



THE OCTAGRAM

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MGs of BALTIMORE, MD

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From El Presidente:

Well, the hearty members of MGOB took part in the 52nd Annual Hampden Mayor's Christmas Parade despite the over-night snow amounting to 3-4", high winds and very low temperatures during the day. While our numbers were down, that didn't stop our die-hard members from showing up and having an enjoyable time. Thanks go out to Doug McCoach and those that did show up and help put a smile on the faces of the kids, young and old alike. Look for Doug's report in this issue of the Octagram.

MGOB likes to party, well I am pleased to announce that the Jefferson's will be hosting the **"After the Holidays" Party on Saturday, January 10th starting at 5:00 p.m.** with a snow date of January 17th. The club will supply drinks and a main dish(es), and we ask that you bring your favorite dish or dessert to share with the group. The Jefferson's home is found at **2520 Overlook Ct., New Freedom, PA 17349. Please R.S.V.P. RJ or Carole at 443-605-8197 or mgobjefferson@yahoo.com**

Steve & Tina Sharpe will be hosting **the 29th Annual "Chilly Run" on Sunday February 8, 2026, with a snow date of February 15,** starting at 1:00 p.m. at their home located at **1291 Cambria Rd; Westminster, MD 21157.** This is your chance to enter your favorite chili dish or non-chili dish in this contest to win any number of prizes (Host Choice) with the

Hottest (Hunka, Hunka Love Award) being the most coveted. Be warned that the winner of this needs to be able to eat their own chili. This is a fun event, which explains why we have been doing it for 29 years. The Club will supply drinks, plates, utensils, etc., you bring chili, dessert, nachos, salsa or other tasty dishes. **Please R.S.V.P. Steve & Tina @ 410-370-0244 or stevesharpe@gmail.com**

Finally, MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. Car Club membership dues for 2026 are due starting on January 1. Not everyone owes dues and some members have elected to pre-pay in advance. If you wish to pay for more than one year's worth of dues, no problem, simply include the added amount for as many years as you want. The standard yearly dues are \$20.00 per year. There is a list of those that **do not** owe for 2026 published in this issue of the Octagram. If your name is on the list, **you do not owe**, otherwise you owe and you can pay at the January meeting or you can mail your **\$20.00** cheque payable to:

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Safety Fast!
El Presidente

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From your humble editor...

Talk about The Bleak Midwinter...as I write this the wind is howling outside and the power has flickered 4 or 5 times. Each hiccup requiring a lengthy re-boot of my computer. Thank you Auto Save!

I'll be brief this month because we have a wealth of Christmastide presents, in the form of multiple Octagram articles for your reading enjoyment. El Presidente has his annual holiday message for the MGoB nation. Then, rally-master Doug McCoach has sent us a masterful wrap-up of the Mayor's Christmas Parade – including two videos! Finally, our own RJ (or Rj, or rj) has been guzzling Starbucks Holiday brew or something, because he's produced three Exhausted pieces (including charts and numbers) for our holiday consumption.

So, plug in that battery tender, turn off the space heater, come in from that cold garage, settle down by your fireside with a steaming Wassail bowl, and enjoy this month's Octagram. We'll be back next month with more exciting MGoB news. Until then...

Stay safe, stay warm, and have a Blessed and Happy New Year!

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 hot little hand.

THE NAUGHTY LIST

Ok you dead beats, we know who you are! You're that guy, the guy whose been putting off paying his 2026 dues. Maybe you are telling yourself some lame excuse like, "*I've been too busy with the holidays,*" or "*I really need the cash for my cat's sex change operation?*" Maybe, you're just cheap and you're hoping we'll forget about it?

NO WAY! We NEVER forget.

Just make it easy on yourself - send a \$20.00 check to The Man Richard Liddick, or bring it to the January meeting. Otherwise...

We're gonna send this guy to your house:



THE STINCH

(He's the Grinch's gearhead cousin)

That's right, it's the Stinch. He'll change your timing, mess with your valve clearances, and replace your rotor and condenser with Pacific Rim economy parts. Trust us, you don't want that.

Just pay your dues and things will go much easier for you.

