

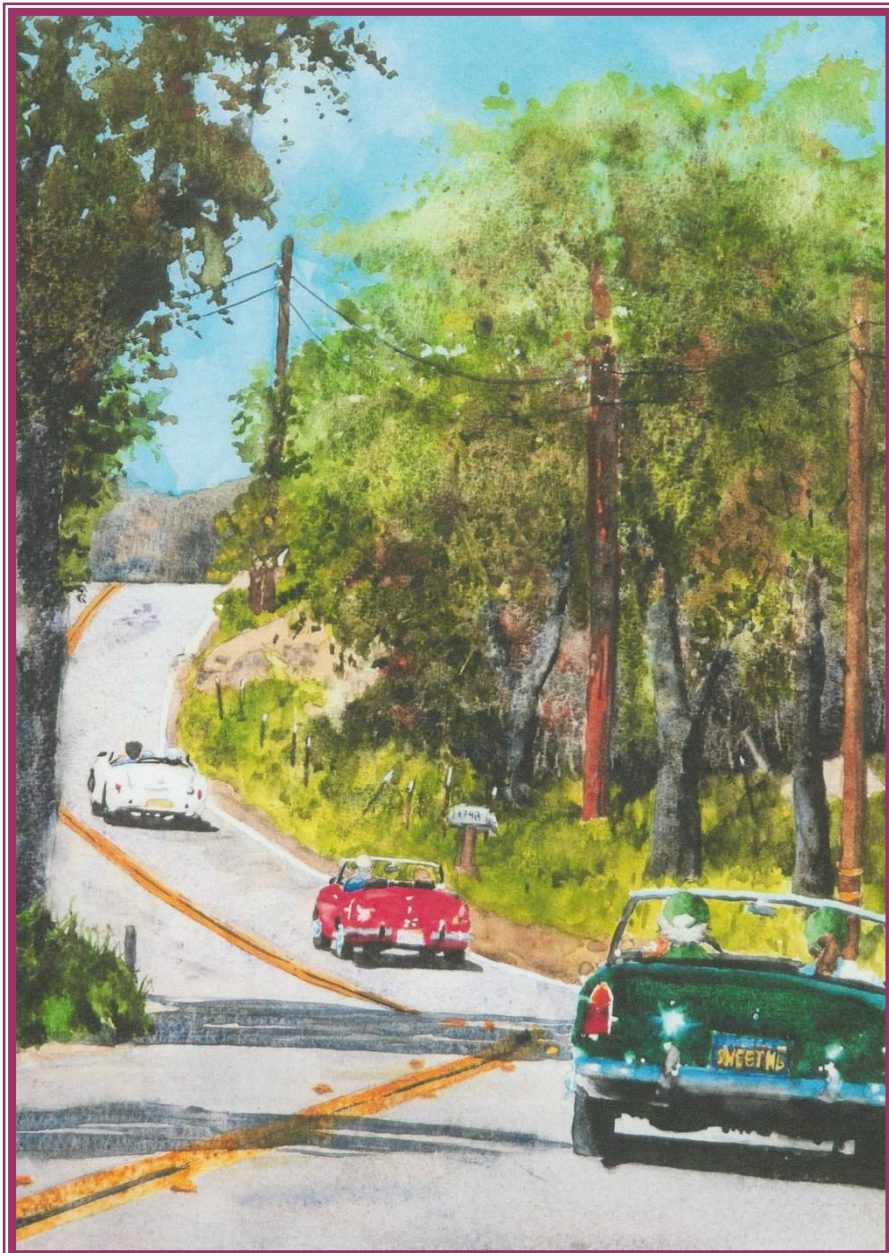
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Cover Illustration; One of the many stunning paintings by the late Ally Benbrook.

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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. E-Board meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at Mimi's Café Mira Mesa. Members are welcome to attend and watch your E-Board in action.

From the Gavel

You're probably reading this article during the long Labor Day weekend, and I hope you are finding ways to keep cool and enjoy some down time with friends and family. School is starting across the county and pretty soon we'll be into fall activities. Without getting too far ahead of ourselves, let's look forward to some upcoming events and make plans for Fall and the New Year.

