



# OCTAGRAM

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MGs of BALTIMORE MD

September 2022

[www.mgsofbaltimore.org](http://www.mgsofbaltimore.org)

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From El Presidente

First thing, I want to thank Clint & Beth Davis for hosting the Annual MGOB Summer Party at their lovely home. They had so much fun hosting that they have asked to host the party in 2023. I also want to thank all of those in attendance and brought their favorite dish to share.

The British Car Club of Delaware has scheduled their Annual Fall Car Show at Bellanca Airfield in New Castle, DE on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for more info go to:

[www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-fall-car-show-tickets-308290444017](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-fall-car-show-tickets-308290444017)

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual "MGs On the Rocks" British Car Show and Parts Market will be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Discounted Pre-registration ended on September 1st, however you can still speed up your entry to the event by getting your registration in now. Registration forms are available on our website at: [43rd "MGs On The Rocks" British Car Show - 2022 \\* MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. Car Club](#)

MGOB will be holding our first Seafood Feast on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:p.m. at Capt. Billy's Crab House located at: 11495 Popes Creek Rd # 2125, Newburg, MD 20664, 301-932-4323 <https://www.bing.com/maps?q=popes+creek+md+crab+houses> The Club will be providing a \$25.00 stipend per member in "good standing" to help reduce the cost of this outing on their cheque at the restaurant. If you would like to caravan down to Capt. Billy's, we will meet at the Cromwell Bridge Rd & I-695 Park & Ride starting at 11:30 a.m. and we will leave there at 12:00 noon sharp. For more information contact Richard Liddick at 410-698-7338.

The MG Car Club Washington, D.C. Centre has their 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunt Country Classic British Car Show set for Sunday, October 9, 2022, at Willoughby Farm in Marshall, VA 20115 For more info go to: [www.mgcarclubdc.com](http://www.mgcarclubdc.com)

TRAC's Fall Foliage Poker Run is scheduled for Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, starting at 10:00 a.m. look for an event flier in this issue of the Octagram.

Britfest will be held at the Maryland State Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 22, 2022. There will be a special admission price for anyone that brings a British Car for more information go to:

<https://strongsidemarketing.com/events/britfest2022/>

Safety Fast!  
Richard

## Editor's Page

### Membership Update:

Welcome to our new members:

- Allan Ness & John Ness with a 1975 MGB

### Articles:

- BMCA Bits and Spares – August 2022

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BritFest 2022 is once again being staged at the Timonium Fairgrounds on **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.** In 2019, you showed your car at BritFest (we hope you had a good time!), we would love to have you back! This year we are looking to increase the participation and reach out to more British car owners.

**Web site:** [www.britfest2022.com](http://www.britfest2022.com)

**General Ticket Sales:** <https://app.neonox.io/owxqlw/m5upp3>

Please don't hesitate to contact me at [hugh@strongsidemarketing.com](mailto:hugh@strongsidemarketing.com) for more information.

Hugh Anderson  
Strongside Marketing (BritFest)  
Tel: 410.858.6580

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## Empire Marque *by Charles Hutchison*

### **Should a Car be Shaken, and not Stirred?**

We have all probably seen and dreamed about the cars used in the 007 movies. Theoretically, James Bond could make any car seem cool, but many times it was the car that made him cool, especially the British ones. Remember the Lotus Esprit submarine, the Sunbeam Alpine, and all the various Aston Martins including Vantage, Vanquish, DBS, DBS V12, DB10, and, of course, the DB5?

If Bond and Q had lived in Arkansas,  
they would be members of the BMCA Empire Marque!

Whichever car make is your favorite, Q always added lots of gadgets that we could use today. For example, the bullet proof windshield would be very beneficial with all of the road construction around Little Rock and Arkansas. Who has not had to repair or replace a windshield because a rock hit it? I have repaired or replaced four in the past three years.

An onboard tracking system would be great on our car runs as we tend to get scattered quite often. The revolving license plate is just cool. The oil slick and smoke screen have been used by some of our cars on several occasions, but usually not on purpose. The machine guns would definitely cut down on all of the distracted drivers on the roads nowadays.

