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How About That February Weather!

By Rick Mills

The weather has been so good, we drove our MGs more than 700 miles in February. That included going to MOWOG and the CRUMB Breakfast. Plus we are setting up the SLIM Run for later this Spring.

I hope you got your LBCs out now because we are going to pay for this nice weather in March and April.

Come to the Spring Tune-up on April 13th and you can get your car up on a lift to change oil and grease all those zerks that are hard to get to in your garage. See you then.



ABOUT THE MG POST

The Kansas City MG Post is published monthly by the Kansas City MG Car Club. The KCMGCC is a member of the North American MGB Register and the American MGB Association, and is affiliated with the MG Owners Club, Cambridge, England. The MG Post is provided free to members. Opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of the Club, the Club Officers, or the staff of the newsletter. Technical information is believed to be accurate; however, any repairs on mechanical advice is attempted at the reader's risk. The Club, Officers, or newsletter staff will not be responsible for any misinterpreted or incorrect technical information. If in doubt, consult a certified technician.

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.

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 *MG 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 *MG Driver* magazine, and other benefits. (see namgbr.org)

PLEASE HOST A MEMBER GARAGE TOUR (MGT)

Anyone in the club can host an MGT. If you would like to show your garage or a car(s); need advice for a project or restoration; have a technical issue you would like to discuss; an improvement you would like to share; provide a forum for group discussion or just want to socialize, please sign up to host a MGT. All a host has to do is furnish the garage space and perhaps some coffee and doughnuts. MGT's generally are on a Saturday about 10:00 AM and may be followed by an optional lunch at a nearby restaurant afterward.

Please contact Larry Taylor at larry@taylorgroupcpa.com to sign up.

MORCH



This Month In MG History

By Ed Cooke

Abingdon Spares February Newsletter

This month in MG History...February 1, 1956. Don Hayter joins MG in the Abingdon design office as a senior layout draftsman.

Born in 1926, Don Hayter began his career as an apprentice at Pressed Steel body plant. This was during war time and most of the work was aircraft and other military applications. The return to peace time brought a return to automotive related projects. In his time at Pressed Steel Hayter worked on projects for Rootes, Austin, Lanchester, Rover and up thru the Jaguar XK 120. Hayter worked with Gerald Palmer at MG on panels for the ZA Midget while still at Pressed Steel. Desiring to get more into the automotive design work, Hayter left Pressed Steel to work for Aston Martin as a draftsman. While at Aston Martin, he worked on the DB 2/4 Mark III, and even sketched an early version of the DB4. Unfortunately, his drawing lost out to the Italian design of the Superleggera DB4.

Following his work at Aston Martin, Hayter applied to and was accepted at MG. Hayter is best known for his work on the development of the MGB. In his early years at MG, he worked on the development of the MGA twin cam cars. One of his most memorable MGA projects was the design and detailing of the fastback MGA coupe, SRX 210, built for Ted Lund and raced three years in a row at Le Mans.

Because of Hayter's earlier experience, he was responsible for the drawings of much of the MGB's component panels and being the contact between Abingdon and Pressed Steel. Hayter worked at MG through the development of the MGB. Much of his work as Chief Design and Development Engineer involved ongoing modifications to the MGB to meet ever changing American safety and emissions standards. Many of the required modifications made the MGB heavier and slower, to the concern of MG loyalists like Hayter.

Hayter worked at Abingdon up until its closing in 1980. Following his retirement from MG, Hayter became involved in engineering mobility solutions for the disabled. Hayter remained a dedicated MG enthusiast and was named an honorary Vice President of the MG Car Club in 2001. He passed away at the age of 94 in 2020.



Photo courtesy of Hemmings Motor News

Midget Mumbblings

By Steve Olson

Springs all sag over time, same as my jowls. Sometimes the sag comes much sooner than we would like. I think it was about 10 years ago that I replaced the front coil springs on our Midget. There was once a time when all our suppliers were selling springs that looked great, but had very little temper. That meant they quickly sagged to the point our cars bottomed out completely. I bought some of those and had to replace them after just days. All our usual suppliers were selling the same crap, but eventually whoever was making those springs got better or went out of business. Better products soon refilled the supply chain and I was able to buy decent springs. Sadly, even those better coil springs were letting me down after a decade.

