



OCTAGRAM

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MGs of BALTIMORE MD

June 2024

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From El Presidente:

MGOB's Rolling Tech Session was hosted by Larry Heaps on Saturday, May 4th. Turnout was great with 17 cars in attendance, lots of donuts and snacks. The mechanics assisting were Chuck Morland, Allen Tucker, Richard Jefferson and Duff Fowler (sorry if I missed anyone). I arrived just in time to have a donut or two and headed to Wargo's for a pit beef sandwich for lunch. Thanks to Larry for hosting and to the mechanics for giving up part of their Saturday to help other MG owners learn how to fix their cars.

The 35th Annual "Get the Dust-Off" Rallye was held on Sunday, May 5th. Starting and finishing at DeJon Vineyards located in Hydes, MD. A big thank you goes out to Eric Salminen and Chris Horant along with the volunteers that helped organize the event. While the weather didn't fully cooperate, we had a good turnout with approximately 37 cars taking part in the event. Look for a listing of the winners in each class elsewhere in this issue of the Octagram.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate the TRAC Club (Triumphs Around the Chesapeake) for winning the **Lord Baltimore Cup for 2023**. This traveling trophy goes to the club that has the best combined score from TRAC's Annual Fall Poker Run & MGOB's Annual Get the Dust-Off Rallye. MGOB held the trophy for 2022 but, TRAC was able to pull off a win for 2023. Chris Horant presented the trophy to them at DeJon Vineyards.

The Annual **"Brits By The Bay"** Car Show sponsored by the TRAC Club was held on Sunday, May 19th, 2024, at a new location, Linganore Winery in Mt. Airy, MD. Weather for the event started out cloudy with an occasional spritz but soon gave way partially sunny skies. I'll estimate that they had about 75 cars on the show field with a wide variety of Triumphs, MGs, Jaguars, and even a 30's vintage Bentley. The show was done differently than past TRAC events in that the cars were lined up in classes based on marque & models. The new location was genuinely nice, and it only took a little over an hour to get there from the Metro Baltimore area.

The **46th Annual Original British Car Day** will be held on Sunday, June 2nd, 2024, at Lilypons Water Gardens in Adamstown, MD. For more information see the event flier in this issue.

The Keystone British Car Club's **30th Annual British Motorcar Gathering, Sunday, June 9th, 2024**, Hellertown, PA. 18055. Rich Polan & I are going, weather permitting. Contact me or Rich if you want to tag along.

As most of you know, MGOB is a car club with an eating & drinking problem. With that said, mark your calendars because on **Sunday, August 18th starting at 1:00 p.m.** Duff & Barbara Fowler will be hosting the **Annual "MGOB Summer Party"**. The club will supply burgers, hotdogs and drinks. We ask you to bring a side-dish or dessert item to share. **R.S.V.P at: BKF88@aol.com or call 410-399-0070** and let Barb & Duff know you are attending. Don't forget your bathing suit, they have a new pool to break in.

Finally, here is a membership update, the club's roster has been purged of those that did not pay their 2024 dues, as of today membership stands at 144 members.

Safety Fast!
Richard

Welcome New Members

Bob & Denise Stemler with a Right-Hand Drive 1948 MGTC

Jeff Graham Jr with a 1954 MGTF



Exhausted Economics

rj

OK before we begin, let me tell you a little of my life pre-LEL membership. Forget the degrees in Microbiology and Chemistry I have. I even spent more tuition (**outrageous then, now OMG**) for a graduate merit badge. Given this background surely, I would be engaged in the sciences. It did start that way, but soon the lure of corporate America took me to the dark side with the promise of cash and a corner office. So, what does big business do with these talents I've paid dearly for? Well obviously, they put me in charge of marketing.

Marketing - what is that? Most of you will be defining the term incorrectly. Marketing isn't the logistics of positioning, distributing, and selling a product. A marketer's prime job is to separate you from your money while stroking your ego into thinking you are better off with this new thing than without it. (**Even though we may have sold you the previous now crappy product in the first place.**) You see the male ego is so easy to manipulate, just ask any woman. Marketeers are non-bias to the sexes and female egos are just as easily to manipulate. Just ask your wife why she has so many shoes!

