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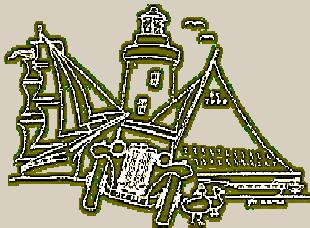


Mini GoF XLVI

May 3-5, 2019

Wades Point Inn, McDaniel, Maryland

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**Quarterly Newsletter of the
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WORDS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Essentially, we are halfway through 2019. Tempus fugit.

Last month members as well as several invited guests gathered at Wades Point Inn in McDaniel, MD for the 2019 mini-GOF. Despite a bleak weather forecast, many drove their MGT Series cars and, as is often the case, the weather was not as bad as predicted. Several photos appear in this issue of the TSR that record various activities. The three-day event was well-attended, and special thanks need to go to Ralph Cattaneo, Ruth Renkenberger and Dale Lindsay for organizing and putting together this year's successful mini-GOF.

On June 2nd the 42nd Original British Car Day was held at Serra Valley Farm in Mt. Airy, MD. This represents not only a new location for OBCD but also a new undertaking by member Tom Renda who recently volunteered as OBCD Chairman. There was very good attendance by both entrants and spectators and positive feedback is still coming in. It looks as though this was one of the best OBCD shows we've had in several years. The Club should be thankful for Tom and his team of volunteers for making this such a success. Also, a list of the OBCD 2019 winners follows in this TSR issue.



Future Events:

- On July 20th there will be a Tech Seminar conducted by John Tokar at Vintage Restorations in Union Bridge, MD. Contact Charlie Adams chalieadamsmg@gmail.com for details and if you plan to attend.
- The route book for the Summer Sojourn, which is touring New England in August, is currently being completed by Milt Babirak mbabirak@babirakcarr.com. Please contact Milt if you have an interest.
- The Fall Ramble is taking place in Cambridge, MD on October 25, 26 and 27. An invitation is included in this TSR issue which tells how to make reservations so as to take advantage of special rates available to Chapter members. Contact John Williams jwilliams@ndia.org with any questions.
- Lastly, the June issue of the **Sacred Octagon** features the Chesapeake Chapter at the Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance as well as featuring an article written by John Debelius covering the Southern Winter Tour 2019.

Safety Fast!

Your Chairman, Shaun English

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

I hope you enjoy this SUMMER 2019 issue of **THE SQUARE RIGGER (TSR)**, our club's quarterly newsletter. Welcome new members Andy Wallach and Cynthia Faschini. Please read their story in this Edition. Also, welcome Christopher Barlett, from Cockeysville, Md. Christopher owns a red 1952 MG TD. Hopefully we will get a biography and photo from him for the next newsletter.

Mark and I are looking forward to a great summer ahead. Our youngest son Scott (and his lovely fiancée Katie) will be married on August 30, 2019 – we are so excited! Son Joseph (and his lovely wife Stephanie) are about to move into their first home! Lots of family excitement and memories being made.

As always, please send me photos of your cars, articles, up-coming events, pictures, recipes, stories, funny quotes, etc. to include in the next newsletter.

Kindly yours, Maxie Brown



That's what I call a sunset!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

- Welcome Andy Wallach and Cynthia Faschini! Andy was kind to share their story below:

First, let me say that I have too many MGs: 4 TDs, TF, MGA, and an MGB. I bought my 54 TF in 1967 and drove it my senior year in college. Completely disassembled in a day courtesy of Jim Banvard and Hank Giffin in around 1974 and finally back on the road in the early 80's. Then while picking up parts cleaner in the late 70's, the salesman said he had a TD completely apart in his mother's garage, that she was moving, and he had to sell it. So, I adopted it. (Restored about two years ago.) Then I bought two TDs from Jim Banvard, one partially restored and the other a basket case. Since then, I have finished the one and still working on the other.

Then a TD Mark II conversion in 2005. Worse than even a basket case. Since there was basically no body, I bought a used body which turned out had been damaged. Have rebuilt the frame and body but didn't get the fit right where the doors meet the scuttle top cowl ... so am debating removing the metal and reworking the wood door pillars. Based on three cars, I have cataloged almost all the TDs nuts and bolts.