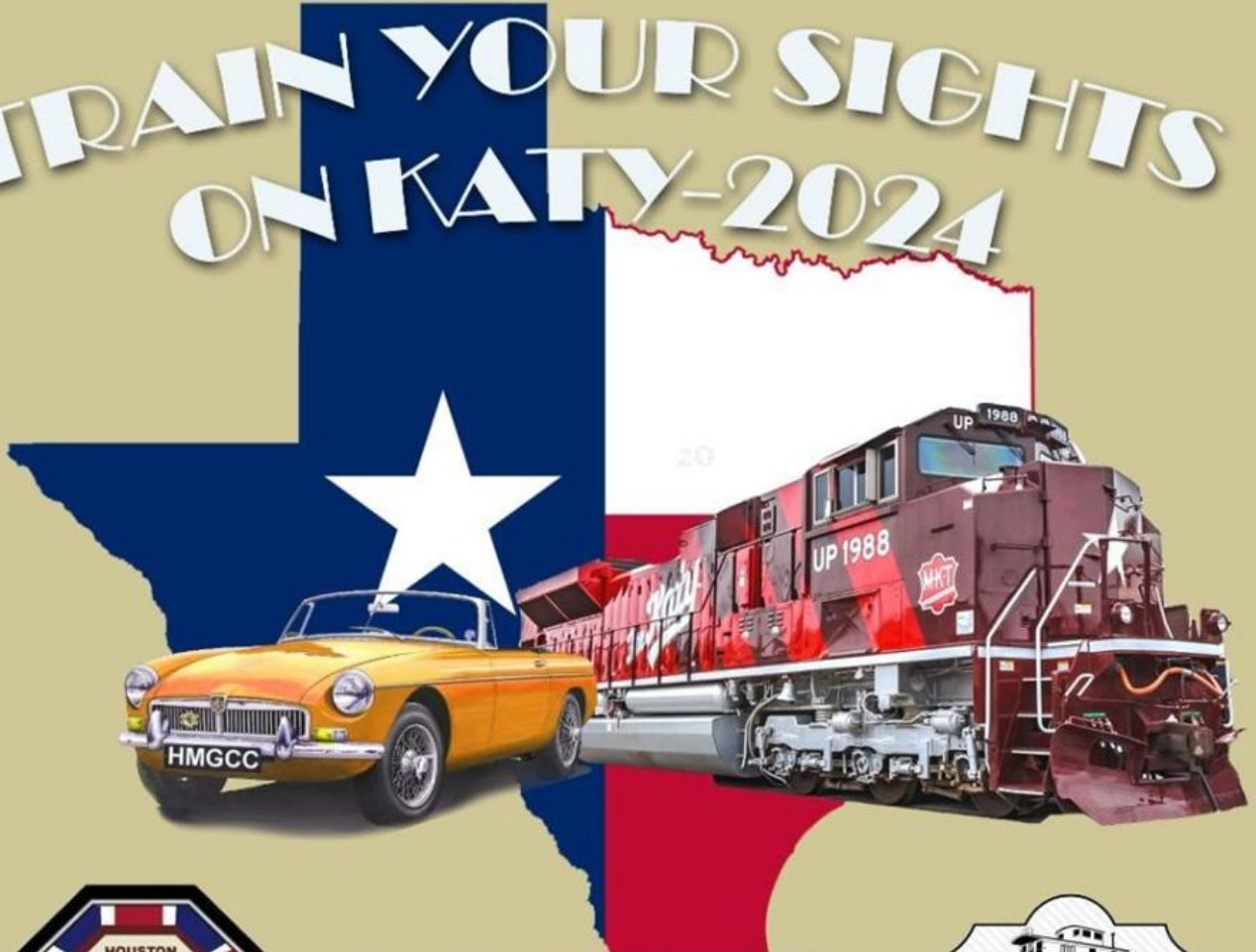
I noticed that handling was frightening. Bump steer would make it tough to stay in my lane if I hit a bump or swale while cornering. The left front tire would rub the fender during right turns. It was time to address the problem.

