8 states. Now to crawl into our own bed! Tomorrow we'll get the dog, pick up the mail, either mow the grass or bale it, wash clothes, wash the car, etc. Oh, and order brake parts. Have to get ready for our next adventure!

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**Willard 2021 MG Rodeo and Arts Festival
Dave Peck**

StayMGcation

Series 1: Episode 2

1/27/21

Recap: If you missed Episode 1 in the February newsletter, you didn't miss much. 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 2021 car show. They decided to add a rodeo to this year's show. As they were preparing to leave, the bartender handed them a cassette recorder and cassette. It seems that someone purloined a bunch of very valuable pre-war MGs and may be planning to sell them to obtain a nuclear bomb. The Peachtree MG Team's mission is to find out who stole the cars and recover them.

The guys leave the pub and head to their MGs. Oliver notices there's something under his wiper blades. Oliver pulls it out and yells, "This ain't no parking ticket; it's a thick manila envelope. OMG, you're not going to believe what's inside. I've got a passport, a lot of cash (€50,000), a round trip military transport aircraft ticket, and a sealed envelope. Harry and Arthur open their manila envelopes only to discover they've each got a passport, a stack of Euros, an aircraft ticket, and a sealed envelope. The sealed envelopes contain a personal note to each member that they're instructed to keep to themselves and not to share with anyone else. Oliver's envelope contains a passport and plane ticket for Pris. The contents of the manila envelopes leave no doubt that the mission is real. The printed ticket shows their flight leaves at 19:00 hours.

"It's 15:00 hours now," says Arthur. "We've only got 3 hours to pack, say our goodbyes, and make the flight."

"Oh, Grandpa, can I come with you, please, please?"

"Don't you have school tomorrow? I'm taking you home right now."

"But Grandpa, I don't go to school anymore."

"No granddaughter of mine is dropping out of middle school!"

"Grandpa, you're so silly. All my classes are virtual. I can watch them from anywhere on my laptop."

"This mission is too dangerous for a young girl. Besides, we don't need your help."

"Parlez-vous francais?"

"Huh?"

"I'm the only one who speaks French. You need me."

"OK, you can go. What are you going to tell your parents?" They head home.

"Hey Mom, can I stay with Grandpa for the next two weeks? He's got passes to Disney."

"You're not going anywhere until you clean your room and make your bed."

Pris packs her clothes, throws some dirty clothes in the hamper, pulls up the bedspread over her pillows, and shoves her laptop and some books in her backpack. "Bye Mom."

After stopping briefly at Oliver's house to pack and grab some dinner, the duo head to the airport. When they arrive, there's a uniformed flight co-pilot

signaling them with his flashlight. Oliver drives his '67 B up the ramp into the belly of the Lockheed Martin C-5M Super Galaxy. Harry, Arthur and their MGs are already aboard. They lift off.

Arthur is the first to speak. "It looks like we've got everything settled for Willard 2021. We've got something for everyone."

"But we don't have something that everyone will enjoy. What about **M**iniature **G**olf," says Harry.

"We need something for the real young kids, so that parents won't have to worry about finding a babysitter," says Oliver.

"How about a **M**erry-**G**o-Round," interjects Pris?

"Do we have someone who can tell a good MG story to the kids," adds Harry.

"Grandpa, tell 'em about the story you've been writing."

"Pris, I told you that was supposed to be a secret."

"Oh, come on, tell us what you've got."

"I've been working on a movie script that was inspired by the movie, 'Ford vs. Ferrari'. My working title is '**GM vs. MG**'. I've run into a bit of a stumbling block. I want the MG to win, but every time I write the ending, the GM car wins."

"Grandpa, I think I can help with the ending."

"Not to sound cynical, but what movie studio would finance and distribute a movie produced by an unknown screen writer?" asks Harry.

"MGM of course," says Oliver. "**MG** M and M **GM**, get it! It's all in how you say it." Everyone groans.

"We'd all like to see a draft of your screen play."

"Sure thing. I have a copy on my laptop."

Pris thinks more kids will come if they have a band and dancing.

Harry starts singing "Oh! Susanna! Oh don't you cry for me...". "Oh, I come from Alabama with a banjo

on my knee, I'm going to Louisiana..." Arthur and Oliver sing along and start dancing around the plane

Pris objects, "that's music for old people, and what's it have to do with MGs?"

