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Happy New Year!

KCMGCC Christmas Party *By Rick Mills*

54 members attended our annual Club Christmas Party that was held Saturday, December 3rd again at the Mission Lakes Clubhouse, courtesy of Jim & Betsy's clubhouse. The clubhouse was very nicely decorated this year. Even new members, Dave and Debbie Holzmeister and Tom and Karen Sim came all the way from Topeka!! The weather held out for a nice, pleasant evening.

We had the usual catering done by Hy-Vee in Belton (sorry for the overdone meats—won't happen again!), but the rest of the sides and their pies were delicious as always — Cherry, Apple, and Pumpkin! We had lots of appetizers brought by members for Happy Hour and some extra desserts.

The Member of the Year Award was given to Steve and Carol Olson for their continued club participation and attending most all club events. Steve always provides articles for the newsletter every month. He also provides articles for the Kansas City Triumph Newsletter, called Wedgewords, and he also writes for NAMGBR's MG Driver. He's also always available to answer questions about your MG or Triumph.

Thanks, Steve, well deserved.



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ABOUT THE MG POST

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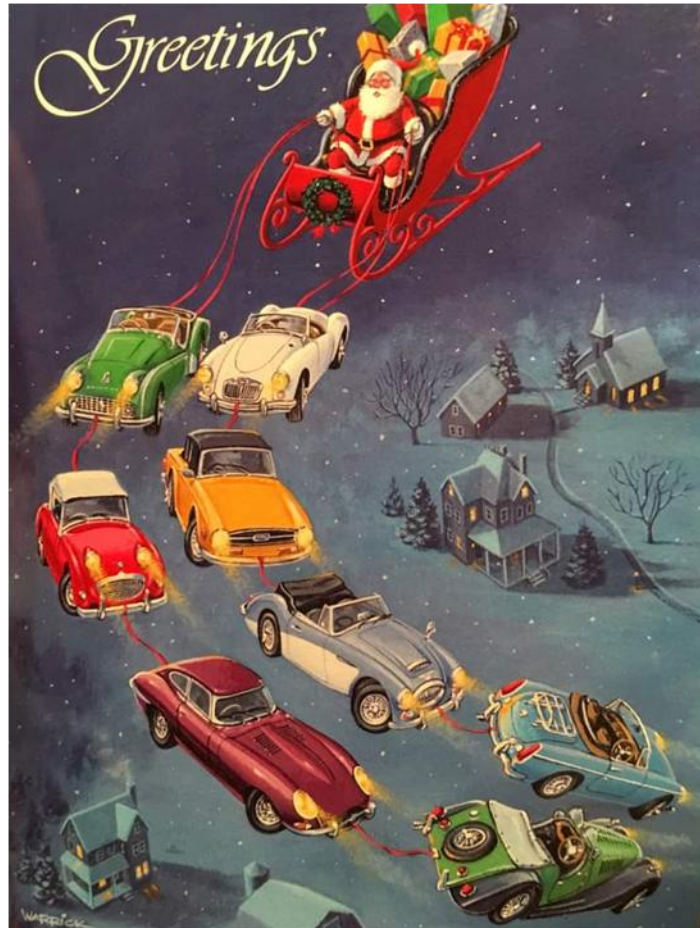
The Kansas City MG Car Club is a chapter of the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR). The Register was established in 1975, with the sole objective of promoting the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of the MGA, Magnette, and their Variants. While NAMGAR started as a register of MGA's in North 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.

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.



Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and got everything you wished for!!



KCMGCC Christmas Party

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The exchange of gifts was extra fun this year as an authentic British vinyl jacket was the favorite to swap their gift for the jacket as it went around the room. Other favorites to swap were different bottles of wine and other spirits.

Thanks to everyone that helped set up tables and chairs and then later helped to clean up. It was very much appreciated.



MG TC and Corvette

By Russ Sifers

The National Corvette Museum pays homage to the MG TC with a special display telling about the first SCCA sanctioned race on October 2, 1948 in Watkins Glen, NY. 35 cars registered for the race, 15 entered the race, and 10 finished the race. Eight were MGs. Sports car racing had begun in America, but there were no American-made sports cars back then.

GM VP Harley Earl saw the popularity of sports car racing at Watkins Glen, Elkhart Lake, and other road courses with young guys racing MGs and a few Jaguars, so he developed the Corvette that went on sale in 1953. Sales that first year were rather poor. GM made only 300 Corvettes in 1953 while MG made about 9,000 TDs and TFs. Today GM cannot even keep up with the orders for the new Corvette.

Pam and I picked up my 2023 Corvette at the National Corvette Museum and saw the display of an MG TC that started it all.



Russ Sifers (who now has a 1949 MG TC and a 2023 Corvette).



