



Monthly Newsletter of the Kansas City MG Car Club

February Events:

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Welcome to our newest member,

Patrick Chrislip from Independence, MO, who owns a 1959 Triumph TR3 !



MOWOG 2011 – Gilligan’s Island Redux

If you attended the 2011 MG Owners’ Winter Obligatory Gathering (MOWOG), you would have seen a whole slew of characters from Gilligan’s Island! Our basement was transformed into the Castaway Lounge – “Serving highballs and hijinks since 1963.” Grass skirts and tiki torches comprised the decor along with other visual references to the popular sitcom such as the SS Minnow’s life preserver and a ship’s wheel.

All of the familiar characters were in attendance – the Skipper, Gilligan, the Professor, MaryAnn, Ginger, Thurston Howell III and Lovey. The evening also saw Bob Wales dressed as the SS Minnow, Tommie Camblin and Russ Circle both appeared as Wrongway Feldman and Jack, Sophie and Claire Burrows made guest appearances as savage headhunters.

Geoff Rollert (the Professor) went the extra mile and brought a wooden box loaded with nifty baubles to help him perform experiments on the island. He also brought a period radio with an ancient external battery. Steve Olson made for a perfect Thurston Howell III, in his best navy blazer and silk ascot.

Kate Burrows, who made an excellent MaryAnn, used the opportunity to show off her recent acquisition of a 1973 Triumph Spitfire.

The food was outstanding. The honey-baked hams were supplemented with smoked turkey and those dishes were accompanied by side dishes and desserts that would make a neighborhood church (cont. on page 5)

2011 Events

- Feb 8** - KCMGCC Social at Johnny's Tavern
- Feb 24** - Huber Construction Tour (Green Eco Practices)
- Feb 27** - Chicago Swap Meet
- Mar 8** - KCMGCC Social at Johnny's Tavern
- Apr 2** - Armacost Tour and Brunch afterwards
- Apr 9** - Spring Tune up
- Apr 10** - Daughters of the British Empire Spring Tea
- Apr 12** - KCMGCC Social at Johnny's Tavern
- Apr 16** - Olpe Chicken Run
- May 7** - Slim Run
- May 10** - KCMGCC Social at Johnny's Tavern
- May 22-28** - Drive your British Car week
- Jun 3-4** - Heartland Show
- Jun 14** - KCMGCC Social at Johnny's Tavern
- Jul 9** - Drive-in Night
- Jul 12** - KCMGCC Social at Johnny's Tavern
- Jul 23** - Carthage Show
- Aug 6** - Club Pool Party
- Aug 9** - KCMGCC Social at Johnny's Tavern
- Aug 13** - Podunk Run
- Aug 27** - Murder Mystery Party
- Sep 3-4** - All British Show
- Sep 10** - Garnett
- Sep 13** - KCMGCC Social at Johnny's Tavern
- Sep 17** - Club Picnic
- Oct 2** - Lawrence All British Show/ Memphis Show
- Oct 11** - KCMGCC Social at Johnny's Tavern
- Oct 15** - Oktoberfest
- Oct 22-23** - Fat Run
- Nov 5** - Guy Fawkes
- Nov 8** - KCMGCC Social at Johnny's Tavern
- Nov 12** - Brit Fair Lenexa Community Center
- Dec 3** - Christmas Party
- Dec 13** - KCMGCC Social at Johnny's Tavern

Mark these dates and more info will be reported as it comes available. Once again, watch out for the Evites.

2011 MG & All British Car Shows

This is what I have found so far on car shows for 2011. I checked the web sites for other Midwestern British car shows and most still have information on their 2010 shows. I'm listing the shows and their web sites so you can check on your favorites.

