



THE OCTAGRAM

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MGs of BALTIMORE, MD

APRIL 2025

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From El Presidente:

2025 MGOB Club dues are now past due, for those that owe. There will be a list posted in this issue of the Octagram listing those who owe, so if your name is on the list you need to get that \$20.00 cheque out to our membership coordinator, Kathy Liddick. Please make your cheques payable to and mail

to: MGs of Baltimore, Ltd.
C/O Kathy Liddick
5237 Glen Arm Road East
Glen Arm, MD 21057-9456 or you can pay at the April 1st MGOB meeting. If 2025 MGOB dues are not received by 4/15/25 you will be removed from the club roster.

The **36th Annual Get the "Dust-Off" Rallye** will be held on Sunday, May 4th, 2025. The Rallye will start and finish at the Dejon Vineyards, 5300 Hydes Rd, Hydes, MD 21082. Look for a registration flier in this issue of the Octagram.

For those of you that are unaware, the **"Get the Dust-Off" Rallye** is the first leg of two in the competition for the **Lord Baltimore Cup**. The **TRAC Fall Foliage Run** is the second leg. The current holder of this traveling trophy is the TRAC Club (Triumphs Around the Chesapeake), but MGOB wants it back, we narrowly missed it in 2024, 2025 is going to be a better year for MGOB. So, let's have a good showing at the GTDO and bring home the Lord Baltimore Cup.

Larry & Barbara Heaps will be hosting the Annual "MGOB TECH SESSION" at their home on Saturday, May 10, starting at 9:00 a.m. Larry has lined up various MG Gurus to assist with trying to diagnose your MG problem and perhaps even fix it.

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The Capital Triumph Register's "Britain On the Green" will be held on Sunday, April 27th, 2025, at Gunton Hall, in Lorton, Va. This is a spectacular location, set at a historic location on the Potomac. They normally have a couple of hundred cars on the field with various parts and food vendors. For more information see: [BOG 2025 REGISTRATION - BUY ONE TICKET PER CAR for Annual BRITAIN - Annual BRITAIN ON THE GREEN 2025 - GUNSTON HALL](#)

TRAC's Annual "Brits By The Bay" has a new location for 2025, the event will be held at the Rocks 4-H Camp. That's right, you read that correctly, TRAC will be holding their event at Rocks. This does not present a problem to MGOB because their event is in the Spring and ours is in the Fall. I plan to attend their show, and I encourage you to do so too. The show is set for Sunday, June 18th, 2025 look for a registration flier in this issue or at:

https://www.tractld.org/uploads/1/2/3/9/123905849/bbtb_2025_registration_sheet.pdf

Finally, I am looking at a League of Extraordinary Loafers field trip to Boyerstown, Pennsylvania Museum of Historic Vehicles: [Welcome to the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles](#) Boyerstown is about 35 miles northeast of Philadelphia, on Wednesday, MAY 21, 2025. If you have any interest in attending, please contact me at RGL2MGBGT@aol.com. More details to follow.

Safety Fast!
Richard

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Editor's Notes...



Welcome to the April edition of *The Octagram*. If you're anything like me, you have probably been sitting in the garage, counting the hours since Christmas and waiting for the arrival of some spring weather...or, at least, a good hard rain to wash some of that d*mn salt off the roads. Well dear reader, the wait is over! Spring has returned to our little corner of the Mid-Atlantic. Time to air-up the tires, top-off those dashpots, and take your MG out for it's inaugural 2025 road outing.

I know some of you game souls have been tearing around in your cars all winter long, snatching moments in between snow and ice storms. Sadly, I'm no longer part of that happy (crazy?) crew. The cold is one thing, but that nasty salt is another thing altogether. Every time I crawl underneath my 2012 Toyota pick-up; I'm shocked at the extent of the corrosion damage caused by road salt. No thank you, Bob! My MGB's fenders, rockers, and floor would be swiss cheese before you could say Cecil Kimber! Lacking the wealth and lifespan to pull off another restoration, I'm going to have to make this little car last as long as possible. Therefore, I resist the urge, and the MG stays safely tucked away till spring.

