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Behind The Wheel

By Rick Mills

Wow! Another year shot. Or oh, boy, it was a fun year; whichever way you look at it. This year is just about gone! I didn't feel I got much done for the Club, or much done on my cars. Thanks to the Board and everybody's participation. Our Club thrives!

As far as being behind the wheel, we did have a good year. Went to SLIM Run in Manhattan, KS, drove to Colorado Springs for NAMGAR's National MGA GT-47 show (I plan on going to GT-48 in Memphis, TN in 2023), then to the St. Louis All British, then to Brits in the Ozarks in Fayetteville, AR, and finally the FAT Run. In between, we did the Photo Scavenger Hunt and several CRUMB Breakfasts. Plus we did an orchard run to Switzer Orchard in St. Joseph, MO for apples (Monica made an awesome batch of homemade applesauce from the Fuji apples we bought) and thought it funny that we could buy Louisburg Cider up there. But to top it off, our Club celebrated its 40th anniversary with a wonderful picnic and 80+ people including the Triumph club.

I missed attending a few events: the Spring Tune-up, the All British, the tour of Empire Automotive, and Prather's Dyno Day. Maybe next year, I can catch some of those. However, Monica and I did drive our MGB/GT 10,687 miles in 2022. Looking back in 2020, we only drove 2,200 miles.

So 2022 was a good driving year and we still missed some things. I hope to do some paint work on the GT next year. We will see how that turns out.

To end this boring segment, don't forget to do your winter maintenance with the checklist on page 9 that Denny Hale provides us every year. That way, we can see you behind the wheel in 2023!

Happy Holidays!



ABOUT THE MG POST

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NAMGAR

The Kansas City MG Car Club is a chapter of the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR). The Register was established in 1975, with the sole objective of promoting the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of the MGA, Magnette, and their Variants. While NAMGAR started as a register of MGA's in North America, it soon became an organization to join, as evidenced from a membership roster of folks from all over the world! It immediately became the catalyst for very special social gatherings. NAMGAR is managed by unpaid volunteer Board and Staff members. They give their expertise and time freely in an effort to make NAMGAR the best MG club in the world.: Cost of membership in the NAMGAR is \$37.50 North America/\$52.50 International per year and unique dash plaque indicating your car's Register number, NAMGAR's award winning magazine, *MGA!*, six times a year and other benefits.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Welcome new members:

Carol January Schwartz who lives in Lenexa, KS and owns a '53 MG TD.

Kevin & Cindy Smead who lives in Paola, KS and own a '64 MGB.

Stuart Greenblatt & Elaine Richters who live in Lawrence, KS and own a '73 MGB.

Dan Dickinson of Plattsburg, MO (no car yet)

We have 108 members.

NAMGBR

The Kansas City MG Car Club is a 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.

Cost of membership in the NAMGBR is \$30.00 per year and includes a dash plaque with your membership number, the *MGB Driver* magazine, and other benefits.



Fall Foliage Run, October 29th

By Kim and Craig Simon



On a beautiful fall day, 10 Little British Car (8 Triumphs and 2 MGs) drove the back roads from Tonganoxie (named for the Native American Chief from the Delaware Tribe whose name meant “shorty” in their language) to Atchison, Kansas (David Rice Atchison – Missouri Senator).

Along the way, we had some opportunities for some photo ops.

VFW Post in Tonganoxie.

Craig never misses an opportunity to take a picture next to military vehicles. Although his idea of driving across the lawn for a group shot around the Patton tank was debated, common sense prevailed and regrettably rejected.



The back country roads took us on the Amelia Earhart Drive to the Santa Fe Trail (from Franklin, MO {near Columbia MO} to Santa Fe, NM), past the Leavenworth Prison (waved at family) to the Historic Santa Fe Depot in Atchison, Kansas. Atchison was the original eastern terminus of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad.

Many people know Atchison, Kansas as the birth home of the famous flyer Amelia Earhart. A home that one can tour sits on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River.