Date	Show	Location	Web site
19 Mar	21st Annual British Car Day	New Orleans, LA	http://bmcno.org
2 Jun	20th Annual Champagne British Car Festival	Bloomington, IL	http://champagnebritishcarfestival.com
3-4 Jun	Heartland MG Regional	Overland Park, KS	http://heartlandmgregional.com
12 Jun	MG International 2011	Reno-Tahoe NV	http://mg2011.com
23 Jul	GOBMC British Car Show	Carthage, MO	http://gobmc.org
4 Sep	KC All-British Car & Cycle Show	Kansas City, MO	http://kcallbritish.com
24 Sep	Brits in the Ozarks	Fayetteville, AR	http://britshironwa.org
?	Mid-Iowa Brit/Euro Car Classic	Des Moines, IA	http://midiowacarclassic.com
?	All British Car Show St Louis	St Louis, MO	http://allbritishcarshow.com
?	FAHC All British Show/Lincoln	Lincoln, NE	http://flatwater.org

Midget Mumbblings by Steve Olson

I'm in a quandary these days. One of my winter projects for the Midget this time around was to improve the cooling system. Though the car has never boiled over, it has always run hot at highway speeds. Even when it is 100 or more out the car can idle for long periods and the needle on the temp gauge barely budes above "N". But cruising down the road at 70 or so the temp slowly climbs till after a half hour or so it is all the way over to H. And the engine starts to run rougher and ping more so I know it isn't just a faulty gauge. It has been doing this for the last 160,000 miles. I've tried all the magic radiator chemicals and had the radiator professionally cleaned. I've rebuilt the engine a few times and had the block hot tanked to make sure the water passages were clean. I added an oil cooler a few years back. I even added a chin spoiler to try to pull more air through the radiator. If any real progress has been made it isn't enough to notice.

The stock fan is engine driven and has a fan clutch so it moves a lot of air at low revs and mostly freewheels at higher speeds. New clutches haven't made any difference and neither have new water pumps or thermostats. The engine just seems to generate more heat than the radiator can dissipate. So I had decided to try replacing the radiator and swapping to an electric fan. The fan swap is mainly to free up a couple extra horses to spin the back wheels instead of turning the fan.

But I wasn't sure what to do about the radiator. Till recently I had few options. New radiators for 1976 - 1979 Midgets weren't available. But now Victoria British has them for less than \$150. Getting my old one re-cored at a local shop would cost more than twice that much I suspect. But are the new ones as well made as the originals? And do they have a standard core or a high efficiency one like I would have the radiator shop put in? Seems not all radiator cores are created equal. Using my existing tanks I can't go any thicker and more than 3 rows adds very little anyway since the air is already hot before it gets to the extra row. And I don't have room to go any taller or wider. Aluminum is pretty and all the racer boys love it but the old copper/brass cools nearly twice as efficiently as aluminum. It is just 5 pounds or so heavier. If I were worried about weight I could go on a diet. (And I probably should.) But some cores have big tubes and some are smaller. Some have round tubes and some are flatter. Some have rows lined up and some are staggered. And more importantly, some have more fins per inch. More fins mean more surface to transfer the heat away, but if you get too many fins then not enough air flows through them and you lose instead of gain efficiency. How is the amateur gear head to decide?

As you may have already guessed, I chose to be frugal, save a couple hundred bucks, and just bought the new radiator. It

matches what was originally engineered for the car so probably it is sufficient. I found the electric fan could be an 11" instead of the recommended 10" but only if I mounted it behind the radiator as a puller. That was fine except there isn't quite enough room there. Once I ground off the front of the water pump shaft as much as possible I was able to just shoehorn it in there with 1/8" clearance. If the engine moves a bit then I'm sure the spinning pulley will quickly modify the plastic fan housing creating sufficient space. I still need to mount and wire an indicator lamp somewhere inside so I can see when the fan is coming on. The temperature controller is adjustable and I'll need to fine tune that setting. And while I'm at it I will probably put in a manual override switch too. And if I have a spare relay laying around I may add that to keep the current draw away from the ignition switch. With all the added wiring and such I'm running out of room in the engine bay.



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Classic-fieds

1980 MGB, great condition, turquoise color, a Ford 1992 color. Dual carb conversion. 112,000 miles. Odometer replaced so mileage reads less. Less than 500 miles on tires. \$7500. Please call Derron Mayer, 913-299-1386.