Crumb Tuesday Breakfast

By Larry Taylor

The monthly CRUMB meeting at the Corner Café in Riverside on Tuesday, December 20th got off to a bad start - 26 club members from the Triumph and MG clubs had to wait until 9:45 to get seated. This was especially disappointing since this was one of our largest turnouts this year. Needless to say, we will not be returning there. 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, January 17th once again at Caleb's Restaurant, 515 E. Red Bridge Rd., Kansas City, MO, www.calebskc.com. **Note – Due to construction at Red Bridge & Holmes, I recommend you take Red Bridge Road EAST from Wornall Road to access the parking lot.** 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.



Winter Bath for the MGB/GT

By Rick Mills

Wednesday, December 7th, turned out to be a relatively nice day (50°), and I thought I'd better get the '73 GT washed for the winter. The last time it was washed was just before the FAT Run in October and it got pretty dirty. We might still drive it in the winter months as long as the temperature is above 45° and the streets haven't been salted. I'm sure we'll have more 45-50+ warm days in December through March. Gotta keep that oil and gasoline circulating!



Midget Mumblings

By Steve Olson

We all know that the tires on our British cars won't last forever. Few of us drive enough to wear out our tires before they become unsafe due to age. When we eventually replace them, we will discover that our sizes are not easy to find. New cars that use our small size tires haven't been made for several years, so tire stores won't likely have any in stock. And when they go to order some for us, they will find only a few companies still make tires in our sizes. Bottom line is that new tires will take longer to get and cost way more than we would have expected. When we buy good quality new tires for our cars with any luck, we can expect them to last a decade, only needing the occasional air up.

Lest we forget, our cars came with five tires. The one in the boot also needs its air pressure checked regularly. And eventually it too will be so old that it would be unsafe to use if needed. Hidden away from UV rays, it may be good for a couple decades, but eventually it should not be trusted at highway speeds if you should need to mount it. If your spare is an original from when the car was made like mine was, you really should not depend on it to get you home. I am way too cheap to buy five new tires all at once. But replacing the old spare with the best of the ones you are taking off, seems a fair compromise.

And speaking of spare tires, is yours stored safely at home in the garage? If so, it won't be much help when you have a flat on the road somewhere. Luggage space in our Midget is far from spacious. I have been tempted when taking long trips to leave that big bulky spare at home. I have only used it once in over 200,000 miles of driving. And that time, I only used it when the tire shop that I drove to failed to successfully patch the nail hole. I could have plugged that hole with the repair kit I had with me and I always pack a small air compressor. But spotting an open tire shop just before starting a long stretch between towns, I decided to let the professionals handle it. Bad decision as it turned out. They tried patching repeatedly without success. I later found the nail had gone in at a sharp angle and they kept putting the patch directly over where the nail had entered the tread and not over where it had barely penetrated the inside of the tire.

Even with the long odds in my favor, I still never leave home without having a spare tire. I just can't depend on my roadside insurance to protect me. If you are depending your roadside service to have your back, then you best check to be sure. Sure they will come put your spare on for you, but if you don't have one, will they have one that fits your car on their truck? Will they haul you and your flat tire to a tire store, hang around while you get it fixed, and then haul you back to your car? Will the local tire store have a tire in your size if yours is not repairable? Most likely not. So when I decide what to leave at home and what to pack with me, I opt to haul the spare instead of those extra sweatshirts and jeans. If I need more clothes, I can do laundry or go to Wal-Mart and buy some.



Rover and His Roadster

By Rick Mills

On December 27th, some members of our KCMGCC club were able to meet up with Rocky DiGiacobbe, better known as 'Rover and His Roadster'.

Rocky and his dog, Carter, tour the U.S. while Rocky is doing his job. He works for a company that inspects large corporations and their facilities while putting over 100,000 miles traveling in his '76 MGB. He travels all over the lower 48 states. This year (2022), he came to Kansas City twice and we were able to assemble a small group in the part of town where he was staying. In October, he was up north of the river and this December, he was in the Olathe area. A very interesting gentleman. You can follow him on Facebook: Rover and His Roadster.

Rocky had this to say on his Facebook page: "One of the greatest joys of our travels is being able to meet fellow MG enthusiasts all over the country and share our experiences and listen to others. We've been fortunate to develop new friends in several states. The hospitality we find in Kansas City however is rivaled by none. Thank you all. The KC MG group is an outstanding organization and I encourage those who have the opportunity to, to pay them a visit. You won't be disappointed."



Rocky (above ↑)
and by his '76 MGB
(below ↓)



Look Who “Tied the Knot”!

On Saturday, December 10th, Susan McKenzie and Brad Drexler decided to make it legal and quietly got married in Crystal River, FL. They recently bought a house in Lecanto, FL (somewhat north of Tampa) where they now reside. Susan will be selling her house in Lawrence, KS in the Spring.

Congratulations, Brad and Susan Drexler. May you have many happy years together. You are an adorable couple! Glad you're keeping your Classic Mini, Susan, and staying with our club and you promised to return for events as possible!



Their favorite hobby together!!

Brrrrrrr

By Steve Olson

Saturday, December 20th, and 23 degrees out! Even the dinosaur looks cold. Errands needed to be run and the Midget has a decent heater, so why not enjoy driving it today.





