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2018 MGOB CHILLY RUN

The 2018 MGOB Chilli Run was held on February 18 at the home of Lee and Len **Picton**. We thank them for hosting this event. As usual, folks brought chili and other things to eat and drink. The Hunka Hunka Burnin' Love award for the hottest chili went to Mike **Lutz**. Other winners were Jack and Sheila **Stern** for best non-beef chili, Joey and Bob **Bates** for best overall chili, Richard **Liddick** for promising chili, Larry and Barbara **Heaps** for best non-chili.



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MGOB NEW MEMBERS WELCOME TO :

There are no new members to report
this month.

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American MGA Register
American MGB Association MG Car Club UK

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PREVIOUS TECH SESSION

The February tech session was
a listing of companies that
support work on MGs and a
handout was issued.

From El Presidente

I'd like to thank Len & Lee Picton for hosting our Annual Chilly Run. There were about 30 members in attendance. It was nice sharing some time with Len and Lee since Len has a hard time making it to our monthly meetings. Look for pictures and a list of this year's winner and classes.

If you still owe dues for 2018 you should have received a postcard notification, this is your last chance to remain on the MGOB membership roster and the club e-mail list. Please send your \$20.00 check made payable to:

MGs of Baltimore, Ltd
5237 Glen Arm Rd. East
Glen Arm, MD 21057

Or you can pay at the March MGOB Meeting. There are still 45 members that owe dues for 2018. Let's get those checks in.

MG 2018, the 27th Annual North American MGB Register Convention, hosted by the MGs of Baltimore, Ltd Car Club. June 17th – 22nd, at the Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel.

Update - We are now sitting at 230 registrations, there are less than 30 banquet tickets available and there is not any room to expand seating. Seating has been increased for the 1863 Tea and we have sold 50 seats, this event is capped at 75 persons. Yoga classes are at 11 on 6/19 & 10 on 6/20. The Jewelry making classes are at 10 on 6/19 & 4 on 6/20. 20 cars have signed-up for the TSD Rallye & 33 cars have signed-up for the Funkana. Regalia sales are going good with 62 hats, 88 event pins, 54 polo-shirts, 83 T-shirts and 20 sweatshirts sold in pre-orders.

This event is going to be fantastic and based on the current numbers I am going to say that we could easily see 350 cars. We have almost reached capacity at the Wyndham and additional rooms are now available at the adjacent Courtyard Marriott. Early-bird registration ends on April 30th. Don't miss out on what promises to be the largest MG event in Mid-Atlantic area for some time to come. For more information and to register go to www.mg2018.namgbr.org

The 29th Annual "Get the Dust-Off" Rallye is scheduled for **Sunday, May 6th, 2018**. Please note that we have a **new** starting and ending location at **Gunpowder Lodge, 10092 Bel Air Rd. (US 1), Kingsville, MD 21087** <http://thegunpowderlodge.com/> Look for the event flier in this issue or on line at www.mgsofbaltimore.org



The MGs of Baltimore, Ltd.
and
Washington D.C. Region SCCA
Present the 29th Running of the
**GET THE DUST OFF
RALLYE**

Sunday, May 6, 2018

First car off at 11:31 a.m.

Dedicated to the memory of Richard W. Murphy



This will be a fun, low-key event. While traversing seventy-five miles of Harford County Maryland and York County Pennsylvania you will be looking for answers to various clues/questions. If you wish, you may also compete in correctly navigating five do-it-yourself timed sections. Competition classes are answers only or answers plus timed sections. **All vehicles welcome.**

START and FINISH: Gunpowder Lodge, 10092 Bel Air Rd. (US 1), Kingsville, MD 21087

<http://thegunpowderlodge.com/>

REGISTRATION: Opens at 10:30 am. Drivers' meeting at 11:00. Please plan to arrive early.

Contact Rallymaster Eric Salminen at (443-463-3071) or mgobrallymaster@gmail.com for additional rally information.

All vehicles must have no more than 2 people in the car. If a minor (less than 18 years old) is to participate you must contact us in advance to secure a minor release form which requires the signature of both parents.

\$25 per car to April 25th - \$30 per car afterwards

To register complete the entry form below and mail it with a check payable to "MGs of Baltimore, Ltd."