Perhaps you may remember a rant in a previous **exhaust note** that as part of the American Dream we have fallen into the marketing trap of turning a need into a want just to make us feel better. (**Marketeers love those egos**) One of the marketer's most useful ways to get their hands in your pockets of course through the Motorcar. I remind you that this transportation appliance has been turned into such a status symbol of accomplishment and prestige. Remember it is the second most expensive purchase American's will make. A marketer's dream! It's new and shinney it/I must be better. I have a Caddy and you have a Chevy; therefore, I must be better than you. See the trap? A good marketer can make anyone feel good no matter what they are selling. You know all those that purchased their brand new shinny Pontiac Aztecs were smiling when they drove off the lot....**not so much later.**

I recently read a most interesting article in the Wall Street Journal / "The New Math of Driving Your Car Till the Wheels Fall Off". Statistics used come from this article, also CHATGPT, and I encourage you to read it for yourself. The article confirmed to me that I was on the right track with my thoughts. (**A rare occurrence**) Of course, I understand it from a marketer's perspective since I possess the secret decoder ring that goes with this profession.

The average car age hit a new record of 12.5 years old in 2023 and has increased for the last 6 years. Yet Americans get a new vehicle about every 5 years. Man, there must be a ton of used cars and more drivers for them on the road today. Good luck with that carbon footprint thing. And the cost of cars is only exceeded by size of our national debt. The average car price as of 3/24 was \$46,660 and the average car payment was \$738 for 67.9 months. (**Don't worry, most will trade it in before they pay it off**). Used cars won't get you off the hook that cheap either with an average monthly payment of \$532 for 67.4 months.

The article went on to point out things we don't usually think about; probably because these details were left out of the brochure for your new shinny road appliance. While new cars are more reliable, maintaining them is truly inflationary with repair/maintenance cost up 8.2% year on year. I was recently quoted over a hundred bucks for an oil change on my 2017 VW! The dealer must be using the Perrier of oil and utilizing a skilled German technician to accomplish the feat! Are new cars more expensive to fix than an older model? New cars are more complex, and the average car now has over 5000 computer chips on board. As with most things the more complex it is, the more expensive it is

to repair. Electrification doesn't seem to help since these cars (per the article) have statically some of the worst repair records. As for ICE cars better to go with Toyota and avoid Jeeps.

Most Americans trade their cars when the cost of a repair is 10% of the purchase price. Modern cars are easily capable of 200 thousand miles or more. Using a 15 thousand mile per year average; a 5-year-old car will only have 75 thousand miles on the clock. Doesn't it make better sense to pay for a \$5000 major repair than to fork out another \$50k plus for new shinny thing? But my car is worth more now than it will be later; really? Most people don't really think of depreciation costs as part of ownership, but it may be the biggest cost. In 2022 this depreciation cost was \$3656, in 2023 this increased to \$4538. That's a 24% increase. If inflation was stopped cold (**Good luck with that**) at the 2023 level, your \$46,660 average car will be worth \$23,970 in 5 years.

The Insurance guys come into play also. I've been with the same insurance agent for decades and with a spotless driving record. (**Shocking**). I was hit with a sizable premium increase this year. Noted in the article was that auto insurance went up 22.2 % year on year. Insuring your old car is going to be cheaper than the new shinny thing, just based on the higher cost of the new thing alone.

So why am I depressing you with all this you ask. Remember I'm a marketeer and I'm here to make you feel good about your purchase (**Stroke your ego**). You can feel good about the purchase of your LBC! We purchased Carole's B way before the turn of the century for a sum much less than the cost of 2033 average car depreciation. Yes, there have been repairs transmission rebuild, two engines rebuilds, carb rebuild, and paint etc. Other than paint, all repairs were accomplished with the assistance of my inflation stagnant \$20 MGOB annual dues. Now let's talk depreciation, no wait it's a classic car were talking Appreciation. Yes, Carole's car is now worth more than we paid for it. In fact, classic cars have been a good investment. The classic car market has gone up 500% from 2004 to 2014! Now don't expect that Aztec to have appreciated much, but who knows? You may have the only running Aztec in existence.

