



# OCTAGRAM

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MGs of BALTIMORE MD

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From El Presidente:

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual “MGs On the Rocks” British Car Show and Parts Market was held as planned on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. While this was not one of our biggest shows due the liquid sunshine, we experienced leading up to the event and the misting in the morning along with an occasional rain drop or two during the day, the sun did make an appearance as we were cleaning up. We had 125 cars pre-registered and about 90 on the show field. We had a broad selection of vendors, “For Sale” cars and Mohamed provided his tasty mid-eastern lamb and chicken pita wraps. We had an incredibly good turnout of volunteers or should I say worker bees this year. I would like to recognize some of the many members that helped make the event possible: Tracy Trobridge - Registrar, Rich Polan - Field Layout, Eric Salminen - Communications, Assistant Field Layout, Trucking, Tree Clean-up, Steve Meisel - Vendor Wrangler, Sally Meisel - Club Table, Kenny Olszewski, Club Table, Cheryl Reitz – Regalia & Door Prizes, Carol Tucker & Bridget McCarron - 50/50 Sales 50/50, Joe Barbara Auer - Registration, William Trobridge-Fiege - Registration, Steve Sharpe - Registration, Sheila Kegg - Registration, Allan Ness – Registration, Clint Davis - Show Field Parking & Signage, Chip Norman - Show Field Parking, Setup & Signage, Neil Shovlin – Field setup & Registration, Richard Jefferson – DJ, Karen Barry – Basket Maker, Alex Ollerman – Show Field Parking, Sergio Zarbin – Show Field Parking, Suzy Boltz & Mr. Boltz –Show Field Parking, Paul Gass - Show Field Parking, Doug McCouch - Show Field Parking Paul Hanley, Winner Photographs, Duff Fowler – Spectator Parking, Larry Heaps – Spectator Parking, Glenn Abbott - Transportation and I am sure I missed a few and not on purpose, but you can see just how many volunteers it takes to put this show on. I didn't list myself or Eric Reitz, the event co-chair because we wear a lot of hats. So, here's a big thank you to all of the volunteers that have helped make this show one of the best for 45 years.

## NOTICE !!! NEW LOCATION

MGOB is going to hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Seafood Run” on **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, starting at 2:00 p.m. at Charly's**, located at **2015 Turkey Point Road, Essex, MD 21221** if the weather is nice, we will be outside on their covered deck and if not we have the choice of moving inside to a lovely dining room. The club will be subsidizing a part of the cost of your meal in the amount of \$25.00 per member and you can order off the menu. So, you can order steamed crabs, crab cake or fish & chips, it's up to you. The head count has been turned in and we have 24 for crabs & 36 from the menu.

<https://www.charlyswaterfront.com/>

TRAC's (Triumphs Around the Chesapeake) Annual Fall Poker Run and the second leg of the Mason-Dixon Challenge Cup will be held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 starting at a new location – The Park & Ride at US 1 & MD Route 23 in Hickory, MD at 10:00 a.m. first car off at 11:00 a.m. Look for a registration form in this issue of the Octagram.

Safety Fast!  
Richard

## New Members

Bob & Kathy Grier with 1979 MGB, 1951 MG-TD, 1962 MGA & 1974 MG-BGT

## Rocks Photos



Randy Kegg Best MGB of Show Award



Wayne Norman Best of Show Winner

More photos available on our Facebook Page and Website

**45th Annual MGs on the Rocks Winners  
September 28, 2024**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>
100	<b>MGB Roadsters 1962-1967</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Hanley	64 MGB
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Moure	65 MGB
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve & Sally Meisel	66 MGB
200	<b>MGB Roadsters 1968-1974</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ned & Pattie Shields	68 MGB
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob & Gloria Cook	74 MGB
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Fortney	68 MGB
300	<b>MGB Roadsters 1974-1/2-1980</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jon Rhodes	77 MGB
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alex Ollerman	76 MGB
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Polan	80 MGB
		4 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Swartzbaugh	78 MGB
400	<b>MGB/GT</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	David Collier	67 MGB-GT
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brooks Thompson	74 MGB-GT
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lem Burnett	71 MGB-GT
		4 <sup>th</sup>	Clint Davis	71 MGB-GT
500	<b>MG Midgets 1961-1974</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Scott Knopp	71 Midget
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ron Wardell	73 Midget
600	<b>MGC, MGC/GT All Years</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Goodman	69 MGC
700	<b>MGA All Years</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cheryl Reitz	61 MGA
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jack Dagilas	62 MGA
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve Lingsch	62 MGA
800	<b>MG Midgets 1974-1/2 up</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Benjamin Perricone	79 Midget
900	<b>MGTC, TD, TF - All Years</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlie Baldwin	52 MG-TD
1000	<b>MG Other - All Years</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Caprio	97 MGF
1100	<b>MG V8 - All</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bridget McCarron	73 MGB-V8
1200	<b>Other British - All Years</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	William Clark	54 Arnolt Bristol
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Darrell Lutz	60 Morris Minor
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alan Hill	67 Lotus - Elan
		4 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Wall	72 Jensen Interceptor
1300	<b>Triumphs - TR2, 3, 4,</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Hunter	66 Triumph TR4
1400	<b>Triumphs Others</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	James Holmgren	75 Spitfire
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leo Handerhan	70 Spitfire
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark Freedy Sr	80 TR-8
1500	<b>Triumphs TR-250 &amp; TR6</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bruce Kapplin	76 TR-6

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<b>1600</b>	<b>Healeys All</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert LaMarca Andrew Seville	63 Austin Healey 59 Austin Healey
<b>1700</b>	<b>Jaguar</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	James Campbell Dennis & Carol Blevins	71 Jaguar XKE 94 Jaguar XJS
<b>1800</b>	<b>Healey Sprites</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Carroll	66 Austin Healy Sprite
<b>1900</b>	<b>Premier Class</b> (Winners in their class at last year's show)	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Matt Dinnerman Doug McCoach Sam Weigard	73 MGBGT V8 56 MGA 59 Austin Healy Sprite
<b>The Randy Kegg Best MGB of Show</b>			Paul Hanley	64 MGB
<b>Farthest Distance</b>			Bob & Gloria Cook	74 MGB
<b>Senator H. Wayne Norman Best of Show</b>			William Clark	54 Arnolt Bristol
<b>Diamond in the Rough</b>			Chip Norman	76 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
- 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 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

## OCTOBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	Club Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual MGOB "Seafood Run"
13 <sup>th</sup>	Hunt Country Classic
19 <sup>th</sup>	TRAC Poker Run

## NOVEMBER

5 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting
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## DECEMBER

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Club Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup>	Hampden Mayor's Parade

### MGs of Baltimore Affiliations

North American MGB Register  
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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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- Dash plaque • Membership card • Window decal
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  - Annual national convention – a four-day MG party!

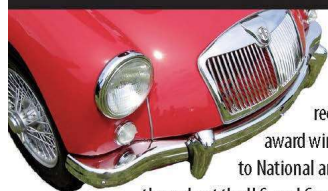
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**28th ANNUAL HUNT COUNTRY CLASSIC  
BRITISH CLASSIC CAR SHOW  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024  
9:30AM to 3:00PM (Rain or Shine)**



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All on a Beautiful Virginia Hunt Country Horse Farm!**

**[mgcarclubdc.com](http://mgcarclubdc.com) Online Registration Opens on August 12<sup>th</sup>**

# 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](http://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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_