



OCTAGRAM

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MGs OF BALTIMORE, MD

JULY 1, 2019

<https://www.mgsofbaltimore.org>

From El Presidente:

A lot has happen in the past month, we loss long time member Len Picton. Len had been a member since the early 90's, he served as MGOB's Rallye Master for many years, leading groups of members to the Roadster Factory Summer Party to run the TSD events. He was in charge of laying out and running our Annual "Get the Dust-Off" event, now in its 30th year. Oh, don't forget the Mason-Dixon Challenge Rallye which took place between us and LANCO for a few years. He setup and manned the TSD Rallye at MG 98, he shared his rallye skills to novices and pros at his "Rallye School". I can still see us sitting around the campfire, when I say us, I mean people like Wayne & Linda Norman, Chip & Ashley, Brian & Denise Krause, the Jefferson's, Bill Henry, Michael Egliskis, Joe Clark, Bob Bates, Kenski, Alex Ollerman, Kurt just to name a few of the many MGOB members that got to hear him tell "Black Bart" stories that took at least 20 minutes before he got to the punchline.

As most of you know, Len has been dealing with the effects of ALS for at least the last 10 years. He did this bravely as far as, most of us could tell. He held his own wake a few years back so his friends could say good bye. I never found him down or depressed, but I am sure this has been tough for him and Lee and don't forget Jason.

Len's body was donated to science and Lee said they may do something in the future in the way of service, she'll let us know, but the wake has already been held. If I hear anything I'll share via the Octagram and our Facebook Page. To see Len talk rallying checkout his YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhhSBXAv9po&t=605s> R.I.P Buddy.

On a lighter note, while MGOB's presence at MG 2019 wasn't great, we still managed to take home some gold and even bronze from Traverse City. Alex Ollerman and Paul Handley each got first in their class and Vicki Egliskis won third for crafts. For those of you that missed MG 2019, there's always next year's event, MG 2020 is Calgary, Alberta, Canada. More information to follow.

Finally, there are many events coming up, so checkout our events calendar, both here and on our website at www.mgsofbaltimore.org for a list and mark your calendars for:

THE ANNUAL MGOB SUMMER PARTY

Sunday, August 11th, 2019

Hosted by: Barbara & Duff Fowler 913 Saint Anne Dr. Street, MD 21154

RSVP@ 410-399-0070 & bkf88@aol.com

Bring a dish and your swimsuit.

Safety Fast! Richard

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note change for Jack Long's phone number above.

TECH SESSION

Randy's tech session at the June meeting was about generators and alternators, changing polarity from positive ground to negative ground, and parts availability.

New Members

Welcome back - Roger Stemier, MGTC



People born in the 50's have lived in 7 decades, 2 centuries & 2 millenniums. We had the best music, fastest cars, Drive-in theaters, soda fountains & happy days. And we are not even that old yet, we're just that cool.

Electrical Theory

By Joseph Lucas

Positive ground depends on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of negative ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as “smoke”. Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing.

For example, if one places a copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is elementary and inescapable!

The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they consumed large quantities of smoke, requiring very unsightly large wires. It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defense secrets.

Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components especially British units manufactured by Joseph Lucas, Ltd.

And remember: “A gentleman does not motor about after dark.” Joseph Lucas “The Prince of Darkness” 1842-1903

The Square Rigger - summer 2019.

JAN 2019

Young Car Show Judges Are a Huge Success

By Mike Cook, Peachtree MG Registry

If you own a Little British Car, it is almost certain that you have asked yourself or have been involved in a discussion that asks the question, "How can we get the youth involved?" This question, in some form, may have been answered at the Southeast British Car Festival, hosted by the Peachtree MG Registry. It was held in beautiful Appalachian country, the northeast corner of Georgia, just a few miles from the North Carolina state line at the Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia.

Hagerty Classic Car Insurance has for some time promoted their Youth Judging program, which became the cornerstone of what followed. Contact was made with the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School. A very enthusiastic teacher, Madame Anne Shook, emailed students and asked the

all over the field, asking questions, sitting in cars, starting engines, hitting the horn. Kodak moments were happening everywhere. Questions were varied. How fast will it go? How old is it? What company made it? Many students had never heard of these cars before. One amusing thing occurred often, as many of the judges were unable to open the door from the outside, not realizing in most cases you pressed a button and pulled. Opening the door from the inside was again interesting, as some thought that the window crank was the way to open the door. I think that our cars are safe as no one knew how to use a stick shift, which was not a surprise.