I have a **1977 MGB**, dark blue, with about 57000 miles. I acquired it from my youngest daughter, she bought it from a retired gentlemen at her work. She drove it about a 100 miles, and decided she and clutches didn't get along. She parked it in her garage with a tarp over it until I retired. Somehow I ended up with it. I have replaced the exhaust, Carb, and header (it has a weber)the alternator was replaced with a 100 amp Saturn alternator. New distributor (Eurospec) relays wired on lights, new tires, belts, and hoses.

Now for the bad stuff, Rust on right rear quarter panel, interior needs work and top is old and hard, back window discolored. It probably needs a good tune up, and occasionally the fuel pump needs tapped to start.

I drove this vehicle a couple thousand miles, mostly back and forth to work (part time job) after I retired. The car is in my shop and hasn't been started for about a year and a half. I would like to see it go to someone who will appreciate it. My kids are not interested in it. I have all the parts that were removed and replaced, plus four extra wheels (two with old tires). I have about \$5000.00 invested in it, I think I would like to have \$2500.00 for it (negotiable).

Thank you

Jim Armstrong

jarmstrong41@kc.rr.com

1980 MGB roadster

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1975 MGB Hot Rod

A screw has come loose in my left leg. It's too painful to shift so selling my car. No hurry, looking for a good home. Best offer buys, new zip down back window top, V6. Any questions please call 913-268-6555 Thanks, Don Kopp

72 MGB Looking for a good home - Eureka, MO

I'm moving and my '72 MGB needs to find a good home. It's not drivable at the moment (ignition switch broken) and I haven't started it for a couple of years, but it grew up in Meridian, MS so the body is still sound and has never seen salt. Chrome bumpers, new top, original tonneau, wire wheels, luggage rack, sun-faded original paint job, new gas tank. It was state inspected (not antique) and insured and driven every weekend 3 years ago. Unfortunately, life kept me from laying a wrench on it for the last 2 years. All the work I did on it was with parts from Moss and Victoria British.

I hate to see it go, but I'd feel much better about it if I knew it was going to someone who would appreciate it. Any interested parties can contact Matt Everett at (314)-324-3050.

1960 MGA Roadster, 5-speed, Excellent

To place an ad in this section

Non-commercial MG ads are free to both members and non-members. Please contact the Membership Chairman, Tommie Camblin, about placing an ad for your business. All ads are posted at the discretion of the editor and may be edited.

Condition, Gray with Red Interior. Must see and drive to appreciate. Best in Class 2006 All MG Meet Gatlinburg. \$25,000.00 Contact Rob Camblin 816.213.1012 for info and to set an



1980 MGB project car is in primer, ready to be painted. Runs and drives, but still has headlights out so would need to be trailered if purchased. The mileage is roughly 73000. Clear title, local pickup and cash only call for appt 816-518-6301 Renee asking 1500.00



MGB Aluminum hood

It's in pretty good condition with no dents or dings. It would be a correct replacement for MGB up to 1969 I believe. It's also a desirable addition to later MGBs as it is a bolt on replacement. Many of the original aluminum hoods have long since been destroyed and replaced with steel. To buy a new aluminum hood you will pay \$900 - \$1500 plus shipping. This hood needs only minor work to be ready to install.

Price is \$100 cash. If interested, call Dave at (816) 510 - 2920, 8am - 10pm



Johnny's Tavern by John Burrows

(MOWOG, cont.)

social envious. Rob Camblin showed up with his ever popular and unique beer cooler – a contraption that has about 25 feet of tubing, coiled in an ice cooler and connected to a tap on one end and a keg at the other. Gerry Cahill was the genius that devised this contraption and it never fails to provide cold beer with a minimum of ice.

We were also in luck in that the 24 Hours at Sebring was occurring simultaneously – so we observed that race during the party as well.

The evening was capped off with a discussion of upcoming club-related events. We have at least 38 activities planned for 2011, with a little bit of something for everyone.

The annual MOWOG is our club's effort to bring folks together at the height of winter, to join in fellowship, enjoy some food and activities and plan our club's activities for the upcoming year.



Many KCMGCC members including Bob Wales (upper left), Diane Cotton (right), Tommie Camblin, and Russ Circle (together, bottom left), dressed up splendidly for our Gilligan's Island themed MOWOG.