I ordered new coil springs and proceeded with the nasty job of installing them. The free length of the new springs was a full inch more than the ones I removed. On a Midget or Sprite, changing springs is done by replacing two of the four bolts holding the spring pan to the bottom of the lower A-arm with very long bolts. Then I removed the other two short bolts and slowly loosened the long bolts alternately until the spring tension was relaxed and the coil dropped out the bottom of the arm. Sounds easier than it is. And while I was there, I dropped one A-arm to weld up a bit of damage to the chassis. That very simple fabrication severely tested my welding skills, but eventually I got the job done and covered my welds with lots of rattle can paint.

The new springs raised the car up a couple inches and it looked much better. The tie rods now were nearly level, so bump steer should be minimal. When I measured the body height, I found it still a bit low on the left. After scratching my head for several days, I decided my sway bar might provide an answer. The links that attach the bar to the lower A-arms are something I fabricated myself and they have a small amount of adjustment in their length. Once I uncoupled the sway bar, the body height was low on the left by only a quarter inch. I could live with that, but lengthening the link on the left just a sixteenth or so should transfer just enough weight to level things up. If not, then I might need to go on a diet.

April 21-24, 2024

TRAIN YOUR SIGHTS ON KATY-2024



North American MGB Register





NAMGAR GT-49 2024 Columbia Gorge MG Club

July 15, 2024 10:00 am to July 19, 2024 4:00 pm Columbia Gorge MG Club Presents NAMGAR GT-49

Greetings North American MGA Register members and all British car enthusiasts!

This is coming to you from the Columbia Gorge MG Club centered in Portland, Oregon, hosts of the 2024 GT.

This is the first in a series of messages we'll send between now and GT-49 next summer.

For this first one we just want to ask you to save the dates.

We'll provide lots more details as the event dates approach, but for now here are the basics:

July 15-19, 2024

Mt. Hood Oregon Resort, Welches, Oregon



We'll notify you as soon as the registration form is available, but for those questions that absolutely cannot wait, just send a note to: classic.car.activist@gmail.com

We're looking forward to welcoming you to GT-49 in northwestern Oregon with all of the fabulous scenery and spectacular touring roads we enjoy in this sports car haven.

 Comments Off on NAMGAR GT-49 2024 Columbia Gorge MG Club




Comments are closed at this time.

St. Louis All British Car and Cycle Show



2024 All British Car & Cycle Show 42nd Annual Event on Saturday September 21, 2024

The St. Louis All British Car and Cycle show is an annual event that has been taking place for over 30 years. The show brings out a wonderful selection of the finest classic and more modern examples of the British Automobile (car) and Motorcycle industry. Come and visit to see over 150–200 beautiful cars and perhaps re-live a few memories. The show takes place in Creve Coeur Lake park and offers a wonderful scenic setting by the lake with shade from some large trees.

We have a date – **Saturday September 21, 2024** and the location will again be [Creve Coeur Lake Park – Heldman Shelter](#)  ([Google Maps directions to the show site](#) ) so please mark your calendars accordingly. Be sure to “like” us on [Facebook](#)  and get notifications as we add information on there as well.

Please go to website for more details and registration:

<https://allbritishcarshow.com/>

2024 featured marques/models

To be announced.

Pre-Registered Attendees Pre-event BBQ on Friday, September 20, 2024

5:00pm–dark: Pre-Show BBQ in Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park at Car Show location – scroll down for the location details and a map of how to get to the pre-show BBQ. This event is open to all people that have pre-registered a car or motorcycle for the event. **This is not open to the public.**

Event Sponsor: To Be Announced

Grilled burgers, bratwursts, hot dogs, all the trimmings and soft drinks. Join us for an evening of food, fun, friends, and cars.

Please bring your lawn/folding chairs with you and if you are not from “out of town” please also bring a side dish/dessert to share.

2024 Schedule of Events – Saturday September 21, 2024

9:00am: [Show Field](#)  Opens

9:00am–Noon: On-site registration

9:00am – 2:00pm: Swap Meet

11:00am – 1:30pm: Popular Voting

3:00pm: Awards (Please be at the pavilion at 2:30.)

