



ON THE MARQUE

The Official Publication of the San Diego MG Club

2017 Installation Gala

January 28th brought together our merry band of LBC caretakers once again for our annual Installation Dinner and Celebration. The festivities were held at the Silver Gate Yacht Club. Our thanks go out to Roy and Cathy Hubecky for such a wonderful venue. Additionally, gratitude is extended to all those who helped put on this wonderful gala including Mary Davidson, Diane Kirby, and Renee Neale. For a second year, the musical styling's of our own Robert Nobles and his bandmates of the *Peter Ray Band* provided the lovely musical entertainment. There is more of our joyous evening in the pages to come.



Ernie Jimenez presenting the Carl Barbour Trophy to 2016 winner Joe Buchmiller!

January/February 2017

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From the Editor

It is with great pleasure that I assume the duties of Editor-in-Chief for our *On the Marque* publication. We all owe a great deal of thanks to Scott Davidson for his wonderful issues over the many months. I'm not sure what I got myself into yet I will strive to do my best. With the NAMBGR event soon upon us, Scott's tireless participation will not let up as he undertaken the position of Chair for the NAMGAR Committee. Please keep the contributing articles and photos coming. Without you, our club members, this would merely be a rag.

To submit items to *On the Marque*, please email to:

LMOE777@yahoo.com.

Topics included in recent editions include road trips, restoration, stories of how one got involved with MGs, and wonderful MG memories you wish to share with fellow members.

Additionally, please include any photos from club events that you would like to share in upcoming issues!

When you submit items for *On the Marque* points are awarded for club participation which adds to your yearly total!

2017 SDMGC Officers and Volunteers

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Meetings

General membership meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting officially begins at 7:30 P.M. at the Marie Callender's Restaurant, 6950 Alvarado Road, San Diego (adjacent to Interstate 8 just west of 70th Street exit). People start arriving at 6:30 P.M. to enjoy a bite to eat and socializing with other members before the meeting starts.

Membership

Membership in the San Diego MG Club is open to all with no restrictions. Ownership of an MG is not required. Annual dues are \$25, payable in January. There is a \$3 late fee for any member renewing after the March business meeting. A membership is considered to be a single person, a couple, or any two people desiring to join as a team. Associate non-voting membership is open to anyone not owning an MG, but wishing to participate in the club. New members receive a packet including a club license plate frame, name badge, and other assorted goodies. Dues payments can be made with checks or via PayPal. Mail checks to SDMGC, PO Box 500803, San Diego, CA 92150-0803.

St. Valentine's Day Run

The brave, and due to inclement weather the few, joined together February 11th for the St. Valentine's Day Run. Bob and Donna Hanselman and Mike and Julie Wilson arrived in their Lexus but opted out preferring to go out for breakfast. The driving event began at Encinitas Ranch Golf Course at 9:00 AM. We enjoyed a scenic jaunt through both North County and East County, finishing up in Kearny Mesa at the lovely Studio Diner Restaurant. Approximately 70 miles were covered during the drive. The weather was a bit moist at first but soon afterward the rain subsided. The scenery was fantastic as the roads selected wound through rolling hills and valleys lush with greenery.

Thanks goes out to our esteemed Activities Czar Ernie for putting on a wonderful drive! Ernie with Terry brought his MGB roadster, T.J. and Jennifer were warm and dry in his MGB-GT, with Jay Flynn proving to be the bravest of us all!



All staged and ready to brave the elements



For some reason we had the roads to ourselves?



Ernie demonstrating Safety-FAST!



Time for a spot of lunch!



Tonneau in place, Jay claims he was warm and comfy?

2017 Installation Gala

A good time was had by all at our annual Gala. Many awards were distributed throughout the evening. All 2016 Board members were acknowledged for their contributions to the club. Those really active in the club were awarded with their own 100 Point Award certificates. The highest point award winner for the year among those eligible received the prestigious Carl Barbour Trophy. For 2016 congratulations to Joe Buchmiller for his outstanding participation! The food provided once again was spectacular! The evening ended with a table raffle in which 2 lucky winners from each table won either a fabulous gift or the lovely centerpiece which adorned each dining table.

The music was exceptional and dancing was enjoyed by many. Who knew that Robert Nobles can tune both an MG and a guitar!



2017 Board Members being introduced



2016 100 Point Award Winners



Scott Davidson looking spiffy!