Editor's Note: Maybe Jefferson had too much eggnog this year or maybe he's just feeling generous? Either way, he's gifted us with not one, not two, but Three EXHAUSTED pieces this month! Boy oh boy. Are you excited? I know I am. You'll find them below. Enjoy!

Exhausting Cold

Rj

Congratulations, you've made it to Winter. As I sit to write this seldom read column I 'm enjoying our first significant snowfall of the season. Some may think I'm crazy (**and most are sure of it**), but I like Winter. OK, there are some winter days that are a little abusive, but I like this little three month reset of Mother Nature. There is a little more inside than outside time for sure, but I like my casa so there's no problem. I do like to keep busy, so I already have my list of projects to keep idle hands from going astray. I exercise more now, especially because at this very minute CJ is upstairs baking cookies (**one of my many vices**) and every holiday pound must be challenged till the Spring.

Now how does my apparent bliss with the coming of Winter have to do with a British car club. It seems far too many LBC owners avoid driving their cars due to lack of warmth. Well, I think we can all thank **Margret A. Wilcox** for a solution to this issue. Oh, you don't know her. She predates MGOB by a few years since she was born in wintery Chicago in 1838. I can't say that Margret actually liked winter, but I can tell you she didn't like being cold when she road in railway cars. Her solution was the first patented use of a water base configuration of pipes using engine heat to warm interior spaces.

I know too many of you that hibernate your LBC for the three months till Spring. Perhaps a review of Margret's engineering could get you out of your

garage. To that end I passed on to John my two-part exploration (**written a few years ago**) of my challenge to improve



the heating of Cj's MGB. If nothing else, reading them will provide you with two more tunes.

Two other tidbits:

One - When did you last check the air pressure on all your cars? (Spare Tire Too). With the cold we've had it's a good bet the pressures are too low.

Two - Have you put that trickle charger on your LBC yet. Nothing will piss you off more than having a dead battery. Horrible Freight sells a cheap unit that I have used with success for many seasons. You don't even have to break into the battery box. Just connect the positive lead to any brown wire at the fuse box and the negative to the block; it will keep the battery charged.

Thanks for listening and thanks to all that showed up for the LEL lunch; I knew you would like the new place we picked. Thanks also to the crew

that showed up for the air gun shoot. It was a hoot. Next year we may combine the two events.

Have you noticed? Our friends at Moss Motors have been sending out their own monthly newsletter under the name ***Road Noise***. Now in the age of AI plagiarism is hard to prove, but it seems very close to ***MGOB's Exhaust Notes*** don't you think? I'm sure you will enjoy reading both offerings but only one includes our offbeat humor and of course tunes.

Ok I've exhausted my holiday word quota so you can go listen to Dino's song embedded in the title.



Heat Exhaustion – Part 1

In case you haven't noticed, the weather has changed. While many do the tragic thing of parking their LBC till the first Robins appear, I submit that this isn't good for you and certainly not good for your LBC. To address the former, it's not good for you to go into hibernation! Face it, how many football games and Hallmark movies can you endure without becoming a total couch-potato. Second, and more importantly, LBC's do not sit well and age poorly the longer they sit. *(This applies to your body too)* LBC's engines need to run, their tires

need to rotate, and their suspensions need to be flexed.

This brings me to the purpose of this ***Exhaust Note***, which is heat. Many avoid winter drives not because of salt and slush, which can be avoided *(And if you can believe the media, we all will be avoiding this since Pennsylvania will soon have the same weather as south Florida..., yeah sure)*, but because these cars are cold *(Hence the use of driving gloves and lap blankets)*. One of the many frustrations of LBC owners *(Other than the excellent Lucas wiring)* is that the heating systems in these cars, to be candid, is not optimum. Strange in that these cars were built in the UK to be daily drivers in a climate that *"Changes in Latitude"* are more on the chilly/wet side. *(Of course, the media says London will soon have the same climate as Honolulu, so no worries)*

Carole's beloved MGB is also stricken with this same lack of a proper heating situation. In fact, when driving her car, which we do in the winter, turning on the heat reminds me of having an old lady blowing gently on my ankles. In true procrastination mode I have decided to try and do something about this now that we need the heat. *(Timing is everything!)* Now, I have been in an MG where the driver had to turn down the heat, to say I was shocked and impressed is an understatement. So, the following exhaust outlines what I'm going to do and the tips I have received on keeping your buns warm on a cold winter drive.