Arthur and Oliver stop dead in their tracks. Realizing they're not as young as they used to be, they're a little winded. They hear a voice over the loud speaker: "The Captain has turned on the fasten seat belt sign. Please return to your seats and make sure your seat belt is securely fastened and your tray table is in its upright position."

After looking over the dinner menu, Arthur says, "What about hiring 'Booker T. and M.G.s' to play at Willard 2021?"

Oliver and Harry think that's a great idea! They were getting ready to sing one of the M.G.'s songs, but no one was sure if the M.G.'s were still alive and whether they were still touring. If any of the M.G.'s were still around, then they'd be invited to perform and Oliver could draw up the entertainment contract.

But if there weren't enough M.G.'s available to fill the stage, then the Team decided that they would have a karaoke sing along with Arthur and Oliver pretending to play on their rented electric guitars. Harry would sell tickets to the concert from his '59 "A". If they sold enough tickets, they could rent a mobile jumbotron so that they could be seen from miles away.

Pris slammed her foot down. "No kid will want to go to a MG tea party. Kids wanna dance to Katy Perry, Taylor Swift, and some rappers like Lil Baby or Pop Smoke." Pris grabs a broom handle, pretends it's a microphone, and starts singing.

One of the co-pilots brings out dinner: freeze-dried bell peppers, some moldy bread, and burned hot pockets. After one or two bites, everyone fell fast asleep.

When the plane landed, they all hopped into their MGs, ready to get the party started. "Monaco or bust!" Harry shouted as he fired up his engine.



Beer Braised Irish Stew

Taken from internet: allrecipes.com

Time: 1 hour

Cook Time: 2 hours

Serving: 8

INGREDIENTS

- .. 1 Tablespoon Vegetable Oil
- .. 1 (3 pound) beef chuck roast, trimmed of fat and cut into 1/2" cubes
- .. 2 Tablespoons All-Purpose Flour
- .. 1 Cup Coarsely Chopped Onion
- .. 1 Cup Coarsely Chopped Carrot
- .. 1 (12 oz) can or bottle of dark beer
- .. 2 Bay Leaves
- .. 1 Teaspoon Dried Thyme
- .. 1 Teaspoon Salt
- .. 1/2 Teaspoon Ground Black Pepper
- .. 2 Cloves Garlic, Minced
- .. 2 Tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce

Colcannon:

- .. 3 Slices Bacon
- .. 2 Pounds Russet Potatoes, Peeled, and cut into chunks
- .. 2 Cups Thinly Sliced Cabbage
- .. 1/4 Cup Milk, Warmed
- .. 2 Tablespoons Butter
- .. 1/2 Teaspoon Salt
- .. 1/4 Teaspoon Ground Black Pepper
- .. 2 Tablespoons Minced Fresh Parsley

DIRECTIONS

- .. Preheat oven to 325°
- .. Heat the vegetable oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat until very hot, and brown the meat in 2 batches, stirring to brown the cubes on all sides. Return all the meat to the Dutch oven, sprinkle with flour, and stir lightly to coat the meat with flour. Stir in onion, carrots, dark beer, bay leaves, thyme, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, garlic, and Worcestershire sauce. Bring the mixture to a boil, and cover.
- .. Place the Dutch oven into the preheated oven, and cook for 45 minutes; uncover, stir the stew, and cook until the beef is very tender and the liquid is reduced by half,

about 45 more minutes.

.. Place the bacon in a large, deep skillet, and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain the bacon slices on a paper towel-lined plate. Crumble the bacon and set aside.

.. About 30 minutes before the stew is ready, make the colcannon: Place the potatoes into a large pot and cover with salted water. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain and allow to steam dry for a minute or two.

.. Place the cabbage into a microwave-safe bowl, and add 1 or 2 tablespoons of water. Cover and microwave on High for about 2 1/2 minutes; uncover (watch out for steam) and stir the cabbage. Cover and microwave for about 2 1/2 more minutes, until the cabbage is slightly tender but not mushy. Drain excess liquid, and set the cabbage aside, covered.