While all of this was going on, the judges chose their favorite car based on categories on the ballot, such as color, engine, interior, wheels, favorite owner, and finally what



question, "Who wants to be a judge for a day?" Within a short period of time, twenty scholars had volunteered.

The weather forecast and the track of Hurricane Florence was the main topic of conversation up until show day, but the sun shone and the show went ahead. Over 100 Little British cars were staged on the field. The judges arrived and after a short introductory meeting where T-shirts, caps, and ballots were handed out, they were let loose onto the field.

The owners had been previously advised what was going to happen, but no one could have imagined how successful it was to be. In no time at all they were talking to owners

car would they like to take home. One could see from the crossing outs on the ballots that as they walked around the field minds were changed, new cars were chosen, not just once, but many times. Obviously, to them judging was a serious matter. When it came to handing in their ballots, a good number of the youths were still on the field enjoying themselves so much so they had to be rounded up.

One has to remember that these judges did not know any of the cars, nor their owners, which meant that their choices of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd were selected with a completely open mind.

All of the ballots were in and the winners known, but not

DC BRITISH RELIABILITY RUN

What is a British Reliability Run?

For decades, the British have held "reliability runs" designed to subject various classes of automobiles to a series of fairly grueling road tests, including back roads, dirt roads, woodland trails, fording streams and the like. Other than breaking cars, the primary goal of British reliability runs is to raise money for children's charities.

About a decade ago, a group of British sports car enthusiasts centered in the Detroit area decided to emulate (at least to a degree) their British cousins by starting America's British Reliability Run (ABRR) for classic British cars covering 600+ miles over back roads, run over the course of three days, while retaining its British counterparts' primary goal of raising money for a children's charity. At present, ABRs are run in Pennsylvania, Colorado, New England and the Washington, DC area. All adhere to the same basic theme: exercise old British cars over the course of three days in order to raise money for a children's charity.



The DC Run

In the prior two DC ABR runs the teams raised over \$83K for our children's charity. The 2019 version is limited to 50 teams driving cars that are at least 25 years old. It will run October 18 - 20 (Friday morning through Sunday noon), rain or shine, covering around 650 miles of back roads through Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. It is neither a race nor a TDS rally. It is a tour driven at each driver's own selected pace.

The DC event will be run "clover leaf" style, starting and finishing each day at a hotel near Winchester, VA. There will be a prearranged lunch stop on the road the first two days and a group dinner Saturday night. The third day, Sunday, the route will be shorter, ending up around noon near Middletown, VA for a celebratory brunch. Go to www.dcbritishreliability.org for further details, including photos of prior year's cars.



from the Texas MG Registry

Tech Tips... from John Flannery

Sticking Clutch? Have a sticking clutch? One that does not release quite right when you let off the clutch pedal? A very simple thing to consider before trying to remove the trans to figure out what is hanging up is the rubber hydraulic brake line between the master and slave.

Those hoses are built up of materials like cloth and rubber in layers. If the hydraulic hose interior layer gets a leak in it, say from allowing the slave cylinder to dangle from it, or just old age, fluid can get between the lamination's. Or the inner lamination can rib and act as a flap or check valve.

When you press your clutch pedal, fluid pressure between the lamination's increases, sometimes causing the walls of the hose to swell up like a balloon on the lid of the hose and collapse the inner walls of the hose upon themselves. This is not obvious externally, it is the inner walls of the hose with the failure.

In order for the fluid to leave the slave cylinder and return to the master cylinder when you release the clutch, the fluid pressure between the lamination's must be relieved through the tear (or pinhole) first in order for the id of the hose to reopen and relieve the pressure in the slave cylinder.

The specific nature of the failure varies from case to case. Larger perforation? Quicker release. Pinhole sized leak? Feels like it takes forever for the clutch to fully release. Generally, as that line restricts, you should also notice a corresponding increase in pressure at the clutch pedal. This causes it to be difficult for fluid to flow in either direction.