The 2019 Mini GOF is actually the fourth Chesapeake one that I have attended. I remember one at St. Michaels, which I believe had a funkana. Jim Banvard broke the crank in his TC and we towed it by rope with my TD down the Eastern Shore. For some strange reason, they wouldn't let us cross the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Then the Yorktown Battlefield Bivouac in 1981 and another in the early 80's on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Currently, I have a small Registered Investment Advisory firm; am retired federal civil servant and retired Naval reserve officer. My wife, Cynthia Faschini, is a retired Naval reserve officer. We have two children, both married, all employed, each with two children. We live the good life in Norfolk. We thoroughly enjoyed the Mini GOF and look forward to participating in more Chapter activities.

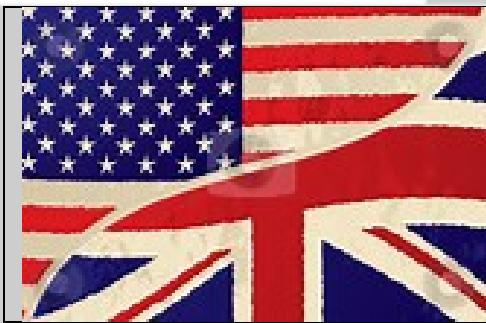


First photo is my 1953 Red; second photo is my 1974 1/2 B, 1962 MGA 1600 Mk II, 1954 TF, 1953 TD, 1952 TD; third photo is the 1954 TF; fourth photo is the 1953 TD Mark II conversion when I picked it up in 2005.

- Also, welcome Christopher Barlett, from Cockeysville, Md. Christopher owns a red 1952 MG TD. Chris, please send me a short biography and photo for the next newsletter.



Our Club Symbol --- A Real Chesapeake Bay Skipjack



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 20, 2019	Tech Session with John Tokar Vintage Restorations, Union Bridge, Md.
August, 2019	Summer Sojourn, New England
September 29, 2019	St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance St. Michaels, Maryland Smcde.org
October 3, 2019	2019 TSR Fall Newsletter – deadline for articles
October 13, 2019	Hunt Country Classic Willoughby Farm, Middleburg, Va. HuntCountryClassic@mgcarclubdc.com
October 25-27, 2019	Fall Ramble, 2019 Cambridge, Maryland
December 03, 2019	Middleburg Christmas Parade Middleburg, Virginia

RECENT CHAPTER & OTHER EVENTS

MINI-GoF XLVI - MAY 3-5, 2019 Maryland's Eastern Shore

This year's mini-GoF was held at Wades Point Inn, McDaniel, Maryland. Located on the Chesapeake Bay, the Inn sits on over 100 acres with stunning water views of Maryland's Eastern Shore. A full schedule of fun activities transpired over a few days... all made possible by our awesome Planning Committee comprised of Ralph Cattaneo, Ruth Renkenberger and Dale Lindsay.



Ralph, Ruth and Dale – job well done!

To summarize -- the trip was fantastic! With a rather large turn-out this year, we managed to visit many beautiful towns and observe several unique and rare antique car and boat exhibits.

Let's get this party started ☺



Friday night dinner at Chesapeake Landing

Saturday was awesome! 😊



Mini GoF - Spring
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Saturday morning, we caravanned to Cars and Coffee at the Classic Motor Museum, located in Historic St. Michaels, Maryland. Wow! The antique automobiles were stunning!



We didn't want to leave





After visiting the museum, we headed to the North Street Garage, located in Historic Easton, Maryland. Owner of the garage, David North, is an award-winning expert in the restoration and preservation of exotic antique and classic automobiles.



Saturday lunch was at the Tidewater Inn, also located in Historic Easton, Maryland. Classy place....



Saturday evening, we returned to the Wades Point Inn for dinner and the awards ceremony.



During the awards ceremony, Steve Woodall presented the Florida Tour Finisher Certificates to the following members:



Milton Babarik



Barbara Vanover



Shaun English



Jim Bradley and Judy Curtis



CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER MINI-GOF's Over The Years