Robert Nobles on the bass

NAMGBR soon to be here!

NAMGBR (North American MGB Register) will be held here in America's Finest City June 25-28. This is the annual convention which will be held at the Paradise Point Resort and Spa. Registration for the event is now open at <https://namgbr.org/mg-2017-registration-is-open-and-live/>

As the host city MG Club it is upon all of us at the SDMGC to put our best foot forward and do all we can so that guests from around our great nation can enjoy the spoils that our fair city has to offer. Upcoming issues of On the Marque will include information on how we can all assist to make this a smashing success. Let's make this NAMGBR event one not to forget!

Other NAMGBR sites:

<https://mg2017.namgbr.org/>

NAMGBR Committee

Chair - Scott Davidson

Vice Chair - Steve Kirby

Treasurer - Michael Neale

Women's Activities - Renee Neale

Hospitality - Donna & Bob Hanselman, Dee Johnson, Renee Neale

Tours - Bob Bauer -- 4 guided tours: 2 Monday, 2 Tuesday

Raffle - Andy Lincoln -- 50/50 raffle donations are needed

Regalia & Printing - Jim Timlin

Vendors - Jim McGhee

Concierge Chamber of Commerce Board - Dan & Linda Harmer, Michael & Julie Wilson

Arts & Crafts - Ruth Hoffman, Dee Johnson, Renee Neale

Photography - David Coyote

Car Show - Bryson Pennoyer

Rocker Cover Races - Jim Pennoyer

Trophies - Steve Kirby

Attendees will begin arriving on Sunday June 25th and will need to be greeted.

Monday and Tuesday the convention is in full swing. Wednesday is the car show. Wednesday Night is the Banquet and Thursday our guests depart.

Volunteers are needed for every aspect of this production, please contact any member on the list above and pledge a little of your time to help the cause.

A Look Back On an MG Make

From time to time I will be including a bit of history about one of the many models which were produced under the MG marque. For this inaugural series I have selected one of my favorites, the MG 1100 Sport Saloon.

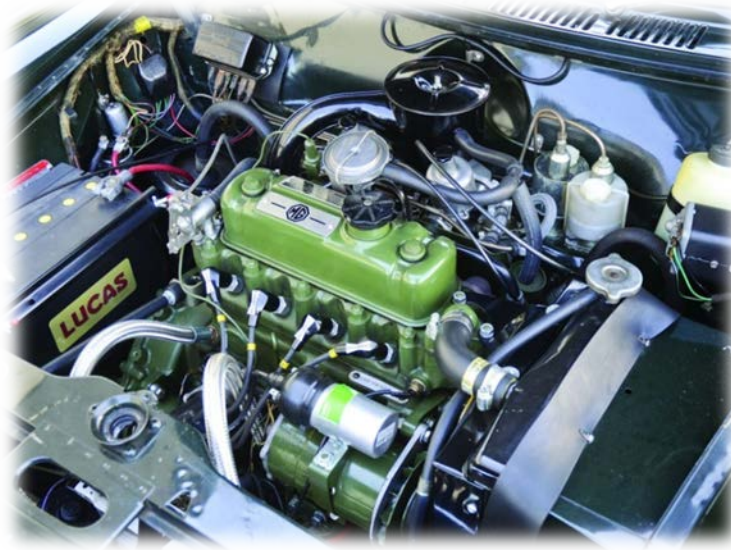
Launched in 1962, the ADO16 as it was known at BMC (Amalgamated Drawing Office number 16) it became one of the world's bestselling cars! (2.1 million Sold between 1962 and 1974) Designed by famed Alec Issigonis, he followed up his design of the well-loved Austin Mini with what he hoped would be a more spacious and sophisticated automobile. Production began at the Crowley facility which was where the Mini was manufactured. The site still exists today however being completely revamped and it is now the home of the Plant Oxford, owned and operated by BMW.



