



OCTAGRAM

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MGs OF BALTIMORE, MD

On Sunday, May 7th, MGOB sponsored the annual Get The Dust Off Rally.

This event was a straight-forward Time-Speed- Distance Monte Carlo style run. All cars were invited to participate, no matter the age or make of the car. The event was to start at Mariner Point Park in Joppa but a road closing may have made reaching the start point. It was jointly sponsored by the Washington D.C. Region, SCCA. The end of the event was at Dejon Vinyards. Awards were given out based on places in categories. Participants were able to sample different wines and share drinks and food, after which trophies were awarded. Alex Ollerman and Sarah Harris were the lowest scoring MGOB team and therefore the winner of the Dejon Winery \$100 gift certificate. Huge thanks to Eric Salminen and Dennis Blevins for all their work in organizing the event and making it sure all went well. Thanks also to the volunteers who manned the checkpoints and to Dejon Vineyards.

1	First Name	Last Name	Car	Overall Position	Class Position
2	JIM	WAKEMAN, SR.	MAZDA 3, BLUE	1	1
3	ROSE	WAKEMAN		1	1
4	MIKE	STASIEWSKI	16 HONDA CIVIC, RED	2	1
5	CAROLINE	STASIEWSKI		2	1
6	SARAH	HARRIS	05 MINI COPPER CONV, BLUE	3	2
7	ALEX	OLLERMAN		3	2
8	BETH ANN	STASIEWSKI	14 ACURA TSX, BLACK	4	3
9	RYAN	STASIEWSKI		4	3
10	WILL	MOSER	00 SUBARU IMPREZA, SILVER	6	4
11	KYLE	RAND		6	4
12	JOHN	WALLACE	10 NISSAN 370Z, GRAY	7	1
13	DANIELLE	WALLACE		7	1
14	EDWARD	SAIN	15 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER, SILVER	8	2
15	DOUGLAS	SAIN		8	2
16	AARON	SCHIEFER	01 PORSCHE BOXTER S, BLACK	9	3
17	GREGORY	SCHIEFER		9	3

Get The Dust Off Positions Continued

18	SARAH	EILERS	14 SUBARU WRX, SILVER	14	4
19	ERIC	KOHLIS		14	4
20	ANDREW	FALCON	BMW 330i	18	5
21	COURTNEY	BAILY		18	5
22	STEPHEN	WENCHEL	05 PORSCHE BOXTER, SILVER	19	6
23	CHERYL	WENCHEL		19	6
24	JENNIFER	SCHIEFER	10 AUDI A6, SILVER	20	7
25	BRITTANY	SCHIEFER		20	7
26	AKSHAY	SRIRAMAN	NISSAN NOTE	21	8
27	NISCHAL	KN		21	8
28	MARK	HUPPERT	06 MAZDA MIATA, GRAY	25	9
29	BECKY-MICHELE	HUPPERT		25	9
30	DIANE	MOSER	02 MAZDA MIATA LS, SILVER	27	10
31	BELL	MOSER		27	10
32	BOB	BATES	52 MG TD, GREEN	24	1
33	MICHAEL	EGLISKIS		24	1
34	ROB	SIX	68 PONTIAC GTO, GREEN	11	1
35	NICOLE	SIX		11	1
36	STEVE	WILLIAMS	60 MGA, DARK RED	29	2
37	LAURA	WILLIAMS		29	2
38	RICHARD	JEFFERSON	74-1/2 MGB, BLUE	5	1
39	CAROLE	JEFFERSON		5	1
40	SCOTT	REESE	73 TR-6, BLUE	10	2
41	JULIANNA	REESE		10	2
42	JACK	LONG	74 MGB	12	3
43	LIZ	LONG		12	3
44	ALAN	TUCKER	70 MGB-GT, WHITE	15	4
45	CAROL	TUCKER		15	4
46	SERGIO	ZARBIN	74 MGB-GT, RED	16	5
47	JOY	DAVIS-ZARBIN		16	5
48	ANDREW	MARTIN	75 MGB, GRAY	26	6
49	CRAIG	MARTIN		26	6
50	DWANE	HALSTEAD	14 VW TIGUAN, BLACK	13	1
51	MARGARET	HALSTEAD		13	1
52	MARK	COLLIEN	73 TR-6, RED	17	2
53	KIERAN	COLLIEN		17	2
54	JOHN	GAVER	03 TOYOTA MR2 SPYDER, GREEN	22	3
55	KELLIE	GAVER		22	3
56	JOANN	BENSON	HONDA CRV	23	4
57	BOB	BENSON		23	4
58	RANDY	FRYER	74 TR-6, BLUE	28	5
59	SHARON	FRYER		28	5

SOME PICS FROM THE "GET THE DUST OFF" COURTESY OF CAROL AND DENNIS BLEVINS



MORE PICS FROM THE DUST OFF
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From El Presidente

Right of the top I want to thank our Rallye Master, Eric Salminen and his number one assistant Dennis Bevins along with all of the worker bees that made the 28th Annual "Get the Dust-Off" Rallye another great MGOB event. Look for a list of the winners and pictures of the rallye in the pages of this issue of the Octagram.

MG 2017 is coming up this month in San Diego, June 25 - 28. This year's NAMGBR convention is shaping up to be fantastic. If you're not able to attend, I'll have a report and pictures for the July newsletter. In addition to this major event there are quite a few nearby events coming up in June. The 40th Annual Original British Car Day is one that comes to mind, on Sunday, June 4th in Adamstown, MD. There are lots of others too, checkout the fliers in this issue.