Given all this new information and your ego boosted we now expect you appreciated your LBC even more. So go out to your garage and shine up your LBC and take a ride. Your ego is going to be stroked more when the many people you pass give you a knowing thumbs up as you pass them in your **Old Shinny Thing!** I'm exhausted now so I think I'll listen to the music I embed in the title of this **Note** knowing I've saved you \$46,660 or more!

Average car payment and length of contract data. No surprising to you that the average car price was \$ 46,660 as of 3/24. (for this I could have bought our mg 13.3 times)

Now that our egos have been massaged for laying out these bucks for my 2024 shinny thing, I must maintain it.

Average replacement American cars 5 years

Avg car \$46,660 9/24

Repair Maintenance cost up 8.2% y/y

Insurance up 22.2 y/y

Avg car age 12.5 years 2023 increasing last 6 years

90s 100 k cars near EOL 200 k now easy

Share cars 10 plus years 16.9 77 now 44.2%

Don't want to trade while still making payments

Check which cars last longest thanks Toyota sorry jeep

Trade when repair is 10% of purchase price

What is avg car payment and length today??

Depreciation cost 4538 /2023 3656/2022



AH/ Mini Marque *by Deb King*

Back to the Past

It was the 50s, and the place was England. Just a handful of years after the end of WWII, all over the UK, Europe, Asia, and of course, America, soldiers settled in to continue the lives the war had interrupted. Pretty soon all that baby making would drive a huge population boom—no surprise those born during those years are called “Boomers.” Why, in 1950, my own mother gave birth to a bouncing 10 pound, 6 ounce girl—me.

In England, sales of what we now call “econoboxes” were also booming. Cars that could carry a family of four while sipping gas were on the drawing boards. Unlike the behemoths in the US, small, even tiny family cars were needed. England’s roads were tiny, after all—not the giant motorways that now cross the country. One of those new designs toward the end of the ‘50s was the Opperman Unicar. Ah, thought I was going to say “Mini,” didn’t you? Read on... there’s a connection.

Cheap? You bet. If purchased complete, it cost about £400, rough equivalent to \$7,800 today. A home-built version cost even less. And it was a true 4-seat family car, sort of—mom and dad sat in a bench seat not unlike a wide lawn chair. The kids sat in back on either side of the tiny engine. Plastic was the name of the game—the reason it was offered as a DIY kit was because the body panels were plastic.

Hoping to boost sales, Opperman came out with the Stirling. It was a little bigger, but more importantly, it was more powerful. The engine in the 1958 prototype was 424cc. The following year a second prototype was released with still more power—all the way up to 500cc. It only cost £541!

So why wasn’t the Opperman Stirling in every garage? Remember the year—1959. What else debuted in 1959? You guessed it! And the Mini was clearly a better car with more creature comforts than a lawn chair, and had more power. Oh, it cost less, too—only £497! And as you probably know, the Mini was not only better, it was revolutionary in its design.

Poor Unicar and Stirling. They never had a chance!

Brent



Thank you to Brent and Deb from the British Motoring Club of Arkansas for the informative article.

Fresh Rubber – Getting the right tire for the job

New tires provide better handling and safety, plus vintage looks

Old cars are a thrill...old tires are a hazard. While our beloved Austin-Healeys, MGs and Triumphs sit idle in the garage, the tires they stand on are hardening, cracking and crumbling away due to aging and the environment.

Many purists want to keep their classic car outfitted with original equipment, especially the guys competing in concours d'elegance. Judges award extra points for running period-correct tires, going so far as checking tire date codes. Some owners argue they're only logging say, a hundred miles per season, so why bother putting on new tires when the old ones are barely used. But how do you think 40-year-old tires are holding up? To make better decisions, you may consider bringing your car to a vehicle repair shop so they can do a thorough inspection and provide recommendations on which repairs or replacement parts your car needs the most.

The tread blocks might still stand tall and look fresh, but problems probably lurk beneath. No matter the number of miles driven, experts say a tire can become unsafe in just five years—the rubber and other components lose their ability to perform. Handling and road adhesion are critical to driving enjoyment and safety so getting new tires is definitely recommended.

There's no sense risking your car or yourself due to rotting rubber. If your tires are more than five years old, consider replacing them and get new ones from a tire shop. We agree, new tires often appear out of place on a classic car. Thankfully, a few tire companies like Coker Tire and Universal Tire are producing period-correct tires for our classics. You can even get redlines.