How to use your heater tips:

I figure you know how to turn the heater on so these are some other things else you can do to strike a blow against Old Man Winter. First, make sure your cable to the heater valve actually works. Does it turn the valve all the way on or off when you turn the select knob on the dash?

Next, are you using a magnetic cover on the fresh air intake on the bonnet? This prevents cold air and water from coming into the system. This cover also lets you do the following trick. You usually close the fresh air vents using the under-dash handle and also close the dash vents if you have them. Instead of that, with the magnetic cover in place open both vents. This process will let you recirculate the warm cabin air just like a car built since the Reagan administration.

Now, let's raise the water temperature. A simple piece of cardboard in front of part of your radiator will accomplish this. You can start with a small piece of cardboard and then work up to one that raises the temps without overheating in say heavy traffic. (*What are you doing in heavy traffic on a nice Winter drive anyway?*) I always put one in front of my oil cooler too, since warm oil is nicer to your engine. Another change that has been suggested is to change our thermostat to a 190-degree model. It's an easy change and will let the water get hotter than normal. I've done this before and it's kind of a pain since you must change it back in the spring and face it our memories are getting shorter. This does work and does raise the engine temp that supplies your heater with a boost. Oh, on that note, when the

first Robin appears remember to remove the cardboard you installed.

Now here's one I've heard but have not verified. Check the voltage to the heater fan. I'm told that low voltage to the fan obviously will force less air onto your cold ankles. You might also want to clean out all the leaves, bugs and other wonderfulness that has collected through the bonnet scoop.

Here is an easy one. Put a shop-light under your bonnet and close it. Now go look under dash inside the car. See all those holes that now leak cold air. Some cars are worse than others. I've seen some that make patterns looking like constellations and while looking at Orion is cool, it will also keep you cold.

Next under the bonnet, check the seal between the heater core and the body work for leaks; plug these up. Next check the vent tubing under the dash, you can expect to find cracks here, but using the handyman's secret weapon "Duct Tape" can fix most of these.

My winter work:

I will be doing all the above methods to try and get it as good as I can. I measured the heat on the incoming and outgoing lines to the B heater core. I found the incoming water was 107 and the outgoing was about 97, so there is some heat exchange going on. After I add the cardboard to the radiator, I expect this temp to be closer to the 180 at the radiator.

Next, I'm going to get some radiator flush and rig up an exchange so that I can flush just the heater core. There's no telling how much crap has

accumulated in this thing in the cars 49-year history. I'm really thinking this is going to help a lot. Note, radiator flush is acid and so be careful. I'm concentrating on the heater core, but if you haven't flushed your cooling system since the invention of the internet, you might want to tackle the whole job. ***(Gee wouldn't it be nice if BMC included a radiator drain to facilitate this?)***

Next, and this one will take some craft, I will remove the heater valve, take it apart and using a drill open this port up, which will allow more water exchange from the engine block. I'll probably need to modify the gasket too.

Got any tips that I missed, please let us know. ***(NO, the addition of a remote heater from a VW Thing is not an option!)***

Time for a Winter Drive

All this work should make the B a little cozier and I'll let you know how successful I am. The purpose of this work is, of course, to drive the car. Winter drives are great, the leaves are off the trees, and you can see deeper into the forest and notice things that are amazing that you would not see in the summer. With the top up you can even hear the pleasant person sitting next to you and of course you'll be playing music from your favorite winter playlist. No matter if driving gloves and a lap blanket are still needed, that's the way they do it in the Mother Country. So, get to work and try to stay warm. You can listen to the Wintery tune I embedded in the title of this Exhaust Note.

End of Exhaust (bonus track)



Heat Exhaustion - Part 2

OK my friends, I have completed my winterization/heat-optimization mission for Carole's B. I'm sure you won't be amazed too much that once I made an effort to make the car more cold-weather friendly --- ***it was!*** The numbers tell the story. As with all projects, the stories are the most important thing.

Operational temperature matters most. As you can see from the chart on a cold day the engine never heated up to a proper running temperature. This is bad on two fronts. First you get no heat. Second, running a car with the engine cold is bad for it. When racing we never push the engine hard until both water and oil are at a proper temp. I like 180 degrees for both.

