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Editor's Notes – Summer Is Here!

Welcome to a slightly reduced size September 2026 edition of the MGA Register eNewsletter, - I hope you enjoy the read.

As ever, my thanks to everyone who has sent in contributions over the past 7 weeks or so - Your input is essential to keep this eNewsletter going, so if you have something you feel would be of interest to MGA owners then send it to me for publication at mgcarclub-mgaregister@outlook.com .

This eNewsletter is rather reduced in size because (as some readers may have heard!) I have been very ill in hospital with Sepsis and Norovirus (a bad combination, - believe me!) which has limited my editorship activities. Although I am now recovering, that recovery is very slow, and continues to significantly limit my efforts.

My thanks to all who have wished me well during my sickness. (End of excuses!)

As usual, there are a lot of classic car related events planned for the balance of 2026, local, national, and even international – Some of these events are organised by MG Car Club, its Centres and its Registers. You will read about some of these in the following pages, and there is wide coverage of MG Related events worldwide in Safety Fast! Magazine.

This Newsletter cannot cover all such events, of course. I encourage you to investigate what events are on near to your home, and to go along and “fly the flag” for the MGA and the wider MG Car Club. UK readers can look at www.classicshowsuk.co.uk for shows near you. – You can search the site by REGION or by COUNTY. But CHECK before you go – some of the info on that website is rather dodgy!

Within our own group, we have only had 1 significant event over recent weeks. – The MGA DAY gathering at Crich Tramway museum on Sunday 26th July. More news later in this eNewsletter, courtesy of our correspondents.

Looking forward to the balance of 2026, we have the MGA Register Autumn Tour, which will be based at the Palace Hotel, Paignton, Devon, in September 2026. - More details of this event, and more, are in the following pages.

Beyond Paignton, prospects for future MGA Register Tours have improved slightly over recent weeks. Courtesy of Tony Bratt we now have an outline plan for a Spring 2027 Tour. – More details later in this Newsletter.

That “buys us some time” – but we are still looking for suggestions for future tours (Chairman Howard Quayle’s appeal for suggestions and volunteers in the July edition of this Newsletter received ZERO Response – So maybe the era of organised events is now behind us??)

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 10th and 15th October 2026. - Brendan Leach, Editor – MGA Newsletter

MG Car Club News

Peter Neal – RIP

It is with sincere regret that I report the recent passing of Peter Neal, who had been the official (volunteer) Archivist of the MG Car club for over 20 years, after a working career with MG, BL, and its successors.

I really cannot write anything better than **Andy Knott's** tribute to Peter in Safety Fast!...

Peter first volunteered at Kimber House, where he played an important role in preserving the club's rich heritage before becoming the official Club Archivist. He carried out that role with unswerving dedication, enthusiasm, and meticulous care for more than two decades, earning the respect and admiration of members across the club.

Pete's remarkable knowledge, kindness, and passion for MG and its history touched countless people. Always generous with his time, stories, and expertise, he was instrumental in ensuring that the legacy of MG was carefully documented and preserved for future generations to enjoy in the many articles he penned for Safety Fast!

On behalf of everyone at MG Car Club, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Pam, Catherine, Christopher and all of Pete's family and friends at this very sad time.

Pete will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His outstanding contribution to the MG community and the many friendships he forged over the years will never be forgotten.

(A full tribute to Peter Neal will appear in the September 2026 edition of Safety Fast! - Ed)

MGA Register News

MGA Register Annual General Meeting: 2026

Formal notice and agenda will be given in September's *Safety Fast!*, but here are a few preliminary details:

Date: Saturday 3rd October 2026

Venue: British Motor Museum, Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwicks. CV35 0BJ

Time: 10.30 am

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available from 10.00am.

Why not combine attendance at the AGM with the opportunity to have a look (even if you've been there before) at what's now the world's largest collection of historic British cars?

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 (most) historical copies of this eNewsletter to the MGA Register website, - Find them at

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/the-mga-enewsletter-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 mgarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com for that!)

FBHVC News



The Federation of British Historic Vehicles Clubs (FBHVC) is dedicated to “uphold the freedom to use historic vehicles – of all types – on the road *without restriction*” – It represents over 550 organisations, with a combined membership of over 250,000, plus individual and trade supporters. MG Car Club is a member of FBHVC.

That means that MG Car Club members can enjoy free access to FBHVC’s **HISTORIC** magazine, along with an archive of past issues going back 10 years.

To access the magazines you’ll need to register at www.fbhvc.co.uk

Select **Member of a Club**, and then select **MG Car Club** from the pop-up list.

Once registered, you can view the magazines at any time via the members area at www.fbhvc.co.uk/members-area . – The FBHVC website is interesting, and **Historic** magazine is a good read – so both are worth a look.

Reports on Recent Events

MGA Day – Crich Tramway - Sunday 26 July

Howard Quayle reports:

In the last few years, the MGA Register has held its national day at one of the UK's heritage rail sites, and this year the get-together followed broadly the same theme, being held at the National Tramway Museum at Crich, in the Derbyshire Peak District.

The first trams arrived here in 1959, when the site was a disused quarry (originally worked by the celebrated George Stephenson), with spoil heaps and derelict buildings everywhere. A horse-drawn tram was in operation by 1963, with the first electric tram – one of the old Blackpool & Fleetwood Corporation vehicles – running on a short section of line the following year.



Pictures – Andy Lempicki



The Chairman's award for MGA Of The Day went to Barry Brownleader, with his Iris Blue MGA 1600 MkII. Barry Brownleader (beside his winning car 6700 RW) – Picture: Iris Brownleader

Fast forward to 2026, and Crich's trams (over 80 in the collection, with 15 operational) run through a village street, past the Red Lion pub, shops, and a branch of the Yorkshire Penny Bank before heading out on a two-mile return trip into the countryside.



A huge exhibition hall displays trams not currently in service, alongside which are the museum's workshops, where an elevated gallery gives a good view of trams being worked on or under restoration.

On the day of the Register's visit, three trams were in operation – Glasgow No.22 (built in 1922), Leeds City No.345 (1921) and Leeds City No.399 (1925) - giving plenty of opportunity for reversing the wooden seat backs at each terminus !

By prior arrangement between clubs and museum, classic cars are allowed to park alongside the main street buildings and in the small square at Town End. Sixteen MGAs, representing most variants, were displayed and attracted much attention from the public.

As usual, these displays generate many conversations, not just with visitors but also between members – “tech talk” as ever!

Expensive restorations were parked alongside more patinated MGAs, but that's the beauty of classic cars – each one has its own story to tell and each owner makes their own choice about running and maintaining their car.