How can we make such a definitive statement about replacing old tires? Because we tested a set of never-used old tires against a set of new vintage-looking tires, and the results raised eyebrows. But we had our proof.

The Test For Proof

Here's how it came down. A friend of ours had been storing a set of never-used Michelin X redline tires for decades, intended for a perfect concours Triumph he's slowly restoring. His intentions were good, but he didn't consider that although each tire was stored in a plastic bag in a barn, there is still no protection from the aging process.

We decided to test the saved Michelins against a set of new vintage-looking tires, Universal's Vredestein Sprint Classic. Despite its modern construction materials and date stamp, the Vredestein has a classic tread pattern, tall sidewall and period lettering.

We rustled up eight 15×5-inch steel Triumph TR6 wheels, one set for the 33-year-old 185R15 Michelins paired with fresh Carlisle inner tubes, and the second set for brand-new, H-speed rated 185R15 Vredestein Sprint Classic tires.

A two-part test seemed appropriate for the tires fitted to a Triumph TR6. First was a real-world road test to evaluate each tire for comfort and noise on fresh asphalt, aged pavement and concrete with expansion joints. Second was a performance handling test at the track, including an emergency lane change and breaking test.

Old Tires Don't Measure Up

We had problems with the old Michelins before we even got them on the car: Small cracks developed between the tread blocks during the mounting process. Once mounted, we noticed the Michelins outweighed the Vredesteins by a few pounds due to the inner tube.

On the road, the Michelins had a heavy, clumpy feeling over bumps, struggling to follow the roadway's irregularities and instead skipping over them. There was ample kickback through the steering wheel and cowl shake.

The Michelins were also measurably loud at 95 db. Vibrational resonances seemed to come and go independent of road speed, as if the tire was going in and out of balance.

Time spent on track with the Michelins wasn't pleasant. The TR6 refused to turn at times and violently spun at other times. Unpredictability was the key descriptor regarding these tires, followed by a notable lack of grip and traction. We averaged 47.2-second laps around the Ocala Gran Prix, a Central Florida kart track.

Trying to stop the TR6 from 60 mph on 33-year-old tires was also a challenge—strong braking resulted in immediate lockup. With many braking exercises, we got the braking distance down to 160 feet, not great by today's standards, but still half what we measured in the first attempt. Think about that for a second.

The emergency lane change maneuver was also troublesome. Slow response, followed by unpredictable and violent oversteer, gave us the chills. Frankly, we'd avoid using tires this old for rolling across the show field, let alone a highway drive or even a parade through town.

New Vintage Tires Perform Well

In comparison, the Vredestein vintage-looking tires performed well on the TR6. The tall sidewall of the 185R15 size is roughly equivalent to an 80-series tire, much taller than a typical modern radial but appropriate for a classic sports car.

These tires allowed more relaxed shifting and provided far more comfort over bumps than the older tires. The sidewall compliance and soft spring rates felt perfectly matched as the car buzzed down the road.

The Vredesteins had a slight, pleasant hum. Peak noise from the tire's resonance point—we took our readings at about 40 mph—was 93 db and nearly indistinguishable from other road and wind noise. While the Michelins were only 2 db louder, don't forget that decibel readings are exponential.

The Vredesteins also performed well on the track. They had enough grip to get around corners with authority and provided nice, progressive breakaway characteristics. While these tires lack the outright grip of modern radial race tires, you won't embarrass yourself at a marque-club autocross with them either. Our lap times of 44.7 seconds are respectable and beat the old tires by two-and-a-half ticks.

Braking revealed the Vredesteins' biggest advantage—they only needed a little more than 140 feet to stop from 60 mph. Unlike the old Michelins, braking with the Vredesteins was consistent and predictable, with only slight lockup on the front brakes during the last few feet of the test. The Vredesteins also aced our 35-mph emergency lane change, as the Triumph snaked through the left-right-left chicane with no drama whatsoever.

Lessons Learned Too often people take their tires for granted, and classic car enthusiasts are no different. All is assumed okay if tires are still sporting tread and holding air. Unfortunately, a tire past its prime can look safe yet still be dangerous.