First, please join us at the September business meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd. We should have lots of show & tell to share as folks come back from summer vacations. Also, please join us for one or more of the ice cream runs being organized by Steve Kirby: details in club emails and the Facebook page.

Looking ahead a bit farther, please mark Tuesday 1st October in your diaries, as we gather to commemorate Ally Benbrook's life. Ally and Mike moved to Yosemite a few years ago, but they have remained close to us, and we've been blessed by their art, love, and friendship. I expect there will be a motion to cancel our normal October business meeting (also on the 1st) so that everyone can honor Ally and support Mike and family.

In case we don't hold the business meeting on 1st October, we should discuss officer positions for next year at the September meeting so that we can vote at the November meeting. I am happy to stand again for President. Without speaking for the other officers, I can say that the position of Activities (currently Ernie) and Secretary (currently Diane) will be open and I would encourage folks to consider what role they can play in the club next year. Either position is a great way for newer members to get to know more people. I would like to thank Ernie, Diane (and Steve) for their contributions to the club and know they will support their replacements.

In personal news, Kathleen and I have an empty nest, as the back to school season means that Jacob is a freshman at the University of Maryland (Terps) and Abby is a (21 year old!) senior at Syracuse (Orange). It's quite a transition and, contrary to what I said a few months ago, I have not bought a 3rd MG to fill that hole in heart. I *did* buy raffle tickets for a Primrose 69 B that's being auctioned to benefit a school in Pennsylvania. Here's hoping!!

Safety Fast!

Andy

From the Editor

A big thankyou to all those who have contributed to this issue, it would be a short read indeed without you. As I often work weekends I cannot always make the events so keep those photos and articles coming. As I have said in the past, even a photo of you washing your MG or changing out the plugs is of interest as we love to see members interacting with their cars. Also a sad theme to this issue as we mark the passing of club member Ally Benbrook (more later in the issue).

The 4th of July Parade

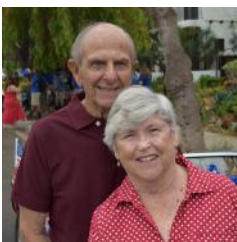
Photos and Words

Ernie Jimenez

The San Diego MG Club was well represented with 10 of our beautiful little cars in the parade this year. Our cars ranged in years from 1932 to 1979 and interestingly enough, they were all either red, white, or blue! Well, one was grey, but close enough. We all dressed up our cars in fine patriotic regalia with flags, bunting, pinwheels of all sizes, ribbons, bows and cute little stuffed animals. It was a gorgeous sight! And best of all, everything went very well with no mishaps of any type. The weather was absolutely perfect and obliged us with a cool marine layer in the early morning and then not getting very hot when the sun finally broke out. There were huge crowds all along the route and everyone was huge smiles and thumbs up as we all went by. Everybody loves an MG!

I sincerely thank Terry for all the help and encouragement she gave me along the way organizing this event and especially the members who took their time and participated; the Coronado July 4th Parade has been an integral part of the SDMG's DNA for many decades and it's always so much fun to showcase our cars in this public domain and an honor to be a part of this great tradition.





Recipe

Saxe-Coburg Soup

The base of this soup is Brussels sprouts and was named in honor of Prince Albert, who came from Saxe-Coburg and was very partial to the vegetable. The very small sprouts sold in Costco are perfect for this soup or you may use the small frozen sprouts from the supermarket. This soup will even win over sprout haters as it is so very good.

Ingredients

1oz butter

1 medium onion, finely chopped

2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced

4 cups of chicken stock

1 tblsp of sugar

1 pound of small Brussels sprouts (trim stalks and remove outer leaves)

1 ½ cups of cream

2 oz cooked ham, finely diced

½ cup of sherry

Salt

Freshly ground black pepper.

Method

Melt the butter in a good-sized saucepan. Add the onion and cook until translucent but not brown. Add the potatoes, stock, sugar and sprouts.

Bring to the boil, lower the heat and simmer for about 15mins or until the potatoes and sprouts are tender.

