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September 2023

## Presidential Thoughts

We expected a small group at The Willow Tree, only four members attended.

That did not stop us from having a great time.

We also had a small group at Fiddlers Pub.

What a surprise when Mike and Robin Messina came in, they are old members who moved to Georgia. They were in town and still get the newsletter, which is a wonderful way to keep old and new members in touch.

**The Nauti Lobstah cannot host us in September due to The Restaurant Tour.**

Dodie has found a substitute location.

*Caffe Positano*

*3030 E. Semoran Blvd Apopka, FL*

It's just down the road from our usual place.

The September event will be by Mike and Carol McCormick. They have planned a tour at the Oakland Nature Preserve and lunch at an Irish Pub. Please let them know if you are coming.

It looks like the weather is cooling a bit, I'd love to take the MG out, I'll put the battery charger on and get ready.



*Jim McSweeney*



Classic MG Club of Orlando

# The Classic MG Club of Orlando

## Meeting Minutes



*submitted by Tom Reddit*

Location: The Nauti Lobstah, 311 S. Forest Ave, Apopka, FL 32703

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:56 PM

Treasurer's Report: Dodie reports we have more than sufficient funds available to cover required expenses for our upcoming events including the 2024 GOF.

New member introductions: There were no new members present at this meeting.

Old Business: John Spadaro reported that the North/South picnic meetup will be on February 24, 2024 meeting at noon. The cost will be \$10.00 per person which includes a box lunch from Sonny's BBQ. It will be held at the Hickory Point Park, 27341 SR 19, Tavares, FL 32778. This is a popular event with over 100 people attending the last event.

New Business: August club event is Lunch/Supper at Hollerbach's Willow Tree restaurant in downtown Sanford on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 4:00 PM. Everyone will meet there at 4:00 PM and enter as one group as they no longer take group reservations. September's CMGC meeting will not be held at the Nauti Lobstah Restaurant. Tentative plans are to hold it at Carrabba's Italian Grille Restaurant, 5820 Red Bug Lake Rd, Winter Springs, FL 32708. This change is for the month of September only and we will return to the Nauti Lobstah in October.

Scheduled Upcoming Events:

A. The September outing will be on Saturday September, 23, 2023 at the Oakland Nature Preserve, 747 Machete Trail, Oakland, FL 34760. Please contact Mike or Carol McCormick if you plan to attend this event.

B. Suncoast Coast MG Club hosts their Jamboree in Lutz, FL October, 6-8, 2023. If you plan to attend, please contact Jim McSweeney.

Unscheduled Event: Lonnie Cook reported that the owner of Christopher John, Ltd Morgan shop, 1052 N. Beach St, Daytona Beach, FL 32117 has invited our club to attend the Historic Vintage Sports Car racing event at the Daytona Speedway on November 4, 2023. It is a 24-hour event but would consist of just attending the race for about 2 hours then head to nearby Christopher John's Morgan shop for refreshments, tire kicking, and car talk. If interested in attending this event please contact Lonnie Cook.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.



# New Members

Last month we welcomed our newest members, Rebecca and Alan Ginsberg. After a couple of communication glitches we are now able to present a better insight into their arrival.

Though originally from Brooklyn, New York, they moved to Windermere, FL after spending 25 years in Manalapan, NJ (one town North of Bruce Springsteen's Freehold)

Regarding the move, Rebecca says, "The '69 MGB was not going to make the distance from Manalapan to Florida on her own. We hired a moving company that could trailer her enclosed, with the rest of our belongings. The solution to getting the MGB into the moving van was to use a flatbed truck, level the two out and drive the MGB into the moving van. It worked with everyone's fingers crossed. Just about everything we owned fit into that one 18-wheeler."



"Alan's father, Phil was a car upholsterer. He redid the new convertible top on the MGB for his client. We believe he was the original owner. Phil's client was elderly and soon after sold it to Phil. Phil hardly used it and it was just sitting in his shop. Finally, Phil gave the MGB to us. We invested in its repairs and have gotten it into running condition. We have owned it for the last 15 years."