For about \$150 a piece, a modern, vintage-looking tire like the Vredestein Sprint Classic can be an inexpensive insurance policy for your cherished classic. You'll appreciate these comfortable, safe and properly sized tires for daily use that won't let you down in an emergency situation. Plus, they look just right with wire wheels, chrome bumpers and a set of Lucas fog lamps.

AGED TIRES: MICHELIN X



FRESH TIRES: VREDESTEIN SPRINT CLASSIC

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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 and The North American MGB Register. 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. The MGs of Baltimore is a 501 (c) 7 Not-For-Profit Corporation.

CALENDAR

JUNE

2nd

46th Annual Original British Car Day

4th

Club Meeting

9th

30th Annual Hellertown Show

JULY

2nd

Club Meeting

15th to 19th

NAMGAR Convention

AUGUST

6th

Club Meeting

18th

Summer Party

24th & 25th

Altoona British Car Show

25th

Lanco MG Club Taste Britain Carshow

SEPTEMBER

3rd

Club Meeting

5th to 8th

Watkins Glen

28th

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OCTOBER

1st

Club Meeting

19th

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Sunday, June 2nd, 2024 ~ 8:00 am until 3:00 pm

Rain or Shine!

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Antique, Classic & New British Car & Motorcycle Show plus Flea Market

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One Vehicle per Registration Form
Please make check payable to:
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ENTRY # (OBCD will assign)

YEAR _____ MARQUE _____ MODEL _____

NAME (owner) _____
CLASS # (see next page)

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ENTRANT FEES	Before May 10 th	After May 10 th
Show Vehicle	\$20	\$30
Vendor	\$40	\$50

SIGNATURE (Driver) _____ SIGNATURE (Passenger) _____

8:00 am ~ Show field opens
 12:00 pm ~ Drive in Registration closes
 12:30 pm ~ Voting closes
 Winners will be announced around 2:30 pm

***Ballot Box and winner
 notification will be located at
 the Chesapeake Chapter Tent***

AWARDS:

1st Place: Pewter for each class with at least **2** vehicles registered
 1st & 2nd Place: Pewter for each class with at least **4** vehicles registered
 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place: Pewter for each class with at least **6** vehicles registered
 Honorable Mention: Ribbon for each class with at least **8** vehicles registered
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SHOW VEHICLE INFORMATION

****Every vehicle is placed in a predetermined class for popular choice voting and award purposes****



****Vehicles must be parked in the assigned class to be eligible for awards****

****If you are Preregistered but drive in with a different vehicle on show day, you MUST fill out a new registration form upon arrival, in order to be correctly classed in our database and eligible for awards** (You will NOT be charged an additional entry fee!)**

~ Show Vehicles ARE accepted at the gate on show day for the \$30 fee. Your vehicle does not need to be Preregistered to be in our show!

~ A dash plaque will be given to all Show Vehicle entrants!

~ Name recognition in our program will be given to the first 100 Show Vehicles who preregister by May 10th!

~ Trailer parking will be in a designated area only. **Show Vehicles MUST be driven onto the show field.**

VENDOR SPACES: 12ft x 20ft

Vendors may arrive as early as 7AM.

Day of show Vendor registrations are accepted at the gate for the \$50 fee.

If more than one vehicle is displayed, an additional vendor space will be charged.

SPECTATORS: \$10 per car. Leashed pets are welcome, thanks for your cooperation!