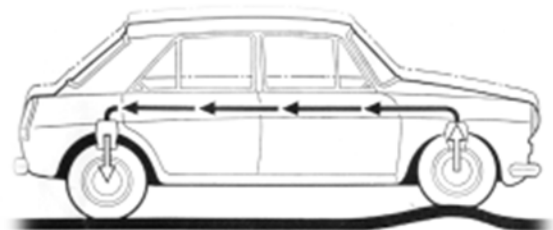
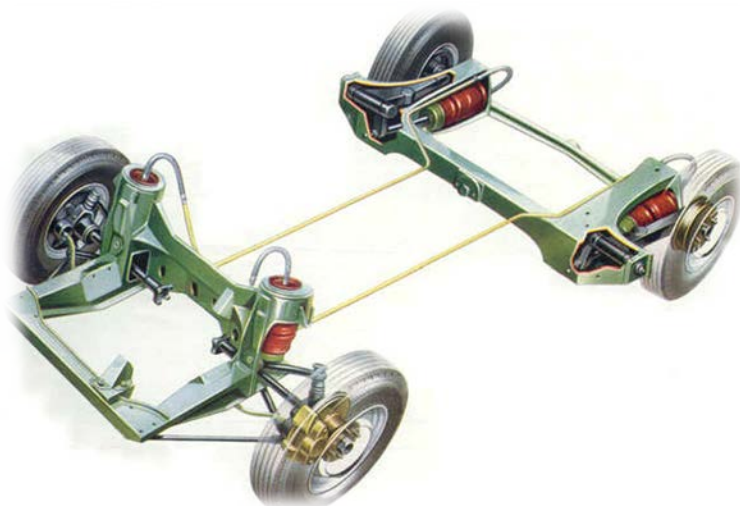
The M.G. 1100 utilises the most advanced engineering technique to pack high performance, comfort, safety and spaciousness into a stylish car of compact dimensions.

The MG 1100 was revolutionary for its time. It is powered by the robust A-series 1098cc engine and was mated with a four speed manual synchromesh transmission. (Gears 2-4) Unique was that the manual transmission was mated to the engine block and shared the same oil! In later years with the addition of an automatic gearbox this proved to be quite troublesome.... Change your oil filter often!

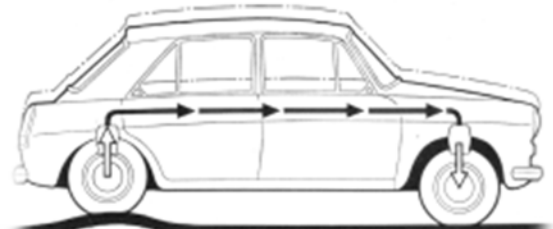
Another sophistication of the 1100 is the drive train - front wheel drive! The engine was mounted transversely in the engine bay and the entire engine/suspension was held in place on a sub-frame.



Speaking of suspension, the 1100 did not have traditional coil springs, leafs, or any other kind of springs. It featured their now famous Hydrolastic interconnected fluid suspension system designed by Alex Moulton. The fore and aft wheel suspension on each side of the vehicle were connected allowing for the fluid to flow back and forth providing excellent shock dampening and improved roll characteristics.



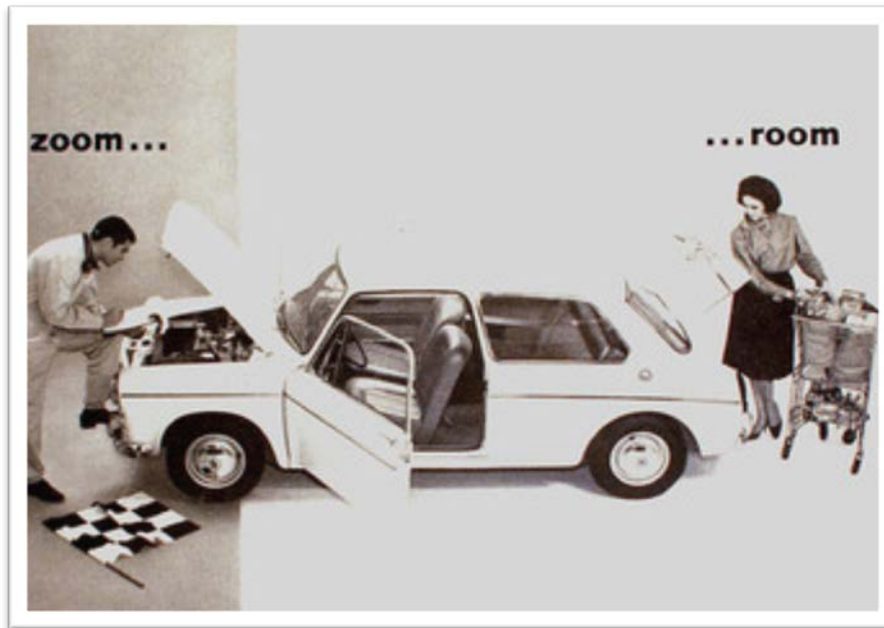
When the front wheel rises, it stays straight and level.