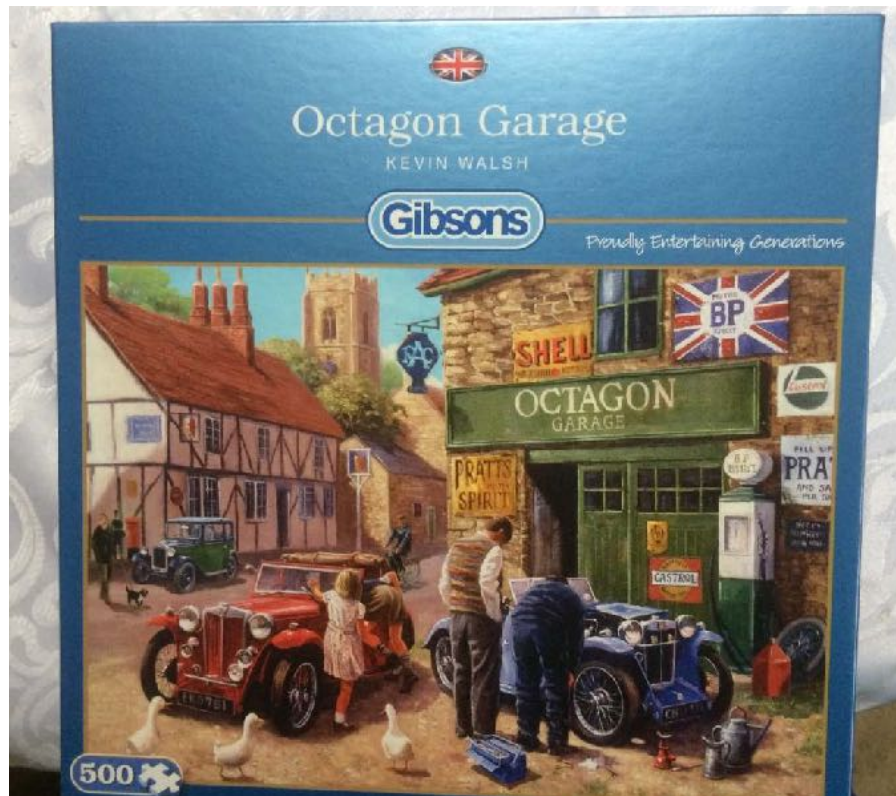
I've seen this with brake hoses too. It can cause a caliper to remain engaged and burn up your new brakes and rotors. (*eChatter*; 3-11)

The Shenandoah Valley British Car Club is having its 38th annual British Car Festival in Waynesboro, VA. October 4 and 5. It will be held in the Riverview Park, which is just minutes away from the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive.

There will be a reception Friday night from 6pm to 9pm. The show field will open at 9am Saturday morning, with door prizes and class trophies awarded at 3pm. Last year we had about 130 cars. All British cars and motorcycles are welcome, as well as some other marques with British connections.

Here's the link to the festival web page. It has information on accommodations, directions, categories, and registration, as well as photos from past shows.

<http://www.svbcc.net/carshow.html>





Thirtieth Annual

“A Taste Of Britain”



British Vehicle Show

Hosted by the LANCO MG Club

Dash Plaques to the first 150 vehicles - No Judging



SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019



Forney Polo Field - 70 Church Street, Rothsville, PA 17543

Lancaster County

FIELD OPENS AT 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Polo Match starts at 2:30

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Ladies and gentleman, We are offering a prize to the best men's and best ladies headwear. So come wearing your best English hat. FREE to enter NOON at Regalia tent



A portion of the proceeds are donated to the Central PA Food Bank

Directions: Exit 286 of PA Turnpike, South on Rt. 222, 9.5 miles to Brownstown Exit, West on Rt. 772 Approx. 2.5 miles. Left on Church Street .3 mi. Polo Field on the Right.

