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Editor's Notes – Looking Forward to Summer 2025!

Welcome to the July 2025 edition of the MGA Register eNewsletter, – and my thanks to everyone who has sent in contributions over the past 8 weeks or so. Your input is essential to keep this eNewsletter going.

As I compile this eNewsletter in mid June the weather here in the UK remains uncommonly warm and dry, - verging on "hood-down" weather on many days (till the sun goes down, at least!). - I hope you are enjoying this excellent MGA Motoring weather.

The only national events I am aware of since the last edition have been Scottish MGA Day on 18th May (page 6), the MG European Event Of The Year (EEoTY) near Padua, Italy, at the end of May, and (as you read this note) the Mquette European Event in Nijmegen, Netherlands, on 28th and 29th June.

Throughout the summer of 2025, there are generally lots of local shows most weekends. – see www.classicshowsuk for shows near you. – You can search the site by REGION or by COUNTY.

Over the next couple of weeks, we have a number of MGA Register events planned during the year for the MGA's 70th Anniversary. The Spring Tour to Derry takes place between 27th and 30th June, and then MGA Day at Fawley Hill is on 6th July.

In September we will have Kop Hill (Buckinghamshire) and MG Fest North at Croft Circuit, near Darlington. – Plus MG Club France has its own MGA 70 event, near Geneva.

– Full details of all of these events appear later in this eNewsletter.

If you know of any other MGA or wider MG-themed events over coming months, please let me know and I will include them in future editions. (Better still, if you attend any events, please send me a brief report on the event and some pictures for the eNewsletter.)

My thanks to all contributors, new and old. Please keep your contributions coming – Everything is welcome.

BUT – Please ensure any photos you send are in .jpg format, NOT Apple .HEIC or .HEIF format. - We commoners who do not use Apple phones are unable to view or use photos in these Apple formats, and I am not willing to load yet more "conversion" software to my (personal) PC, since every time I do such a software download another different function on the PC which has worked perfectly for years ceases to work, causing me great annoyance.

(If all goes to plan) Next edition will be issued between 12th and 16th August 2025 – That's a bit earlier than usual because I am away on holiday at the end of August, and will not have access to the mailing software.

Brendan Leach
Editor – MGA Newsletter

MG Car Club News

MGA Register AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the MGA Register of the MG Car Club will take place during the MGA Day weekend on Saturday 5th July 2025. – That's NEXT WEEK, folks!
All Register members are invited to attend. Here is the formal Notice Of the AGM:

MGA Register AGM

Date: Saturday 5th July 2025

Venue: Sudbury House Hotel

56 London Street, Faringdon, SN7 7AA

Time: 5.00pm

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Officers and Committee
6. Any Other Business

Nominations for Elections of Officers, Committee and AOB agenda items should be submitted by Monday 16 June 2025 to: Jill Eke, Secretary, MGA Register.
jillgraham@btinternet.com

Vacancy: MGA Register Secretary

Jill Eke will be standing down as MGA Register Secretary in July, at this year's AGM, and we are now looking for a replacement. This is an interesting role, as it is one of the Register's statutory positions, alongside the Chairman and Treasurer.

The Secretary provides secretarial and administrative support to the Register.

A brief summary of the Secretary's role:

- To attend Register Committee meetings and take minutes of the proceedings
- To attend the AGM (and any other General Meeting) and take minutes of the proceedings
- To work closely with the Register Chairman and other committee members
- To distribute agendas and other supporting documents to committee members prior to meetings

Ability to use Microsoft Word for the preparation of minutes and documents would be a great advantage.

If you'd like to have a chat about this position, please get in touch with MGA Register Chairman, **Howard Quayle**.

(Mobile: 07919-435819/ Email: hquayle1947@btinternet.com)

George Ward – RIP

Jill Eke writes:

George Ward very sadly died early in May. George, with other MGA owners, founded the MGA Register back in 1970. The Register celebrated the first 50 years at the Phoenix Inn, where it all started, in 2019 and a book was produced - *The MGA Register, The First Fifty Years*, for distribution in 2020 to mark the anniversary.

In recent years George concentrated on MMM and T Type cars, and he was a keen hill climber.

The MGA Register passes its condolences to George's friends and family

FBHVC Survey

The Federation of British Historic Vehicles Club advocates on behalf of over 500 Classic Vehicle Clubs (including MG CC) with a key objective of ensuring that those classic vehicles (over 30 years old) can remain on the road.

In the May edition of this Newsletter, I reported that FBHVC is requesting that owners of classic vehicles (like us!) complete their survey to help them make their case to legislators for fair treatment of classic vehicles.

I encouraged readers to complete the FBHVC 2025 Survey, and I am pleased to report that almost 18,000 classic vehicle owners, plus 501 Classic Vehicle Clubs completed the survey. – Thank you to all who participated.

The report will be published in the Autumn, when parliament returns after the summer recess. For more information, see www.fbhvc.co.uk

MGA Register eNewsletter – Back Copies

(Just in case you have trouble sleeping, and need something to read to help you sleep) Our webmaster, Joe Walsh, has now added historical copies of this eNewsletter to the MGA Register website, - Find them at

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/the-mga-eneewsletter-library/>

Membership and Records

Have you moved house in the recent past? Or changed your e-mail address?

Maybe you want to choose "Digital MG CC Membership" rather than receive hard copy version of Safety Fast! magazine (and to save money on your annual subscription)?

Or maybe you have changed your MG and wish to update which Registers you are associated with?

Did you know you can update your Membership details online via the MG Car Club website?

– Just log in to the Members section – top right of the Home page (you will need your membership number and password!) and you can update the records held by Kimber House.

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/members/login/>

(Sorry, but this MGA Register eNewsletter mailing list is a separate file – "GDPR, y'know!"-, so if you wish to update your mailing address for this eNewsletter you will also have to write to me separately at mgcarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com for that!)

Reports on Recent Events

Not many (national) MG and Classic Events during May and June, but there are plenty planned for the coming month, as you will read below.

Looking forward, if you go to any events, feel free to send me a brief report and a couple of pictures (.jpeg format, please, not .heic or .heif!), and I will publish them in future editions of this eNewsletter.

Scottish MGA Day 2025 – 18th May 2025

Paul Dean writes Scottish MGA Day 2025 was held on the earlier than usual on Sunday 18th May in 2025. This was because the MGA Register's 2025 MGA Spring Weekend, traditionally held in May, has moved into July for this 70th Anniversary Year.

The choice of date looks good, because the 7 participants enjoyed a dry and sunny day for the Scottish tour.

That tour started at the Blair Drummond Smiddy Farm Shop. The route then took the cars north over the high road to Comrie and via Loch Earn to Killin and Loch Tay. From there it went on to the spectacular Ben Lawers Road to Bridge of Balgie in Glen Lyon.

Lunch was taken at a fancy hotel in Fortingall, with minor drama as the chef had walked out earlier in the day.....

After lunch the route went back down to Loch Tay and round its Easterly end at Kenmore complete with its busy sandy beach and a General Wade bridge. The General Wade extensive road system was built following the Bonnie Prince Charlie led Jacobite Rising to keep the Highlanders in control.

From the end of the Loch, as the main road followed the valley to the left, we headed straight up the valley side. This is the most vicious bit of road I know in Scotland. It is very steep, narrow with minimal passing places, and includes no less than 6 hairpins.

The drive then continued over high moorland before the steep descent, with another 2 hairpins, into Glen Quaich, and onwards via the relatively straightforward roads to the destination of Crieff via the Sma Glen.

Full details are in the July 2025 edition of Safety Fast! magazine.



MG European Event of The Year 2025 – Abano Terme, Italy

Joe Walsh writesThis year's European Event of The Year was held over the weekend of the 29th May to 1st June in Abano Terme, not far from Padova (Padua), Northern Italy. Together with an old school mate we took my 1956 MGA with a plan to go via the Swiss Alps and return via Slovenia, Austria, Germany and Belgium taking in some well-known historic and tourist sights on the way.

26th May – An early start and 2 hours later we were checking into the Channel Tunnel in Ashford. Out the other side and onto the A26 to the first stop over in Troyes in France. During the usual end of day service check, or “pit stop”, to top up the oil and check the coolant I noticed one of the fancy/expensive UK manufactured LED headlight bulbs had blown. The LEDs were very expensive so the spares I had were the old incandescent lamps.



With that fixed it was time to find a nice bar and have a meal.

27th May – Another early start for a long drive into Switzerland to the beautiful little village of Iseltwald on the shores of a lake Birenzensee, (left) near Interlaken. The "pit stop" was the usual oil top up but not a drop of coolant was needed despite another long motorway run.



