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2025 CLUB CALENDAR	17	Lark In May), car run. We all gathered at the Pilot Station on MO 210 for a casual run through
CLASSIC-FIEDS	19	Northern Missouri
		headed toward Madison

County, IA. Eight cars were there to head out on the drive. Although

there had been talk of

rain earlier in the week.

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AND SO MUCH MORE!

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it looked like that activity was going to hold off and stay south of us as we began the trek.

This was to be a repeat of the first Slim Run that happened back in 1999 and was planned by Gerry and Tracy Cahill. They were kind enough to provide the original route, and the plan was to follow it fairly closely. The roads were largely ours and we didn't have a lot of "civilian" traffic to contend with. Unlike the FAT Run (Fall Alternative Tour) in the Fall, the Slim Run is intended to be less challenging to the drivers and more of a fun day trip. We were not disappointed. For a bunch of old cars, they did remarkably well. Although we often see multiple "roadside tech sessions" on these runs, there was only one

mild hiccup with Larry Taylor's TR-3 deciding to provide some slight hesitation. No real time was lost, and no tow trucks were called.

Lunch was at the Gingrich Dutch Pantry in Jamesport, MO. The food there does not disappoint. We were glad to get there before the lunch rush. By the time we left, the line was backing up out the



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door. There was time to do a little shopping at the local stores before hitting the road toward lowa. We encountered no blocked roads or washed-out bridges, just a couple of steering checks (U-turns), as yours truly made some miscues.

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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.

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. MGTs 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 ltaylor6680@gmail.com to sign up.

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)



I NEED YOU TO HOST A GARAGE TOUR

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Slim Run 2025 - Trek to Winterset, Iowa

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Larry's car didn't let him down as he kept a close eye on it. This was a pretty long day one. and it was fun driving through some of the small towns and seeing folks smile and wave as our convoy passed by.

We arrived in Winterset, IA in the late afternoon with no real calamities on the way.

The motel was simple but comfortable and the manager was very nice, even opening the breakfast room so we could use it as our own private

cocktail lounge after dinner.

Dinner was at the Urban Taproom.

The food was good, and I don't think anyone left hungry. A little later, many of us met up at our improvised lounge at the motel for Margaritas and story swapping.

Sunday morning, the threat of rain to the south of KC and the $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour drive just to get to KC was on the minds of some as they decided to head back early.



The rest of us headed out to see some of the "Bridges of Madison County".

Unfortunately, I hadn't scouted out to see whether they were on paved roads. Most are down long, dusty, gravel roads. We headed out to the first three, each time being thwarted by gravel. I decided to lead the

pack on paved roads to the City Park where the Cutler-Donahue Covered Bridge was. The park is nice and there were a lot of families enjoying their Sunday morning there. (Editor's Note: There were also many carved tree trunks throughout the park that were amazing. The detail to the carvings are unbelievable. A walk through this park is a must-see.)

We also went to the Imes Bridge, right off I-35, before heading to the museum.



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Slim Run 2025 - Trek to Winterset, Iowa

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Winterset is known as the movie location, but it is also the birthplace of the legendary actor, John Wayne. There is a museum dedicated to his life and career, and the original home in which he was born is open right next door. He only lived here as a young child, but they are quite proud of having this town been his birthplace. Our group was given a guided tour of both the museum and home. Our guide was very knowledgeable, and it was clear she really enjoyed talking about the history.

After the museum, lunch was again at the Urban Tap Room. Most people headed back to town, but Peggy and I and Geoff went to the Clark Tower at the City Park for some photos and to see the scenery.

Then Peggy and I went off to see all of the remaining bridges (gravel and all), as well as the farmhouse used in the movie. I think the GT carried about 10



pounds of lowa dust home, but a trip to the car wash a few days later took care of that.

It was a fun weekend with us logging over 475 miles. If you haven't been on one of these runs, either the SLIM Run

or the FAT Run, come on along. You'll have a blast.





KCMGCC Ladies Luncheon

By Susan Pittell

Our next Ladies Luncheon will be on Wednesday, June 25th at Governor Stumpy's in Kansas City, MO. Please contact Susan Pittell if you want to carpool.

Please respond to the Evite so we know how many are coming for seating.

We will determine future lunch sites as we go. Location suggestions are welcomed. If you have a restaurant suggestion, please contact Susan Pittell at 913-406-8128.

