

THE OCTAGRAM

March 2026

A Newsletter of the MG's of Baltimore Car Club

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From El Presidente:

Maybe I am just getting old, but this winter seems a bit harsher than I remember for Maryland. The snow & ice doesn't seem to want to go away, and it's been bloody well cold. It can end anytime. With that said spring will be here in a bit and we can get our little British Cars out of moth balls so to speak.

Steve & Tina Sharpe hosted the 29th Annual "Chilly Run" on Sunday February 8, 2026. While there was still plenty of snow & ice on the ground and the temperatures were extremely cold, the Chilly Run turnout was good, about 35 MGOB members took part in the event. One lone MG, belonging to Alan Tucker, made it to the gathering of chili lovers. Look for a list of classes and winners of the 29th Annual "Chilly Run" in this issue of the Octagram and perhaps some photos.

MGOB's next event is the 37th Annual Get the "Dust-Off" Rallye set for Sunday, May 3rd, 2026, starting at DeJon Vineyards in Hydes, MD. For more information or to register look for the flier in this issue of the Octagram or go to our website at: <https://www.mgsofbaltimore.org/37th-annual-get-dust-off-rallye>

The first major British Car Show in the Mid-Atlantic area is coming up on April 26th in Lorton, VA. The Capitol Area Triumph

Register will hold their 28th Annual "Britain On the Green" Car Show. For more info and to register go to: [BRITAIN ON THE GREEN | BOG](#)

TRAC's Annual "Brits By The Bay" will be back at the Rocks 4-H Camp again this year on Saturday, May 16th, 2026 look for a registration flier in this issue of the Octagram or go to TRAC's (Triumphs Around the Chesapeake) website: https://www.tracltd.org/uploads/1/2/3/9/123905849/bbtb_flyer_2026_r1.pdf

Finally, MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. Car Club membership dues for 2026 are now pass 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 March meeting, or you can mail your **\$20.00** cheque payable to:

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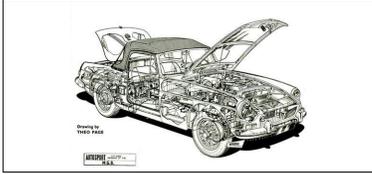
Safety Fast!
El Presidente

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From your humble editor...



Welcome to the March issue of the OCTAGRAM.

In this month's OCTAGRAM, we have a two-fer from our very own RJ. He's been trapped in the house and ruminating on batteries again. You're sure to be shocked when you read the March *Exhausted*. El Presidente Richard Liddick is also here recapping last month's Chili Run and getting us revved up for the spring show and driving season.

Speaking of driving...remember a few weeks ago, when it was 24 degrees in the garage and the driveway was buried under 6 inches of ice? What a difference a month makes. Driving season is almost here and your MG is still up on jack stands! Now is the time to get busy with all that work you've been procrastinating on. The salt and ice will be gone soon, and you don't want to miss a minute.

The car show and rally calendar is already starting to fill up with great events. Not the least of which is the club's annual **GET the DUST OFF RALLY** (aka, **The Dust-Off**.) The date has been set for the first Sunday in May and we will be returning to the ever-popular DeJong Vineyards, up in Hydes Maryland. You're nestled in horse country up there and the windy roads of northern Maryland and southern PA make for a great drive. The last few years, we have had to contend with the rainy spring weather, so typical for this region...but hey, you're driving a British car. It was made for this kinda stuff! (Note: you can always decide to forgo the LBC and take your "civilian" ride. But, what's the fun in that, right?)

So, put away your cell phone and grab some wrenches. Button up all that work, get the wheels back on, and polish her up. You don't want to miss a minute of the adventure. I will be looking for you out on the road...

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

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Let's welcome our newest members:

No new members this month





2026 MGoB Chilly Run Feb. 8, 2026



29th Annual MGOB Chilly Run Winners

Hunka-Hunka Burning Love/Hottest Chilli

– Richard & Carole Jefferson

Best Vegetarian Chilli/No Meat

– Lisa Frey/Marty Schlining

Best Chicken/Turkey Chilli

– No Entry This Year

Best Overall Chilli

– Mike Lutz

Best Cornbread

– Sally Maisel

Best Side Dish

– Debbie Lingsch

Best Appetizer

– Marlene Perricone

Best Dessert

– Tracy Trobridge

*Congratulations to all this year's winners!
And a special thanks to Steve and Tina Sharpe for
hosting this year's event.*

