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Olpe Chicken Run

By Larry Taylor

After a two-year hiatus, the Ople Chicken Run was resurrected by Kansas City MG Club members Cecil Wise and Mia Gans on Saturday, April 12th. The Kansas City MG Club sponsored the event sending invitations to the Triumph Club and local and regional British car enthusiasts. There were 65 participants with 32 sports cars, as well as a scattering of daily drivers. The weather was a little chilly in the morning, but quickly turned into a nice, but windy day.

Steve Olson led a group of 17 cars from Kansas City that met at the McDonald's in Gardner, Kansas. Before leaving, Steve distributed a scavenger hunt-type sheet to the navigators to find specified items, starting with their assigned letter from the word BRIT. Including a half-hour stop at the Casey's General Store in Burlingame, the drive took about 2 ½ hours via US-56 and KS-99. The group arrived without incident at the Chicken House at 11:00am, joining the group that arrived from Topeka and those that chose to drive on their own.



After visiting with old and new friends in the parking lot, the group migrated into the Chicken House. While they were setting up the buffet line, Steve announced that Rick and Monica Mills were winners of the scavenger hunt, for which they received a cash award of "two Benjamins" — in this case, two quarters!!



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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.

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, Midgette, 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. 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.



**I NEED YOU TO
HOST A GARAGE
TOUR**

President@kcmgcc.com

Olpe Chicken Run

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The buffet line consisted of cheesy scalloped potatoes, fried chicken, green beans, rolls and butter, with chocolate and carrot cake offered for dessert. There was some disagreement over whether the Chicken House had the best chicken in Kansas, but I believe that all agreed it was very good, the service was excellent, and our business was greatly appreciated.

After lunch, there was more visiting and milling around the parking lot looking at the cars which included MGs, Triumphs, Healeys, Jags, Miatas, Morris', and Minis. Everyone was on their own for the windy return trip and the group slowly thinned out.

Steve Olson, thank you for leading the Kansas City Group and for the scavenger hunt. Cecil and Mia, thank you for putting this event together. It went off perfectly, and without your initiative, it would not have happened. I hope we can do it again next year.



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Olpe Chicken Run

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Presidential Briefing

By Larry Taylor

Spring is my favorite time of year and not just because my birthday is in May. The weather is warmer, the trees are leafing out, the grass is green, the flowers blooming, and it is a great time to drive our LBC's. I have taken the MG TD out on several outings and I am gaining more confidence in driving it and confidence that it will get me back home.

Speaking of drives, the Olpe Chicken Run turned out to be a great event – good turnout, good weather, good food and good friends. What more can you ask for? Cecil and Mia, thank you for making it happen. If you missed the free Boulevard Drive In 75th Anniversary Celebration, hosted by Geoff Rollert, and the restoration tech session hosted by Ed Curry, you missed two more great events.

The SLIM Run hosted by Dave Dobbins is coming up May 17th and 18th. This is a drive that will include the Bridges of Madison County, a tour of the John Wayne Museum, and an overnight stay in Winterset, Iowa. See the Evite for more information and where to make motel reservations. Be sure to RSVP!

Also, as a reminder, the Truman Library Tour is coming up May 3rd. We will have a private tour led by our own Karl Mayo who is a docent at the library, so you don't want to miss it. May 10th is the British Invasion Cruise at Aristocrat Motors in Lee's Summit and June 1st is the British Car Week Picnic at Shawnee Mission Park – friends, British cars, British car enthusiasts, no registration fees, no awards, and a free lunch, again, what more can you ask for? See the Evites for more information and be sure to RSVP.

I emailed Tony Mauer, the instructor of the auto tech program at Tonganoxie High School, to explore the possibility of sponsoring some joint events with him and members of his class, but got no response. But all is not lost; club member Matt Jenkinson has an IN with the Shawnee Mission Schools' auto tech program. If anyone has thoughts or ideas on how to interest students in our cars and club membership, please let me know.

