



# OCTAGRAM

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MGs OF BALTIMORE, MD

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From El Presidente:

First off I'd like to thank Eric Salminen & Chris Horant for planning and manning the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual "Get the Dust-Off" Rallye on Sunday, May 5. Despite the British weather we had 27 cars registered and 24 took part in "Get the Dust-Off" Rally, sadly most of these were non-British cars (I am guilty, drove my GM, that's MG backwards). We did have 3 MGs run it in spite of the rain. We also had a good number of MGOB member turn up at Dejon Vineyards to simply enjoy some wine, live music and friendship.

MG 2019 update, on line registration is now open at: [www.MG2019.org](http://www.MG2019.org) The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual North American MGB Register Convention being held in Traverse City, Michigan this June 23 - 26. Registration is currently over 250 cars, the host hotel has some discounted rooms open up. The MG 2019 awards banquet is sold out, but doors will open once the food portion is over so that others can see the awards presentation. There is also some open slots now available for some of the other convention events too.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Original British Car Day has a new location: 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](http://www.serravalleyfarms.com) for directions and more information. The Show is scheduled for Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

26<sup>th</sup> Annual British Motorcar Gathering, hosted by the Keystone Region MG Club in Hellertown, PA at Alfred J. Fritchman Reservoir Park on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> - 3400 Reservoir Rd. [www.keystonemg.com](http://www.keystonemg.com)

TRAC's Annual "Brits By the Bay" - Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Harford Vineyards, 1311 West Jarrettsville Rd. Forest Hill, MD 21050 for a registration flier and info go to: [WWW.TRACLTD.ORG](http://WWW.TRACLTD.ORG)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Britfest will be held on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Timonium Fairgrounds. British Cars and the driver get in for FREE, any passengers will be charged \$10.00 for more info go to [www.britfestmd.com](http://www.britfestmd.com)

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennypacker Mills British Car Day, hosted by Delaware Valley Classic MG Club in Schwenksville, Pa is scheduled for Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more info and to get a registration form go to [www.DVCMG.com](http://www.DVCMG.com)

Finally, here's a health update on a few of our longtime members, both Peter Charles & Michael Egliskis are making a strong recovery from the strokes they suffered. Wendy Stahl appears to be doing better and was out and about at the Get the Dust-Off Rallye.

Safety Fast!

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**note change for Jack Long's phone number above.**

### RANDY'S TECH SESSION

**Randy followed up the May tech session but moved on to rubber bumper B enhancements**

### New Members

**No New Members this month.**



## Get the Dust Off Results

### First in Historic Class

Reitz & Reitz (MGOB) 202 out of 280

### First in Modern Class

2 car tie

Wenchel & Wenchel 270 out of 280

Harris & Harris 270 out of 280

### Second Place in Modern Class

Menks & Rivers 264 out of 280

### Third Place in Modern Class

Bailey & Herchek 262 out of 280

### Fourth Place in Modern Class

3 car tie

McGinnes & McGinnis 260 out of 280

Bailey & Goodbredge

Kills & Eilers

### Fifth Place in Modern Class

Garfield and Garfield 250 out of 280

27 cars registered

24 cars participating in rally





From arrival  
to registration  
to instructions  
to planning  
to winning  
to party.

Everyone had  
a  
good time in  
spite of the  
nasty weather.

We look  
forward to  
another  
Get TheDust  
Off next year.



# British Motorcar Show      Lewes, Delaware

by Jack Long, MGOB member

Liz and I attended the Lewes British Motorcar Show in Lewes, Delaware for the first time on May 4, since it is located very near our new home. They attracted a nice group of cars with 101 preregistered and 11 same-day attendees, especially since the weather was iffy and it ended up in rain.

We left our house in Millsboro, 6 miles away, in warm and sunny conditions but as we neared the coast, the fog and mist rolled in and the temperature dropped about 10 degrees in the last mile. The show was held in a nice grassy field adjacent to the Cape May - Lewes ferry terminal and the cars were arranged in arcs by decade, with a separate area for Premier (last year's class winners) and the Featured Marque, which was the Nash Metropolitan this year.

