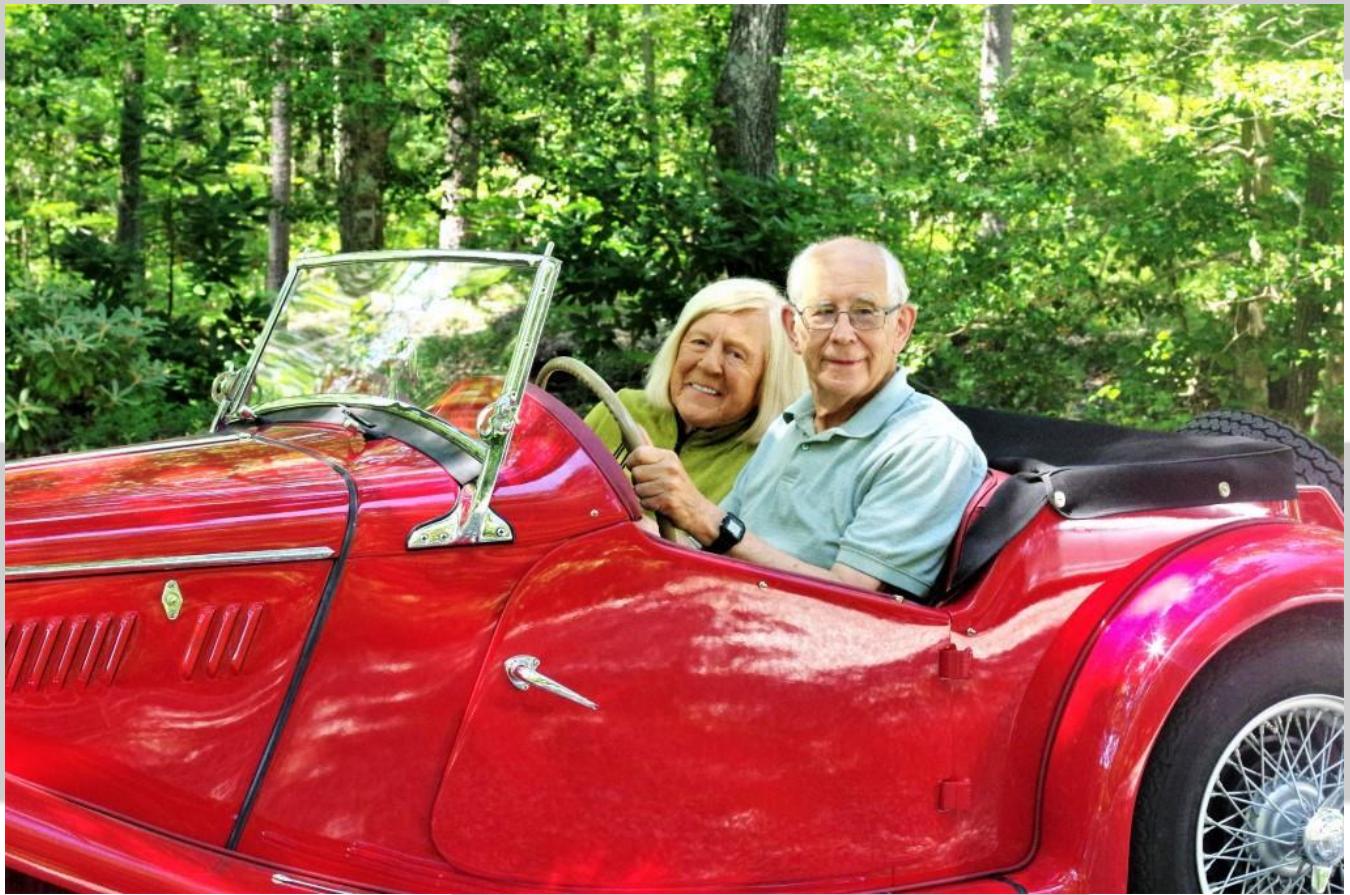


The Square Rigger

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"The Mother Goose"

Their Story Inside: Club members Dale & Carol Flowers

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WORDS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Participation for 40th Anniversary of The Original British Car Day was outstanding! An increase of pre-registered cars to 148 along with 116 cars registering the day of the event showed that OBCD has become more popular among the British car family.

