



The finishing touches for a trip to Niagara Falls! Good luck to our representatives from the MG Club of St. Louis attending the MG 2015 in Niagara Falls! Godspeed and Safety Fast!

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Respectfully Submitted by Richard L. Wesenberg

The MG Club of St. Louis
May 11, 2015

Bully's Smokehouse, Columbia, IL

MAY MEETING MINUTES

Members attending: (Those in bold drove an MG to the meeting.)

Jim David, Kathy Kresser, Chris Kresser, **Richard Wesenberg**, Paul Howard, Kathy Howard, Chuck Demick, Janel Demick, Teena Kramer, Bob Kramer, **Rich Berger**, Bob Bridges, Bob Horzmann, Jim Morris, Charley Key, Ranney Dohogne, Lee Fox, **John Mangles**, **Bob Bentzinger**, Simon Dix, **Andy Ackerman**, Walt Murphy, Don Gatheman, Jim Byrne Ron Hauser, and Mary Houser.

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 pm by President, Lee Fox

Minutes from Last Meeting – Approved as written.

Treasury Report – Ranney Dohogne reported the following:

General Account:	\$5,604.66
Events:	\$1,684.69

New Faces –

None

Old Business/Events

Apr 18th – Missouri Endurance Rally. 18 people participated: seven cars finished.

Steve and daughter Rose Skegg placed 1st at 239 miles.

Bob Horzmann placed 2nd at 240.267 miles

Apr 22nd – RUBCO at 9:30 am at Sunrise Diner on Lindbergh.

New Business / Events –

May 16th - Cars n' Coffee @ 8:00 am E Westport. Meet @ Starbucks @ 1:00 pm for Rally Tour.

May 20th – British Invasion – Ted Drewes @ 7:00 pm

May 21st – RUBCO in St. Charles @ the Egg and I @ 9:30 am.

May 31st – Tour to Montelle Winery- Meet @ Target lot in Chesterfield Valley. Leave for winery at 9:30 am.

Jun 06th - British Car Show at Parkville, Kansas City area.

Jun 08th – Summer Picnic and Meeting at Pioneer Park. There is a question of availability. See Web Site for time and place.

Jun 9-12 – NAMGBR Meeting at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

Jun 15-19 – NAMGAR Meeting at Frankenmuth, Michigan

Jun 19-20 - Route 66 2015 Great Race – St. Louis to Santa Monica Pier. Contestants leave from Kirkwood Train Station Saturday morning. Friday night Festivities in Kirkwood.

Jun 28th – A “T” Party for “T” Series cars and other interested MG Owners. Meet at Babler Park. Bring Dish to pass and sandwiches. Contact Charley Key for details.

Simon Dix questioned the pre-payment for the Fling into Spring Cabin reservations. Discussion followed regarding approval of expenditures without approval by the Club officers per the bylaws. Lee Fox stated a mistake occurred and would not recur.

Andy Ackerman stated that he is now the **Newsletter Editor** and is looking for articles – tours, fix up, how-to's. What do you have? Send it to Andy

Projects –

Bob Horzmann discussed his battery failure during the Fling into Spring event and the use of the cigarette lighter battery “maintainer” not charger.

Discussion followed on the declining quality of interior kits for British Cars and Burlen Carbs (England) as a supplier of SU carburetors and parts. Think Sink Proof Floats.

For Sale –

Charley Key – has three generations of Austin Taxis for sale.

Next Meeting –

Jun 08th – Summer Picnic – See Web Site for time and place.

Adjournment-

A motion was made and seconded at 8:01 pm to adjourn.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By Lee Fox



June is almost here and we've already had many opportunities to get our MGs out of storage, cleaned, tuned up and driven around the region. And yet, the driving season is just beginning. Don't wait until it's too hot. You can get going this weekend, May 31, with a Wine Tour around some of the many great roads in St. Charles County, ending with lunch at Montelle Winery. We'll be leaving from the Target store in Chesterfield Valley at 10 a.m.