2026 MGoB Club Membership Dues Time is NOW!

The members listed below **still owe dues** at this time

First Name	Last Name
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Tom	Allen
Roger & Susan	Amato
Ahmet & Miriam	Baschat
Bill	Berg
Bill	Berg III
Steve & Linda	Berry
Dennis & Carol	Blevins
William & Sandy	Bordeau
Terry & Alyson	Bradford
Peter	Carroll
Dave & Sue	Cervino
Peter & Ann	Charles
Mark	Conley
Marc	Daemen
Jack & Joanna	Dagilas
Bruce & Barbara	Darsch
Rich	Disney
Don & Ruth	Dube
Steve & Lisa	Frazer
Randy & Sharon	Fryer
T J	Glanagan
Jeff	Graham Jr
David & Jane	Grant
Craig E. & Lesley	Harriman
Anne	Hart
Andrew	Jerdonek
John & Marylyn	King
Brian & Denise	Kraus

First Name	Last Name
Mike	Lambdin
Eric & Sandra	Laughlin
Jack & Liz	Long
Mike	Mangan
Roger	Marshall
Jeffrey & Rachel	McConnell
Jim & Mary	McLean
Michael & Camille	Medinger
Daniel	Meisner
Barney & Lydia	Michel
Bill & Pam	Minor
Glenn & June	Monrad
George	Moore
Richard & Janet	Moure
Alex	Ollerman
Jim & Susan	Pallace
Drew & Linda	Paren
Mary	Pratt
Mike & Kathleen	Schenking
Brad & Tricia	Selko
Ned & Pattie	Shields
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Judy	Sipes
Ed & Laura	Spada
Bob & Denise	Stemler
Terry	Steyer
Jim	Strickler
Tom	Sweeney
Alice	Whitehair



Exhausting Batteries...AGAIN

rj

Hi friends, I'm back on my battery kick again. I've enclosed with my latest rant the rant from last year regarding batteries. You should read it just to see how wrong or right I was. If nothing else, there's a cartoon and, of course music.

First, I want to give all you readers of last month's **NOTE** about *getting rid of crap you don't need a reprieve*. I know you are all saying to yourselves now; *"damn, I didn't do any decluttering of the garage in the last month"*. We now give you dispensation for doing zero work. ***It's been too damn cold!*** We can only hope that the earth and sun are spinning us back into a more temperate temperature in the weeks to come. Then of course you're going to jump right in the garage and tackle all that clutter, right? (***Insert your own sinical expletive here***)

Today's rant is my on-going search for a decent car battery (***Picture Monty Python and the Grail***). The battery I put in my beloved Ranger is many months past the ***Oh so generous 1 yr Walmart warranty***. It's still working, but I know it's failing. I got through the brutal cold snap this month only by starting the truck and letting it idle in the driveway every day. Probably not good for the engine. I also spent a lot on gas that I should have invested in a new battery in the first place. Why didn't I do that when it would be convenient? People love to get their money's worth and more. Getting something for nothing is like winning the lottery, it's just human nature. That's why we squeeze every last drop out of a tube of toothpaste. So, armed with this new humility, I give you my search for a battery.

Before the deep freeze hit, I was thinking about replacing the battery. Being a dues paying (***Yes Richard we did pay you***) member of MGOB, I used the club's resources to start my battery quest. At the last meeting I spoke with the club's tech guru Chris to see who makes a good battery. After about 30 minutes of rambling discussion, I came away none the wiser and with the following conclusion: ***"The new***

batteries are all crap and not made in the USA".

Seeking higher council on this subject I climbed to the all-knowing mountain top of (A I). The Cyber God's ranking: **Optima/ Odyssey / DieHard / ACDelco / Interstate**. The price increases from Interstate to Optima. AI's other points of wisdom:

*"For **high-performance** or accessory-loaded vehicles, an AGM battery from brands like Optima or Odyssey is often the recommended choice due to superior durability and deep-cycle capabilities.*

*For **everyday driving** in a standard vehicle, reliable flooded batteries from brands like [Duracell](#) or ACDelco offer great value."*

Not satisfied with what I have learned so far, I consulted Consumer Reports and others. First make sure you choose the right group number, for the Ranger it's **Group 59**. Next do you want a liquid sealed top or AGM (Absorbed Glass Mat) battery. Turns out AGM batteries are NOT recommended for older cars due to their high output. Here's where it gets a little more confusing. There's not really a "best choice." **Die Hard, Duracell, Everstart, Motorcraft**, etc, etc, etc. Ask 10 sites and you'll get 20 opinions. Best advice I can give you is to look for at least 550 cold cranking amps and a 3-year warranty (***Hard to find; two year was the best I could do without a bank loan***). If you escape without paying \$200 you've done well.