The club's monthly socials are on the second Tuesday of each month, except for the month of December. Most members arrive between 5:30 and 6:00. We will be meeting at Tanners Bar & Grill at 11134 Holmes Rd in May and then back to Zarda Barbeque in Lenexa. If it has been a while since you attended a social, we would like to see you again on May 8th - you don't want to miss "Show & Tell".



Jeff Givens' Member Garage Tour

By Larry Taylor

On Saturday, March 29th, approximately 35 Triumph and MG Club members met at "Fort Givens", the home of Jeff and Mickie Givens, for a member garage tour. Jeff was a gracious host, furnishing coffee and doughnuts, and entertaining the group with his adventures with his 1963 ½ Ford Falcon Ventura Hardtop rally/race car and his 1959 Triumph TR3.

Jeff explained that, in 2021, after participating in some rallies in his TR3 in Europe, he decided to develop a US rally car and purchased the Falcon and began modifying it for that purpose. That process was interrupted in the fall of 2022 when the car was practically totaled and he was injured when he T-boned a car that ran a stop sign on a city street. After a period of recuperation and legal wrangling, he switched gears and decided to rebuild the Falcon as a race car and signed up for racing school and obtained an SCCA racing license.



Jeff related the trials and tribulations in restoring the Falcon, obtaining the license, and participation in racing events at Heartland Park in Topeka (now closed), Hedge Hollow near Adrian, MO, and Ozarks International Raceway near Gravois Mills, MO. Jeff is currently scheduled to race this year at Hedge Hollow on May 17th and 18th, and at Ozarks International July 4th through 6th, and October 11th and 12th.

As for the 1959 Triumph TR3, Jeff explained that he purchased it 1969 for \$37 while he was a young cadet in military school. The car was seriously dilapidated and barely ran. Then, not too long after he purchased it, he parked it in neutral without setting the brake and the next morning found it in a creek. That was the beginning of a love affair with the Triumph that has lasted 45 years, over 400,000 miles driven, and several restorations and engine rebuilds. Just recently, he had a leather interior kit from John Skinner, LTD in England, installed by Macy's Garage in Dayton, OH. At that time, he also added an original factory radio, replace the top and tonneau, and had the side curtains rebuilt by the Roadster Factory. Despite its humble start, today the TR3 is a beautiful world class concours level car.



After the tour, most of the group when on a 20-minute drive to Flashbacks Restaurant in Tonganoxie where we found good food, good service, reasonable prices, and a lot of discussion and friendship with fellow club members. Thank you, Jeff, for planning and hosting this enjoyable event.

Ed Curry's Restoration Tech Session

By Larry Taylor

On Saturday, April 20th, 21 MG and Triumph Club members and guests met at Ed Curry's shop located at Your Classic Ride. The Triumph Club furnished coffee and doughnuts. Ed started with a video review of some of his past restoration projects and then offered some restoration tips and discussed his current projects.

For those that did not attend, you missed an interesting and informative presentation. Ed specializes in taking barn finds and turning them into solid drivers. He currently has three cars in the shop – a small mouth Triumph TR3 that started as a rusted-out barn find that is now a beautiful fully restored car that took First In Class at the 2024 Heartland All British show, and two recent barn finds – a Triumph TR3A and a Triumph TR4, both in the early stages of restoration.



Ed's current emphasis is on the TR3A. He has the engine running (which idled amazingly smooth) and the work on hydraulics and brakes is substantially complete. One of the next challenges is the knocking sound in the transmission while in reverse.

Ed shared several tips that he has learned doing his restoration work, including rebuilding brake calipers, patching and resealing gas tanks, clearing clogged fuel and brake lines, and bench testing generators.

Lastly, Ed expressed his concerns that the consolidation of the major British parts vendors and trade issues with China is adversely affecting price, quality, and availability of restoration parts, while at the same time the end resale market is getting softer.

Ed, thank you for hosting this tech session and sharing your knowledge and experience.