On February 8th, the Kansas City MG Car Club had its first meeting at Johnny's Tavern at 6769 W. 119th St. in Overland Park, KS. The tavern has been kind enough to lend us their back room for our meetings and there was plenty of space for our gathering.

Our room afforded us our very own bar with wait staff, a dozen tables and several large, flat screen TVs. The food was outstanding, with a wide variety of sandwiches, salads, appetizers and other delicious entrees. The bar offered a nice selection of beers on tap as well as an excellent variety of wines and spirits. The wait staff was very prompt and helpful in taking and delivering our food and drink orders.

When the weather improves and more folks drive their classics to the meeting, we will be able use a portion of the parking lot that is ideally suited to a mini-car show. Adjacent to that area is an outdoor patio area that may also prove popular.

If you haven't been to Johnny's yet, you'll have plenty of other opportunities, as we get settled in to our club's new home. I invite you to come join us each second Tuesday of the month, as we share food, fun and fellowship. I hope to see you there!

Johnny's Tavern 6765 W 119th St, Overland Park, KS . Web site is:

http://www.johnnystavern.com/overland_park.html

The KCMGCC Social is held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

As our club membership is spread throughout the greater Kansas City area (and beyond) our social has traditionally moved to a different part of the metropolitan area every year . We do this in order to spread out the inconvenience to our geographically scattered membership.

The Club Social, like all club activities, is open to anyone. You don't have to be a club member to join the fun!

The 15th annual British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble

will be held on February 27, 2011 from 8 AM to 3 PM at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, IL.

This event now attracts both vendors and shoppers from throughout the Midwest, with over 100 indoor vendor spaces and up to 1,000 shoppers in recent years.

This year, the meet will again include other European car and motorcycle marques. Several new clubs have taken booths and promoted the event to their members, so the variety of items available will be even greater than usual.

The location is in a suburban environment roughly 25 miles west of Chicago. Info can be found at:

<http://www.britishcarswap.info>

The British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble is sponsored by the Chicagoland MG Club and enjoys the support and participation of all the Chicago area British car clubs.



21st Annual British Car Day
New Orleans, LA
March 19, 2011

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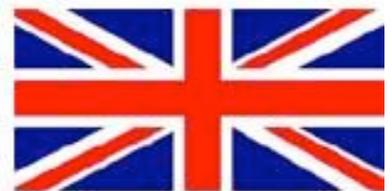
I would like to invite your members to come out to visit or enter the British Motoring Club of New Orleans' 2011 Annual British Car Day. Please let your members know about our show. If your club has a calendar, I would definitely appreciate this information being added to it. Hope to see some of your members there.

MARCH 19th 2011 – New Orleans, Louisiana - 21th Annual British Car Day– Join the British Motoring Club –New Orleans at Delgado - City Park Campus in New Orleans, Louisiana. All British cars and bikes are welcome. Registration is 9am to noon, with popular choice judging from noon till 3pm, awards at 4pm. The host hotel, the Hampton Inn-Elmwood, is just 7miles from the show site and 10 miles from the French Quarter. Hotel and show site have room to park trailers.

There will be a reception on Friday, March 18th at the host hotel. For more information contact: Rick Huber (225) 926-6946, Karen Murray (504)236-7509, or Cathy Greensfelder: cgreensf@cox.net , or visit the club web site at <http://www.bmcno.org>



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The Kansas City MG Car Club is chapter of the North American MGB Register. The North American MGB Register was formed in 1990 to serve the needs of MG owners throughout the world. The Register's executive committee is elected by the Affiliated Chapters. Officers can only serve two consecutive terms which ensures that new people and fresh ideas are always available. Finances are open to inspection at any time and the Treasurer provides financial statements that show how the membership's money is spent. Officers and Registrars receive no financial remuneration for their duties, but volunteer out of the spirit of the marque.

The award-winning magazine *MGB Driver* is published six times a year.

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Do you want to have your email address added to the members@kcmgcc.com mailing list? Yes _____ No _____

Do you want to receive your monthly newsletter via email? Yes _____ No _____

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