The outstanding efforts put forth by the OBCD Co-Chairmen John Tokar, Ralph Cattaneo and Lin Snider proved noteworthy. The appearance by John Davis was an added attraction that was well received by everyone. We thank our Official Photographer, Kyle Babirak who took some memorable photographs that will be posted on our website for viewing. A thanks also goes out to the Chapter members and others that contributed to the success of the show. It was truly a team effort! Special thanks goes to Laurel Tokar for her efforts in setting up the on-line registration and regalia sales option as well as the many behind the scenes contributions she made to make this car show a smashing success!

Laurel has agreed to assist with regalia sales until the Chapter Regalia Chairman position is permanently filled. So please consider taking on this job as it is very important to the Chapter and not very demanding.

By the way, if you didn't purchase a 40th OBCD grille badge or Dash Plaque at the show you can still do so by contacting Ralph Cattaneo: dps6060@aol.com. See the section in this Newsletter for the details on how to order.



As many of you know Michelle Cattaneo is giving up her position as Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. If you want to volunteer for this opening let me know or contact Michelle: mcatta6799@aol.com and she can tell you what is required.

Safety Fast!

Your Chairman, Shaun English

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

I hope you enjoy this SUMMER 2017 issue of **THE SQUARE RIGGER (TSR)**, our club's quarterly newsletter. Welcome new members Mike & Mindy Gray, James Tierney and James Brown! Wait a minute – I think I know that James Brown – lol.

Summer is off to a great start! Got new wheels – see Mini me below. Mini is a lot of fun to drive! I feel like a kid again! My goal is to not get a speeding ticket!

Mark and I are looking forward to a great summer ahead. Club Members! Anyone taking an international or otherwise fabulous vacation? It would be cool to put something together for the fall newsletter.

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



My new ride! The bike is as big as the mini :)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

- Mr. James Brown of Bristow, Virginia. While Jamie does not own a T Series car, he has been around MGs all of his life. James looks forward to participating in Chapter events.
- Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gray (Mindy) of Bealeton, Virginia. Mike owns a 1952 TD, which belonged to his father. He is now in the process of restoring.
- Mr. James Tierney of Fairfax, Virginia. He was a Chapter member and has rejoined after a brief absence. Welcome back!

New members, please send me a photo so that I can include in a future TSR!!



Our Club Symbol --- A Real Chesapeake Bay Skipjack



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 11-15, 2017	GOF Central 2017, Akron, Ohio http://www.gofcentral.com/next-gof.html
September 17, 2017	Nation Capital Jaguar Owners Club 53rd Concours d'Elegance http://www.jcna.com/events/2017-ncjoc-53rd-annual-concours-d-elegance
September 16-17, 2017	Classics On the Green http://www.classicsonthegreen.com/
September 22-24, 2017	St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance St. Michaels, Maryland
September 30, 2017	MG On the Rocks http://www.mgsofbaltimore.org/mgs-rocks-british-car-show/
October 3, 2017	2017 TSR Fall Newsletter – deadline for articles
October 8, 2017	Hunt Country Classic http://www.mgcarclubdc.com/hcc/hcc_main.html
October 13-15, 2017	America's British Reliability Run https://www.dcbritishreliability.org/
October 27-29, 2017	Fall Ramble, 2017 Frederick County, Virginia
December 03, 2017	Middleburg Christmas Parade Middleburg, Virginia
February, 2018	4th Annual Florida Winter Tour – date TBA

Recent Chapter & Other Events

MINI-GOF - MAY 5 & 6, 2017

This year's mini-GOF was held in Fredericksburg, Virginia. A big thank you to Dick and Deb Shepherd for putting together a fun and interesting Spring Mini-GOF this year in Fredericksburg, Virginia!

The rally began at BJ's in Gainesville, Virginia, with lunch and a rally through the back roads to Fredericksburg. Friday evening dinner was at a fabulous restaurant in Olde Town Fredericksburg.



Gari Melcher's Belmont

Saturday morning began with a car show and rally to Gari Melcher's Belmont – American Artist and his 18th Century Estate and Gardens.



A view from the top of Bowman Distillery

Saturday lunch was at Brock's Riverside Grill followed by a rally to A. Smith Bowman Distillery for a tour and tasting. Wow was that good!

Saturday evening, the awards ceremony was held with the following honorees and winners:



Michele Cattaneo was honored for her outstanding service as Chapter Secretary and Treasurer. Thank you Michele!



Mike and Lucy Hughes won the 1974-2017 Participation Award with 42 out of 44 events attended. Wow!



Eleanor Lindsay won First TD!



Jim Bradley's MGTF took 1st Place!



CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER MINI-GOF's Over The Years

Reliving Memories and Creating New Ones

1974 Harpers Ferry, W VA	1996 Fells Point, MD
1975 Williamsburg, VA	1997 Millboro, VA
1976 Strasburg, PA	1998 Frederick, MD
1977 Shenandoah National Park, VA	1999 Kent Island, MD
1978 Williamsburg, VA	2000 Hunt Valley, MD
1979 Chestertown MD	2001 Cambridge, MD
1980 Berkeley Springs, W VA	2002 Yorktown, VA
1981 Luray, 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

THE ORIGINAL BRITISH CAR DAY (OBCD)

**40th Annual Meet
Sunday, the 4th of June, 2017
Lilypons Water Gardens - Adamstown, Maryland**

**Through The Lens of the Photographer
By: Kyle Babirak**

This was my first time going to OBCD in the 10 years of having an MG in the family. In my teens, the early summers were normally reserved for summer camps, playing video games, and generally causing mayhem with friends (please don't tell my father, Milton Babirak). Now, out of college and working in DC, I found that I had time to go this year. I had been asked by John Tokar and Shaun English to be the photographer for the event. Having previous experience in college and as a hobby, I gladly accepted. Armed with a Nikon camera and several lenses, I arrived at the show at sunrise.

My first reaction to the show was the number of cars present. This was the largest turnout of vehicles for OBCD in the past ten years, a feat that the planning committee must have been ecstatic about. I spent quite some time sitting at the entrance taking photos of cars approaching the show and going through registration. Not only was I surprised by the number of cars, but also some of the vehicles that decided to pull up. The antique car hauler and the rusted MG TD were my two favorites to shoot. While walking the field, I got several photos of vehicles I missed like the new Jaguars and Tokar's Land Rover.

Looking back at the event, I was really glad that I was able to attend this year. Large events like this tend to bring out amazing vehicles that advertise the owner's hard work and dedication over the years. I greatly look forward to attending next year.