Presidential Briefing

By Larry Taylor

During the first day of the SLIM Run to Winterset, Iowa, my 1960 Triumph TR3A experienced intermittent engine issues, particularly under load. Sometimes it operated normally, while other times it missed, lacked power and produced black exhaust. A roadside tech session identified a leaking output fitting on the mechanical fuel pump. After tightening the connection, the issue seemed resolved initially. However, the intermittent problems persisted throughout the journey to the hotel.

I am told that most intermittent problems are electrical in nature. In the hotel parking lot that evening and the next morning we changed out the coil, replaced the spark plugs, distributor cap and rotor, tested the ignition wires, replaced the fuel filter, checked the float bowl and valves, checked the carburetor pistons for free movement and noted that the fuel pump was pumping gas to the float bowls (but apparently not pumping enough). All to no avail. The last thing was to replace the fuel pump which solved the problem.

It is not unusual on a long drive to have at least one emergency tech session such as fuel pump failures, hose breaks, blocked fuel lines, broken fan belts, oil line leaks, flat tires, generator and starter failures, spark plug issues, broken axles, failed distributors, bad coils or ignition wires, loose wires, blown fuses, water pumps failures, overheating and more. But with members carrying an ample supply of tools, parts and supplies most problems are fixed on the road. Occasionally, the AAA card must be used.

On the drive home I pondered why we own and travel in these old British cars which by today's standards are not well engineered, lack modern comfort and conveniences and are prone to breaking down at any time for any reason. Are we looking for adventure? Is it the challenge of keeping them roadworthy by spending hours learning, maintaining, and improving them? Maybe it is the challenge and satisfaction of making emergency repairs on the road and continuing on. Perhaps it is a yearning for a bygone era and experiencing the back roads of rural America. It could be the companionship of traveling with club members or simply that our cars are fun to drive and appreciated by many who see them. I suggest all above are part of the "sport" in British sports cars and despite the challenges are reasons we own, drive and enjoy British sports cars.



Member Spotlight: Jeff and Roxann Storms, Bonner Springs, Kansas

We were originally members around 1998-2003. We wanted to rejoin, and seeing the Boulevard Drive-In event on the club website in 2023 encouraged us to sign up again in 2023. Our collection includes three MGs: a '68 MGC Roadster, a '68 MGB/GT, and a '73 MG Midget.

My fascination with little British cars began when a 1967 Triumph GT6 caught my eye while driving around my home of Elkhart, Indiana back in 1983. A week later, I could not believe my luck when I saw that same car up for sale. Though I was heading to Purdue University as a freshman that fall, I was obsessed and had to have it. Not knowing how to bargain well, and to my mother's dismay, I paid the seller's price of \$1,400. A month later when a shifter pin came loose, I drove home in second gear, learned how to re-attach the shifter, and was hooked for life.



The MGC is our biggest success story. I spotted the 'C' from a distance in a field in Basehor, KS in 2000. I could see the reflection off the bright strip on the bonnet telling me it was a 'C'. After hauling it home, it sat in our garage for the next eight years before our son encouraged me to start a restoration. Thanks to the help of my friend, Rich Mullins, followed by Craig Vaughan at Foreign Car Enterprise, the 'C' has new life and is back to tearing up the road.

Roxann and I (and dachshund, Calvin) have had some great adventures with the club and look forward to future events and meeting more club members.







(Editor's Note: If you sent in a Member Spotlight when requested, it will be entered at a later date.)

Midget Mumblings

By Steve Olson

Just as a matter of preventive maintenance, I like to adjust the valves on the Midget periodically. I do that maybe once a year, or when I think of it. And recently, I did think of it and actually set to work. It had been a few thousand miles since I rebuilt the engine, so I decided to remove the rocker assembly to get access to the head bolts. Actually, these are nuts on studs, but everyone says head bolts. None of them turned more than a degree or so before my torque wrench clicked. When you use a quality head gasket, it compresses as much as it ever will when first torqued down, but it doesn't hurt to check after the engine has been run a thousand or two miles. I then inspected the rockers and checked that none had excessive looseness on the shaft. Rocker shafts have been known to wear, but mine seemed fine. I also looked at the rocker tips where they contact the valve stem. All seemed smooth and still had a slight arc shape. So, having found no issues, I bolted things back up and adjusted the valve lash.