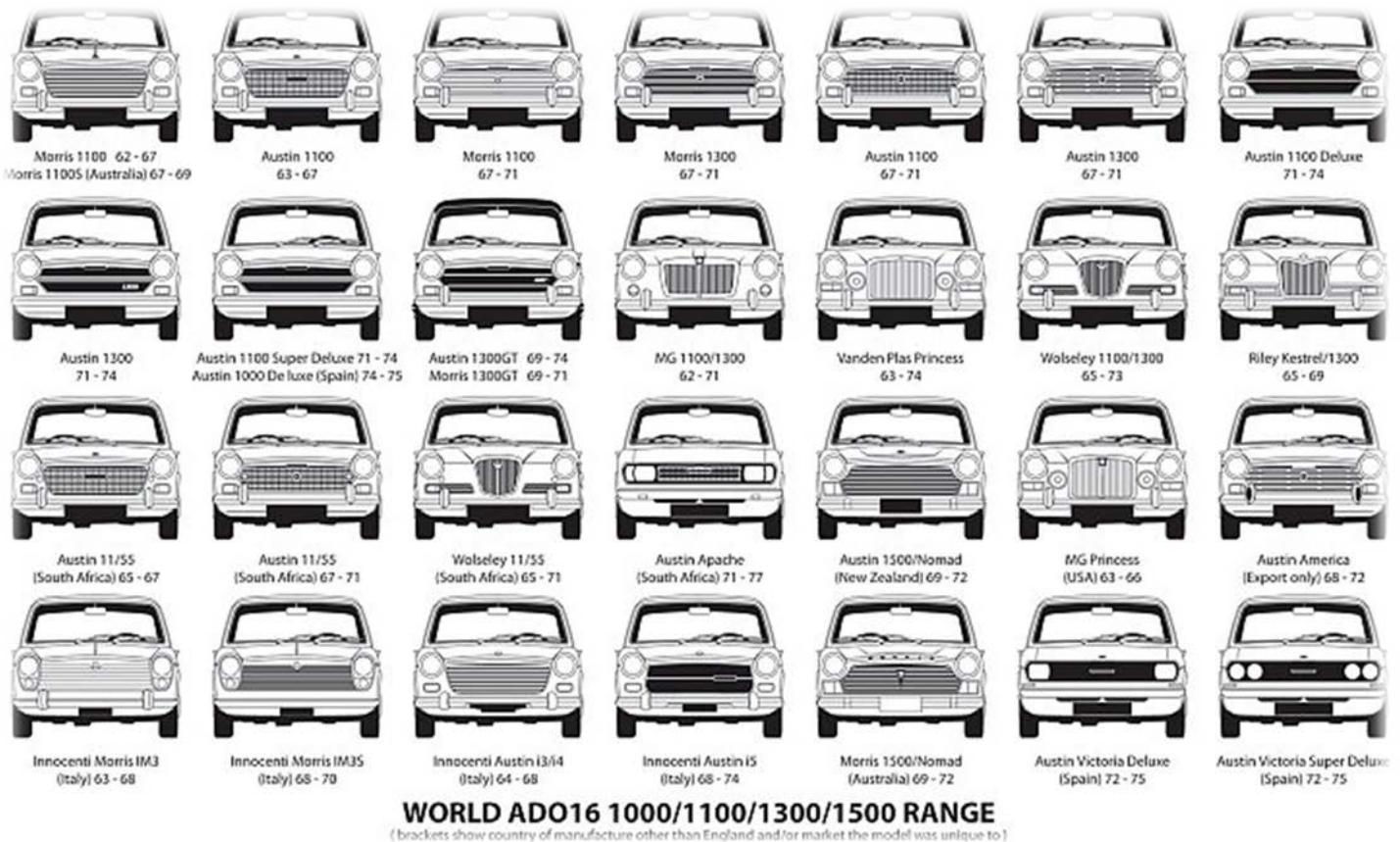


When the rear wheel rises, it stays straight and level.