Next on my list, MG 2018 planning is moving ahead, we now have a final event logo and the preliminary run of event T-shirts has been produced. I want to thank Peter Charles, Charles de Bourbon and Jackie Kahl of Cogar Printing for their help in getting us to this point, it was a long road. I will be taking a bunch with me to San Diego to sell along with wearing one to promote our event which will be held in Gettysburg, June 17th - 22nd, 2018. Look for the committee chairs and volunteers to be sporting these beauties at events this summer.

Finally, be careful of what you ask for because you might get it. Barbara & Duff Fowler asked if we would like them to host the MGOB Summer Party again, guess what? They did such a fantastic job with it last year they get to do it again. This year's MGOB Summer will be held on **SATURDAY, August 19th starting at 2:00 p.m.** Please note it's on a Saturday, not a Sunday as in the past. There will be more info coming up in next month's issue of the Octagram. I'd like to thank Duff & Barb in advance for stepping up to host our party without asking.

Safety Fast!

Richard

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TECH SESSION

Randy was away this month so there was no tech session as usual but there was some discussion about businesses that do no live up to their billing in getting repairs made.

New Members

John Current & Kirsten Wielobob with a 77 MG

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Rating	Model	Yrs. Made	# Made	Price Range	% Chg. fr. 01/96	Rating	Model	Yrs. Made	# Made	Price Range	% Chg. fr. 01/96
**	Cortina Mk2	67-70	n/a	\$6,000 - \$7,500	-11%	***	MGC-GT	67-69	4,***9	\$6,500 - \$8,500	3%
*	Elite S1	74-80	n/a	\$5,000 - \$7,000	n/c	**	Midget	61-62	16,080	\$2,750 - \$3,250	17%
*	Eclat S1 Sprint	75-82	n/a	\$6,000 - \$8,000	-2%	**	Midget	62-66	36,202	\$2,500 - \$3,000	-9%
*	Esprit S1	76-77	1,060	\$9,500 - \$12,000	n/c	*	Midget	66-74	99,896	\$2,500 - \$3,000	-9%
*	Esprit S2	78-82	88	\$11,000 - \$13,500	-6%	*	Midget	75-79	72,185	\$2,000 - \$2,750	5%
**	E. Turbo (Giugiaro)	83-87	n/a	\$12,000 - \$15,000	-7%	MORGAN					
**	E. Turbo (new style)	88-92	n/a	\$20,000 - \$25,000	-13%	***	Flat radiator mod.	45-53	750*	\$14,000 - \$18,000	new
**	Elan M-100	90-91	n/a	\$16,000 - \$20,000	-12%	***	Plus 4 (Tri. eng.)	54-68	4,754	\$17,500 - \$22,000	new
MG						***	4/4 (Ford power)	54-90	n/a	\$14,000 - \$16,000	new
*****	MG-TC	45-49	10,000	\$16,000 - \$22,000	3%	(Prices are for 4 seat models. 2 seat and DHC add \$4,000. SS add \$4,000.)					
****	MG-TD	49-53	29,664	\$14,000 - \$17,500	2%	**	Plus 8	68-90	3000*	\$24,000 - \$28,000	new
****	MG-TF 1250	53-54	6,200	\$14,000 - \$18,000	3%	ROLLS-ROYCE					
*****	MG-TF 1500	1,955	3,400	\$15,000 - \$19,000	3%	**	P II Cont. Saloon	29-35	1,767	\$60,000 - \$95,000	-37%
****	MGA Rdster 1500	55-59	58,750	\$13,000 - \$18,000	10%	***	*Rare/open coachwork inc.			\$125,000 - \$215,000	-10%
***	MGA Coupe 1500	55-59	inc rdst	\$9,000 - \$12,500	2%	**	P II, other saloon	29-35	inc.	\$37,500 - \$70,000	-33%
****	A Twin Cam Rdster	58-60	2,111	\$17,000 - \$23,000	3%	***	*Rare/open coachwork inc.			\$100,000 - \$180,000	2%
***	MGA Twin Cam Cpe	58-60	inc rdst	\$15,000 - \$18,000	6%	**	Phantom III Saloon	36-39	710	\$45,000 - \$80,000	4%
****	MGA Rdster 1600	59-61	31,501	\$13,000 - \$18,000	3%	***	*Other coachwork inc.			\$80,000 - \$150,000	2%
***	MGA Coupe 1600	59-61	inc rdst	\$10,000 - \$12,500	7%	**	20	22-29	2,940	\$27,500 - \$40,000	11%
****	DeLuxe Rdst	60-61	82	\$16,000 - \$18,500	4%	**	20/25 Saloon	29-36	3,827	\$25,000 - \$35,000	n/c
***	1600 MkII Rdster	61-62	8,719	\$14,000 - \$19,000	6%	***	*Other coachwork inc.			\$35,000 - \$70,000	5%
**	1600 MkII Coupe	61-62	inc rdst	\$9,500 - \$13,000	2%	**	25/30	36-38	1,201	\$30,000 - \$40,000	n/c
****	MKII DeLuxe Rdst	61-62	313	\$16,000 - \$19,000	3%	***	*Other coachwork inc.			\$40,000 - \$80,000	4%
****	MGB Conv MK I	62-67	387,675	\$6,000 - \$9,000	n/c	***	Wraith	38-39	491	\$35,000 - \$57,500	3%
***	MGB (chrn bumper)	68-74	inc.	\$5,000 - \$8,000	n/c	***	Silver Wraith	46-55	1,783	\$30,000 - \$40,000	14%
**	MGB (rbber bumper)	75-80	inc.	\$3,000 - \$5,000	-25%	***	Silver Wraith "S"	56-59	inc.	\$50,000 - \$82,500	-4%
(MGA/B deduct \$2,000 for disc wheels excpt. Twin Cam / DeLuxe. B add \$1,000 for factory hardtop, \$500 for over drive.)						(includes 4.9L engine & power steering)					
***	MGB-GT	65-67	125,597	\$4,500 - \$7,500	-4%	**	Silver Dawn Saloon	49-55	760	\$22,500 - \$30,000	-21%
**	MBG-GT	68-74	inc.	\$4,500 - \$6,500	-3%	**	Silver Cloud I Sal.	55-59	2,359	\$18,500 - \$24,500	1%
**	MGB-GT V-8	73-76	2,591	\$6,000 - \$8,000	-14%	**	Silver Cloud II Sal.	59-62	2,716	\$19,000 - \$24,500	2%
***	MGC Convertible	67-69	4,550	\$6,000 - \$8,500	-3%	***	Silver Cloud II DHC	60-62	inc.	\$90,000 - \$125,000	-3%
						**	Phantom V	60-67	832	\$42,500 - \$90,000	-4%
						**	Silver Cld III Saloon	62-65	2,297	\$26,500 - \$30,000	3%
						**	Silver Shadow Sal.	66-76	16,717	\$25,000 - \$30,000	2%
						**	Silv Shad MPW Cpe	67-70	571	\$30,000 - \$40,000	n/c