28th May - Morning – This is what we've been looking forward to for the last year! Over three of the most stunning high level passes in the Alps, the Grimsel, the Furka (middle, left) and the Gotthard (bottom, left). We had to hold off leaving until 9am to make sure the passes were open because there's still a risk of closure due to snow at this time of year. Worryingly though, there was not a lot of snow at the higher altitudes.



Good for us but sadly yet another indicator of a shift in weather patterns. This was a fantastic morning running up the twisting passes of the Swiss Alps. Incidentally, the Furka Pass was the location for the scene in “Goldfinger” where James Bond pursues Tilly Masterson in his Aston Martin DB5.

The 69 year old MGA was well up to the job with the only issue being a slight loss of power above 1800m as the air got thinner.

Considering I've got the original 3-bearing 1489cc engine the way it pulled two of us plus

luggage up the switchback mountain roads was amazing. I found the MGA much easier to position in the corners than the TVR I've driven previously on these roads. Obviously the 200ft/lbs grunt from the TVR's V8 made accelerating out of steep uphill hair-pins easier than in the MGA but overall I think I enjoyed the MGA experience more.

Afternoon – Unfortunately this was a long, long slog across northern Italy on the Autostrada from hell. Six very uncomfortable hours sitting in hot sticky jams with thousands and thousands of heavy trucks belching out heat and fumes. On paper this was the most direct way to get from the bottom of the Gotthard to Padova but with the benefit of 20/20 hindsight we could have chosen a better route. The temperature gauge went to 210F as we sat in the jams. We finally got to the event hotel at 8pm, completely exhausted and desperate for cold *birra*.

We were greeted by the wonderful organising team who gave us all our rally paraphernalia and instructions. Then of course the usual "pit stop" before heading for the bar. So after a very long day which started with an exhilarating run over the Swiss Alps to an altitude of over 2500m followed by a prolonged 30C+ cooking on a horribly congested Italian Autostrada surely, surely the radiator must need topping up? But no! Not a drop of coolant vented off despite being cooked on that awful motorway.

29th May - First day of the event proper. The day started with a run to the small town of Monselice where we were given a guided tour of the ancient castle followed by an excellent lunch. Here we met up with our friends Howard & Lynne Quayle (*MGA Register Chairman, and his wife, in their modern TF*) as well as fellow UK owners David & Heather Robins. To see more of this event, watch this short video <https://youtu.be/eIjppUfTDjQ>. Then back to our hotel to get ready for our evening meal with the rest of the group.



30th May – Today we were escorted by police motorcycle outriders the centre of Padova where all the cars were assembled in marque order (left). <https://youtu.be/FWDFK3zvBBM> This special treatment made us feel very privileged and highlighted the enthusiasm European owners have for their MGs. When we were all parked up I counted 31 MGAs but only 2 from the UK, ours and Gordon and Mary

Derham's Mk II Roadster. Out of 134 participating cars there were just six UK MGs on the event. Following a bit of sightseeing, we enjoyed another good lunch in a private club followed by more sight-seeing around this beautiful town. This evening's meal was at a different restaurant and the organisers had planned a very enjoyable route through the vine growing area of the region. One of the most enjoyable driving experiences one can have is in an open-top classic sports car driving on beautiful roads savouring the scents of jasmine, wood smoke and newly mown grass wafting on the warm summer evening breeze.

31st May - Following a well set out route to al Campo Volo Fondazione Jonathan, a private airfield, we were given a flying display by two WW1 era aircraft.

<https://youtu.be/yY3PXDSed9c>

Then on to lunch at a golf club - more pasta! Following lunch we took a short drive to a vineyard to sample the local Prosecco. Very nice! Unfortunately this visit had to come to an end so that we could get back to the hotel and get ready for the Gala Dinner. Watch this short video to see how enjoyable this was <https://youtu.be/qrtjqXudIF0>

1st June - Sunday morning and we were all presented with a bottle of Prosecco and an absolutely fantastic, personalised photo album <https://youtu.be/tywHt3r7C90> . These superb mementos not only gave us something to cherish in the future but illustrated very nicely the superb planning, organisation and attention to detail by the Italian MGCC organising team.

The next destination for us was Bled in Slovenia (right) so we spent the day driving over the mountains and deliberately avoiding the motorway. Howard and Lynne used a "Motor-Rail" service through the four-mile-long tunnel under the Julian Alps. This was a fantastic day! Slovenia is a beautiful country and the roads were made for MGs. We were staying two nights in Bled to give ourselves a rest and a day off driving.



2nd June - No driving! We spent the day being a tourist in Bled, climbing up to the castle in the morning and enjoying a totally relaxing boat trip on the lake in the afternoon. In the evenings we met up with Howard and Lynne to enjoy the excellent food and drink available in the restaurants and bars. The Slovenian for beer is "pivo", my first Slovenian word! This was a good bit of planning as we needed the rest and Bled is absolutely stunning. I'd encourage everyone to visit Bled, but not all at once!



3rd June – Up early and over the mountains again and into Austria. Another fantastic drive through beautiful mountain scenery and some lengthy tunnels, destination Salzburg (left). We arrived late afternoon and headed off into the Old Town area to visit the attractions. Salzburg is justifiably world famous for its beautiful old buildings, shops and castle and the city certainly lived up to its reputation. The people

were typical "big city" though, e.g. "sit here, what do you want, here you go, pay up, goodbye". Service was not included!

4th June – After breakfast we went down to get the car and found it had a puncture. That chopped an hour off the start time and that, combined with an unpleasant run on congested German Autobahns, meant we didn't get into Nuremburg until after 4pm. The intention was to visit the infamous Zeppelinfield Grandstand

(<https://museums.nuernberg.de/documentation-center/the-nazi-party-rally-grounds/information-system-rally-grounds/point-07>) but vehicle access was closed off because there was an event on. We were quite tired at this point and as it was already late afternoon we decided to give the Zeppelinfield a miss, go straight to the hotel and do the tourist bit around Nuremburg old town. Nuremburg is not as picturesque as Salzburg but the people were nicer and a plate of Nuremburg smoked sausages washed down by the local *bier* is highly recommended.

5th June - Thanks to friends of Howard & Lynne (Allan and Eva Doyle, MGCC members, who live near Nuremburg) we got a new tube in the punctured wheel and set out on our journey to Valkenberg in Holland where we met up with them again for a very enjoyable evening meal.

6th June – Another early start and four hours on a relatively stress free Belgian motorway got us to the Channel Tunnel and back to the UK, this time to sit in British jams on British motorways. We finally got home about 4pm, completely exhausted but knowing we had achieved something significant and memorable.

So in summary; an absolutely brilliant trip with so much crammed into just 12 days. We would have preferred to use the motorways less but our desire to squeeze in as much as possible made using them unavoidable. Total distance travelled was 2505 miles, from sea level to over 2500m and down again averaging 33mpg. The cooling system worked perfectly in all driving conditions, the engine lost 3L of oil out the back of the scroll-seal and apart from a puncture the only failure was a very expensive modern high-tech LED headlamp bulb.

So what's stopping you taking your MGA, or any other MG for that matter, on a European adventure? If your car is well maintained and cared for you can be confident that it will take you on an adventure to remember. Next year the event is in France, in Brive-la-Gaillarde in the Perigord region (the Dordogne), in May 2026.

So why not join us for what will surely be an excellent road-trip to this stunningly beautiful part of France? Next year's location means we will be able to almost completely avoid motorways and just use the wonderful French 'N' & 'D' roads.

Subject to individual preference for crossing the Channel It also means that to get to Brive we should not need to drive more than 150 miles in any one day. The first night will be in or near Le Mans, the second in or near Poitiers and the 3rd day will see us arrive in Brive-la-Gaillarde in time for event signing on at 14.00 on the 21st May 2026.

The European Event of The Year is always very special so if you are interested in joining us in your MGA, or any other MG, please keep an eye on the "Events" page of the "MGA Register" website <https://mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/events-in-2023> More information will be published as the plans are finalised.

Overseas News

News from MG Vintage Racers – USA

Two pieces of news from our MG VR Correspondent, **Dave Nicholas**

Racing at Watkins Glen and Lime Rock – September 2025

MG racers - There is a lot to talk about this month - SVRA is entering a new era under new management.