One of the amazing aspects of the 1100 is the interior room, it is amazingly spacious. The original offering was a four door version however the units imported into the U.S. were 2 door versions. The front seats have a single hinge point allowing for the entire front seat to be folded forward allowing for easy access to the rear bench type seat. I am 6'2" in height and there remains ample headroom. Some of the other unique features of the 1100 include the ribbon type speedometer and turn signal stalk with a flashing bulb on its end. Due to its transverse mounted engine its sports a side radiator which draws air in from the left fender. The U.S. model also featured dual SU carburetors which increased output to 55 BHP, alas the Sport designation?

Unfortunately, ADO16 models have become rather rare these days. This is due mainly to the lack of rust preventative being incorporated into the production. In Europe they simply rusted away. Fortunately the 1100 in my stable was located in the elevated and therefore rather dry climate of Campo where it sat outside for over 17 years under a huge Oak tree before being rescued.





Just a sampling of the variants of the ADO16 produced during its production run of over 2 million.

There were many variants of the ADO16 which were badged as MG, Austin, Wolseley, Riley Kestral, Morris, Vanden Plas Princess, and lastly the U.S. import Austin America. BMC thought that renaming and re-badging MG 1100 to *Austin America* it would help it better compete with its compact competition, mainly the Volkswagen Beetle. Later year models were fitted with the 1300 cc A-series engine. Many today refer to the ADO16 as the Mini's Big Brother!



T.J.s "Alice" Independence Day 2016 Coronado



Restoration Tip

So what do you think of a section for restoration? Although I am sure many of you are aware of the awesome resource known as MGAGURU.com and others, I thought I'd share from time to time a bit of experience I have gathered over the course of 3 MG restorations. If you find this an interesting concept, please submit an article!

Many of us have gone out and purchased that cute little MG only to get it home not knowing much about its long and enduring history. So was the case with my 56 MGA. As I usually do, I started with stripping the body of all paint and body filler. It almost never comes as a surprise the sins hidden beneath the glossy paint. I tend to prefer chemical stripping over mechanical as this gets me down to the metal without removing any of the steel / aluminum. When I do come across body filler I have found that the stripper is a slow and tedious means of removing it. Mind you that ALL remnants of stripper must be removed as it can react with the primers and finish paint to cause nightmares. I have come to learn that the use of a butane torch to warm up the bondo greatly increases the ease to which removal can commence. It smokes a bit and puts off noxious fumes so a well ventilated area is required along with the proper face mask. I do have a media blaster yet this is a bit much for paint/bondo removal. So what to do when you are faced with a severe dent with no access to swing a hammer or use a dolly?



The old slide hammer may work but leaves holes... a stud welder eliminated the holes yet often requires multiple studs. In the case pictured below the means I used was a pistol grip pneumatic chisel. I blunted the cutting edge of the bit to prevent holes. By means of adjusting the air pressure I was able to find the happy medium which allowed for the metal to be reshaped closely to its original shape without deforming the area. Some extra hand pressure supporting the area also helped quite a bit.



Stud welder



Air chisel (hammer)

Membership Participation Points

Did you know that all members receive points for each and every SDMGC event which they participate? As part of the Activities Czar duties, Ernie Jimenez gathers up all those sign in sheets and continually updates members point scores. The reason that this is done is to acknowledge those members who receive 100 points or greater for the year. Points are awarded for attendance to all club meetings, driving tours, Tech events, Club parties, car shows, etc. Anyone who drives their MG to a club event is awarded an addition point on top of the attendance points.

The member each year who receives the most points and who is eligible will be awarded with the Carl Barbour Trophy. So who is eligible? The Czar explains to me that this special award cannot be a past winner of the trophy for what he believes to be a 7 or possibly a 10 year period. Also, current Board members are not eligible.

Meeting Minutes from Our Secretary

There are no meeting minutes available for this issue.

Membership News from Dave

Welcome New Members:

Gordon Mihailovic, email: mihagr@me.com, 1977 MGB, joined Feb. 2017

Membership Roster

As of March 5, 2017 the club has 124 paid member units.

46 member units from 2016 have not yet paid.

The membership committee continues to extend invitations to unpaid (2016) past members to renew their membership.

If 2016 member renewals are paid after the club March 7 meeting, an additional "reinstatement" fee of \$15 will be imposed, as stipulated by the SDMGC By-laws.