(I want to note that there were 37 'Yes' RSVP's the morning of the event when I purchased the doughnuts for which I counted 21 actually attending. Please cancel in advance if you are unable to attend so we can plan accordingly.)



2025 Spring Tune-Up

By Rick Mills

Despite the weather, the passing of Don Bonar, and the Toy & Miniature Museum Tour Day, our annual Spring Tune-up on April 5th was able to help six cars today at Scott's Auto Express in Blue Springs, MO. Plus, we had Kayden, Keith Miller's grandson, helping us.

All of 17 years old, Kayden took over the car lift, greasing cars, and changing oil. He was not afraid of tackling any job we were teaching him. Kayden will be a great asset to the growth of our club. He learned a lot today, and despite Granddad's reservations of him being under the cars, Kayden was hands on. Grandma is not going to be happy about the grease and dirt on Kayden's sweatshirt, but it'll clean up with some Shout before washing.

A big thank-you to Scott's Auto Express for allowing us to use their lift and some tools. Roger, Mike, Mark and Mark were a big help and a teaching aid for us garage floor and shade tree mechanics. A nephew of Scott St. Clair, the owner, stopped by and brought his son, Wyatt, who thought Charlie was a great pet. I forgot to mention, Charlie the parrot, made an appearance.

Afterwards, we went to Vito's Original Pizza on 7 Hwy in Blue Springs. Eight of us chowed down pizzas, lasagna, calzones, and Strombolis. Thanks, Bruce, for recommending this pizza place.

If your personal cars need work, trust the boys at Scott's to fix your cars.



Free Free Free

By Rick Mills

What's free? Grease? No, not Grease for your car. Grease, the Movie.

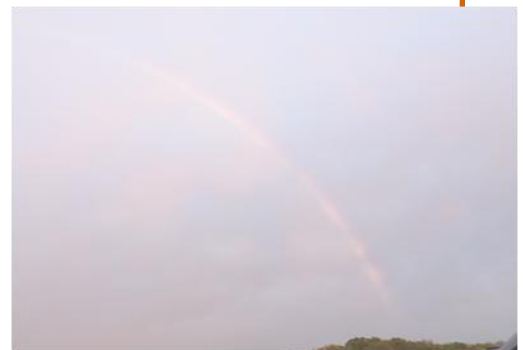
Geoff Rollert informed our club that Boulevard Drive-In was having a FREE movie night for their 75th Anniversary and Grease from 1978 was the movie shown, along with Raiders Of The Lost Ark as the second feature. When Geoff speaks, we all listen. Thanks to Geoff, about 17 LBCs and another eight new Minis said this is a great idea. So, on April 26th, the Boulevard Drive-In and



KY102 were having a free drive-in movie night. The drive-in was celebrating 75 years as a drive-in movie theater and also displayed a new marque. KY102 dug up a 25-year-old time capsule. Although sealed, the time capsule was not in good condition, as it was water-

logged. Condensation had all the "bras and underwear" soaking wet, plus other unrecognizable items were soaking wet. The capsule was almost as big as an MG Midget! I was expecting a time capsule no bigger than a beer cooler. I was told

Max Floyd and Tanny Guthrie was there. I didn't know them or even saw them there. Just before dark, a rainbow showed up in the east direction.



Now, as for the LBCs, we had a great turnout. Not only 17 LBCs, but also a Mustang, Classic VW Beetle, and a Miata. Other car clubs included a low-rider club with five or six Chevys from 1946 to 1954. Also a '57 Chevy and many other American classic cars.