# New Members

*Alan and Rebecca continued ...*



Here is Alan and Rebecca alongside their Porsche Boxter and Macan. Rebecca describes Alan as a "CPA auto specialist." From the picture above, Alan may also "feel the need for speed". They will certainly be a great addition to the club.

## Member Update

*This note is from Kathy Cook ...*

"Al is now at Twin Creeks assisted living. It was getting very difficult to handle him at home with just myself. Although I am very sad, I know it is for the best. He has been slipping progressively the last few months.

Feel free to share this with those that may be interested. It is not a secret. Keep me in your thoughts. I really think this is harder on me than it is on him. I'm such a worry wort so I am over there a lot. He seems to be doing well and is philosophical stating this is just another chapter of our book"



Al as the GOF2018 emcee



Broken crank discussion GOF2018



# Calendar of Events

## September

9/1-4 **MG 100th Anniversary Festival and Race** Lime Rock Park, CT

9/21 **Club Meeting \*\*\*\* One-Time Location Change \*\*\*\***

***Caffe Positano 3030 E. Semoran Blvd Apopka, FL***

***\*\*\*\* Just down the road from Nauti Lobstah \*\*\*\****

6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm

9/23 **Oakland Nature Preserve** 747 Machette Trail, Oakland,

Mike and Carol McCormick

10:00am meet at Preserve for a tour of the plants and animals

and Education Lodge [www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org](http://www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org)

11:30am 10 minute drive to Hagan O'Reilly's Irish Pub,

16112 Marsh Rd. Winter Garden [www.haganoreillysirishpub.com](http://www.haganoreillysirishpub.com)

## October

10/6-8 **23rd FSMGCC Jamboree** \*\*Hosted by Florida Suncoast MG Car Club\*\*

Bethany Retreat Conference Center Lutz, Florida

***Trip is an overnighter!! See the form on the next page***

10/19 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobster, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka

6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm

## November

11/4 **HSR Classic 24 Vintage Races** at Daytona Motor Speedway

*Tentative schedule:*

9:00am Meet at the track to view the ongoing 24 hour vintage races

11:00am Adjourn to Christopher John, LTD British Sports Car dealership

1052 N Beach St, Daytona Beach for open house

snacks and beverages provided

Contact Lonnie Cook if you are interested

11/16 **Club Meeting** at Nauti Lobster, 311 S Forest Ave, Apopka

6:30pm for drinks, ordering food or tire kicking. Meeting at 7pm

11/18 **Fall Picnic \*\*\*\*** Still in the planning process







October 6 – 8, 2023  
 Bethany Center  
 18150 Bethany Center Drive  
 Lutz, FL 33558

**MG Jamboree 23 – Revival of the Roaring '20s  
 It's Got 2 B Fun!"**

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Inc. invites All British Car Enthusiasts to join us as we celebrate 100 years of MGs. There will be a Car Display, games, tours, tech sessions, plus more. Fun is mandatory (it can't be helped). There are a limited number of rooms, so register early. 😊

**Location:**

The event will be held at the beautiful Bethany Center, a 250-acre wildlife sanctuary on Lake Mary, a few miles north of Tampa. Bethany Center has a NO PETS policy.

**Raffle:**

These items will be on display on Friday & Saturday so make sure you purchase your tickets and place them in the container by the Item you would like to win. Guests are encouraged to bring items for the Raffle. They do not have to be car related. The drawings for these items will take place during the Saturday night dinner. The more tickets you purchase the more chances to win! 😊

**Friday:**

- 3 – 5 p.m. – Registration in Foyer/Drop off Raffle Items
- 6 – 7 p.m. – Dinner in the Dining Hall
- 7 – 9 p.m. – 100 Years of MGs
- 9 – 10 p.m. – Hospitality Suites open

**Saturday Morning:**

- 8 a.m. – Breakfast – Dining Hall
- Regalia Sales – Registration Area
- Raffle Items on Display – Registration Area
- 9 a.m. – Noon – Car show, games, etc.