June is also the beginning of a very active car show season. Many of our members will be traveling out of town to numerous regional and national shows. First up is the British National Meet in Hot Springs, Arkansas on May 29-30. Two of our members, Bruce Hamper and Chris Kresser, will have their beautiful cars featured in the hotel lobby as excellent restored examples. Next up is the Heartland Regional in the Kansas City area, followed quickly by the NAMBGR MG2015 meet in Niagara Falls, ONT. A large St. Louis contingent will be making their way with their "B"s to the Falls for the show. (slowly I turned, step by step, inch

by, oh never mind.) Not to be left behind, the MGA folks are headed to Frankenmuth, MI for GT-40 by NAMGAR. I will be heading in the other direction and will attend the 63rd Rallye Glenwood Springs in Colorado, but, alas, not in an MG.

While we're on the subject of car shows, the most important one to us in OUR show, the 34th Annual All British Car and Cycle Show. This year's show will be on Saturday, September 26 at Creve Coeur Park. The show is a week later than usual and promises to be fun day of cars and the people who love them. However, the show does not put itself on by itself. Our first organizing meeting was well attended and I'm proud so many new folks have stepped up to help out. We still more help and that means we need YOU to help out. Watch your email for news and announcement on how to get involved.

With so many of the members out of town in June, we decided to change our annual Picnic meeting to July. The June meeting will be June 8 at the Jefferson Grille in Kirkwood. See you there!

Safety Fast!

DOWNSHIFTING WITH THE EDITOR

By Andrew R. Ackerman



Thanks to everyone for the submitting articles, pictures, and puzzles for our newsletter. Please keep them coming! We are especially in need of technical articles about anything related to keeping our cars on the road. I have several ideas for some upcoming issues which I hope everyone will help contribute to the articles. If anyone is interested, I would like to have some personal profiles and pictures of members and their cars. These are just ideas to help new members get to know everyone and maybe develop lines of communication. If you are interested, please see me! If you submit an article and I do not publish it immediately, don't dismay, I will get to it in a future issue.

Occasionally I will see MGs out on the road just being driven in everyday life. The drivers are not going to any car shows or club events and appear to enjoy their cars as a daily driver. I like to take pictures as often as possible and categorize them as "seen in the wild"! In the process of coming home from work on a busy Monday evening rush hour on Highway 64, I espied a MGB up ahead. Quickly speeding up to take a picture, I quickly realized that the person driving is Chris Kresser! Sometimes a car will be parked in a shopping mall or parked on a residential street. I always find them intriguing and happy to see them on the road. Perhaps you will be the one I see and featured one month. Happy Motoring and Safety Fast!



Spring Fling

By Kathy Kresser

Proofread by Anice Etz

Event coordinator Charlie Key planned this year's Spring Fling adventure at Giant City State Park near Makanda, Illinois. Ideal weather with bright sunny skies and warm temperatures made it a very pleasant drive from Columbia, Illinois, through the farm lands and wine country. There were plenty of opportunities for antiquing, shopping and dining along the way.

Giant City state park is a treat and described on the webpage as "4,000 acres of breathtaking natural beauty." Indeed, it is beautiful, lush and green and filled with monstrous stones and cliffs.

According to the Giant City State Park webpage, "The Park is in the Shawnee National Forest, the area was named for the unique impressions made by its massive sandstone structures. Eons of geological faulting and folding have molded a landscape like none other, which is now clothed in lush garments of ferns, moss, large mints, hundreds of species of wild flowers, and 75-plus varieties of towering trees. The natural splendor of Giant City has made it a renowned retreat that attracts more than 1.5 million visitors annually.

A sure adventure awaits anyone hiking the Giant City Nature Trail, home of the 'Giant City Streets', formed 12,000 years ago by huge bluffs of sandstone."

Thank you, Charlie, for creating the fun experience.



Visitor's Center. Photo from Giant City State Lodge webpage.



Giant City Nature Trail. Photo from Giant City State Park webpage.



Devil's Stand Table. Photo from Giant City State Park webpage.

Pre War MGs by Bob Horzmann

Just How Good Were Prewar MGs

It is hard not to tread on other authors when writing about MGs, and this article relies heavily on the works of Mike Allison, in the 2012 Triple M Yearbook. Relatively speaking, most of us are not old enough to have been there so we have to rely on those before us.

MGs were never the average automobile. The cost of purchase was high enough to limit the ownership to relatively wealth purchasers. The records of the prewar cars are available at the MG Car Club in Abingdon, having been saved from the dumpster when the factory closed. Records indicate the correspondence between the owners and the factory for most prewar car.