Remove the soup and puree it in a blender or using a kitchen wand before returning it to the same saucepan. Stir in the cream, ham and sherry and season to taste with the salt and pepper. If serving hot, heat it gently, do not let it boil. Chill it in the refrigerator for several hours if you plan to serve it cold as it tastes great either way.

Lighting

By Pat Garity *ESQ*

From my workbench.

One of the many jobs I've had in my automotive career was doing promotional work for S.E.V. Marchal. Marchal was a French corporation that produced accessory lighting for cars, trucks and motorcycles. I went to various races and serviced and promoted their products. I learned a lot about automotive lighting while assisting endurance road racing and off road racing teams. The products I promoted were European and for the most part illegal for use on California highways. Back then everything on the road came with the horrible incandescent sealed beam headlight. Much different is the modern aerodynamic plastic headlights that come on modern cars. But wait, our M.G.s are far from being modern. We are blessed with those horrible incandescent sealed beams. But we have options, what I have done is updating my headlights to European specifications with a pair of illegal Lucas European halogen headlights. The improvement is dramatic! But not enough to arouse law enforcement. Halogen headlights come in two varieties; legal sealed beam halogens which still have horrible optics that waste most of the light output up in the sky. Illegal (except on motorcycles) European halogens have a replaceable "H-4" bulbs which are available in two brightness levels 60/55 watt and 100/80 watt. The 60/55 watt bulbs are more than ample, the higher wattage bulbs don't produce as much of an increase as the numbers would lead you to believe. These European lamps have far superior optics that produce an excellent beam pattern that puts the light on the road and not in the oncoming traffics eyes. But these lamps draw more current than the original sealed beams so a couple of relays are called for. A relay is a simple device that is essentially a remote switch. The relay is controlled by a low current from the headlight switch, the relay then switches the higher current to the headlights. Very easy to add to the stock wiring. But back to halogen, halogen is a gas which is used inside the light bulbs. The advantage to halogen vs. sealed beams. In the imperfect vacuum of a sealed beam as the incandescent bulb filament burns it emits particles that deposit on the lamp and the filament, this gradually decreases its light output. Halogen gas allows the filament to retain its output with only negligible degradation.

European headlamps also allow the use of very modern solid state LED headlamp bulbs. An LED is a light emitting diode: as electrons flow across the anode and cathode light is emitted. These bulbs require "polarity drivers" which push the price above \$150 not including the headlamps.

The other option is HID headlamp bulbs, you may have been blinded by these bulbs installed in a modern car with aerodynamic plastic headlamps. High Intensity Discharge bulbs consist of two electrodes that an arc of current travels between. A quick search on EBAY showed various kits with bulbs and drivers in the \$30 to \$50 range, available in various tints even pink. My opinion: awful except in headlamps designed with optics designed for this bulb.

Now for my recommendation. As you can guess I like the euro headlamps and even though I used to sell French lights I have Lucas lamps in my LBCs. The very cool Lucas PL Tripods are available on EBAY at reasonable prices, I found a new pair with bulbs for \$70 last May. They look great in my dog sitters Cobra replica..

Aiming headlights is something that rarely gets done nowadays unless the vehicle is a rebuilt "total". A quick check on the internet produced many state licensed lamp inspection shops. If you have legal headlamps there are 3 little bumps on your head lamps where the aiming device is attached. If you have Euro headlamps an optical aimer is required and these are very rare. I know a guy who has one and I'd be happy to do yours at no charge to club members. Maybe a lamp upgrade tech session with relay and lamp installation followed with lamp aiming is in the future. Let me know if you are interested.

NAMGAR'S GT 44

Dubuque, Iowa

July 10 – 14, 2019

Words and Pictures by Steve and Diane Kirby.

GT is for “Get Together”, and for us, this was the main reason for attending. We have been to several GTs, none with a running car. The main focus of NAMGAR (North American MGA Register) is the MGA, and other MGs produced during that time frame, which includes the Z series Magnettes. However, NAMGAR is very inclusive, all marques and models are welcome. Within NAMGAR's structure, they have fostered the creation of the North American Mquette Registry, which has some simply terrific members, including Wayne and Dee Johnson.

