

Wadmalaw Island,
Charleston,
USA.

Good morning everybody, I'm very sorry I can't be with you today.

My father, John Thornley, as one of the founders of MG Car Club back in 1930, could have had no idea that his son would be writing this note congratulating the Club on achieving its 95th year.

He appreciated, that for some unknown reason, the Club appears to attract good folk. Look around you!! Yes, occasionally a 'four letter' person would join, but they didn't seem to stay around for long! We discussed this and could find no rational explanation – I suggest 'ordeal by Joseph Lucas', but as a drinking pal of Bernard Scott, that idea was dismissed.

That this celebration is being held at Silverstone, seems appropriate bearing in mind just how much of the Club's history is bound up with the circuit (I remember the green double decker bus control tower). There is a family legend that Pop played the 'Eminence Grise' during the purchase by the BRDC. That is something for the historians to dig at!

That the Club continues in such robust health, and with worldwide links, is a tribute to the enthusiasm of the membership. My father would continue to be proud of your success.

A big thank you from the Thornley Clan on the other side of the Atlantic!

Congratulations, our best wishes and hopes for the future.

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