Northeast Vintage Palooza!
CELEBRATING THE WORLD OF VINTAGE RACING

Back-to-Back Race Weekends at Two Historic Tracks:

LIME ROCK PARK HISTORIC FESTIVAL 43 August 29 - September 1, 2025

SpeedTour Experience Motorsports WATKINS GLEN September 4-7, 2025

* Racers entering BOTH events get a **FREE** Test Day during the Watkins Glen SpeedTour

Complete your entries before **August 1, 2025**

Use Promo Code **LR2025** to get the Free Test Day

SpeedTour offers a wide range of activities:

- Featuring Air-Cooled Porsche, MG and Brian Redman as Grand Marshal
- **THURSDAY:** Free Test Day for dual-entry racers
- **THURSDAY:** Purchase tickets to the IWRC's dinner honoring Brian Redman with the Argentsinger Award
- **FRIDAY:** Confirm your entry in the Grand Prix Festival Reenactment Race through the streets of Watkins Glen
- **SATURDAY:** Enjoy the Participant Dinner at the Disco Club with an outstanding view of the famous Escapes

Enter Lime Rock  Enter Watkins Glen 

FIRST: Our MGVR always offers a terrific entry fee deal for Watkins Glen events on Sept 4-7 with the highlight being the Collier Cup. Our race time is much better, - now Sunday at 2:00 pm not 3:30pm. There is also the MG Collier Cup special entry for \$295 that includes one practice, one qualifying session and the Collier Cup race. Even better is there will be NO TRANS AM at the event meaning more paddock space, more track time and the focus on Vintage. This year will bring back the downtown re-enactment and festival and your cars are always eligible to enter. A fun feature will be the Ragtime Racers exhibition of pre 1920 cars. The organizers are working hard to bring the Vintage Grand Prix - back to Vintage.

SECOND: SVRA is offering a Dual Deal entry fee for entering both the Lime Rock Historic Festival AND the Watkins Glen Vintage GP. Enter both and you will get a free test day.

These are all Vintage weekends with the added bonus of the Ragtime Racers, the Triumph Kastner Cup at Lime Rock, a full field of Formula Fords at Watkins Glen along with Brian Redman as Grand Marshal. You can count on your MGVR and SVRA to come up with a nice gathering during the weekend where all are invited.

MG versus TR, at Pittsburgh

Racers Unite ! Those pesky, ugly Triumphs have thrown down the gauntlet and we must respond. July 11-13 at Pittsburgh Motorsports. If you have not been there, it is a gem with great paddock parking, spots for RV's including electric and a smooth, rolling wonderful track where our wonderful handling MG's will send the roll over prone TR's whimpering back to their hovels. Here is the complete info;
<https://pvgp.org/triumph-mg-challenge/>

We will need volunteers from among you to help with our MG social evening. Really, what's the point of racing if you can't have some time with your buddies?



TRIUMPH – MG CHALLENGE
PVGP HISTORICS AT PITT RACE
JULY 11–13, 2025

[Triumph - MG Challenge | PVGP](#)
The PVGP is pleased to announce the new Triumph-MG Challenge PVGP Historics at Pitt Race July 11 – 13, 2025. The friendly rivalry between the Triumph and MG faithful will be tested, with racers from Coventry and Abingdon battling it out for bragging rights at a track ideal for these British racing legends.
pvgp.org

Travelling In France

Phil Slade has recently returned from travelling in France, and has this information:
[NEW – Changes to Toll Charging on French Motorways April 2025](#)

Whilst driving in France recently I noticed these changes first introduced in 2024 France is phasing out traditional motorway toll gates in favour of a "free-flow" system on selected routes. Drivers using these roads still need to pay tolls, but physical barriers have been removed, with technology being used to scan the number plates or toll tags of vehicles.

This means drivers can pass through designated toll areas without stopping - similar to the Dartford Bridge crossing here in UK - using electronic toll tags or license plate recognition to record their journeys. The A13 and A14 (Paris-Normandy route) are among the roads transitioning to this system.

You will see overhead signs on a gantry above the road that say, 'Peage En Flux Libre' and 'Payer Sur SANEF.COM 72H', but if you don't understand this, there's NOTHING in English to assist. - So if you don't have a Toll Tag (Emovis / Liber-t tag) then you need to pay online within 72 hours on the 'sanef.com' website or possibly get a fine.

Future Events – 2025

("By special request...") In this and future editions of this MGA eNewsletter, I also give details of events "led by" or "sponsored by" our colleagues in the Magonette Register. – As someone remarked – "The Magonette is really just a 4 door MGA..."

Magonette Register Events Organiser **John Harris** is still looking for feedback on any previous Magonette events, which for a variety of reasons have had a "mixed response" in terms of attendance in recent times. - Magonette owners and anyone who attended the events are invited to pass their comments to John at johnharris37@btinternet.com

Here's a summary of the 2025 Events involving the Magonette Register (MGAs Welcome!):

- Fawley Hill. - MGA Day. – See later - (6th July)
- Kop Hill. (20th – 21st September)
- Magonette Lou Shorten Weekend, Norwich. (4th – 5th October)

News of future events in 2025 and beyond for all types of MG, MGA, and Magonette are in the following paragraphs and on the respective websites.

29th Magnette European Weekend – 28th and 29th June

This year's event will be held in Nijmegen, in the Netherlands.

Abingdon Works Motorsport 70th Anniversary – 13th July

David Scothorn has notified us about the Abingdon Competition Department 70th Anniversary event, at Gaydon.

BMC and Leyland Show, Gaydon 13th July 2025

If you have a car that was prepared in the Abingdon Competition Department for racing, rallying and endurance events and would like to display it on the day, please email details to bmccomps70@outlook.com

David Halliday tells us that many of the Australian MGA Contingent will be in attendance, following the Spring Tour to Ireland and MGA Day at Fawley.

MG Fest North – 6th and 7th September 2025

This is a NEW event to the calendar, organised by the MG Car Club.

It will be held at the **Croft Racing Circuit**, near Darlington (DL2 2PL) over the weekend of 6th and 7th September 2025.

The event will include:

- A full weekend race programme, including MGs, organised by BRSCC.
- Main Arena attractions including Anniversary car celebrations
- Parade Laps
- MG Car Club Parking, and MG Car Club Stands (any volunteers for the MGA Register stand?)
- Trade Stands and Autojumble, Bar and Food Stands
- Pride of Ownership, and Show and Shine,
- Road runs, and Carkhana,
- Classic Buses into Northallerton
- Daytime musical entertainment, plus Live Band and DJ (Saturday night – ticket entry)

There is no camping allowed on site, but there are plenty of campsites and hotels nearby. Further information from the MG Car Club website or on pages 16 and 17 of June's Safety Fast!

Book online, and MG Car Club Members can get discounted tickets by entering your Membership Number in the PROMO BOX. – But note that your membership number can only be used once – so if you are booking for a larger group you need to book all those tickets at once!

There's more!!!

2025 is the 200th Anniversary of railways in the UK, and of course the first railway line ran between Stockton on Tees and Darlington, which are close to Croft.

For rail enthusiasts, there is an excellent museum near to Croft (Hopetown, formerly the Head Of Steam, at DL3 6SW) with celebratory events on throughout this bi-centenary year.

Kop Hill – 20th and 21st September

Another "old favourite" for the Magnette Register in particular – This is both a social event and a competitive event. And this year the MGA Register is participating. - Here's a summary of the event from **Joe Walsh**:



The MGA Register has teamed up with the organisers of the prestigious Kop Hill Climb weekend to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the MGA - 'MGA 70'.



The centrepiece of this exciting event will be the replica of the famous BMC Competition Department transporter (right) which will be on display with a selection of MGAs.

To be part of the 'MGA70' paddock display you will need to book a display pass for one or both days. - The cost is:-

- £30 for one day (including one passenger i.e. per MGA)
- £45 for both days (including one passenger i.e. per MGA)

On each day, places in the MGA Register allocated parking area are limited, so please book early if you want to be part of the 'MGA 70' display.

When booking, it is important that you affiliate your car to the "MGA Register Club" display. Only MGAs registered and affiliated to the "MGA Register Club" will be able to park in the dedicated "MGA 70" parking area in the paddock. (For help on "Affiliating" see the Kop Hill page on the MGA Register website – link shown at the end of this article.)

