



Central Virginia British Car Club

Official Club Newsletter March/April 2012



Home On The Road

Recently I had the opportunity to drive an XKE. For the first time in my life, I understand what all the fuss is about. The power was way beyond my imagination. And the support and feel of the suspension over the undulating and uncooperative road was a big surprise. I thought the Jag would be shaky and loose. This car had the feel of a modern chassis or at least by comparison to my TF, it seemed that way. The seats were comfortable; however the foot box was not. I drive my TF with shoes that to the untrained eye would give you the impression I am trying to be fashionable. You know, those "track shoes" designed in Europe and made in China that have the stripes on the side. I wear them because my car has very little space in the clutch, brake and accelerator department and I have on occasion, when not wearing proper footwear, failed to get on the brake at the right time. You do not want to get on the brakes too late in an old MG as all of you who might be reading this know and understand. I do not recommend "normal" shoe wear while driving a T-Series car, even for the most

experienced driver and even if you are a size 7 in the shoe world. So, to summarize I wish I had worn my colorful black and red "race driver" shoes so that I was not in any danger of wrecking such a fine automobile. I will deal with the snickers and snide remarks.

But what I was most blown away by with the Jag road test was the way it felt to look over that long sensuous hood while motoring down the back roads of Virginia. You just don't get that feel in an MGA for instance, and you all know I love MGA's! I talked to a friend about this a few days ago. "I never knew", I pronounced. He said, "That's why they are not cheap".

I guess that is true. Apart from the larger engine, more refinement in the interior, and certainly a suspension that is far superior, the Jaguar has something else. It has the power of "style".

Peter Egan, the author of Side Glances, once asked, "Why does the public instantly recognize a handsome automobile, while hundreds of professionals in a design department can't seem

to tell bland from beautiful? And wouldn't those people who buy those bland cars be just as content to buy one that was beautiful?

.... An entire generation was dumbstruck by the fragile beauty of the MG- TC and the sleek lines of the Jaguar XK-120, and later the E-Type... grace of line is not everything, but in the world of cars, boats, motorcycles and airplanes, it is usually the thing that ultimately makes us surrender our hearts – and sometimes our good judgment- without a moments hesitation." (p.37)

I agree. That is why Ann has always asked me to come home after such experiences and cool down. Sometimes it works. Like a cold shower. However on dozens of occasions, it has not worked. And that is why often at night when I need a memory or a thought to sooth the soul, I can drift to sleep thinking about a long line of little British cars that have taken me home. Home on the Road. See you out there!

Randy Ashcraft
President, CVBCC

Welcome New Members!

Eric Holland

Michael Vukelich

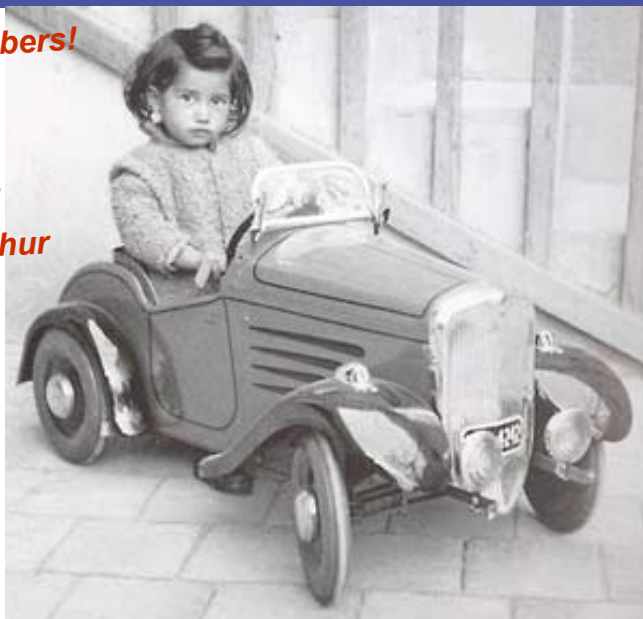
J.D. and Pat Willett

Joyce & Waren Arthur

James Jackson

On the Cover

Emily, Nick, & Benjamin Pereira, and Gary Kinney found a new friend at the Chick-Fil-A Cruise In on Friday, the 13th of April.