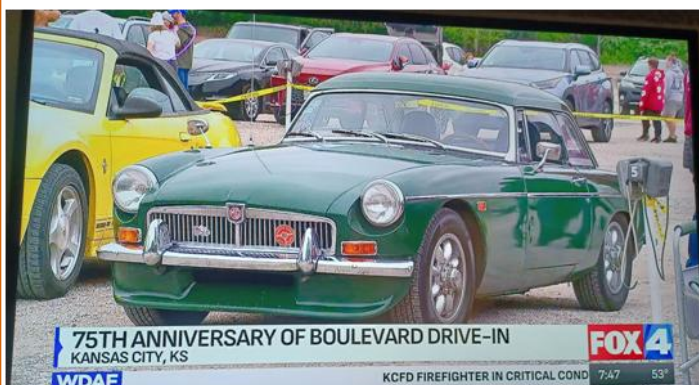
Over all, it was a good night for viewing Grease. John and Olivia brought back memories from a much younger age. The theater said they had parking for 700 cars. The lot was full!!!



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We had no idea Fox 4 News was out there and took these three pictures and put them on the news that night and again the next morning. That boy was driving around the lot in his battery car, which drew a lot of looks!

Midget Mumbblings

By Steve Olson

I recently encountered an electrical gremlin. I was checking the lights on the Midget and discovered that I had headlights only on low beam. The last thing I had done was replace the choke cable and to do that, I had removed the speedometer from the dash to get some access. Even the headlight switch had been removed to get a second finger to the back side of the dash where the nut for the choke cable assembly is inconveniently placed. But after a half day and a blood sacrifice or two, that simple 30-minute job had been successfully completed. So when the lights had a problem, I immediately thought I must have loosened a wire around the switch. Had I bothered to look at a wiring diagram, I would have seen only a single wire from the switch to the lights carried current for both high and low beams, so that could not have been the problem. After this false start, I looked under the bonnet where I had installed a headlight relay kit years ago that I bought on sale at Victoria British. It has one relay for the high beams and another for the low beams. With the lights switched on, I moved the dimmer lever and felt each of those relays click. After some head scratching and checking with my meter, I decided to try swapping one of those relays with the other one. And the trouble moved from high beam to low beam. I had isolated the cause to a bad relay. But these are not the standard relays available at any parts store or salvage yard. They function the same, but are shaped differently and plug into a smaller multi-pin plug in their wiring harness.



But since I know how a relay works, I decided I might as well try to fix this bad one. I was able to pry off the cover fairly easily and get a look at the guts. I noticed a bit of corrosion, which is not uncommon since these relays were never advertised as water proof. And sure enough, the contacts that close when the relay is powered were not clean. I cut a tiny strip of fine sand paper and slipped it between the contacts and proceeded to wipe one side and then the other. And when I put everything back together again, the problem had indeed been solved.

The reason I had installed this relay kit in the first place is that I was replacing the headlight bulbs with much brighter ones and they would of course draw more power. They were halogen, and not the more modern LEDs. Even the standard bulbs put a lot of load on the rather fragile switch, so I needed a robust circuit that would deliver full power to the bulbs without overloading the switch. I have added relays to other circuits for the same reason. In case you might want to add a relay to something on your car, it is really simple. The most common relays have only four pins and they are numbered 30, 85, 86, and 87. And there is usually a diagram printed right on the relay showing which number does what. All you need to do is cut the wire leading to the device and put female connectors on each end. Then make up a ground wire with a female terminal on one end and a ring terminal on the other to screw onto the body of the car in some handy spot. Lastly, you will need to create a power wire that, per British code, should be brown with a female terminal on one end, an inline fuse, and I use a ring terminal on the other end. That attaches to the big brown battery cable at the starter solenoid bolt. Now attach these four wires to the relay. 85 is the ground. 86 is your wire from the switch. 87 is your wire to the device. 30 is the hot wire from the battery. The switch on the dash now carries only the tiny amount of current needed to activate the relay and the device gets as much current as it needs from the battery. Any parts house has crimp-on terminals, inline fuses, and 4-pin relays in their electrical aisle. Most of those relays are rated at 30 or 40 amps. They can handle way more current than any devices on our cars except the starter. I recently found that online I could buy a 5-pack of relays and pre-wired sockets for about what a single relay costs me locally. If I were not already wired up, I would surely go with those. Of course, relays do add a bit of complexity and another point of possible failure to our wiring that already mystifies many of us. But popping off the cover of a failing relay to burnish the points isn't rocket science. Even I have managed to do it.

