



# THE OCTAGRAM

February 2026

A Newsletter of the MG's of Baltimore Car Club

[www.mgsofbaltimore.org](http://www.mgsofbaltimore.org)

## From EI Presidente:

I want to start off by thanking Richard & Carole Jefferson for hosting yet another fantastic MGOB "After the Holidays" Party. As usual, the food was excellent, the beer was cold and the company could not beat. About forty-five members of the club showed up, the weather was a little on the damp side and was a bit foggy heading home. We had numerous door prize items which had been unclaimed Rocks items. We also awarded Kenny Olszewski, our long term and retired 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and special award for his 30+ years of service to the MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. Car Club.

Steve & Tina Sharpe will be hosting **the 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stevesharpe@gmail.com)**

Finally, MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. Car Club membership dues for 2026 are now due. 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. We currently have 77 members that still owe 2026 dues. The standard yearly dues are \$20.00 per year. There is a list of those that **owe dues for 2026, published in this issue of the Octagram**. If your name is on the list, **you owe**. You can pay at the February meeting, or you can mail your **\$20.00** cheque payable to:

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One last item to bring up, especially with the recent dangerous weather we have had, is our MGOB snow/inclement weather policy. First use common sense, if it is bad at home stay there, second, if the snow emergency plan is in effect the meeting is cancelled and if in doubt contact me before you leave your home.

Safety Fast!  
EI Presidente



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## From your humble editor...

Welcome to the February issue of your OCTAGRAM.

As I write this, the weatherman is predicting another catastrophic winter storm of apocalyptic proportions (his hyperbole, not mine.) Seems like it might be the perfect time to catch up on some deferred MG maintenance. On my hit list this winter, is a major brake and chassis service, along with engine, gearbox, and rear differential fluid replacement. It'll be five years since I last did a big go-through everything and this might be a good time to tackle the job.

I use John Twist's University Motors 6k service as a template. It's very thorough and, at my age, it really helps to have a check list. It's available for free to download on his website: <https://universitymotors.online/> Lots of other good stuff there, too.

If its too cold out in the shed or if your snow shovel broke during the Clinton administration and you just want to stay warm...what better way than by a brisk stint over a hot stove, perfecting your chili recipe for the Chilly Run on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Tina and Steve are hosting and it's sure to be a great gathering of hungry enthusiasts. Who will capture the coveted **Hunka, Hunka Burning Love** Trophy this year? Dig out the MG, slap in the side curtains, and slip on out to 1291 Cambria Rd. Westminster. MD to find out.

And finally, don't get too down with the February blues. Spring will be here soon and there's going to be so great driving and wrenching and hanging out going in 2026. Till then...stay warm, stay out of the ditches, cook some chili...

...and don't forget to check the oil!



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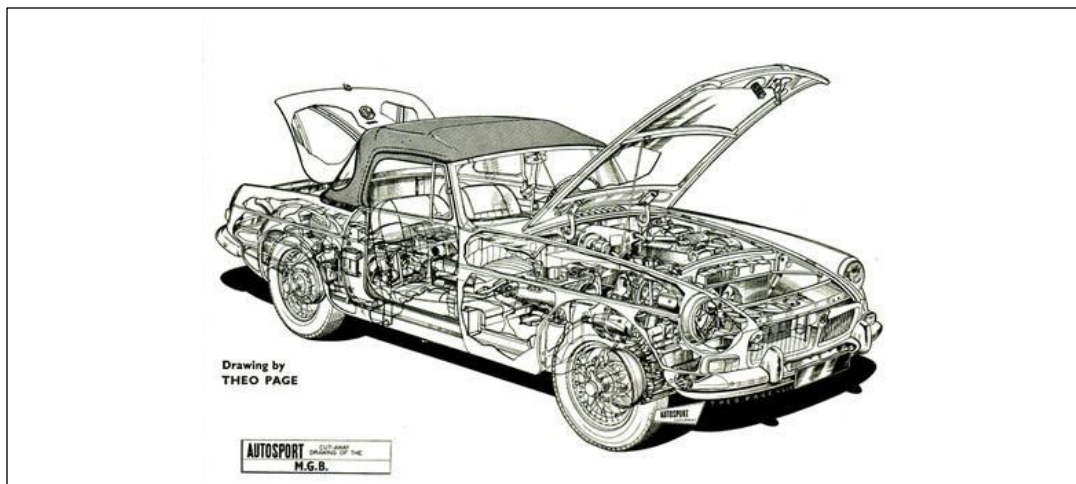


**Let's welcome back...**

**Jim & Rita Leiby**

Millersville, MD

and their 69 MGB Roadster.