.. Place the potatoes into a large bowl, and add milk, butter, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, and 1/4 teaspoon of pepper. Beat the potatoes with an electric mixer until smooth and creamy. Stir in the cabbage, crumbled bacon, and parsley until well combined.

.. To serve, place a scoop of colcannon onto a plate, make a hollow, and fill with braised beef stew.

Guest Articles

TECH ARTICLE Battery Explosion

By Joel Hoffman

(As printed in The North Carolina MG Car Club Quadriga News, January 2021) via Kansas City MG Post (February, 2021)

I'm now repairing a car that had a battery explosion. Like all of us, I've read/heard the cautions about how to charge a battery, connect cables, etc. The current repair is a clear reminder that these cautions/precautions should not be given just lip service.



The chemical reaction that produces electricity in your car's battery produces hydrogen gas and this is highly explosive. It's used to send rockets into space. You do NOT want to generate a spark near hydrogen gas. Normally, the advice we get about this is that, when attaching jumper cables, it's important to connect them to the discharged battery first and then to the battery providing the jump. We are told to attach the ground cable to a bare metal part in the engine compartment that's not adjacent to the battery so that any spark while completing the connection isn't near the hydrogen gas. The other caution we normally get is to plug in a battery charger AFTER attaching cables to the battery for the same reason. There are other important battery

precautions and maintenance issues to be aware of, and it's likely one of these issues caused the explosion on the TD I'm working on now. First, make sure the metal plates in each battery cell are covered with electrolyte. If accessible, top the cells off with distilled water and only fill to the indicator above the plates. If the top of these plates are exposed while charging or rapidly discharging the battery, they can warp, making contact with each other, and this can cause an internal spark. This is especially important with newer higher capacity batteries. These batteries have more plates in the same size case as the lower capacity batteries. This is done by placing the plates closer together. If they spark internally, the gas that's likely present can/will explode blowing the top off the battery and splashing sulfuric acid in places you don't want it. This stuff easily corrodes metal, damages hoses, and, of course, can blind you if it gets in your eyes. Obviously, this is serious stuff. Wear protective eyewear when working with batteries. Another continuous issue for all of us is corroded battery terminals. This doesn't just cause issues when starting the car. That's easy to figure out and correct with cleaning and brushing the posts and terminals. There is also a danger most of us don't think about. A weak connection between the terminal and battery post can produce a spark under load. So you hit the starter, a spark jumps between the post and terminal, and BANG!!!! Keep the terminals clean!!!!

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Another issue is electrical shorts caused when the hot battery cable wears and shorts on metal parts in the car. I've had this happen before. These cables are often not fused, get hot enough to weld metal, and cause a fire. The same thing can happen when a piece of metal contacts the hot battery post and a metal ground near the post. You may have done this while connecting or removing the hot battery cable terminal, and touched the wrench to another metal part of the car. There was a big spark, and a weld mark on the wrench, right! To prevent this, always attach the hot cable terminal (positive on negative ground car, negative on positive ground car) only while the ground cable is detached. Saying it another way, when you attach the battery cables, connect the hot cable first, and then connect the ground cable. When removing the battery cables, remove the ground cable first. Other ways you can have this happen is touching the

hot terminal with the battery tie-down device, or another metal part of the car. You've probably noticed that modern cars normally have a rubber or plastic insulating cover on the hot terminal. Doing this on your MG is obviously a good idea, too. The battery is a necessary device that contributes to our cars starting and operating properly. It's also a powerful and dangerous device that needs to be treated with caution. Let's all pay attention to this and avoid what I'm working on now – or much



MG Motor plans further dealer openings in 2021

Credit: The MG Car Club 25th January 2021



The popularity of the UK's fastest-growing car brand shows no signs of slowing down as MG Motor gears up to increase its network to at least 130 dealers by the end of 2021.

With a range now encompassing six models and a rapidly growing reputation for offering affordable EVs for everyone, the brand has seen 28 new sites join its network in the past 12 months.

Most recently Glyn Hopkin in Milton Keynes, St Albans and Cambridge, Perrys in Huddersfield, JCT600 in Bradford, Read Motor Group of Grimsby, Drive in Bristol, Hawkins of Hayle, Tunbridge Wells MG and Masters in Croydon have joined the network, expanding the presence of MG in areas of increasing demand.