An award is given each year for *Car of the Day*, the MGA Register Chairman being the sole (well, almost the sole!) judge.

This year, the shield was presented to Barry Brownleader, owner of his 1961 MK II Roadster for nearly fifty years, with a huge amount of history behind it – a worthy winner.

By late afternoon, the MGAs started to leave the museum to begin their homeward journey, some having to cover nearly 200 miles. Planning now needs to start for next year's *National MGA Day* – who's going to step forward to organise it?

The Register sends its thanks to the National Tramway Museum, especially Jess, Lynda, Charles, and the ticket office staff, for their excellent support for, and help with, *MGA Day 2026*.

European Event of the Year (EEoTY)

The MG Car Club European Event of the Year took place during May and was centred on Brive-la-Gaillarde on the French Dordogne, The event has been quite well-covered in Safety Fast!, and a number of MGA Register members joined what was an excellent event. Here is an MGA perspective on the event, courtesy of **Mike and Kate Sumpster....**

Monday 18th May: Having been to EEOTY in 2024 at Luxembourg in our MGA we were keen to join the 300 MG cars in the southern French town of Brive La Gaillarde south of Limoges for a long weekend in the Perigord region. The MG Car Club de France had organised a four day event based in a cavernous hall called Les Trois Provinces, normally a large music venue.

We set off from near Cambridge avoiding the M25 as far as possible and headed for the Portsmouth to St Malo ferry. We met up with two friends Joe Walsh and his long time friend Kieran in Joe's MGA prior to boarding and after checking in to our cabin we all headed for an excellent French cuisine buffet supper. Joe had planned out the route and stops for us.

Tuesday: An early start and we were off to La Flèche in rather showery weather for our first overnight stop. After checking into our hotel we all headed out for supper on foot to a small but very French restaurant which served us snails in choux pastry for our starter, quite delicious!

Wednesday: A later more relaxed start and after checking tyres, oil, coolant etc the weather had improved, the hood was stowed away and we set off for Limoges on the N roads, a five hour drive with a lunch/rest break. On arrival we garaged the car in a secure underground car park prior to a self-guided walk around Limoges, visiting its impressive palatial rail station before supper.

Thursday: The final leg to Brive, a shorter journey of around three hours in increasing heat, arriving about 2pm at the reception tent to be given our welcome packs with all the details for the weekend and the MG tours group allocation. We were able to park in a secure (and cool) underground car park opposite our hotel.

It was a short walk to the main venue where we were warmly greeted by Christian Lissot, the current President of the MG Car Club de France, followed by drinks and a very French buffet supper. The British contingent was well supported by around 50 MGs and their drivers and navigators together with the European countries' groups, some larger than others, including Sweden which will be hosting EEOTY in 2027.

Friday: Our allocated 'red' group tour reflected the choices we had made for the routes over the weekend and our first trip was to the stunning Jardins d'Eyrignac, stopping at the quaint little town of Le Landon St Lazare on the way with a 12th century bridge over the River Vezere. The gardens at Eyrignac were beautifully arranged, quite formal topiary and stunning views over the surrounding countryside. We were treated there to a group three-course lunch in the orangery.

A rather hot run back to Brive and then another very sociable served four course dinner with local country dancing and music for entertainment and short speeches from the different MG national clubs.



*Dinner Picture – L to R – Mike Sumpster, Kieran Roper, Joe Walsh, Kate Sumpster, Vicky De-Vries.
Photo – Nick De-Vries (Sorry, Nick!)*

Saturday: A trip to Sarlat with the 'Red Group' through the rolling countryside for another three course lunch at the Hotel de la Vesperie and a break from the 35 degrees outside. In the afternoon a pleasant run back through the villages of about an hour, a quick stop for fuel and then a chat with some local lads interested in looking at the MGA, including under the bonnet! It gave the car a chance to cool down a little in the shade.

Tulip charts were provided for all the runs but there was of course the freedom to diverge from them according to preference.

In the evening the Gala Dinner started with sociable drinks then a five course dinner with wine. Everyone had been asked to dress in white by the organisers which made quite an impressive sight with over 500 participants. The noise was almost overwhelming with everyone in conversation in multiple languages, making new friendships and renewing old acquaintances.

Sunday: A final get together in the morning in the market square at Brive where some of the MG members, with both older and modern cars, had previously elected to parade around the town. Others had a guided walk or a short tour to a nearby lake. After the parade we said our goodbyes to Joe and Kieran, packed up and made ready to continue our adventure south through the countryside to the River Dordogne near the quaint town of Sarlat.

We were quite tired from several late nights of socialising and many hours of driving so we were pleased to reach our family farmhouse and totally relax for a few days.

Monday 1st June A week later. The journey home started the following Monday and would take us four days in all stopping at old towns deep in rural France mostly off tourist routes. Our first leg was in the warm weather travelling north on the A20 motorway. The car heated up on the long uphill sections but we kept going without any setbacks.

The first town we stayed at on the homeward journey was Chateauroux north of Limoges. We explored the pretty town with its large open square on foot in the afternoon and had supper outside at a restaurant.

Tuesday: The following morning it was showery and there was a thunderstorm so we put up the hood and set off for our next stop which was at Nonancourt, a small ancient town near Chartres, which apparently used to be the border between England and France in mediaeval times!

Wednesday: Serious navigation skills were required for the 5 hour drive on smaller roads of France avoiding Paris and Rouen across country to the A-16 motorway at Beauvais and eventually arriving at our hotel near Calais. A good swim in the indoor pool and a session in the steam room was followed by an excellent dinner.

Thursday: Not an early start but after breakfast we packed up, strapped the bags on the boot rack and drove to Le Shuttle a few miles down the road. Efficient as ever except that the check in screens are not made for low sports cars. We were on a single deck carriage, had no special border checks and arrived in the UK at about 11.00 am. The M20, M25 and M11 were all busy but mostly running smoothly though noticeably busier than the quieter French roads. Home in the afternoon with great relief... we did it without any problems ... 1500 miles and 18 days in all! A really 'grand tour'.

Overseas News

USA News – MG Vintage Racers



Here's an update on from **Dave Nicholas** about September's MG Vintage Racers events "with a difference" in the USA.....

From the (MGVR) Editor..

Two big MGVR events are now on the horizon, and I urge all of you to consider both.

First up is the 72nd Collier Cup at Watkins Glen, September 10th to 13th.