The Original British Car Day 2024 Car Classes

Class	Class Name	Class	Class Name
01	Aston Martin	28	MGA
02	Austin-Healey 100-4/6	29	MGB Roadster 1962 to 1974
03	Austin-Healey 3000 MK I/II/III	30	MGB Roadster 1974 1/2 to 1980
04	Austin-Healey Bugeye Sprite	30a	MGB GT
04a	Austin-Healey Square Body Sprite	31	MGC Roadster & GT
07	Jaguar XK 120/140/150	32	MG Midget
08	Jaguar Saloon/Coupe to 1968	33	Classic Mini (all)
09	Jaguar XKE	34	MINI from 2002
11	Jaguar XJ6/12 Series I/II/III	35	Morgan
12	Jaguar XJS	37	Motorcycles
15	Jaguar Coupe & Convertible 1997 to present	38	All Other British Marques & Racing
		39	Rolls Royce & Bentley
16	Jaguar Sedan 1988 to present	40	Sunbeam Alpine
17	Jensen	41	Sunbeam Tiger
19	Land Rover	42	Triumph Pre-war or Variant
21	Lotus Classic through 1980	43	Triumph TR2 & TR3/TR3A/TR3B
22	Lotus 1981 through 2004	44	Triumph TR4/TR4A & TR250
23	Lotus 2005 to present	45	Triumph Spitfire & GT6
24	MG Pre-war or Variant	46	Triumph TR6 through 1973
25	MGTC	47	Triumph TR6 1974 to 1976
26	MGTD	48	Triumph TR7 & TR8
27	MGTF	50	TVR



**FREE Spectators
Trolley Shuttle**

30th!

BRITISH MOTORCAR & Motorcycle GATHERING

THE HELLERTOWN SHOW

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Show hours 10 am-2 pm | Field opens 9 am

Alfred J. Fritchman Reservoir Park, 3400 Reservoir Rd., Hellertown, Pa.

Special prizes awarded by our panel of judges. Relax — No popular vote!

Outstanding food and music • Large covered picnic pavilion

Dash plaques to first 100 registrants • Prize drawing • Car scavenger hunt for kids

RAIN or SHINE EVENT

Attention: This year we must enact a "NO DOG" policy at the show. Thank you!

➡ **Register online at keystonebritish.com**

\$18 pre-register
by May 31

OR WRITE A CHECK payable to **Keystone British Car Club**

FILL OUT FORM BELOW and MAIL WITH CHECK TO:

BILL MOUNCE • 117 RAMBLEWOOD DR, EASTON, PA 18040-8425

\$25

at the gate

NAME (please print) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

YEAR _____

MAKE: _____

MODEL: _____

COLOR/OTHER INFO _____

The undersigned hereby releases and indemnifies all the organizers of the British Motorcar Gathering, the Keystone British Car Club, the Hellertown Borough Authority, Fritchman Reservoir Park, and all supporting sponsors and participating vendors, collectively and separately, from any and all liability or property damage, including injury while participating in this event. I have read and agree to this release as a condition for my permission to attend and participate in this event.

Sign here _____

Date _____

I accept these conditions by my signature and date above

INFORMATION: Claude Dencler | 717-736-0337 | show@keystonebritish.com



NAMGAR Annual Convention

GT-49

*Resort reservations
are now open*

Mt. Hood Oregon Resort
Welches, Oregon

(503) 622-3101 x 0

Event name: GT-49

Event code: 2407GT49

Event dates: July 15-19, 2024

*100 rooms are blocked for us
and expected to sell out early!*



Dear British Car Enthusiasts,

The Central Pennsylvania British Car Club, Inc. is excited to invite you to our 30th Anniversary British Car Festival. Registration and “meet and greet” pizza party will be Friday evening at Lenny’s Classic Car Museum located at 816 Green Ave, Altoona Pa.

As part of our 30th Anniversary, we have included a tour of the famous Altoona Railroaders Museum, a \$17.00 value, with your weekend registration. We’ll also revisit The Cathedral of The Blessed Sacrament for a guided tour of this Altoona landmark that towers over the city.

The Pig Roast dinner and “Just Desserts” party on Saturday night will be held at a new venue, The Blair County Convention located at 1 Convention Ctr Blvd, Altoona, PA. Anthony Pater, Season 12 Halloween Wars Pumpkin Carver, will draw caricatures on Saturday night and Sunday.

Our Sunday event will take place at Lakemont Park. The Casino/Snappy Chef at Lakemont will be providing a BBQ chicken (pre-order only) meal. Registration begins at 9 am.

Sunday is simply a day of showing your car and enjoying the friendship of other British Car Enthusiasts. Good Food, Prizes...AND NO JUDGING!!! All British Cars are welcome, any condition!!

Our club members work very hard to make you feel at home and have fun. Ask anyone who has attended, and they’ll say this event is the best value-for-money event you’ll find anywhere. We look forward to seeing you!

The Central Pennsylvania British Car Club Inc.