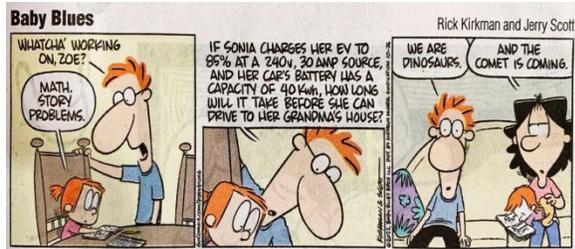
More battery things I learned. A battery sitting undergoes natural electrolysis. That means the lead plates get continually coated, reducing output and battery life. A simple trickle charger prevents this. Now you see why I stress putting one of these on your LBC during the winter; summer too if you're not driving the car regularly.

I still believe in the future of EV's powered by batteries, but the public has resoundingly rejected these, for the time being. Battery technology improvements that I have written about before, like from the U of Maryland, will make a difference one day. (***WE HOPE***) I just read of some research where biological material and graphene were being used with excellent results.

Still the super batteries and advanced technologies of the future depend too much on

rare earth minerals. It seems both the minerals and the processing thereof are found in places not conducive to a US passport. If you want to find out more, I direct you to the new excellent PBS documentary [Lithium Rising](#)

Ok, I've exhausted all my energy on this subject for now. If you haven't already you may now listen to the energizing tune I embedded in the title.



[Exhausting Electrons](#)

rj

Last month's Octagram was a little late. If you hadn't read my last gas escaping from my head you might want to go back read the ["Note"](#) on EV Hybrids. EV Hybrids, of course use batteries, which is where we begin today's mind dump. We might throw in some physics, economics and, if we aren't careful, some common sense. We will look at EV batteries and our current lead/acid counterparts used in our LBCs.

What's a battery? In short, a battery converts chemical energy into electric energy. Since no transfer of energy can be done without energy loss, a battery isn't able to give 100% of a theoretical maximum load. Once discharged the battery needs to have an input to replenish the chemical charge. **(This is true of solid-state batteries too, so don't get hung up on the physics of liquid batteries, it's the same for both kinds.)** We input energy back into the battery which is stored **(Yes there is loss in storage too)** so that we can repeat the cycle. As you know this cycle can only be repeated so many times and with each repeated cycle the battery becomes less efficient at storage and discharge.

You may think that from the opening tone of this **Note** that I'm anti-electric vehicle. That would be a mistake. I do believe that one day we will stop burning dinosaurs. I may not be around to see

that day **(And I'm sure Carole's B will still be in our garage)**, but Scotty has assured me that the day of dilithium crystals is in our future.

Someone else sees this future too. In 2019 there were only 2 manufacturers of EV batteries in the US, with 2 more under construction. According to the periodical "TechCrunch" there are now 34 factories in production, in construction or planned. That's a lot of jobs and capital being put to work.

A full thesis on EV batteries is not something we can do in an **Exhaust Note**, plus who would want to read it? **(Some readers are disappointed that Notes aren't in comic book form)**. We'll just give you some high and low lights in the world of EV batteries. We are **NOT** going to get into any positive/negative effects an electric world would have on the planet.

Let's begin with what they are made of: As one would expect some pretty special stuff. There are different types of Lithium-ion batteries, which predominate EV batteries today:

- (NMC) Lithium Nickle Manganese Cobalt Oxide
- (NCA) Lithium Nickle Cobalt Aluminum Oxide
- LFP) Lithium Iron Phosphate

I think you can see a few problems; these materials are rare, expensive, heavy, and maybe sourced from places a US passport may be a problem. On the positive side, batteries are getting better and cheaper. Believe it or not 57% of EV batteries are made in the "Land of the Free". **(We cannot determine if this made in America designation denotes truly made in America or just assembled in America)** Their performance has improved and 300 miles between a recharge is not uncommon. An American driver on average drives only 37 miles per day (13,596/yr). Sounds like the math would easily work on most days of the year.

Remember that mileage noted is a theoretical range. Your right foot or extremes in said climate may affect **actual mileage** obtained. Also charging a battery repeatedly to 100% or draining it repeatedly to zero, greatly affect their performance and longevity. So, if you follow most manufactures suggestions, you'll only charge to 80%, **still the daily math works out.**

I bet these batteries are expensive to replace and will kill the planet! The current figures I could **AI** up were somewhere between \$2000-\$8000 bucks to replace an EV battery. (**Ask your girl, size matters**) I wager your bill will be higher! Think shop fees, disposal fees, taxes and of course finding someone to do the work may not be easy. Wait, there's a solution. It seems that most manufacturer's warranty the battery for 8-10 years. I don't know if all these warranties are of the *limited kind*. You should make sure of this possible expensive detail. My advice is to trade it long before the battery needs replacing. You can expect trade-in values will be modified by remaining battery life. (**Only MG owners keep their car over ten years**)

You can bet that in the future the cost/benefit of electrons versus dinosaurs will shift away from Dino at a more rapid pace each year. But not next year or a few more to come. Don't be sad for Dino too. Only 45% of the oil produced in the US is turned into gasoline and we export as much as 10% of this. The rest of the oil goes into diesel, jet fuel, plastics and so many other things that Dino will have a longer life than he had on earth.

