



OCTAGRAM

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MGs OF BALTIMORE, MD

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From El Presidente:

Winter is almost over and soon (Sunday, May 5) it will be time for the 30th Annual "Get the Dust-Off" Rallye. Wow for 30 years MGOB has been putting on the "Get the Dust-Off", what started as a simple Springtime get the cars out and go for a ride in the country and enjoy some wine and fellowship turned into a rallye and winery tour at the encouragement of Len Picton. I checked on the "way back" machine and came up with the name of the winery. Can anybody remember it? I sure couldn't, how about the location? I remember it was in Carroll County, north of Westminster, but that was about it. Well it was Montbray Wine Cellars located on Silver Run Valley Rd off of MD Route 97 about 7 miles north of Westminster. I also found a list of attendees; broken down by car type as follows:

MGB: 71 Beatrice Deane, 72 Ralph & Susan Arata, 72 Tracy Trobridge, 72 Bill Puhak, 75 Robert Koblish, 77 ED & Connie Barlow, 77 Wayne & Linda Norman, 78 Bill Dougherty, 79 Warren Watson.

MGB-GT: 70 Steve & JoAnn Mackereth, 74 Charlie Tipton

MG Midget: 66 Bert & Sandy Shirey, 78 Richard Liddick, 79 Diana Munson

MGC-GT: 69 Will Meyers

MGA: 60 Bill Stran, 60 George Pilling, 60 Bernie Huddleston

MG-T: 51 MGTD Ray Johns

Other MG: 65 MG Magnette Fred Bailey

Other British - TR-8 Steve & Linda Berry

There are some names there from the past, while some have moved on and others are still members, how about adding your name to the 2019 list of "Get the Dust-Off" participants? We will be back at Dejon Winery this year. Our Rallye Master, Eric Salminen and his assistant Chris Horant have a fun route planned and it will be a little less complicated than previous events. Look for an event flier in this issue of the Octagram.

Finally I would like to thank Richard & Carole Jefferson for hosting the 23rd Annual Chilly Run. Look for a list of winners and pics in this issue of the Octagram.

Dues are due! Please don't make me waste money mailing out final notice letters. Please mail your **\$20.00** cheque payable to:

MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. Car Club
5237 Glen Arm Road East
Glen Arm, MD 21057

You can also pay at the March 2019 MGOB Meeting



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PREVIOUS TECH SESSION

no tech session

New Members

Retuning member
Thomas Wunk, 1978 MGB

new member
Tom Lalley '53 MG TD



2019 Chili Run

The 2019 **MGOB Chili Run** was held on February 10 at the home of the founder of the Chili Run, **Richard and Carole. Jeffereson** Well attended and a variety of dishes made for another successful MGOB event., as always. In addition to much food savoring, awards for specific categories of foods were made and are listed below.

Hunka, hunka of Burning Love (hottest chili)
Tom Orisich

Let me have a second bowl
Mike Lutz

Damn that's unusual
Chuck Moreland

Best use of Beans
Ken Olszewski

Best side dish had 3 winners
Sheila Kegg, Vicki Hinline-Egliskis, and Randy Bruns.

Best dessert -
Mary Lutz

Sergio won the 50/50 and Richard Liddick, the 2019 “Hey Buddy” Award.

Various photos on next page.



Random photos
from the 2019
Chili Run
hosted by
Carole and
Richard
Jefferson at
their home.





Washington D.C. Region SCCA

and

The MGs of Baltimore, Ltd.

Present the 30th Running of the

GET THE DUST OFF RALLYE

Sunday, May 5, 2019

First car off at 11:31 a.m.

Dedicated to the memory of Richard W. Murphy

\$30 per car to April 28th - \$35 per car afterwards



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

SEND TO: Eric Salminen, 12321 Jerusalem Road, Kingsville, MD 21087 (mgobrallymaster@gmail.com)

This will be a GTA (Game, Tour, Adventure) style rally of approximately 60 competitive miles. No unpaved sections. **All vehicles welcome.** Classes will be provided for Historic up to 1981 and modern 1982 and later.