The invisibility cloak would be a great asset when avoiding unwanted attention from any local law enforcement. The passenger ejection seat, now be honest—you have really wished for one at times. The self-destruct system, while effective, is no longer needed, in my opinion, as simply having a manual transmission will defeat most car thieves nowadays.

And finally, the rear facing machine guns and flamethrower would give most any tailgater second thoughts so they would adjust their following distances.

If we only had a Q branch or could check a box for which options we want when we ordered a vehicle.  
Well, a LBC owner can always dream.

Stay safe out there.





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  - ***The after Christmas celebration***
  - ***The “Chilly Run”***
  - ***The summer pool party***
- ***You get the club’s newsletter***
- ***You get access to the club’s extensive tool chest***
- ***Our monthly meeting is held at very nice restaurant and each meeting includes a tech session. Johnny Dees Lounge 1705 Amuskai Rd Loch Raven, MD (First Tuesday of the month)***
- ***We also host an annual tech session Saturday hosted by the club’s tech guru.***
- ***MGOB sponsors the annual “Get the Dust-Off Rallye” the first Sunday in May.***
- ***You can join us at MG’s on the Rocks. This is the oldest continuously running British car show in the world! Celebrating our 42 year in 2021!***

***All this for \$20 per year!***

**Visit us on the web: [MGsofBaltimore.org](http://MGsofBaltimore.org) or Find us on Facebook**

**Please complete the form on the next page and mail it with a cheque made payable to MGOB to:**

**Kathy Liddick  
5237 Glen Arm Road  
Glen Arm, MD 21057**



### MGs of Baltimore Ltd. Membership Registration

Please fill out the registration form.

You'll want to enjoy all the benefits of membership as listed on the previous page!

Your Name (MGing is a family activity, Please include those of family members)	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Contact Number	
e-mail Address	
MG's or Other British Cars Owned	
Areas of interest: Technical, Rallyes, Social, Restoration	

Dues for MGOB are a blazing \$20 Bucks a year. (January through December)

Mail your check made out to: MG's of Baltimore Ltd.

To: Kathy Liddick: 5237 Glen Arm Road, Glen Arm, MD 21057



**NORTH AMERICAN  
MGA REGISTER**



## Tools Available for Club Members Contact Eric Salminen to Borrow

- Engine Stand (2)
- Engine lift with tilt device (2)
- Whitworth wrenches & sockets
- Whitworth thread file
- MGB Kingpin Reamer
- Sandblaster (Suction from a bucket type)
- Rostyle Wheel Paint Mask (MGB)
- Midget King pin reamer
- SU Carb throttle shaft reamer for MG T, A, B carbs
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- Midget carbs
- Torque Wrench Click Type 0-150 ft lbs
- Standard 12" socket set
- Hub Puller
- Compression tester
- Harmonic balancer puller
- Camshaft Degree Wheel with TDC finder.
- 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 tool
- Lift-A-Dot Upholstery Punch tool
- SU Carb Synchronizer
- Pickle Fork for Tie Rod Ends
- Mob Clutch Alignment tool
- Front Suspension Toe-In adj tool
- Rear Hub Sockets for MGA and early and late MGB.
- Cylinder Leak Down tester

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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 club's 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.



# CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

**Virginia Scottish Games British Car & Bike Show**

6<sup>th</sup>

**Club Meeting**

24<sup>th</sup>

**MGs on the Rocks**

## OCTOBER

1<sup>st</sup>

**Shenandoah Valley British Car Club Car Festival**

1<sup>st</sup>

**Treasured Motorcar Open House & Carshow**

4<sup>th</sup>

**Club Meeting**

9<sup>th</sup>

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunt Country Classic**

15<sup>th</sup>

**Fall Foliage Poker Run**

22<sup>nd</sup>

**Britfest**

### MGs of Baltimore Affiliations

North American MGB Register

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American MGB Association

MG Car Club UK

MG Owners Club UK



North American MGB Register

The only MEMBER-RUN organization  
for MGB, MGC, Midget, 1100/1300 and  
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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$30 (\$45 overseas)**

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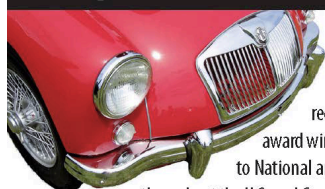
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MEET ME AT THE ROCKS!