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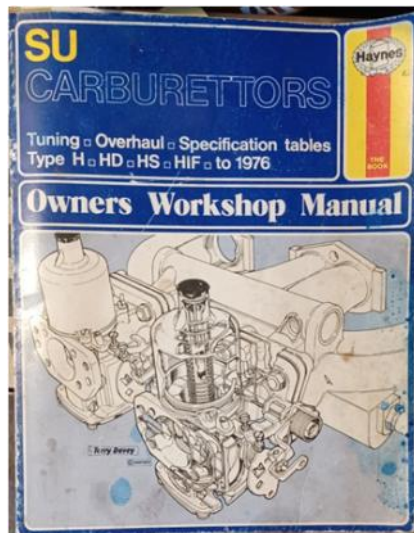
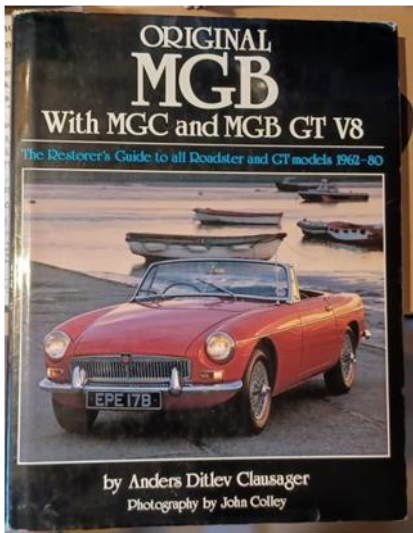


LOANER LIBRARY

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 2023 Calendar	Not KCMGCC Events
Revised December 31, 2022	Joint MG/TR Events
<u>EVENT</u>	<u>JAN</u>
MOWOG, Calendar Planning	10
Officers Meetings	3
New 2023 events calendar coming in the February newsletter	



MEMBERSHIP STATUS

We have 108 members.

2023 CLUB CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

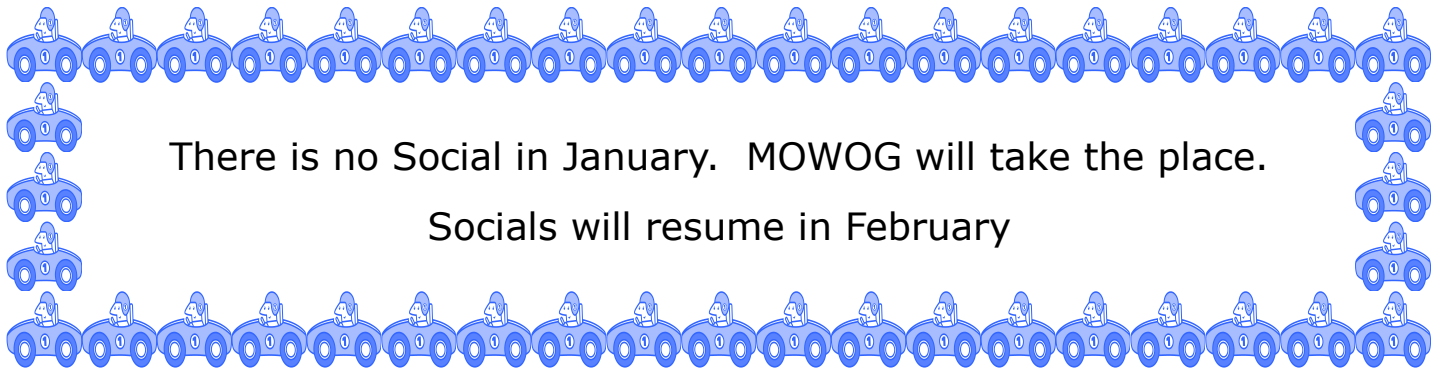
January 2023

- 3rd, Officers Meeting
- 10th, MOWOG, Pegah's
- 17th, Crumb Tuesday Breakfast, Caleb's

February 2023

- 14th, Social, Location TBD
- 21st, 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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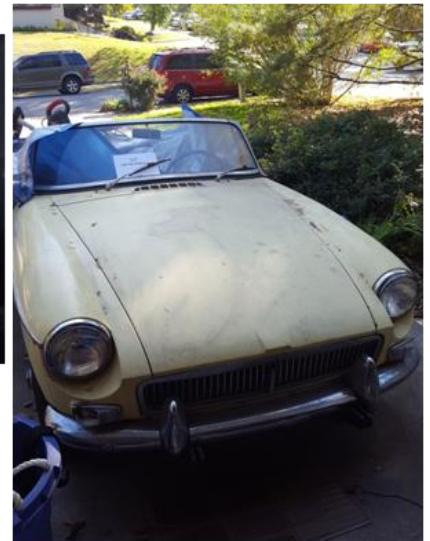


CLASSIC-FIEDS

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)



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

Ad Size	Cost for KCMGCC Members	Cost for Non KCMGCC Members
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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**.



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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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