The venue is right on the ocean which would have been great on a warmer, clear day, and the ferry terminal has both indoor and outdoor restaurants and a tiki bar. It was fun listening to the foghorns and watching the ferries appear out of the mist. Lots of New Jersey cars made the trek over by ferry and we decided that we will use that route to get to MG2021 in Atlantic City.

There was nice variety of cars, with a lot of real vintage examples including a 1937 Austin "Low Loader" taxi, an early Rolls Royce that had had a recurring role in the Beverly Hillbillies, and a sweet Bentley saloon that has joined us at MGs on the Rocks numerous times. There were also lots of modern British, mostly Jags and a late Aston Martin Vantage. To my eye, the real star of the show was a 1957 AC Ace roadster that had been converted with a Ford 289 V8, sort of an ersatz Cobra. It was absolutely flawless, with not so much as a ripple in the alloy coachwork and perfect paint.

Only four Mets made the show, one convertible and 3 coupes. I had never noticed before that the convertible has a separate boot lid while the coupes do not, which seems odd to me. I remember as a kid that this was what Lois Lane drove on the Superman TV show, which I assume was sponsored by Nash since that is the only car brand I ever saw on that show. I never knew until much later that it was made in England and shared a lot of MGA running gear.

The event was very well run and the British Car Club of Delaware folks were very friendly. I hope that many of them join us this year at MGs on the Rocks #40, and invite all MGOB owners to attend this show in the future. Here is a link to a newspaper article with more photos: <https://www.capegazette.com/article/british-car-show-rolls-lewes/180229>

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Photos from British Motorcar Show  
by Jack Long





## ‘A Vacation Find’ by Tom Orisich, MGOB member

I had a nice surprise on a recent “working” vacation. As a volunteer for a professional organization I attend various meetings throughout the United States, and I try to extend my trips to enjoy some of the local attractions and not just attend the tedious meetings in the hotel.

My recent trip was to Portsmouth, New Hampshire and as I was on the bus heading to a sea museum for our groups Friday night lobster feast I was looking out the window and I spied an MGB, not only one but



I thought, I have my truck, so I am going to check and see if I can work in a visit. I went to their website and not only were they open on Saturdays but that Saturday was their annual “Lift Day” open house.

I made an “executive” decision and decided that the Saturday morning meeting wasn’t as important as checking out a British car event. (As a long sufferer from the “LBC” disease I knew I had my priorities set straight). So, I put on my “Rocks” t-shirt and went to Brit Bits that morning to see what “Lift Day” was all about.

What a nice event. They offered coffee and donuts for the customers and allowed you to walk about and tour their facilities. The shop had about 7 bays with lifts, specialty tools, cars, and parts stored throughout and decorated with numerous car posters and memorabilia. They even had a British phone booth that was for sale.

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The Brit Bits staff opened their shop lifts and bays to British car owners and provided a brief inspection of their vehicles. They even provided minor repairs or fixes to some of the



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While I was there a constant stream of cars flowed in and out of the shop, MG's, Triumphs, Healys and modern Jaguars to name a few. I met many of the British car club members, shared stories of British car ownership, and invited them all to the Best British Car show on the East coast "MG's on the Rocks."

I had a conversation with one of the owners, Norman Michaels, and he gave me a brief history of the shop. It was originally a MG dealership and became a used car dealer, repair facility and parts supplier for all British makes. They sell new and used parts, (mostly used, probably obtained from their British car grave yard located behind the building).

They had about 20 to 30 cars for sale and another 30 or so interesting examples out back in the "GraveYard."



I was told that the Queen of England rode in this Humber on a trip to Australia. I was very happy with my decision to take this side trip and I did get back to the hotel in time to attend the (MGOB Price) Awards lunch. A person must have their priorities and you never know what surprises you find while on vacation.