**Saturday Afternoon:**

- 12 Noon – Lunch in the Dining Hall
- Tours/Games/Hospitality Suite/etc. following lunch

**Saturday Evening:** "Wear your "1920's" inspired attire

- 6 p.m. Dinner – Dining Hall, Awards, & Raffle

**Sunday Morning:**

- 8 a.m. – Breakfast – Dining Room
- Fond Farewells – until MG Jamboree 24 in 2025



**PRICE INCLUDES:  
 ROOM, MEALS & EVENT\*\***

**FORM & CHECK MUST BE  
 RECEIVED BY 9/14/2023**

**ONE ADULT: \$500 TWO ADULTS: \$600**

For More Information Contact: Barrie Carson  
 mgbguy80@gmail.com or 727-808-1869

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Please return this completed form with  
 Check made payable to FSMGCC, Inc to:**

**Lorraine Spicer  
 2573 Frisco Drive  
 Clearwater, FL 33761-3821**

Please **PRINT** the **First & Last Names** of all people attending.

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s) and Model(s) MG/Little British Car(s)

**I AM AWARE** of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events & specifically release & so indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, & FSMGCC, Inc. collectively & separately, for any & all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guest(s) while participating in the MG Jamboree 23. I understand & agree that FSMGCC, Inc. reserves the right to revoke my registration should I (we) engage in reckless dangerous and/or unsafe behavior. **I (We) have read, understand, and agree to this release.**

**THIS MUST BE SIGNED BELOW**

X \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT & ROOM SELECTION**

ONE ADULT.....\$500.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TWO ADULTS.....\$600.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gluten-Free \_\_\_\_\_

Request an ADA Room \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*A \$25 fee will be charged for lost  
 or destroyed keys\*\***

**REGALIA ITEMS: Circle Size(s)**

MG Jamboree 23 T-Shirt – Small, Medium, Large, or Extra Large  
 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MG Jamboree 23 T-Shirt-XXL # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MG Jamboree Golf Cap# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*No additional resort fees or taxes will be added\*\***

**\*\*NO REFUNDS AFTER 9/18/2023\*\***



# Future Calendar of Events

*Still in the planning stages ...*

## **December 21 Tour of Lights hosted by Rebekkah and Brad Parlee**

Maitland followed by a dinner at a local restaurant.

## **Sat/Sun, Jan 20/21**

Overnighter with a stop at Bok Tower and then on to Avon Park. (George and Ellen Pardee)

## **Saturday, Feb 17**

Indian River drive with a stop at Goodrich Seafood and Oyster House, 253 River Road, Oak Hill 32759 (Bob and Pat Moore)

## **Saturday Feb 24**

North/South Picnic at Hickory Point Park in Tavares, Fl on Lake Harris  
More details can be found in the newsletter (John Spadaro)

## **March?** 2 events...unknown dates

- ...Nehrling Gardens different tour (Carol Raley)
- St. Pat's Planning Party (Carol and Mike McCormick's house with Kathy Cook)

## **April 2024 GOF South**

It's official! GOF South will be at the Plantation Resort in Crystal River.  
More details can be found in this newsletter. (Scott Buie)

We certainly have a busy year planned. Generally, we plan on the club event to be the Saturday after the club meeting, with the meetings held on the third Thursday.

We also hope to plan a tech session with a date to be determined. This can be a subject discussed at our next club meeting.

All events, of course, are subject to change. In planning, we try to coordinate based on the weather and distance. If something falls through the following could be substituted this year, and definitely are things to consider for next year.