SEND TO: Dennis Blevins, 1213 River Road, Quarryville, PA 17566 (lucas2mg@yahoo.com)

Driver: _____	Navigator: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/St/Zip _____	City/St/Zip _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
e-mail: _____	e-mail: _____
SCCA region: _____ Member# _____	SCCA region _____ Member # _____
Vehicle information: Make: _____ Model: _____	Year: _____ Color: _____
Member: MGOB? ____ TRAC? ____ SCCA/Branded Rally? ____ Other: _____	

Class: Select one! Clues/questions only _____ Clues/questions plus timed sections _____

I hereby warrant that the entered vehicle is on the road legally, is being used by the entrant with the owner's permission and is covered by liability insurance of not less than \$20,000/\$40,000/\$15,000 or the minimum requirements in the state of registry, whichever is higher.



The Original British Car Day (OBCD)

41st Annual Meet

Sunday, June 3, 2018

Lilypons Water Gardens - Adamstown, Maryland

The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG "T" Register is proud to invite you to attend the 41st meet of **The Original British Car Day**. This annual event is held for the enjoyment of all British car and motorcycle enthusiasts. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to local charities.

Our event will be held from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the beautiful grounds of Lilypons Water Gardens. Come and enjoy this gathering of all British marques in one setting and the beauty of the water gardens. Bring your leashed pet and picnic lunch or partake of the food and drink offered by various food vendors.

This year's Featured Marque will be the TVR. We are pleased to serve as the TVR Club's venue for their annual gathering. We look forward to participation from this group and welcome their members and their cars on our show field!

A special treat this year will be mid-day musical performances by the 30-piece British Brass Band! They will be set up near the Chesapeake Chapter Hospitality Tent for all to enjoy. Another change this year will be the relocation of our spectator parking lot, which is now located about ¼ mile east on Lilypons Road.

There will be shuttle bus service all day for convenient transport to and from the show field and vendor areas.

Whether you are displaying your car, or just coming to enjoy the event, the drive is beautiful no matter which direction you come from. Lilypons Water Gardens is located in Adamstown, Maryland on Lilypons Road. It is accessed easily from North I-70 or I-270 via Route 85, or from the South via Route 28. Please visit their website at www.lilypons.com for directions and more information about their establishment.

The contact person for OBCD is John Tokar, Chairman, who can be reached at 410-775-0500, or by email at jtokar51@verizon.net. For more information please visit our website at: www.chesapeakechaptermgclub.com.

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USING A SCALPEL NOT A MEAT AX

Tightening a pan bolt on your TR-Whatever? You will probably reach for your 3/8" ratchet, a short extension and a 7/16" "hex" socket. Always a serviceable combination. Is it overkill?

Chances are your first sockets were 3/8". Mine were S.K. Wayne and were in a rectangular green hammer-finish box. These were it for probably 20 years until my late father-in-law passed along a redundant set of 1/4" Snap-On's in a little silver box. I used them though not often. The 3/8" were what I'd become accustomed to. The original set had been fleshed out with extensions, a universal joint, a "beam" torque wrench and a hard-to-find "screwdriver" handle, a specialty tool from the old Carter Carburetor Company. (The Carburetor Company, #15204)



Working with my older brother a few years ago – he is a far better mechanic than I though a political ignoramus – I found him asking for a 1/4" socket regularly. WTF? "I can get places with 'em and I don't snap stuff," I was told.

I'll deny it if you tell him, but I began reaching for the smaller tool after that. It did not come as natural choice yet I quickly felt it was frequently the better one. At times I even felt deft. Soon my traveling tool bag was lighter; the only large socket I carry now is 1/2" with a long breaker bar and a 19mm socket, just in case I have to loosen lug nuts put on by the orangutan at the tire store.



A quarter inch "beam" torque wrench followed. Easy to read and small, I soon was torquing things I'd guessed about before. The nuts on the always problematic throttle-shaft clamps come to mind. (I began using Locktite "Blue" frequently too.)

Operating under the popular "A Guy Can't Have Too Many Tools" maxim, I added a cheap 1/4" air ratchet. It is quiet, dainty and just the thing for things like those previously mentioned pan bolts. (Follow with the torque wrench. Use Locktite.)

A quarter inch "screwdriver" has become a ubiquitous addition to quarter inch sets. Increasingly I use it. It works really great with a whole bunch of extensions and a u-joint.