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## Email from Glenn Abbott re the trip to KeyWest

Roger, I spent the winter in Boyton Beach Florida and brought my TD down in a trailer back in January. I met up with the group along the Florida turnpike and was taking my car to the Key West show in the trailer, fortunately or maybe unfortunately that is when the Jefferson's car gave up the ghost. They went past me in a cloud of smoke as I waited along the side of the turnpike. I joined the group which got off at the next exit and we decided to take my car out of the trailer and put the Jeffersons in. After about 45 minutes of searching we found a shop that worked on MGs. We decided the best thing to do was for the Fowlers and Olszewskis to go ahead (Key West is about 3 1/2 hrs south of Boyton Beach} while we took the Jeffersons car to this shop. So Richard drove my truck with his car in the trailer and followed my daughter Julia and I in the TD to the shop. Once there we proceeded to unload Jeffersons B and load my TD back into the trailer. The 4 of us then set off Key West in my truck to rejoin the group. Turns out the MG shop in Boyton was a bust and Richard had to rent a truck and I think a tow dolly and pulled his car back to PA. I am still in Florida and probably heading back to Baltimore in the





# KEY WEST BOUND

## Duff, Kenny, rj MGOB members

Richard and Carole Jefferson met Duff and Barbara Fowler at Ken and Sharon Olszewski's house at 9:30 Sunday morning, April 21<sup>st</sup>: Why? Well after reading about the Key West British Car Club's annual festival in the MG Driver last year, we all decided that this looked like fun. Besides Barbara was actually born in Key West and we all wanted to visit what surely must be some historical marker that memorialized this event!

Now being the astute people we are, we noticed that Key West was a loooooong way from Maryland. We investigated and found that the Auto Train would handle the greater part of this distance while providing one more level of adventure.

It was nice to find that all three MGB's had overdrive transmissions. We wanted to be at the Auto Train in Lorton, VA by 11:00 AM. Overdrive helped us get there at good highway speed. We all bought priority boarding so our cars would be first off the train in Florida. The train departed just before 4 PM and everyone settled in our staterooms. The rooms were nice, but as you would expect compact. Each had it's own bathroom where one could perform a potty stop, brush your teeth and shower conveniently all at the same time. There was a nice couch that the Porter would turn into a bed while we were at dinner.

We shortly thereafter convened in the club car for one of Jefferson's many board games that immediately showed our lack of memory recall. Alcohol was available for purchase; which of course improved our game play. We played games until our dinner seating was called. The food was so so, but the fun continued. Duff and Barbara were on their second trip with the Auto Train. The first time they slept parallel to the trains travel vector. This time their rooms were larger and everyone slept perpendicular to the train. It is a whole different sensation being rocked head to toe and back. Not too many of us slept well, maybe you just have to get used to it. Once we were in Sanford, FL, just North of Orlando, it was a short time before our cars were delivered to us. Paying for our cars to come off the train in the first group was well worth it; it got us driving down the road to Key West maybe an hour sooner than if we were waiting in the larger group of cars.

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On the way to the Auto Train, a problem was discovered in the Fowler's car. The '65 MGB would produce raw gas smells and run rough above 64 mph. Going around the DC beltway at 60 mph, the car ran just fine. Turned out the fastest speed without gas smelling and really bad gas mileage was to indicate nothing over 64mph. Other than that, the car performed like a champ. Kenny's car also had a rich gas smell, but soldiered on with no problem.

Somewhere about an hour North of Miami Jefferson's car developed what we thought was an exhaust manifold leak. We all pulled off at the next exit and tightened up the exhaust manifold bolts, which helped. We continued on down the road a few more miles when Duff's phone rang and it was the Jefferson's saying their car would not make it to Key West. Leading the pack, Duff looked into his rear view mirror and saw huge amounts of white smoke coming from Jefferson's B. Obviously the head gasket had let go.

Now good timing was on our side. We had just met up with Glenn Abbott almost as this gasket let go. Now not many would associate Glen as a knight in shining armor, but he was pulling his beautiful TD in a nice shinny new trailer. So we all pulled off the freeway for the second time. We removed Glenn's MG from the trailer and pushed Richard's "B" up the ramp and into it. Glenn then followed Jefferson to a place to drop his "B". We had found a local MG shop, which was very close to Glen's house using the MGB Registers Service guide. (Keep this guide hand for your road trips. Hopefully you won't need it, but better safe than sorry.)