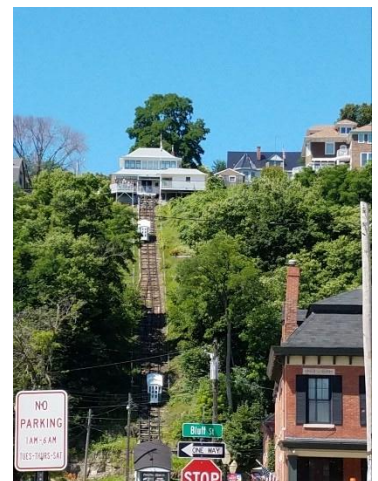
From the San Diego MG Club, those attending were the Johnsons, Bryson Pennoyer with his son & wife, and the Kirbys.

One of the first events was the Mquette breakfast. There were six actual Magnettes in attendance, but many more owners, who were working on them count us in that group. Allen Bachelder, the Chair for the Mquette Group, recognized Wayne and Dee for their many years of spearheading interest in Magnettes, and other four door MGs. The Johnsons have been distributing “**Real MGs Have Four Doors**” buttons for years. I believe they are on their second round! Reflecting this accomplishment, Allen presented everyone at the breakfast, pins which said “**Real MGs Have 4 Doors! Real NAMGAR GTs have Wayne & Dee Johnson!**” Later, the Johnsons received their hard-earned “Longest Distance Driven” award.



Dubuque is situated right next to the Mississippi River, and therefore borders Illinois and Wisconsin. On the top of their famous “Fenelon Place Funicular Railway” (like Angel's Flight in Los Angeles) you can see all three states. The funicular's claim to fame, the world's shortest and steepest railway! The car show was held in Dubuque, on an island in the Mississippi River. Neat museum about the Mississippi River adjoining the grounds for the car show. Very hot and humid that day, so the airconditioned museum was very popular.

One evening, most of the group invaded Galena, a neat town, with a **never-ending main street**. Perhaps Galena is best known as being the home of U.S. General Ulysses Grant. A very popular tourist town.



Our favorite spot and activity in Dubuque? No contest!!!! Next to the historic Hotel Julien, where about half of us stayed, **Ice Cream U Scream**, the best ice cream shop ever. At any given time, day, night, breakfast, lunch or dinner . . . you could always find a crowd of MGers gulping down some homemade ice cream. Herewith the nutritional information for **Ice Cream U Scream**:

NUTRITION INFORMATION:

Don't even ask. This is the BEST ICE CREAM made in Wisconsin,
 And it tastes so good because it has GOBS
 of rich Wisconsin cream,
 Tons of real ingredients for
 BOAT LOADS of LUSCIOUS FLAVORS.
 That means it's not low-fat, low-calorie or low-anything,
 And why EVERYONE LOVES IT.
 YOU WANT NUTRITION?
 EAT CARROTS.

We did one of the tours, (very comfy in our air-conditioned rental car) which took us through and around some beautiful Iowa farms. The highlight of that tour, again hands down, was finding the oldest restaurant in Iowa, and oh my, oh my, did they make the best pies (ala mode, of course) ever.

One evening was a meal at a local winery, also right on the river. The guest speaker was a real treat, David Hobbs. Mr. Hobbs is a former Formula 1 driver, and many other levels of racing, and well-known TV commentator. Many great stories and anecdotes.

Next year's NAMGAR event will be in Colorado Springs, and already sounds very organized. The presentation they made impressed all in attendance. We should all go! And those of you who own MGAs, should definitely join NAMGAR.