# **2026 MG's of Baltimore After the Holiday Party** *January 10, 2026* Photos courtesy of Tony Philips



# 2026 MGoB Club Membership Dues Time is NOW!

The members listed below Currently **Owe Dues** at this time

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>
Absher	Shane & Megan
Allen	Tom
Amato	Roger & Susan
Amos	David M
Auer	Joe & Barb
Baschat	Ahmet & Miriam
Bederka	Daniel & Marilyn
Berg	Bill
Berg III	Bill
Berry	Steve & Linda
Blevins	Dennis & Carol
Bordeau	William & Sandy
Bradford	Terry & Alyson
Carroll	Peter
Cervino	Dave & Sue
Charles	Peter & Ann
Conley	Mark
Daemen	Marc
Dagilas	Jack & Joanna
Darsch	Bruce & Barbara
DeBella	Anthony & Jackie
Disney	Rich
Dube	Don & Ruth
Frazer	Steve & Lisa
Fryer	Randy & Sharon
George	Rick & Cynthia
Glanagan	T J
Graham Jr	Jeff
Grant	David & Jane
Hamilton	Owen
Harriman	Craig E. & Lesley
Hart	Anne
Ismail	Kamil & Rajiha
Jefferson	Richard & Carole
Jerdonek	Andrew
King	John & Marylyn
Kraus	Brian & Denise
Lambdin	Mike

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Laughlin	Eric & Sandra
Long	Jack & Liz
MacInnes	Rick & Patsy
Mangan	Mike
Marshall	Roger
McConnell	Jeffrey & Rachel
McKenna	Bob & Missy
McLean	Jim & Mary
Medinger	Michael & Camille
Meisner	Daniel
Michel	Barney & Lydia
Minor	Bill & Pam
Monrad	Glenn & June
Moore	George
Moure	Richard & Janet
Novak	Louis
Ollerman	Alex
Orbock	David
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Rhodes	Jon
Riley	William
Robinson	Bob
Salminen	Eric & Mary
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Selko	Brad & Tricia
Shields	Ned & Pattie
Shovlin	Neil
Sipes	Judy
Spada	Ed & Laura
Stahl	Wendy & Robb
Stemler	Bob & Denise
Steyer	Terry
Strickler	Jim
Sweeney	Tom
Whitehair	Alice
Wilson	Charles A

# EXHAUSTED

By rj

## Exhausting Crap

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### **FOR SALE: (MGOB Price) Minolta 35mm SLR**

***In Great condition a x-700 Minolta Camera with a zero /250 zoom lens. Variable aperture settings with manual and automated operating modes. F stops up to 1000. Lens cap and very comfortable neck strap. Camera is in good working order.***

Bet you are thinking two things now: Why does he have this camera, and does he really expect someone to want this technological dinosaur? Can you even buy film anymore? The why is easy. I needed an art class for my masters and photography was an easy class and would help my Sea-level GPA. *(I thought we'd get nude models too...NO)* And no, I really don't expect anyone to buy this camera from me. I'm using it as a metaphor for my latest **Mind Gas** to share with you.

If your read last's month **Exhaust Note** (and you should, if only for the music alone), you'll know that I really like winter and especially winter's cleansing effect. Everything in nature is reduced to its most basic elements and everything is put in order. It turns out the cleansing and reduction of nature is catching on with humans too. It all started with a book a few years ago," **The Swedish Art of Death Cleaning**" by Margareta Magusson. It has now been captured in a new and much funnier version called, **"Nobody Wants Your Sh\*t"** by Messie

Condo. Not to be outdone by a mere book, comedian [Amy Poehler](#) has a whole TV series on the subject. (Her name is a link to an interview)

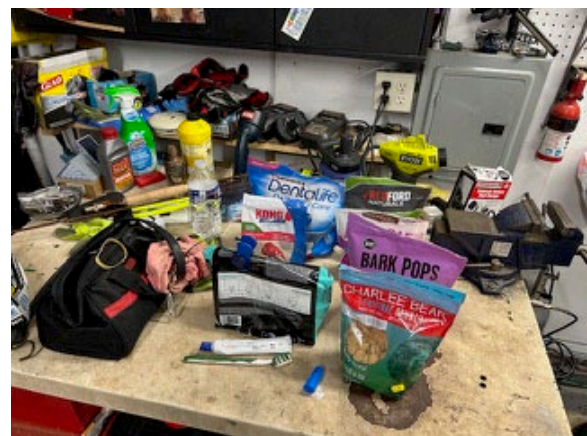
That brings us back to my camera and the still answered question of why do I still have it?