While Glen and Richard took the broken "B" to the garage, Duff and Kenny motored on to Key West with no other problems. Glenn, his daughter Julia and the Jeffersons did a remarkable pit stop and were back on the road in an hour. Believe it or not, we arrived about an hour so after Duff and Ken, a great recovery. After few cocktails, a recurring theme on this trip, we all retired for the night. theme on this trip, we all retired for the night speculating on what this festival was all about.

So we are at the Key West British Car Festival and the first thing we notice is the rarity of Florida license plates, the large number of license plates from very far away like Texas and Illinois, and that the majority of cars are MGAs. We also noted that there are not the usual car festival type of events. There were no tech sessions, cars shows rallies, funcanas or any of what you would expect? There are fun and games just not car related.

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Friday came and our little band began go separate ways. Ken and Sharon went to see friends they had in Florida. (Big surprise Sharon has friends in Florida—and every other state in the union) They then returned to the Auto Train for the ride home. RJ and Carole rented a car and headed home after arranging for the B to be shipped back home. (Ahh, an engine rebuild, just what I was hoping for.) Glen and his daughter Julia stayed in the Keys awhile longer. Now Duff and Barbara had another adventure before also heading back to the Auto Train.

Part of the Conch Rebellion is an actual sea battle! The battle for independence had the Key West flotilla forming at 6:30 in the evening to fight a US Coast Guard Cutter. The battle included five small airplanes and a helicopter flying a racetrack pattern and dropping rolls of toilet paper on the Coast Guard Cutter from about 300 ft up. The Key West flotilla had chunks of Italian style bread in fist size pieces dipped in water. The water let you make a ball and give the bread some weight so it would go the distance. (Does this sound familiar to anyone?) We would come along side the Cutter and throw bread balls all the while taking water cannon fire in return. Most the Key West Flotilla boats had their own water cannons. After about an hour of this battle the Cutter lit flairs in surrender. It was a great time and Duff and Barbara were soaked again and again. But they won!!

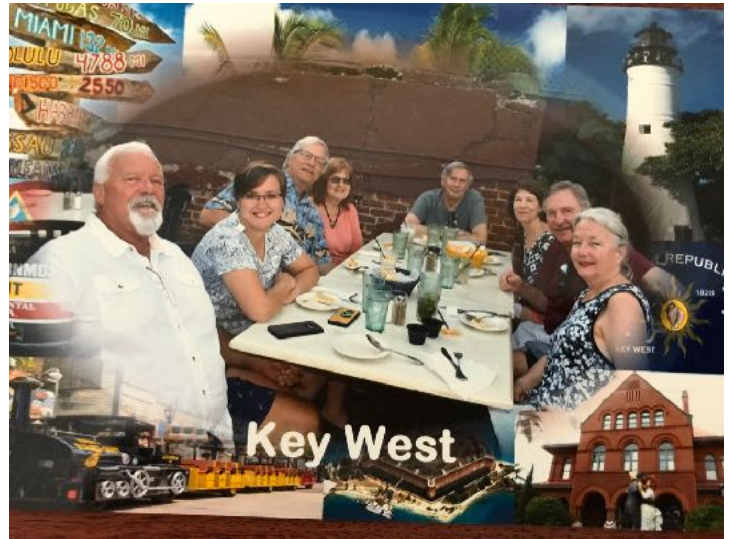
So why Key West? Well obviously if you go with a gang from MGOB you're going to have fun, eat at some neat places and of course never be too far away from a cocktail. So that's reason enough. Or perhaps there is some secret desire to drive an MG to the four corners of this beautiful country. If so, then trips to Maine, Seattle and Baja are in our future. Stay tuned.