The dealer network now stands at 120 sites, with at least a further 10 scheduled to open in 2021 as the popularity of MG increases ever further.

MG Motor's Commercial Director, Guy Pigounakis, said: "Our dealer network is expanding on the back of a record year in which we saw our market share break the crucial 1% barrier and our sales volumes increase by 41%, massively outperforming the market and finishing the year with volumes on a par

with some much more established rivals.

"But this doesn't surprise us. The MG range is perfect for our times – great value cars that are great to drive, packed with technology and backed by a 7-year warranty. MG is also the definitive leader in affordable electric motoring and encapsulates the idea of electric for everyone, something that our dealers – and our customers – can't get enough of."

MG currently offers six models in the UK including three plug-in cars – the established MG ZS EV, the game-changing All New MG5 EV and MG HS Plug-in, all backed up by MG's incredible 7 year warranty and fast-developing dealer network.

To find your local dealer, or to discover the high-tech, value-for-money range of cars on offer, please visit MG.CO.UK.

Here are 5 fun and interesting facts about rainbows!

Jaime McLeod



1. Rainbows can only appear directly *opposite* from the Sun. Where, and even if, a rainbow appears is influenced by where the viewer is in relationship to the sun. Rainbows have no set physical location. A person who appears to be standing at the end of a rainbow from another person's perspective won't see the rainbow in the same place, but will instead see another rainbow in a different location, opposite the sun. The top of the arc is always centered on the viewer's head.

2. A rainbow contains seven colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. You may recall from your school days that an easy way to remember the order of the colors in the spectrum is by using this popular [mnemonic](#), ROY G. BIV. These colors appear in order according to their wavelengths.

3. Sometimes a so-called "double rainbow" forms, with a fainter rainbow appearing on top of the main one. This occurs when the light is reflected twice in each raindrop, instead of just once. The double reflection causes the second rainbow to be inverted, so in a double rainbow, the colors in the secondary bow appear *in the reverse order* compared to the primary, or darker rainbow.

A double rainbow is a breathtaking sight!



4. The sky beneath a rainbow appears brighter than the sky above it. Light rays are refracted into the area inside the arch, causing that area to appear brighter. The area outside the rainbow appears darker by contrast. In a double rainbow, this dark area above the primary rainbow even more pronounced, resulting in a very dark band between the two rainbows. This dark area is called Alexander's band, after Alexander of Aphrodisias, a Greek philosopher described this phenomena 1800 years ago.

5. Rainbows appear to be a semi-circle because the horizon interferes. In order to see the full circle of the rainbow, you would have to look down on it with the sun behind you. This scenario is only possible from an airplane. In fact, it is possible to see a rainbow in a complete circle while flying. When this happens, the plane's shadow appears in the center of the circle. [Read about Brocken Spectres here.](#)



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**A Post Card from Karel
Karel Vermeer and Reinout Vogt**



A postcard from Letcombe Regis with a SA Tourer with body work by coach builder Charlesworth. Letcombe Regis is a small village in Oxfordshire, just South of Abingdon (less than 15 miles). In 2011 there were 578 people, so how many could there have been in the late 30's when this SA rolled out of the factory. But one of them had this beautiful MG, which was one of Abingdon's pre-war, large luxurious, 4 or 6 cylinder, passenger cars. They were the SA and WA with straight six engines and the smaller VA which was four-cylinder powered.



A Greeting Card from Reinout
Reinout Vogt

This card by artist Kevin Walsh was published by Nigel Quiney Publications in England. Kevin Walsh has several pieces with MG's (and other British cars) in rural or small town settings, sometimes with a train, or as this one, with an aeroplane. His art has been used for cards, jigsaw puzzles, posters, coasters and other memorabilia. The MG is a TD and I am not an airplane specialist, but the Internet suggests that's this is a Tiger Moth biplane. The motorcycle is a Triumph. It is difficult make out the model, but it looks very much like the 1955 T100 that is in boxes in my garage.



Tech

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I left off last month with a short comment on electric cars. I believe they have a place in your garage but should not be your only form of transportation. Electric vehicles have been vastly improved since their early days. Actually, they have been around longer than gas powered cars -- since the 1890s.