The SVRA is offering MGVR special entry for the Collier Cup this year. What that does is give you 1 practice session, 1 qualifying session and the Collier Cup race for \$295. Another option is to bring another racer who did not compete in SVRA in 2025 to the Collier Cup and SVRA will take \$250 off both entries for the entire schedule. This gives you a ton of track time for \$645. No TransAm at the Glen meaning far more paddock space and time on track. All the MGVR cups are up for you to win; First Overall, MGA, MGB, T Series and the prestigious Collier Cup itself. – You can't win one if you don't show up!!

STOP PRESS: If you are a bit confused when you go to register for the SVRA Collier Cup at Watkins Glen, here is the easy way to get their discounted price. The code to get the discount is ccwgi. You need to go through the entire entry process and when you get to the payment page there is a box to check and insert the CCWGI code and the entry drops to \$297.

Two weeks later we have our 2026 Focus race at High Plains Raceway in Colorado, September 25th to 27th. – See the advert / poster at the top of this piece.

Already registered are Kent Prather, Jonathan Lane and Marie Stiles. – Race with the best!. (Bring your fast MGB or MGC and try and beat them!)

HPR is 2.55 miles long with 300+ feet of cumulative elevation change per lap!

Some drivers are considering taking off directly from the Glen and having a good old cross-country road trip visiting so many great spots across the USA. – I've taken that trip 7 years in a row and the experience is wonderful. – Grab the family, or grab a buddy and make it happen!!! Rock N Roll Hall Of Fame, the Indianapolis Speedway Museum, literally dozens of great places to visit and see along the way.

The entry is \$425 (\$475 after September 12th) and is not charged until AFTER the race. There will be an MG Paddock, MG Only Race (if we get enough entries), an MG Cook Out Party on Friday night, a Saturday dinner for the Racing Against Kids Cancer charity, a free whisky and cigar party, slot car races that everyone can race – and I am sure we'll come up with more!

DON'T FORGET WE ARE GIVING YOU TOW MONEY FROM \$100 to \$300 DEPENDING ON HOW FAR YOU TRAVEL. – And if you like we can secure your trailer at the raceway so you can take a few days to drive up into the Rocky Mountains or to explore Denver.

We need the VSCDA members to bring out those T's to beat Jonathon Lane!

In Case you have not seen the detailed arrangements for High Plains Raceway in previous messages – here they are again

Track Address is: 93301 East US Highway 36, Deer Trail, CO 80105

<https://www.highplainsraceway.com/>

The following fuels are available; prices vary weekly within the range listed:

- Conoco/Phillips 91 octane unleaded street legal \$5 – \$7/gallon
- Sunoco 260 GT 100 octane unleaded street legal 3.3% oxygen, \$12-\$14/gallon
- Sunoco Standard 110 octane leaded not street legal 0.0% oxygen, \$12-\$14/gallon

LODGING

Longhorn Motel Comfort Inn, 456 North Main Street 1097 Cedar Street, Byers, CO 80103-8308 Bennett, CO 80102 - (303) 822-5205 (720) 844-3193 - 15 minutes away.

HOW IT WORKS, AGAIN! CASH MONEY to the first 10 entries in each category

- If you are between 500 and 750 miles from the track you get \$100
- If you are between 750 & 1,000 miles from the track you get \$200
- If you are over 1,000 miles from the track you will get \$300
- Enter the race, start the first MG session and collect your cash
- The entry fee is just \$425 until Sept 12
- Lots of track time, MG paddock, MG only race, Friday MG social, MG corral for street cars, swag bag and more.
- Saturday Racing Against Kids Cancer dinner available

With nearly \$12 million in paediatric cancer research projects funded so far, The Morgan Adams Foundation knows exactly how to maximize your donations to improve survival rates, reduce recovery times, and provide a better quality of life for children with cancer.

That alone should make you want to come to the event, race your car and support a most worthy cause.

Bookings for this fantastic event are OPEN NOW at:

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2026-hpr-rakc-vehicle-registration-high-plains-raceway-rocky-mountain-445052>

FOR RV'S

There are flush toilets and sinks in the restroom trailer, and showers and sinks in the shower trailer (both closed during the winter months to avoid freeze damage). There are also portable toilets throughout the paddock. Because we must truck in all of our water, at this time there is no other running water (for filling buckets, RV's, washing cars, etc) at HPR. There is a KOA located 20 minutes away in Strasburg where you can fill/dump for a small fee.

HPR has RV Hookups (electrical only) available for rental.

Please read the description, policies and pricing for reserving those hookups and then use the easy Online Form to reserve and pay for your RV Hookup.

HPR has carports with power and reserved parking available for rent. Please read the description, policies and pricing for reserving these carports and then use the easy Online Form to reserve and pay for your carport.

Blackhawk Gathering Of The Faithful

There will also be a vintage weekend, called Gathering of the Faithful, at Blackhawk Raceway the following weekend, October 3rd and 4th

Get 2 races in 2 weekends! - The Blackhawk event is organized by RevMatch racing on October 3-4.

If you enter both races, they will give you an extra \$100.

This special weekend celebrates vintage and historic sports cars. - It will include all Vintage Sportscars and Group 1 cars.

Whether you're a seasoned racer or a passionate enthusiast, there will be something for everyone.

- Group 1 Racers – Enjoy a full weekend of exhilarating ontrack sessions and vintage racing.
- Aspiring Racers – Own a vintage car but feel unsure or inexperienced? We've designed a welcoming, supportive program to ease you into the action.

- Car Owners – Prefer a non-competitive experience? Join us for relaxed, no-pressure car show tailored to enjoying your car without racing.
- Picnickers & Spectators – Want to soak in the atmosphere? Bring your vintage, historic, or streetcar, share stories, and picnic trackside with fellow enthusiasts.

Dave's latest MG VR Newsletter also includes an interesting article by **Bob Vitrikis** about the Sir William Lyons, the "father" of the Jaguar marque.

Finally – Dave is now selling some of the running units from his MGA race car – **Honey Bee**.