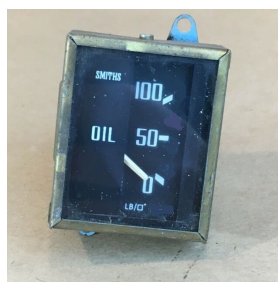
The first drive of the year is usually an "event of opportunity." In other words, I don't necessarily plan on a particular day. Often, like this year, I simply walk out to the garage and the idea pops into my head, "I wonder if I could get the MG started and take it for a little drive?" If the roads are clear, the sun out, and the wind not blowing too cold from the north, that is usually all it takes. Part of my MG Hibernation Program is to fill the tank with fresh gas (and Sta-bil) and to hook up a battery tender. That means it is generally just a quick check to verify that I did, in fact fill the crankcase with oil last December, and we are off and running. I have also learned from bitter experience that before I plan on driving to any shows or events in my MG, that I take it for a thorough shake-down cruise beforehand.

As you can see by scrolling down our calendar of events, there are lots of fun and exciting opportunities to drive your MG coming up quickly. Don't be caught flat-footed. Take your car out for its maiden voyage of the season before you embark on the long drive to Lorton or The Dust-Off. Treat yourself! The sun is bright, the trees are blooming, and the road is calling it's siren song. You, and your MG, were made for times like these! Get out and enjoy them.

And...don't forget to check your oil first!

Do you have a special MG memory from that first drive of the season? Is there a particular spring ritual you adhere to before you awaken your car from it's slumber? Maybe, there's a traditional destination or partner in crime that accompanies you on that first outing? Let me know at:

jcmellis@gmail.com , subject: MG Spring Start-Up



**Our Newest Club
Members...**

Jeffery & Rachel McConner
MGA, 1972 MGB, TR-7

Charles A. Wilson
Hanover, PA
1976 MGB

Welcome to the Club!

If your name is on the list below, you still owe dues for 2025...

First Name	Last Name		First Name	Last Name
Tom	Allen		George & Donna	LaRocco
David M	Amos		Jim & Donna	Lucas
Jerrold & Abby	Appelbaum		Joseph	Mallia
Neal & Suzanne	Becker		Bridget	McCarron
Howard & Susan	Bonds		Jim & Mary	Miller
Jerry & Sharon	Browning		Stuart	Mitchell
Chas & Pam	Burke		Kurt & Susan	Nagl
Tom	Burnham		Roger & Lara	Nicolson
Peter & Ann	Charles		Ken & Sharon	Olszewski
Marc	Daemen		Rich	Polan
Matthew	Dinnerman		Tom & Susan	Renda
Don & Ruth	Dube		Bert & Sandy	Shirey
Liz	Haines		Ed & Laura	Spada
Andrew	Jerdonek		Mark	Spaulding
Victor & Jackie	Knox		Chuck	St. Claire
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North American MGB Register

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SPRING To-Do List?

CAR CARE PROGRAM FOR FAVORABLE DRIVING CONDITIONS. See Inside Front Cover For Unfavorable Conditions.

CRANKCASE					TRANSMISSION					DIFFERENTIAL					FUEL TANK	RADIATOR			
Model	Capacity Quarts	LUBRICANT			Model	Capacity Pints	LUBRICANT			Model	Capacity Pints	LUBRICANT			Capacity Gals	Capacity Quarts			
		Symbol	SAE GRADE				Symbol	SAE GRADE				Symbol	SAE GRADE						
Std. Engine	4.4.5	MS	←10W/20W/30→			Conv MGA	4.8	MS	30	30	MGB	2.7	MP	90	90	Single Seater 12 Sedan 6			
OH Cam Engine	6.6		30	or 30	20W	Sedan	5.4										Others	2.4, 3.2	11, 12
					Odriv MGB	6													

BELOW 10°F—See "Low Temp Operation" in Service Guide.