**MGs of Baltimore, Ltd**

Registrar: Ms. Tracy Trobridge

3150 Pfefferkorn Road

West Friendship, MD 21794



# The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual **MGs** *on the Rocks!*

Open to all British Marques

September 24, 2022



*MGs of Baltimore, Ltd.*

## ABOUT US:

The MGs of Baltimore is open to all British Cars. We have preserved the MG Marque in Baltimore for over 45 years. We do this by hosting driving events, our annual show and parts market **MGs on the Rocks**, and providing technical training and assistance to our members.

### Meet Others:

We have monthly meetings at Johnny Dee's Lounge at 7:30 the first Tuesday of each month where we plan events, hear about upcoming events and ones our members have participated in, there's also a tech session on British car repair and maintenance.

MGOB sponsors the annual SCCA national "Get the Dust Off" Rallye, the first Sunday in May. We have legendary get-togethers events including A Christmas Feast, Annual Chili Contest, and Summer Pool Party. (MGOB is actually a Food Club that likes British Cars) We also have multiple spontaneous social outings throughout the year. All this for \$20 a year!

<http://www.mgsofbaltimore.org>

For further information or to join the club you may contact the President, Richard Liddick at 410-817-6862, or by email at: [rgl2mgbgt@aol.com](mailto:rgl2mgbgt@aol.com).

*To attend our monthly meetings:  
Use your GPS or map and search for  
Johnny Dee's Lounge,  
1705 Amuskai Rd, Baltimore, MD 21234.  
[www.JohnnyDeesLounge.com](http://www.JohnnyDeesLounge.com) (North side of  
the Beltway) Park amongst the other MGs on  
the upper lot. We meet for dinner at 5:45 and  
the meeting is held in their meeting room at  
7:30. Join us!*



# MGs on the Rocks

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual promises to be a great event and we are expecting over 200 cars. MGs on the Rocks is the longest continuous British Car Show in the World. This *British Only* show has been on the *same weekend* at the *same location* for 43 years. Multiple classes of MG's are awarded as well as awards for 8 other British Marques. Awards are by popular vote by the car owners. The unique at the car award ceremonies is at 3 p.m. All winners have their photos taken with their cars. Checkout our website for past event photos.



Put your car on the field! Although we have many beautiful cars, this is very much a **come as you are** gathering. Only owners of cars on the field can vote.

**Directions:** GPS address:  
2 Cherry Hill Road, Street, Md 21154  
Look for MG Octagon signs enroute

Philadelphia PA	83 miles
Washington DC	72 miles
Harrisburg PA	68 miles

**Sorry, no pets please - Park Rules.**

## MGs on the Rocks

If you love British cars this is the place to be the last Saturday in September. The Rocks State Park 4H Camp is an excellent country setting in rural Harford County, MD. Hit our Food Trucks for lunch or bring a picnic basket and join us at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Rocks for another spectacular show. Bring your parts shopping list for your ongoing renovation projects or your Christmas wish list for shirts and other regalia. **See you at the Rocks!**

## Our Regular Features

- ☞ Unique **Rocks** show shirt
- ☞ A variety of food truck options on site
- ☞ A field full of British cars in a casual park setting
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- ☞ Trivia games – 50/50 – T shirt shoot
- ☞ A wide range of classes for awards for all British Marques, the Murphy Cup for best MGB of the show & The Senator Norman Cup for Best of Show.

## Pre-Register!

Skip that long line of on-site registrants and save \$\$\$. Awards are generally 3 or more per class but may vary as registration indicates. We base our new classes on pre-registrations, so if you want to justify any new classes make sure you pre-register. Dash plaques only guaranteed to pre-registrants.