I have said many times that I am not an expert and have no training or qualifications as a mechanic. And if you ask 10 experts how to adjust valves, you will get at least 10 answers. Some will say the engine must be run until it reaches full operating temperature. I do mine cold. The expansion one can expect from a push rod is maybe around a thousandth and the block will also expand almost as much so I don't think it makes any real difference whether the engine is warmed up or not. I have been known to set valves with the engine idling, but that seems like a good way to get fingers pinched as your tools are chasing moving targets. No matter how you go about it, adjusting valves is much easier if you were born with three hands: one to hold the feeler gauge, one to hold the wrench on the lock nut, and one for the screw driver on the adjuster. Working alone makes it a bit of a juggling act, but I have always managed.

I roll the car back a bit in the garage or on a level parking space. I put the transmission in 3rd or 4th gear. Then I roll the car forward to position each valve. This is easier if the spark plugs are removed first. Some use the rule of 9 to determine which valve to adjust for a 4 cylinder engine. So whatever valve is fully open, you subtract its number from 9 and that gives the valve that you adjust. Some experts say there are more than one valve fully closed and available to be adjusted at the same time. I move the engine 8 times. So with say the 7th valve from the front fully open, I would adjust the 2nd one. My slightly upgraded cam specifies intakes be set at 0.012" and exhausts at 0.014". If that makes too much clatter, I may go for a couple thousandths less. I can look at the manifolds and see which valves are intake and which are exhaust, but I have made a handy chart showing the valves in the sequence they will open up in as I roll the car forward and which one to adjust and what feeler gauge to use. The less thinking and math I need to be doing, the less chance that I will screw up. While I had the plugs out, I ran a compression test after adjusting the valves. My cheap gauge read 150-153, so all good in that department.

It is kind of important that all the intakes be gapped about the same and all the exhaust about the same. I don't think the actual size of the gap is too critical, as long as there is some gap but not a huge one. Bigger gaps make more racket. A gap as small as 0.005 is probably still safe and a gap as large as 0.025 will probably still open the valve enough to run fine. Absolute precision is important for a race engine but less so for a street driven car. Perfectionists are never happy people.

I don't remember where I saw a chart like this, but someone smarter than I am came up with it. I just made my copy with big bold letters I could easily see.

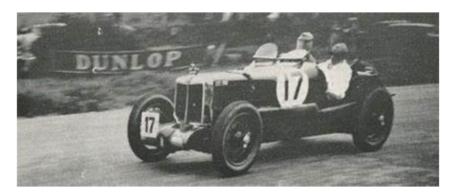
	1976 M	G Midget
OPEN	ADJUST	CLEARANCE
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6	3	.012
4	5	.014
7	2	.012
1	8	.014
3	6	.012
5	4	.014
2	7	.012

This Month In MG History The Octagon & Racing Glory: MG's May Milestones

By Abingdon Spares Newsletter

This month in MG History.....May 1, 1924, Morris Garages officially registered the iconic MG Octagon as its trademark, making it the enduring symbol that would represent the marque for generations to come. This distinctive eight-sided badge was established under Cecil Kimber's leadership during the company's formative years, setting the visual identity for what would become Britain's beloved sports car manufacturer.

Nine years later, this emblem would achieve motorsport immortality when the MG K3 Magnette made history as the first non-Italian car to win the grueling Mille Miglia race in 1933. Powered by a remarkable 1.1-liter inline-6 engine producing 105 horsepower, the nimble K3 could reach speeds of 180 km/h – an astounding achievement for a British sports car of that era. This victory on Italian soil demonstrated that MG's engineering prowess could compete with and defeat the established racing powerhouses of Europe, cementing the octagon's reputation for both style and performance.







1933 MG K3 Magnette in Mille Miglia driven by George Eyston and Count Lurani, who won their class.

Upcoming Community Outreach Events

Morning Cruises

First Saturday: Kansas City, MO: KC First Saturday Cars and Coffee. Jasper's Restaurant and Marco Polo's Italian Market, 1201 West 103rd Street, 64114. 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

First Saturday: Kansas City, MO: Cars & Coffee @ The Underground. 600 West 31st Street, 64108. 8:00 AM. Free coffee and admission to the Underground during the event. Sponsored by Kansas City Automotive Museum, 913-322-4227.

Third Saturday: Belton, MO Cars and Coffee. Salmon Speedworx, 208 Peculiar Drive, 64012. 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

First Third Saturday: Olathe, KS: Cars & Coffee @ Kansas City Auto Museum, 15095 West 116th Street, 66062. 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Coffee is free; museum admission during event is \$5.00. (returning April 19, 2025).

