



# OCTAGRAM

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MGs of BALTIMORE MD

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From El Presidente

**NEWS FLASH:** The MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. Car Club has been granted Federal Non-profit Tax Exempt Status by the IRS. We are now a recognized 501(c)(7) Corporation. This means we no longer have to pay federal taxes. Next step is the State of Maryland.

The MGOB Seafood Feast was held on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at Capt. Billy's Crab House, located at: 11495 Popes Creek Rd, Newburg, MD 20664. While the drive down took a while, the food was great. 21 members turned out for the event, we had an area set aside for us with a view of the Potomac and Virginia on the other side. Thanks go out to Pattie & Ned Shields for arranging this club outing.

TRAC's Fall Foliage Poker Run took place on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, starting at the Shawan Plaza on York Rd in Hunt Valley and finished at the Gunpowder Lodge in Kingsville. We ran some beautiful roads in Baltimore Co., Harford Co. and Southern PA. If I am not mistaken 31 cars took part in this event. Thanks go out to Chris Horant & Eric Salminen for putting this event together. Look for a list of winners in this issue of the Octagram.

On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Gill Ice (Our member Ron Gillis) will be sponsoring The New Freedom, PA Christmas Parade starting at New Freedom Community Center 150, E Main Street, 17349 at 5:00 p.m. for more information contact Gill at [rongillis53@gmail.com](mailto:rongillis53@gmail.com) or 410-382-4429

The MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. Car Club has signed up again to participate in the Annual Hampden's Mayor's on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. MGOB won 1<sup>st</sup> place last year in our class and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2019. We assemble at noon at Poly-Western H.S. on Falls Rd. More info will be made available in the future. If you have any questions e-mail or call me.

Finally, the Annual MGOB "After the Holidays" Party will be hosted by Mary and Mike Lutz at The Federal Armored Car Museum, 130 Lakefront Drive, Cockeysville, MD 21030 on Saturday, January 7, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. The club will provide drinks and a main dish(es) we ask you to bring an item to share. Please R.V.S.P to Mike & Mary to let them know you will be attending at [mgtlutz@comcast.net](mailto:mgtlutz@comcast.net) or 410-592-8610.

Safety Fast!  
Richard

## MGOB Entertainment Committee Members Needed

Now don't everybody hold up their hands at once to volunteer to be part of this group which the MGOB Executive Board hopes will be the starting point of more social interaction amongst the membership.

So that we can increase the value and enjoyment of being a member of MGOB, we are proposing to have an Entertainment Committee to plan and coordinate monthly or bi-monthly events. Members of the Events Committee would elect a chairperson and plan such activities as an Ice Cream Social, an overnight trip, or museum visit, etc. We anticipate that events would be planned around the Metro Baltimore area and surrounding states.

This committee would have an annual budget not to exceed \$1,000.00 and the authority to plan and run the events. Members of the MGOB Executive Board, who have experience with planning and putting together events are available to assist and will if called upon. In order to maintain transparency and accountability, receipts for reimbursement will need to be submitted to the Treasurer. Reports of the Entertainment Committee's activities and planned events will need to be presented at the MGOB's Monthly Club Meetings.

Remember, this is your club, and this is your opportunity to become active in the planning and activities that will grow the membership. The MGOB Board intends to help and nurture the group with their ideas and share our experience with setting up and promoting events. If you have any questions and would like to volunteer as member of the group, please contact any of the board members (Richard Liddick, Mike Lutz, Ken Olszewski, Tracy Trobridge or Eric Reitz)

## El Presidente



## TRAC'S ANNUAL POKER RUN RESULTS

### Poker Hand Winners

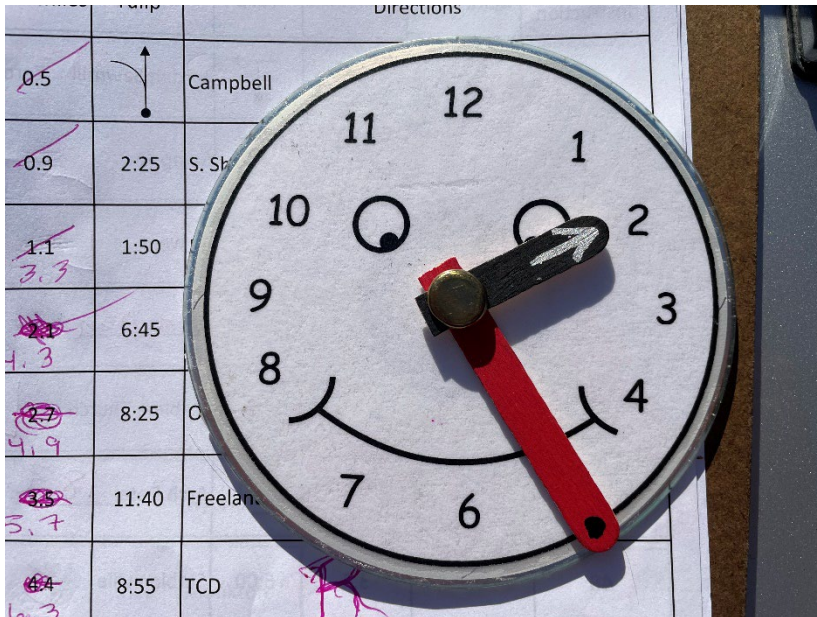
1st place	heart flush	Young Mr. Reitz
2nd place	3 aces	Lynn McLary
3rd place	3 Jacks	Terry Murphy
Worst hand	23 with 8 high	Chris Zingone

### Rallye winners

-8 points	Team Zingone/Horant - (missed the hyphen in Fill 'er - up)
-20 points	Team Hercheck
-28 points	Team Reitz (Eric & Cheryl) - Three-way tie broken by the 3 7's from poker hand.