Reliving Memories and Creating New Ones

1974 Harpers Ferry, W VA

1975 Williamsburg, VA

1976 Strasburg, PA

1977 Shenandoah National Park, VA

1978 Williamsburg, VA

1979 Chestertown MD

1980 Berkeley Springs, W VA

1981 Luray, VA

1996 Fells Point, MD

1997 Millboro, VA

1998 Frederick, MD

1999 Kent Island, MD

2000 Hunt Valley, MD

2001 Cambridge, MD

2002 Yorktown, VA

2003 Strasburg, VA

1982 Royal Oak, MD	2004 Lewes, DE
1983 Ski Liberty, PA	2005 Shepherdstown, W VA
1984 Harpers Ferry, W VA	2006 Havre de Grace, MD
1985 Tilghman Island, MD	2007 Tilghman Island, MD
1986 Fredericksburg, VA	2008 Staunton, VA
1987 New Castle, DE	2009 Chestertown, MD
1988 Lexington, VA	2010 Mathews, VA
1989 St. Michaels, MD	2011 Alexandria, VA
1990 Deep Creek, MD	2012 Yorktown, VA
1991 Solomons Island, MD	2013 Solomons Island, MD
1992 Yorktown, VA	2014 Williamsburg, VA
1993 Berkeley Springs, W VA	2015 Shepherdstown, W VA
1994 Virginia Beach, VA	2016 Annapolis, MD
1995 Easton, MD	2017 Fredericksburg, VA
	2018 Mathews, VA

Until we meet again Cheers!

John Twist Session – Fairfax, Virginia

May 6-11, 2019



Photo left: John Twist and Charlie Adams working on Milton Babirak's MGTD. They removed and completely rebuilt the gearbox, and tuned the car so that it drove off in near perfect condition.

Photo center: John Twist holds up critical part for inspection! (This guy means business)

Photo right: Disassembled parts from 2 MGTD gear boxes.

THE ORIGINAL BRITISH CAR DAY (OBCD)

REDCOATS INVADE CARROLL COUNTY FARM FOR ORIGINAL BRITISH CAR DAY

**42th Annual Meet
Sunday, the 2nd of June, 2019**

**By: Tom Renda, Chairman
John Tokar, Co-Chairman**

Charles Carroll, signer of the Declaration of Independence, may be rolling in his grave, but on Sunday, June 2, hundreds of British car owners, enthusiasts and spectators took over a large equestrian field at Serra Valley Farms in Carroll County, Maryland for the 42nd annual Original British Car Day. Normally a wedding and event site, the large picturesque field (located about 5 miles north of Mt. Airy, MD on Route 27) accommodated the large crowd (and a dozen or so vendors), who defied stormy weather predictions and brought out a full contingent of British vintage and modern cars (plus a couple of British motorbikes and one oft seen Morgan three wheeler). An especially strong group of Minis, the official marque of OBCD this year, was in attendance. The weather gods relented, and storms did not materialize until well after the show ended (although some brave attendees from afar reported they got thoroughly doused on the return ride home!)

Kudos to John Tokar, who found the new venue after OBCD outgrew its longtime location at Lilypons in Frederick County. John also remained fully involved in organizing the show (despite previous threats to the contrary). With help from an informal committee composed of Lin Snider, Laurel Tokar, Ginny Tokar, Shaun English, John Hamilton (who laid out the field with his usual precision), and the undersigned, the 2019 show came off without any serious hitches despite the change to a new site.

OBCD would like to thank Lou Gould, the owner of Serra Valley Farms, for his gracious hospitality. (Lou asked me to remind everyone he has a large indoor wedding venue on site that is available to betrothed British car owners, and even owners of other foreign and domestic makes. (Except Fiats - no Fiats!)

Also, many thanks to the Maryland State Police (Westminster Barracks) who provided much needed help with maintaining smooth traffic flow into and out of the show grounds from busy State Route 27. And as usual, a dedicated group of Linganore High School students ran spectator parking efficiently, and even helped clean up the field afterwards. They are much appreciated.

With luck (and a new trophy supplier, as our usual vendor of pewter OBCD trophies unfortunately closed its doors for good) we will return in 2020 for the 43rd version of this great event.

Congratulations to the following winners!!!