This was a serious race car, and the units now for sale reflect the high performance of the car:

1. 1800 3 main bearing engine, with 0.030 overbore. Flat top pistons. Block stress relieved and polished on the inside. ARP studs. Prather Racing special oiling and water modifications. New, modified oil pump. New timing chain. Crank was ground, align bore checked, polished and nitrided. Billet steel main caps. Carillo rods. New rod and main bearings. Special Prather Racing stage 5 camshaft and lifters. Lightened flywheel and 7 1/4" Power Train clutch. Baffled and enlarged oil pan with windage tray. Upgraded freeze plugs. Head is polished and ported by Kelly porting services. 1.5 roller rockers and competition rocker stand. All new exhaust valves. Engine has chassis dyno time plus 11 laps at Lime Rock.
2. Transmission. Quaife 4 speed rocket box for MGA-MGB. Tran has only 11 laps of Lime Rock since a check over and fluid flush. Bell housing and engine plate are included making it a plug and play in for MGA and the same for 3 main MGB. Custom driveshaft to fit MGA. Some trans mount fabrication is necessary, but simple.
3. Differentials: 4.3 limited slip differential for MGA. Will fit banjo MGB rear housing. Two axles go with the diff. 4.88 open differential for MGA. Will fit banjo MGB rear housing. If you race Schenley Park or Waterford Hills or Autocross, this diff is perfect.

If you are interested in these parts, let me know and I will put you in touch with Dave. Note that the PARTS ARE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMGAR News, and MG International 2026 Event

NAMGAR is the North American MGA Register.

Registrar **Mike Jacobsen** has sent me a reminder about the 2026 MG International event - by the time you read this article it will be just 1 week away!

MG International 2026 is coming this August.

All of the main MG clubs in the USA "merge" their annual events together once every five years for a "Super Event", and 2026 is one of those years.

There is a full page, colour advertisement in June's Safety Fast! (page 52) and all the info is at www.mginternational2026.regfox.com/register.

The event runs from August 23 to 27 and will be in Sandusky, Ohio, approximately in the middle of North America. They're aiming for a thousand MG cars to be there.

This **could be** a Notable Journey!

Future Events

I am aware of quite a lot of national and international events during 2026, some of which you will find in the following paragraphs. - Also, ("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 Magnette Register (see list later).

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

Future MGA Events – 2026

Here are details of our future **2026 Events** involving the MGA Register, in date order...

MGA Register Driving Tours

Our 3 day driving tours are generally popular, and so we are looking for organisers for those events in **2027**. You can get a flavour of these events from the pieces about past events 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.

On recent tours we have got between 30 and 40 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!! Contact any member of the MGA Register Committee if you wish to discuss ("Free consultations! No Obligation!")

Meanwhile, here are details on the 2026 Autumn Tour, scheduled for September 15th to 18th.

2026 Autumn Tour – 15th to 18th September

Looking forward just 5 weeks, we already have detailed plans for the 2026 Autumn MGA Tour, which will take place between Tuesday 15th and Friday 18th September.

It will be based at the Palace Hotel at Paignton, Devon <https://palacepaignton.com/> where we have provisionally booked 55 rooms.

The Tour Organiser(s) have nominated **Howard Perks** as their Publicity Spokesman (!) and here is Howard's "last minute!" update:

MGA Register Autumn Tour - September 15 to 17 - Devon's Highways & Byways

After a slow start booking places, we now have around 30 entrants for the Autumn run. The event will be closed for additional entries from mid-August to allow time to get route books printed. Incidentally, The Palace Hotel was recommended to us by a friend who organises events for the Gay Car Club. If they were happy with the hotel then I guess it's good enough for us too!

My wife Jan and I have devised two routes over Dartmoor and around the English Riviera and they have been registered and insured. On the latter of these two runs there are several places well worth stopping for a visit. All these are detailed in the route book.

Consequently, this route is shorter than usual. Treat it as a sight-seeing day rather than a trailblazer.

You may recall from the May MGA Register newsletter that our initial planned route around Slapton Ley had to be dropped because the road was washed away in winter storms, so the mention of this being on our itinerary in the August *Safety Fast!* is incorrect. Instead we have a different but still scenic coastal route down from Teignmouth south towards Torbay. One bugbear for me is that the easier way out of Paignton has been blocked by roadworks next to a building that needed repairs. These works were supposed to have been finished by July 17 but now I hear that the building must be demolished. I'll keep an eye on this and may have to devise an alternative route out of town.

Jan and I very much look forward to seeing all participants in September.

Howie - howard.perks@blueyonder.co.uk - +447801 055128

P.S. - If anyone would like to extend their trip and move on from Paignton to stay and visit the Plymouth area and Cornwall, drop me a line and I can supply other routes west of where the Register will be touring. – howard.perks@blueyonder.co.uk

Outline accommodation details are:

Service	£	Pay
Tuesday 15 th and Wednesday 16 th Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal – Standard per room per night (Sea View Room upgrade as available, per night)	£89 per person £10 per person	Hotel
Thursday 17 th Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal – Standard per room per night including evening meal. (Sea View Room upgrade as available, per night) *Subject to Room Availability*	£59 per person £10 per person	Hotel
3-Course Group Gala Dinner (Wednesday 16 th) Included in BB EM tariff for hotel guests. Dinner for participants not staying at the Palace: £22.50 PP		
Cancellation policy 8 weeks and over no charge 6-7 weeks 25% 4-5 weeks 50% 3 weeks and under 100%		
Tour Entry Fee (Licences / permits, plus MGA Register expenses) – per CAR	£30 - MG CC Members £55 - Non Memb.	MGA Reg.
How much is all that, then? - To save you the calculation (MG CC Members Rate): For 2 persons in 1 car, sharing a room. – “Full set” of 3 nights B&B, incl Wednesday Gala Dinner, - 4 * £89, + 2 * £59, + 1 * £30 Tour Fee = £504 (plus beer) per car. For 1 person in 1 car, single room. – “Full set” of 3 nights B&B, and Wednesday Gala Dinner, - 2 * £89, + 1 * £59, + 1 * £30 Tour Fee = £267 (plus beer) per car. Non MG CC Members add an additional £25 Tour Fee per car (£55 vs £30) on these prices.		

Booking Process

You must book your accommodation and meals with the Palace Hotel, by calling 01803 555121 (best to call Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday)

Ask for Carole or Claire and quote MGA Register: September 2026 event

All of the accommodation bookings are to be secured by a £50 non-refundable deposit. The Balance is to be paid 8 weeks prior to arrival. Please note the hotel’s cancellation policy.

There is no single room supplement.

Arrival Date: **Tuesday 15th September 2026**

Departure Date: **Thursday 17th September 2026**

Bookings are open **NOW**.

You will also be required to pay the tour entry fee (£30 per car for MG Car Club Members, or £55 per car for non Members) at time of booking. This is payable to the MG Car Club, MGA Register, ideally by BACS transfer. Details how to pay this are on the Tour Booking Form which is Appendix 3 to this eNewsletter.