Even Porsche tired out a very early gas/electric car before he did his gas powered cars. One problem with the very early electric cars was a way to charge the batteries. Not everyone had electricity back then. As more people got power to their homes, more could charge the batteries. But, along came gas engines and the technology went away from batteries and toward gasoline.

When electric cars were invented, no one was taking long trips as there were no real roads on which to drive. They became popular for short, around town driving and that is still what they are best at today. The roads are there for long trips but the ability of the batteries to hold enough power for that cross-country trip is not quite here.

Distance is improving rapidly, as is time to recharge the batteries. But, would you want to drive long distance in one if you had to stop every 300 miles for a four hour charge cycle? No, gas engines are quicker to refill with energy. You barely have time to pee

while your spouse fills the tank.

Where I live in Jasper, an electric car makes sense. The vast majority of our trips are less than 25 miles there and back. And, we have less traffic. We would not sit and wait as long to get thru lights. In Winter, heat takes a lot of your battery charge so a 300 mile range could be reduced to across Atlanta when there is a dusting of snow.

Why are electric cars making such a strong comeback? Most people incorrectly believe that the electric car is better for the environment. Wrong! Google some of the sites where lithium is mined. They look like a nuclear dump site gone bad. And it takes a great amount of energy to mine and produce the materials for the batteries. Most of that energy is produced from coal and gas-powered power plants. As more batteries are demanded, more lithium will be needed. It takes 500,000 gallons of clean water to make one ton of lithium. And there are no lithium deposits within the US. It will all need to be imported and that takes energy to transport it.

Someone once did a thorough analysis of an early Prius and a Hummer, from birth to final death, as to which was more economical and which was more environmentally friendly. The Prius lost. The batteries for the Prius had the minerals mined in Canada in an area that was totally destroyed for most future use. This material was flown to Europe where it was converted into battery use. Then it was sent to Japan to be made into batteries, which were then sent

to the US to be installed in the Prius. Just the battery materials made an around the world trip before they were ever installed in the cars.

Using the life expectancy of the Prius from Toyota and the Hummer, the Hummer would last a lot longer, making it more economical to own over a longer period of time. Your cost per mile of driving was lower for the Hummer! When it came time to get rid of the vehicle, again, the Hummer brought a bigger return as scrap and did not have the great expense of disposing of the batteries that the Prius had.

No matter how you want to power your car, it will take energy. As battery technology improves, they will become more economical to produce in money, but so far not in terms of environment. You change where you harm the environment from the driving of your gas powered car to the production and recycling of your batteries. Of course, you will not be harming the US environment as no lithium is mined here.

There is an un-disputed law of physics that says, "Energy cannot be created or destroyed; it can only be changed from one form to another. So, no matter how you want to power your car, you will use some form of energy and it will harm the environment in some form or other.

Another form of fuel is hydrogen. Hydrogen can be burned in an internal combustion engine the same as gasoline or it can be used to produce electricity onboard the car as it is driven. There have been experiments setting up hydrogen stations where one could refuel the tank as quickly as you do with gas.

There are lots of problems with this. One, it costs a lot to produce hydrogen. Plus, it takes lots of electric energy to make the hydrogen. Most commercially available hydrogen now is produced from methane gas and very high temp steam (over 1500 degrees) or splitting the water molecule into hydrogen and oxygen, which requires electricity. So, it still

takes oil production to gather enough methane and it requires a lot of energy to make the steam required. Or, you need a large electric power source to separate water.

At least, when burned, hydrogen leaves behind water, not pollutants. At this time, it is not practical to produce hydrogen in sufficient volumes to power all the things in which we now use petroleum products. Add to this the hazard of carrying a tank of hydrogen in your car or storing it underground in tanks, and hydrogen's future as a fuel is still some time off.

There was a time when CNG or LNG was gaining use -- it was estimated that over 20,000,000 cars used them. This is compressed natural gas or liquid natural gas. This required special tanks in your trunk. Atlanta Gas used to use this in their company cars. It burned thru the standard carburetor with a minor jet change. And you could flip a valve and burn gasoline when your CNG ran out.