Last Saturday: Olathe, KS: Caffeine and Chrome – Gateway Classic Cars of Kansas City, 1202 South Lone Elm Road, 66061. 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Free pastries and coffee while supply last. No admission fee. Cruise in with your collectible car or daily driver. Beginning January 25, 2025.

Last Saturday: Overland Park, KS: Kansas City Cars and Coffee. Life Church, 9800 West 135th Street, 66221. 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Presented by Sotheby's Motorsport. Beginning March 29.

- **June 7.** Kansas City, MO: NKCS Auto tech Car Show. CTEC Building, 2000 NE 46th Street, 64116. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Registration QR code on Show Flyer
- **June 11.** Abdallah Shrine Rodeo, Fun Family Night Cruise, Johnson County Fair Grounds as 136 E. Washington, Gardner, KS 66030, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. No registration, no fee, no judging, no trophies, but you'll get a keen dash plaque for your car. Meet families and talk about your car. Bring a chair and refreshments.
- **June 14.** Gladstone, MO: Big Shoal Vintage Auto Show. Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum, 4109 NE Pleasant Valley Road, 64119. Pre-registration \$10; \$15 day of show. 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Hosted by Friends of the Atkinisi-Johnson Farm and Museum and Mid America AACA. Show Flyer Entry Form
- **June 14.** Grandview, MO: Rigs & Roast with Adventure Motors, 13906 Norby Road, 64030. 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Delicious food, awesome giveaways. Show Flyer
- **June 14.** Lenexa, KS: VFW Car and Bike Show. VFW Post 7397, 9550 Pflumm Road, 66215. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Registration for cars and bikes \$20; free to spectators. Donations accepted; benefit for VFW and other veterans' charities. Awards for First Place in Car and Bike categories, plus People's Choice award. Raffles, food, drinks, vendors. Show Flyer
- **June 15.** Olathe, KS: 5th Annual Wine & Wheels Father's Day Car Show. Hometown Olathe Family Farm, 11000 S. Woodland Road, 66061. 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Event honoring the memory of Ron Ryba and Tom Hoff, featuring cool, unique and exotic automobiles, live music, prizes and yard games. Registration is \$20 until 6/14/2025 and \$30 day of event. Register at https://carshowpro.com/events/view/1937

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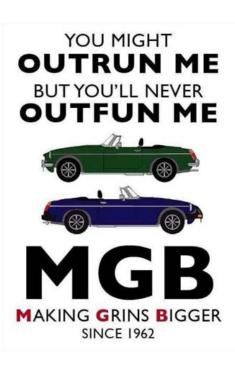
Upcoming Community Outreach Events

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July 11. Atchison, KS: 9th Annual First Friday Car Show. Downtown Atchison, 719 Commercial Street, 66002. 4:45 PM to 9:00 PM. Registration \$10 per vehicle. Live music, food trucks, vendors, cash bar. Prizes at 7:30 PM. Supporting the charity work of Smithton Lodge #1 and Hancock Lodge #111 AF & AM of the Grand Lodge of Kansas. Show Flyer

July 19. Raytown, MO: Classic Car Rallye. Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, 6429 Blue Ridge Blvd, 64133. Celebration of the church's 75th anniversary. 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. FREE registration. Free lunch for everyone (hot dogs, drinks and snacks provided). Door prizes. Raffle. For more information, call 816-353-2296 or visit www.brpcraytown.org Show Flyer

To get your community event on the calendar, email the date, name, website or contact information and any other information for the event to president@kcmgcc.com.



MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Welcome EIGHT new members:

John & Melanie Peterson of Buckner, MO who own a '79 MG Midget.

Kayden Miller of Belton, MO, Grandson of Keith & Debbie Miller, who will be owning a '79 MGB.

Ethan Jenkinson of Overland Park, KS who owns a '76 Triumph TR6.

Kevin & Sarah Gilbert of Olathe, KS who own a '65 MGB and a '65 Mercedes Benz 220s.

Chip & Patricia McGinnis of Kansas City, MO who own a '74 MGB.

Scott & Katie Myers of Lee's Summit, MO who own a '52 MG TD.

Craig & Dana Barry of Kansas City, MO who own a '73 MGB.

David Wilson of Spickerd, MO who owns a '57 MGA, a '60 MGA, a '74 MGB/GT, and a '79 MG Midget.