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Fall Foliage Run

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But before the train line ran through this fair town, the U.S. Post Office made Atchison the headquarters and starting point for mail going west. The stagecoach line ran from Atchison to Placerville, CA, one of the longest and most important lines in the country. Later, it was a stop along the way for riverboats. Every day between 2–5 riverboats would tie up on the docks on the Missouri River.



Featured here are the gals with their cars at the Atchison Depot

The museum at the Historic Santa Fe Depot contained a lot of information about the area historically, geographically, and culturally. Evidence of Atchison's prosperity in the late 1800's and early 1900's can be seen on display.

But one of the most interesting displays and information was the Shake, Rattle and Roll display. Musician Jesse Stone (a.k.a. Charles Calhoun) was also an Atchison native, born 1901. A prolific songwriter and arranger working with the likes of Duke Ellington and Ray Charles. Stone is best known for the hit "Shake, Rattle and Roll" sung by many including Bill Haley and the Comets. His role in creating the classic rock'n'roll base line earned him the mantle of "Architect of Rock'n'roll".



The clubs went to lunch at a local establishment and then either continued a mansion tour or went on their own way home.

The only casualty of the trip was Brock Hansen's favorite driving hat that the wind took it off somewhere just south of Atchison. The group unanimously voted to look for it the next time they drive that way.

Chili Cook-off

By Larry Taylor

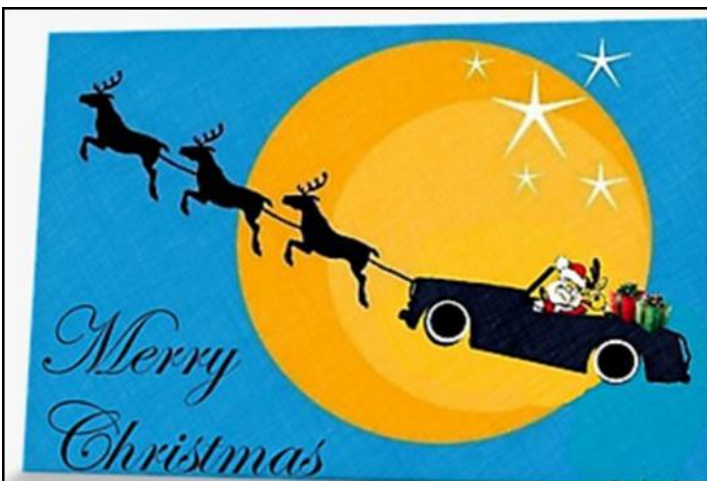
On Saturday, November 19th, 31 members gathered at the home of Larry Taylor for the annual club chili cook-off. This year, there were eight chili entries and a number of appetizers and desserts. Russ Sifers kicked off the cook-off by explaining what judges look for when judging chili competitions, followed by members sampling each chili and voting for their favorite. After the sampling, everyone was invited to eat as much chili as they wanted. Mike Palmer won the voting for the best chili and was awarded a certificate of achievement and international bragging rights and a gift to be given at the Christmas Party which was forgotten at the cook-off. Denny & Ruth Hale and Grayson Hendrick were second and third place runners up.



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Chili Cook-off

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Crumb Tuesday Breakfast

By Larry Taylor

Due to cold weather and a light snow on the morning of Tuesday, November 15th, only 14 of the 21 members that had indicated they were coming showed up for the monthly Club Retired Unemployed Members Breakfast, or CRUMB, at the Big Biscuit in Lenexa. When your plans change, please update your RSVP or call or text me at 913-620-8703 **BEFORE 7:30 AM** the day of the breakfast so that I can give the restaurant an accurate count. Thank you.

The next CRUMB meeting will be at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 20th at the Corner Café, 4541 NW Gateway Ave., Riverside, MO <https://www.thecornercafe.com/>. Please RSVP early with the number attending so we can advise the restaurant how many to expect. Future meetings will be on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM at various locations around the city based on member recommendations. Please contact Larry Taylor with any suggestions.



Midget Mumblings

By Steve Olson

I just read a recommendation that we all replace our windshield wiper blades every six months! Of course, that was written by folks selling wiper blades and wanting to maximize their profits. Buried deep in the article was the admission that if your car is garaged, the blades will last longer.