These fuels produce similar mileage as gasoline, but is harder to fill tanks. Plus, there are very few places to fill your tank. There used to be a device sold by Honda to refuel your car at home. It took several hours to fill using your homes natural gas system, similar to electric cars in time.

So, what is the best source of power for your sports cars? For performance, it is definitely battery powered. They have instant torque and more power than most gas-powered cars. For the sound, nothing beats a good gas engine under hard acceleration thru a good exhaust system. Safety: you can give that to either battery or gas powered cars; both have their problems with burning. Ease of driving and living with: I give this to gas, based on the ability to refuel quickly and get a longer driving distance and more fueling locations.

Emissions would be a tie between the two. They produce the same amount during their life cycle. Dispose-ability goes to gas until they have a way to

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dispose of the batteries. Cost may become a tie, as the price of battery technology decreases. But, right now, I give it to gas. And looks: this must go to gas as I do not like not having a grille in front of the cars, and, so far, no electric car has a good looking front end.

Will I ever own an electric car? The cards say no. Our driving style does not require an electric car. I may have to change my plans once gas production ceases. But, at 72 years old, I do not foresee this in my future. Maybe, in the future, they will have tiny nuclear power plants in your car that produces all the electric power your car will need. By that time, they will be able to safely store a small amount of uranium or other nuclear fuel in your trunk and you

will never have to refill your tank. It could last past your lifetime.

Well, this is long enough, so hopefully, things will get better and we will feel free to meet in person once again. In the meantime, stay safe and try to have some fun with your car. Hope to see y'all somewhere soon.

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Zoom Tech Session

Reinout Vogt

A couple of 'new' things happened since the First Ever Peachtree MG Registry Zoom Tech Session on January 16. (see write up in last month's issue)

Most importantly, we had a very successful second edition. On January 30, we were at Jack Orkin's garage where he showed us how to weigh your MG using a regular bathroom scale. (You can read about the method in last month's issue, as well) We had a few technical problems at the beginning, but after 20 minutes or so, the camera was rolling.

Unlike last time, when I forgot to turn on the feature of the Zoom application, this session was recorded, thanks to our President AvivA Hoffmann. And then, AvivA took the video, cleaned it up a little bit and made it available on YouTube. Just enter Peachtree MG Registry in the YouTube search box (with the spy glass) and up it pops, along with a video of the 2020 Dillard Show. There is also a video on measuring the compression of John Scarpucci's MGB-GT; hopefully we can make that available. YouTube allows the creation of our own 'channel,' which makes it a little bit easier for 'surfers' to find and, if they're interested, 'subscribe' to get notifications of new videos. When the PMGR has 100 subscribers, our channel gets its own, unique, YouTube web address (URL), which makes it very easy to publish and create direct links to the PMGR content on YouTube. Sounds complicated? Maybe, but the thing we're asking from you is actually very easy. Look at one of our videos on YouTube and, if you like what you're seeing, hit 'Like' and 'Subscribe.' That's all. No accounts, no passwords, no username, and no personal information needed.

The club also purchased a remote microphone to improve the audio quality and a video tracker to make more stable videos. Those will be used in our next tech session. Yes, there will be a third (and hopefully more) Zoom Tech Sessions. The specifics