All bookings and payments must be made through the Kop Hill booking website – www.kophillclimb.co.uk

Owners attending the event will have the opportunity to take part in untimed and non-competitive runs up Hill itself. This part of the weekend is always oversubscribed so if you want to run your MGA up the Hill be sure to book this extra activity as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT – There has been a small change to the positioning of the MGA 70 display which has resulted in very positive change for our 'MGA 70' display. Contrary to the earlier announcement, Hill Runners will not now be in a separated parking area. This means **ALL MGAs** which have been accepted for a Hill run will now be able to park with the rest of the 'MGA 70 display'. As at the time of writing, 15 MGAs have registered for the event. There is still room for more MGAs, especially on the Sunday, so if you have not yet booked please go to the Kop Hill website and get booked in. Please remember to affiliate your car to the "MGA Register Club". More information and details of how to register can be found on the MGA Register website –

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/events-in-2023/kop-hill-2025-20th-21st-september/>

If you are intending to go to the event please register and "Affiliate" to the "MGA Register Club".

If you have not booked with Kop Hill previously you will need to set up a booking account. The Kop Hill Climb takes place near Princess Risborough, HP27 0LB. See www.kophillclimb.org.uk and the MGA and Magnette Register websites for more details.

Lou Shorten Weekend - 4th and 5th October

The traditional Magnette Lou Shorten weekend will be held over the weekend of 4th and 5th October. It will be held in the Norwich area.

NEC Classic Car Show – 7th – 9th November

Early warning that the Lancaster Insurance Classic Car Show will take place at NEC between 7th and 9th November. Information about discounted tickets for MG CC Members will be included in the September edition of this eNewsletter.

MGA70 – 2025

MGA70 Grille Badges

Way back in September 2024, **Joe Walsh** wrote:



The MGA was launched in 1955 meaning that 2025 is the marque's 70th anniversary. If you have read previous editions of the eNewsletter you will know that the MGA Register commissioned a limited edition of 100 very special grille badges to celebrate the event. The eNewsletter gave full details of the badge and although it was stated "*when they are gone they are gone*" it was not expected that the entire production run would be over-subscribed and would sell out within a few weeks.

Due to unprecedented demand for this 'MGA 70' grille and pin badges the Register has commissioned a 4th batch which should be with our Merchandise Manager (Graham Eke) by the middle of May.

There's more! - We also commissioned a matching pin badge (right). This measures 30mm wide (right).

To order your badge(s), contact mgaregistershop@outlook.com. Our PayPal account continues to be the preferred method for invoicing and payment, but other payment options are available.

Postal charges have recently increased.

Prices:

- Grille badge only = £25.00 + p&p (£3.70 for UK – Royal Mail 1st Class)
- Grille badge + pin badge = £26.00 + p&p (£3.70 for UK - Royal Mail 1st Class)
- Pin badge only = £3.50 + p&p (£3.20 for UK for up to 5 badges – Royal Mail 1st Class)



At time of writing (mid June 2025) just 23 MGA70 Grille badges remain in stock. - This will be the last of the stock.

Similarly, just 25 MGA70 Pin badges remain in stock. Again, this will be the last of the stock. MGA70 Grille Badges and pins can be **pre-ordered** for collection at the MGA Celtic Classic Spring Tour in Derry, - but orders will need to be with Graham Eke (aka mgaregistershop@outlook.com) before 20 June 2025.

MG Club of France – MGA 70 Event, 11th to 14th September

The MG Club in France have organised a special event for MGA70. – It will take place in Saint-Julien-en-Genevois in the Haute-Savoie, Rhones-Alpes (on the Swiss border, about 20 km south of Geneva).



MG Club of France



Region A

La Bred'A

Here's the story from organiser **Wendy Packer**:

70th Anniversary of the MGA Rally at Saint-Julien-en-Genevois 11 - 14 September 2025

Come and take part in the 70th. anniversary of the MGA in the Haute-Savoie in the region Rhône-Alpes! It is a meeting dedicated to the MGA, but other models in the club are welcome. Priority will be given to MGA owners up until 31 March 2025.



The MGA appeared for the first time in the form of three prototypes EX182 during the 24 Hours of Le Mans in June 1955. It took until October 1955 for the production model to appear, presented at the London Motor Show with a new slogan « MGA, first of a new line»; presage of a great commercial success because 101,081 examples were produced between 1955 and 1962.



Provisional Programme

The meeting will take place from Thursday afternoon 11th. Until Sunday after lunch 14th. September.

Participants will be welcome at the AC Hôtel by Marriott Saint-Julien-en-Genevois for the duration of the touristic rally (3 nights).

Thursday: From 3pm, reception of the participants, issue of welcome kit and roadbook, animations and club boutique.

Information on the procedure of the anniversary weekend, installation of the participants at the AC Hôtel where the bar will be open for those who wish to quench their thirst. Then the apéritif hour will be followed by a dinner Food Truck « Poêlée Tartiflette ».

(Please make sure of your tolerance for cheese as well as that of your copilot, in the case of negative please tell us on your inscription)



Friday: Day between "land and sea" (180 km)

Departure split into groups Band'Abondance and Band'Annecy.

For the Band'Abondance group, departure at 08.00 for a route in the heart of the Vallée Verte with gentle meanders to reach the mountain village Abondance, with a choice of visit either to the Abbaye or the Maison du Fromage (choice to be indicated at the inscription). (90 km)

After lunch, some well-defined bends will lead you to Publier, departure point to discover the "Parcours de la Goutte d'Eau Evian®". (30 km)

Then return to the AC Hôtel (60 km)



Dinner in the restaurant Les Cocottes – Christian Constant

For the Band'Annecy group, departure later at 9.00. It is the same route as the first group but the opposite direction...

Lunch will take place in the mountains (group Band'Abondance) or by the water (group Band'Annecy).

Saturday : Bells but famous ! (90 km + free ride)

Participants will have half a day free, morning for the group Band'Abondance and afternoon for the group Band'Annecy.

Free but occupied, because the challenge will be to choose which sites will you discover among those included on a list which you will be given... unless you prefer to laze about on this half day free?

The two groups will be reunited at Sevrier for lunch in the form of a buffet on the « Balcons du Lac d'Annecy », until the ring of the bell invites you to go to the Musée de la Cloche Paccard, tenor bell, chimes, bells... you will know everything!

Like the day before, switch over the groups for the visit of the musée de la Cloche Paccard.

Dinner in the restaurant Les Cocottes – Christian Constant



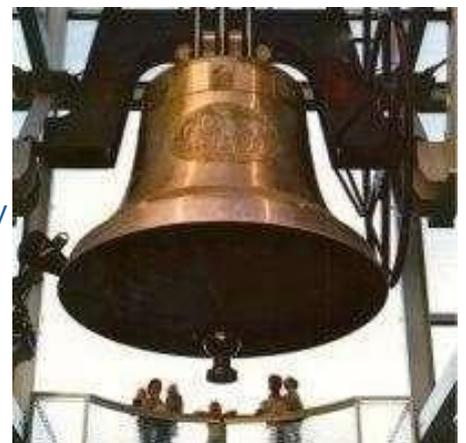
Sunday: Not to be forgotten...

The 2 groups will take the high route in the direction of the Plateau des Glières, strong point of the Résistance (1440m), the morning will begin with the route of the historic circuit of discovery and the visit of the "Centre de Mémoire du Maquis".

In order not to forget the

70th. anniversary celebration of the MGA, A group photo will be taken to immortalise your presence.

Lunch « Chez Constance » will close the 70th. Anniversary of the MGA!





Hôtel and services/Casino

AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT® SAINT-JULIEN- EN-GENEVOIS

9000 Route d'Annecy, Zone de Cervonnex, Saint Julien-en-Genevois, France, 74160

The AC Hôtel by Marriott is a 4-star establishment which incorporate a complex within the hotel « The Casino de Saint-Julien-en-Genevois » and the restaurant « Les Cocottes » of Christian Constant.

The hotel has 93 top comfort spacious bedrooms, a lounge area and a fitness area. Parking is guarded. Animals are accepted (ask us).

The hotel bar is open Monday - Friday 10.00-23.30
Sat-Sun 11.00-23.30

The hotel is completely pre-reserved for our event. The bedrooms are equipped with free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, safe, mini bar, welcome tray, iron and ironing board, hair dryer.



Special animations « Anniversaire de la MGA »

- Exhibition of the models Thursday afternoon in the car park of the hotel AC Marriott,
- Games to discover there.

Assistance breakdown

We have a recovery vehicle contactable by telephone in the event of a vehicle broken down.