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

FINISH: Dejon Vineyards, 5300 Hydes Rd., Hydes, MD. www.dejonvineyard.com. Bring along your picnic basket lunch and tailgating supplies. Food truck will be available on site. Wine tasting will be provided for entrants (MGOB hand stamp required).

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.*

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: Historic _____ **Modern** _____

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.

Driver Signature: _____ **Navigator Signature:** _____

Hey Buddy!

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Wintertime obviously has given me too much time for idle thought. The other day when I was caught up watching a sunset, a voice from the past came to me in a clear “Hey Buddy”. This familiar greeting, delivered only in the way he could, made me think of our MGOB friend Wayne Norman. Why the voice came to me at that time I have no idea. It was sunset and the cocktail hour had started so that could have had something to do with it; or perhaps I just missed him.

Anyway, back to idle thoughts of Wayne and what he brought to the club, in a word ***FUN***. Oh the times we had! Can some of you remember Roadster Factory and Baltimore Street? With Wayne you didn’t know if you were going to see a train or a titty-bar, but guaranteed you were going to have ***FUN***.

Unfortunately Wayne has passed onto that great switching yard in the sky and we didn’t get a last chance to tell him; ***Thanks for the fun!*** Well I thought we should try not to have that happen again, so I thought we should have some type of recognition for those in the club that perhaps have embodied the Norman Spirit.

First I had to come up with an award and the first honoree. Second, I had to make the commitment to perpetuate this award in the future. There is no awards committee and while not an official MGOB award, I do plan to make this a tradition.

The award needed to be put together much like a project that Wayne would do. In short putting the unused and unusual together in unlikely ways. Wayne loved this country and the state of Maryland so the award must pay tribute to both. He loved MGs and the club and of course some reference to ***“Rollin Rock Green”*** must be included.

Having constructed the first trophy, it was actually easy to think of the first recipient. While many club members come to mind when I want to go have fun, only one actually is the cement that keeps us all together. So only ***Richard Liddick*** could be the only logical first choice. Congratulations Richard, perhaps we can celebrate your win by going to see a train or a titty-bar.

22nd Annual Britain on the Green

April 28, 2019

The Capital Triumph Register is proud to announce that the 22nd annual Britain on the Green (BOG) will be held at historic Gunston Hall, the colonial home of patriot George Mason, in Lorton, VA, on April 28, 2019. BOG, which welcomes all British cars and motorcycles. is well-established as one of the premier all-British shows in the metropolitan DC area.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend as we expect this year to be the best ever! In addition to hundreds of beautiful British vehicles on display, we'll have live music, a Food Truck Alley, a sponsor/vendor Midway for your automotive needs, activities for children, and tours of the Gunston Hall mansion and gardens for participants and spectators.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the Triumph TR6 in 1969, Britain on the Green will feature a special display of British cars built in 1969.

Participant's Choice honors will be awarded in 25 or more classes of British cars and motorcycles. There will also be a number of special awards including Best Resto-Mod, Best Survivor, Best Display, and of course, Best of Show. In addition, we will have Hagerty Youth Judging in which the next generation of British car drivers picks their favorites.

So please plan on joining us on April 28th for the 22nd annual Britain on the Green. It is a great day to bring out your car, celebrate the arrival of spring, and kick off the British car show and driving season with friends, family, and fellow enthusiasts.

Cars pre-registered by April 15 will receive the collectable 22nd anniversary show poster by famed artist Joseph Craig English. All for \$25, a savings of \$10 from day-of registration.

Further information on Britain on the Green can be found at:

<http://www.capitaltriumphregister.com/bog/>

Date/Time:

April 28, 2019

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Location:

Gunston Hall

10709 Gunston Road

Lorton, VA 22079

<http://www.gunstonhall.org/>

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BOG Show Car Registration Prices:

cars built in 1969.