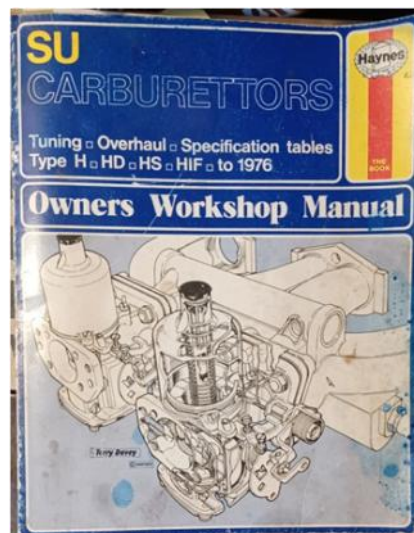
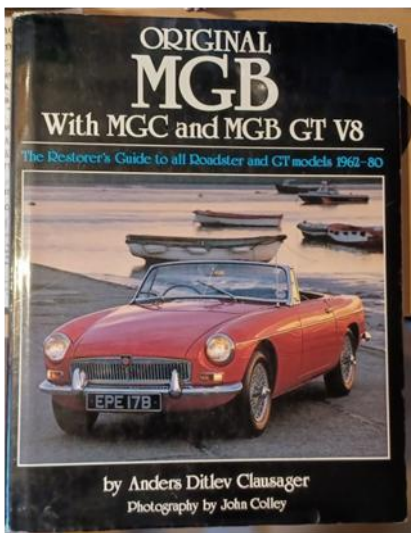
Food and drinks will be available for purchase during the show.

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



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 10th.

2024 KCMGCC CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2024

9th, Armacost Car Museum Tour, Rollert
 12th, Social, Conroy's Pub House, Leawood
 19th, CRUMB Brkfst, Roxanne's Café, Platte City
 27th, Ladies Luncheon, Chez Elle, KCMO

April 2024

2nd, Board Meeting
 9th, Social, Conroy's Pub House, Leawood
 13th, Spring Tune-up, Scott's Auto Express
 16th, CRUMB Breakfast, Caleb's, KCMO
 24th, Ladies Luncheon, Location TBD

May 2024

11-12, SLIM Run, Rick & Monica Mills
 14th, Social, Location TBD
 21st, CRUMB Breakfast, Rae's Café, Indep.
 22nd, Ladies Luncheon, Location TBD

NOTE: The full page calendar for the year is now on the website, [kcmgcc.com/events](https://www.kcmgcc.com/events).
 When you click on each event, it will describe full details: time, location, etc.

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.

** KCMGCC March 2024 Monthly Social **

Please join us on Tuesday, March 12th at:

Conroy's Public House
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Please RSVP to the Evite when you are notified.

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Dave Dobbins
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Satyr62@yahoo.com

CLASSIC-FIEDS

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. New price \$12,000. If you have any other questions, call or text me, Moe Pelletier, 913-727-2304, moe.pelletier.sr@gmail.com. (04/23)



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 Gumminger, gummball1@gmail.com.

After a recent reorganization of my tool box I have a number of socket organizers that are not being used. I am making any or of all them available to any KCMGCC or Triumph Club member who can use them. No charge for these; just come get them.

My contact info is below

Tom Berry, 816-835-8262, tberry2@gmail.com, 7204 NW Ironwood St, Kansas City, MO 64152

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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
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**.



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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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Do you want your telephone number and email address listed on the club roster? Yes ___ No ___

Mail completed application and dues/checks made out to KCMGCC and mail to:

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OR pay by **PayPal** at www.paypal.com/paypalme/kcmgcc and email the completed application to membership@kcmgcc.com or mail it to the address above.

Prorated dues for new members joining in the months of:

January	\$ 6.00	July	\$18.00
February	\$ 4.00	August	\$16.00
March	\$ 2.00	September	\$14.00
April	\$20.00*	October	\$12.00
May	\$20.00*	November	\$10.00
June	\$20.00	December	\$ 8.00

To join and pay online go to www.kcmgcc.com/membership

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* Pays through May 31st of the following year.

Dues for renewing members are \$20.00 covers the period June 1st through May 31st.