Other suggestions for the future include:

Polasek Museum	Cassadega
and Sculpture Gardens	Leu Gardens
Mannello Museum	Lakeridge Winery and music
St John's River ship with lunch	Longwood guided tour of Historic district and
Crabby Bills Lakefront Restaurant	Bradlee McIntyre House



# North/South 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

FEBRUARY 24, 2024

People always say that as you get older, time goes by faster. I think they have something there. It did not seem like it was that long ago that our friends from Virginia were down here, but once again they are in the process of planning their trip and once again, they have reached out to us to plan an event as they pass through our area. For those of you who are not familiar with these folks, they put their "T" cars on the auto train and come down to tour Florida during the time when it is usually quite cool in their neck of the woods.

So, once again we are planning a picnic. This event will take place on February 24, 2024. (It seems weird writing 2024, wow!). We will meet at Hickory Point Park on Lake Harris in beautiful Tavares, Florida. Our plans are still fluid, but we will probably do something similar to what we did last year. We will be asking that everyone pay \$10.00 for the picnic lunch (Where can you get lunch for ten bucks anymore?)

If you had planned to go visit Uncle Festus in Arizona or an exotic cruise during February, cancel your plans!!! Come to the picnic instead. It's a much better deal. A nice drive out to Lake County in your LBC along with a great lunch with like minded friends at a great place. It doesn't get much better than that.

As we move forward with the plans we will keep everyone informed via the newsletter.

John Spadaro

## Knudson Churchill Scholarship:

If you know of a young upcoming journalist or auto journeyman read this!

The **Knudson Churchill Scholarship** is designed to promote and support education in the fields of Print Journalism or Automotive Technology. Endowed by the New England MG T Register ([www.nemgtr.org](http://www.nemgtr.org)), the program will present the best applicant(s) with a monetary award to an accredited, post-secondary school of winner's choice in order to study in one of these two areas. The award may be used for any educational expense in one of these fields.

Nominations open this coming December. Stay tuned here for more info!





# GOF South 2024

Is anybody hungry?!



We're finalizing the menu for the Awards Banquet and Meet & Greet. That information will be on the website soon. Stay tuned!

And remember...

The hotel reservations link is Live and Ready to Go!!!  
Go to the GOF South 2024 page on our website,  
or click [here](#) to

Make your reservations now, before they're sold out!!!

*Editor's note: This is Scott's dad in what is now Scott's MG!*

*Scott Buie*  
Scott Buie  
GOF 2024 Chair



# GOF South 2024

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We still need more volunteers to help with a variety of things.

If you want to help, thank you!

Right now, our pressing need is for folks to help with gathering sponsors. We will eventually need help with the hospitality components, parking and even assembling welcome gift bags.

If you would like to help with ANYTHING, please go to our website, and submit your comments.

[www.classicmgclub.com/gofsouth2024](http://www.classicmgclub.com/gofsouth2024)

And as always, please get ready to come join us:

**April 18-21, 2024**

**The Plantation on Crystal River,  
Crystal River, FL**

Make sure you come back to the website often for exciting updates and event information.

Until next month, enjoy your Morris Garage classics!

  
Scott Buie  
GOF 2024 Chair





# Club Happenings



July's event was held at Fiddlers Green Pub, 544 West Fairbanks Avenue in Winter Park.

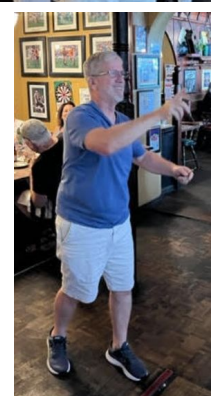
For those of you that have never visited, Fiddler's is an Irish Pub Eatery. While the turnout for this event was small, everyone enjoyed the conversation and throwing darts.

We were joined by Mike and Robin Messina who were in town visiting. Hope everyone enjoys the pictures taken at the event.

Thanks to Jim and Dodie for arranging this event.



Seated around the table (left to right) John Avallone, Pat Moore. Dodie Beach, Jim McSweeney, Robin and Mike Messina, Bob Moore.





# Club Happenings

Our August event was at the Hollerbach's German Restaurant and Willow Tree Cafe in Sanford.