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Photos from Richard Jefferson



*An email from Glenn Abbott re the trip to Key West and an article which follows from Nancy Lowda of the Morris Garages Informer in Florida.*

Roger, The Olszewskis, the Jeffersons, the Fowlers and the Abbotts went to a British car show in Key West FL at the end of April with their cars. I have forwarded the article written by one of the participants, with her permission to put it in our news letter. Also those club members may have pictures from that event they could share. Ken was on the team that won 1st place at the bocce ball tournament, I was on the team that won 1st place in the mini golf tournament, and Richard & Carol won the hard luck award when their B decided to burn a whole in one of his pistons in Boyton Beach FL., in any case they might have other info to share about our trip.



# Key West British Car Invasion, 2019

By Nancy Lowda

“Another Sunset” was the theme of this year’s Key West British Car Club (KWBC) event held April 22-26, 2019, in beautiful Key West, Florida. Forty-seven folks from thirteen states ventured south to America’s unique, tropical-island paradise to experience all that the Keys have to offer: crystal clear waters, magnificent marine life and vegetation, unusual two and four-legged creatures (such as iguanas, chickens, and roosters), scrumptious seafood, and of course fabulous sunsets.

Jim and I served as chairmen of this year’s gathering, in keeping with a tradition that was begun back in 2005. For the two of us, the journey to Key West began on Thursday, April 18. Our black, 1967 MGB is kept at our home in New Port Richey, FL, about 500 miles from Key West. Jim prepared the car: charging up the battery, checking all the fluids, packing necessary tools and spare parts, and loading up the luggage.

On Friday, April 19, under cloudy skies and temperatures in the 70’s, we headed out. We crossed over to the east coast of Florida via Route 54 east, Route 75 south, Route 60 east to Yeehaw Junction, to the Florida Turnpike and south to Port St. Lucie. From there we took secondary roads to nearby Jensen Beach. We arrived just in time to escape the heavy downpour that had been threatening the state all day. We woke up Saturday, April 20, to clear blue skies and humidity-free, cool, perfect, driving weather. Anxious to get on the road and continue south, we explored Stuart Beach, Palm City, and other waterfront communities along the St. Lucie River. Lunch at the waterfront Twisted Tuna in Stuart was superb.

We headed south along Route A1A, but switched to Route 1 as we approached the West Palm Beach area. Road blocks were in place, as President Trump was in town for the Easter holiday. Eventually, we opted to take Route 95 south in order to reach Florida City before dark. This is the last big city on the mainland before entering the Keys. Upon arriving at a Quality Inn, we were met by a group from Texas who were driving MGAs and MGBs. They were also heading to the KWBC event. As first-timers, they were anxious to experience the British Invasion and Key West. when they drive their little British cars with the tops down, across the many bridges that span the Keys. It’s a mixture of awe, freedom, and exhilaration, as the sun shines down and the tropical breeze ruffles their hair. That’s when one knows that he has reached Jimmy Buffett’s “Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitude.”

Our caravan continued along historic US 1, through the Keys which are linked by 42 bridges, including the spectacular 7-mile bridge. For those of us who had traveled this route last year and witnessed the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma, it was comforting to see the great progress being made in the restoration of these island communities, parks, and beaches. Around noon we stopped at Kiki's Bar and Grille at mile marker 28 (mm28). This waterfront spot has become a favorite stop on our way to Key West. After lunch we found ourselves at the Sugarloaf Lodge (mm17) where we had been invited to stop to attend the Florida Keys Southernmost Car Club "Show and Shine". Many beautiful American cars were on display. The arrival of four MGs provided a true British invasion! Our cars were very much admired, and several of our guys won prizes. One of the Southernmost Club's members, Brian, had his beautiful MG TD on display. When the event ended at 3:00 PM, Brian's TD would not start! That was when the true spirit of British car enthusiasts came out. Our caravan of Texans - Greg, Ralph, and Moose, along with Jersey Jim got out their tools, flashlights, mini jumper cables, to help Brian rectify the problem. In no time, the caravan, now including the TD, continued on to its final destination, Key West!