This Month In MG History

By Abingdon Spares Newsletter

This month in MG History.....April 1956, Bresica, Italy, the 33rd running of the Mille Miglia. The MG factory entered two MGAs. The cars were fitted with larger fuel tanks, oil coolers and higher axle ratios, but beyond those options, were basically standard MGAs. Both cars were painted red, not the traditional BRG. It was from this 1956 race, it is rumored, that driver Peter Scott-Russell claimed to be the one who persuaded BMC to paint their rally cars red rather than green. It was thought that the race officials made sure the railroad crossings were left up for red, Italian, cars, and always seemed to have a train coming when a French blue, BRG or German silver car approached. Whether this is true or not, from this race on BMC rally cars competed in red with white roofs. How well this strategy worked we may never know.

The race was dominated by Ferrari which took the first five places, the winner averaging 85 mph. The MG team did well, placing second and third in class. Car 227, (MBL 867) was driven by Nancy Mitchell and Pat Faichney. Car 229, (MJB 167) was driven by Peter Scott-Russell and Tom Haig. The weather was not ideal for such a race, apparently heavy rain was present for most of the race. In car 227, Mitchell drove the entire 1000 miles (the MGA was not fitted with a windshield, only a tiny aeroscreens). At the conclusion of the rally, both drivers, exhausted and soaked, had to be lifted from the car. Mitchell placed 3rd in class, and was also the highest placed woman in the rally. This was one of Nancy Mitchell's greatest drives. Car 229, driven by Scott-Russell and Haig, finished ahead of 227, to take 2nd in class. Scott-Russell also drove the entire race himself.

Since BMC had frowned on racing activities following the 1955 Le Mans disaster, rallying was now in a grey area for the Abingdon Competitions department. Rather than displaying the successful rally cars in their London showroom, John Thornley ordered the cars quickly returned to Abingdon without any fanfare! Best to keep BMC management out of the loop.

The 1956 event was the second to last running of the traditional Mille Miglia. The weather conditions of 1956 race resulted in many wrecks and deaths. The increasing speeds of the entrants, combined with the huge numbers of spectators crowding the course, was drawing criticism from racing organizations and the Italian government. The 1957 Mille Miglia would be the last running of the race over the traditional course. The horrible crash that year, killing nine spectators and injuring many more, as well as the driver and navigator, marked the end of the traditional race. Shortly after the race, the Italian government banned racing on public roads, so ending the most famous and demanding Italian road race.



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.

May 3. Olathe, KS: 8th Annual Andrew Caraway Memorial Car & Bike Show. 2200 West Santa Fe St, 66061. 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM. Cars, bikes, music, food, raffles. Free admission. \$25 per car entry.

[Show](#) [Flyer](#) Benefit for the Public Safety Academy.

May 10. Bonner Springs, KS: Import Showdown. The Fuel House, 611 West 2nd Street, 66012. 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Open to imports only, no domestics. \$25 registration (no pre-registration). Top 30 and "Best of's" . Sponsored by NSK Kustoms. Contact Denny at 913-840-1643

or kcsowdown17@gmail.com [Show Flyer](#)

May 10. Cruise-N The Village Car Show. East Ridge Village Shopping Center, 3819 Frederick Ave, Saint Joseph, MO. 5:00PM. Free Dash plaques to show vehicles. Free Registration T-shirt raffle, music, 50/50 pot. Pop and water available. Bring your classic car/truck, your lawn chair and friends and family to enjoy a nice evening. (No alcohol). [Show Flyer](#)

May 16. Blue Springs, MO: 6th Annual Car Show/Parking Lot Party. Dave's Service. 1130 NW Woods Chapel Road, 64015. 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. FREE; open to the public. No car awards will be given. Food trucks, kids' area and a giveaway table. Park in the back lot behind the building to be a part of the car show. Donations made will help a local nonprofit make a difference in our community and equal entries to our giveaway table. [Show Flyer](#)

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Upcoming Community Outreach Events

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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>

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.