2017 Original British Car Day Winners

Featured Marque - Jaguar (Class 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 15, 16)

~~~ Featured Marque Award Recipient - Steven P Davison, 1962 Jaguar Low Drag Coupe ~~~

Class Name		1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	Honorable Mention
1	Aston Martin	Joe Savona 2015 Vantage V12S			
2	Austin-Healey 100-4/6				
3	Austin-Healey 3000 MK I/II/III	Don Crouse 1967 BJ8 3000 MKIII	Barry Robbins 1967 3000 MK III	Paul Gnatt 1965 Austin Healey BJ8	
4	Austin-Healey Bug Eye Sprite	Mike Callison 1960 AH Bugeye Sprite			
4a	Austin-Healey Square Body Sprite	Paul Carroccio 1963 AH Sprite MKII			
7	Jaguar XK 120/140/150	Jake Kreeger 1954 XK120 OTS SE	James Kelly 1954 Jaguar XK120	Bill Hales 1961 XK150 FHCSE	Jack Triplett 1958 Jaguar XK150
8	Jaguar Saloon/Coupe to 1968				
9	Jaguar XKE 6/12 Cylinder, Series I/II/III	Doug Wolfire 1967 Jaguar XKE	Burton Mezebish 1973 Jaguar XKE OTS	Christopher Reiter 1968 Jaguar XKE	Ben Levi 1967 Jaguar E-Type
				Andrew Smith 1964 Jaguar XKE	
11	Jaguar XJ6/12 Series I/II/III	German Paraud 1987 Jaguar XJ6 Series III			
12	Jaguar XJS	Bob Andretta 1989 Jaguar XJS	Roy Higgs 1993 Jaguar XJRS	Doug Penvose 1993 Jaguar XJS	Ron Willis 1990 Jaguar XJS
				Bill Johnston 1995 Jaguar XJS	Robert Clayton 1987 Jaguar XJS
15	Jaguar Coupe & Convertible from 1997	Bruce Koshkish 2004 Jaguar XKR	Suzanne Quarles 2007 Jaguar XKR	Bonita H. Horsey 2005 Jaguar XKR	Gary P. Palmer 1998 XK8 Convertible
16	Jaguar Sedan from 1988	Cheryl Kintner 2004 Jaguar XJ8	John Thomas 1999 Jaguar Vanden Plas	Binyam Gebreyes 2005 Jaguar XJ8L	Howard Meyers 2009 Jaguar XJ8
					Timothy Rulon 2003 Jaguar XJ8
17	Jensen Healey, Jensen GT & Interceptor	James Benya 1974 Jensen Healey			
19	Land Rover				

23	Lotus Classic through 1980	Suzanne Quarles 1973 Lotus Elan +2	Matt Protos 1970 Lotus Elan +2		
23a	Lotus 1981 to Present	Steve Cumming 1991 Lotus Elan M100	Phil Mitchell 1986 Lotus HCi	Chris Kosko 1987 Lotus Turbo Esprit	Gary & Bobbi Windham 1983 Lotus Turbo Esprit
24	MG Pre-war or Variant				
25	MGTC	James Tierney 1946 MGTC			
26	MGTD	Charley Howard 1950 MGTD	Milton Babirak 1951 MGTD	Rick Trawick 1953 MGTD	Jon Tribe 1952 MGTD
27	MGTF	Jim Bradley 1955 MGTF 1500			
28	MGA	Steve & Nancy Woodall 1962 MGA 1600 Mk II	Christopher Kintner 1957 MGA	Jack Stern 1957 MGA 1500 Coupe	Jack Dagilas 1962 MGA
29	MGB 1962 through 1967	David Macedonia 1966 MGB	Joe Donley 1964 MGB		
29a	MGB 1968 to 1974	Gloria Ciarrocca 1970 MGB MKII	Dennis Wade 1974 MGB	Jeff Pulford 1972 MGB Roadster	Craig Morrow 1972 MGB Thomas F Donegan 1970 MGB Tourer
30	MGB from 1974 1/2	Bob & June Zimmerman 1975 MGB	Charlie & Pete Carroccio 1979 MGB Roadster	Stephen McDowell 1979 MG MGB	
30a	MGB GT	Robert Stutzman 1967 MG BGT	Mark Deeds 1973 MG BGT Joe Mudd 1973 MG BGT	Steve Boyce 1974 MG BGT	Jim Sheats 1974 MG BGT
31	MGC Roadster and GT	Mark Hanna 1968 MGC Roadster			
32	MG Midget	Edgar Moss 1974 MG Midget	William Bowman 1976 MG Midget 1500		
33	Classic Mini (Austin & Morris)	Family Gupta 1971 Morris Mini	Willians Osorio 1963 Austin Mini	Jason Witter 1977 Leyland Mini 850	
34	MINI from 2002	Paul Duray 2013 MINI Cooper JCW GP2	Joseph L. Ruthvin Sr. 2007 Mini Cooper S	Susan Minified 2009 Mini Cooper	
35	Morgan	Marline Riehle 2005 Morgan Roadster	Edward Bradley 1964 Morgan Plus 4	Steve Sayer 1956 Morgan +4	Fred Schwenker 1964 Morgan 4/4 Series V "Competition"
36	Morris Minor				



To see all of Kyle's photos visit

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s4qk3r1fs79uinw/AAA09UeQHE6aQIxKctzNyyRqa?dl=0>



For those members that did not have the opportunity to attend The Original British Car Day this year I've attached a copy of the Program Booklet. It has all the details and also shows a number of advertisers that supported the event this year:



BCD_ProgramBooklet low res final.pdf

UPCOMING CHAPTER & CHAPTER RELATED EVENTS



D'ELEGANCE WILL RETURN TO INN AT PERRY CABIN BY BELMOND IN 2017

Reunion of Eastern Shore Style Icons is Eight Years in the Making

ST. MICHAELS, MD— St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance Chairman Luke L. Phipps announced that the St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance, will once again be held on the famously idyllic waterfront property of Inn at Perry Cabin by Belmond on September 22-24, 2017.

Now in its 11th year, the internationally acclaimed St Michaels Concours was in fact opened on the grounds of the Inn at Perry Cabin back in 2007 by Concours Founding Chairman George Walish, past President of Rolls Royce of North America. It took place there through 2009, but as residents of the mid-shore may recall, the iconic motor car competition moved around over subsequent years.

Inn at Perry Cabin interim General Manager Klaus Kabelitz and team couldn't be happier to welcome back the St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance. "We look forward to hosting classic car enthusiasts from near and far," says Kabelitz. "St. Michaels is truly the gem of the Chesapeake Bay, and we hope that people find the Inn to be a gem within St. Michaels. Hosting the Concours is just one way we'd like to help position and promote this town as a premier classic car destination in the Mid-Atlantic region."