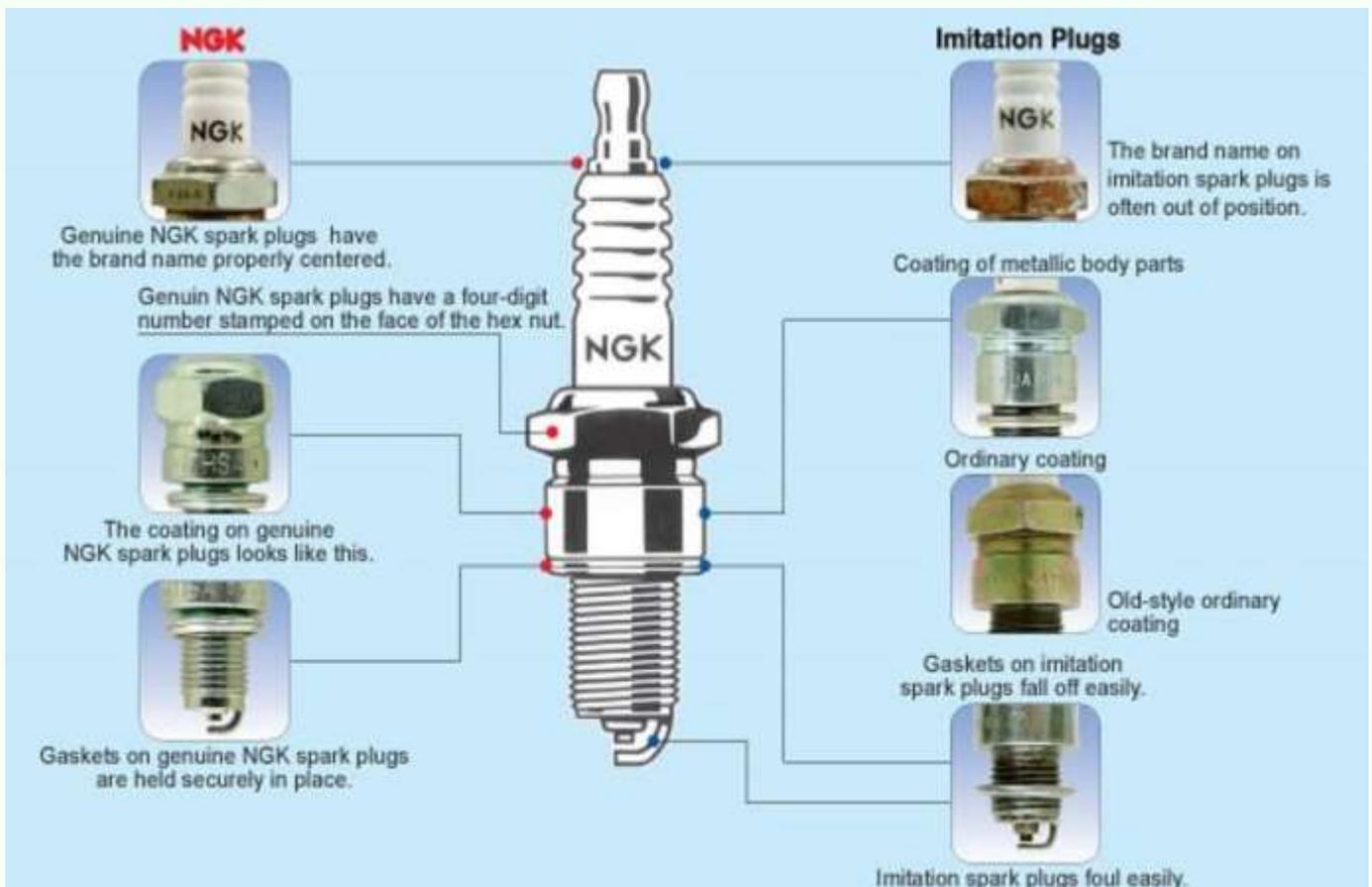
are still in the making, but here is what you should know. The date is Saturday, March 13 and the topic will be MIG welding. Club member Jeff Jones, from Woodstock, GA has quite some experience with this technique from taking a few classes and doing a lot of restoration work on his 1969 MGA Roadster. We'll be in John Scarpucci's garage in Atlanta to hear Jeff talk a little bit about MIG welding and demonstrate it by filling in several, no longer needed, holes in the engine bay of John's 1972 MGB-GT. I will send out a formal invitation and reminder when we have more details, such as starting time, etc.

Zoom Tech Sessions have their limitations from a lighting and camera access points of view. It works best with topics that can be done on a work bench and parts that can be removed or installed high in the engine bay or at the outside of the wheel wells. Something like Neil Estes did in our first Zoom session on the Pertonix ignition. What are other topics that we could present? Please let us know if you have any suggestions. Think along the lines of replacing the points inside an SU fuel pump, the brushes in a dynamo, or diode in a generator. Has anybody ever replaced a valve inside an Armstrong shock absorber? Are you about to install new foam and covers on your MG seats? Please let me know if you are planning to do a workbench style job on your MG (via email at reinoutvogt@gmail.com or by phone at 847.342.9804) to discuss how we can make it into a Zoom tech session.