To join this Tour, then, you need to:

- Book you accommodation and meals with the Palace Hotel asap, on 01803 555121, quoting **MGA Register Tour 2026**.
- Send a completed Booking Form (Appendix 2 to this e-Newsletter) to Tour Organiser Howard Perks at howard.perks@blueyonder.co.uk or by post (address on the form)
- Send Tour Entry Fee the MGA Register Treasurer, preferably by BACS, or alternatively by cheque. – Details on the booking form at Appendix 2.

These tours are always very popular, so to be sure of your place on the Autumn 2026 event, please book as soon as possible.

Other 2026 Events

Monthly Classic Car Meeting in Oxfordshire

For classic car enthusiasts in Oxfordshire, I have been requested to publicise a monthly classic car meeting at the Bull Inn at Great Milton OX44 7NS, which will operate from April to September. – Dates are all Thursdays - 16th July, 20th August, and 17th September, between 5.30 pm and 9.00 pm.

For full details and dates, see www.thebullgreatmilton.co.uk/events

MGA70 Exhibition in Abingdon Museum

Howard Quayle writes:

MGA 70 is still being celebrated!! - Abingdon County Hall Museum, in the historic Market Place, is setting tribute to our beloved cars, in a small exhibition running from 4th April to 28th June.



Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the MGA's introduction, this exhibition looks at the development of the design, the influence of speed-record breakers and experimental prototypes, as well as shining a spotlight on local man Syd Enever, the 'father' of the MGA. With memories of the MG factory still present in the town, the museum hopes that this will be another MG story of interest both to local people and to MG enthusiasts who visit the town from around the world. Bringing the story

to life, the exhibition will display MGA-related artefacts courtesy of the MG Car Club as well as the museum's collection of MG models through the decades, from the 1930s to the present day.

A visit to Abingdon is always a pleasant day out. The museum also displays the last MGB Roadster to come off the factory production line in 1980, which was famously "shoe-horned" in through a first-floor window in December 2011. Kimber House is within walking distance of the museum, and almost opposite the museum on the Market Square is the historic Crown & Thistle Hotel, the courtyard of which was used by the factory for many MG Mquette photo-shoots.

Abingdon Museum is open daily from 10.00 am to 4.00pm (closed on Mondays)

MG Fest 2026 – 16th August at Brands Hatch

Following the success of MG Fest North at Croft (Darlington) in September 2025, MG Fest for 2026 is moving to the "Deep South" – To Brands Hatch circuit on Sunday 16th August. Here's some of the advance publicity from **MG Car Club**:

MG Fest '26 comes to the iconic Brands Hatch circuit on Sunday 16th August 2026, marking the MG Car Club's official national gathering for the year. Steeped in motorsport history, this legendary Kent venue provides the perfect backdrop for a celebration of MG's rich competition heritage.

For the first time in several years, Brands Hatch will host a major event dedicated entirely to MG, combining thrilling on-track action with a full programme of racing curated by the British Racing and Sports Car Club (BRSCC).

Headlining the day will be the much-loved MG Cockshoot Cup, promising close, characterful racing.

Beyond the circuit, a vast display of MGs from every era will form a living timeline of the marque's evolution, from pre-war classics to modern models. Visitors can meet passionate owners, racers, and restorers, while precision-based California Cup Autotest and Autosolo competitions add interactive excitement throughout the venue.

One of the most ambitious highlights of MG Fest '26 will be a record-breaking attempt to place the largest number of MGs on track at the same time.

This unforgettable mass parade lap will see hundreds of MGs sweep through iconic corners such as Paddock Hill Bend and Druids – an extraordinary sight for spectators and participants alike.

Adding to its significance, MG Fest '26 will form part of Brands Hatch's Centenary of Power celebrations. MSV Group Motorsport Events Manager David Willey commented "MG machines have a long history of racing here, so it is hugely appropriate that this celebration should take place at the venue"

With thrilling racing, interactive activities, historic displays, and a welcoming community atmosphere, MG Fest '26 promises to must-attend event for enthusiasts and newcomers alike.

For a full weekend of MG Activity, the MG Car Club South East Centre will be hosting their Summer Day Out on Saturday 15th August at Lullingstone Castle (Dartford DA4 0JA). With organised runs linking Lullingstone Castle and Brands Hatch, it offers a warm-up to MG Fest 2026.

More news in August 2026 Safety Fast! pages 20, 21, 22, and 76.

MG Car Club members benefit from generously discounted ticket prices, - £24 for adults, or £16 for display bookings (i.e. "bring an MG") for MGCC Members.

Use members discount code **MGCCBH26**

On line booking is open now, at www.mgcc.co.uk/mgfest

Watch out for more news on the MG Car Club website, and in Safety Fast! Magazine.

Kop Hill – 12th & 13th September 2026

Joe Walsh writes:

Following last year's highly successful Kop Hill weekend (pictured, below) many owners got in touch to say how much they enjoyed the event and asked if we would be having a similar display at the 2026 show. - The good news is (was!) that the MGA Register had again secured a dedicated display area for the 2026 show.



At the time of writing, 11 MGAs have registered for one or both days over the weekend and of these 5 have been accepted for a Hill run. The disappointing news though is that just 2 cars have registered to be on the "MGA Register" display on Saturday and only 3 on Sunday. Unfortunately these numbers do not make an MGA specific display viable so we will be combining with another MG group on both days. This will probably be the "MG Car Club Team" which has several Magnettes on display, so the MGAs will be in good company.

For those who have registered to display there's no need to do anything as the Kop Hill organisers will move your registration to the alternative area. If you download your paddock pass nearer the date it will have been updated to the new display area. Cars registered for a Hill run will be parked in the Hill Run section of the paddock and are unaffected by this change. This is a bit of a shame after last year's brilliant turnout but there we are. At least a good number of MGAs will still feature as part of the weekend.

MG Car Club Ride Before You Buy – 4th October, Abingdon

The Abingdon Works Centre of the MG Car Club, in conjunction with local MG Dealers, has arranged a novel event at Abingdon Cricket Club (OX14 3HP) on 4th October. It's an MG Car Show with a difference.....

Owners of classic MGs are invited to show their cars, plus the local MG Dealer will be showing the current range of MG Cars, with opportunities to test drive those cars. There will be food and drink available all day.

For further details, contact Ian Wright at ian.wright@mgccawc.co.uk



Lancaster Insurance Classic Car Show – 13th to 15th November

Note the REVISED DATE!!!!

(It's not very long off, folks!!...) The UK's biggest annual Classic Car Show will take place at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC), Birmingham, between 13th and 15th November. MG Car Club and a number of MGCC Registers will be exhibiting at the show.

This is a truly excellent show, which fills Halls 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 of the NEC, and it is easy to spend a full day at the event.