This bright, friendly spot offered schnitzel, wurst & other German classics, plus beer & live music.

The waitstaff entertained as well as they dressed the part.

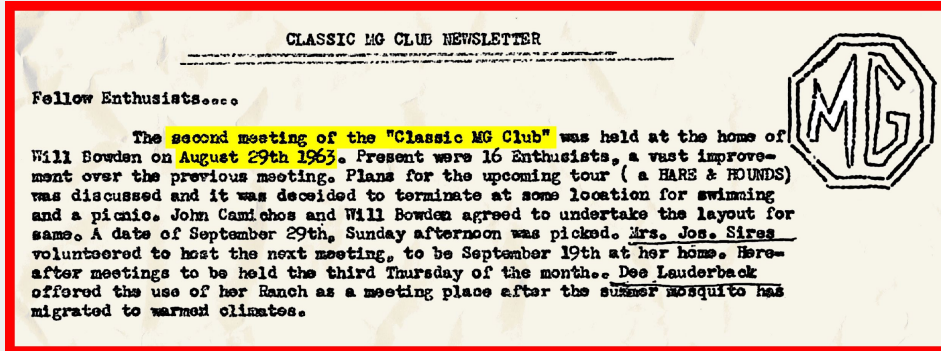


Seated at table l-r: Jim McSweeney, Steve Hill, Dodie Beach, and Ann Plasschaert.



# 60 Years and Still Going!

## OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONTINUES



September marks the second "official" month of the 60th Anniversary of the Classic MG Club. We will be celebrating the milestone through July 2024, which includes GOF-South 2024 that we will host next April.

So, order your commemorative 60th Anniversary stickers and embroidered cloth patches now to proudly display for the next eleven months and for years to come.

Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with appropriate postage, along with one dollar in cash for each sticker and five dollars in cash for each embroidered patch to:

Lonnie Cook, 656 Terrace Blvd., Orlando, FL 32803.

(I must have your stamped envelope and cash; no checks.)

If you haven't yet returned the Member Update form that you received by mail in May, then please send it to the same address.





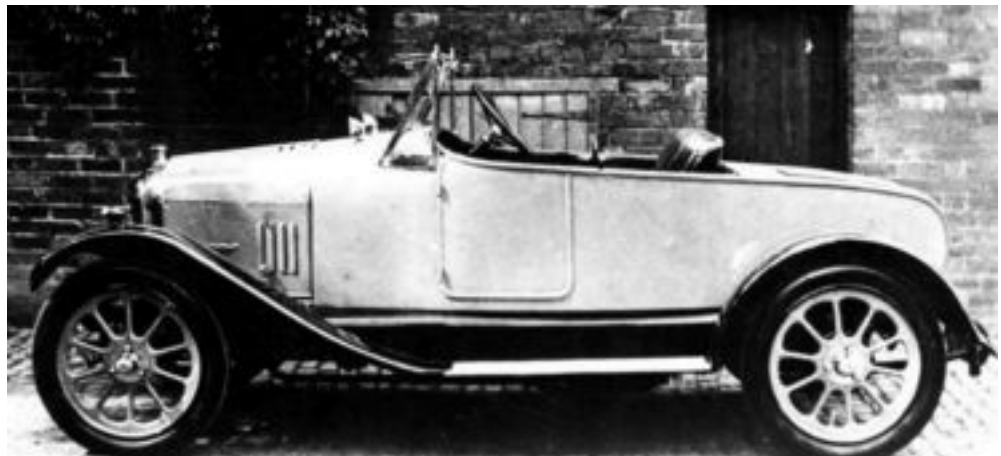
*Thanks to Mike McCormick who forwarded this from Charley Robinson of the NEMGTR*

Alan Magnuson MGCC UK's North Am liaison writes, "August 11th was the 100th Birthday of the first photo-documented MG sold, an MG Raworth. Oliver Arkell purchased the butter yellow car, with black wings, from Cecil Kimber in the Morris Garages Queen Street, Oxford location on August 11, 1923.