2019 Original British Car Day Winners

Featured Marque Award Recipient

~~~ Jason Witter, 1977 Mini 850 ~~~

**Featured Marque - Classic Mini (Class 33)**

| #   | Class Name                                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place                              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place                        | Honorable Mention                  |
|-----|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 01  | Aston Martin                              | Anthony Connor<br>1967 Aston Martin DB6      | Suzanne Quarles<br>2002 Aston Martin DB7           |                                              |                                    |
| 02  | Austin-Healey 100-4/6                     | John Gross<br>1956 Austin-Healey 100         |                                                    |                                              |                                    |
| 03  | Austin-Healey 3000 MK I/II/III            | Mike Jennings<br>1964 AH 3000 Mk III         | Jeff Breen<br>1965 Austin-Healey 3000              |                                              |                                    |
| 04  | Austin-Healey Bugeye Sprite               | Jack Triplett<br>1959 Austin-Healey Bugeye   | Pete Schumann<br>1961 Austin-Healey Bugeye         |                                              |                                    |
| 04a | Austin-Healey Square Body Sprite          | William Rogers<br>1967 AH Sprite Mk IV       | Joe & Cathie MacInnes<br>1966 Austin-Healey Sprite |                                              |                                    |
| 07  | Jaguar XK 120/140/150                     | L Ray Rachuba<br>1950 Jaguar XK120           | David Goodman<br>1955 Jaguar XK140                 | James Michael Kelly<br>1954 Jaguar XK120 FHC |                                    |
| 08  | Jaguar Saloon/Coupe to 1968               | James Latoff<br>1964 Jaguar 3.8 S-Type       |                                                    |                                              |                                    |
| 09  | Jaguar XKE 6/12 Cylinder, Series I/II/III | Clyde McLaughlin<br>1966 Jaguar XKE          | Michael B Courtney<br>1970 Jaguar XKE              | Chris McConnell<br>1971 Jaguar XKE SIII      | Douglas Wolfire<br>1967 Jaguar XKE |
| 11  | Jaguar XJ6/12 Series I/II/III             | Jim Sheats<br>1983 Vanden Plas XJ6           |                                                    |                                              |                                    |
| 12  | Jaguar XJS                                | Mark & Sandy Deeds<br>1990 Jaguar XJS        | Richard Jamieson<br>1994 Jaguar XJS                |                                              |                                    |
| 15  | Jaguar Coupe & Convertible from 1997      | Jay Jones<br>1998 Jaguar XK8                 | Tim Rulon<br>2002 Jaguar XK8                       | Suzanne Quarles<br>2007 Jaguar XKR           |                                    |
| 16  | Jaguar Sedan from 1988                    | Rick & Heather Furno<br>2003 Jaguar S-Type R | Kenny Rollins<br>2005 X-Type Estate Wagon          |                                              |                                    |
| 17  | Jensen Healey, Jensen GT & Interceptor    | Tim Waller<br>1973 Jensen Interceptor III    |                                                    |                                              |                                    |
| 19  | Land Rover                                | Jake Mays<br>2004 Discovery II HSE           |                                                    |                                              |                                    |

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| 23  | <b>Lotus Classic through 1980</b>         | Carle Conway<br>1979 Lotus Super 7       | Jim Gordon<br>1971 Lotus Elan<br>Gary & Bobbi Windham<br>1967 Lotus Elan S3 |                                                          |                                           |
| 23a | <b>Lotus 1981 to Present</b>              | Jeff Wong<br>1987 Lotus Esprit           | Grant Spurrell<br>2008 Exige S Club Racer                                   | Mark Habicht<br>2005 Lotus Elise                         | Chris Kosko                               |
|     |                                           |                                          |                                                                             | Kevin McCracket<br>2005 Lotus Elise                      | 1987 Lotus Esprit                         |
|     |                                           |                                          |                                                                             |                                                          |                                           |