DASH ARROWS—Optional equipment or different service for different models.
STUB ARROWS—Service same as like point left side.
RED NUMBERS—Refer to Service Notes.

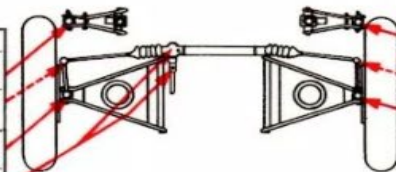
RADIATOR: 1 qt additional with heater.

SERVICE EVERY 60 DAYS

All Points Listed Below

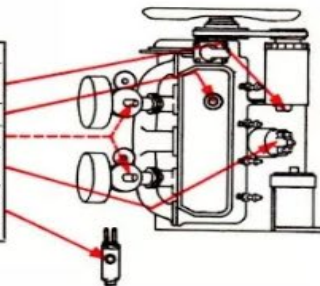
FRONT END POINTS

LUBRICANT	SERVICE	POINT
CG	1 fitting ea	KING PIN UPPER
CG	1 fitting ea except MGB	(1) TIE ROD
CG	1 fitting ea	KING PIN LOWER
MP SAE 90, 80	check levels at 2 fittings	(2) STEERING GEAR



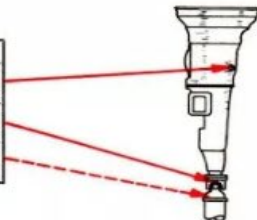
UNDER HOOD POINTS

LUBRICANT	SERVICE	POINT
Oil SAE 20 1 or 2 drops	1 oil hole	GENERATOR
See Table	drain, refill	(3) CRANKCASE
Oil SAE 20 2 oil plugs	(4) CARBURETORS	
Oil SAE 20 3 or 4 drops	hole in spindle	(5) DISTRIBUTOR Under Rotor
BF	check level 1 or 2 tanks	(6) HYDRAULIC BRAKE & CLUTCH MASTER CYL



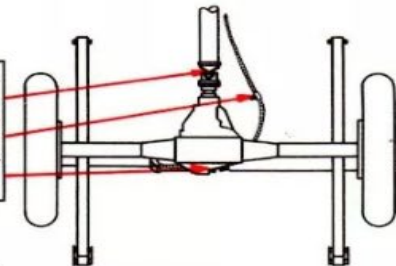
CENTER CHASSIS POINTS

LUBRICANT	SERVICE	POINT
See Table	check level	(7) TRANSMISSION Fill & Level Gage
CG	1 fitting	(8) UNIVERSAL JOINT
CG	1 fitting	SHAFT SPLINE With Fitting



REAR END POINTS

LUBRICANT	SERVICE	POINT
CG	1 fitting	(8) UNIVERSAL JOINT
CG	1 fitting ea	HAND BRAKE 1 or 2 Cables
See Table	check level	DIFFERENTIAL



COOLING SYSTEM DRAIN: Radiator Cock, under car, bottom of radiator. Cyl Block Cock, under hood, right side, rear.

HOIST INSTRUCTIONS

Frame Contact Hoists
Car Frame: Type B

CHECK CLEARANCE AND SECURITY

NO LUBRICATION REQUIRED

Clutch release brg
Generator front brg
Pedal bearings
Rear springs
Rear wheel brgs
Shock absorbers (telescope)
Starter
Suspension (front, rear)
Tie rods MGB

NOTES FOR 60 DAY SERVICES

NEW CAR BREAK-IN: Drain crankcase, transmission, and differential at first 1000 mi.

(1)SEALED JOINTS: A sealed joint requires service if boot is damaged. Lubricate if it has plug hole. Advise customer that boot should be replaced. Mechanic's job.

(2)STEERING GEAR: Maintain lubricant at levels of 2 fittings. Fill with taper tip gun, avoid pressure. Single Seater Reach from under hood. Sedan Reach 1 fitting under hood, other from under car.

(3)CRANKCASE PCV SYSTEM (If Installed): Test at every crankcase drain. Service the system and replace PCV valve when required.

CRANKCASE OIL FILTER: Change at drain giving nearest to 4000 mi service from filter.