The Southwinds Motel in Old Key West, conveniently located near Duval Street, was the host hotel again for this year's event. The parking lots were filled with MGAs, MGBs, MG TDs, and Austin Healey's. All registrants arrived safely, although a "Hard Luck Award" was presented to Richard and Carole Jefferson of PA, because their MGB had engine trouble near Boynton Beach. There was a welcoming party held by the pool. New friendships were formed and old ones were renewed.

The itinerary for the week included Bocce Ball and Miniature Golf tournaments, an awards presentation luncheon, a craft activity by the pool, and the participation of our cars in the Conch Republic Independence Celebration Parade down Duval Street. At the parade, thousands of onlookers crowded the sidewalks to cheer on our cars. We responded to their enthusiasm by tossing them colorful strands of beads. An additional event, which was attended by some of our members, was "The Bloody Sea Battle," so named to commemorate the unsuccessful attempt by the Key West Conch Republic to secede from the USA in 1982. This "battle" took place in the harbor, and participants got very wet as a U.S. Coast Guard cutter and Conch Republic schooners pelted one another with fire hoses and water balloons.

Editor's note : This article was truncated to fit this page.. Thanks to Nancy for the article and to Glenn for obtaining permission to post it.

## The Brandow Volts Wagen

Mark Brandow thought, I need a commuter car that will run economically. What better than an electric car. But, wait, he had an **MG Midget**. Why not make that run on batteries.

“The batteries need to be charged when depleted, at night usually.” Says Mark and continues. “Never bought the lithium ion(?) batteries, had over \$1000 in plain bats!

“It will go about 20-25 miles on the freeway, 55 mph- wanted to use it as a commuter car on 394, but wouldn’t quite make the distance from house to shop!”

So, instead, Mark will ship the Volts Wagen to Vieques. Can’t go too far from home in the island, so running out of juice is not likely to happen.

There are 8 12 volt batteries in series in the boot, & 2 under the bonnet - giving 120 volts of power for the motor.



Engine bay with electric motor, 2 main batteries and 1 control battery.





# The Original British Car Day

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**CLASS** (see next page) ➡

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___ Vehicle Entrant	\$20.00
___ Vehicle for Sale	\$30.00
___ Vendor	\$35.00
___ Advertiser	\$30.00

**Entrance fees after May 15<sup>th</sup> or at the gate:** Vehicle Entrant (\$30), Vehicle for Sale (\$40), Vendor (\$45) Register early and save!

SIGNATURE (Driver) \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE (Passenger) \_\_\_\_\_



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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registered T-Shirt Size: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_

2 XL (\$2extra) \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration (Entries postmarked by May 19) \$20 per car \_\_\_\_\_

Registration (Registration postmarked after May 19) \$25 per car \_\_\_\_\_

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### What is a British Reliability Run?

For decades, the British have held "reliability runs" designed to subject various classes of automobiles to a series of fairly grueling road tests, including back roads, dirt roads, woodland trails, fording streams and the like. Other than breaking cars, the primary goal of British reliability runs is to raise money for children's charities.

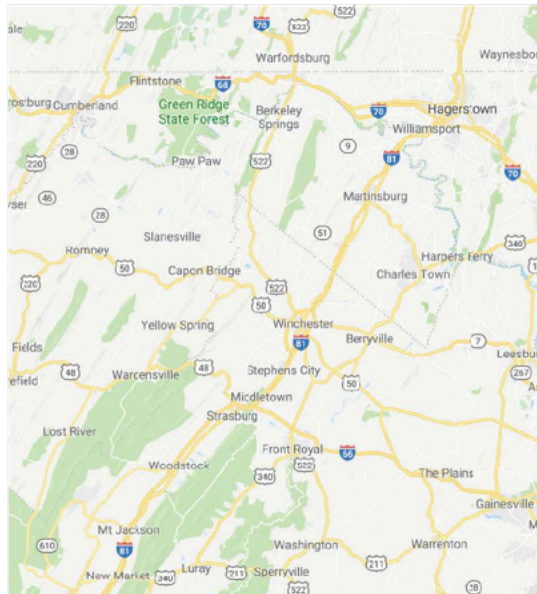
About a decade ago, a group of British sports car enthusiasts centered in the Detroit area decided to emulate (at least to a degree) their British cousins by starting America's British Reliability Run (ABRR) for classic British cars covering 600+ miles over back roads, run over the course of three days, while retaining its British counterparts' primary goal of raising money for a children's charity. At present, ABRRs are run in Pennsylvania, Colorado, New England and the Washington, DC area. All hew to the same basic theme: exercise old British cars over the course of three days in order to raise money for a children's charity.