| 25  | <b>MGTC</b>                               | Steve Sayer<br>1949 MGTC                 | James Tierney<br>1946 MGTC                                                  |                                                          |                                           |
| 26  | <b>MGTD</b>                               | Chris Hostage<br>1951 MGTD Special       | Phil Howell<br>1952 MGTD                                                    | Ray & Barbara Wamskey<br>1952 MGTD                       | Rick Trawick<br>1953 MGTD                 |
| 27  | <b>MGTF</b>                               | Ralph Cattaneo<br>1955 MGTF              |                                                                             |                                                          |                                           |
| 28  | <b>MGA</b>                                | Cheryl Reitz<br>1961 MGA                 | Jack Stern<br>1957 MGA 1500 Coupe                                           | Leslie Newman Reardon<br>MGA                             |                                           |
| 29  | <b>MGB 1962 through 1967</b>              | Bob Lippert<br>1967 MGB Roadster         | Daniel Durholz<br>1967 MGB Roadster                                         |                                                          |                                           |
| 29a | <b>MGB 1968 to 1974</b>                   | Gloria Ciarrocca<br>1970 MGB MkII        | Bruce Mazzie<br>1972 MGB Roadster                                           | Ted Whitehouse<br>1969 MGB Roadster                      |                                           |
| 30  | <b>MGB from 1974 1/2</b>                  | Donald Pohlmann<br>1975 MGB Roadster     | Peter & Katie Wiley<br>1978 MGB Roadster                                    | Russell Grigsby<br>1976 MGB Roadster                     | Dennis L Keplinger<br>1978 MGB Roadster   |
| 30a | <b>MGB GT</b>                             | Christine & Robert Mullen<br>1970 MGB GT | Mark & Sandy Deeds<br>1973 MGB GT                                           | David Bandel<br>1967 MGB GT                              | Joe & Liz Mudd<br>1973 MGB GT             |
| 31  | <b>MGC Roadster and GT</b>                | Don Dean<br>1969 MGC GT                  |                                                                             |                                                          |                                           |
| 32  | <b>MG Midget</b>                          | Edgar Levi Moss<br>1974 MG Midget        |                                                                             |                                                          |                                           |
| 33  | <b>Classic Mini (Austin &amp; Morris)</b> | Jason Witter<br>1977 Mini 850            | Larry Atkinson<br>1975 Mini Sprint                                          | Frederick Lippert<br>1965 Morris Mini-Minor Super Deluxe | Michael Bernard<br>1971 Mini Special 1000 |
|     |                                           |                                          |                                                                             |                                                          | Frank Parsons<br>1973 Austin Mini         |
|     |                                           |                                          |                                                                             |                                                          | Celia Seminerio<br>1979 Mini Clubman      |
| 34  | <b>MINI from 2002</b>                     | Paul Duray<br>2013 Mini Cooper JCW GP2   | John Robertson<br>2003 Mini Cooper S                                        | Rick Stewart<br>2006 Mini JCW GP                         |                                           |
| 35  | <b>Morgan</b>                             | Suzanne Quarles<br>1973 Morgan 4/4       | Lee DeBrish<br>2005 Morgan Roadster V6                                      | Donald Roberts<br>1953 Morgan +4 DHC                     | Edward Bradley<br>2018 Morgan Roadster    |
|     |                                           |                                          |                                                                             |                                                          | John W Barry<br>1967 Morgan +4            |
|     |                                           |                                          | John Elliott<br>2016 Morgan Three Wheeler                                   |                                                          | Steve Sayer                               |

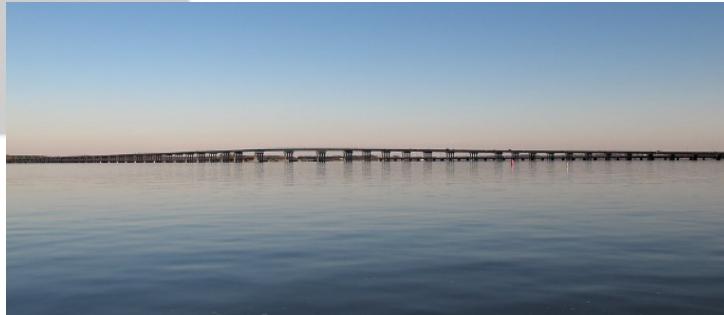
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|    |                                                       |                                              |                                                       |                                               | 1956 Morgan +4                            |