Tarifs

- The tariff includes four days, starting Thursday 11th. September afternoon and finishing Sunday 14th. September after lunch with :
 - 3 nights with breakfast and taxe séjour at the AC Hôtel by Marriott Saint-Julien-en-Genevois,
 - Dinners from Thursday to Saturday, lunches from Friday to Sunday (drinks included for dinners only),
 - Roadbook and rally plaque, goodies, organisation, assistance,
- Tarif for a team of two people: 970€
- Tarif for a team of one person alone: 680€
- We ask you to register with a first payment of 200€ (preferably bank transfer), and the balance on the 31st. May,
- We will give priority to registrations for MGAs until 31st. March **Limit Date for subscription : 30 June 2025.**

Information - Organisation and Registrations :

Registration: Jocelyne Denis – jocelyne.denis@mgclubdefrance.com +33 6 09 41 51 83

Organisation : Stéphanie Portal – stephanie.portal@mgclubdefrance.com
+41 79 368 2004

To register online, go to <https://mgclubdefrance/calendrier-2025/> and search for **MGA** in the box that says **Search for an exit**. The registration form can be printed and downloaded from there.

MGA Register Chairman **Howard Quayle** adds:

Anney (about 30km south of Saint-Julien) and its lake are a beautiful place to spend a few days at any time of the year, but you could also make a longer holiday built round this event, travelling down via Dijon, Geneva, and Lac Lemman. For anyone wanting to go further south, why not travel south to Aix-en-Provence and Marseille, or venture into Italy, trying out some of the Cols used by the road-testing experts of European car magazines in the 1950s?

MG Price List 1955

At a recent show I came across the Nuffield Group car price list from the 1955 Earls Court Motor show (right) – It is an A5 sheet, folded to A6 size.

It contains prices of Morris, MG, Wolseley and Riley Cars.
MGA1500 Roadster was £595 0 0, plus Purchase Tax of £249 0 10, – a total of £844 0 10. – That's £844. 04 in today's currency.

PRICE LIST

EARLS COURT
MOTOR SHOW
1955

MORRIS
M. G.
RILEY
WOLSELEY

HOME RETAIL
EX-WORKS PRICES
19th-29th October

NUFFIELD ORGANIZATION PRICE LIST				HOME RETAIL EX-WORKS PRICE			
	Home Retail Price	Purchase Tax	Total Price		Home Retail Price	Purchase Tax	Total Price
MORRIS				M. G.			
finer 2-door Saloon*	£ 373 0 0	£ 156 10 10	£ 529 10 10	Series MGA	£ 595 0 0	£ 249 0 10	£ 844 0 10
finer 2-door Saloon (Deluxe model)	£ 389 0 0	£ 163 4 2	£ 552 4 2	1½ litre Magnette Saloon	£ 645 0 0	£ 269 17 6	£ 914 17 6
finer Convertible*	£ 373 0 0	£ 156 10 10	£ 529 10 10				
finer Convertible (Deluxe model)	£ 388 0 0	£ 162 15 10	£ 550 15 10	RILEY			
finer 4-door Saloon*	£ 375 0 0	£ 165 14 2	£ 540 14 2	Pathfinder Saloon	£ 875 0 0	£ 365 14 2	£ 1,240 14 2
finer 4-door Saloon (Deluxe model)	£ 414 10 0	£ 173 16 8	£ 588 6 8				
finer Traveller*	£ 422 10 0	£ 177 3 4	£ 599 13 4	WOLSELEY			
finer Traveller (Deluxe model)	£ 438 10 0	£ 183 16 8	£ 622 6 8	Four-Fortyfour Saloon (Windress washer optional)	£ 595 0 0	£ 249 0 10	£ 844 0 10
* These models use passenger's sun visor, heated overriders, and wiper motor with automatic operation.				Four-Fortyfour Saloon (Windress washer standard)	£ 750 0 0	£ 313 12 6	£ 1,063 12 6
† Deluxe models with two sun visors (except Convertible), heated overriders, rubber-covered exhausts and squabs.				Six-Ninety Saloon			
Jowley Saloon	£ 495 0 0	£ 207 7 6	£ 702 7 6				
Deford Saloon (Series I)	£ 525 0 0	£ 219 17 6	£ 744 17 6				
Deford Traveller (Series II)	£ 500 0 0	£ 242 15 10	£ 742 15 10				
1½ Saloon*	£ 565 0 0	£ 236 10 10	£ 801 10 10				
1½ Saloon (Deluxe model)	£ 595 0 0	£ 249 0 10	£ 844 0 10				
1½ Traveller	£ 675 0 0	£ 282 7 6	£ 957 7 6				
* Manual transmission, over-drive, floor, main suspension, hydraulic brake system, battery for use with 12-volt 15-amp, and 100-amp optional equipment.				† Deluxe models with 8.00-13 tyres, over-drive, main suspension, bench seats and other fine features, floor coverings and floor mats, clock, speed indicator and fuel indicator, rear view facility, automatic door locks, rubber-covered exhausts and squabs, battery for use with 12-volt 15-amp.			

HOME RETAIL EX-WORKS PRICES
These are the ex-Works prices obtaining at the date of publication and, with the specifications, they are liable to alteration from time to time without notice.

Future MGA Tours and Events – 2025 and 2026

MGA Spring Tour 2025

(As noted earlier in this Newsletter) 2025 is a special Anniversary year for MGA and for MGA owners – it will be 70 years since the first MGA was made.

In conjunction with Scenic Car Tours, the MGA Register Committee has arranged a correspondingly “special” and memorable Tour for 2025, designed to appeal to Register members worldwide – not just in the UK.

As reported in previous editions of this eNewsletter we have put a package together, which is based around Scenic Car Tours **Celtic Classic** Tour of Northern Ireland, - Full details of that tour are at <https://www.celticclassic.co.uk/>

In summary:

- It is 5 days and 4 nights based in Derry. Driving tours will cover the North East corner of Ireland, between Belfast and Derry, and will include tours of the Causeway Coast (East) and a stretch of the Wild Atlantic Coast from Derry to Letterkenny (West). It will also include a visit to the Giant’s Causeway (sorry - extra charge of £19.50 per person for non-members of the National Trust!). We will also drive to Belfast, where we will visit the Titanic Experience and have the option of a guided tour of the city. Whilst in Belfast, there will be an opportunity for exclusive MGA parking on the famous Titanic slipway at the docks.
- Sunday 29th June is a “Free Day”, with no events planned beyond the evening’s Gala Dinner and Ceilidh. Scenic will provide routes for recommended scenic drives for those who wish to explore the area. But if you just want a day off driving then there will be an optional guided walking tour of Derry, at a cost of £6 per person.
- Price per person for this tour is £649 for Bed and Breakfast, plus an additional £75 per person for the Sunday Night Gala Dinner and Ceilidh, using the 4* Waterfoot Hotel in Derry. **If you have not booked for the gala dinner, please note that you will not be able to “book it on the day”. - The numbers need to be confirmed in advance of the tour, so you need to book the Gala Dinner now!**
- The MGA Register has reserved all the available rooms at the Waterfoot Hotel for the period of the tour, and these are now fully booked.
- We have an “overflow” hotel nearby – The White Horse, but that will cost £699 per person for “Standard” rooms. Guests staying at the White Horse will be able to join Sunday’s Gala Dinner and Ceilidh at the Waterfoot Hotel. (Transport will be provided)
- Sadly, single supplements apply to all tours – even the car ferry costs the same with one passenger or two!. But current MG Car Club Members can get an extra **£50 per booking** discount on these prices – see the table of prices below. There are still a couple of suites available at the White Horse.
- The tour price includes daytime ferry crossings between the mainland and Ireland – Liverpool to Belfast, Cairnryan to Belfast, Holyhead to Dublin, Fishguard to Rosslare, or Pembroke to Rosslare. Overnight sailings may carry a surcharge. (For Irish residents, and members not travelling from the mainland, “Event only” prices excluding ferry costs are shown in the table below.)
- **Tour dates are Thursday 26th June to Monday 30th June 2025.**
- Details of the itinerary for the 5 days, and details of the Waterfoot hotel, are on the MGA 2025 Celtic Classic / Scenic Car Tours website.
<https://www.celticclassic.co.uk/mga-celtic-classic> .
- All prices assume 2 persons per room, and 2 persons per car.