(By the way ... all my 1/4" sockets are 12 sided. I find it unnecessary to have the extra oomph of 6 sided ones as I do with my 3/8" and 1/2" sets. By the time you have amassed shallow and deep, S.A.E. and metric in three sizes and two face configurations it gets a bit ridiculous.)

Tech Articles

Lucas Wiring - A Simplified Approach

Lucas wiring systems as used on virtually all British cars since the 1930s are a source of frustration and bewilderment to a great many sports car enthusiasts. In fact, Lucas wiring is clearly engineered around a standardized color code and cable size formula. This system is used on all British sports Cars, and once understood, is very simple.

The following detailed explanation has been excerpted from a Lucas technical manual which dates from the mid 1950s.

With few exceptions, the electrical system of a motor vehicle can be considered as a series of simple circuits, each consisting of the component, its switch and three wires, feed, switch wire and return. On earth return systems, the return circuit is provided by the frame of the vehicle, although in the case of components insulated from the chassis, an earthing lead is also necessary. Some variations are to be found, such as fuses, two-way switching and so on, but the principle of feed wire, switch wire and return remains, and it is upon this principle that the Lucas color scheme is based. The insulation on feed wires carry a main color only, switch wires have the main color of feed with a colored tracer running the length of the wire, while return earthing leads are black.

Where components are switched or controlled in the earthed side, that is, with the switch wire in the return side of the unit, instead of on the feed side, this is normally indicated by the use of a black tracer.

Main colors, of which there are seven, are allocated to the circuits as shown below. The practice of feeding certain of the accessories

through the ignition switch, and auxiliary lighting circuits through the side and tail lamp switch is recommended, so that the side and tail lamp switch and ignition switch wires become feeds to other circuits or, in effect, master switch wires.

Brown Battery circuit. From battery or starter switch to ammeter or control box and (with compensated voltage control feeding lighting and ignition switches (and radio, when fitted) from control box terminal. Also, from starter switch to electric clock, inspection sockets and battery auxiliaries fuse (from which are fed electric horns, cigar lighter, interior lights, etc.).

- **Yellow Generator circuit.** From generator terminal to corresponding control box terminal and to ignition warning light.
- **White Ignition circuit** and all requirements essential when ignition is switched on but which do not require fusing, e.g., electric fuel pump, starter solenoid switch, etc.
- **Green Auxiliary circuits** fed through ignition switch and protected by the ignition auxiliaries fuse, e.g., stop lamp, fuel gauge, direction indicators, windscreen wipers, etc.
- **Blue Headlamp circuits.** Fed through terminal on lighting switch.
- **Red Side and tail lamp circuits.** Fed from terminal on lighting switch. Included in these circuits are fog lamps, panel lights and other lamps required only when the side lamps are in use.
- **Black Earth circuits.** If a component is not internally earthed, a cable must be taken to an earthing point on the chassis.