We have 159 members.

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Membership Renewal Notice

Membership in the Kansas City MG Car Club **expires on June 1, 2025**. We are planning many exciting events in 2025 and hope you will continue to support the club by renewing. **Annual dues are \$20** and cover the period from June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026. There are three easy ways to renew your membership:

- 1) Renew and pay online by going to https://kcmgcc.com/membership/ and scroll down to Quick Membership Renewals;
- 2) **Or**, **Make your check payable to KCMGCC** and bring it to any club meeting or event or mail it to Jeff Storms, KCMGCC Treasurer, 15960 Linwood Rd., Bonner Springs, KS 66012.
- 3)) **Or,** pay in cash at any club meeting or event.

Please let me know of any changes in your contact information or classic vehicles owned. <u>If you joined the Club in April or May 2025</u>, are a student member, or have already renewed, you are not required to renew at this time.

If you are not renewing, we are sorry to see you go. Your reason for leaving would be appreciated.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at a club meeting or event soon.

Nancy Dannhauser

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** KCMGCC June Monthly Social **

We will be back to Zarda on June 10th and the next two months at:

Zarda BBQ 11931 W. 87th St. Pkwy Lenexa, KS 66215

Please RSVP to the Evite when you are notified

Save this Date





Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club

Presents "Brits at the Post"



The Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club will be holding our 23rd Annual British Car & Cycle Show on June 27th & 28th 2025.

Friday, June 27th

There will be a BBQ picnic for all registered participants at out host hotel, Best Western, Route 66, Rail Haven, located at 203 S. Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO 65802. The hotel will have a special room rate for all paid participants.

Saturday, June 28th

The GOBMC Car Show is being held at the American Legion Post 639 located at 2660 S. Scenic Drive, Springfield, MO. A very picturesque location with grass and shade trees in many areas. The car show opens at 9 am. with Awards presentations at 2:30 pm. There will be food & drinks for sale provided by Boy Scout Troop 1890.

More details will soon be available identifying the show schedule, registration, and host hotel by click on this link: https://gobmccarshow.com/

Until then, please mark your calendar for June 27th & 28th for this year's Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club Car & Cycle Show. Hope to see you there. If there are any questions feel free to call Bob Eft at (319) 427-4272 or Jon Joyce at (417) 630-8087.

Get Ready to Rev Up for MG2025! July 28-31 Crystal Lake, Illinois

By Melissa Gonzales

Hold onto your steering wheels, folks, because the Chicagoland MG Club is about to host the automotive extravaganza of the decade—MG2025! From July 28-31, 2025, we're rolling out the red carpet (or, more accurately, the blacktop) for MG enthusiasts from all corners of North America, including our friendly Canadian neighbors. And who knows, maybe even the birthplace of these beloved cars, England, might make a surprise appearance!

We've got an action-packed agenda that promises to keep everyone – from the hardcore gearheads to those just here for the snacks—engaged and entertained First up, our swanky hotel isn't just a place to crash – it's a veritable paradise of amenities. Imagine a place where your biggest dilemma is choosing between the heated pool and the ultra-modern fitness center. Tough life, right?

For those who like their fun with a side of mystery, our website (which goes live about December 1st—mark your calendars, folks) will have all the juicy details. You can look forward to other fabulous dinners or opt for a daring escapade with your fellow club members or network with other clubs' members. We won't judge. Just imagine the fun!

Rain or shine, we've got a Drive-In Movie planned. Picture this: you and your classic British beauty cruising to a vintage Drive-In theater where the owner is just as excited to meet you as you are to meet him. And yes, the movie will be tailored to our car-loving crowd. Don't miss out!

Now, if you're thinking Chicago is all about deep-dish pizza and windy weather, think again. We've got local attractions galore! We're talking about the **Chicago Architecture River Boat Tour**. Don't worry – no need to drive your MG downtown. Hop on a tour bus and let the fun begin. In Chi-Town, even the bus rides are a blast!

Our Chicagoland MG Members are eager to showcase the scenic roads and inspirational spots that might just ignite your next big project – whether it's painting, songwriting, or building the MG of your dreams.



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Get Ready to Rev Up for MG2025!