The St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance showcases some of the finest automobiles from around the world. The St. Michaels Concours has been dubbed by some as one of the top 10 such events in the United States, and Walish has called it the "Pro-Bowl" to Pebble Beach's "Super Bowl" of classic motorcar competitions.

Local volunteers of the St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance celebrated a historic return home to St. Michaels in 2016 through partnership with the new Classic Motor Museum of St. Michaels and are delighted that the Museum will hold a grand opening celebration on April 22nd 2017.

"The Inn's historic nature", says Phipps, " its beautiful 200-year-old gardens and its grandeur are the perfect backdrop for an event that has style at its core." The Inn's waterfront lawn and show field on Sunday will feature rare, pre-war (1900-1942)

European and American coach-built automobiles as well as significantly important post-war (1946-1973) Sports Cars. A special class of previous Best in Show winners is being created and for the first time inclusion of antique motor cycles. This Best in Show exhibition will be joined by the Senior Award Winning Automobiles from the significant Concours throughout the country, including Pebble Beach, Amelia Island and Radnor Hunt. Phipps adds, "With Chef MacDonald's culinary expertise and commitment to local ingredients, we'll be able to debut in 2017 an enhanced VIP and entrants gallery, which will feature a gourmet garden party with live music, flowing champagne and passed hors d'oeuvres."

The Concours will continue its partnership with the Classic Motor Museum in 2017, too, with plans for the Museum to host Saturday's Tour Luncheon in the newly constructed post and beam exhibits barn housing the museum's main collection.

"That partnership remains particularly important to us," adds Phipps, "once again the beneficiary of the 2017 Concours is the Classic Motor Museum of St. Michaels, and both the Motor Museum and St Michaels Concours d' Elegance prioritize education for local kids and young adults. The lack of vocation-technical education is a real concern of ours, and when the Motor Museum opens in April, we look forward to launching an automotive educational program participating in and documenting the local restoration of a rare 1938 Alvis Drop head coupe."

Final details of Concours weekend are being made to include a Gala and Silent Auction on Saturday evening at Inn at Perry Cabin to benefit the Classic Motor Museum's budding educational program.

In the tradition of the historic Concours events held in Paris, Sunday's exhibit of automobiles will be complemented by an enhanced and elegant fashion show. An additional display of classic wooden speed boats, along Inn at Perry Cabins waterfront lawn on the Miles River, will enhance the mood of stepping back in time.

Please join us for a day of Grand Classic Motor Cars, classic wooden speed boats, fashion, and casual elegance on Maryland's Eastern Shore. St. Michaels is home to galleries and museums, award-winning dining and accommodations, luxurious spas, and an upscale collection of boutiques. Accessibility by car, boat and small plane make it ideal for long weekends for travelers from D.C., Baltimore, and Philadelphia, New York and beyond.

Tickets will be available in early July and can be purchased at www.smcde.org. General admission tickets are \$50. If purchased in advance online, a discounted general admission ticket is \$40. VIP tickets which include lunch and Entrants Lounge access are only available online in advance.

For further information, visit the Concours d' Elegance website at www.smcde.org or call the Classic Motor Museum of St. Michaels at (410) 745-8979.

Fall Ramble 2017 – Friday, October 27, 2016 – Sunday, October 29, 2017

Historic Belle Grove Plantation in Frederick County, Virginia



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2017 FALL RAMBLE

OCTOBER 27-29, 2017

You are cordially invited to attend the 2017 Fall Ramble. We will be staying in the historic Winchester Virginia area. We are currently negotiating with a hotel for accommodations and meals. The dates for the Fall Ramble are Friday, October 27, 2017 to Sunday, October 29, 2017.

There will be lots of interesting activities including scenic mountain drives on nearby designated Virginia Byways and a visit to Belle Grove Plantation for a guided tour and fabulous catered lunch. We are hoping to include an after dinner speaker who is an expert and author on the Civil War battles of nearby Cedar Creek and surrounding area.

We anticipate that there will be separate parking for our MGs and trailer parking will be available. A Friday caravan for Maryland suburban and northern Virginia drivers is anticipated and will start at Gilbert's Corner at the intersection of Routes 15 and 50 near Aldie, Virginia.

Questions - please email Milton Babirak at mbabirak@babirakcarr.com.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL WINTER TOUR

TO FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 2018