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Tracy Trowbridge and Bill Figue got married on August 24th. Congratulations! Hey Tracy, (yeah you) skip reading the rest of this paragraph and go on to the next page. Hey everyone, before you leave home for the Rocks let's all grab a few flowers for Tracy from your garden (or the neighbor's) and give them to Tracy at the Registration table at the Rocks!

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MGOB CLUB CALENDAR

JUNE 6th - MGOB meeting — —

3rd Cars & Motorcycles of England Westtown, PA 19382
4th, ORIGINAL BRITISH CAR DAY at . Lilypons Water Gardens. *flier*
4th, Red Mill Brit Car Day, *flier*.
10th- LANCO Britfest 2017 MD POLO GROUNDS,
25th - Brits by the Bay, Harford Vineyards & Winery 1311 W. Jarrettsville Rd.
Forest Hill, Md. 21050

JULY 4th - MGOB meeting ***NOTE THE DATE!*** possible cancel.

9th British Invade Gettysburg - *see flier*

AUG. 1st - MGOB meeting.

5th, PennyPacker Mills British Car Day
19th MGOB Summer Party, Duff & Barbara Fowler's

SEPT. 5th - MGOB meeting, 30th - MGs On The Rock

16th Brit Car Club of Delaware Brits by the River *flier*

OCT. 3rd - MGOB meeting.

NOV. 7th - MGOB meeting. 22nd Williamsburg British Car Club

DEC. 5TH - MGOB meeting.

On African Potholes

British guy, driving for the first time in Africa hires a car.

Rental guy says to watch out for those really deep potholes.

Brit asks how he will know they are deep before he gets to them.

Guy says "Look out for the rabbit ears sticking out of the top."

Brit thinks and says, "There are no rabbits in that part of Africa,"

Guy says, "No, but the tops of the giraffes look much the same."

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GET READY FOR MGS ON THE ROCKS!

At the September meeting we made final arrangements for the Rocks. We really need a strong showing of club members to help with the show. If everyone helps with something no one will need to spend too much time away from the cars.

The specific things we need help on are:

- We need sweets for the sweets table. Bring cupcakes, cookies, cakes, or whatever you do best. Bring the items already divided into small units (a few cookies, a cupcake, a piece of pie or cake), wrapped, and preferably with a price tag. Price it for what you feel it's worth, it's your time invested!

- We will be setting up the field on the morning of the show. Come at 7:00 if you can, help set up stakes for the cars, put up signs, set up refreshment booths, I'm sure there will be something we need done.

- We need volunteers to sell hotdogs, beverages, sweets, T-shirts, collect money from walk-ins and count votes.

- For other clubs reading this, we need you to come and enjoy!

- On Sunday October 22 at 1:00 at Kurt's house we will be having a Worker's (or Working?) Party to stuff the envelopes and do some other projects. Come, bring a pot luck dish to share, call Kurt and let him know what you'll bring. To get there take I-95 to Fallston-Magnolia Exit (just past White Marsh), turn left on 152, go 10 miles, turn left on Club Rd. to the end, turn left on Hunt, turn right on Talley-Ho and you're there. If you get lost call 557-7107.