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And for a dose of local flavor, check out the <u>Volo Auto Museum</u>. This place has everything from iconic Hollywood vehicles to military memorabilia, gangster crime exhibits, and medieval torture instruments (just a casual Tuesday, right?). With attractions like a carousel and Disney Gallery. There is something for everyone, and if you're willing to spend a little extra, you can check out the Jurassic Park section. After all, who wouldn't want to see some dinosaurs? It's the only place where T-rexes still believe they're ruling the food chain –poor things, with their tiny little arms! Even the backroads to Volo are as charming as the museum itself.



And don't forget to brush up on your MG knowledge. Remember that song, "We Don't Need No Education"? Phooey to that! We all need a little learning now and then. So, get ready to soak up knowledge from some of the best tech people in the MG/British car world—John Twist, one of the best -known MG mechanics and a frequent writer on automotive technical subjects. John does his own zoom MG Tech Sessions and is willing to train others. A legend in the MG Community. Mark Huff – Director of Motor Works classic car restoration. Mark's extensive knowledge came from his manager who taught him everything he needed to know in order to make an engine sing again. Steve Skeggs – a retired Engineer who has worked all over the world in various Engineering roles for large corporations. Steve is passionate about long-distance running and cars, and he channels that enthusiasm into his role as the Tech Coordinator for our Chicagoland MG Club...and perhaps maybe a few more surprise experts. They're all here to turn your MG know-how from "meh" to "wow"!

So, pack up your car, and join us in Crystal Lake, Illinois, for a bluesy, fun-filled journey with the friendliest car enthusiasts around. MG2025 is an event you absolutely don't want to miss. Buckle up—it's going to be one heck of a ride!

For more details on events and pictures (and let's be honest, you want more), our website goes live about December 1st. Visit MG2025.ORG to get the whole scoop. We can't wait to see you there! Our Chicagoland MG members are eager to meet you!

MG2025 Update

By Melissa Gonzales, Chicagoland MG Club

We are on a mission from... well, not *that* mission, but close enough! Honestly, it still blows my mind. All it took was one unforgettable trip to the Peterborough, Ontario, for the MG2022 Convention. What a blast – hats off to Jeremy



and the team! On the drive back, in my mom's ridiculously stylish Mini Cooper (top down, obviously), with some bossa nova setting the mood, inspiration struck like a lightning bolt: "Hey, Melissa, it's time for the Chicagoland MG Club to host a national convention." Fast-forward, and here we are just months away from what is bound to be the event of the year: MG2025 July 28th to 31st, folks!

The team is revved up to meet and greet every one of you. We have a massive kickoff party on Monday night that will be the stuff of legends – think dancing, laughter, and stories you will retell for years (or at least until next year's convention). The website is live and let me give you this advice: register now before someone beats you to the finish line.

Now, let us talk about plans. Crystal Lake, Illinois, is where all the action's happening. We have lined up a fantastic array of events, but if you are feeling rebellious and want to freestyle your time, which is fine. There is plenty to explore, eat, and enjoy in and around town. Still, I would say do not miss the organized events—trust me, your diary is begging for some new entries.

Oh, and while you are packing, channel your inner Blues Brother: white shirt, skinny black tie, and, yes, all your other clothes. Plot your course to Crystal Lake or let your GPS take the wheel. On day one, you will register, and from there, you can cruise the city or kick back at the hotel. But whatever you do, do not skip the welcome and first-timers' reception—it is going to be a blast!

On Tuesday, the fun continues with more registration, silent auctions, all-day tech sessions, and some unforgettable activities. Highlights include:

Sanfilippo Estate: A 44,000-square-foot wonderland of restored musical instruments and antiques. **Volo Auto Museum**: Classic cars, movie vehicles, and nostalgia galore—it is like stepping into automotive heaven.

Anderson Japanese Gardens: Serenity meets beauty in this tranquil, waterfall-laden paradise. Illinois Railway Museum: Steam engines, diesels, and streetcars—railway fans, rejoice! Chicago Architecture Boat Tour: Stunning views and riveting stories of Chicago's skyline from the river.

Pizza-Making Session: Get your hands doughy and learn to toss like a pro—you will leave with more than just memories (and a marinara stain or two).

Drive-In Movie Night: Grab your popcorn, roll down the windows, and enjoy a classic flick under the stars, car speakers optional but encouraged.

Car Show: Show off your ride or marvel at others—there is no better way to celebrate our shared love for these iconic vehicles.

Not feeling those? No worries—take a scenic drive to charming towns like St. Charles, Geneva, or Woodstock for strolling, shopping, and some top-notch lunching. There is truly something for everyone! So, what are you waiting for? Register now because this event is HOT. No pun intended. Okay, a little pun intended. Cannot wait to see you there!