Upcoming Meetings

April 25 7:30 PM
Tom & Gloria Callahan
1925 Norwood Road,
Powhatan, VA

May 23 6:00 PM
Mike & Janice Alexander
2501 Whiteclift Drive,
Richmond, VA
(This is a Cook Out!
Please bring a Side Dish to share)

Last Minutes

Minutes of the February 22, 2012 Club Meeting

O'Toole's Restaurant
Richmond, VA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack & Donetta Bantle, Bruce & Carol Woodson, Fred Emig, Gary Kinney, Ernie & Sharon Dixon, Tom & Gloria Callahan, Jim Godwin, Randy Ashcraft, Jim & Susan Cheatham, Karen Preissner, Rusty Gross, Mike Canova, Doris Johnson, Larry Smith, Mike Johnston, David Glick, David Creighton, Donnell Saunders, Chris Champeau, Reggie & Cindi Nash, Mike & Linda Jones, Ric Bergstrom, Drew Jones, Tony Herbert, Dave Enghauser, and Pat Stith.

President Randy Ashcraft thanked everyone for coming out for the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. The group welcomed guest Jack Jackson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike and Jim Cheatham were finally able to get the treasury turned over to Jim. Jim will have a better detailed report at the next meeting. The 'switch' had just been completed earlier in the day!

REGALIA: Contact Carol for any items you would like with the show logo, club logo or your favorite marque embroidered.

MEMBERSHIP: Doris reported that we have 123 paid memberships, and 208 members.

CLASSICS ON THE GREEN: Bruce said plans for the 28th annual COTG show are coming along. The MGB display is shaping up well. The next planning meeting will happen mid-March.

NEWSLETTER: The deadline for submitting material for the newsletter is the 5th of each month, if David doesn't get it by then...it won't make "print". Please send him articles, stories, jokes, cartoons etc. that (is not copy written) can be put in our newsletter. Also remember, the newsletter is still available in Paper format for an additional \$10 a year, if you prefer real mail instead of e-mail, simply let David know. David could really use PICTURES from the events you attend! Please send him content.

Note: *This fun position is open and we are taking applications. Contact David Bradley at Davelnc@Verizon.net if you are interested.*

WEBSITE: The new club website looks great! Thanks, Kyle! Contact Gavin Dickie GavinDickie@verizon.net if you have any updates for the website calendar.

CAR CLUB COUNCIL: Reggie Nash attended the last meeting, and submitted the Club's dues payment. The pending bill to tax all cars has been amended. Cars twenty five years and older are exempt.

ACTIVITIES: Larry Smith had the details for the SVRA 12 hour race in Sebring, Florida. The Amelia Island Concourse is also coming up, the weekend of March 9-11. The MotorTrend show is here in Richmond, March 23-25. Greg Lucyk gglucy@comcast.net is coordinating cars for that event. Gary Kinney gckinney@aol.com is the contact for those interested in the Moss Motors open house and tour on March 24. Reggie and Cindi will have the ice cream social at their home on August 5 at 2pm. The March club meeting will be at the Randy and Ann Ashcraft's home. Mike Johnston

jmjohnston15@yahoo.com is still in need for a few meeting locations. If interested, please let him know. Rusty Gross rustygross@comcast.net would like to do an event involving old Scopes and Oscilloscopes. More details to be announced.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ric Bergstrom gave an excellent talk on the different types of car insurance. He also explained the difference between 'stated' and 'agreed' value, and the importance of an Umbrella policy. Jim Godwin is open to ideas on the 'Historian' information members would like to see in the newsletter. Please contact Jim miatagodwin@comcast.net if you have any preferences.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Carol Groom Woodson
Secretary