The Lewes Chamber of Commerce Presents...
The Twenty-fourth Annual
Lewes British Motorcar Show
The British are Coming!...Again!
Saturday, MAY 4, 2019*

11:00 a.m. Till 3:00 p.m.

*No rain date

Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminal

Prizes in 8 Categories & "Best of Show"



I –Up to 1956

II –1957-1962

III –1963-1968

IV –1969-1974

V –1975-1980

VI –1981-2000

VII –Nash Metropolitan – *Featured marque*

Premier Class– For last year's First Place & Best of Show winners



Nash Metropolitan

Nash announced in October of 1952 that two companies based in Birmingham, England would build its new **Metropolitan** sub-compact economy car. Fisher & Ludlow would produce the bodywork, and the Austin Motor Company the mechanicals and final assembly. This was the first time an American-designed car, to be exclusively marketed in North America, would be entirely built in Europe. The **Metropolitan** came in convertible and hardtop. Several standard features, optional on most cars of the era, were a map light, electric windshield wipers, cigar lighter, and a "continental-type" covered rear-mounted spare tire. Some 95,000 **Metropolitans** were sold in the United States and Canada from 1953 to 1961, making it one of the top-selling cars to be imported into both countries at the time. Its sales in 1959 spurred the introduction of new compact models from GM, Ford & Chrysler.



Winners' Circle Awards Parade
through downtown Lewes



Merchant's Sidewalk Sale



Registration forms available
on line or at Chamber Office



Commemorative Dash Plaques
for first 100 cars registered



Free shuttle to
downtown Lewes

Name _____ Phone[day/evening] _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Car Club Affiliation _____ e-mail _____

Please complete and mail with check payable to Lewes Chamber of Commerce
for appropriate amount, Car registration \$20 (\$30 after May 3), to

Lewes Chamber of Commerce British Motorcar Show, PO Box 1, Lewes, DE 19958

Check appropriate box. (Only Original British-made vehicles 2000 model year or earlier. Replicas, kits, reproductions NOT accepted):

☐ I –Up to 1956 ☐ II –1957-1962 ☐ III –1963-1968 ☐ IV –1969-1974 ☐ V –1975-1980

☐ VI –1981-2000 ☐ Metropolitan (*Featured Marque*) ☐ Premier (Last year's 1st Place/Best of Show)

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

The Lewes Chamber of Commerce is proud to sponsor the Lewes Motorcar show in conjunction with
The British Car Club of Delaware. Phone: 302-645-8073. E-mail: inquiry@leweschamber.com

Chilly Run Rides Again

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It's hard to believe, but the Chilly Run has just completed its 22nd year. It good to be able to tell you that after so long the food and friendships are still so good. Carole and I had the good fortune to host the very first Chilly Run and the latest. When the **Run** was conceived it was thought of as just an excuse to have a party that would give us a winter event to enjoy. There was no more football, March Madness was a month away and perhaps we could even have a nice enough day that we could burn old and aging gas out of our LBCs. The weather hasn't cooperated for the driving, but we can say that the event has burned some old gas.

"Food Club with a Car Problem"

Carole and I were a little worried; would there be enough chilies for a true competition? Perhaps we should get a couple of deserts just in case there wasn't enough for everyone. As usual there was soooo much food and if you need a desert we still have some here you can have.

We must say that the quality of the chili has only gone up. I tasted every one, I felt it was my duty, and there wasn't a loser in the bunch. No matter if it was made with beef, pork or chicken, with beans or without, they were all so good. It was interesting to see the mixes everyone came up with. This year there were a couple ground beef chilies; usually not my favorite, but both were excellent. One of them prepared by Tom Orisich even won the coveted "Hunk of Burning Love" award. I'm sure the commemorative plaque and Elvis will be put in a place of honor in his home.