The MG Car Clubs from Ottawa and Toronto invite you to

MG102Fest.

Join us for a weekend of fun and camaraderie in beautiful Muskoka.

Muskoka is located in Central Ontario.

This weekend gathering of MGs is open to all enthusiasts.

We would love to see you there!

Friday Saturday Sunday

Tailgate Pizza Party Group Scenic Tour MG Car Show

Pub & Trivia Night

Register at tinyurl.com/mg102fest

AUGUST 22 - 24, 2025









2025 KCMGCC CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2025

May 31-June 8, Drive Your British Car Week 10th, Social, Zarda BBQ, Lenexa 11th, Kactus Creek Croquet, Parkville, MO 17th, CRUMB Brkfast, Black Bear Diner, Olathe 25th, Ladies Luncheon, Location TBD

July 2025

1st, Board Meeting, Location TBD 8th, Social, Zarda BBQ, Lenexa 19th, Boulevard Drive-In Movie, Rollerts 20th, CRUMB Breakfast, Caleb's, Kansas City, MO 30th, Ladies Luncheon, Location TBD

August 2025

12th, Social, Zarda BBQ, Lenexa 19th, CRUMB Breakfast, Rae's Café, Indep. 27th, Ladies Luncheon, Location TBD 30th, Heartland All British Cookout & Boot Sale 31st, Heartland All British Car Show

September 2025

9th, Social, Tanner's Bar & Grill, Red Bridge 13th, Photo Scavenger Hunt, <u>Tentative</u> 16th, CRUMB Breakfast, Pegah's, Shawnee 24th, Ladies Luncheon, Location TBD 27th, Rib Run Rally, Location TBD

NOTE: The full page calendar for the year is now on the website, 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.

Club Member advertisements





Service & Repair Major Mechanical Performance Tuning Engine Management Reliabitity Upgrades Convertible Top Interior Total Restoration



Gary Gumminger 12804 Locust St Kansas City, MO 64145 816-210-8970 gummball1@gmail.com

Local Used MGB Parts

Now that Victoria British has left KC, it's less convenient to get MGB parts. I have collected a lot of used parts over the years and am making them available for very reasonable prices. If a used part for your 68-80 MGB will do, give me a call or drop me an email. This is not my profession, just trying to keep them on the road. Maybe you can save on price, shipping, tax and time. I'm a club member and live in KC North.

Dave Dobbins

816 510 2920

Satyr62@yahoo.com

<u>WANTED TO BUY</u>: Original MG/BL AM-FM or AM-FM Cassette radio with knobs and faceplate. 1978-1980 range MGB for my 1979 MGB. Wiring harness adapter if equipped. Working or not. Need to get rid of my aftermarket one. Please contact Ben Munday, Cell: 913-387-7942 or Home: 913-631-0032.

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 \$10,000. If you have any other questions, call or text me, Moe Pelletier, 913-727-2304, moe.pelletier.sr@gmail.com. (04/25)



For Sale: 1980 MGB LE Project. Stock engine. No smog parts. 4spd, not overdrive. LE mag wheels. Disassembled to replace rust. Needs final sanding, reassembly, and paint. Have all parts. NOS front fenders. Have replacement rocker panels and dog leg if needed. New in boxes: complete interior, upholstery, and carpet in tan. Top new in box. Asking \$3,000 for parts with free car.





Call, text, or email Fred Grant, 816-456-8659 fsgrant09@gmail.com (09/24)

Books For Sale: Selling my collection of books, mostly about MGs, plus a few other marques. Books in Good to Fine condition. If interested, email me at MG48TCGRN@YAHOO.COM and I'll send you a price list. I am a member of the Long Island MG Car Club and NAMGBR. Ed Goldberg (05/25)

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)



CLASSIC-FIEDS

(cont. from page 19)

For Sale: 1971 MG Midget. Project car. Complete with all original parts and several new parts, including tires and a Crown convertible top still in it's box. Garaged for the past 30+ years. Asking \$1800, but will consider offers. Located in LaVista, Nebraska. Call or text Bill at 402-926-8826 or email: billbuskevicius@gmail.com . (05/25)





For Sale: 1968 MGB. Red with black interior. Wire wheels. Top is like new. No rust. Looks and runs good. Asking \$9,200. Contact Mike Sollars, 816-262-0600; mjsollars@gmail.com. (05/25)