| 37 | <b>Motorcycles through 1980</b>                       | Scott Stuber<br>1974 Norton Commando 850     | Tom Renda<br>1975 Norton 850 MK3                      |                                               |                                           |
| 38 | <b>All Other British Marques &amp; Vintage Racing</b> | Harry Kraemer<br>1975 Lomax 223              | Walt Ziffer<br>2012 McLaren MP4-12C<br>Project Alpha  | Bill Loewy<br>1961 Ford Anglia<br>Deluxe 105E |                                           |
| 39 | <b>Rolls Royce &amp; Bentley</b>                      | Malcolm Collum<br>1950 Bentley Mark VI       | John & Jeane Beschenbosel<br>1964 RR Silver Cloud III | Akin Davis<br>1946 Bentley Mk VI              |                                           |
| 40 | <b>Sunbeam Alpine</b>                                 | Wayne Pierzga<br>1965 Alpine IV-GT Automatic | Greg & Donna Dudok<br>1967 Sunbeam Alpine             |                                               |                                           |
| 41 | <b>Sunbeam Tiger</b>                                  | Joe Parlanti<br>1966 Sunbeam Tiger           | Ronnie Silber<br>1965 Sunbeam Tiger Mk I              | Chris Boyer<br>1967 Sunbeam Tiger Mk II       |                                           |
| 42 | <b>Triumph Pre-war or Variant</b>                     | Steve Smith<br>1973 Triumph Stag             | Siobhan Kosko<br>1958 Triumph TR10                    |                                               |                                           |
| 43 | <b>Triumph TR2 &amp; TR3/TR3A/TR3B</b>                | George Imes<br>1959 Triumph TR3A             | Donald Cumberland<br>1959 Triumph TR3A                | Bob Clark<br>1961 Triumph TR3                 |                                           |
| 44 | <b>Triumph TR4/TR4A &amp; TR250</b>                   | Jack & Carol Schmelyun<br>1968 Triumph TR250 | Ben Pontano<br>1963 Triumph TR4                       | Steve Hunter<br>1966 Triumph TR4A             |                                           |
| 45 | <b>Triumph Spitfire &amp; GT6</b>                     | Barry Leese<br>1970 Triumph GT6              | Doug Walls<br>1970 Triumph Spitfire Mk III            | Dave Denison<br>1970 Triumph Spitfire Mk III  | Richard Anderson<br>1978 Triumph Spitfire |
| 46 | <b>Triumph TR6 through 1973</b>                       | Ted Tlanda<br>1973 Triumph TR6               | Doug Dallhoff<br>1973 Triumph TR6                     | Ryan Gladhill<br>1969 Triumph TR6             |                                           |
| 47 | <b>Triumph TR6 1974 to 1976</b>                       | Lionel Mitchell<br>1975 Triumph TR6          | Bruce Kepplin<br>1976 Triumph TR6                     | Matthew Altobelli<br>1974 Triumph TR6         |                                           |
| 48 | <b>Triumph TR7 &amp; TR8</b>                          | Steve & Linda Berry<br>1980 Triumph TR8      | Tom Burke<br>1980 Triumph TR8                         | Arthur Fournier<br>1980 Triumph TR8           |                                           |
| 50 | <b>TVR</b>                                            | John Gladhill<br>1967 TVR 1800S              | Vince Doring<br>1978 TVR 3000S                        |                                               |                                           |

For more information and photos, please go to the following link. Photos taken by fellow member Ace Sarich.  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/180q60iAyHDpTT4WCH4GRB0o-YNBKptwG?usp=sharing>

## **UPCOMING CHAPTER & CHAPTER RELATED EVENTS**

### **Fall Ramble 2019 – Friday, October 2019**

#### **Historic Cambridge, Maryland**



### **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2019 FALL RAMBLE**

#### **OCTOBER 25-27, 2019**

Join us for the Fall Ramble!

Plans for the 2019 Fall Ramble are well under way, and a large number of your fellow Chesapeake Chapter members are planning to attend. Please note: Those who have already contacted John Williams 703-362-7005 to confirm their participation should also call the Hyatt (number below) to reserve their rooms.

Come and join us for what promises to be another spectacular event, this time focused on the beautiful area around Cambridge, MD in historic Dorchester County.

This year's Ramble is scheduled for the weekend of October 25/27, and the Chapter has obtained preferred room rates at the elegant country-club like Hyatt Regency in downtown Cambridge. Those interested in still joining this year's Ramble should go to the link below or call the number below to make reservations.

**There are two ways to make reservations:**

Link - <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHESA/G-CCMR>

Call to make reservations-- 877-803-7534.

Offering beautiful drives through wetland nature preserves unique to this area of the Chesapeake Bay, this year's Ramble will include the salty small towns and fishing villages of Dorchester County, as well as fine