The Cars were sold to variety of people somewhat surprisingly a very high number of female owners. The allure of a fast sporty motor was great among young women as their role in society increased. Many cars where purchased as wedding gifts for new brides. Common owners include a number of Doctors and clergymen who bought cars for reliable transportation. There were a large number of third year university students who purchased the cars as they prepared for life in the real world.

Considering that the price of an MG represented several times the average annual salary for the British family (about 50 Pounds Sterling) these were not casual purchases. Some owners, embracing the sporty nature of the cars used their cars in motorsport competitions, usually at trials and lower amateur racing.

At least some owners proved to be a murders, traitors and spies. Donald Maclean owned a J2 and a special bodied N type. His name is worth further research for reading about espionage. Another owner, F. S. Speedy, who was an early member of the MG Car Club, and drove a P type murdered his neighbor.

The records show that a high number of owns disposed of their cars when the warranty ended. Many upgraded to newer models or different cars.



The 1931 equivalent of an MGB-GT. The enclosed cars suffered from body leaks at could be noisy to drive.

The records for the two chassis I own point to the fact that during the depression cars were hard to sell. Both cars remained at the dealer for a relatively long time. The first car, registered as BYD487, was bought as a wedding gift for Brenda Denning who lives at Brockley near Bristol. Her car suffers from excessive oil consumption. Rather interesting in that the expected consumption was one gallon per every 1200 miles. The second chassis, a black two seater, was sold to Mr. E.M. Fisher who lived near Newcastle. His car had clutch problems from new. Both owners were in contact with John Thornley who managed customer service at the factory. The response was cool to say the least. Thornley's belief seems to be that the warranty began with the conception of the car at the factory and not with its sale to the owner. The owners who had purchased their cars in 1936 were informed that the 1935 warranties were no longer in effect. Both cars were repaired after an exchange of cool and threatening letters. Brenda Denning's car received an engine overhaul which cost eleven Pounds Sterling.

The records at the club show that the single greatest number of complaints concerned the bodies on the cars. Since the bodies, even the standard bodies were not built by MG, they were not covered by the factory. Not surprisingly leaks were a common complaint. Mechanically the cars fared better with complaints listed on about ten percent of the cars. The greatest problems of prewar models seemed to be J-Type braking crankshafts. About twenty percent had the cranks replaced.

It does remain that most owners found great delight in the MG. Perhaps the expatiations were lower and the endearing qualities outweighed the problems.

Still True.



A mid-thirties saloonette with a six cylinder engine. Although attractive and usable they did not sell quickly



Registration form for the British Car and Cycle Show 2015

Early Registration is appreciated!

Mail completed form and check or money order (US funds only please) payable to the MG Club of St. Louis to:

British Car and Cycle Show 2015
c/o Ranney Dohogne
12970 Ambois Dr.
Creve Coeur, MO 63141
The first 100 registrations received
by August 26th will receive
a FREE GIFT with the
2015 British Car and Cycle Show's Logo.

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:		Distance Traveled:

VEHICLES	Year	Make	Model
1 st Entry			
2 nd Entry			

Parking Lot Party

Will you be attending the Parking Lot Party?	Yes: _____	No: _____	How many people: _____
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The St. Louis MG Club will NOT be selling the free gift at the show, so register early if you want one!

Early Registration (post marked before August 20th, 2015)

First British Car (Motorcycle fee \$15.00)	\$25.00	\$
Second (and more) British Car or Motorcycle	\$10.00	\$
Parking Lot Party (pre vehicle)	\$5.00	\$
FREE EVENT GIFT GAURANTEED TO THE FIRST 100 ONLY!	TOTAL	\$

Regular Registration (postmarked after August 20th, 2015)

First British Car (Motorcycle fee \$15.00)	\$30.00	\$
Second (and more) British Car or Motorcycle	\$10.00	\$
Parking Lot Party (pre vehicle)	\$5.00	\$
	TOTAL	\$

Rules and Waiver:
 I am aware of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events and specifically release and do indemnify all organizers, officials, and supporting sponsors of the British Car and Cycle Show, including the St. Louis MG Club, the St. Louis Triumph Owners Association, from any and all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me, my guests, and all participants while I participate in the British Car and Cycle Show.
 I understand that the St. Louis MG Club reserves the right to revoke my registration and retain my registration fee should I engage in reckless, dangerous, and/or unsafe behavior. I also understand that my car should remain on the show field until all winners are announced.
 I have read, understand, and agree to this release.