Happenings with MG's

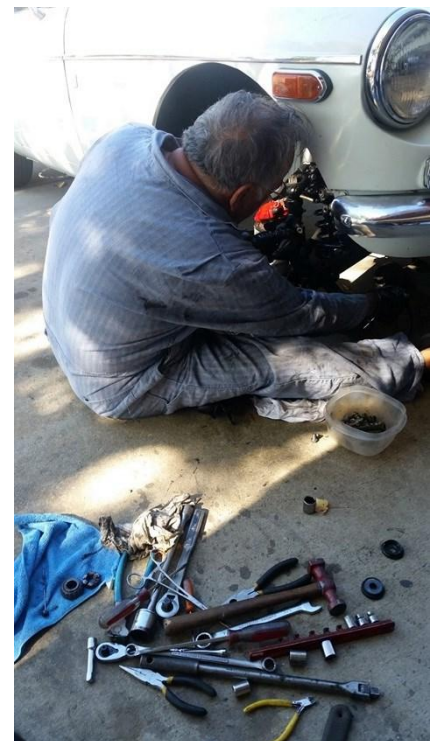


One person who could not make the 4th July Parade was Richard Rafter, seen here proudly parading his Granddaughter, who holds the title of Miss Ramona down the main street.

New tires for your Edtiors MGA Coupe. I dropped the car off to the tire shop to have a new set of Vredsteins fitted. I then left, to the consternation of the techs whom could neither figure out how to start it, nor drive a manual transmission. Evidently the stick driver was off that day. They had to push the car into the bay to fit the tires. Good thing it was not a Kenworth tractor unit.



The exalted High Minister of Activities came by this afternoon to alter his little steeds ride height. New shortened front springs from Moss needed to be installed along with new bump stops. In just a few hours the HMA was delighted with his new ride height! He also claimed that his ride and steering were vastly improved. All went well with no mishaps.
TJ Moran.





Photographed By lou Galper at Pacific Grove CA.

Arseing About in the “A” Or Lessons Were Learned.

Words and Pictures Mark Shelley

She who must be obeyed suggested a trip the Ventura area for the weekend and surprised me by suggesting we take the “A” coupe. Never one to let the grass grow under my feet, I had the car out, prepped and washed by the time of our departure time mid Friday afternoon.

Lesson /1 Never and I mean never head north from San Diego on a Friday afternoon. The I5 was blocked at Del Mar due to the races so we ambled up the US 101 (our preferred route in the MG anyway). We made it to Leucadia where we found the road blocked off in both directions by the Sheriff’s Dept so back to the I 5 which was thankfully moving, albeit very slowly. We finally made it to the 73 toll road for a great run on a nice smooth road, even the Highway Patrolman I passed at over 80mph just waved at me to slow down rather than give me a ticket (they are on the whole mostly good guys). Then we hit Costa Mesa on the I 405 and stopped. One hour and one mile later we were starting to cook in the hot sun. The car was fine, sitting in 190-200 degF and not going any higher. It took nearly 2 more hours to clear LAX and get on the I10 for Santa Monica. Once past the Santa Monica pier which included revving the engine in the freeway tunnel with the windows down (never gets old) we had a good but slow run up the US1. That was until we hit Malibu and found the road again blocked by the local constabulary. After a short but frustrating hold up, we were again off to a relatively clear road and that lovely drive up the coast to Point Mugu and Oxnard, so all was right with the world again on a twisty road with that cool sea breeze blowing in the windows. We finally made our AirBnb in Oxnard, tired but happy again after the final great stretch.



Lesson /2 American diners serve large portions so do not try to eat it all. An early start at a Diner called Henri’s Café saw me order the chicken fried steak (a fav of mine). The diner was full of locals which is always a good sign and served spectacularly good coffee. A short time later the waitress came staggering out under a huge plate that had my breakfast on it. I did manfully try to finish it but it did beat me into submission, a delicious beating but a beating none the less. So, fortified with good food and coffee we ambled our way into Ventura and then on to Ojai. This town is one of my favorite places to spend time. Small with interesting stores and more good coffee. After looking through a few galleries and antique stores the boss went to have a wine tasting while I chatted to a local in a lovely Triumph Tr3. It was a 30yr old restoration but still immaculate even though it was quite often used to scoot around the area. About mid afternoon the temp in Ojai suddenly spiked into triple digits so we headed back to Ventura by route 150 that passes Lake Casitas and joins the US101 at Carpinteria Beach. A neat winding and scenic road that is just perfect for a MG.