Now to overcome any Range Anxiety, may I point to that most able LBC sitting in your garage. Carole can easily get 25 miles per gallon in her "B". Using the average daily mileage figure with \$3.00 gas, she' erasing our nest egg to the tune of \$4.44 per day.

According to Gemini: my chatbot: "The average MPGe (miles per gallon equivalent for a fully electric vehicle in the US is around 100-140. This means that, on average, an EV can travel a similar distance using the energy equivalent of 100-140 gallons of gasoline."

That's a mind-numbing explanation to just two lines. It does demonstrate the compelling math behind EVs. If we could charge on the road as simple as we could at home, a major headwind would turn into a tailwind. I don't see that investment being made yet, **only Elon seems to get it**. In the average home, electricity cost is 0.16 per kilowatt hour. Let's assume we can get a full charge, starting at zero, in 8 hours of Level 2 charging overnight. Per Gemini the most common figure used for EV home charging is 11.8 kWh per day. That comes to \$1.89 per charge. If we fill a 12-gallon SUV gas tank with

3.00 gas that's \$36. (**More if RoFo chicken added to driver**) This math really works. In case you were wondering; These calculations were made estimating that both cars would drive exactly 300 miles. (**300 miles all I want to drive on any given day too!**)

You can see the compelling dollar math behind electrification will be a driving force in our future. The other math, not explored here, is the cost of use of an electric drive train versus an internal combustion engine. Yes, both vehicles have wheels, tires, brakes and suspensions. The **life span** and **maintenance** costs of a CLEAN BURNING internal combustion engine are both limiting and substantial

That brings me to the next battery blast, (LAB) Lead Acid Batteries. Why have LBAs become so expensive and crappy. You used to get a **Die Hard (Great movie and perhaps last request)** with a 5-year warranty and the thing would go longer. Now, it's 3 years and again only a **LIMITED** warranty. I find that Walmart usually works for me when battery shopping. I get selection, price and warranty. I just replaced the Ranger's old battery (**36month**) with the same battery. (**Went longer**) The new battery was about \$20 bucks more and with only a 12-month LIMITED warranty. About 8 months in and after two weeks of not driving the Ranger the battery was dead. No fancy electronics in the Ranger to drain it, but not enough amps to turn the motor. (**Picture driver being pissed here**). A discussion with Walmart did not produce a new battery. I ask again why have LBAs become so expensive and crappy. NOW you know why I always implore you to put some type of trickle charge on your LBC in the winter; you'll thank me in the spring.

If you want to find out more about development of battery technology, here's a [link that you will find interesting](#).

Exhausted now and I must start preparing the Sprite for the upcoming race season and unfortunately start the long season of being the LAWN RANGER. Hope you're getting you're LBC out and getting it ready to run in this year's Dust Off Rallye. In the meantime, you can enjoy the energizing tune we've imbedded in the title.

rj

- MG CALENDAR -

March	3	Monthly Club Meeting – Johnny Dee’s Lounge
April	7	Monthly Club Meeting – Johnny Dee’s Lounge
	25	Treasured MC Open House* – New Freedom, PA
	26	Britian on the Green* - Lorton, VA
May	5	Monthly Club Meeting – Johnny Dee’s Lounge
	2	Williamsburg British Car Show* – Williamsburg, VA
	3	GET the DUST-OFF RALLY* - Hydes, MD
	16	Brits By the Bay* – Street, MD
June	2	Monthly Club Meeting – Johnny Dee’s Lounge
	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

*See attached flyer for more details



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For Sale: 1964 Morgan 4/4



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It can be viewed here:

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

Shaun can be reached at:

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**All information has been provided by the seller. Please contact them for any questions or clarifications.*

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- 33105 miles. Engine and transmission removed to stands in 2013 to start renewal.
- New clutch and TO bearing and brake components purchased in 2015. 8 wire wheels.
- All complete. Have title. Will need roll back.
- Located in Rockville, MD
- Price is negotiable

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- *You also get to hang with us at our monthly meeting (first Tuesday of the month) held at a nice restaurant and including a tech session. (Johnny Dees Lounge 1705 Amuskai Rd Loch Raven, MD)*
- *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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- Pickle Fork for Tie Rod Ends
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- Front Suspension Toe-In adj tool
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- 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.