Let's lift a toast to Cecil Kimber, Cecil Cousins, Oliver Arkell, and the other pioneers of "MG, the Marque of Friendship!"

Enjoy reading the enclosed story of M.G.'s First Customer and a brief history of Cecil Kimber and MG.

Safety Fast!"



## M.G.'s First Customer

In 1923, a young man named Oliver Arkell purchased a yellow Raworth-bodied Morris Garages Super Sports, registered FC 5855, directly from Cecil Kimber at the Queen St. Oxford showrooms. Arkell's car is said to be the earliest properly documented sale of an M.G. Arkell was a member of the Arkell Brewing family, whose business is still operating in full vigor today, celebrating its 180th anniversary in 2023.

On August 11, 1923, Arkell traveled to Oxford from his home in Highworth, Wiltshire to buy a Morris Chummy [a Morris open 2-seater with a space in the back for occasional passengers] when he noticed a yellow sports car in the window of the Queen Street showroom. He was much taken with the color "an unusual yellow, the colour of good butter, and it had black wings." Kimber was in attendance and said the price was £300, whereupon Arkell agreed to buy it, on the basis that it wasn't much more expensive than a basic Chummy. Arkell's Raworth was registered FC 5855 in Oxford on 16<sup>th</sup> August and was delivered on 5<sup>th</sup> September.







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Arkell's was one of six cars carrying Raworth coachwork on specially modified Morris Cowley chassis. Cec Cousins, who was responsible for building them at the time, considered these six to be the first sports cars of the M.G. marque.

Some claim that the first M.G. was sold to CK himself, but in 1925. "Old Number One," FC7900, was a "special MG" built for Cecil Kimber by Morris Garages and registered at the Oxford Records Office to "Kimber Cecil, Woodstock Rd, Oxford, Morris Cowley Sports Grey 11.9 HP on 27/3/25". It turns out the Old Number One was *Kimber's* first M.G., not the first car commercially sold as an M.G.

## Cecil Kimber and His M.G. Start

Cecil Kimber is acknowledged as the person who dreamed of and achieved the production of the MG brand of sports cars while working for Morris Motors.

Cecil came to Oxford's Morris Garages in 1921 and began the process of evolving Morris standard offerings into sportier cars with better handling and sleeker lines. While managing Morris Garages, Kimber had been servicing vehicles of well-to-do students and Oxonians who desired improved performance in their automobiles. Morris Garages, as the Morris Motors Oxfordshire distributor, used Morris Motors as their source for chassis and drive trains. Morris Garages sources for custom bodies were initially either Charles Raworth or Carbodies in Coventry.

Kimber had been modifying and offering for sale the sportier Morris Garages version of the Morris Motors Chummy. In 1923, Kimber placed an order with Raworth for six, two seat sporting bodies to be mounted on modified Morris Cowley chassis. These six custom bodied cars had modifications made to change the suspension, lower the ride height, and rake the steering column back to improve driving characteristics. The Raworth bodies were unique, with Dickey seats, painted in bright colors, and were expensive in comparison to other Morris Motors cars on the market, priced at 350 Pounds Sterling. The six Raworth cars took one year to sell. Kimber knew he needed to refine his ideas of what a sporting car should be and sell for.

Kimber developed multiple other sporting car design concepts until he hit upon the M.G. 14/28 introduced in May 1924.





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The Morris Garages 14/28 is a lowered suspension, bullnose Morris Motors Oxford chassis with a 13.9 hp engine and a raked steering column to improve driving characteristics. The body was brushed aluminum with seating for four.

Kimber made the first M.G. 14/28 for Jack Gardiner, an employee receiving an inheritance when he turned 21. The second went to Billy Cooper, who was a starter for Brooklands and other races. Cooper's car gained marketing recognition for MG as it was frequently parked at racing venues. William Morris supported the 1924 Morris Garages success in car sales and supported expansion. MG was now making four models of two and four passenger open and closed sports vehicles.