The Central Pennsylvania British Car Club, Inc.
c/o: Jim and Lori Pastore
150 N. Hawthorne Drive
Altoona, PA 16602

Please check out our website for more information and to register for the event at www.centralpabritishcar.com



August 24th & 25th 2024

Featuring:

John Twist of University Motors

Lenny’s Classic Car Museum

Altoona Railroaders Museum

Anthony Pater, Caricaturist

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 23rd

6p-9p Registration and check-in Pizza Party
at Lenny's Classic Car Museum
816 Green Avenue, Altoona PA 16601

(as always, donation to the Central Pa
Humane Society will be accepted)

Saturday, August 24th

8a-10a Registration and check-in at the Altoona
Grand, 1 Sheraton Drive, Altoona PA 16602

10:30a - 12p Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Tour
1 Cathedral Drive, Altoona PA 16601

12:30p - 3p Altoona Railroaders Museum Tour
1200 9th Avenue, Altoona PA 16602

3p - 4:30p Free Time

4:30p Meet at Blair County Convention Center
1 Convention Center Drive, Altoona

5p-? Mountain tour to Pig Roast and Just
Desserts Party at the Blair County
Convention Center, 1 Convention Center
Drive, Altoona, PA 16602. This years'
theme is an English Tea Party

Sunday, August 25th

9a-12p Registration at Lakemont Park

12:30p Chicken Barbecue Lunch by the
Casino/Snappy Chef (pre-order only)
Door Prizes & 50/50 Drawing

1p-5p *JOHN TWIST*
Rolling Tech Sessions

Check out our website to register and pay
at www.centralpabritishcar.com



Our Host Hotel

The Altoona Grand Hotel is the Official Host
hotel of the 30th Anniversary British Car
Festival. The Hotel is located at 1 Sheraton
Drive, Altoona, PA 16601

As our guest you will receive the special rate of \$114 plus
tax, which includes a complimentary breakfast for two,
indoor pool & fitness center, business center, and free WiFi.

You can call the hotel at (814) 946-1631. Deadline for hotel
reservations is August 10, 2024

Only a limited number of rooms are available. Call today!!



New Event

Join us at the Railroaders
Memorial Museum for a
tour of their facility from
12:30 to 3 pm

The museum was founded in 1980 to preserve the legacy of
the railroaders who founded Altoona in 1846. Museum
professionals have been acquiring memorabilia for over 40
years. You don't want to miss this tour.

Pre-registration is required.

Corporate Sponsor
A Special Thank You to:
Brian and Brenda Brumbaugh at:
www.pbsforyou.com



PRE-REGISTRATION ENTIRE WEEKEND

Host Hotel Registration & Pizza Party, Pig Roast, "Just Desserts",
Goodie Bag, Chicken Dinner, and Sunday car display.
Deadline: August 16th \$50 per person _____

PRE-REGISTRATION - SAT. RAILROADERS MUSEUM

Deadline: August 16th If Yes, How many _____

PRE-REGISTRATION - SUNDAY ONLY

Chicken Dinner and car display.
Deadline: August 16th \$25 per person _____

SUNDAY CAR DISPLAY ONLY

\$10 per car _____

30TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT (Pre-order only)

S - M - L
XL - XXL - XXXL \$20 each _____

TOTAL: _____

Driver: _____

Passenger: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Waiver of Liability (must be signed to enter)
Neither I, nor my heirs, will hold the Central PA British Car Club,
Inc. or any co-sponsor liable for any damage done by me or to me or
to my car while engaged in or on traveling to or from this event. It
is understood that this release is given in consideration for
permission to attend this event and that a liability policy is in effect
for this vehicle.

X _____
Driver Signature Date

X _____
Passenger Signature Date

Make Checks Payable to Central PA British Car Club, Inc.
Return form to - or - for more information contact:
Jim & Lori Pastore 150 N. Hawthorne Drive, Altoona, PA 16602
(814) 931-0627 or (814) 934-0359
mgnut@atlanticbb.net or lfpastore@hotmail.com
OR register and pay online @ centralpabritishcar.com.