While there were a dozen or so chilies, there were even more side dishes. We had salads, dips, chicken enchiladas and even some outstanding ***Eastern Shore Oysters*** prepared by Randy Brun. While the side dishes outnumbered the chilies, the deserts outnumbered them. Cakes and pies of every description along with candies and of course "***Cupcake***" (aka Karen Barry) made some truly spectacular tequila lime crème versions of her namesake. I'll be working off a couple of pounds the rest of the week.

"Life's Too Short to Miss a Party"

For those of you that missed the **Run**, try hard to make it next year. In fact plan to attend all our party functions. For some party entertainment we put together a little slide show of club members having a good time at various events throughout the years. Since they were our photos we were there and enjoyed all these events. I can only say that my membership dues have paid for some very fun times. If nothing else as an investment your club dues pays off. If you go to only one event a year I'll wager you eat and drink more than your \$20 buck in dues. So here's looking forward to seeing you next time.

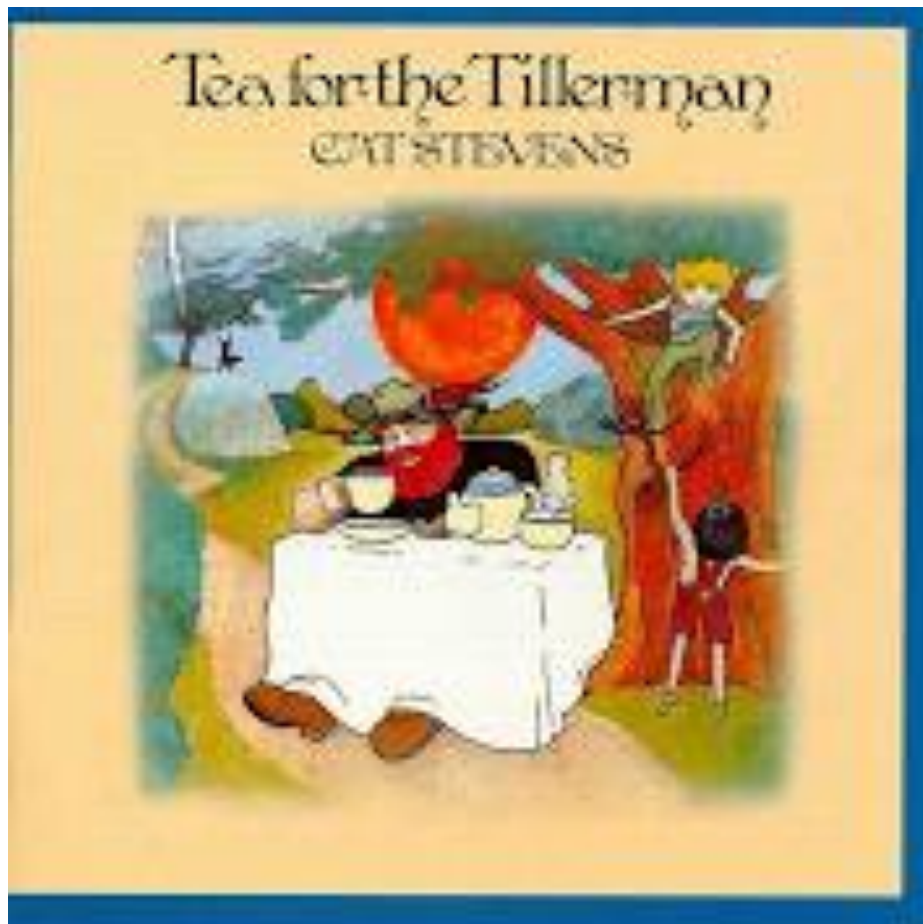
Road Tunes

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Remember when you used to sit down and listen to an entire record album? It seems that this has become a lost pleasure. There's just too much going on and too many devices and distractions pulling at our attention. Well there's some hope for us, this lost pleasure can still be captured.