Dundrod Excursion

- During the afternoon of Saturday 28th June (following our visit to the Titanic Experience in Belfast) we have an opportunity to drive to the Dundrod circuit – the site of many famous MGA successes in the 1950s. Following a buffet lunch (£13), we will have a presentation about Dundrod and the MGA, and a chance to drive the circuit. To date, we have around 40 people joining this additional excursion, but places must be pre-booked. If you wish to join this excursion, please contact organiser **Mervyn Gillespie** at mg.mga@btinternet.com, using the booking form in Appendix 2 to this Newsletter.
- If you join this excursion, then:
 - You will have early breakfast on Saturday, so you can depart from your hotel for Belfast by 08.30
 - You will be in the first tour groups onto the Titanic, from 10.15 am.
 - We will have dedicated parking at the Titanic, to allow rapid exit after the Titanic Tour
 - We will depart the Titanic for Dundrod by 12.30. A route out of the city will be provided.
 - We will arrive at Dundrod by 1.00 pm for a finger-buffet lunch, including sandwiches and tea or coffee, followed by a film show of the 1955 race preceded by a short talk on the history of the Dundrod Circuit and MGs involvement.
 - We will then take a led drive around the circuit. Thereafter we will drive along the Seven Mile Straight which was part of the old Ulster Grand Prix Clady Circuit to Nutts Corner, made famous by Geoff Duke (if you're old enough to remember him).
 - From there you will be given directions for a main road and scenic drive via the Glenshane Pass back to Londonderry, arriving in good time for dinner.
 - (And rather than take the Bus Tour of Belfast on Saturday afternoon, you will have a transferrable ticket which will allow you to take that tour on Monday 30th if you wish.)

Dundrod Organiser **Mervyn Gillespie** adds: [This excursion is a separate event from the Scenic Tours' Celtic Classic. It is organised by members of the MGCC MGA Register, and as such will be covered by a MSUK exemption certificate and also will have Police Service Northern Ireland approval.](#)

[The cost of this optional part of the tour will be £13.00 per person, to include lunch.](#)

[Final joining instructions will be sent nearer to the date.](#)

[I hope this will be a sociable and enjoyable MG themed afternoon as a part of your Ireland experience.](#)

How to Book the Celtic Classic Tour?

- Follow the booking links on the Scenic Car Tours website OR
- Phone Scenic Car Tours 01732 879153 Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm, quoting your unique MGA Tour codes "CC-WFMGA" for the Waterfoot Hotel, or "CC-WHMGA" for the White Horse, overflow hotel OR
- If you have previously booked a tour with Scenic Car Tours, and your details remain unchanged from your last tour, you can simply email Scenic at admin@sceniccartours.com to ask to book, and Scenic will send you an invoice using the saved details.

An ADDITIONAL £50 per **booking** MG Car Club discount can be used by MG Car Club Members (only), if a current and valid MGCC membership number is quoted at the time of booking. Those booking online, will need a unique discount code, obtainable from the Members Area of the MG Car Club website, <https://mgcc.co.uk/members/login/> and click on the Member Discounts box, or to speak to the Membership Team at Kimber House on 01235 555552 in order to enjoy the £50 per booking discount.

Tour Prices

Prices per person – 4 nights and 5 days, B&B basis Thursday 26 th to Monday 30 th June 2025. (MG Car Club Members deduct a further £50 per booking!)			
Guests From	Celtic Classic – Waterfoot – FULLY BOOKED	Celtic Classic – White Horse	Ferry Arrangements
UK Mainland	From £649 pp for twin / double (from £1049 single)	From £699 pp for twin / double (from £1199 pp single)	Daytime sailing - Mainland to Ireland, return, included
Ireland	From £520 pp for twin / double (from £791 single)	From £570 pp for twin / double (from £941 single)	No ferry costs
All prices are PLUS £75 pp for the Sunday Night Dinner and Ceilidh, which must be pre-booked.			

Other useful information:

- Online prices are based on standard rooms, upgrade rooms may carry additional charges.
- Full payment for the Tour, plus Scenic extras (= hotel costs, plus NT charges) are due NOW. All bookings are bound by Scenic's conditions of booking, found at <https://www.celticclassic.co.uk/terms-and-conditions>
- Please ensure you have thoroughly read all the information, before making a booking with your non-refundable payment.

LATEST UPDATE!

We already have over 40 MGA Register cars booked on the tour, and all the rooms at the "main" Tour hotel, the Waterfoot, are taken. But there is still time to book a place on the Tour, with just 2 suites still available at the White Horse.

What Happens Next?

If you have booked a place on the tour, then by now Scenic Car Tours will have contacted you to confirm your booking, confirm your ferry arrangements, and collect your final payment!

You should have been contacted by Scenic by e-mail during the second week of June, and by the time you read this eNewsletter you should have received your Tour Book and documents by courier. (If not, then YOU need to contact Scenic Car Tours on 01732 879153!)

MGA Day 2025 – Fawley Hill – Sunday 6th July

2025's MGA Day will be held rather earlier in the year than usual, on Sunday 6th July, at Fawley Hill, near Henley on Thames RG9 6JA. <https://fawleyhill.co.uk> As the website says: Fawley Hill is the private estate of the late Sir William McAlpine and Lady McAlpine in the heart of the English countryside. Once described by Country Life magazine as 'the most bonkers estate in Britain', it is home to a restored Victorian railway station, the steepest standard gauge railway track in the world, a railway museum and over 20 animal species. This change of date is so that guests from outside the UK who are joining us for the Spring 2025 Tour of Ireland can also join us for MGA Day (it is a long way to travel twice from Australia!!)

Can we get 70 MGAs to Fawley for MGA 70 Day? Yes we can, we now have 96 cars registered for this event! - but BOOKINGS ARE NOW CLOSED.

Organiser **Jill Eke** writes: On Sunday 6th July 2025 we have a private invitation to visit Fawley Hill Railway and Museum, the home of the late Sir William McAlpine, to celebrate our MGA Day.

A route will be provided from Faringdon to Fawley Hill for those who have booked into the hotel (Sudbury House Hotel, SN7 7AA) which will include one of the test routes used by the MG Factory "back in the day".

Bookings for this event are now CLOSED, and all entrants should have received their Entry Instructions.

MGA Merchandise, including the remaining MGA70 Grill Badges, will be available to purchase at this event, but payment is strictly CASH or CHEQUES only.

LATE NEWS: We expect that there will be at least 1 steam locomotive operating at Fawley on 6th July!

2026 and Beyond

Our 3 day driving tours are always popular, and so already we are now looking for organisers for events in **2027**. You can get a flavour of these events from the pieces about past events earlier in this and previous editions of this eNewsletter.

(Like most things in an organisation like the MGA Register) these events are all organised by volunteers from our membership, and so we are now looking for volunteers to organise the **Spring and Autumn 2027** events.

2027 sounds like a long time from now – but finding suitable venues can be a problem.

We typically get between 50 and 60 cars, so we need a venue that has a similar number of rooms, and secure parking for our precious cars. Beyond that, the details are pretty loose! – Use your imagination!!

Plans for the **2026 Spring Tour** (so that's May 2026!!) were progressing well (until this week!), and our organisers had agreed a package with an excellent venue in Lancashire – The Macdonald Tickled Trout Hotel, alongside J31 of the M6. Sadly, the hotel is presently CLOSED to guests, and we have no credible assurances as when it will re-open. But (as Lance Corporal Jones used to say) "Don't panic!" We are working on an alternative venue in Lancashire, and are confident the tour will still go ahead. The tour will take place between Tuesday 12th and Friday 15th May 2026, and will include driving tours to excellent local countryside and attractions. We expect to OPEN bookings from September 2025, and there should be more details including room rates etc in the September edition of this eNewsletter (which will be published mid August, due to holidays).

Similarly, plans are already well advanced for the **2026 Autumn Tour** (September 2026) which is likely to be "beside the seaside" in Devon. - More news of these events in future Newsletters, and on the MGA Register website.

If you think you could organise such an event, please let me know, and I will put you in touch with organisers of past events who will be able to answer any questions, and to advise and guide you through the process. ("Free consultations. No obligation!")

Notable Journeys

"What's this Notable Journey story, then?". Here's **Stuart Mumby's** background info. The Notable Journey Award was gifted to the MGA Register by former Committee member Roger Martin. The first recipients were Geoff and Pam Barron in 2011. Since then, the award has been made every year except for 2020, when no nominations were made owing to Covid restrictions having curtailed any notable journeys. There are two couples who have won the award twice. We are sure that there must be more owners who have made notable MGA journeys and not put themselves forward.

So if you are planning a trip during 2025 that you feel would qualify as a Notable Journey, (see the guidelines in Appendix 1) don't hide your light under a bushel, bring it out and provide the Committee with a bit of a challenge in choosing a winner. The winner does not necessarily have to have made a circumference of the globe, in fact there are two years in which the winner has not left this Sceptred Isle.

Get your applications in as soon as you can, folks!