MG's Octagon logo, associated with MG branding and marketing, begins appearing in Morris Garages advertising in the Oxford University Student newspaper in December, 1923 and the Morris Owner publication in May, 1924.

CK had successfully used Trials Competitions in 1923 and 1924 as M.G. marketing opportunities. In 1924 he started modifying a Morris Cowley chassis in the Longwall garage. He had the frame curved over the rear axle, installed semi-elliptic springs, a Hotchkiss OHV 11.9 hp engine, four-wheel drum brakes from the Oxford chassis, and a narrow two-seater body from Carbodies of Coventry. The car was licensed as FC7900 at the end of March 1925 and once again, Kimber won a gold medal in the Land's End Trials on April 12<sup>th</sup>. You know this car to be "Old Number One".



*Content courtesy - The Early M.G. Society, The MG Car Club of England.  
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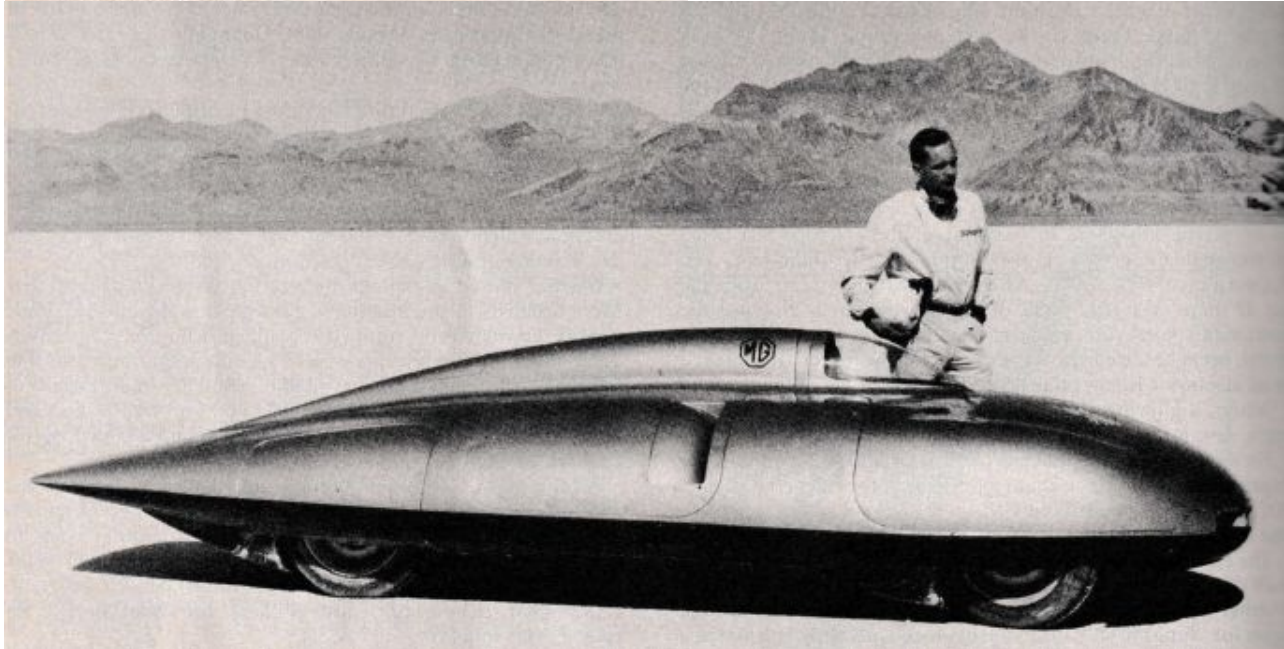