<https://www.necclassicmotorshow.com/>

It is not a low-cost event, by any means, - Pre-Booked Adult Day Tickets cost from £37.25 to £44.25 dependant on day chosen - but a further discount of £4 off per Adult Day Ticket is available to MGCC Members by using the MG Car Club Discount Code CCMGCARN6 at checkout.

Sadly, the ticket dreaded "booking fee" applies, and a full day parking at NEC costs almost £20 per car – but you can save £5 on this by pre-booking and pre-paying. More news on this event in future editions of the eNewsletter and in Safety Fast!.

Magnette Events – 2026

Lou Shorten Tribute Weekend – September 26th and 27th

As ever, venue will be John Shorten's house at Lenwade, near Norwich.

Details of all of these events can be found on the Magnette Register website

National Events - 2027 and Beyond

As mentioned in the introduction to this eNewsletter, the MGA Register has only one formal events planned after the end of 2026.

Here is a reminder of the background to our MGA Tours, - copied from Chairman **Howard Quayle's** notes from the July eNewsletter. Unless we take action over the next couple of months, there will be no future MGA Register tours

MGA Register Tours - The History and Future of MGA Tours

For many years, the MGA Register has held two weekend tours each year, based in a comfortable hotel and generally with a Route Book showing two runs that participants can follow. These get-togethers have always tried to follow some regional balance (one in the north and the other in the south) and have been held in the spring and the autumn. This year (2026) a change was made to mid-week tours, following understandable comments about avoiding traffic-ridden Monday and Friday journeys as far as possible.

We have also enjoyed a dedicated one-day Scottish MGA Day each year.

These touring gatherings have always depended on one essential element – VOLUNTEER ORGANISERS. That means finding the right hotel at the right price on acceptable dates, then compiling interesting routes for participants to follow. That's a big job and while the organiser normally finds other local members to assist, someone has to lead the process. We have always been successful in finding organisers UNTIL NOW – but the cupboard is **bare** for 2027, as no-one had come forward to organise the spring and autumn tours.

At the Blackburn tour in May, members expressed their hope that Register tours will continue. A request for organisers was made once more, but despite this, no member has yet come forward to volunteer. Without a volunteer, nothing will happen. It's as simple as that.

In the July edition of this MGA eNewsletter, Chairman Howard Quayle put forward a number of suggestions for what we might do for future tour, notably:

1. **Do not have national tours.** Just let them die.
2. **Encourage members to organise one or two smaller** "regional" tours.
3. **Outsource our gatherings to an organisation such as Scenic Car Tours**, who will organise bespoke packages for five cars or more. That avoids the need for a tour organiser within the MGA Register (though not entirely). This service comes at a cost however. As an example, Scenic quote a cost of around £550 **per person** for a three-day/two-night tour in North Wales, the price also including admission to a well-known tourist attraction. That works out at £1100 **per couple**. "Per person" pricing is standard practice within the tourist industry, as we all know, and we cannot change that.
4. **Use one of the well-known pubs and farmhouses catering specifically for classic car groups.** The *Fat Lamb Country Inn*, near Kirkby Stephen in the Pennines, charges approx. £500 for two nights' DBB for **two people** and provides tour routes from its own files. The well-known *Llanerchindda Farm* in Carmarthenshire provides similar facilities. **However**, both of these can only accommodate a maximum of 14/15 cars, which would mean bookings taken on a "first-come, first-served basis". (Register tours have recently had 30 – 40 cars.)

5. **Members come forward to organise a much simpler tour format.** That would involve finding a suitable hotel, agreeing (with committee support) a DBB package for two/three nights. Participants to book direct with hotel, in the normal way. No Route Books: tour participants to decide where to go and what to see in the area. That would make for much easier organising, as the focus would only be on hotel liaison.

Howard also suggested mainland European tours – Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Ardennes, or the French Channel Coast. Howard's final question was [What do you want? And perhaps more importantly, who would like to help organise? Without answers to those questions, our Register tours will come to an end.](#)

The response to all of these suggestions was deafening – ZERO!!!! No responses at all! So until a couple of weeks ago it rather looked as if we are witnessing the end of organised MGA Register Tours.

But then Member **Tony Bratt** has offered to organise a tour for spring 2027.....

Be clear, - this excellent offer (outlined below) buys us another 6 months – but the future of these events is still very doubtful. But for now, it is THANKS to Tony and Ann Bratt for offering to organise Spring 2027.

Here's a very brief outline of the plan for Spring 2027 – More news in future editions of this MGA eNewsletter and on the MGA Register website.

2027 MGA Spring Tour – 10th to 13th May 2027

Tony Bratt writes... [After organising the Cotswolds event in Autumn 2023, I am looking forward to planning another event in Spring 2027. It is about time that we went back to Wales; mid Wales to be exact. I have great memories of a tour organised by Stuart and Irene Mumby over 10 years ago based out of the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells and we will be returning to this perfect venue for our Spring Tour 2027 - after a decade it is well worth another visit. For those of you with photographic memories of previous tours I will be "borrowing" some of Stuart's previous routes, but not all.](#)

Dates for your diary: Monday 10th to Thursday 13th May 2027

Venue: The Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells

40 rooms are in the process of being reserved. Please do not contact the hotel yet. Once it is all locked down I will ask Brendan to send out an "extra" newsletter to everyone.



In the August issue of Safety Fast you will see that the Acting Chairman of the MGB Register has just used this same venue for his 4 day tour of the lakes and mountains of Wales.

While we will "only" have our usual two days of touring I am sure we will see some fantastic scenery and enjoy great hospitality. The hotel has both a pool and a Spa for those relaxing moments. For now, please put the date in your diary and I will confirm separately when and how you can contact the hotel and make your reservation.

Editor's Note: *If you have any suggestions or opinions on the matter of future MGA Tours, please contact Howard Quayle or Joe Walsh, either directly or via this eNewsletter. - Over to you, 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. – The MGA Register Database is being continually improved, and in the following paragraphs Joe outlines some recent improvements, and also explains in detail how you can improve the data held on your car. Remember, the BMIHT Heritage Certificate gives information on how and when the car was built, and the MGA Register record gives information about what has happened to the car in the 65 to 70 years since build. Here's **Joe's** latest update

Registrar's News – 31st July 2026

The number of MGAs recorded on the online Register continues to grow steadily. Since the last update, another 22 MGA owners have registered and "claimed" their car. In addition a further 11 new MGAs have appeared and been allocated a new Register number. These cars were not previously known or recorded on the Register, so this is welcome news. Interestingly, four of these MGAs are previously unrecorded Twin-Cams.