(4)CARBURETORS: Remove brass plug on top of each carburetor and fill piston chamber.

(5)DISTRIBUTOR: Also apply 2 or 3 drops of oil SAE 20 through center hole in breaker plate.

(6)HYD BRAKE & CLUTCH MASTER CYL: Maintain level within 1/4 to 1/2 inch from bottom of filler hole. Wipe dirt from around filler hole before removing cap.

(7)TRANSMISSION: Remove rubber plug on floor tunnel, right side, to reach filler and level gage.

TRANS-ODRIV (MGB): Make-up Add through transmission. Drain 2 drain plugs. Remove and clean filter, accessible through cover plate on right side. Refill Fill through transmission. Drive rear axle with engine to distribute lubricant. Recheck level.

(8)UNIVERSAL JTS: Use low pressure hand gun.

CARBURETOR AIR CLEANER: Dry Type Clean and test. Replace when cracked or clogged. Oil Types Inspect. Service when dry or dirty.

CONTROL LINKAGE: Clean. Oil sparingly.

BODY LUBRICATION: Refer to Body Diagram.

CAR CARE INSPECTION: Refer to Check List.

SERVICE EVERY 6 MONTHS

(Not to Exceed 5,000 Mi)

CRANKCASE VENT (Cars Without PCV System): Remove and clean vent hose from valve cover to air cleaner.

WATER PUMP-FAN UNIT: Remove plug. Apply 10-12 drops MP SAE 140 through plug hole.

SHOCK ABSORBERS (Front, Lever Type): Fill to bottom of filler hole. Use oil SAE 20W above 0°F, 5W below 0°F.

SERVICE ONCE A YEAR

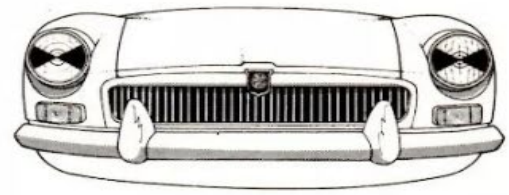
(Not to Exceed 10,000 Mi)

GEAR CASES (Differential, Trans): Drain, refill. SPEEDOMETER, TACH CABLES: Lubricate.

FRONT WHEEL BRGS: Clean, repack.

SHOCK ABSORBERS (Rear, Lever Type): Remove from car, fill to bottom of filler hole. Use oil SAE 20W above 0°F, 5W below 0°F.

Services marked † are Mechanic's Jobs.



MGB

1963-67 MGB
1955-63 MGA
1955-59 Magnette (Sedan)

MG

KEY TO SYMBOLS See Inside Front Cover.

EXHAUST NOTE by R.J.

Exhausting Hybrids

Hang on my friends as this is one of the most confusing and complicated **Notes** I've ever attempted. Exploring the Hybrid electric vehicle is **exhausting** to say the least. As a certified human, of course I began the research with my own opinions, prejudices and of course complete lack of information. Hopefully for you, I've now accumulated enough facts to construct a case to give you a basic education and perhaps to change my mind. (At least a little).

Let's start with my major prejudices. Number one is marketing. As some of you know my science background was quickly corrupted by corporate America (God Bless capitalism) and I was cast into the dark science of marketing and the factual science of finance. (Mom and Dad may be proud, but are certainly confused)

In short, the dark science of marketing is to convince the buying public that what they currently have (regardless of product) is old and crappy and what they are offer now is so wonderful that it *will* **"CHANGE YOUR LIFE"**! When, as often happens, marketing gets it wrong, the mistake is quickly swept out the door and a new shiny object is quickly presented to the public. (Remember New Coke or the Pontiac Aztek.) Once rejected by the American public, a new shinney new product quickly takes its place. This new product offered is often selected out of convivence not extensive thought; brought to you by the same group that gave you New Coke and the Aztek.