# From Under the Bonnet

## MGs: HOW FAST?

*Bench racing betting made easy*

BY JAMES T. CROW



Phil Hill with MG's 254.9 mph EX-181

The first MG to go faster than 100 mph was EX-120 a 750cc version of the Type M, driven by Capt. George Eyston. This took place in February 1931 at the **Monthéry** circuit near Paris. The fastest pre-war MG was Goldie Gardner's Railton-bodied special which, using a supercharged 1500cc engine, was timed at 204.9mph on a stretch of the Autobahn near Dessau, Germany. Postwar, the fastest MG was EX-181 (*pictured above*) another special-bodied record breaker driven by Phil Hill. This supercharged 2-liter version of the MG twincam engine attained a velocity of 254.9mph on Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats in September, 1959

So much for the specially prepared record cars. How about the MG production cars? Reliable figures are hard to come by for pre-war models, since road testing was a much less exact science in those more casual days. We do have a smattering of more-or-less reliable speeds however:

Model	Year	Cyl	cc	Speed	Source
Type M	1931	4	847	62.0	<i>Light Car</i>
Type C	1931	4	746	90.0	<i>Light Car</i>
Magna	1931	6	1271	72.6	<i>The Autocar</i>
K1 Magnette	1932	6	1086	80.7	<i>The Autocar</i>
Type J2	1932	4	847	77.0	<i>Light Car</i>
Type P	1935	4	847	70.3	<i>The Autocar</i>
Magnette KN	1935	6	1287	75.3	<i>The Autocar</i>
Series T	1936	4	1292	77.6	<i>The Autocar</i>

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# From Under the Bonnet

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The next group might be called “The MG Comes to America”, since it is headed by the TC, the model generally credited with introducing Americans to what motoring was really all about. The TC was announced the fall of 1945 and top speeds for the various T-series MGs were:

Model	Year	Cyl	cc	Bhp	Speed	Source
MG TC	1947	4	1250	54	73.2	<i>The Autocar</i>
MG TD	1950	4	1250	54	77.2	<i>The Autocar</i>
MG TD II	1953	4	1250	60	81.3	<i>Road &amp; Track</i>
TF	1954	4	1250	57	80.1	<i>Road &amp; Track</i>
TF 1500	1954	4	1466	65	85.4	<i>Road &amp; Track</i>

The next stage in the speed of production MGs might be called “Looking for -and finding- 100 mph”. This started with the MGA which made its debut in the fall of 1955:

Model	Year	Cyl	cc	Bhp	Speed	Source
MGA	1955	4	1489	68	95.1	<i>The Autocar</i>
MGA Coupe	1957	4	1489	72	101.1	<i>The Autocar</i>
MGA Twin Cam	1959	4	1588	102	113.0	<i>Road &amp; Track</i>
MGA 1600	1959	4	1588	79	103.0	<i>Road &amp; Track</i>
MGA 1600 II	1961	4	1624	90	105.0	<i>Road &amp; Track</i>

And finally, the chapter that needs to be entitled, “Climax and Decline”. It starts with the MGB at its introduction in 1962, reaches a climax with the short-lived MGC and then, with the introduction of emission controls, comes the decline:

Model	Year	Cyl	cc	Bhp	Speed	Source
MGB	1962	4	1796	94	95.1	<i>Road &amp; Track</i>
MGB GT	1966	4	1796	98	101.1	<i>Road &amp; Track</i>
MGC	1969	6	2912	145	113.0	<i>Road &amp; Track</i>
MGB	1973	4	1798	79	94	<i>Road &amp; Track</i>
MGB GT	1973	4	1588	79	96	<i>Road &amp; Track</i>
MGB I	1979	4	1624	62	93	<i>Road &amp; Track</i>

So that’s how fast an MG is, uh, was. But what about the MG Midget, doesn’t it count? Ah yes, of course, but that will have to wait for another time.

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This month's end shot is provided by Reinout, who sends us MGs found in advertising.

This one is from a French cigarette ad that states: *"Clearly, The French Know What The English Have Best!"*

I'm sure they were hinting about the cigarette brand, or the blonde driver, or maybe the advantages of RHD.

Best we just focus on the English MGB!

Send me your end shot!  
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And until next month ... *Keith*