The Winter Tour Planning Committee met on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at Steve and Nancy Woodall's Carriage House for the first planning session for the 2018 Winter Tour to Florida. In case you haven't heard how it works, we transport ourselves and our MGs to and from Florida on the Amtrak Auto train. We enjoy the warm weather, scenic drives, good food and great camaraderie.



The first item on the meeting agenda was to select a date for the trip. The dates are still rough but we have set aside February 13, 2018 to February 28, 2018. Since we are still in the initial planning stages, we are not sure if the trip will be 11 days or 14 or 15 days.

Secondly, we are using the "hub" concept again this year. This means we will stay at a location for a couple of days to use it as a hub to explore nearby places. So far, we have identified three hubs: (1) Mt. Dora for a music and antique festival; (2) Naples and nearby Marcos Island and the Everglades; and (3) Marathon Key, midway on the Florida Keys. Marathon is close to many marinas, deep-sea fishing and all the beaches and historic and dining attractions of Key West.

We also have a number of destinations and activities in mind. After more research and legwork, we will announce those in the next issue of *The Square Rigger*. This year we are going to try to schedule our Winter Tour so we can attend the Mt. Dora Music and Antique Festival and revisit the Everglades and the REVS Museum in Naples.

The following Chapter members have already registered for the Winter Tour:

1. Shaun English
2. Jim Bradley
3. John Debelius
4. Barbara VanOver
5. Cliff Essman
6. Rich Ottenstein
7. Mark Brown
8. Milton Babirak

Registration is still open for the Winter Tour. If you would like to get more information about this exciting trip, please contact Milton Babirak at mbabirak@babirakcarr.com or 703-501-7924. Please watch for our advertisement in the next issue of *The Sacred Octagon*.



This group looks like trouble!

INTERESTING ARTICLES, TIDBITS & TRIVIA

2017 TSR Summer Edition Cover Story "The Mother Goose" By Club Member Dale Flowers

It all started one day in late February of 1960 when I received a phone call from my friend Gary Blew asking if I was interested in buying an MG TF. He said that an insurance agent he knew thought that the TF could be purchased at a low price, as it had gone through a fence after sliding off a road during a snow storm in the mountains of Southern Oregon. Other than knowing it was drivable and that the right front fender had to be replaced I knew nothing about the TF. I decided to make an offer on the TF low enough to be able to recover my purchase price by selling parts from the car if it was damaged beyond repair. My offer was accepted and I found myself the owner of a red 1954 MG TF 1250.



After taking possession of the car I found that the cowl had been damaged and the wind shield and top would not fit properly. I also discovered indications that the car had been wrecked at least once before. The left side panel of the engine compartment contained a label from a Pennsylvania parts house indicating it had been replaced and also there was some slight frame damage in front of the front cross member that fortunately had no impact on handling.

It took a while to get the Michigan car title straightened out and transferred to Oregon, so I was not able to get any work done on the TF before I entered the Army at the end of the summer. In my absence my parents had the body work done in Southern Oregon and replaced the top. The TF was painted dark green at that time.



The next spring I went home to Southern Oregon and after my visit started driving the TF to Maryland, where I was stationed. The trip was uneventful until, on U.S. 40 in central Ohio, the piston rings in the number two cylinder gave way and allowed oil into the combustion chamber, fouling the spark plug, leaving the TF running on three cylinders. Having to be back to Maryland by the time my leave was up in a couple of days I had no choice but to keep on driving. Although it lacked power the MG kept on going on three cylinders until I reached western Garrett County in Maryland where the engine suddenly started to hardly run at all. I pulled off the road and found that a push rod for an exhaust valve had broken and the combustion chamber of the cylinder with the broken push rod was under pressure when the intake valve opened putting a back pressure into the intake manifold, making the engine hardly run. Replacing the broken push rod with the push rod from the intake valve of the cylinder with the fouled spark plug got the engine back to running on three cylinders and I

made the rest of the trip without any problems. Not having the money to hire any work done I bought an MG TD-TF shop manual and got my introduction to overhauling engines by overhauling the TF's XPAG engine in the base hobby shop, which I later used to replace a broken axle shaft.