My marketing prejudice is now explained. I think we can safely say that the buying public has rejected the Full Electric Car. Quick call the marketing department! The next call you here goes like this:

"Hey CEO, let's not focus on full electric, let's tell them Hybrid is better!" "They are cheaper to make and so we at least we won't lose as much money on them." "We can get rid of that nasty range anxiety element and still satisfy all the green bureaucrats in Washington."

The CEO says, "sounds great go for it and don't call me again when I'm on the golf course." (I know this sounds simplistic, but believe it or not this really is how it happens; scary isn't it?)

Explaining my prejudice number 2, **complexity**. What interested me in electric vehicles was not their performance, but their simplicity. (OK they are bad-ass fast too) Comparing the number of parts of an ICE engine/transmission complex to a simple direct drive electric motor/battery complex is really apples and orangutans. Electric drive systems are just simpler, more durable, more efficient, and less complex to build. (Lots of union jobs are dependent on complexity). Being a simple person I

know that maintaining one thing is simpler than maintaining two things. So, jamming an electric drive train into the same vehicle as an ICE power can't help but make things more complex. What possibly could go wrong?

Prejudices flushed out now, let's get to some facts. For this submission I'm only comparing base models of each vehicle type. We are also only going to compare against Plug-in Hybrids. Why, you ask? Only PHEV 's are eligible for handouts from the American taxpayer. I was kind of amazed at the lack of acceptable choices to build a financial and performance model for you. Not many manufactures make a PHEV. I choose two SUVs both which greatly represent what Americans drive: the Hyundai Tucson and the Ford Escape. I use base model comparisons to eliminate any added bling costs.

Everyone knows that you pay more for a PHEV than an ICE based car. How much?

Hyundai Tucson	\$28,705
Hyundai Tucson PHEV	39,730
Ford Escape	\$29,150
Ford Escape PHEV	\$38,400

PHEV's cost between \$9,250 and \$11,025 more than the base models. Average difference \$10,137.50

Everyone knows the real reason a PHEV is driven is you pay less at the gas pump. The savings equation then becomes can we save at least \$10,137.50 by buying a PHEV. (Of course, this only makes us break-even)

Mileage Comparison (mpg combined)

Hyundai Tucson	28 mpg
Hyundai Tucson PHEV	35 mpg
Ford Escape	30 mpg
Ford Escape PHEV	40 mpg

The PHEVs deliver between 7 and 10 mpg better than the base ICE package. Nationally we drive on average 13,476 miles per year. (Sadly, this is the same distance driven by the average LBC over ten years) As I'm writing, the national average for regular is \$3.10 a gallon. I won't bother you with all the multiple equations I performed and just give you the answers. (You're already probably wondering why you're still reading this article anyway.) If you choose the Hyundai, you're going to save on gas \$297.60 per year. Choose the Ford and your savings will be \$347.20 per year. So, if you drive the Ford for 26.64 years you'll break even.

But wait the US TAXPAYER to the Rescue!

You see the PHEVs enjoy the same tax breaks as regular EVs. You mean I get the government to print some more money and take \$7,500 off the cost of my new car. **God**

Bless America! This new PHEV will pay for itself in no time!

Did I say the money was from the government, then you know there are a few strings. First the car must be assembled in the US, Mexico or Canada and have a high percentage of parts from these regions. This gives you \$3,750. You don't get the next \$3,750 unless the battery is assembled in AMERICA. The fact that we don't make very many batteries really cuts down your choices. The Hyundai does NOT qualify for any rebate and the Ford only qualifies for half. (Please note that in the near future, given the prevailing political winds of change, the availability of these government funds may disappear.)

Perhaps marketing is throwing a Hail-Mary pass here? Marketing must give you a compelling reason to open your wallet and **CHANGE YOUR LIFE**. An examination of their web sales materials didn't do it for me. They both seem to be selling adventure! I didn't know that was a car accessory.

Note to Marketing: The average car stays parked 95% of the time. Most cars are used for standard commuter activities. The only dirt these vehicles may see is a dirt parking lot at a weekend farmers market, not the Baja 1000. Selling the illusion of ADVENTURE may not work.