I was easily able to raise the running engine temp by blocking air to both the coolant and oil radiators. Now, at the racetrack we quickly accomplish this task. We add or remove racers tape as needed to get that just right racing temp. Racers tape is tough, relatively cheap ***(bet you haven't said that often lately)*** and easy to apply and remove. But you realize that you're dealing with an LEL

kind of guy; so why do something simple when we I can complicate this process.

A BMW moment, in an MG? The oil cooler on the 74.5 MG in question is recessed quite a bit. It also collects a lot of road crap and is usually slick, making tape sometimes not stick. What the oil cooler is recessed from is more interesting. As I looked at it through the front valance toward the cooler, I observed that I was looking through two absolutely kidney shaped cut-outs. I began to ponder two things. One, Gee did BMW get that shape idea from MG? Two, I bet I can make some covers that match these shapes.

So, let's make covers. (***You have too much idle time on your hands too so put down your phone and do this.***)

Starting with a paper template of the cut-outs I then went to cardboard and then to some thin sheet aluminum. The final product fits into the recess of the cut-out and was easily attached at the ends with small machine screws. A couple of things I must now remember. First take them off when Spring comes and second (***and the hardest thing***) remember where I put them so I can reattach next year.

I plan to build another cover like this for the coolant radiator. As you can see from the picture provided (**NOT**), I started with cardboard covering half the rad. I drove the car to see the effect. I later added tape to increase blockage and get to a normal running temp. Now tape is easier than something perfect made for this rad. Tape also can be quickly modified. Again, I'm an LEL guy, so why would I do something simple?

I also blocked all the extemporaneous holes in the firewall. These holes were probably caused by me not replacing something I should of. A little duct tape did the trick. I made sure I put the magnetic cover on the air intake (*Moss sells them*) and made sure the corresponding flap closed properly.

Make sure the heater control valve is working properly. Ours was not coming to a fully open position. These valves do fail and are cheap so replacing a vintage one may be a course you should take. If your Rad is old replacing it will certainly help in the summer, and since finding someone to re-core your old one is impossible, upgrading here may help in all seasons. Also, this B was equipped with a 180-degree thermostat. I did not think switching for a higher temp in the winter and switching back in the summer was a good use of time - I could be fishing instead.

I also performed a rad/cooling system flush. Follow the directions on the product you use. The Prestone I use had me run the car for quite a long time, but it probably did a good job. I found another thing to irritate us, finding antifreeze. Much like shoes that don't require you to bend down and drive-up windows, antifreeze only seems to come in premixed 50/50 containers. Gee mixing our own would be just too hard. Don't worry though, they charge about the same price for the 50% that is now water! (***It's probably Perrier***)

I'll let the charts numbers speak for themselves. Here's how the tests were performed and some observations. I ran the car in both cases till I got the max reading on the inside temp gauge. When all the modifications were

completed, I ran the final test on the highway. I did this to make sure that the 32-degree air was being rammed through every opening in the B. I also was accessing personal comfort and want to give the convertible top with its R rating of ZERO every chance to suck comfortable air temperature out of the cabin. I used temp probe and laser surface temp detector to measure temps. Comfort level was accessed by removal of hats, gloves, and outer garments.

On the comfort front. I found that the previously reported opening of the dash air vents, and fan combination recirculated warmer cabin air was not confirmed by this test. I did find that rotating the heat direction knob halfway between interior and defrost provide the best comfort level.

Outside Temp	38	32
Inside temp final reading	57	67
Defrost air temp	None taken	100
Lower vent air temp	None taken	95
Oil temp		
in	110	144
out	100	95
Thermostat housing temp	170	180
Top of Rad temp	124	150
Heater core temps		
input	93	160
output	89	85

Now that I have exhausted this subject we should again focus on the reason for the work. Go and drive your car. You are forgiven on those days when the road crews decide to turn roads into salt

encrusted rust accelerators. Enjoy the ride and this [music](#).

Last puff exhaust: if you haven't put some type of trickle charger on your storage list for your car---do it! Dead batteries are no fun and Horrible Freight sells an adequate unit. Remember you can attach the positive lead to any BROWN lead on the fuse block and avoid having to dig down to where BMC hid the batteries on these things. If you drive your car regularly you won't have to do this!