Wear your club T-Shirts to the show! (or pick it up at the show)

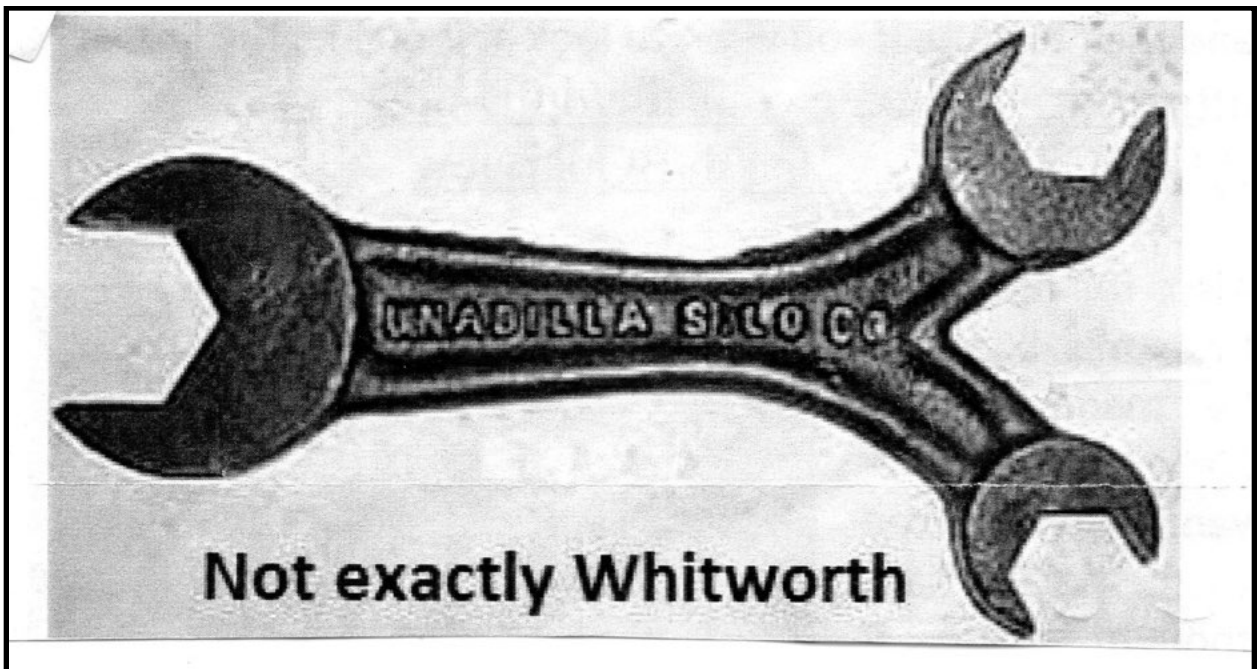


New FRONT design for MG2018 Tee shirt



New REAR design for MG2018 Tee shirt

After the powers that be saw the initial design for the MG2018 convention, they chose to remove the flags that had been drawn to fit the Civil War theme of Gettysburg PA location for this show. Above are the replacement designs for the 2018 event.





MY EXPERIENCE WITH E-10 GASOLINE

By Karl Schmitt (reprinted from "Exhaust Notes", STL Triumph Club, July 2012)

Late in the summer of 2010 I shut down and placed in garage storage my 1980 Spitfire in anticipation of the major renovation I had to do to the drive train and running gear. At that time the fuel tank was about three quarters full of standard E-10 fuel, to which no additives had been added.

This spring, some 18 months later and during the course of my work, it was time for me to drain the fuel, pull the tank and change out the fuel sender with which I had an issue. The gasoline was allowed to drain into a clean plastic bucket, of which I collected about 4 gallons, which meant that some 2 or 3 gallons had evaporated since storage began. Then I pulled the tank (relatively easy) and fuel lines. After the gasoline settled a bit, I decanted it into a second bucket and while doing so looked for signs water, of which I did not see any. The gasoline was quite fluid, with no sign of jell, it had a dark brown color and with a disagreeable odor. Subsequently, it ran quite well in my big lawn mower.

From the tank I pulled the fuel level sending unit, vented it a bit and then with the aid of an inspection light, I looked inside. Well, what did I see? Nothing, absolutely nothing, other than a bit of sand and the discolored bare metal walls of the tank.

The original fuel lines were of a clear dark plastic, stiff, but still somewhat pliable and perhaps serviceable. But, they are some 32 years old, were made before the days of E-10 gasoline and will be replaced with modern fuel line hose.

What I found was *not what I expected to find*, or was led to believe I would find by the many articles I have read or com-

ments that I have heard. To be sure the gas chemists of today tell us that modern E-10 gasoline has a "shelf life" measured in months, is subject to phase separation (the water alcohol mixture tends to settle towards the bottom) is hygroscopic and will absorb moisture from the air, which in turn condenses into water. The water absorption I will attest to as I have to drain the fuel/water separator on my diesel tractor and equipment like my log splitter, which sits idle and outside most of the year, and must have the water and fuel drained at the beginning of each season before it will even start.

However, it is of my *very own personal opinion* that this fuel storage problem is a bit over blown, especially so as it applies to our little toy cars, to which some *storage considerations have been applied*. Just be sure to fill the tank brim full before you park it, (which will reduce the surface area exposed to air), insure that there is a good seal under the cap to reduce the atmospheric migration of moist air and store her in a protected area, like a dry garage. Then when spring comes, top off the tank with fresh fuel and drive the little bugger.

On the other hand, park her outside, *exposed to the elements* and come spring a *fuel problem you will have*, just like all the "experts" said you will have.