The next two marketing points offered up from [Hyundai](#) were their 10-year warranty and their safety features. Ford at least tried to add a little zip to their sales pitch using terms like acceleration and range.

If cost per mile is what drives your desire to buy may we suggest transporting you back to the 70's and getting you

in a Honda Civic that regularly got 50 mpg, or you could just go buy a Prius. (Honestly, it's not as ugly as it used to be) I've got more on this comparison later, but I'm **exhausted** for now. ***Tune in next month at an electrifying look at batteries.***

I think we've made it. **Spring is here!** Winter was long, cold and windy, but it's gone now. Did you check off anything we tasked you with at the start of winter?

- Attend and MGOB and/or LEL event
- Read a book
- Make a new friend
- Exercise
- Reconnect with old friend
- Clean your garage, new lights, paint
- Organize your junk drawer
- Change LBC fluids
- Thoroughly clean LBC

Hope you checked off at least a couple of these. Also hope these winter **EXHAUST NOTES** helped you get through the season. I also hope also that you're reading this with your first cup of coffee. If so, then the song I embedded in the [title](#) is my gift to you today.

Exhausted now, OUT.



MG CALENDAR

MARCH	4	Club Meeting
APRIL	1	Club Meeting
	26	<i>Treasured Motorcar Open House* - New Freedom, PA</i>
	27	<i>Britian on the Green* – Lorton, VA</i>
May	3	<i>Williamsburg B&I Car Show* – Williamsburg, VA</i>
	3	<i>Lewes British Motorcar Show – Lewes, DE</i>
	4	MGoB Get the Dust Off Rally* - Hydes, MD
	6	Club Meeting
	18	<i>Brits by the Bay – Street, MD*</i>
	21	LoEL – Boyerstown Museum
June	2-6	<i>NAMGAR GT-50* – Traverse City, MI</i>
	7	<i>Cars & MC of ENGLAND* – Hope Lodge, PA</i>
	7-8	<i>Chesapeake Bay Motor Fest* – Kent Is, MD</i>
July	28-31	<i>MG2025* - Crystal Lake, IL</i>
August	22-24	<i>MG102Fest* – Huntsville, Ont. Canada</i>

***See attached flyer for more details**





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- **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 46th year in 2025!**

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**Kathy Liddick
5237 Glen Arm Road
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MGs of Baltimore Ltd. Membership Registration

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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.

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- Engine lift with tilt device (2)
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- SU Carb throttle shaft reamer for Midget carbs
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- Timing light
- Dwell/Tach Meter
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- 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

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.



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The MGs of Baltimore, Ltd.

Present the 36th Running of the

GET THE DUST OFF RALLYE

Sunday, May 4th, 2025

First car off at 10:01 a.m.

Dedicated to the memory of Richard W. Murphy
\$20 per car to April 21st - \$25 per car afterwards

Register by completing the entry form below and mail it with a check payable to "MGs of Baltimore, Ltd."
OR Scan the QR code for online registration (a small fee will be accessed by Eventbrite)



SEND TO: MGOB C/O Chris Horant, 2 Gunpowder Dr; Joppa, MD 21085

This will be a GTA (Game, Tour, Adventure) style rallye of approximately 60 competitive miles. No unpaved sections. **All vehicles welcome.** Classes will be provided for Historic up to 1981 and modern 1982 and later.

START & FINISH: Dejon Vineyards, 5300 Hydes Rd., Hydes, MD. www.dejonvineyard.com. Bring along your picnic basket lunch and tailgating supplies. Food truck will be available on site. Wine tasting will be provided for entrants (MGOB hand stamp required).