MGA Register News

Get ready to be confusedThe term **MGA Register** refers to the MGA-Owning Group of members within the MG Car Club. This eNewsletter is prepared by a member of that **MGA Register**, and many of you readers are also members of the **MGA Register**. – But you already know that, of course (?) - (All clear so far??)

But members of that **MGA Register** within the MG Car Club also maintain a record of all MGA cars ("Living and dead!") their owners and their histories. – for the benefit of current and future owners. – And this database of cars is also called – **The MGA Register**.....

This **MGA Register** database is not new, and it already contains details of a lot of MGAs (possibly including yours!), - but it has now moved into the 21st Century, because thanks to the efforts of our Acting Registrar **Joe Walsh**, and MGCC colleagues in the Netherlands, it is now an ONLINE Register.

In previous editions of this eNewsletter Joe has explained **why** it is a good idea to get your car on the Register (for your benefit, and for the benefit of future owners) and explained **how** you can do it. - Here's a progress update from Joe: - The new, improved MGA Register continues to grow, with more cars and more information being added every day. Many owners are now regular visitors to their personal online record, updating details and history about their car and adding photos. Although the database is comprehensive, many car records do not record the **body number** and this is where the Register still needs your help. Please log on to your personal MGA Register page and add your body number (stamped on the body alongside the RH bonnet hinge). Whilst there why not check other details e.g. colours, engine number etc are up to date and correct. Adding a recent photo is a good idea too. If you haven't yet joined the new online Register visit the MGA Register website for more information and instruction on how to register.

Home

Twin-Cam production files
Please have a look at the files

My MGA' s
Manage the details of your MGA online (login required)

Not a user yet?
Click to here to register as a user

In depth overview of specific items to the MGA
A thorough overview that gives detail

Search the register
Enter chassis, body, engine or register number

Last additions to the register



(Here's a picture of the site "Home page" - above)

Go the Register at <https://mgcc.co.uk/mgaregiste/the-mga-register/>

There are thousands of MGAs recorded on the Register database so the chances are your car is already listed. If your MGA was recorded on the old UK MGA Register it should be there waiting for you to "claim" it. You also will find a wealth of information on thousands of other MGAs at your fingertips.

You can search by chassis, engine or body number. If your MGA was on the earlier version of the Register, and you know the Register number, you can also search for your car using its Register number. Here is an example of the basic (public) information held on a typical MGA.

If you do not yet own an MGA you can still look up information about a car you might be interested in without having to register as user. Just search the car's details and you will be able to see the basic public record of the vehicle.

To register as a user, go to the new MGA Register UK page on the MGA Register website <https://mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/the-mga-register/> . Here you will find more information and be able to access the step-by-step guide to registering and "claiming" your car.

Once you have registered as a user you can access the online Register and "claim" your MGA. Once you have "claimed" your MGA it will be linked to your unique personal login and you will have private access to a much more detailed record of your car.

No one knows their car better than the owner so once you have "claimed" your MGA you will be able to update the car's record and be confident that the Register is up to date and describes your car accurately. You can also add photos of your car if you wish. There is the option to add historical documents to the private record of your car such as a copy of the Heritage Certificate and/or a scan of the original RF60 log book.

If your MGA is not listed in the new online Register just follow the same procedure to register as a member and then add your car details. Your car will be allocated a new Register number which will remain with the car for the rest of its life.

If you are lucky enough to own more than one MGA you can claim/register all your cars in the same way so they will all be linked to your unique login and viewable on the "My MGA Register" page.

If you experience any difficulty accessing the Register please contact Joe Walsh - mgcarclub_mgaregistrar@hotmail.com

Technical Topics



Tappet Adjustment – 0.015" HOT ..

Pete Macwaters (I wondered what had happened to him - Ed!) writes:

Have we discussed setting tappets recently? I don't think so, - so here's something you might want to add to the next newsletter.

I've just done a 6000 mile service on my car and one of the actions is to check the valve clearances. Now we all should know that the correct setting is 15 thou HOT. I wonder how many members set theirs when HOT, let's be honest that's not really possible because by the time you set the last one it's no longer hot any more.

I do mine cold and still use 15 thou as the measurement, what do other members think/do? - I'm sure this topic will run for a while 😊

Russian Oil in the UK?

Dave Adams sent me a piece from Private Eye about dramatically growing volumes of lubricating oils blended in the Jebel Ali Freeport in Dubai and Lithuania – both of these are favoured destinations for post-Ukraine invasion Russian oil exports since the implementation of embargoes.

The largest trader in such oils is German company Lubriage, which trades as MANNOL. Associated companies are SCT Chemicals in Dubai, and SCT Lubricants Lithuania.

A number of companies in the UK Lubricants Association (UKLA) have complained to competition watchdogs that Lubriage is selling at prices below the cost of their base feedstocks. They also allege that these oils from the UAE are "non-compliant with industry market standards, and Lubriage's own stated technical specifications".

Lubriage denies any allegations of "dumping".

On a connected point, late in 2024 Mannol / Lubriage recalled a number of batches of brake MANNOL Brake Fluid DOT 4 3002 fluid which were found to be non-compliant to specifications.

MGA In the Land of Giants?



Jon Pollard sent me the following piece I couldn't resist taking this photo in Tarporley, having finished my coffee. Nobody else was parked there when I arrived!

It goes to show just how large modern vehicles have become, when compared to our MGA's.

Editor's Note: A case for Vehicle Excise

Duty base on footprint or weight, perhaps?

For Sale and Wanted

The advertisements below are placed in good faith on behalf of readers of the eNewsletter. The seller writes the advert and the description of the parts or car. These products are not covered by the MGCC public liability insurance. The MG Car Club and the MGA Register has no responsibility for the quality or completeness of the products offered, or the accuracy of any description. Buyers should convince themselves the part is of the required condition and / or specification when buying.

For Sale: Used MGA 1600 gearbox

Following upgrade to Ford T9. It is the type with a flange connection to the propshaft, and a 10 spline input shaft (OE number 1H3362), typically fitted to 1500, 1588 / 1600, and early 1622 cars.

Running well when removed mid-March – quiet, oil drained out clean and without metal particles in it. Synchro on second gear is a bit tired but works fine if shifted slowly. Located in Brentford, TW8 west London. Might deliver it fairly locally.

£250 or near offer. Please contact **James Cape** james@saltgrass.uk

For Sale – MGA Coupe Parts

- 1 pair N/S and O/S Coupe door drop glass - £70 for the pair
- 1 Coupe door O/S (drivers side) catch in good condition - £40

Collection for the glass preferred.

Other MGA parts available please just ask

Adrian Malthouse, - 07484886182 (South East)

For Sale – New MGA Roadster Parts

Ideal for a refurb/restoration project

All are as new, never used in original packaging, from a pet and smoke-free home. Offered to register members first, before I advertise more widely.

No traders please. Sample images below but can provide more on request. Cash and pickup only – location Kent. I will not post or give to couriers etc.

- Reconditioned hood frame, nice action no wear, painted in original colour £200

Pick-up from Kent, and cash on collection only, please.

Daran Scarlett - 07841 321118.

For Sale – MGA Hard top



Reader **Phil Slade** has a fibreglass hardtop for an MGA for sale:

This is a Universal Laminations fibreglass hardtop. Owned for many years but not used now. Good condition, includes rear hold downs.

£ 925 Tel:- Phil Slade on 07703661221
pslade@derlee.com (near Watford, England)



1959 MGA Roadster Mk 1 For Sale



Rory Smith writes: I am planning to sell my beautiful MGA as shown left and below. - I have owned the car since 2001

I am the third owner and have pieced together the history.

The first owner had the car for 21 years, The second owner who purchased the car in 1980 seems to have at some stage had to hand the car to a farmer in Church Stratton, Shropshire apparently against a debt. He did not use it but just left it in a field until I bought it in 2001 in a sorry state.

It has since a 'no expense spared' complete

nuts and bolts restoration from the chassis up with photographic record. I also have a full file of supporting invoices.

All electrical components, brakes, hydraulics, carburettors etc etc have been rebuilt and/or renewed. The engine has been professionally rebuilt and had an unleaded conversion and is bored out to 1622cc. The gearbox has also been rebuilt and a new clutch plate fitted. The spare is unused with a new Pirelli Cinturato tyre.

It is a very original and reliable car. (We have had several tours to Le Mans and UK/Europe in her without missing a beat.)

Price £27500. – The car is located in Dorking, Surrey, off J9 of the M25.
[07710905521](tel:07710905521) or roryjimsmith@btinternet.com



For Sale

Ex Lancashire County Constabulary MGA police car. Purchased from Brown and Gammons several years ago as a project. Although much work done, age and family commitments have resulted in this becoming an unfinished project. 1958 roadster. Heritage certificate confirming delivery details etc. I have ALL parts available including correct police equipment to complete. Please call or email for full and interesting details.