I can't remember the last time I replaced the wiper blades on our Midget. I bet it was more than SIX YEARS ago. I do occasionally drive in the rain and when I do, the wipers still work just fine. Even on our "regular" cars that sit outside their whole lives, the wipers usually work well for a couple years at least. When they do start to streak or chatter, I replace them and whine loudly about the cost. Long gone are the days when we could replace only the rubber part for a couple bucks at most. Now, even though only the rubber wears out, we must replace the whole assembly and clog the landfills with perfectly good plastic and metal. Modern cars often have wiper blades that cost \$25 or more each and many also have a rear wiper with a specialty blade that is hard to find and costs as much or more than the big ones up front. If you want premium wipers, you can easily drop a C note getting them all. Hard for me to see how this is progress. And they want us to do this every six months!

But back to our windscreen wipers on our British cars. A trip to our local auto parts store to get new blades will likely leave you empty handed. Ours are way smaller than modern cars use, so none will be in stock and probably not even available to special order. Our only choice is to go online to our usual British suppliers to place an order and then wait days or weeks for delivery. Shipping may cost nearly as much as the part.

But even though many of us don't drive our cars when rain is in the forecast, we can still get caught in precipitation that the weather guessers missed. And when we do have to drive in the rain, it is extremely important that we can see where we are going. Lives depend on that. Your life or that of someone else is certainly worth more than the price of wiper blades. So look at your blades today and maybe even mist a bit of water on the glass and test the wipers out. Then go order the parts you need and wait patiently for their arrival. At the next club social, we can all cry in our beverages over how high the prices are and how much we long for the good old days.



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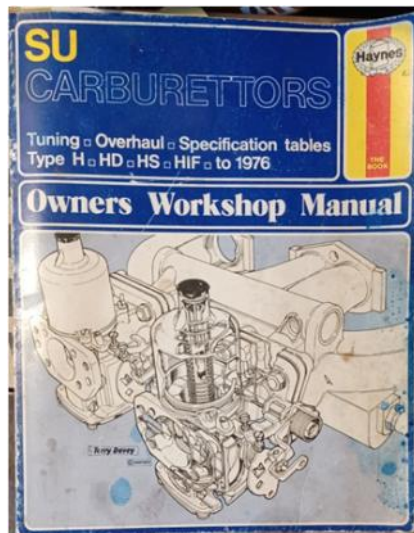
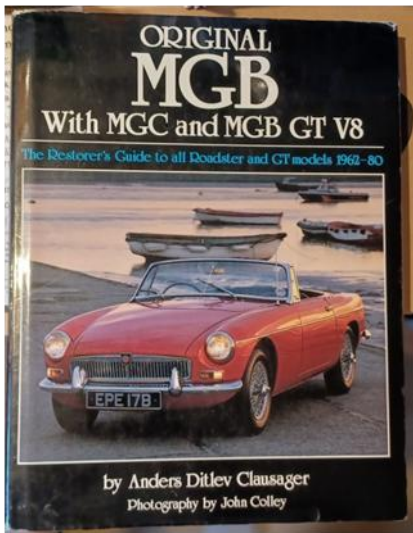


LOANER LIBRARY

By Rick Mills

Our club had a number of books donated to us and they are available to check out for you to read/refresh your knowledge. We will keep track when they are checked out and returned for the next person to borrow. Also, if you have some useful books you are no longer using or need and would like to donate them so others can use them, please bring them to the next Social and we will put them in the "Library". Please email me (rickmonica@kc.rr.com) and let me know which book you would like to borrow and I will bring it to the next Social or pick them up at my house.