REGISTRATION: Opens at 9:00 am. Drivers' meeting at 9:45. Please plan to arrive early. First car off at 10:01 a.m.
Contact Rallymaster Eric Salminen at (443-463-3071) or mgobrallymaster@gmail.com for additional rallye information

All vehicles must have at least 2 people in the car. *If a minor (less than 18 years old) is to participate you must contact us in advance to secure a minor release form which requires the signature of both parents.*

Driver: _____	Navigator: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/St/Zip _____	City/St/Zip _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
e-mail: _____	e-mail: _____

Vehicle information: Make: _____ **Model:** _____ **Year:** _____ **Color:** _____

Member: MGOB? _____ **TRAC ?** _____ **Other:** _____

Class: Select one _____ **Historic** _____ **Modern**

I hereby warrant that the entered vehicle is on the road legally, is being used by the entrant with the owner's permission and is covered by liability insurance of not less than \$20,000/\$40,000/\$15,000 or the minimum requirements in the state of registry, whichever is higher.

Driver Signature: _____

Sorry, but NO PETS or OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ITEMS are allowed at the winery!!!!



MG2025 Update

By Melissa Gonzales, Chicagoland MG Club

We are on a mission from... well, not *that* mission, but close enough! Honestly, it still blows my mind. All it took was one unforgettable trip to the Peterborough, Ontario, for the MG2022 Convention. What a blast – hats off to Jeremy and the team! On the drive back, in my mom’s ridiculously stylish Mini Cooper (top down, obviously), with some bossa nova setting the mood, inspiration struck like a lightning bolt: “Hey, Melissa, it’s time for the Chicagoland MG Club to host a national convention.” Fast-forward, and here we are just months away from what is bound to be the event of the year: MG2025 July 28th to 31st, folks!

The team is revved up to meet and greet every one of you. We have a massive kickoff party on Monday night that will be the stuff of legends – think dancing, laughter, and stories you will retell for years (or at least until next year’s convention). The website is live and let me give you this advice: register now before someone beats you to the finish line.

Now, let us talk about plans. Crystal Lake, Illinois, is where all the action’s happening. We have lined up a fantastic array of events, but if you are feeling rebellious and want to freestyle your time, which is fine. There is plenty to explore, eat, and enjoy in and around town. Still, I would say do not miss the organized events—trust me, your diary is begging for some new entries.

Oh, and while you are packing, channel your inner Blues Brother: white shirt, skinny black tie, and, yes, all your other clothes. Plot your course to Crystal Lake or let your GPS take the wheel. On day one, you will register, and from there, you can cruise the city or kick back at the hotel. But whatever you do, do not skip the welcome and first-timers’ reception—it is going to be a blast!

On Tuesday, the fun continues with more registration, silent auctions, all-day tech sessions, and some unforgettable activities. Highlights include:

- **Sanfilippo Estate:** A 44,000-square-foot wonderland of restored musical instruments and antiques.
- **Volo Auto Museum:** Classic cars, movie vehicles, and nostalgia galore—it is like stepping into automotive heaven.
- **Anderson Japanese Gardens:** Serenity meets beauty in this tranquil, waterfall-laden paradise.
- **Illinois Railway Museum:** Steam engines, diesels, and streetcars—railway fans, rejoice!
- **Chicago Architecture Boat Tour:** Stunning views and riveting stories of Chicago’s skyline from the river.
- **Pizza-Making Session:** Get your hands doughy and learn to toss like a pro—you will leave with more than just memories (and a marinara stain or two).
- **Drive-In Movie Night:** Grab your popcorn, roll down the windows, and enjoy a classic flick under the stars, car speakers optional but encouraged.
- **Car Show:** Show off your ride or marvel at others—there is no better way to celebrate our shared love for these iconic vehicles.

Not feeling those? No worries—take a scenic drive to charming towns like St. Charles, Geneva, or Woodstock for strolling, shopping, and some top-notch lunching. There is truly something for everyone! So, what are you waiting for? Register now because this event is HOT. No pun intended. Okay, a little pun intended. Cannot wait to see you there.

27th Annual Britain on the Green

April 27, 2025
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

The Capital Triumph Register is proud to announce that the 27th annual Britain on the Green (BOG) will be held at historic Gunston Hall, the colonial home of George Mason, in Lorton, VA, on Sunday, April 27, 2025. BOG, which welcomes all British cars and motorcycles, is well-established as one of the premier all-British shows in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area.