Let It Snow! The Mayor's Christmas Parade - 2025

Or Hark the Triumph Herald's Sing

- Doug McCoach

*"The weather outside was frightful,
In our cars t'was not so delightful,
But as long as we've candy to throw,
Let's us go, let's us go, into the
Snow!"*

What follows is a brief rundown of our MG Club's participation in the 2025 Mayors Christmas Parade, December 14.



(The only Baltimore Police Line-Up you want to find yourself in!)

Through the days preceding the parade, as we watched the weather develop, many calls were made with the organizers to gauge the response to the storm. On the day of the parade, our members braved sometimes deep snow and treacherous road conditions to participate. Yes, it was cold, and slushy, and windy, and a bit salty. But a great "show must go on" spirit prevailed.

After 20-ish years of participation, this season the MGs were asked to join Division 1 of the parade. The Club had also been asked to provide rides for local celebs; a great opportunity for the club to be showcased and minimize pre-parade freezing in the parking lot as well.

This year's parade was the second managed by community volunteers, and they weathered the storm like champs. We had steady communication and good support throughout the day. The weather, however, introduced some randomness into the parade. Thanks everyone for keeping me informed about your plans.

As we moved to the staging area, we were thrilled to see Tony Phillips parachute in with his Blue TD and side Curtains. Pretty Ba* *ss if you ask me.



(Gingie riding Shotgun with Tony Phillips.)

Ultimately, after some staging area jockeying we rolled at 1:30. Miss Maryland's Teen Kinsley Potts in a gorgeous red coat and tiara in McCoach's grey A. Bill Clark and his wife, in their festively lit Midget. Bridgette and Harry running their awesome B with its new V-8! Our cavalcade included Glenn Abbott's Chevy Suburban decked out in club regalia, and Travis and Charlotte Roop in a Dodge Ram pick-up converted to a big red open sleigh. These guys really rescued the day offering parade organizers seats for 2 Pageant Queens in their cargo area. Finally, bringing us home was Tony Phillips with his guest Gingie riding shotgun, followed by Gingie's Harbor Place Christmas Village Minions. Curiously no one knows what Gingie actually is, but the familial similarity to a walking poop emoji was hard to miss.



(Miss Teen Maryland rejects a side curtain.)

The parade moved quickly and much candy was distributed along the route. Crowds were understandably a little thinner, but no less enthusiastic. Our guests basked in the toasty warmth emanating from 70-year-old heater cores. Not. After our 1 ½ mile route was complete. club members retired to the Valley Inn on Falls Road to warm up over refreshments.

*"When we finally reach the lot,
how I hated going out in that storm,
But if you'll only host a star,
After the drive we'll be warm!"*

As a group the MGs showed great adaptability in supporting the event, and answered well to the opportunity to move up to Division 1. Afterwards, Parade Organizers shared their appreciation for our support and commitment. Thanks to all participants for contributing to something special,,, and cold! All are welcome next year.



(The parade rolls down Falls Road)

I'm thinking this year's weather won't likely be repeated so future parades will be more hospitable. Some ideas for the 2026 edition include: A return to 2

abreast, along with better weather, and working with the organizers to figure out a less congested Falls Road Staging location.

Some highlights:

- 31 degrees, Twenty-Five MPH winds,
- We'd been joined by Fox 45 news refugees,
- Miss Maryland Teens and 2 pageant Queens
- The Roop's carrying double celebrities,
- All the cars decorated much like trees,
- Cheerfully flinging out hard candies,
- Club members representing all MG's!
- Tony's arrival like the cavalry,
- And, of course, Gingie!