I remained in Maryland after my Army tour of duty was completed and it was then two of my friends and I discovered we had birthdays within two weeks of each other and decided to hold a joint birthday party, with anyone having a birthday in August eligible to host the party. In order to not leave anyone in our circle of friends out, we decided that anybody that had birthdays within six months on one side or the other of the date of the party would also be eligible to host the party. As a host of the party you were to receive a cheap inappropriate birthday gift from each attendee.

One of my birthday gifts one year was what the giver said was a "Shop Manual" for my British Racing Green 1954 MG TF 1250. The "Shop Manual" I received was a small Little Golden Book of Mother Goose rhymes. From that my friends started referring to my MG TF as "The Mother Goose". Over time the name of the green TF morphed into "The Green Goose".

After making two additional trips across the U.S., both with their own story, and over 97,000 miles on the odometer followed by years of neglect it was time for the TF to be restored.



When Vintage Restorations started doing the restoration John Tokar asked us what color we wanted the car to be painted. My wife Carol and I felt that, since the car was essentially being rebuilt from the ground up, it should be painted its original color of MG Red.



When we received an email from Vintage Restorations asking us if the car had a name, Carol and I did some thinking about what the name of the car should be as the name of "The Green Goose" did not fit a red MG TF. It was then we thought that in a sense our MG is not a Goose at all, but a Phoenix as, with the talent of the staff of Vintage Restorations, it arose out of the ashes. Unfortunately neither of us could come up with any name with Phoenix in it that had the ring of "The Green Goose".

As it now is the same color it was when it left the factory and is no longer green Carol and I came to the conclusion its name should revert back to its original name of "The Mother Goose".

Jumping In With Both Feet --- Restoration of My 1949 MGTC --- Installment Nr 12

Reporting Progress on Steve Woodall's 1949 MGTC

Since the SPRING edition of The Square Rigger, progress has been made in collecting all the final components needed to complete the reassembly of the car. Most importantly, I was able in late May to pick up the re-chromed grille shell, grille shell cap / centerpiece, and all components of the disassembled windshield frame --- done beautifully by Librandi's Plating located in Middletown, PA, near Harrisburg. Librandi's is the same trusted plating shop that does the chrome work for John Tokar's operation. Expensive, but they do the finest quality work. See the pictures of the gleaming grille shell, back on the car at last! Note also the grille slats, painted the same silver metallic as the body tub and gas tank. Other bits of needed rubber, wire and supplies like the proper interior tacks have been collected for the reassembly operation from Moss Motors, LBCC, and 'From the Frame Up.'

We will begin soon with the installation of the new interior, and then reassembly of the body parts. Then, installation of the new black top and side curtains. Finally, we'll need new tires, tube, and protective strips for spoke ends. I am still planning on changing to Blockley tires, for a different look. We'll begin with the original black seats, but are looking to recover them with dark gray leather, for a nice complement to the body tub color. With no further distractions, the MGTC should be complete and roadworthy in time to participate in Fall car shows and our next MG-T Club Fall Ramble! With persistence & luck, Installment Nr 13 in the FALL TSR edition will be our last! Hard to believe that we began this trek, initially disassembling the MGTC for restoration in the Fall of 2013!



New Grille Shell from the Right



New Grille Shell from the Front

Note: the 1962 MGA 1600 Mk II, the engine compartment restoration and clutch replacement in which were recently completed --- and which work delayed progress on the MGTC by over six months --- has won 1st Place in Class (MGA) awards at both the "British on the Green 2017" and the "Original British Car Day Nr 40" shows!



Re-chromed Elements of the Windshield Frame

1962 MGA --- 1st in Class at BOG 2017 & OBCD #40

BLONDE JOKES

HELLOOOOO-

Being blonde Two blondes living in Oklahoma were sitting on a bench talking, and one blonde says to the other, "Which do you think is farther away... Florida or the moon?" The other blonde turns & says "Hellooooooo, can you see Florida ???"

CAR TROUBLE -- A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly. She says, "What's the story?" He replies, "Just crap in the carburetor" She asks, "How often do I have to do that?"

SPEEDING TICKET -- A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, "I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!"

AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE -- A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it. "Impossible!" says the doctor. "Show me." The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream. The doctor said, "You're not really a redhead, are you? "Well, no" she said, "I'm actually a blonde.." "I thought so," the doctor said. "Your finger is broken."