Yahoo Groups

Club members in good standing may join the club's Yahoo Groups site. This is a wonderful way to keep in touch with other club members, share technical questions and advise. If you would like to join, please send Dave Allen an email (dallen135@sbcglobal.net) requesting an invitation to the SDMGC Yahoo Group.



From the Gavel

"Welcome to our newest Newsletter editor, TJ Moran, the only person we could trick into taking the job... I mean the person who magnanimously volunteered for the job.

We are moving steadily forward on our mission to coordinate NAMGBR 2017, scheduled for late June 2017 at Paradise Point. Thanks to all the members of the NAMGBR Board for their efforts to this point. A reminder to the general membership of SDGMC that volunteers will be needed throughout the event beginning with Sunday arrivals, and through to the departures on Thursday. If you have not yet volunteered to do at least one event, please contact Steve Kirby, Scott Davidson, or any other NAMGBR Board member and do so as soon as possible. Also, if you have not yet registered for the event yet, please go to the NAMGBR website (just type in NAMGBR 2017 and follow the leads...), or go to the NAMGBR or NAMGAR websites (depending on which vehicle type you own) and continue from there. There are discounted prices for the event activities for members of each group, which will probably cover your membership to either group. You will need to be registered to attend the dinners, and this will help determine the total number of attendees for each event, which the coordinators will obviously need. Remember that there will be about 300 people from across the U.S., as well as Canada and Mexico, who will be in town that week, there will undoubtedly be many beautiful cars and interesting owners to meet and greet. I have already agreed to lead a drive out to (and hopefully back from) Mount Palomar, and to be one of the photographers for the event, please contribute your time and efforts as much as you can.

Our own activities at SDGMC continue, including last week's Big Three Swap Meet at Qualcomm Stadium. Thanks to Pat Garity for hosting our little space, and to Paul Konkle for his contributions to the effort. For those who missed it, Activities Czar Ernie Jimenez hosted a really fun drive for Valentine's Day from the Encinitas Ranch Golf Course to the Studio Diner in Kearny Mesa. I was one of three (yes, three...) drivers who showed up, and joined Ernie and TJ and their lady loves for a really cool drive through the misty hills of North County and down through Escondido and Rancho Bernardo, and were only rained on for about one minute during the entire drive. TJ and I made like Maverick from Top Gun on old 395 in front of the runway at MCAS Miramar and had a literal blast doing so. Mike and Julie Wilson get credit for showing up with the Rafters, but left for a nice brunch so, well, yeah... Ernie has already planned a St Patrick's Day for Saturday 3/11/17, which will begin in Scripps Ranch and end in Oceanside, the weather should be perfect all day, please join us for a fun day out with the toys. We are also getting more precise information about Rolling British Car Day in April, and I am organizing an event for National Drive your MGA day in May 6th, 2017, which will end at the Mediterraneo Restaurant in Alpine, with Mama's incredible baked lasagna. Stay in touch with Ernie's e-mails to see what else is upcoming, and again, I hope some of you will come up with a ride of your own with a fun destination in mind, just let Ernie or I know what you have in mind. Former Club President Pat Harrelson has volunteered an enclosed parking lot in Julian, CA as the destination for a drive, with a BBQ lunch provided for us, Ernie is working out details with him for a future date.

I hope to see you at the General Business meeting on 3/7/17 and at as many events as possible in the near future, thanks, Jay...

Upcoming Events

Reminder! This coming Saturday, March 11th, we'll be having our annual St Patrick's Day Club run which is going to be open to all MG cars and promises to be very special.

We'll meet at 9:00 AM at the Bank of America parking lot; 10531 Scripps Poway Parkway, San Diego, 92131, and leave at 10:00 AM. There are plenty of accommodations available in the plaza, ie., gas, food, coffee, restrooms, etc. We'll be driving on scenic county roads custom made for our LBC's and the weather will be awesome. We'll be ending at Hennessey's Irish Pub; 2777 Roosevelt St., Carlsbad, 92008, for excellent food and refreshments. Check their website, gmc@hennesseystavern.com, to check their menu items and prices.

This run should take a couple of pleasant driving hours and is less than 100 miles in length, such a deal, eh? So, I think it's a good idea to start getting your little cars ready and shined up, I think you're going to have a lot of fun on this run! Don't miss it!

Thanks goes out to Richard Rafter who designed this drive!

For a current calendar of events please visit the www.sandiegomgclub.org and click on Calendar from the main menu.



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