Car is in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.

£ Offers – **Andy Ginter** - Mobile: 07811 836694 - Email: andy.ginter@sky.com



MGA Parts For Sale

Various MGA Spares for sale

Please tell me what you want and I hope I can help you

Contact **Bob Cole** 01276 475581 or email bobskiing1@gmail.com (Camberley, Surrey)

Wilmot Breeden Ignition Keys

Reader **Barry Brownleader** has a wide selection of original style FP*** and FS*** keys. They are FREE to any MGA owner wanting spares – Just tell Barry the key number you want and he will post them to you (overseas customers please pay him the postage costs!).

The key / lock number is stamped on the front face of the ignition barrel in the car! - Contact Barry at barrybrownleader@gmail.com

Since this advert was originally published, Barry has "found" some more keys, - so if you have asked previously and he was not able to supply the one that you want, please contact him again – he may have found "your" key now.

For Sale – Safety Fast Magazines

Safety Fast Magazines - 1992 to current or will split into individual years. All in mint condition, some in MGCC Binders. All proceeds will go to Prostate Cancer UK. Reasonable offers to Stuart on 01430 871078 or email to mga@live.co.uk

Car Intercom Set

Reader **Colyn Firth** (Calm down, ladies – it's not *that* Colin Firth – this man keeps his shirt on at all times!) has designed and made a car intercom set, which he is now offering to eNewsletter subscribers Here's the story:

My MGA has a particularly loud exhaust on it which makes conversation a bit of a challenge, especially if the top is down and the road speed is up!

We have done a lot of Long Distance European trips over the last 10 years or so and after struggling to hear shouted directions, I decided to see if I could rig up an in-car intercom system.



I didn't want to spend a fortune so I decided to experiment with a BT T-Com-VB motorcycle intercom system, which usually have small speakers that are installed inside the crash helmet.

I had a pair of lightweight telephone headsets of the type that are often used in call centres, I removed the tiny earpieces and replaced them with the intercom's speakers. The intercom unit was attached to the side of the headset.

This all seemed to work really well until we tried them in the car, I had forgotten that in a motorcycle helmet, the speakers are almost an inch away from the ear, but on the headsets, they fitted actually against the ear. The first time we tried them we found that the volume was deafeningly loud and if one of us spoke, the other almost jumped out of the seat!

So, I decided to see if I could modify a set of headphones to install the intercom into, I found a cheap set in a "Wilco" store, they are the type that many young people are now using instead of the earpiece type. I removed all of the headphones speakers and hollowed them out to fit the larger Intercom's speakers. They fitted inside surprisingly well and when we tried them in the car, they worked really well too. The speakers are now about a half inch away from the ear and this has brought the volume down to a comfortable level.

The Intercom connects using Bluetooth and has a "noise-reducing" tech in its electronics which emphasises the spoken voice whilst reducing background noise.

You can also pair each headset with a mobile phone which lets you each answer by pressing a button on the intercom, no need to touch your phone.

Finally, the Intercom has a built in FM radio receiver and can also be paired with an MP3 music player or listen to music from your mobile, so there are lots of options. Finally, the batteries are as new.

So, I would like to give the intercoms to someone who will make use of them, I don't want any payment for them, apart from the cost of the postage.

Why am I giving them away? Well, this set was my first attempt at building a car intercom and I decided to try again with another headset that would let me bury the wires inside the headband. So, I now have two intercom sets that work really well and I am hoping that someone else will like to give my Mk I intercom set a try. I have had these Car Intercom sets on my workbench for a while and thought that maybe someone else may like to make use of them.

(If anyone is also a biker, the intercoms can always be converted back to work in a pair of crash helmets, I will include all of the original parts to let you do this)

For a mechanical-only person like me this looks like pretty impressive technology (Ed).

If you want to know more, contact Colyn at colynfirth@msn.com

MGA Merchandise Shop

The MGA Register Merchandise Shop has stocks of just about all current items.

MGA Register caps, priced at £10, are now available again, including in Black, Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Green, Red, Grey

To view our current list of products, go to <https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register> and click on Merchandise Shop in the menu on the left.

The MGA Register Merchandise operation is in the hands of **Graham Eke**. The email address for orders remains as mgaregistershop@outlook.com and our PayPal account continues to be the preferred method for invoicing and payment.

Call it MGA

This excellent book by Roger Martin and the MGA Register's late Historian, Piers Hubbard, has been reduced in price from £20.00 to **just £12.00 + post/packing**. Visit the Merchandise Shop, as above, for details of the book and how to order.

MGA Register – The First Fifty Years Second Edition

This book was compiled and published by the MGA Register, and celebrates the history of the MGA Register from its inception in 1970. Members of the Register Committee and others compiled this book, covering all aspects of the work and history of the Register in its 19 chapters, totalling 153 pages. Topics include 'How It All Began', the development of the Register Database, touring events, MGA publications, Safety Fast! down the years, Technical Support and much, much more. The book is A4 sized, hard-back and in full colour.

We have the final few copies of **MGA Register - The First Fifty Years** remaining and to clear we are offering a reduced price of £20 plus P&P (was £35)

Post and packing is around £5.50 to a UK address. - To place an order for one of these final few copies, just visit the merchandise shop for a preview and details of how to order and pay. <https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/merchandise-catalogue-november2016-2/>

Important – Membership Numbers

Can we remind you that when contacting Committee Members with requests for help or information it is important to quote your MGCC Membership Number. If you are a Member, it is in your interest to quote your Membership Number. as priority will always be given to Members and there is some information that is only available to Members. There are many cars on the Register owned by non-Members and whilst we are happy to help where we can, the MGA Register is a part of the MG Car Club and priority will always be given to paid-up MG CC Members.

And Finally.....

We like to keep our contact lists for both the Newsletter circulation and the MGA Register Listing up to date, so if your details have changed at all just let us know. Perhaps you have sold your MGA or you've bought another one.

For all Newsletter contributions or comments, or if you wish to be "unsubscribed" please tell us at:

Brendan Leach - MGA e-Newsletter Editor - Mgcarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com

And for vehicle registration and history matters, please contact **the MG Car Club MGA Registrar**, at: - Mgcarclub_mgaregistrar@hotmail.com

Happy Motoring, All..... - Brendan Leach, July 2025

Appendix 1 – Notable Journey Nomination

MGA REGISTER 'NOTABLE JOURNEY' AWARD

When they were new, MGAs were driven significant distances, not only as everyday cars on an annual basis but also long-distance individual journeys. A notable example was when MGA Register founder Chairman Dennis Ogborn drove his MGA home to England from Qatar.

Half a century later, some MGAs hardly do any mileage at all. Yet, if maintained and serviced properly, MGAs can still be relied upon to undertake enjoyable significant journeys.

The MGA Register 'Notable Journey' award is intended to acknowledge the exploits of those UK members who do undertake significant journeys in their MGAs and to encourage others to do so.

Journey award considerations include:

- a 'notable' journey is likely to have encompassed a relatively high mileage;
- the location in which a journey is undertaken may be significant, e.g. a journey in north Africa is likely to be more 'notable' than a similar mileage in Britain;
- successful perseverance against set-backs, e.g. on-road repairs, could make a journey 'notable', especially if imaginative improvisation was involved;
- a significant journey undertaken in competitive circumstances, e.g. an organised long-distance rally/raid could make a journey 'notable';
- a write-up of such a journey for Safety Fast! would add weight to any claimant's eligibility for the award.

Appendix 2 - MGA 70 Dundrod Visit
28th June 2025

ENTRY FORM

Your Details

Driver's Name: Passenger's Name:

Address:

Tel: email:.....

Your MGA or other (if available)

MGA Type: Year:

Reg No: Colour:

I/ We intend to join the group visiting Dundrod on the afternoon of Saturday 28th June

***I/We have made payment by BACS to The MG Car Club MGA Register Sort Code 40-36-15 / Account 3382 8727 reference Dundrod + surname for £13 per person for our entry fee to Dundrod**

I enclose a cheque payable to: **The MG Car Club MGA Register** for £13/£26 for my/our entry fee to Dundrod.

Entrant Signature.....

Date.....

Please return your completed and scanned entry form and BACS confirmation to: mg.mga@btinternet.com or cheque to Mervyn Gillespie at 156 Hummersknott Avenue, Darlington, DL3 8RN