BLONDE ON THE SUN -- A gorgeous Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day. The Russian said, "We were the first in space!" The American said, "We were the first on the moon!" The Blonde said, "So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!" The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. "You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!" said the Russian. To which the Blonde replied, "We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!"

Notes on Tools

1 May 2017 / modified, from my TR Roadster Blog / SRW

On my cars that have the occasional Whitworth nuts and/or bolts, I have found that ‘almost fits’ is never quite good enough. However, some of my hand tools do work well, due to age and wear. Each of my cars has a ‘special’ (tools that fit!) tool kit in it.

Periodically, when I raid my local pawn shops for their ‘well worn, but adequate tools,’ I check them against my Whitworth cars. Anything that fits goes into that car’s ‘special tools’ kit. I also I paint the ‘special’ old tools the same color as the car, to make sure that I don’t mix them up!

Works for me. “: -)

Restoring Old Bakelite Knobs and Dials

14 June 2017

Part 1:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDeE48dVyTw>

For white markings, use Krylon ‘Fusion for Plastic’ White paint, 1200 grit sandpaper to clean off excess white paint

Part 2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H24lO63cueM>

Cleaning off the excess paint in numbers and grooves with 1200 grit sandpaper --- looks nice

Then, take Windex ‘Original’ to clean off the top, or the Mr. Clean Magic Eraser

Next, use Scratch Out for the final polishing of plastic & bakelite --- use small buffering wheel on a drill --- restoring the original luster --- clean off all the “mud”

Then, do a final polish with automotive polish / car wax --- uses Black Magic ‘wet shine liquid wax’

Note: all the materials are available at WALMART

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Bacon Wrapped Jalapeno Pepper Poppers

20min to prepare (makes 12 poppers)

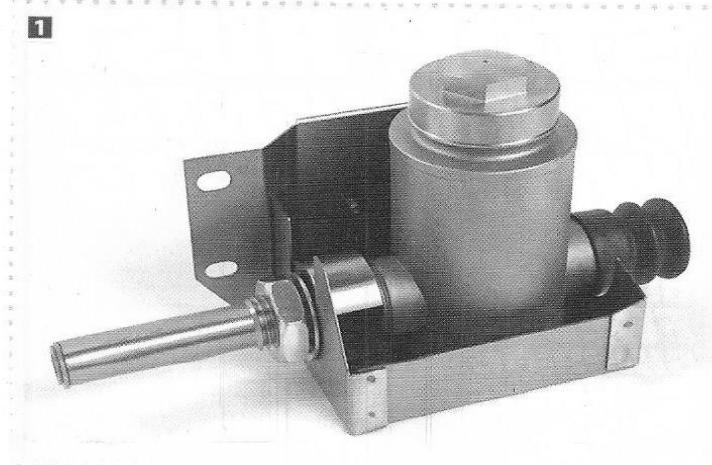
Ingredients

- 6 whole jalapeno peppers
- 6 oz. cream cheese (the block not the spreadable)
- 1 green onion (finely minced)
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- 1.5 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 12 slices of bacon

Preparation

1. Cut the stem off each pepper and cut in half length wise. Using a small spoon, scrape out seeds and membranes.
2. In a small bowl, combine cream cheese, green onions, garlic powder and cheddar cheese. Stuff into the jalapeno halves.
3. Wrap each jalapeno completely with bacon ensuring the cheese is covered – secure with toothpicks.
4. Place jalapenos on grill cut side down and grill until bacon begins to crisp (about 6 minutes). Gently loosen bacon from the grill and flip over. Reduce to medium low and cook an additional 10-12 minutes or until bacon is cooked and cheese is melted.
5. Enjoy!

New MGTC Brake Master Cylinders – now available!



BY TOM COMERRO

TC TREASURES

Abingdon Spares is now offering replacement brake master cylinders for the MG TC. The cylinder will fit all MG TC models and is improved from the original. It features a stainless-steel reservoir, and installation is easy as it's a direct bolt-in replacement in the same original style as the factory version. It will also fit the original brake piping and pedal linkage. The master cylinder is shown with the heat shield as fitted from the factory, and the Abingdon part features the required heat protection for the master cylinder. Cost: \$325.95 (master cylinder); \$114.95 (heat shield).

Contact:

Abingdon Spares
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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](#)*).
4. Our organization is a local chapter of the New England MG 'T' Register, so we must require that all Chapter Members also be members in the "Register." If you do not belong to the "Register," please request information and application forms by contacting the "Register's" specific website: <http://www.nemgtr.org/join.htm>

Additional Notes:

1. Note that you do not need to own an MG T-type --- all that is required for membership is an interest in MG T-type and other classic automobiles!
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3. Please include all letters and numbers shown in the car and engine number boxed on the "maker's" plate.
4. TD owners please note that there are three boxes on your "maker's" plate; include the information from all three.
5. If the engine is a replacement, list the number of the engine actually in the car.
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Please make check payable to: Chesapeake Chapter NEMGTR ---

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Our 40th Anniversary Grille Badge is available for sale now in limited quantities at \$40 each! This includes first class postage in the USA.

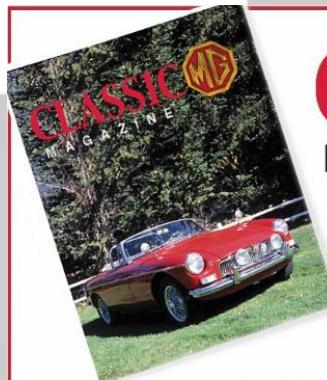
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Make check payable to CCMGTR and mail to:

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Grille Badges and Dash Plaques will also be on sale at the 44th Mini - GOF, and the 40th OBCD, while supplies last.

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