Lesson /3 If you want to buy antiques and stuff, take a bigger car. Back in Ventura we ambled around the shops stopping for the odd snack in-between rooting through the plethora of thrift and antique stores. Found a few great items but alas they would not fit into the “A” so they stayed where they were (I do miss my MGB GT as you can stash all sorts of junk in those). We headed out to Seaward to have dinner at our favorite fish and chips shop only to find it had recently closed so I had to drown my sorrows with a Guinness and a burger across the road, life is so gut wrenchingly hard at times. The next day was more of the same with a very light breakfast this time as I do not think my arteries could handle two diner breakfasts so close together. After a look around the Ventura Marina and a walk on the beach we dawdled back home to San Diego the way we came with no hold ups at all which made for a nice drive.



Lesson /4 Get a wheel alignment. I was most pleased with the way the car behaved. No overheating or any other transgressions. The way the car tracked could have been a lot better due to the fact I neglected to have a wheel alignment after fitting the new tires (which are great) so it did tramline a bit more than usual on the freeway and was not as clean as usual through really fast corners. But all in all, a great weekend and close enough that it is not a major undertaking to pop up in your classic, just don't leave on a Friday afternoon.



San Diego MG Club 61st Birthday Party **Words; Ernie Jimenez, Pictures; Ernie Jimenez and TJ Moran.**

Summer Greetings to everyone!

Congratulations to all of us in the San Diego MG Club as we celebrated our 61st Birthday this Sunday last. And what a great time we all had. There were nearly 25 cars and about 50 members and visitors in attendance on a beautiful summer day in a great venue at the Balboa Park Automotive Museum. It turned out to be a car show with all our cars lined up in the museum area parking area. The weather was summer perfect and the venue couldn't have been better.

Many sincere thanks to all members who came early and helped set up canopies, tables, and chairs for our event and then everyone who helped take it all down and put it away. Many hands make light work and so many people just stepped up and gladly volunteered. The lovely Terry gets a special shout out for all her assistance in the planning, shopping, and overall set-up of the food, salads, desserts, and drinks for all of us. And I also want to thank Jim Timlin for getting our Annual Club Birthday banner for display and Discount Tire for loaning me their huge, beautiful red canopy cover.

I know there were members who couldn't make it to this event but I know they were with us in spirit. And we all look forward to having them join us again soon for club events.

Fact checkers and club historians may check me on this but I do believe I read in the one of the old club archives that the San Diego MG Club was formed on a beautiful summer day, July 28th 1958; if that's true, and I think it is, we hit the target date this past Sunday exactly 61 years ago. How cool is that members?

Thank you everyone for participating and supporting your club! You're all awesome!

Sir Ernest of Blackwood Forest
 Royal High Minister of Activities







For Sale

1978 MG Midget

Purchased it new from Kearny Mesa British. The roll bar was already installed at the time and it was never removed. One of the mechanics (Neil Anthony) at the dealership advised me to join the MG Club as soon as my warranty expired. So I and this car have been members of the MG Club since 1980. We have enjoyed our time together. It has been garaged since it arrived and has only 57,897 miles. It has been cared for and serviced over the years by wonderful MG Club members and thanks to them it is still happily on the road. Everything on this car is original including the paint. Only tires have been changed. The top is relatively new. Rubber bumpers are in great shape. Window rubber could use replacing. This little car is too much fun not to be driven on a regular basis and that unfortunately is getting to be more and more of a challenge for me. So if you are interested in a closer look I can be contacted by email at 2SLively@gmail.com The asking price is **\$8,900**. I will entertain offers but I feel this is a fair price given it's history and condition.

Many Thanks

Sharleen Lively



1968 MGC

One of 4500 Excellent power, over drive , fun to drive. Wider tires, 7/8 sway bar make the car handle well . Long legs on the freeway. This is much more powerful and solid version of the MGB I would like to keep the car in the Club. Just don't have the time to drive anymore. Call Mike 619-709-4132 \$20K



MGB handbrake cable (emergency brake to you Americans) Moss part 331-510 for a wire wheel car. RD from (c) 138401 to 360300, GT from (c)139472 to 361000 . Retails for \$18.99, for you, new in bag never touched or test fitted \$10.00. Can bring to the meeting. Ph Mark 858-922-4449.