LANCO MG's 33rd "A Taste of Britain" Car Show

Event Date: Sunday, August 25, 2024

Date: Sunday, August 25, 2024

Time: 10AM – 5PM

Location: Forney Field, 70 Church St, Rothsville, PA 17543

Registration: [Visit LANCO MG's Website to register your vehicle](#)

Join LANCO MG on Sunday, August 25th for their 33rd "A Taste of Britain" car and motorcycle show benefiting the Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development. Register your European antique or classic vehicle in the show (1998 and older) or come out to enjoy a day of admiring these beautiful pieces of machinery with your family and friends. There will even be a polo match at 2:30!

- Day of Show Registration and field opens at 10:00AM
- Polo match begins at 2:30PM (All are welcome to stay for the entire match, but registration will officially close at 3:00)

[Visit LANCO MG's Website for more information and to register your vehicle today!](#)



Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix Festival

MG is the featured marque.



Bridget McCarron is looking to organize a MGOB group to caravan to **Watkins Glen**, NY for the **Grand Prix Festival 2024** - Sept. 5 - 8, 2024. MG is the featured marque this year. Leaving on Thursday September 5th, and to attend sanctioned activities on Friday September 6th and Saturday September 7th as an MGOB group. For more information is available in this issue and at <http://www.grandprixfestival.com/>. Bridget can be reached at: bridgetmccarron@yahoo.com

[Click Here](#) to register for the event





MGs of Baltimore, Ltd
 C/O Tracy Trobridge
 3150 Pfefferkorn Road
 West Friendship, MD 21794



The 45th Annual **MGs** *on the Rocks!*

Open to all British Marques

September 28, 2024



ABOUT US:

MGs of Baltimore is open to all British Car enthusiasts. 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 Other Enthusiasts:

We have monthly meetings at Johnny Dee's Lounge the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm 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 "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!

Visit our website for a membership form and info.

<https://www.mgsofbaltimore.org/membership-form/>

To attend our meetings:

Use your GPS and search for Johnny Dee's Lounge

1705 Amuskai Rd, Baltimore, MD 21234.

www.JohnnyDeesLounge.com (North side of the Beltway) Park amongst the other MGs on the upper lot. Meeting is held in their meeting room at 7:30, while some come early at 5:45 for dinner. Join us!

MGs on the Rocks

The 45th Annual promises to be a great event and we are planning for 200 cars. If you love British cars this is the place to be the last Saturday in September.

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 45 years. The Rocks State Park 4H Camp is an excellent country setting in rural Harford County, MD. 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 show field registrants 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

Our Regular Features

- ☞ Unique **Rocks** show shirt
- ☞ Food truck on site
- ☞ A field full of British cars in a casual park setting
- ☞ Many vendors of new and used parts.
- ☞ Uncle Larry's Swap Meet
- ☞ A selection of various British cars for sale.
- ☞ Classic British Invasion Music by Jamming Jefferson
- ☞ Trivia games – 50/50 – T shirt shoot
- ☞ Kid's scavenger hunt
- ☞ Pre-register attendees can make song request
- ☞ A wide range of classes for awards for all British Marques
- ☞ The Murphy Cup for best MGB of the show
- ☞ The Senator Norman / Kegg 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. 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

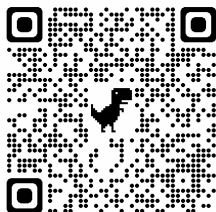
Phone: 410-817-6862

Co-Chair: Eric Reitz – Email: Reitz1@aol.com

Phone: 410-207-7548

Online Registration:

<http://www.mgsofbaltimore.org>



- Scan QR code or
- Contact Eric Reitz to pay/register via Venmo or
- Mail form to the right

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 \$25 if mailed before 9/1 _____

Car show entrant \$30 at show or after 9/1 _____

For Sale Cars: \$20.00 _____

Total enclosed: _____

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.

Spectator Parking: At entry gate is \$5 cash per car

Registration:

Last Name _____

Frist 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? _____

Song Request _____

Fall Foliage Poker Run



2024

Date: Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024 (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

****NEW START LOCATION****

Starting Point: Park & Ride corner of Route 1 and Route 23, Hickory, MD

Registration Fee: \$20.00 if postmarked by Oct. 15th 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 the 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.tracltd.org

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

TRAC Poker Run
2 Gunpowder Drive
Joppa, MD 21085

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: _____