And, please don't forget to like us and subscribe to the PMGR channel on YouTube.

Parts Scams

A recent issue of Sacred Octagon, the bi-monthly journal of the New England M.G. T Register (yes, it is spelled M.G. with periods on the cover of the magazine) had a warning for counterfeit NGK spark plugs in the Technical Topics section. Seeing that, I thought 'that is old, I remember reading about that years ago'. And sure, when you Google 'counterfeit NGK spark plugs' you get hits from as far back as 2006 and, surprisingly, also from 2020 and even 2021. All of the hits talk about how to spot a fake NGK and how it differs from a genuine NGK. And many times it shows this illustration which clearly shows what to look for. There is even a site from Japan, where NGK is headquartered, showing this visual, highlighting the four key indicators. There is not a lot of information about the potential difference in performance, quality, or longevity of the fake plugs, but I guess that if you pay for a real NGK you are entitled to a real NGK.



Coincidentally, somebody posted the clipping below on the MGA Forum of The MG Experience website. Published in Motorsport from September 1935, Cecil Kimber, the founder, and director & general manager of MG, warned, in no uncertain terms, against a person offering "spare parts for M.G. cars at a cheaper rate than getting them through normal channels." Sounds a lot like getting NGK spark plugs from another company than NGK, doesn't it? Apparently, not much has changed in 85 years.

A WARNING

Sir,—We should like, through the courtesy of your columns, to warn M.G. owners against an individual who is apparently going about the country claiming to be one of our Testers, and offering to obtain spare parts for M.G. cars at a cheaper rate than getting them through normal channels.

If the victim becomes at all interested in any particular parts he then, a day or two later, receives a wire stating that the parts are ready, and asking for the money to be wired to a Poste Restante address in London. The address he gives in Abingdon, in an attempt to establish his bona fides, is a bogus one.

According to the information we have received, this particular man speaks with a pronounced Scotch accent, has red hair, and has one or two front teeth missing.

Hoping this information will be the means of preventing any other owners being victimised,

I am, Yours, etc.,

CECIL KIMBER,

Director & General Manager,

The M.G. Car Company,

Abingdon-on-Thames.

Based on Cecil Kimber's description of the charlatan, the MGA forum poster suggested that it could have been Alfred E. Neuman, the mascot from MAD Magazine and included this photo.



Because of this humorous twist to the story, I went to the online archives of Motorsport to ensure that it was not a made-up story. And although that particular page is not visible, the full text of the story is; author and authenticity confirmed and indeed published in September of 1935.

Regalia Reinout Vogt

In the previous two issues of The Registry we talked about grill badges and name tags. If you're thinking about ordering one of these, this might be a good time. It allows you to install the badge on your MG and to put the name tag(s) in the storage compartments of your cars, so you're all set for when club driving events, meetings, and gatherings resume. In this issue we focus on the last two items that our club actually has in stock. They are the club pins and the window decals.

The PMGR logo pin is about 1.25" in diameter and has our logo finely etched-in and painted in four colors. There are two versions; one with a stud & clip, and one with a magnet. If you'd like to put it, semi permanently, on a baseball cap or any other favorite head covering or garment, the stud & clip is probably the best and safest way. However, if you prefer to use the pin on a jacket or sweater when you're attending a club event, the magnet is nicer because it doesn't leave a hole. The prices are \$5 for the pin with stud & clip, \$7, for the pin with the magnet plus \$1 to get it delivered in the mail.



Peachtree MG Register pin



Back with stud & clip



Back with magnet

The window decal is a little bit larger at 1.75". They are the kind of decal that just seem to stick it self on to glass, with no sticky adhesive. That means that

you can easily peel them off without breaking your fingernails and without any Goo-Gone. They are designed to go against the glass from the inside of your car. I put one on the glass of the driver-doors of our regular cars and it makes me smile every time I open the door. Henneke also has one on the windshield of Finale (her MGA) because the airflow through the radiator of an MGA, in traffic, is barely enough to keep the engine temperature in check and a grill badge would only add to that problem. The window decals are \$3.00 for one, \$5.00 for two and shipping with USPS is \$1.00.



Window decal on Corvette door



Window decal on Truck door



Window decal on Finale's windshield

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