**This year's poker run provided a new twist – Mr. Clock. Mr. Clock was used in place of Route Instructions and made for an interesting event. So, we want to know if you think we should keep Mr. Clock. Ned Shields says NO to Mr. Clock.**

**Give Chris Horant you vote at the November Meeting.**



## 100 Years of MGs

Next year will mark 100 years of the MG Marque. Here is the official MG 100 Logo from our friend Peter Cook of the MG Car Club. The first one is from the UK and the second one is from one of the French Affiliate Clubs. I am looking forward to special items for this upcoming event.



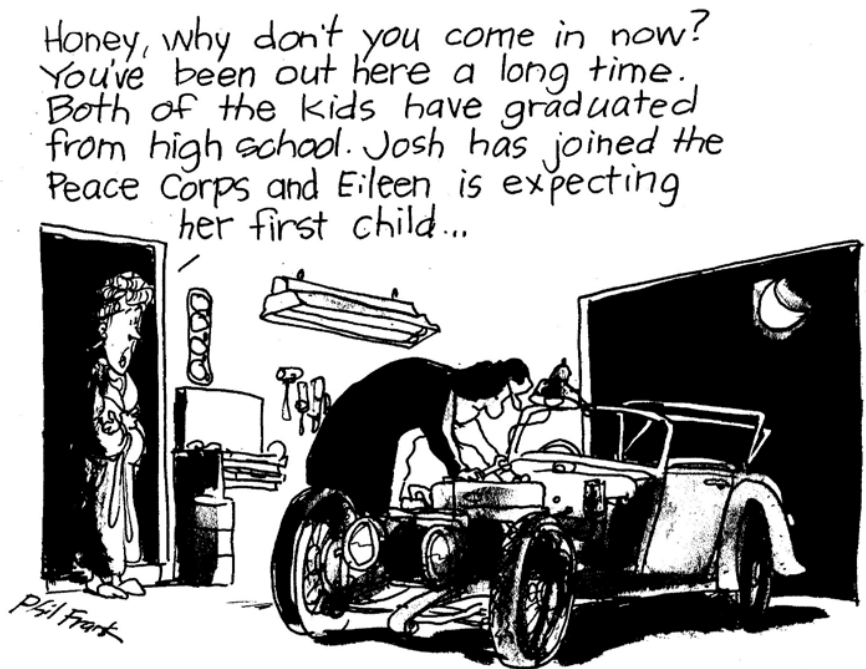
## The Best Thing Since Sliced Bread

I don't know why certain sayings stick with us throughout our lives but this one is perhaps the saying that is most appropriate - - *The Best Thing Since Sliced Bread*.

MGs of Baltimore, Ltd Car Club has provided me with access to a new-found hobby that keeps on giving. Membership can provide introductions to people with a common interest as well as access to available cars, car parts, vital services and related events. Information and knowledge about our beloved MG's is freely shared without hesitation by club members to newcomers and regulars alike without hesitation. In fact, beyond the sharing of tools, equipment and even spare parts, there are friendships to be made because of a common interest in these small British vehicles. It seems that enthusiasts of all British cars, not just MG folks are welcome to join and share in the experience.

And a new-found saying to live by - - "Spend at least five minutes in the garage every day" to at least tidy up, or write (even expand) a to-do list. This can keep us on track to maximize the enjoyment of a rewarding hobby and way of life...

Enthusiastically, R. D. Polan



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## Welcome to Our New Members

- John Buell – Previous MGA & MG1100 Owner.
- Loren Mark Walker – 1967 MGB



***We invite you to join the largest club in the area dedicated to British car enthusiasts.***

***Your membership benefits include:***

- ***You get invited to all club events. Including these three great parties:***
  - ***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

## NOVEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting

## DECEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> Holiday Parade sponsored by Gil's Ice

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hampden Mayor's Parade

6<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

## JANUARY

3<sup>rd</sup> Club Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> After the Holidays Party

### MGs of Baltimore Affiliations

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MG Car Club UK

MG Owners Club UK



North American MGB Register

The only MEMBER-RUN organization  
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- *Dash plaque • Membership card • Window decal*
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- *Annual national convention – a four-day MG party!*

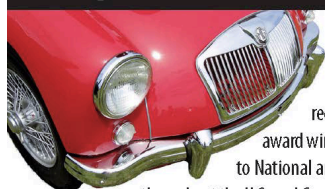
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