1. Original MGB With MGC and MGB GT V8, Anders Ditlev Clausager 1994
2. Haynes SU Carburetors, Tuning-Overhaul-Specification tables-Type H, HD, HS, HIF to 1976



KCMGCC 2022 Calendar	Not KCMGCC Events	
	Joint MG/TR Events	
November 30, 2022		
<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>2023 JAN</u>
Christmas Party, Elect Officers	3	
MOWOG, Calendar Planning		10
Officers Meetings		3



2022/23 CLUB CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

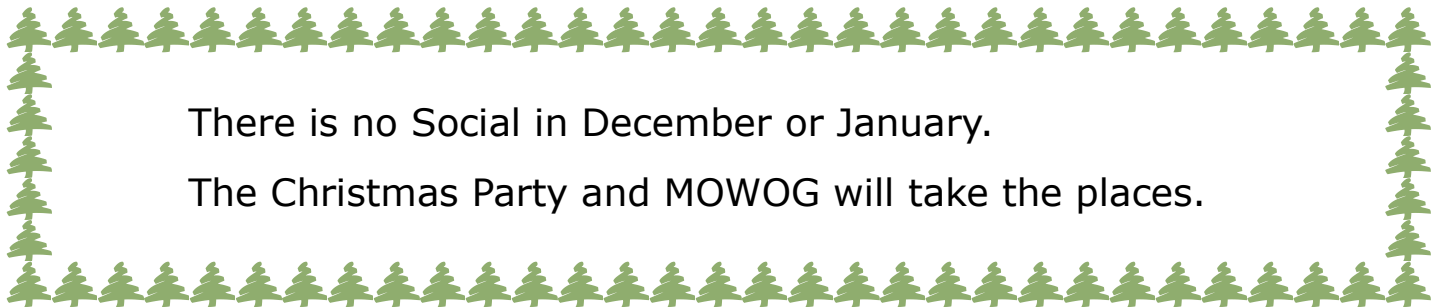
December 2022

3rd, Christmas Party
20th, Crumb Tuesday Breakfast, Corner Café

January 2023

3rd, Officers Meeting
10th, MOWOG, Location TBD
17th, Crumb Tuesday Breakfast, Location TBD

The Club uses Evite to notify members of upcoming events and to provide the host with the feedback to properly plan the event based on the number of people attending. You can set up an Evite account by going to <https://www.evite.com/register?next> entering your email address, a password, and your name, gender, and ZIP code. You can then check the status of the events you have been invited to or change your RSVP at any time by logging in to your account. Phone apps are also available from your app store.



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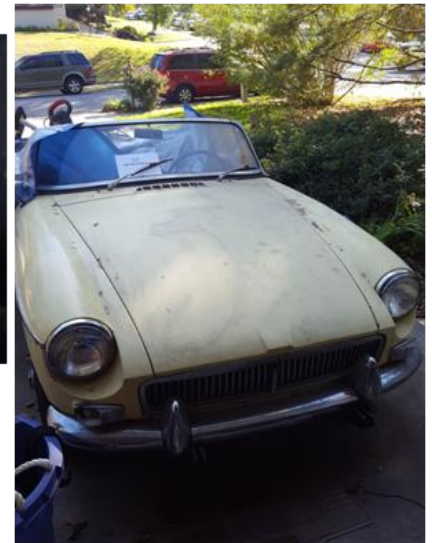
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CLASSIC-FIEDS

For Sale: 1952 MG TD Kit Car. This vehicle is in excellent condition. It is ready to roll and is very reliable. The vehicle has side curtains along with convertible top. The vehicle is a fiberglass replica MG TD. It is built on a Chevette frame with a Chevette engine and transmission. 10,700 actual miles. Manual transmission. Tan interior, yellow exterior. The car was built by British Coach Works in 1985 and has been garaged ever since. The build was contracted by Schwepps Ginger Ale for promotion. I was told it is one of 50 built for them. I have owned it for 4-1/2 years. I am selling this vehicle because I am running out of room due to my collection. I hate to see it go. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. David Randall, 816-679-5099; grandmedical8206@gmail.com. Asking \$14,500. (08/22)



For Sale: 1967 MGB. A few years ago, I picked up a '67 MGB at an estate sale. The best I could determine is that it has sat since the early '90's undriven. I tried to start it, but never got oil pressure, so I stopped. The car is in fair condition: needs a windshield, top, steering wheel, new fluids, and left front fender repair. It does have five wire-wheels, a new battery and fuel pump. The car is titled and insured and currently located in Leavenworth KS. The car has an installed tow bar that works well. Contact Bill McClure, whmcte@gmail.com or 602-568-3451. Asking \$675 OBO. (09/22)