For further information Call Larry (717) 285-7379 or Ralph (717) 367-9132



Internet Larry - mg1lanco@comcast.net or Ralph - ms1972@comcast.net

Rain or Shine Club internet address - www.Lancomgclub.com

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUG. 10, 2019

Please PRINT Clearly

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

CAR CLUB AFFILIATION _____

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

(MUST BE SIGNED)

Pre-registration by Aug. 10
\$15.00 per vehicle (2 persons) \$

Registration day of show
\$20.00 per vehicle (2 persons) \$

\$5.00 per extra person \$
Children under 12 FREE

Entering hat contest
(Free)

NEW Membership
Single \$20 \$
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Hosted by the Delaware Valley
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In Association With The Pennypacker Mills Historic Site
"In The Good Old Summertime" Festival

Saturday, August 3rd 2019

(Rain or shine)

CAR SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Car: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

(Need trailer parking space? Yes ___ No ___)

Pre-registration fee by July 21st : \$15.00 - Make checks payable to: DVC

(July 22nd on: \$20.00)

TOTAL Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Free X-Large or Large T-Shirts to first 40 Paid Pre-registrants: Size Requested: XL ___ L ___

Send checks to: Nancy Yaskowski, DVC Treasurer, 517 Quarry Road, Spring City, PA 19475

Additional information: www.DVCMG.com or call Paul Phillips 610-792-1158

Release: Neither my heirs nor I will hold the Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter, any of its members, or show staff liable for any personal injuries or damages sustained by me, my party, or my car while traveling to and from this event, and while participating in this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



The 40th Annual **MGs** *on the Rocks!*

Open to all British Marques

September 28, 2019



MGs of Baltimore, Ltd.

The MGs of Baltimore Car Club is dedicated to preserving the MG Marque in the Greater Baltimore, Maryland region. We do this by hosting driving events, our annual show and parts market *MGs on the Rocks*, and providing technical training and assistance to our members. We have monthly meetings at Jonny Dee's Lounge at 7:30 the first Tuesday of each month where we plan events, hear about upcoming events and ones our members have participated in, and a tech session on MG repair and maintenance.

MGOB sponsors an annual "Get the Dust Off" Rallye, the first Sunday in May. We hosted both MG 98 & MG 2018, The Annual North American MGB Register Conventions in Hagerstown, MD & Gettysburg, PA

You can get more info on MGOB from our website at: <http://www.mgsofbaltimore.org>

The site includes member's benefits, upcoming events, a car/parts auction and pictures of previous winners of MGs on the Rocks. For further information or to join the club you may contact the President, Richard Liddick at 410-817-6862, or by email at: rgl2mgbgt@aol.com.

*To attend our monthly meetings:
Follow the Baltimore Beltway towards Towson and take the exit to Loch Raven Blvd. South. Follow it to Joan Ave. Turn left at the light and into the shopping center. Look for Johnny Dee's Lounge, 1705 Anuskai Rd, Baltimore, MD 21234. www.JohnnyDeesLounge.com. Park amongst the other MGs on the upper lot. We meet for dinner at 5:45 and the meeting is held in their meeting room at 7:30. Join us!*

MGs on the Rocks

The 40th Annual edition of one of the longest running British Car Shows in the USA promises to be a great event, we are expecting over 200 cars with MGs of all models and 8 classes of other British Marques. Popular vote balloting by the car owners is from 10:00 until 1:00 and awards are given out about 3:00 p.m.



Winners, chosen by car owner poets, receive awards at their cars as the crowd walks around the show field at the end. This is one of the Murphy Cup winners for the Best MGB. If you please check our website for the picture!

Directions: From I-95 North of Baltimore take exit 77B, follow Rte. 24 West 13 miles, briefly merging with and then leaving US 1, then later crossing MD 23. After 13 miles, turn right across the one lane bridge at Cherry Hill. Pull into the 4H Camp and *MGs on the Rocks* on your left. Look for MG Octagon signs enroute. You can set your Navigation system to: 2 Cherry Hill Road, Street, MD 21154



MGs on the Rocks

If you love British cars this is the place to be the last Saturday in September. The Rocks State Park 4H Camp is an excellent country setting in rural Harford County, MD. Bring a picnic basket or purchase your lunch at the show and join the MGs of Baltimore for what has always been a superb show. Bring your parts shopping list for your ongoing renovation projects or your Christmas wish list for shirts and books. **See you at the Rocks!**

Our Regular Features

The things that have brought British car drivers back year after year will be these:

- ☞ A field full of British cars in a casual park setting
- ☞ Lots of vendors of new and used parts.
- ☞ A great selection of various British cars for sale.
- ☞ An unlimited supply of expertise on whatever technical or restoration problem you have.
- ☞ Classic British Invasion Era Music by Jammin Jefferson
- ☞ On site food by Uncle Moe's Soul Food & Gill's Ice
- ☞ A wide range of classes for awards for all British Marques, including the Murphy Cup for best MGB of the show and a special Ruby Award to celebrate our Ruby Anniversary.