MY UPHOLSTERY EFFORTS WITH AN MGA AND AN MG

When I acquired my MGA which was badly in need of a lot of TLC. The man I bought the car from had purchased some upholstery materials so I eventually got around to making a decision. Should I use what I found in the car. Should I order new materials.

The decision was to start putting materials to the car and see what it looked like. It did not take long to decide to buy a new kit of interior panels in the color I wanted. I chose grey because I had already managed to put new form and the seat materials he had bought on the car. I did get the parts sorted (as they say in England) and installed.

I was glad I bought new interior panels because the old panels showed holes where screws had been installed and they did not align with my door very well. The new panels do look a lot better. As it turns out, the color grey goes well with the paint I put on the exterior. The only problem I have/had was with two small panels that go on the sides just aft of the doors. I'll have to remove them if and when I decide to put a top on the car so I can locate the bolt holes for that. Also I have no panel for the back of the cockpit but might find some.

Part two of this saga deals with the red interior of my '54 MGTF. It was cracked in many places and seemed to have been spray painted to cover damage. I also had a 6" section on the left end of the dash "crash pad" where the fabric was torn and did not look well with my "fix". So I made the decision to redo the interior of the TF also. I made two decisions. One was to use red fabric once again but the seats were another matter. Because the top and tonneau were both tan in color, I chose to use tan on the seats.

While I had the seats out of the TF, I took them to a local auto upholstery shop that I had heard good things about. The owner said when they ripped the fabric off the seat frames they had a shop full of red paint particles, read "paint". I'm hope a few wrinkles in the new seats iron themselves out.

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Also while the seats were out, I worked on the red interior and I too got a shop full of paint scales. Things started pretty well but I found some issues with fit and finish of the interior panels in the rear. I found gaps I could not close by moving any panels so I had to make a couple of patches to go over those gaps. All in all it worked. These panels have what is called hide-em strips. They were already attached to the panels and were placed to allow fairly easy nailing of the panels to the wooden parts of the frame. Yes, I said wood. If you don't know, most of the body of a TF is wood, covered with very thin metal.

When I got to the front side panels I was so glad the seats were out of the car and the steering wheel was also out. My old body didn't like being twisted while putting those panels on. I know it still is not curved around a pipe frame as neatly as the old panel was but it's going to stay that way. OH did I mention the groove in the floor? Yeah the panels do fit into grooves in the floorboards. Trouble was, I could not get them to go into the grooves and in at the top at the same time. Surprises always make me say no why did someone do that. I could not find the groove because someone had added insulation and new carpet, OVER the existing carpet. Yeah I left it and got the panel in place.

The rest is easy, right ? NO, NOT! The rest is the crash pad which has triple curves along it's length. It's tempting for me to get more fabric and try again but I don't think I will. Let's just say I hated that task. Stretching fabric and stapling it on the back of the wood backing. I was left with a wrinkle I could not get out and it now has a patch over it - and that's not perfect. Yes, I tried using a heat gun to smooth out the wrinkles. It worked in a couple of places but it's high risk on vinyl. Faster than you can say @%&#@% I melted the vinyl in one place. That's where the patch is now located and IT isn't perfect. &#%\$.

Roger Marshall

LED Bulbs

By Bob Bentzinger, MG Club of St Louis

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I have been in the process of upgrading the turn signal and brake lights on my 1974 MGB Roadster.

Photo 1:

This photo shows the bulbs which I have used in the rear (amber) turn signal on my MGB. The bulb on the far left is a standard 1156 single filament incandescent bulb. It consumes the most electrical power at about 23 watts. The middle bulb is the first LED upgrade I made and it consumes the least power of all three at about 2.4 watts. The bulb on the right is the latest LED upgrade. It is the brightest of the three and still consumes much less power than the incandescent bulb at about 6 watts. The LED's are much more efficient at producing light because there is very little heat created.



Photo 2:

This photo shows some of the other bulbs which I have used in my MGB. The bulb on the far left is a standard 1157 dual filament incandescent bulb. It is used in the rear (red) Brake/run signal and the front (amber) Turn/run signals on my MGB. It consumes a maximum of about 23 watts with the brakes applied. The middle bulb is the first LED upgrade I made to replace the standard 1157 bulb. It consumes a maximum of about 4.8 watts with brakes applied. The bulb on the right is the latest LED upgrade to the brake/run bulb. It is the brightest of the three and

consumes a maximum of 6 watts with the brakes applied. I got this bulb from a motorcycle shop.

Photo 3:

This photo shows the turn signal bulbs illuminated for comparison. The standard 1156 bulb and the first generation LED next to it put out about the same amount of light. The LED on the far right is about 60% brighter than the LED in the center.



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Photo 4: The latest rear brake and turn signal LED's in situ...plenty of room.



Photo 5:



The latest LED installed in the front turn signal.

Photo 6:

This is a close up view of the latest brake LED (red). Note the lens in the center. It is 60% brighter than the original bulb and consumes only 1/4 of the power.



Photo 7:

This is a close up view of the LED that replaces the Type 1157 bulb in the front turn signal. It has the same light output (with the brakes applied) as the latest turn signal LED discussed earlier.