CLASSIC-FIEDS

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For Club Members to Borrow: I have built this engine stand to run engines on and is available to any club member who will return it in as good a shape as it was when they borrowed it. Photo is with an MG engine on it. Call me at 816-835-8262. Tom Berry. (1/21)



"This tool gives the classic car owner the freedom to go to virtually any tyre centre/garage and accurately have your wheels balanced. The set has the three most commonly used spindle sizes on dynamic balancing: 36mm, 38mm, and 40mm. It has cup sizes to fit 42mm and 52mm centre lock wheels."

The club provides the ad space and I'll donate 50% of the rental proceeds back to the club. \$20 rental fee per car (4-5 wheels). Gary Gumming, gumball1@gmail.com.

For Sale: 1977 MGB. This vehicle is in good condition overall and completely operable. The exterior paint and trim are presentable. Recently installed a new fuel pump and carburetor. We have owned it since 2007. Always garaged. 42,100 original miles. Less than 1,000 miles on new tires. Asking \$15,000. If you have any other questions, call or text me, Moe Pelletier, 913-727-2304, moe.pelletier.sr@gmail.com. (06/22)



For Sale or Trade for MGA Owners: I have several new bronze and steel freeze plugs and I need side curtains for my 1961 MGA 1600. Please call Gary Plowman, 816-796-3199, or email: plowphoto@aol.com for more information. (11/21)

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Costs to Business Advertise

Ads run for one year (June-through following May). Cost is:

Ad Size	Cost for KCMGCC Members	Cost for Non KCMGCC Members
Business-card Size Ads	Free	\$18
1/4 page Ads	Free	\$25
1/2 page Ads	\$25	\$50
Link to Business from KCMGCC Web Site	Free	\$5

Ads must include artwork, and whether they want a link to their business with their website address. and be sent to membership@KCMGCC.com



Regalia

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Please Note: Prices do not include shipping & handling for mailing to out-of-town members. You can pick up Regalia at any local event or when you are in town.



Still Dripping T-Shirts

This is the awesome "still dripping" design that we all love on a grey pocketed t-shirt, currently only available in medium for **\$9.00 each**.



Windshield Sticker

Our nifty Club will provide all members with an equally nifty windshield sticker for one of your cars. This sticker is placed on the inside of the windshield to proudly display your club affiliation wherever you go! If you need more of these windshield stickers in your life than the one that is provided, it will be **\$1.00 each**.



Grille Badge

I don't know if there is a better way to show off your club affiliation than with these grille badges, plus the wives will love the bling it adds to the car! These grille badges are 3.5" in diameter and feature a 2 stud horizontal mounting system (with the studs and nuts included). We had them made in bulk to keep the price down and are passing the savings along to the members, so you can get one for just **\$30**.



Coozie (new lower price)

Who doesn't love a cold drink? Well, the only way to make one better is to wrap it in this black coozie embellished with our great club's logo custom made to order for only **\$5**.



Lapel Pins

This pin gives a distinguished look to anything you choose to stick it to, while displaying your club affiliation eminently for **\$1 ea.**

Oil Change Windshield Sticker: \$1

These are a great looking and a functional way to keep track of your oil changes.



Name Badges: This is free to all club members! You have the option to have a picture of your car on this badge or not, that is completely up to you. The only catch is you have to provide a picture if that is what you want.

For any comments or requests please contact either Chris or Peyton, your friendly neighborhood regalia officers.

-Chris (816)835-8559 schwamotorsports@icloud.com or -Peyton (660)281-8020 schwamotorsports@icloud.com



Regalia

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Small

Wall Art: \$20/Small; \$50/Large

I hate it when I feel my walls are too bare. If you ever feel that way, you are in luck! Because these pieces fix that issue quick! You can get these customized with different colors or just as the bare metal.



Large



Bottle Cap Magnets

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Bottle Cap Necklaces: \$10

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KCMGCC Club T-Shirts: \$15

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