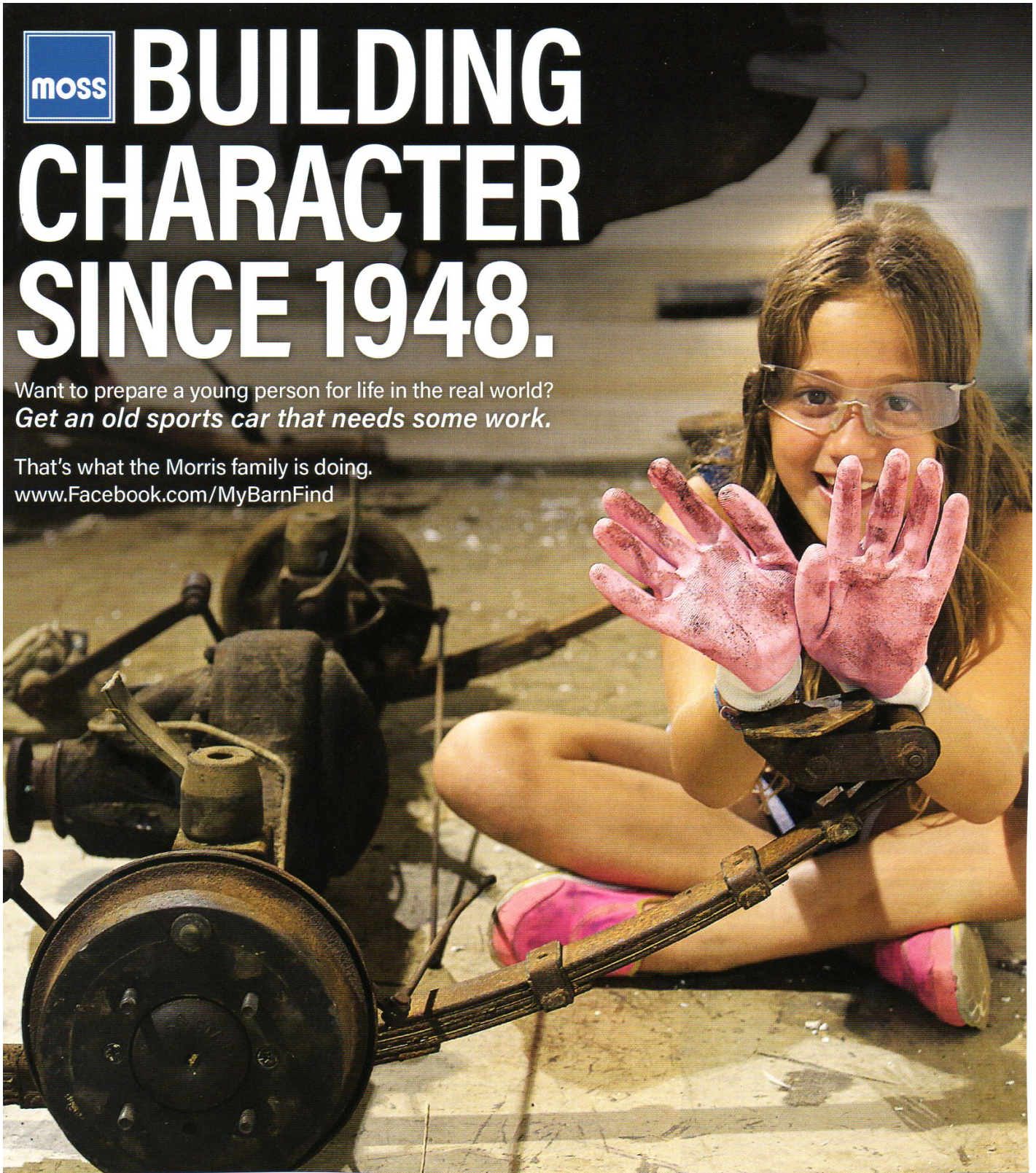
Hopefully, the above information, combined with a proper wiring diagram for your car, will help turn that multicolored mass of spaghetti into an understandable wiring system. Don't get discouraged; Lucas really did make an effort to use logic in their wiring.



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I had my granddaughter help me with bleeding the brakes of my MGA. She helped jack up at the car, removed a wheel and saw what I did with the bleeder valve as she handled the brake pedal. She enjoyed the experience. Roger

Spread the Stupidity

EVER WONDER

Why the sun lightens Our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why don't you ever see the Headline Psychic Wins Lottery?

Why is abbreviated such a long word?

Why is it that Doctors call what they do practice

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who Invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of Day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there Mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah Swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the Needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!

By the way, the black box is not black, its orange.

Legal aliens have to carry a green card. Did you know it isn't green?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called Apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of Pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If flying is so Safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

Only in This Stupid Worlddo drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the Store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in This Stupid World.....do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke..

Only in This Stupid World.....do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters..

Only in This Stupid Worlddo we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put Our useless junk in the garage.

Only in This Stupid Worlddo we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight..

Only in This Stupid Worlddo they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.



MGOB CALENDAR

MARCH

7th - MGOB meeting,

APRIL

4th - MGOB meeting.

MAY

2nd - MGOB meeting, 17th - 19th - **Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals.**

Carlisle PA Fairgrounds - 717-243 - 7855

6TH - **GET THE DUST OFF RALLYE** - see flier inside.

JUNE

6th - MGOB meeting— — 4th, OBCD at . Lilypons Water Gardens. see flier above.

JULY

4th - MGOB meeting.

AUGUST

1st - MGOB meeting.

SEPTEMBER

5th - MGOB meeting, 30th - **MGs On The Rocks**

OCTOBER

3rd - MGOB meeting.

NOVEMBER

7th - MGOB meeting.

DECEMBER

5th - MGOB meeting.