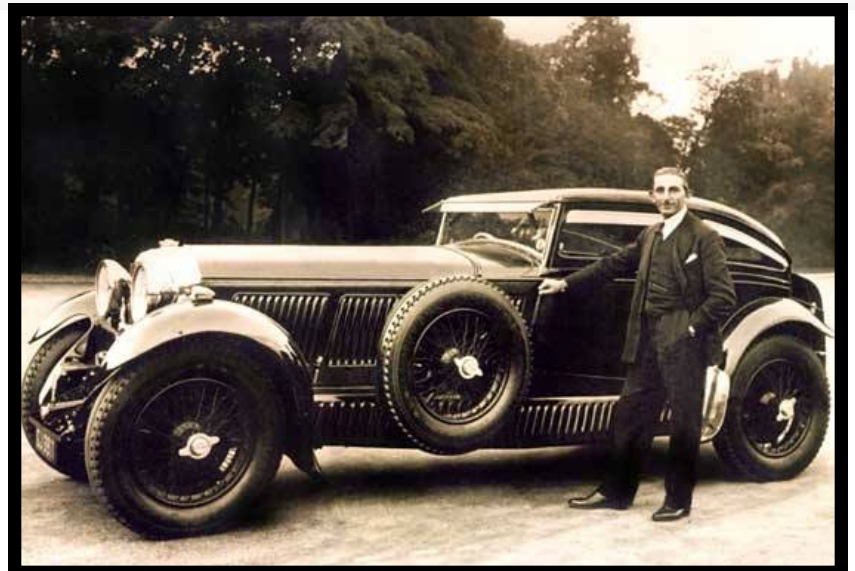


I have seen recommendations that the LED color should match the color of the lens, i.e. the brake light LED color should be red. Quite often, the light output for red or amber LED's is not as high as the white LED's. I personally prefer to use the white LED's with the significantly higher light output for most applications.

When the turn signals are upgraded to LED's, it will be necessary to replace the standard turn signal flasher and emergency flasher units with readily available electronic units due to the vastly reduced power consumption.

The above upgrades are relatively easy but are not cheap. I have also upgraded most other bulbs on my MGB including the console light, instrument lights, backup lights, side marker lights and license plate lights.

Bentley Speed Six Blue Train ->



TECH TOPICS

We have an engine hoist, if you are a paid member and want to use it call Bill Stran.

➤ Sometimes a clank in your brakes may point to a more universal problem.....

Sometimes the symptoms you get have nothing to do with what the problems actually are. The other day I did some last minute checks when I was preparing the car for our trip to Michigan. I've been driving it to work daily since my engine overhaul in May so I thought everything was working alright. The rear brakes were a little weak so I tightened them up. The day I left I noticed there was a "clank" in the left rear brake drum. The brakes worked fine so I didn't think much of it, maybe I needed to just back them off a little. On the way to Pittsburgh (to drop off our kids at my mother's) I heard the clank every time I started from a full stop.

The next day I decided to check the rear drum to make sure it was ok. We took it apart, checked every thing out and didn't find a thing. We looked further and found the rear universal was loose. Now at 10:00 in the morning before an 8 hour drive to Michigan I really didn't feel like changing a universal. But then, I really didn't feel like having a universal failure half way to Michigan either.

Now, changing a universal joint is a pain but it is not that tricky a thing. Take the four bolts off each end of the drive shaft and remove it. To remove the universal take the circlips off, push the "+" one way to push the cap outward, then push it the other way to push the opposite cap outward. Once the caps are far enough you can take the joint out. Do the same for the other two caps, clean everything out then reverse the procedure. It sounds easy, I saw John Twist do it in 8 minutes. It took me two hours.

Anyway, once I got it together we took off for Michigan. Surprise! No more clank in the brakes. I guess the slack in the universal translated itself through

the driveshaft to the brake causing the sound.

I was talking about this a few days later and someone told me about a similar situation. For a long time they had a bad squeal in the front end any time they stopped. No one could figure out why. One day they described it to an old mechanic. He walked back to the opposite side of the rear of the car, looked underneath and told them they had a broken rear leaf spring. Sure enough, after the spring was repaired there was no more squeal.

So, when you get strange symptoms don't confine yourself to the immediate area of the symptoms, follow them to related equipment or to the opposite side. Unfortunately, one other rule follows this one; once you fix something the next most worn part in that system now becomes the weak link and is more highly stressed. Check it all out while you have it apart.

➤ TECHNICAL REFERENCE SHEETS

Next issue I want to print a list of all the MG and British sports car related periodic publications. If you are getting any let me know the annual subscription rate, where to send to, and any comments you have on the magazine.

NEWSLETTER NAME

Well, here we are at the third try of a name for this rag. There was the fascinating "SWARF", the subtle "As is...", and now the tongue-in-cheek "LEAKS". Give me any other ideas you have and I'll try it on the next issue. Then we'll vote on it. If you didn't get in on the events in the USSR this month this may be your best chance at shaping history!

MINUTE FOR THE MARQUE

John Twist at University Motors offers a free Technical Hour between 1-2 pm Eastern Standard Time Monday through Thursday. Have your questions

17th Annual British Invade Gettysburg

British Motorcar and Motorcycle Show

Sunday, July 9th 2017

9:00am - 1:00pm
(Rain or Shine)

Open to all British cars and Motorcycles.
Dash plaques to the first 250.