Signature:	Name:	Date:
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ST. LOUIS MG CLUB CLASSIFIEDS



1980 MGB Burgundy in color, 64xxx miles. Garaged, good tires, runs great. Small tear in top. I have owned for last ten years.... Boot cover with vehicle. Previous owner replaced bottom half of vehicle body.....as well as installed stainless steel exhaust. Tear in drivers seat. A fun car, just can't run it like it needs.....and am hoping someone else finds the same fun we had with it. \$5500. Contact me at (618) 466-6968 or djamaldin@yahoo.com for more information.



For Sale: 1979 MG Midget. Fair to good shape for it's age. All original. Runs, but needs a slave cylinder. Interior pretty good condition. Car hasn't been driven in a few years. 44 thousand miles. \$2500.00 OBO. Du Quoin, IL. (618)-357-1080

Wanted: pair of yellow or clear fog lamps .
Would prefer Lucas, Hella, or Cibie. Contact
Andy Ackerman at 314-406-4171 or drvanilla@gmail.com

June RUBCO (retired, unemployed, British car owners) Breakfast will be held on Wednesday June 24, 2015. Meet at 9:30 am.

Location will be at the Cracker Barrel in Fenton. 1050 South Highway Drive. This location is just east of Hwy 44 and Woodsmill Road. Contact uca57mga@aol.com if you plan to attend!

SUNDAY MG DRIVE TO MONTELLE WINERY

by Frederick Zarf

Sunday morning drive on May 31, 2015 to Montelle Winery. Six cars, 4 LBCsa bit chilly and overcast, but fun to have the cars out and it was a beautiful through scenic wine country.



BRITISH INVASION—TED DREWES CUSTARD

IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT!



THE MG CLUB OF ST. LOUIS CALENDAR

Sat Jun 6 2015	Heartland MG Regional Car Show 8 am—4 pm	English Landing Park, 8701 Clark Ave. Parkville, Mo. 64152
Sunday Jun 7 2015	St. Louis European Car Show 11am—4 pm	Taubman Prestige Outlet Mall Chesterfield Valley
Mon. Jun 8— Fri. Jun 12 2015	NAMGBR Annual Convention MG 2015	The Americana Resort and Spa 8444 Lundy's Lane Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada
Mon Jun 8 2015	St. Louis MG Club Meeting 7pm—9 pm	Jefferson Grill 127 West Jefferson Avenue Kirkwood, Mo. 63122
Sat Jun 13 2015	Culver's Car Cruise "British Invasion Night"	Culvers 123 Richardson Crossing, Arnold, Mo. Call (636) 467-9955 for information
Sun June 14 2015	St. Louis Region SCCA Autocross No. 3	Family Arena 2002 Arena Parkway, St. Charles, Mo. 63303
Sat Jun 20 2015	Cars and Coffee 8:30—10:30 am	Westport Plaza, I-270 and Page
Sun Jun 21 2015	Father's Day	
Sun Jun 28 2015	BSCC Autocross No. 3 9:30am—3 pm.	The Family Arena 2002 Arena Parkway, St. Charles, Mo. 63303
Sun Jun 28 2015	The MG "T" Party 1 pm—finish	Babler State Park 800 Guy Park Drive Chesterfield, Mo. 63005
Sun Jun 28 2015	St. Louis Region SCCA Autocross No. 4	Gateway Motorsports Park see www.stlsolo.org for information
Sat Jul 4 2015	Independence Day	
Sat Jul 11 2015	Run to the Dairy—Central Dairy 10 am—6 pm	Meet in Chesterfield Valley across from Target Club drive to the dairy.
Mon July 13 2015	MG Club of St. Louis monthly meeting 7pm – 9 pm.	To be determined
For updates and	the latest details, visit the STLMG	Club Website at: www.stlouismgclub.com

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<http://www.stlouismgclub.com/>

Just click on this link to go to the web site

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On the Lighter Side....



The June General Meeting of the St. Louis MG Club will take place on June 8th at 6:30 pm at The Jefferson Grill, 127 W. Jefferson Ave, Kirkwood, MO . Please note that the restaurant is normally closed on Mondays but will be open for our meeting and serving food from the menu of PJs Tavern next door at 123 W. Jefferson. Enter through PJs.