I call this *Road Tunes* because when driving we are kind of isolated. Driving is not required and please if you can carve out the time to sit in your favorite chair and listen to an album without distraction, go for it. Headphones can help. If this isn't possible then the mobile listen room is recommended.

Now you need something to listen to. For this first ever recommendation, others will follow, I'll give you one I recently rediscovered. In 1970 Cat Stevens released "*Tea for the Tillerman*". His unique voice and storytelling songs make for a most enjoyable ride down an open road. There's a remastered copy on Spotify that's really good.



The Original British Car Day (OBCD)

42nd. Annual Meet

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Serra Valley Farms – Mt. Airy, Maryland

The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG “T” Register is proud to invite you to attend the 42nd. Meet of **The Original British Car Day (OBCD)**. 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 4:00 PM at the beautiful grounds of Serra Valley Farms. Come and enjoy this gathering of all British marques in one setting. 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 Classic Mini in honor of its 60th Anniversary. We look forward to participation from the Capital Mini Register and welcome their members and their cars on our show field!

Whether you are displaying your car, or just coming to enjoy the event, make plans to pay us a visit. Serra Valley Farms is located at 5601 Ridge Road, Mount Airy, Maryland 21771. It is accessed easily via I70 from the south or Maryland Route 27 from the north. Please visit their website at www.serravalleyfarms.com for directions and more information about their establishment.

The contact person for OBCD is Tom Renda, Chairman. His phone number is 410-804-7017. He can also be reached by email at thomasdrenda@gmail.com. For more information please visit our website at: www.chesapeakechaptermgclub.com.



CALENDAR

MARCH *5th MGOB MEETING*

APRIL *2nd MGOB MEETING*

28th Britain on the Green at 10709 Gunstan Hall, LORTON VA
<http://www.capitaltriumphregister.com/bog/>

MAY 5th **MGOB** 30th annual *DUST OFF*

<https://www.mgsofbaltimore.org/30th-annual-get-dust-off-rallye/>
7th MGOB MEETING

JUNE 2 ORIGINAL BRITISH CAR DAY

Serras Valley Farms, Mt. Airy, MD

https://www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com/OBCD_main.htm

7th MGOB MEETING

23 - 36 MG 2019 Traverse City Michigan

<https://mg2019.regfox.com/mg-2019-traverse-city>

JULY *2nd MGOB MEETING*

AUGUST

3rd 15th Annual Pennypacker Mills British Car show

<http://www.dvcmg.com/events/car-show-info/>

6TH MGOB MEETING

SEPTEMBER

28 th *MGOB 40th MGs On The Rocks*

OCTOBER

13TH Hunt Country Classic

https://www.mgcarclubdc.com/hcc/hcc_main.html

Note: As of Feb 6, Carlisle does not list an import and kit car event for 2019

As of Feb 6 - The Roadster Factory does not list a show for 2019

<https://www.mgsofbaltimore.org>

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The club membership meets at 7:30 PM the first Tuesday of every month at Johnny Dee's Lounge. Johnny Dee's is located at 1705 Amuskai Rd; Baltimore, Md, just off of Loch Raven Blvd at Joan Ave. From I-695 Take the Loch Raven Blvd. Exit south. Go about 1 mile, turn left onto Joan Ave. Park in the upper lot. For more info go to their website at www.JohnnyDeesLounge.com Come early and have diner. We start arriving between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.

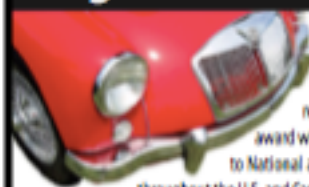
The meetings are about sharing experiences, taking care of club business and normally include a monthly tech session provided by our MG "technical guru" Randy Kegg.

More than just MGs

Many members of MGOB are owners of the other classic British marques and all are welcomed to join the club.

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