opportunities to observe waterfowl and other lowland nature. Meals on the itinerary will offer opportunities to savor an abundant variety of fresh seafood found nowhere else in the United States.

Don't miss out on this keystone Chapter event, by now an established tradition. We hope to see you in October!

Questions - please email John Williams at [jwilliams@NDIA.ORG](mailto:jwilliams@NDIA.ORG) or call 703-362-7005

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## **INTERESTING ARTICLES, TIDBITS & TRIVIA**

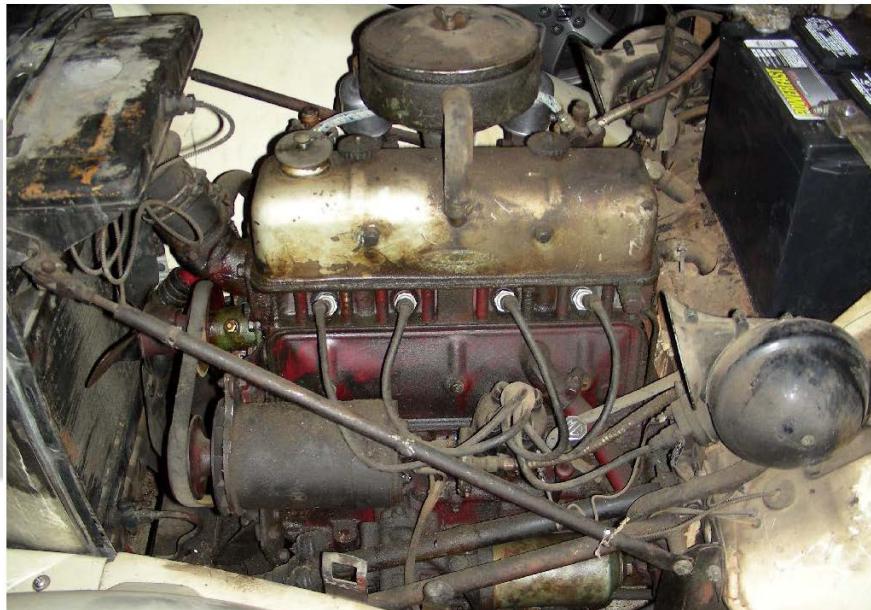
### **MG TD and TF Engine Paint -- Part 1**

**By Charlie Adams**

Since I'm about to paint my engine, I have started research to identify the paint I should use to match the factory color. I've done research on MG paint colors before, and so I expected differences of opinion. However, I did not expect the diversity of comments I've found.

It's hard to establish exactly what the factory used. Also, since the components of auto paint have changed substantially over the years, it is not possible to mix the formula used by the factory even if it were known. The best guide for the paint color is inspection of original engines. There are few cars which remain in original paint, and fewer still with low mileage. Some of these cars have also had their engines removed for servicing and a portion of these engines were repainted. So now there are many variations and examples with varying colors on the engines and transmissions. And so, which color was used by the factory?

I've read that some believe MG used two engine colors for the TDs. I'm not yet convinced this is so. Below are two examples showing what are believed to be MG engines with original paint. I found these photos on Chris Cooper's Original MG TD, and Original MG TF web sites. Perhaps you can see that these colors are not exactly the same...certainly some consideration must be given to the possibility of slight variations in paint mixing, extent of the car's use and the obvious variances in the conditions in which these cars have been kept. Nevertheless, I think these engines are useful starting points.



Not surprisingly, I've found restorers are using a wide range of colors and some believe their choices are close or somewhat close to MGs original color. Below are two examples—burgundy and cardinal red--which restorers have recently used and recommended. However, I'm thinking neither of these samples matches very well with the engines above. In the next episode, I'll share more information on this colorful topic as I hone in on a good color choice.



## **120 HP XPAG Engine**

### **By: Michael O'Halloran**



Fellow members, I purchased my yellow MG TF -1500 last year. My plan was to install a Dave Clark 4-3 rear end with heavy duty axles [which I did last summer]. A Hi-Gear Engineering Ford type 9 5 speed trans and an Eaton type m-45 supercharger. Upon finding that none of the known suppliers ever have these superchargers in stock, I did research and found Peter Edney in England who makes this outstanding XPAG engine. If you go to Peter Edney MG parts, click on XPAG engines -- mine is the XPAG Ultimate carbs. As shown, it is 100 h.p. I ordered a higher-lift camshaft producing 120 h.p. If you go to Facebook and punch in Peter Edney MG parts, the first video is my exact engine that he built for me. John Tokar at Vintage Restorations has already installed it in my car along with the Ford Type 9 5 speed that I already had. With all the added go some serious whoa was needed and John and crew added MGB Wilwood front disc brakes a anti sway bar and MGB shocks.

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## **Electrical Theory**

**By Joseph Lucas**

Positive ground depends on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of negative ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as "smoke".

Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing.

For example, if one places a copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is

elementary and inescapable!

The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they consumed large quantities of smoke, requiring very unsightly large wires.

It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defense secrets.

Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components especially British units manufactured by Joseph Lucas, Ltd.

And remember: "A gentleman does not motor about after dark." Joseph Lucas "The Prince of Darkness"  
1842-1903

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## A few Lucas quips:

The Lucas motto: "Get home before dark."

Lucas is the patent holder for the short circuit.

Lucas - Inventor of the first intermittent wiper.

Lucas - Inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.

The three-position Lucas switch --- DIM, FLICKER and OFF.

The other three switch settings --- SMOKE, SMOLDER and IGNITE.

The Original Anti-Theft Device = Lucas Electrics.

If Lucas made guns, wars would not start