Put your car on the field! Although we have many beautiful cars, this is very much a **come as you are** gathering. Only owners of cars on the field can vote.

New Things This Year

We are pulling out all the stops to make the Ruby Anniversary the best Rocks yet! Come see what we have in store.

Things To Remember

Pre-register! Awards are generally 3 or more per class, but may vary as pre-registration indicates. We base our new classes on pre-registrations, so if you want to justify any new classes make sure you pre-register. Dash plaques are only guaranteed to pre-registrants. Plus you can drive right past that long line of on-site registrants!

Important times: The field opens at 9:00 a.m., all vendors should be in place by 10:00 a.m. Voting is closed at 1:00. Awards will take place on the showfield as soon after 3:00 as vote counting allows.

Sorry, no pets please, Park Rules.

Lodging is available at Exit 77A of I-95,
 Days Inn – 410 671-9990
 Comfort Inn – 410 679-0770
 Best Western – 410 679-9700

Mail-In Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (opt.) _____

Email (opt.) _____

Car Make _____ Model _____

Year _____ Colour _____

Did you win your class last year at Rocks? Y N

Attending from what Car club? _____

Registration

Car show entrant \$20.00 if mailed before 9/1 _____

Car show entrant \$25.00 at show or after 9/1 _____

For Sale Cars \$20.00 before 9/1 _____

For Sale Cars \$25.00 at show or after 9/1 _____

Total enclosed: _____

Make cheques payable to "MGs of Baltimore, Ltd."
Parking fee at entry gate is \$5.00 per car,
Vendor space \$20.00 for the first 20'x20' space, \$20.00 for each additional space. Vendor registration is only at the event; no preregistrations will be taken. To have vendor information included in the registration packet contact the Chairman below before 8/22.

To register fill out the above, tear on the dotted line, enclose cheque, and send to;

Registrar: Ms. Tracy Trobridge
 3150 Pfefferkorn Road
 West Friendship, MD 21794

For other information, call:

Chairman: Jack Long cell: 202-746-8252
 Email: Jack.Long@iem.com

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Facts you can count on... SVMGCC Publication

Number 9

Death is the 1 killer in the world.

Number 8

Life is sexually transmitted.

Number 7

Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

Number 6

Men have two emotions: hungry and horny, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

Number 5

Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, or maybe even years.

Number 4

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

Number 3

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

Number 2

In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

Number 1

Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today might burn your butt tomorrow.

CALENDAR

JULY 2nd MGOB MEETING

AUGUST

3rd 15th Annual Pennypacker Mills British Car show
<http://www.dvcmg.com/events/car-show-info/>

6TH MGOB MEETING

11th MGOB summer party at Duff's
18 A Taste of Britain - see flier

SEPTEMBER

2nd MGOB MEETING

28th MGOB 40th MGs On The Rocks

OCTOBER

1st MGOB MEETING

4th 5th 38th annual British Car Festival in Waynesboro, VA

13TH Hunt Country Classic

https://www.mgcarclubdc.com/hcc/hcc_main.html

19th TRAC foliage tour

<https://www.mgsofbaltimore.org>

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The club membership meets at 7:30 PM the first Tuesday of every month at Johnny Dee’s Lounge. Johnny Dee’s is located at 1705 Amuskai Rd; Baltimore, Md, just off of Loch Raven Blvd at Joan Ave. From I-695 Take the Loch Raven Blvd. Exit south. Go about 1 mile, turn left onto Joan Ave. Park in the upper lot. For more info go to their website at www.JohnnyDeesLounge.com Come early and have diner. We start arriving between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.

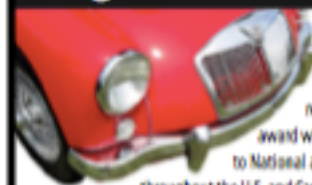
The meetings are about sharing experiences, taking care of club business and normally include a monthly tech session provided by our MG “technical guru” Randy Kegg.

More than just MGs

Many members of MGOB are owners of the other classic British marques and all are welcomed to join the club.

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