This Note, the books and TV show all are about why we accumulate so much stuff and why do we keep it? Just importunately the idea that our heirs, *(may they wait a long, long time)*, really don't want any of this stuff.

Back to the camera and the why...

Like a lot of stuff we buy, we purchased this with good coin of the realm and that's the value we put on it. This is in the face of the fact that it's value has disappeared. **(There's several on eBay now going for about \$100 bucks with zero buyers.)** Letting go is hard, but it's the right thing to do. Think of the joy at the thrift store when someone sees my old camera; and I won't even miss it. *(Maybe help some other students GPA)*

But rj, this is a car club journal, and we don't care about your camera. It's not about my camera; it's about **your garage; it's a mess**. As snow is falling today, I even ventured to my own cave of automotive storage and reflected that Mother Nature's Wintertime cleansing course should reduce the mass of my mess. **And you should too.** As all of you garage physicists know, any horizontal surface will become a place for junk to lie, thereby making this surface unusable for work. See enclosed photo showing how this has happened to me.



Why is my workbench covered in bags of dog snacks? Garages, basements and attics are



great places for us to employ that useful, but illogical phrase; “*Out of sight, out of mind*”. Extra stuff, useless stuff, broken stuff, stuff our spouse has put there and even stuff that we’re sure aliens put there...it all accumulates. Now for us LBC folks, its spare parts, **working or not**, that sometimes are in surplus. Let’s winterize, by letting some of them go. Perhaps someone else in MGOB-land could use it. Let them have it, hopefully at the MGOB price.

Your toolbox should also be evaluated. How many screwdrivers do you really need and how did I end up with a dozen hammers. Again, may I suggest a donation to the MGOB nation to reduce your inventory. If nothing else put your spares into a box and save them for Rocks and put them on the club’s junk table; free for the taking. (*Beware of the two little girls running the table. They are true capitalist and will want you to buy said spares or at least their cookies.*)

To help you get organized you get a **two-fer Exhaust Note** this month. We’re providing you a note from year’s past; (**Exhaustingly, Grandpa Was Right**). You should read it just to find out who **Archie Anders** was.

Before closing and wishing you well on your Winter Cleansing activities; we just wanted to thank everyone for the most excellent after Christmas party. We can’t wait for the **Chilly Run** at Steve and Tina’s

So, I’m exhausted. Hope you liked the song in the title. If you’re interested in the camera let me know. I also have a Princess phone, a Betamax and a Walkman if you’re interested. How did we get all this stuff? I thought you’d deserve a **Bonus track** that explains it.

### **Exhaustingly, Grandpa Was Right!**

With every passing day I’m starting to see how past generations were right about lots of stuff. You know the ones who we scoffed at in 60’s when we were the “**It Generation**” and knew everything. (*Does this sound familiar?*) I think many of us visited the workshop of our grandfather’s/father’s/uncles or just the cool old

guy on our block. We were amazed at what these guys could fix or make. I think many of us learned a few tricks from watching these men. (*That says more about osmosis and less about the attention span of my younger self.*)

Now we could all wax volumes on what we learned from these guys, but this is a car mag so I’m compelled to tie in car related stuff. Along with those guys I’m celebrating, [Archie Anders](#) ! No not Jughead’s friend, you know Archie Anders inventor of the Pegboard hook. Note, I said hook. No one knows who originally conceived of pegboard. (*Sort of just appeared, like the big bang theory*). Masonite Corp trademarked the “Peg-Board” name in 62, but it was around eons before that date. (*I wonder if Joseph had some in his shop?*)

Yes, the lesson I learned from my Grandpa was the simple brilliant utility of tools suspended to pegboard on a shop wall. Close your eyes and I bet you can remember just what it looked like (*We won’t go into what it smelled like in gramps workshop!!! PU*) Pegboard is cool in so many ways and here I will account just a few.