Sunshine

Dee Johnson

It is with great sadness we note the passing of Ally Webb Benbrook, the much loved wife of Michael Benbrook and long time club member. Ally and Mike moved to Oakhurst Ca where they opened a distillery but did keep in contact with the club and the friends they had made over the MG badge. Ally was a hugely talented artist who won awards with her paintings with the same ease that she won the hearts of the people she met. She will be missed by all those that had the privilege to know her. I am sure all members would join in to offer our condolences, love and support to Michael at this time.



Ally at her Spanish Village Studio, Balboa Park.

Photo; Diane Kirby

A celebration of life for Ally will be held at River Run Farms, 14660 El Monte Rd, Lakeside CA 92040 at 6pm on October the 1st.

Coming Events

1. Don't forget our Ice Cream Socials that begin this week; I sent out a REMINDER for everyone and it's okay to go to more than one. Can you ever get enough ice cream anyway? Thank you and a tip o' the hat to Steve Kirby for organizing this event, just like the "o". Thanks Steve!

2. British Car Days, Saturday, October 12th, Spanish Landing East. You've seen the emails, time to register. Bryson will give us all the info we need at our September meeting.

3. Save the Date for the SDMGC Annual Poker Rallye, Saturday November 16th. All details and info will be forthcoming in October. Don't miss or endar this event. This rallye was designed by Richard Rafter and we'll be working in conjunction with Joanie Berkwitz at British Car Council to reach as many British marques as possible. Richard will have more info at our club meeting also. Fun event and all profits go to our club treasury!


4. Holiday Christmas Party, Saturday December 14th. I am sending an appeal to club members who would be interested in hosting at their home. This is a popular event which includes dinner and our White Elephant Gift Exchange; we've averaged about 45 people a couple years. Please contact me asap if you would like to host this event!

5. And finally, our annual Midnite In Abingdon New Year's Eve Party, Tuesday, December 31st from 2:00pm to 6:00 pm. This will be at Filippi's Italian Restaurant in Kearny Mesa; menu includes spaghetti, lasagna, raviolis, pizzas, and green salad. Beverages, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, and desserts can be ordered separately with the server at your table and is not included in the price of the dinner. The cost of the dinner will be \$15.00 per person and will include gratuity. I will have a sign-up sheet at our meeting; please sign up early and all money, checks, cash, pay pal, etc. will go directly to Michael Neale who will in turn tell me who has paid and I will confirm.

Okay, that's enough for now. I will present this info again Tuesday, just wanted to give everyone something to think about before then. Now get out there and go get some ice cream!

**5 Things I Like,
Almost As Much As
Driving My MG**

- 1) Looking At My MG
- 2) Talking About My MG
- 3) Washing Polishing & Showing My MG
- 4) Reading About MG's



5) Meeting other MG Owners

Lou Galper



ICE CREAM RUNS

This idea started a number of years ago . . . pretty simple concept! It's awfully dang hot during the summer months, such as September. The brainstorm came along that after the sun goes down, that is a fantastic time for top down driving.

Who doesn't like ice cream? Sodas? Malts? Sundaes? Cones? Cups? Banana Splits?

The idea is to meet for the four weeks in September, each week will be a different night of the week, and at a different location. So . . . there's absolutely NO excuse to not be able to attend AT LEAST one, better to make two, and if you make all four, you get an extra cherry on top.

(BTW, these locations have been dutifully researched by esteemed Club members. It was tough work, but we have some very dedicated members!)

Here's the schedule. ***For all locations, we'll start about 6:30***—get the sun down, and watch for a sunset:

Thursday, September 5: Moosie's Ice Cream, 4073 Adams Ave, just east of I-15. Hey, this place has to be great, it is named after our dog!!!! It is small, with limited seating, so please BRING YOUR BAG CHAIRS. In fact, why not just keep them in the car for the month. Parking behind the Chase bank across the street. An interesting spot, good people watching. A bit of a Bohemian area. Several restaurants nearby, should you want to extend your evening with dinner out.

Monday, September 9: JoJo's Creamery, 937 S. Coast Hwy, #106, Encinitas. Visiting the quaint seaside village of Encinitas during the Summer is always a treat. Two local Club members have done their research, and vote is in: JoJo's for sure. Reasonable parking at the shopping center . . .