Back in the '70s, Lucas decided to diversify its product line and began manufacturing vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they offered which did not suck.

Q: Why do the British drink warm beer? A: Because Lucas makes their refrigerator

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## **DO YOU KNOW THIS CAR?**

Milt Babirak bought a TD in December. Chassis number 4973. See the photo below. He bought it from a seller in Reston who owned it for about ten years and was never a member of the Chesapeake Chapter. The seller does not know anything about the prior history of the car other than it may have been in Virginia. Milt is trying to find out more about the history of the car. If you know anything about the car which you can share, please contact Milt at 703-501-7924 or mbabirak@icloud.com. Thanks.



**Do the right thing,  
even when no one is  
looking. It is called  
integrity.**



*It runs in the family ....*

*Steve & Nancy Woodall's granddaughter, Madeline Woodall, driving the TC.*

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## Life's Demerit System

All men who have been married will attest to some real wisdom in this email...

...In the world of romance, one single rule applies:

### MAKE THE WOMAN HAPPY!!!!

Do something she likes, and you get points.

Do something she dislikes, and points are subtracted.

You don't get any points for doing something she expects.

Sorry, that's the way the game is played.

Here is a non-exhaustive guide to the point system:

### **SIMPLE DUTIES**

You make the bed. (+1)

You make the bed, but forget the decorative pillows. (-10)

You throw the bedspread over rumpled sheets. (-3)

You go out to buy her what she wants (+5) in the rain (+8)

But return with Beer. (-5)

### **PROTECTIVE DUTIES**

You check out a suspicious noise at night. (+1)

You check out a suspicious noise, and it is nothing. (0)

You check out a suspicious noise, and it is something. (+5)

You pummel it with an iron rod. (+10)

It's her pet Schnauzer. (-30)

#### **SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS**

You stay by her side for the entire party. (+1)

Stay by her side for a while, then leave to chat with an old school friend. (-2)

Named Tina (-10)

Tina is a dancer. (-20)

Tina has breast implants. (-40)

#### **HER BIRTHDAY**

You take her out to dinner. (+2)

You take her out to dinner, and it's not a sports bar. (+3)

Okay, it's a sports bar. (-2)

And its all-you-can-eat night. (-3)

It's a sports bar, it's all-you-can-eat night, and your face is painted the colors of your favorite team. (-10)

#### **A NIGHT OUT**

You take her to a movie. (+1)

You take her to a movie she likes. (+5)

You take her to a movie you hate. (+6)

You take her to a movie you like. (-2)

It's called 'Death Cop.' (-3)

You lied and said it was a foreign film about orphans. (-15)

#### **YOUR PHYSIQUE**

You develop a noticeable potbelly. (-15)

You develop a noticeable potbelly and exercise to get rid of it (+10)

You develop a noticeable potbelly and resort to baggy jeans and baggy Hawaiian shirts. (-30)

You say to her, "It doesn't matter, you have one too." (-80)

#### **THE BIG QUESTION**

She asks, "Do I look fat?" (-5) (Yes, you lose points no matter what)

You hesitate in responding. (-10)

You reply, "Where?" (-35)

You give any other response. (-40)

#### **COMMUNICATION**

When she wants to talk about a problem, you listen, displaying what looks like a concerned expression. (+2)

You listen, for over 30 minutes (+50)

You listen for more than 30 minutes without looking at the TV. (+500)

She realizes this is because you have fallen asleep. (-4000)

Send this on to all of the gentlemen you know to refresh them on the point system. (and to the ladies you know with a good sense of humor!)

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*All things red and beautiful ....* ☺

**What did our  
parents do to kill  
boredom before the  
internet?**

**I asked my 26  
brothers and  
sisters and they  
didn't know either.**

## **Chesapeake Chapter Membership Registration Form**

1. The form on the following page can be used to send your information to the Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG-T Register for Membership Registration or other information requests.
2. Please note that we will never supply your information to a third party, will never use your information for telemarketing, and will use your information solely for membership application/registration purposes.
3. You must print, fill-out and mail the form to the address specified below. You may do this by clicking [here](#) or by clicking on the form below (*this requires the free [Acrobat Reader](#)*).
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### **Additional Notes:**

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(2) MG Model/Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

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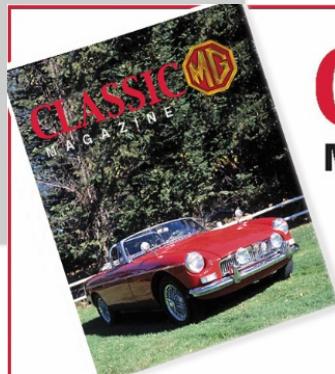
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