There was an excellent turnout of MGAs at the MGA Day in July. Of the 21 cars registered for the event all are recorded on the Register. Interestingly though only half of the owners have "claimed" their car on the Register.

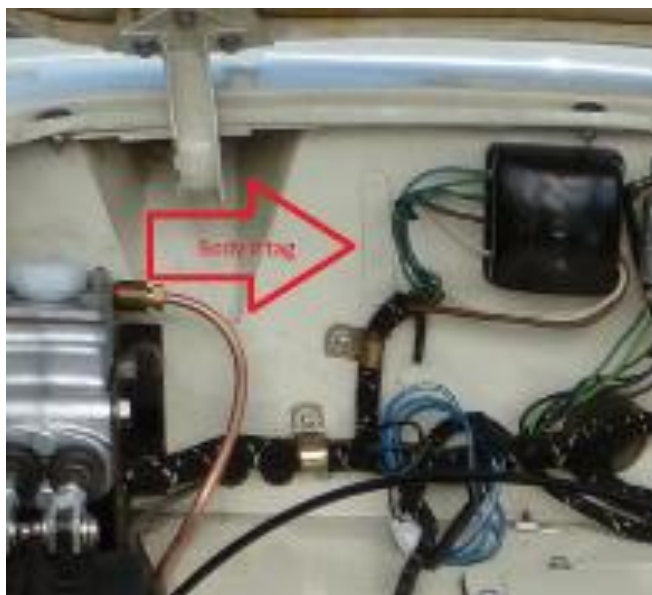
This means that the Register shows these cars as either having no current owner or still attached to a previous owner.

If you haven't yet registered as a user and "claimed" your MGA you'll find full details and instructions here:- <https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/the-mga-register/>

"Claiming" your MGA means you will be able to see all the information currently held on your car including details of previous owners and any historical notes held in the database.

Body Numbers:-

For some reason the most common piece of missing data on the Register record is the body number. If your body number is not recorded please log on and add it. Here's where to look for the body number.



More information on numbers here:-

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/mga-facts-and-figures/mga-chassis-engine-numbering/>

MGA Register History Certificate.

The "History Certificate" is perfect for displaying on your car at a show.



For details on how to produce one see here:-

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/mga-register-history-certificate/>

Please take careful note of the guidance on dealing with personal information.

A full size example of what you can produce is on the following page.

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Car details

Basics			
Prefix / Chassisnumber	HDR13 / 14071	Body colour	Old English White
Body number	821176	Trim colour	Red
Condition	Roadworthy	Hood colour	Black
Active	Active	Type of wheels	Disc wheels
Model	1500	Register number	6457
Production period	Mar 1956 - Apr 1956	Registration date	25 July 2024
Edit basic data			

Engine			
Engine prefix	Engine number	Engine status	Edit engine details
BP15GB	4252	Original	

Owner history			
Owner name	Acquired	Sold	Comments
Joseph Walsh	22 October 2021	current owner	
Geoff Howard	01 January 1993	22 October 2021	

To add additional owner history please email mocarclub_mogaregistrar@hotmail.com

Registration history			
Registration no	Country of registration	Date first registered in UK	Add a new Registration No
310HYU	GB	01 May 1956	

Notes			
Original UK car delivered in 1956. Nut & bolt restoration circa 1995 to original specification. Purchased by the current owner in 2021 and thoroughly re-commissioned. Summary: Replacement cylinder head with improved gas flow Burgess Econotune (http://www.peter-burgess.com/page14.html). New camshaft & followers. New clutch and lightened flywheel. New hydraulics (cylinders & hoses). New & upgraded brakes (drums F&R). Refurbished suspension. New anti-roll bar. Improved electrical system. Reconditioned carburettors. Refurbished wheels. Period headlights. New high efficiency radiator.			

Production record			
	Confirmed		
Production start date	01 April 1956	Body colour	Old English White
Production finish date	03 April 1956	Trim colour	Red
Dispatch date	04 April 1956	Hood colour	Black
Type	1500	Type of wheels	Disc wheels
		Accessories	



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Notable Journeys

"What's this Notable Journey story, then?". Here's some background info from **Stuart Mumby** – former MGA Register Charman, Registrar, and Newsletter Editor.

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 2026 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.

The current holders of the award are a group of MGA owners from Australia, Bali, and the USA who drove 4000 miles around Europe for the MGA 70 events in 2025.

If you have an MGA Journey you would like to nominate for this award, send details of the journey, the car(s) and the travellers to the MGA eNewsletter Editor at mgcarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com for submission to the Judging Committee.

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

STOP PRESS: I have 1 "preliminary / potential" entry for the 2026 award.

David Humphreys in the process of a Notable Journey driving from the UK to Kirkenes (via Nordkapp) in Norway in his 1958 MGA TwinCam which he has owned for 42 years.

From Kirkenes they plan to take the Havila Coastal Express Ship back down to Bergen and then join the MG Car Club Annual Norwegian Rally before returning to the UK.

If they make it (? !) then David estimates the total driving mileage will be circa 5500 to 6000 miles (plus circa 1000 miles on the Coastal Express). Update as at 1st June is that the travellers have got to Nordkapp (3134 miles), and are getting ready to start the return journey. More news as we get it, in this Newsletter and in Safety Fast!

Technical Topics – Blackening Tools

Here's some Technical Advice on keeping your toolkit tidy, from **Joe Walsh**....

Most of us know to our cost that when iron combines with water we get ferric or iron oxide, in common language, rust. So is there any way of finding some positive benefit from this annoying habit of iron and water getting together and creating the classic car owners' worst enemy? Well if you were thinking about making up a toolkit for display purposes, and were wondering about how to make the tools look something like they would have done in the original factory supplied tool-kit, then maybe, in a very limited way, you can make rust your friend.

Many of you will be familiar with the product "Kurust". In the Hammerite Technical Guide it says the product "Stabilises and converts rust into insoluble metallo-organic complexes." For the purposes of this article you don't need to know what a "metallo-organic complex" is but if you are interested Wikipedia will tell you what you need to know. Anyone who has used "Kurust" already knows that once the product has reacted with the rust the surface of the metal turns blue/black. So can "Kurust" be used to blacken tools and achieve the "factory" finish? I thought it was worth a little experiment. The results can be seen in the photos.

If you want to have a go, follow these steps.