MGOB Tools For Use By Members By Contacting Randy Kegg

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

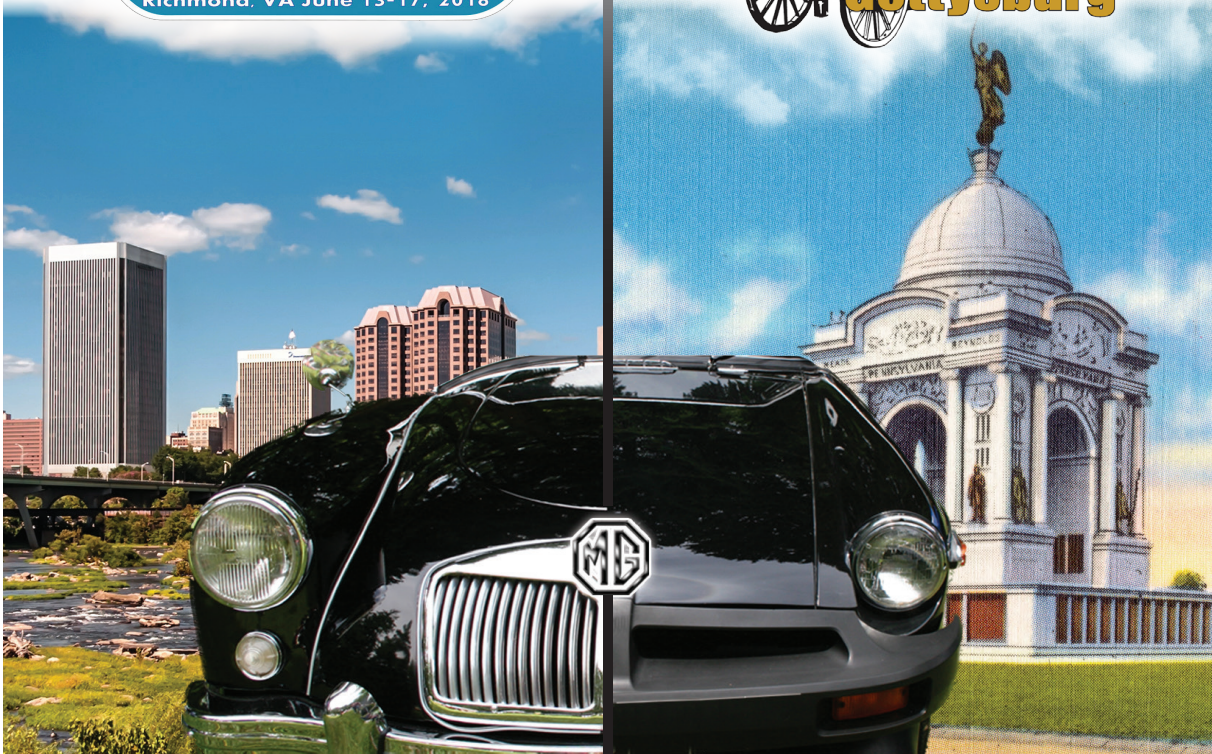
Lift-A-Dot Upholstery punch tool

SU Carb Synchronizer

Pickle Fork for Tie Rod ends

MGB Clutch Alignment Tool

Front Suspension Toe-In Adjustment Tool



June 13-17 2018 June 17-22

Richmond Virginia

GT-43 will bring you to historic Richmond to begin your 2018 MG adventures. NAMGAR invites you to join us at the beautiful Virginia Crossings Hotel for a variety of tech sessions, hospitality events and ladies activities. Venture offsite for scenic driving tours and a special tour of Maymont Park. Explore on your own to discover all of Richmond's wonderful offerings. Then, it's only 170 miles north to your next MG adventure!

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Gettysburg Pennsylvania

MG 2018, is a Gettysburg MG Adventure, with tours of battle fields, historic buildings, haunted hotels, and local foods. Historic overload aside, there are plans for MG self driving tours, John Twist's rolling tech session, tour the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, a variety of tech sessions, 1863 fashionable tea, rocker cover racing, parking lot parties, and even morning yoga sessions. Plus more MG related fun!

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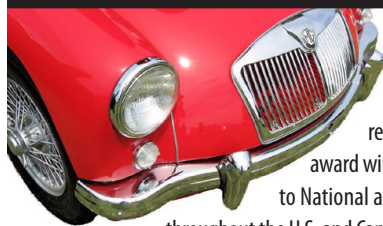
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