### The DC Run

In the prior two DC ABRR runs the teams raised over \$83K for our children's charity. The 2019 version is limited to 50 teams driving cars that are at least 25 years old. It will run October 18 - 20 (Friday morning through Sunday noon), rain or shine, covering around 650 miles of back roads through Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. It is neither a race nor a TDS rally. It is a tour driven at each driver's own selected pace.

The DC event will be run "clover leaf" style, starting and finishing each day at a hotel near Winchester, VA. There will be a prearranged lunch stop on the road the first two days and a group dinner Saturday night. The third day, Sunday, the route will be shorter, ending up around noon near Middleburg, VA for a celebratory brunch. Go to [www.dcbritishreliability.org](http://www.dcbritishreliability.org) for further details, including photos of prior year's cars.



The Shenandoah Valley British Car Club is having its 38th annual British Car Festival in Waynesboro, VA. October 4 and 5. It will be held in the Riverview Park, which is just minutes away from the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive.

There will be a reception Friday night from 6pm to 9pm. The show field will open at 9am Saturday morning, with door prizes and class trophies awarded at 3pm. Last year we had about 130 cars. All British cars and motorcycles are welcome, as well as some other marques with British connections.

Here's the link to the festival web page. It has information on accommodations, directions, categories, and registration, as well as photos from past shows.

<http://www.svbcc.net/carshow.html>

**"A Taste Of Britain"**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

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# CALENDAR

## JUNE 2 ORIGINAL BRITISH CAR DAY

Serras Valley Farms, Mt. Airy, MD

[https://www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com/OBCD\\_main.htm](https://www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com/OBCD_main.htm)

### **7th MGOB MEETING**

23rd Brits By The Bay see flier

### **23 - 36 MG 2019 Traverse City Michigan**

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

29th BritFest 2019, Timonium Fairgrounds infield.

## JULY **2nd MGOB MEETING**

## AUGUST

**3rd** 15th Annual Pennypacker Mills British Car show

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

### **6TH MGOB MEETING**

18 A Taste of Britain - see flier

## SEPTEMBER

### **2nd MGOB MEETING**

**28<sup>th</sup>** [\*\*MGOB 40th MGs On The Rocks\*\*](#)

## OCTOBER

### **1st MGOB MEETING**

4th 5th 38th annual British Car Festival in Waynesboro, VA

13TH Hunt Country Classic

[https://www.mgcarclubdc.com/hcc/hcc\\_main.html](https://www.mgcarclubdc.com/hcc/hcc_main.html)

<https://www.mgsofbaltimore.org>



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The MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. Car club was established in 1977. The club represents over 150 members in the Metro Baltimore area. As the name implies, the club centers its activities around the preservation and enjoyment of the cars that bear the classic MG marque. The club is affiliated with the following national organizations: The North American MGA Register, The North American MGB Register, and The American MGB association. Internationally, the club is affiliated with the MG Car Club and The MG Owners Club. The clubs activities include sponsorship of the nationally known “MGs on the Rocks” car show, a series of challenging (and FUN) historic car rallies, as well as numerous fun gatherings all through the year.

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](http://www.JohnnyDeesLounge.com) Come early and have diner. We start arriving between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.

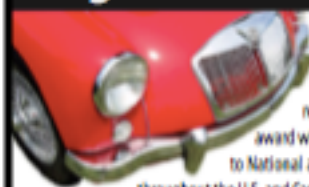
The meetings are about sharing experiences, taking care of club business and normally include a monthly tech session provided by our MG “technical guru” Randy Kegg.

More than just MGs

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

The Octogram, the club's newsletter is published monthly by the MG's of Baltimore Car Club.

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