For Sale: 1963 TR3B. Rare Opportunity. KC Triumphs Club member, Guthrie Carroll, is ready to sell his TR3B. The TR3B was a one-year car produced in 1963 as a transition to the TR4. It has the TR3A body, but a TR4 drive chain. Guthrie's car is additionally unique in its fender Spats. These rear wheel skirts were custom-made when the car was restored approximately 20 years ago. The car is in top driving condition and Gary Gumminger has done all routine maintenance for many years. It is located in Overland Park, KS. Asking price: \$20,000. Contact Alice Carroll at 913-449-0249. (5/25)















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As a member of NAMGBR, you and your local MG or British Car Club can receive the following benefits:



The MG Driver

This bi-monthly color magazine is packed with useful information with the right mix of technical how tos, member stories and club updates and information.



Technical Help

E-mail questions to a group of technical experts to get help or leverage one of the model specific registrar experts to answer your questions. There's also a Facebook group to get community help.



Dash Plaque

To commemorate your membership you receive a dash plaque with your personal membership number.



NORTH AMERICAN MGB REGISTER Window Sticker

Proudly proclaim your membership in NAMGBR with this attractive two-sided window sticker.



Mutual Aid Directory (MAD)

A by state, by city directory of NAMGBR members willing to help another member in the event they break down or need assistance while traveling away from home.



Annual Convention

A multi-day celebration of all things MG and a gathering of MG enthusiasts from around the globe. Some fly in, some drive their MG or other British car or some bring a car on a trailer. This event features driving tours, a car show and a taste of the local food and drink. MG2025 will take place in Crystal Lake, IL



100,000/200,000/300,000 Mile Register

Has your MG gone the distance, and traveled 100,000, 200,000 or even 300,000 miles? NAMGBR honors this achievement with a special dash plaque your car can wear with pride.



Club Insurance

Does your local car club sponsor a car show? Do they have drives, events or regular meetings? Many venues require insurance to hold the event on their property. If your club has at least 8 NAMGBR members and is an affiliated Chapter of NAMGBR, then the club is covered with liability insurance for free! Director & Officer insurance is



Regalia

We have a number of ways you can show your NAMGBR membership to the public. Clothing, bags, key rings or license plate frames are just a few examples.



Member Classified

NAMGBR offers a free classified section in *The MG Driver* magazine. Have an extra MG or parts you want to sell? Target your advertising to the people you know are looking to buy an MG or may need the parts you have.



Car Insurance

NAMGBR is the first MG club to offer members the 5% Hagerty Collector Car Insurance Discount. Being a member can save you money on your insurance! Perhaps more than the cost of your membership.

Do you want to know more about the North American MGB Register? Check out our website at: www.namgbr.org

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Go to the website and instantly join via a secure card payment. Mail in options are also available.



We look forward to having you as a member of NAMGBR!



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 - Annual national convention a four-day MG party!

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** ARTICLES NEEDED **

We need articles for the newsletter!

Please submit anything you would like to share with members to rickmonica@kc.rr.com.

Cost to place an ad in the "Classic-fied" section with/without pictures is free to KCMGCC members and \$5 for non-members. Ads will run for a period of 4 months and can be canceled at any time by the submitter. Ads should be submitted to:

rickmonica@kc.rr.com

or

membership@kcmgcc.com

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
Full page Ads	\$50	\$100
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

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.



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

There is no 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). \$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 **\$2 ea.**



Bottle Cap Magnets

\$3 ea, or buy 4 get 1 free These are the best ways to jazz up your fridge!



Ball Caps

These just made for our club through our vendor with white lettering instead of black. Can be seen better from a distance. Gray top with black bill for only \$20.



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

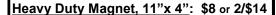
Cover your bare spots on your walls. These pieces fix that issue quick!





Oil Change Windshield Sticker: \$1

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



These are great for your garage or on your car at car shows.



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.



JOIN THE KANSAS CITY MG CAR CLUB



YOU GET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

Monthly Newsletters ~ Car Shows ~ New Friends ~ Rallies & Driving Tours Cars for Sale ~ Advice ~ Social Events ~ Monthly Activities ~ Tech Sessions Free Ads ~ Technical Tips

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

^{*} Pays through May 31st of the following year.



Raymore, MO 64083-3505

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Free-membership-for-individuals-age-16-to-23-enrolled-inhigh-school,-trade-school-or-college-courses.¶

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