## Important times:

**9:00 AM** Field Opens  
**10:00 AM** ALL **vendors** should be in place  
**1:00 PM** Voting closed  
**Approx. 3PM** Awards presentation

For additional information, email or call:  
Co-Chair: Richard Liddick

Email: [RGL2MGBGT@aol.com](mailto:RGL2MGBGT@aol.com)  
Phone: 410-817-6862

Co-Chair: Eric Reitz – Email: [Reitz1@aol.com](mailto:Reitz1@aol.com)  
Phone: 410-207-7548

## Mail-In Registration Form:

To register fill out section below, tear on the dotted line, enclose cheque payable to

**MGs of Baltimore.**

Ms. Tracy Trobridge  
3150 Pfefferkorn Road  
West Friendship, MD 21794

Car show entrant \$20 if mailed before 9/1 \_\_\_\_\_

Car show entrant \$25 at show or after 9/1 \_\_\_\_\_

For Sale Cars: \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW !** Contact Eric Reitz to pay/register via Venmo

**Vendor space** \$20.00 for the first 20'x20' space. \$20.00 for each additional space. Vendor registration is only at the event; let us know you're coming but no preregistrations will be taken. To have vendor information included in the registration packet contact the Chairpersons before 8/22.

**Spectator Parking:** at entry gate is \$5.00 per car,

## *Registration:*

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (opt) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Car Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ Colour \_\_\_\_\_  
Did you win your class last year at Rocks? Y N  
Representing what Car club? \_\_\_\_\_



# **41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BRITISH CAR FESTIVAL**

**OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**RIDGEVIEW PARK  
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**Shenandoah Valley British Car Club  
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HERE**

One of the oldest car shows on the East Coast, the SVBCC British Car Festival remains a favorite car gathering!

Festivities begin with **Crullers & Coffee** at the **Car Show** on **Saturday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** staged among the massive trees and lovely views of Ridgeview Park in Waynesboro. **British Classics, British Motorcycles as well as British DNA & Kit Cars are Welcome!**

There is an on-site food vendor, lots of door prizes, and special car displays!

**Get registration information & form, directions, maps, & show updates at <http://www.svbcc.net/carshow.html>**  
**Registration forms may also be printed to mail with a check.**

**GPS Coordinate for Ridgeview Park:**

620 South Linden Avenue  
Waynesboro, VA 22980  
(I-64, Exit 94, Follow Signs)

**A portion of 2022 Car Show profits will go to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Last year, we raised a \$2250 donation!**



**Register Online Today!**

**MAIL TO:**





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**FOR MORE INFO:  
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# Fall Foliage Poker Run



## 2022

Date: Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022 (Rain or Shine)

Registration Opens: 10:00 am

Driver's Meeting: 10:30 am

First Car Off: 11:00 am

\$100 for best hand

\$50 for second best hand

\$30 for third best hand

\$20 for worst hand

Starting Point: Shawan Plaza at York & Shawan Roads

Registration Fee: \$20.00 if postmarked by Oct. 10th otherwise, \$30.00 the day of the event

**Registration open to ALL cars, modern or vintage (max. 54 cars)**

TRAC's annual Poker Run will tour Maryland back roads. You will follow gimmick rally style instructions through several towns while you collect your cards to make your poker hand. Instructions will be simple enough for a child to navigate. A navigator and working odometer will be helpful but are not necessary.

For updated information or online registration (fee applies), please visit our website at:  
[www.tractd.org](http://www.tractd.org)

Detach registration form below and mail with check made payable to TRAC to:

TRAC Poker Run  
2 Gunpowder Drive  
Joppa, MD 21085

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

### Waiver of Liability Agreement:

We are aware of the hazards associated with motor vehicle events and specifically release and do indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, site owners, and TRiumphs Around the Chesapeake, Ltd., collectively and separately, from any and all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guests while participating in this event. We have read, understand, and agree to the terms of this release.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_