Pre-Registration Fee: \$10.00 (\$15.00 Day of Show)

To receive the Gettysburg Travel Planner in the mail I need the Pre-Registration by June 17th
Make checks payable to: **LANCO MG CLUB**
Mail to: **Bob Arlotto**
20 Lake Meade Drive
East Berlin, PA 17316
Questions contact Bob Arlotto at 717-259-6324
E-Mail lancobig@gmail.com

The Event Supports: Local Charities and

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA FOOD BANK

For Directions go to: www.lancomgclub.com

Name(s) _____
Address _____
E-Mail _____
Club Affiliation _____ Car/Bike Make-Model-Year _____

I/we agree to hold harmless the LANCO MG CLUB and/or The Outlets at Gettysburg for any damages to my vehicle or person(s) while participating in this event.
X _____ (Driver Signature) X _____ (Passenger Signature)

Cars & Motorcycles of England

at Oakbourne Mansion - Westtown, PA
Saturday June 3, 2017

Field opens at 8:30am
Judging begins at 10:00am

All-British Marque Jugged Motorcar and Motorcycle Concours and A Nationally Sanctioned Jaguar Concours d'Elegance

Hosted by Delaware Valley Triumphs Ltd (DVT) & The Delaware Valley Jaguar Club(DVIC)

Visit www.DVT.org for more info

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Registration for Cars & Motorcycles of England at Oakbourne Mansion

NOTE: For JCNA Concours Registration, visit www.jcna.com/clubs/dvjc

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
E-mail _____

Pre-Register - Registration before May 27th - \$20; thereafter - \$25
Make checks payable to "DVT" Motorcycle Registration \$15
Mail registration form and check to:
Steve Klein
4135 Aster Lane
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
To join DVT, include a separate check for \$25 payable to "DVT".
Show Info Hotline: (610) 825-2617 or kiasiccn@aol.com
Oakbourne Mansion Information: www.oakboumansion.org

SHOW VEHICLE REGISTRATION (Non-JCNA Concours) CAR CORRAL & ALTOJUMBLE - \$25

Marque _____ Year _____ Description of car/material: _____
Model _____ Award Class _____

BRITISH CAR CLUB OF DELAWARE
BRITS BY THE RIVER
SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

FEATURE MARQUE SUNBEAM

- Located in park like grounds of the Marina in Delaware City at the end of Clinton St.
- Dash plaque to first 75 entrants
- Awards by popular choice, classes to be determined by pre-registrant entries.
- Open to all years, makes, models British autos and motorbikes.
- **NEW** Separate car corral for selling vehicles, no awards.

• 10AM-3PM, field opens at 9:30AM
• \$15 pre-registered, \$20 day of show, deadline 9/9/2017
• Awards at 2:30
• For questions call Don at (302)331-3075
• e-mail for information at dhenderson@wildblue.net
• More info at: bccdelaware.com

SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO BCCD TO: SHARON KALINOWSKI, 800 WOODLAND AVE., WILMINGTON, DE 19808

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____ CAR: _____
MARQUE: _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____

Waiver of liability: Neither I nor my heirs will hold The British Car Club of Delaware or Delaware City liable for any damages to my passengers and I or my car/motorcycle while engaged in, traveling to or from this event. No refunds. No rain date.

BRITFEST 2017

June 10th, 2017
10.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.
Maryland Polo Club
3600 Fallston Road,
Jarrettsville, MD

British Rock, Beer & "All Things British"

Britfest 2017 is a new event for Baltimore which is being staged on **Saturday, 10th June, 2017** to coincide with Queen Elizabeth's 91st birthday at The Maryland Polo Club in Jarrettsville.

BritFest 2017 will celebrate the Queen's birthday in style. As the longest reigning monarch in history, this is an opportunity for the people of the Maryland area to share the love of Queen Elizabeth II and to enjoy all that is British!

Britfest 2017 is a full day of events on Saturday, including a US v's USA polo match with great British and "British inspired" beers, food and crafts from Britain, Scotland, Ireland and Wales

British rock inspired music, and various British "activities".

Attendance & Entry Fee

An entry fee of \$25.00 will be charged to all adults. ID will need to be provided in order to get a bracelet that will allow you to sample and purchase the beers. Children are free. All attendees will receive a unique British pint glass with the event logo on it which will entitle the attendee to ten 6oz beer samples for free. After sampling, beers are for sale.

US\$23 – US\$35

REGISTER

The Original British Car Day 2017

40th Anniversary Car Show

Sunday, June 4th, 2017 - 8:00 am until 4:00 pm

Sponsored by:

The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG “T”
Register

FEATURING:

Antique, Classic & New British Car & Motorcycle Displays
& Flea Market

This year’s Featured Marque is the Jaguar!

Show field opens at 8:00 am; Voting closes at 1:00 pm

Vehicles will be allowed to enter the field until show end
but latecomers will not be eligible for an award.

The Ballot Box will be located at the Chesapeake Chapter
Hospitality Tent.

LOCATION

Lilypons Water Gardens
Sun 4 June 2017
6800 Lily Pons Road
Adamstown, MD 21710

DATE AND TIME

08:00 – 16:00 EDT

See their web site and you can register online. Look for the green “Register”



**“Brits By The Bay”
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British Car & Motorcycle
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www.harfordvineyard.com **NO PETS PLEASE!!**

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Pre-Register by May 22 to Receive a Free Show T-Shirt & Dash Plaque

Door Prizes, Music, & Good Ole Car Talk

Food, Snacks & Beverages Available On Site

NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ALLOWED

Please Contact: Britsbythebay@gmail.com

For up to date info Go to www.facebook.com/britsbythebay

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Mail to: TRAC, 902 A Cedar Crest Ct., Edgewood, Md. 21040

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Car Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Email Address: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Pre-Registered T-Shirt Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____
2 XL (\$2extra) _____

Pre-Registration (Entries postmarked by May 22nd) \$20 per car _____

Registration (Registration postmarked after May 22nd) \$25 per car _____

Neither I, nor my heirs, will hold Triumphs Around the Chesapeake, Ltd. or the Harford Vineyard & Winery liable for any personal or vehicle loss, damages, liability or injury occurring during or as a consequence of being involved in or traveling to or from this show. Owners attending this show do so voluntarily and agree to assume all risks of any kind to their person or their vehicle.