Wednesday, Sept 18: Cold Stone Creamery, 2401 Truxton Rd, suite 103, in Liberty Station. Roughly speaking, it is in the next building from Trader Joe's, and the end of the next building over, which is home to a Starbucks, at one end. Lots of parking.

Tuesday, September 24: Chez Rafters, 3354 Ryan Drive, Escondido. We save the best for last! Susan and Richard Rafter have graciously invited us to their fantastic home and grounds for our Grand Finale. No big game hunting allowed. Bring nothing except your smile!



Our 40th Annual San Diego British Car Day is open for registration!

A long running and beloved event, featuring over 200 fine British Automobiles and Motorbikes, this year it will be held on Saturday, October 12th, 2019. We have the entire Spanish Landing Park East and Cancer Survivor Park, and we expect a high attendance. This year, we celebrate 70 years of Lotus, and 60 years of Mini, both are cars that have a devoted following. We're working hard to bring some of the rarest Mini and Lotus cars to the show, for your pleasure. Of course, every other type of British car will also be here, including some McLarens, which are newly represented on the Council.

Registration is \$30 for the first car, and \$50 for two cars owned by the same person. Motorbikes are \$20. Complete rules are on the British Car Day Registration page on the website, please read the rules in full before registering. We have a change this year, that we know you will be happy about! In the past, we required a certain number of cars to be registered in a class, to hold that class. If it did not reach that threshold, the class was merged, and that was an unpopular situation. This year, if even one car shows up for a class that we offer, there will be a first place awarded. A second place requires four cars to be on the field, and a third place requires seven. However, no classes will be merged this year. The class list, as we have published it, will stand. This is a good time to consider whether you or a friend might have a rare car, that usually doesn't come out because there is no class for it. Look at our class list here, and see if you might have an entry that you hadn't considered. The trophies this year are engraved glass beer mugs, both decorative and useful. There will also be special trophies for Mini and Lotus classes, which are sponsored.

Registration is open now, and all registrations must be received by October 6th. You can register with Paypal, and pay in advance, or without Paypal, and pay when you check in. If you order a shirt or two, you will pick them up when you check in. This year, the shirts have the graphic on the back, and a pocket and logo on the front. See the website for photos.

All non-show cars will be required to pay the meters, keep that in mind, please. That's the City of San Diego, and they will definitely be patrolling. Show cars park on the grass and are exempt.

Here is the link for registration. Please remember that if you use Paypal, you must go all the way through the process, and the last button you will click, with say "Purchase", and you will be taken back to our website which will confirm your purchase. If you don't see this, you didn't finish the process. You will also receive an email from us, immediately, confirming your purchase. If you get in a bind, you can email us by replying to this letter, or use mold40@roadrunner.com

We look forward to a beautiful San Diego day, seeing your cars and your friends. After forty years, we are still excited to bring this show to the British car enthusiasts of Southern California.

<https://sandiegbritishcarday.com/events>



Regalia

T-shirt	\$10-00
L/S & 3/4	\$15-00
Polo	\$20-00
Jacket	\$50-00
Cap	\$20-00
Lanyard	\$5-00
Licence Frame	\$15-00
Patch	\$5-00
Pin	\$5-00
Car Badge	\$30-00

Available at Club Meetings or contact Jim Timlin.



Endnote

This newsletter was a tough one for me to put together. I liked and admired Ally Benbrook very much. I visited her often in her studio in the Spanish Village in Balboa Park and was always greeted with a smile and a hug. I have been a guest in the house she shared with Michael and found her to be a kind and gracious host. Ally was an all round good person and I will miss her very much as will those who new her much better than I did. This highlighted for me the closeness, friendship and respect that many of us have for each other in this club, more so for some of us than within our own families. This is something to be cherished and preserved, more so even than the little cars we love so much as people are not forever as much as we would wish otherwise.

Now the maudlin stuff is off my chest a big thankyou again to our contributors especially Lou Galper whom seems to have made it his mission to find interesting, and fun bits and pieces for the newsletter and Pat Garity whose articles are both different and interesting. Keep them coming please.