Aristocrat British Invasion

When: Saturday, May 10th, 9am – 1pm

Where: Aristocrat Motors Pre-Owned, Lee's Summit, 704 SE Oldham Ct, Lee's Summit, MO 64081

Description: British vintage, classics, exotics and sports car friends of British are invited to a car show from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Aristocrat Motors, 704 SE Oldham Court, Lee's Summit, MO 64081. No registration or fee, no judging, no awards, no RSVP – just show up and enjoy a morning with British other car owners and a complementary food truck lunch for LBC owners.

Sponsored by KC Triumphs and Aristocrat Motors.

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. **If you joined the Club in April or May 2025, 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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MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Welcome new members:

Bruce Hollembeak of Lee's Summit, MO who owns a '74 MGB/GT and a '76 MG Midget.

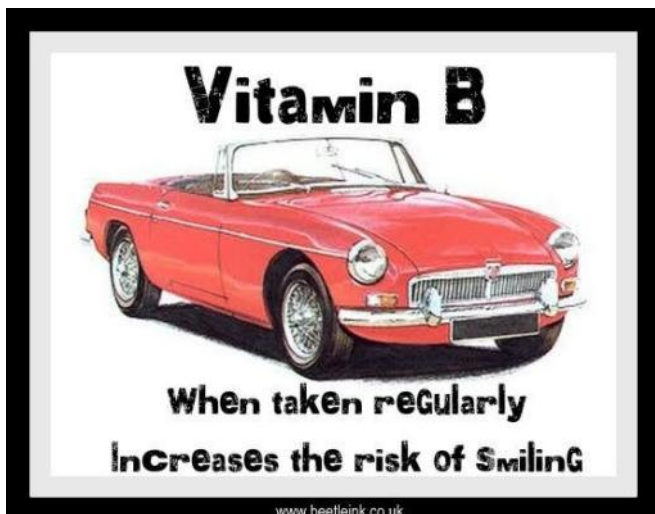
Kris Gamble of Olathe, KS who owns a '57 Jaguar XK150, a '63 Jaguar E-Type Coupe, a '67 Jaguay E-Type Roadster, and an '87 Jaguay XJS

Russ Amos & Jane Drury of Shawnee, KS who own a '79 Lotus 7 Clone.

Jeff Givens of Leavenworth, KS who owns a '59 Triumph TR3A and a '63-1/2 Ford Falcon Futura Hardtop.

Peter McCool & Amy Kuhlmann of Leavenworth, KS who own a '54 MG TF.

We have 155 members.





Save this Date

June 27 – 28, 2025

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 our 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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And for a dose of local flavor, check out the **Volo Auto Museum**. 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!

KCMGCC Ladies Luncheon

By Susan Pittell

Our next Ladies Luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 28th. Linda Drozd will be hosting the luncheon at Larry Taylor's house. 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.

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

May 2025

3rd, Truman Library Tour, Rollerts
 13th, Social, Tanner's Bar & Grill, Red Bridge
 17-18, SLIM Run-Iowa, Dave Dobbins
 20th, CRUMB Breakfast, Roxanne's Café, Platte City
 28th, Ladies Luncheon, Linda Drozd hosting
 31-June 8, Drive Your British Car Week

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, Tanners
 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

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.

**** KCMGCC May Monthly Social ****

which will take place this month on May 13th at

Tanner's Bar & Grill
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WANTED TO BUY: 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

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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.



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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.



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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



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



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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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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

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Ball Caps

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Oil Change Windshield Sticker: \$1

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KANSAS CITY MG CAR CLUB

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I hereby give consent* for my child to join the Kansas City MG Car Club and participate in the club's meetings and events.

*Please note that a student will not be able to participate in the club without parent/guardian consent. Students who are 18 or older do not require consent.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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