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North American MGB Register

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Mutual Aid Directory (MAD)

Many members list their contact information to help fellow NAMGBR members in the event they break down in their area.



Annual Convention

In conjunction with a NAMGBR Chapter, we sponsor a convention highlighting a different part of the United States or Canada. This 4 day event features driving tours, a car show and a taste of the local food and drink. In 2026, MG2026 International will take place in Sandusky, OH



100,000/200,000 Mile Register

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



Club Insurance

Does your club sponsor a car show, driving event or meeting? Many venues require insurance to hold the event on their property. If your club has 8 NAMGBR members and is a Chapter of NAMGBR...you're covered for free!



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Regalia

We have a number of ways you can show your NAMGBR membership to the public.



Car Insurance

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



The MGs of Baltimore, Ltd.

Present the 37th Running of the

GET THE DUST OFF RALLYE

Sunday, May 3, 2026

First car off at 10:01 a.m.

Dedicated to the memory of Richard W. Murphy
\$20 per car to April 28th - \$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: _____
Address: _____
City/St/Zip _____
Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Navigator: _____
Address: _____
City/St/Zip _____
Phone: _____
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!!!!



Please join us for the 28th Annual



Britain on the Green

April 26, 2026

*Gunston Hall
Lorton, Virginia*



<https://www.britainonthegreen.org>

BRITAIN ON THE GREEN 2026
Sunday, April 26, 2026 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM EDT
GUNSTON HALL, Lorton, VA

****Rain or Shine Event****

Join the Capital Triumph Register for the 28th annual Britain on the Green (BOG), returning once again to the beautiful and historic grounds of Gunston Hall, the colonial home of George Mason overlooking the Potomac River. As the premier all-British car and motorcycle show in the greater Washington, DC region, BOG welcomes all British marques and enthusiasts of every kind. Spectators are warmly invited to enjoy a full day celebrating British motoring at its finest.

BOG REGISTRATION is LIVE



26th ANNUAL WILLIAMSBURG BRITISH & IMPORT CAR SHOW



MAY 2, 2026 10 AM - 2 PM

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British Car & Motorcycle Show Open to ALL
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and for the first time Pre-2000 European Cars
**** Location near Rocks State Park ****

6 Cherry Hill Road, Street Maryland 21154

**** Judging and Awards Format ****
(By Marque instead of By Year)

Saturday, May 16, 2026 - 11am to 3 pm

Gates open 10:30am

Rain or Shine

* Door Prizes, Music & Good Ole Car Talk* Food, Snacks & Beverages Available on site *

For more information contact: Chair: Ty Sheehan TSBTB@outlook.com 410 453-2541

For Up-To-Date Info go to: www.facebook.com/britsbythebay

Two new things for this year.



European car owners:
Register your pre-2000
European car.

This year, TRAC invites
all Pre-2000 European
Cars, so bring your
rides and show them
off.



Triumph Wedge
owners: We're
featuring your model
this year, so all of you
Triumph "Wedge"
drivers need to bring
your car and show
everyone why it's a
great car



To Pre-Registration by mail, please complete and send the form below along with your check made payable to TRAC Mail to : TRAC, 2187 Amoss Mill Road, Pylesville, MD 21132

Credit Card Payments Accepted Securely Online!

Pre-Registration - \$25 per car until May 7, 2026. *Save a few dollars by registering early.*
(Registered by April 15, 2026 to receive a free show T-shirt and Dash Plaque)

Registration after May 7th - \$30 per car beginning May 8, 2026 until the day of show (or at the gate)

Name: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Car Make: _____ Car Model: _____ Year: _____

(European cars must be Pre-2000)

T-Shirt size (If registering by April 15, 2026): _____

For more information, on-line registration or directions, please visit www.tracltd.org



Neither I, nor my heirs, will hold TRiumphs Around the Chesapeake, Ltd. or Deer Creek Overlook liable for any personal or vehicle loss, damages, liability or injury occurring during or as a consequence of being involved in or traveling to or from this show. Owners attending this show do so voluntarily and agree to assume all risks of any kind to their person or their vehicle. Shade Canopies are at the discretion of TRAC

Signature: _____



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

Gananoque is located in the Thousand Islands near the US border.

This weekend gathering of MGs is open to all enthusiasts.

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Tailgate Pizza Party

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MG Car Show

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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. "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
- 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.



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 the 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,

Steve an' Annie Wincze

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