And, as a special holiday treat, Doug has included links below to two videos from the parade:



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- MG CALENDAR -

January	6	Monthly Club Meeting – Johnny Dee’s Lounge
	10	<i>After the Holidays Party</i> – Hosted by The Jeffersons in New Freedom, PA (details below)
February	3	Monthly Club Meeting – Johnny Dee’s Lounge
	8	<i>The World-Famous CHILLY Run</i> – Hosted by The Sharpe’s (details below)
June	7	Brits By The Sea* , Waterford, CT
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	24 – 27	MGInternational* 2026 – Sandusky, OH
Sept.	15 – 17	Put-In-Bay Races* – S. Bass Island, OH

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 At 2520 Overlook Ct. New Freedom, PA 17349
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 Sun. Feb. 8, 1:00 till ? (Snow Date: Feb 15)
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- *We are invited to our annual spring tech session, hosted by the club’s tech guru.*
- *MGOB sponsors the annual “**Get the Dust-Off Rallye**” the first Sunday in May. Bring your MG and compete against the dreaded Triumph Club for possession of the coveted Lord Baltimore Cup!*
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- RO-style Wheel Paint Mask (MGB)
- Midget King pin reamer
- SU Carb throttle shaft reamer for MG T, A, B carbs
- SU Carb throttle shaft reamer for 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

The MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. Established in 1977, the club represents over 150 members in the Metro Baltimore area. Our activities center around the preservation and enjoyment of the cars that bear the classic MG marque. MGoB 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**. Club 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 other gatherings all through the year.

The MGs of Baltimore is a 501(c) 7 Not-For-Profit Corporation.



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North American MGB Register

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We are the official MG Club for MGB, MGB/GT, MGC, MGC/GT, MG V8, MG Midgets/AH Sprites, MG 1100/1300 sedans, and all Post Abingdon (MGF, MGTF, MG RV8, etc) MGs.

As a member of NAMGBR, you and your local MG or British Car Club can receive the following benefits:



The MG Driver

This bi-monthly color magazine is packed with useful information with the right mix of technical how tos, member stories and club updates and information.



Technical Help

E-mail questions to a group of technical experts to get help or leverage one of the model specific registrar experts to answer your questions. There's also a Facebook group to get community help.



Dash Plaque

To commemorate your membership you receive a dash plaque with your personal membership number.



Window Sticker

Proudly proclaim your membership in NAMGBR with this attractive two-sided window sticker.



Mutual Aid Directory (MAD)

A by state, by city directory of NAMGBR members willing to help another member in the event they break down or need assistance while traveling away from home.



Annual Convention

A multi-day celebration of all things MG and a gathering of MG enthusiasts from around the globe. Some fly in, some drive their MG or other British car or some bring a car on a trailer. This event features driving tours, a car show and a taste of the local food and drink. MG2025 will take place in Crystal Lake, IL.



100,000/200,000/300,000 Mile Register

Has your MG gone the distance, and traveled 100,000, 200,000 or even 300,000 miles? NAMGBR honors this achievement with a special dash plaque your car can wear with pride.



Club Insurance

Does your local car club sponsor a car show? Do they have drives, events or regular meetings? Many venues require insurance to hold the event on their property. If your club has at least 8 NAMGBR members and is an affiliated Chapter of NAMGBR, then the club is covered with liability insurance for free! Director & Officer insurance is also available for local club officers.



Regalia

We have a number of ways you can show your NAMGBR membership to the public. Clothing, bags, key rings or license plate frames are just a few examples.



Member Classified

NAMGBR offers a free classified section in *The MG Driver* magazine. Have an extra MG or parts you want to sell? Target your advertising to the people you know are looking to buy an MG or may need the parts you have.



Car Insurance

NAMGBR is the first MG club to offer members the 5% Hagerty Collector Car Insurance Discount. Being a member can save you money on your insurance! Perhaps more than the cost of your membership.

Do you want to know more about the North American MGB Register? Check out our website at: www.namgbr.org

Do you want to be a member in the largest club in North America dedicated to the MGB, MGB/GT, MGC, MGC/GT, MG V8, Midget, 1100/1300 Sedans and Post Abingdon MGs?

Go to the website and instantly join via a secure card payment. Mail in options are also available.



We look forward to having you as a member of NAMGBR!



The CT MG Club's BRITISH BY THE SEA GATHERING 2026 JUNE 7TH AT HARKNESS MEMORIAL STATE PARK, WATERFORD CT



MARQUE OF THE YEAR ASTON MARTIN

We are happy to announce the 38th annual CT MG Club's British By The Sea Gathering to be held on June 7TH 2026 at Harkness Memorial State Park in Waterford CT on the North shore of Long Island Sound. BBTS is a popular vote, fun event, with etched glass mugs being presented as awards. For 2026, we will have 32+ Classes of British Vehicles, displayed on our 4+ acre field. We want to encourage ALL British car, truck, and motorcycle owners and enthusiasts to attend and have an enjoyable time. Whether your vehicle is in pristine condition, or a daily driver, sparkling paint and chrome or with "Barn Fresh" patina, it deserves to be part of the event and on the display field.