I don’t mean to disparage you guys that have really fancy toolboxes filled with immaculate tools sets. I’ve had the pleasure of working in garages with this equipment and it is a joy. I will point out though that as a visitor you can’t see what’s in any of the drawers, so you are dependent on the garage mistier to get or guide you to the proper tool. Another minus is that no visitor can possibly put the tool back in its proper location after use. With pegboard hey there’s no problem.

Now I keep a separate set of tools in a toolbox that I take to the track. This box is organized, but I swear it’s just easier to go up to a pegboard wall of tools a grab what you need. And of course, putting things back together after work is a breeze. This is especially true when you have an assistant helping you with your project. (*The value of pegboard goes up exponentially as the skill level of your assistant diminishes.*) Tell them to find a ½ open end wrench and a medium flat blade screwdriver and they can retrieve it in seconds.

I haven't gone to the extreme of actually outlining the shape of the tool on the pegboard (*I think grandpa did this because he was board*) but, even without the petrographs I can see what tool has gone AWOL. (*Did I leave it in the transmission?*)

There are many other attributes of pegboard. If you get the white color it will brighten the whole shop; and what shop doesn't need more light! It's big, so you can really put a lot of stuff on a 4 by 8 sheet. It's flexible and cuts easy so you can fit it around any obstruction in the garage. It always looks neat; the tools just hang there in perfect symmetry smallest to largest. Don't like the configuration, it's easy to change. Now don't try to get away cheap and try and make you own pegboard. No one can drill that many symmetrical holes and at \$20 bucks a sheet it's not worth the hassle.

**SAE Syonara!** On a sad note, I noticed when I put my tools on pegboard display that of course. the SAE tools were put in the best spots. I then turned around only to find a garage full of metric built autos. Some how 10 or 12 mm just doesn't flow of the tongue like; ***"hand me the 5/8 box end."*** Guess I'll hang on to the SAE stuff to support the MG and Sprite.

But let's not be sad we are here to celebrate, and the man of the hour is Archie Anders. The pegboard is the bedrock of the system, but what makes it rock are the hooks. So simple in design and so many shapes, sizes and configurations. If you're thinking of a project that will improve your workshop may I say one word: Pegboard! So, here's to you **Archie**, thanks from Grandpa and me.

rj





## - MG CALENDAR -

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February	3	Monthly Club Meeting – Johnny Dee’s Lounge
	8	<i><b>The World-Famous CHILLY Run</b></i> – Hosted by <i>The Sharpe’s</i> (details below – snow date 2/15)
April	25	Treasured MC Open House* – New Freedom, PA
June	7	Brits by the Sea*, Waterford, CT
August	14 – 16	MG103Fest* – Grananoque, Canada
	24 – 27	MG International* 2026 – Sandusky, OH
Sept.	15 – 17	Put-In-Bay SC Races* – S. Bass Island, OH
October	3	Treasured MC Open House* – New Freedom, PA

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Chilly Run** – Hosted by Tina and Steve Sharpe

*At 1291 Cambria Rd. Westminster. MD 21157*

*Sun. Feb. 8, 1:00 till ? (Snow Date: Feb 15)*

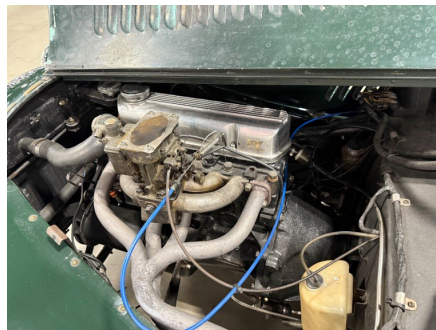
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\*See attached flier for more details

# For Sale



Shaun Etherington is selling his 1964 Morgan (it was his dad's,) which he got a few years ago.



<https://www.purmotive.com/used-vehicle-1964-morgan-4-4-mark-5-c-414/>

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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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- Mob Clutch Alignment tool
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- 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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### Dash Plaque

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



### Window Sticker

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### 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.



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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 7<sup>TH</sup> AT HARKNESS MEMORIAL STATE PARK, WATERFORD CT**

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### **MARQUE OF THE YEAR ASTON MARTIN**

We are happy to announce the 38<sup>th</sup> annual CT MG Club's British By The Sea Gathering to be held on June 7<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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 7<sup>TH</sup> 2026.

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

**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](http://www.pibroadrace.com). "Featured marqueses" 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.**





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