1. Select some tools to be treated. Six or so will be plenty for starters until you get the process right (photo 1, top right).
2. Sort out some suitable containers for cleaning and rinsing the tools and you'll need some sort of rack to hang them from during the rusting process. If you have a dehumidifier the water collected in the drain tank will do fine.
3. Clean the tools thoroughly. This means removing all existing rust and grease/oil from the surface of the metal. Finishing the tools off in the dishwasher is ideal because this will remove all traces of contaminants.
4. Hang the tools in a damp environment and allow an even coating of rust to form over the surface of the metal (photo 2). Yes really! The thickness of the layer of rust determines the thickness of the protective blue/black coating we are looking for so some trial and error will be needed here. The process can be accelerated by spraying with a solution of salty water. The experimental tools were left outside for two weeks.
5. When you are satisfied that there is an even layer of rust on the tools (photo 3, right), wipe them over with a clean cloth to remove any loose rust. To do this I gave to tools a light rub with a Scotch-Brite pad. The entire tool should be covered in rust and there with no bright areas showing. Rinse off with water. If there are any un-rusted spots wipe them with degreaser and leave them again to corrode over.
6. When you are satisfied with the coating of rust, smear "Kurust" over the tools to start the process of converting the rust into the black surface coating. Apply a second smear before the first coat has cured. This will ensure a through coating. The most economical way to do this is using latex gloves and your fingers (photo 4, right).
7. Leave the tools for several hours to allow the rust conversion process to run its course.
8. Wipe the tools with a clean cloth to remove any un-cured "Kurust" residue.
9. There should now be a blackish coating on the tools which is scratch and moisture resistant and won't wipe off. For further protection, wipe the tools with light oil. This will also give them a nice sheen (photo 5, below).





What you will need:

1. A bottle of "Kurust".
2. Personal protective equipment e.g. eye protection, rubber gloves etc.
3. Suitable containers to allow the tools to be rinsed.
4. Sufficient water for cleaning (deionised preferred but not essential, tap water will do).
5. A frame or stand to hang up the tools at stages 4 & 7.
6. Copper or stainless steel wire for hanging the tools on the frame.

There are proprietary steel blacking kits on the market such as the ones from Chronos, see [here....](#)

<https://www.mgexp.com/forum/mga-forum.2/took-kit-blackening-job.4668090.4668396/>

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.

WANTED – MGA Heater Air Box

WANTED - MGA Heater Open / Close Vent, (Lower part of the heater box, inside the car)
Moss Part number 46 in their catalogue or Part number 7H1995 (<https://www.moss-europe.co.uk/en-gb/vent-heater-outlet-7h1995>) to allow me to complete the car restoration of a 1961 1622cc MGA.

Please contact **Adrian Malthouse** at amalt8467@gmail.com if you can help. Many thanks.

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.

MGA Spares/Parts for Sale.

(Now that car is sold after 24 years).

Parts mostly used but all in good condition, photos available if required.

- MGA Bootlid freshly finished in Jaguar Regency red, with new MG octagon badge, boot prop and hinges £85.
- Towbar with hook and electrics £60
- Rear bumper without overriders, excellent chrome £80
- 4.3 differential, good condition, had no problems, only removed to replace with a 3.9 £150
- 1500 cylinder head, not converted for unleaded, complete with rocker shaft, valve kit and rocker box cover. Only removed to replace with MGB head £80
- Chrome badge bar, **new** and unused £30
- Disc brake set to suit 1500 or 1600: discs callipers and backplates £50
- Coupe rear window, centre panel and one side £40
- Crankshaft, VGC, removed to replace with NOS crank, just because I had one... £40
- Half-shafts for steel wheels, 10 groove, pair £10
- Front hubs and brake drums £10
- Original Steering wheel, good overall but split at the end of each spoked arm, as usual £50
- 1500 Grille (less than perfect £20
- King Dick B1077 jack with correct handle and freshly made T-bar £60

Photos available, or ask for more detail. Carriage at cost, some items pretty heavy, or collect from Salisbury/Andover area. Contact shanerj@uk7.net (**Shane Rutter-Jerome**)

For Sale: Toyota Avensis - £3750



Joe Walsh writes: - Toyota Avensis 2011 - 82,400 miles Petrol - Full Toyota Service History. I'm selling my "normal" car as it's time to buy a new one. I've had the car since 2017 and it has a full Toyota main dealer service history, MOT to 5th August 2027 and is in lovely condition.

The most recent service was on the 16th January. This was the major one which included spark

plugs at a cost of £465. Service intervals are normally 10,000 miles and the current cost to have this done at a Toyota main dealer is £280 + VAT. So this car offers a lot very economical and trouble free motoring to a new owner. Since the last MOT I've done just over 3,000 miles. I did more than that in the MGA last summer! If you are interested please give me a call on 07795 156250 - Thank you. - Joe Walsh (MGA Registrar)

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 email address for orders remains as mgaregistershop@outlook.com and our PayPal account continues to be the preferred method for invoicing and payment.

Note: Whilst we are recruiting a new Merchandise Manager supply of memorabilia might take a little longer than we would like! More news in the November edition of this eNewsletter.

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, August 2026

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.

If you have an MGA Journey you would like to nominate for this award, send details of the journey, the car(s) and the travellers to the MGA eNewsletter Editor at mgcarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com for submission to the Judging Committee.

Appendix 2 - MGA 2026 Autumn Tour
15th to 17th September 2026 (Tours on Wed.16th and Thurs.17th)

ENTRY FORM

Your Details

Driver's Name: Passenger's Name:
Address:
Tel (Mobile): email:.....

Your MGA or vehicle

MGA Type: Year:
Reg No: Colour:

I/ We intend to join MGA Autumn Tour between 15th and 17th September 2026
I / We have booked accommodation at the Palace Hotel for 15th / 16th / 17th September
(please delete as required)

We have accommodation elsewhere - Yes / No

*I/We have made payment by BACS to **The MG Car Club MGA Register** Sort Code 40-36-15 / Account 3382 8727 reference **Autumn 2026 + surname** for MGA Register Tour
Entry and Admin costs:

- £30 **per car** for MG Car Club Members
- £55 per car non MG Car Club Members

OR

I enclose a cheque payable to: **The MG Car Club MGA Register** for £30 (MGCC Members) or £55 (non Members) for Tour Entry and Admin costs.

All entry forms and cheques need to be posted or emailed to the tour organiser,
Howard Perks.

Entrant Signature..... (MGCC Membership Number).....
Date.....

Please return your completed and scanned entry form and BACS confirmation
to: howard.perks@blueyonder.co.uk 07801 055128 or post a cheque to
Howard Perks, 7, Thorn Park, Mannamead, Plymouth, PL3 4TG