Signature: _____



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22nd Red Mill British Car Day

Presented by the Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club - NJ
Red Mill Museum Village
Clinton, NJ

Join Us in Beautiful Hunterdon County. Visit the wonderful Red Mill Museum Village, shop in downtown Clinton's many quaint stores, experience the Hunterdon Art Museum and marvel at the many gorgeous British cars! There will also be a picnic basket competition.

New this Year!
Award classes will be by Make and Model of vehicles registered. Sign up early as there is only space for 100 vehicles. All vehicles must be preregistered.

Sunday, June 4, 2017
10 am - 3 pm (rain or shine!)

Spectator Admission \$10.00
(Discounts for Seniors, Vets and Children)
Benefits Red Mill Museum Village

Car show registration of \$20.00 must be received before May 22nd, \$25.00 after that date.
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: AHSTC-NJ

Steve Feld
phone 973-525-9054
healey4459@gmail.com

Name: _____ Phone: () _____
Email: _____
Address: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
British Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Complete and mail form and check to: Larry Gersten, 42 Erskine Drive, Morristown, NJ 07960. Registration acknowledgement will be sent by email if you provided an email address. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY RELEASES THE ORGANIZERS OF THE RED MILL BRITISH CAR DAY AND THE RED MILL MUSEUM VILLAGE FROM ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL DAMAGES OR INJURIES SUSTAINED BY ME OR MY PROPERTY WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ABOVE RELEASE IS GIVEN IN CONSIDERATION FOR PERMISSION TO ATTEND SAID EVENT.

Signature(s) _____ Date: _____

The DVCMG Presents... The 13th Annual...



Pennypacker Mills British Car Day Classic MG Chapter

In Association With The Pennypacker Mills Historic Site
"In The Good Old Summertime" Festival

Saturday, August 5th 2017

(Rain or shine)

CAR SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Car: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

(Need trailer parking space? Yes ___ No ___)

Pre-registration fee by July 22nd : \$15.00 - Make checks payable to: DVC

(July 23rd on: \$20.00)

TOTAL Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Free X-Large or Large T-Shirts to first 40 Paid Pre-registrants: Size Requested: XL ___ L ___

Send checks to: Paul Phillips, 257 Old State Road, Royersford, PA 19468

Additional information: www.DVCMG.com or call 610-792-1158

Release: Neither my heirs nor I will hold the Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter, any of its members, or show staff liable for any personal injuries or damages sustained by me, my party, or my car while traveling to and from this event, and while participating in this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

June 19-23 2017 June 25-28

Solvang California
http://www.namgbr.com/events/calendar_details.cgi-42/

San Diego California
<http://www.namgbr.com/events/namgbr-mg-2017/>

The club has some specialty tools that are available to the membership. Listed below are the tools that are currently available. **Guidelines** The MGs of Baltimore Ltd. owns certain tools, and membership entitles you to the use thereof. **You do so at your own risk.** If you don't know how a certain tool works or how it is used, seek the advice of a member proficient in the use of the equipment or tool.

1. The person borrowing the tool is responsible for it until it is returned to the club. It cannot be directly handed off to another member without the approval of the caretaker of the tools, Randy Kegg.
2. Club Tools are available only to current members of MGOB.
3. Tools are borrowed for a reasonable period of time, typically two to four weeks.
4. The club will maintain a logbook that will keep track of the whereabouts and status of the tools.
5. Persons not returning tools will be subject to unspeakable consequences. (You don't want to know.)

The person responsible for club tools is Randy Kegg. He can be reached at Randell_Kegg@msn.com or 410-592-3733.

MGOB Tools For Member's To Borrow

Engine Stand (2)

Engine lift with tilt device (2)

Whitworth wrenches

Whitworth sockets

Whitworth thread file

MGB Kingpin Reamer

Sandblaster (Suction from a bucket type)

Rostyle Wheel Paint Mask (MGB)

Midget Kingpin reamer

**SU Carb Throttle shaft reamer for MG
T,A, B carbs**

**SU Carb Throttle shaft reamer for Midget
carbs**

**Click Type Torque Wrench 0-150 ft-lb.
Standard 1/2" Socket set**

Hub Puller

**Rear Hub sockets for MGA and early and
late MGB**

Harmonic balancer puller

**Camshaft Degree wheel with TDC
finder, etc.**

Timing light

Dwell/Tach Meter

Differential flange removal tool

**Brake line bender – tubing cutter –
bubble type flaring tools**

**Slide Hammer for bushings, bearing
caps, and axle extraction**

Lift-A-Dot Upholstery punch tool

SU Carb Synchronizer

Pickle Fork for Tie Rod ends

MGB Clutch Alignment Tool

**Front Suspension Toe-In Adjustment
Tool**