Participant's Choice honors will be awarded in 25 or more classes of British cars and motorcycles. There will also be a number of special awards including Best Resto-Mod, Best Survivor, Best Display and, of course, Best of Show. Additionally, the Nation's Capital Jaguar Owners Club will again hold their Concours d'Elegance during Britain on the Green.

Please plan on joining us on April 27th for the 27th annual Britain on the Green. It is a great day to bring out your car and celebrate the British car show and driving season with family, friends, and fellow enthusiasts.

Further information on Britain on the Green can be found at:

<https://www.britainonthegreen.org/>

Early registration for Britain on the Green 2025 will begin in January and is available on the website.

Location:

Gunston Hall
10709 Gunston Road
Lorton, VA 22079

<http://www.gunstonhall.org/>

Sponsored by:

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<https://www.capitaltriumphregister.org/>

Britain on the Green website:

<https://www.britainonthegreen.org/>

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GT-50 Registration Now Open!



GT-50 June 2-6, 2025
70th MGA Anniversary
Traverse City, Michigan

[/https://namgar.com/2025/01/26/gt-50-registration-now-open/](https://namgar.com/2025/01/26/gt-50-registration-now-open/)

The Michigan Rowdies are excited to invite you to GT-50 in Traverse City, Michigan. The Rowdies have hosted GTs 10, 20, 30 & 40 and are determined to make GT-50 the best ever. Help us celebrate 50 years of get-togethers in one of the most popular vacation spots in Michigan.

We are planning a full schedule of scenic drives, tech sessions, winery visits, and other fun activities. There will be plenty of opportunities to reunite with friends from past GTs. In addition to planned activities, the Traverse City area offers a wide variety of water sports, shopping, museums and more. Away from Traverse City, there are many towns along Lake Michigan with ports full of pleasure boats, charter fishing boats and commercial fishing boats as well. Then there are the inland lakes offering a full range of water sports. The city of Traverse City includes a full range of shopping and entertainment, as well as parks and beaches along Grand Traverse Bay.

Our host hotel will be the Great Wolf Lodge, just outside of Traverse City. The hotel has a full complement of amenities, plus an indoor waterpark, so bring your swimsuit.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

25th ANNUAL WILLIAMSBURG BRITISH & IMPORT CAR SHOW



SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

10AM - 2PM

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Saturday

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MG Car Show

Pub & Trivia Night

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PRE-REGISTRATION for Cars of England at Hope Lodge

NOTE: For Jaguar Concours Registration, visit www.delvaljaguarclub.com/events

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 Address _____
 Telephone _____
 Email _____

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Marque _____ Year _____
 Model _____ Award Class _____
(see reverse)
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 Make checks payable to "DVT"
 Mail registration form and check to:
 Robert DeLucia
 2593 Trewigtown Rd.
 Colmar, PA 18915-9752
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[117 Yacht Club Drive, Chester MD 21619](#)



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Brits by the Bay 2025

**Modern & Classic British Car & Motorcycle
Show
Open to ALL British Cars & Motorcycles**

We're on the move again this year. Come enjoy the scenery around Rocks State Park and join us for this year's show at the Deer Creek Overlook and see some great cars, while helping us promote and preserve the old British classic and the newer British "future" classics.

We'll have 24 marques including Triumph, MG, Jaguar, Jensen, Austin Healey, Mini, Range Rover, and some open classes, too. We even hope to see some British motorcycles.

Since 2002, BBTB has invited all British marques. Cars ranging from quality show cars to daily drivers... and we welcome them all.

Let's get the British car enthusiasts and people who love these cars together for an afternoon of fun.

This year we're coming to a familiar location for British car lovers in Maryland. After you've shown and seen some cars, we're certain you'll find a good reason to stay and enjoy the springtime in Rocks State Park.



When:

**Sunday, May 18, 2025
11am to 3pm
Gates for show
participants open at 10:30am**

Rain or Shine

Where:

**Deer Creek Overlook
6 Cherry Hill Road
Street, MD 21154
(in Rocks State Park)**

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