For 2026, our MARQUE OF THE YEAR will be ASTON MARTIN. They will be prominently displayed in the front rows of our display field.

Come down and enjoy the day mingling with other LBC owners, talk about cars, have a picnic, a glass of wine, and also take in all that the 240 acre Harkness Memorial State Park has to offer, such as the beach, tours of the Mansion "Eolia", and the Gardens. The CT MG Club donates a large amount of our proceeds from BBTS to the Park to purchase plants for the West Gardens, helping to restore the "Eolia" Gardens to their original grandeur as designed by Beatrix Farrand in 1919. In addition, we provide "people power" over a few weekends in the Spring to plant them.

We have selected a variety of quality food vendors to attend in order to satisfy any appetite, from coffee and pastry, hot dogs and hamburgers, lobster rolls, deli sandwiches and wood fired brick oven pizzas, to Ice Cream for dessert. You can also bring a picnic to enjoy and share "out of the boot" of your car.

The expansive lawn areas offer ample room for display vehicles, vendors, spectator parking and a spacious area for trailer parking.

Google BRITISH BY THE SEA 2014 YOUTUBE for an aerial video. Visit www.CTMGCLUB.COM and Click on the BRITISH BY THE SEA tab for more information, pictures of past events, aerial Drone video, and registration form. We hope to see you all on Sunday June 7TH 2026.

Please contact us if you need further information,

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The MG Car Clubs from Ottawa and Toronto invite you to

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Join us for a weekend of fun and camaraderie in scenic Gananoque.

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Saturday

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Group Scenic Tour

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Registration for the 2026 Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races is Now Open! Event to Feature All British Marques

Put-in-Bay, OH – January 1, 2026 -- Organizers of the Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 2026 event to be held September 15-17. Registration materials can be found at the event's official website: www.pibroadrace.com. "Featured marques" for the 2026 Put-in-Bay races will simply be all British-made vintage cars.

For those not familiar with the Put-in-Bay event, here are a few things that make it unique:

- Today's annual **Put-in-Bay Vintage Sports Car Races** event evolved from a modest 2009 "reunion" event, celebrating sports car races that took place at Put-in-Bay back in the 1950s and early '60s
- Today's event is renowned for its relaxed atmosphere and a "competitive but respectful" vintage race environment – much like it was back in the 1950s. It takes place on Ohio's South Bass Island, a 20-minute ferry ride. www.millerferry.com
- Two days of vintage racing take place at the Put-in-Bay Airport whose runway and taxiways provide a challenging and competitive 1.13-mile hay bale lined course that rewards precise braking and nimble handling.
- **Race entry options** are available for qualified under 3-liter vintage sports cars, sedans and open-wheel cars primarily built prior to 1973. There are also race entry options for larger displacement cars (by application) and for appropriate cars produced as late as 1990 that meet vintage racing preparation rules.
- An available **Exhibition class** provides track time for drivers seeking a track experience without all the demands of a race setting.
- There are also **entry options for non-racing entrants** with "Heritage street cars" (street versions of the race cars) and for "Guest street cars" (later sports cars and sporty sedans).
- Rules and requirements for all the above are available at www.pibroadrace.com
- Besides two days of racing (on September 16 & 17), there is also an all-entrants' car show, police-escorted tour-laps of the original '50s era road course, "spirited" pace-car led touring laps of the airport race-course for the non-racing entrants, social gatherings including a wine & cheese reception at Heineman's Winery, an optional non-racers/guests luncheon, and the highly competitive and entertaining "rocker cover races" at The Goat Soup & Whiskey.
- And finally entrants and spectators are encouraged to get into the spirit of the event by wearing vintage-inspired attire, however they interpret that to be.

See www.pibroadrace.com for answers to "FAQs", further details about eligibility, and registration materials (both mail-in and online options are available).

And finally, to participate in the ongoing conversation about the Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races, please join our the Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races page on Facebook (easy to find).

Early registration discounts expire June 1, 2026.