MGB50 At Classics On The Green

This year, 2012, marks the 50th anniversary of the launch of the MGB. Celebrations are occurring all over the world and we plan to have an MGB-50 feature at our show in September. I was thrilled when show chairman Bruce Woodson asked me if I would spearhead that effort. Since buying my 1964 MGB six years ago, I have read everything I could find about the MG Car Company of Abingdon in England and the MGB and own a number of books on the marque and the model. Because our British brethren are meticulous record keepers, there is much information available on the MGB that was preserved. The model then known as the MG MGB 1800 was introduced on September 20, 1962. Eighteen years later more than half-a-million MGBs had been

made. They were sold in Europe, North America, Australia, in the Middle East, and of course in the United Kingdom. Some were shipped to Ireland and Australia in "kit" form known as CKD (Completely Knocked Down) to be assembled at their destination with a canvas convertible top to be sourced locally upon arrival. The MGB was one of the earliest British cars with unitary construction and no separate chassis. Having rollup windows and locking doors, boot, and glove compartment was a big step forward in vehicular security from previous MG sports car models. MGB body shells are still available new as are most parts. I purchased an MGB-50 grill badge from Triple-C Motor Accessories for my MGB and mounted it (see photo) to display this year as we

lead up to Classics on the Green at New Kent Winery in September. If you have an MGB, please plan on entering it at this year's show regardless of its condition. Our goal is to have at least 50 MGBs at the show; we have more than this just in CVBCC!!! I'd love to have one from every model year. If you'd like to help me with the MGB-50 preparations and activities the day of the show, please contact me. It'll be great fun.

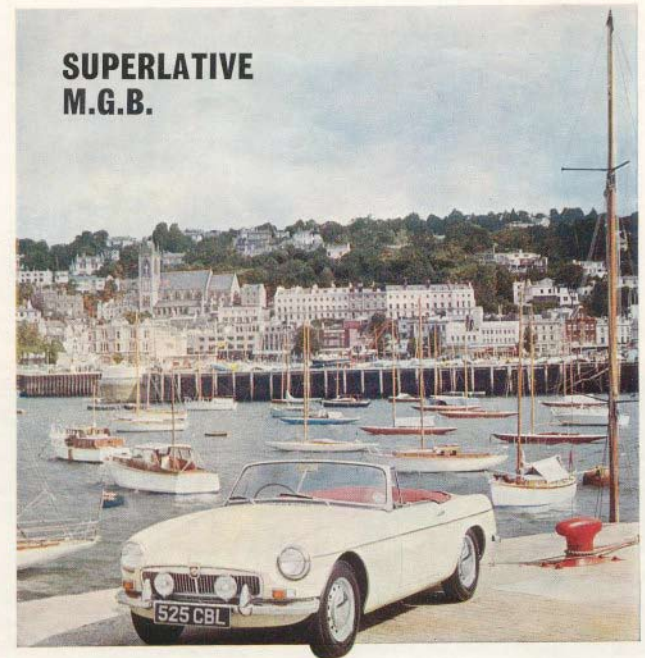
Jim Godwin



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Tour Of Moss Motors



On Saturday, March 24, 2012, a contingent of CVBCC members joined other British car clubs at Moss Motors south of Petersburg. Our host was Regional Manager Mark Wilson who conducted the event, fed us breakfast, led a tour of the facility, filled orders, and joined us for lunch. The Moss warehouse and shipping operations are impressive as is their upholstery shop. Mark told us that business is good for Moss as customers seem to be increasing their orders to maintain and restore their British classics as well as the muscle car and Mazda Miata markets that compose Moss' customer base. Moss also ships items to their facility in Britain in large volume. Despite torrential rain that kept the number of classics inside the Moss facility to a handful, attendance was strong for this event. Jim Godwin and Gary Kinney discovered that a Mazda Miata trunk will hold a TR4 dashboard, two steering wheels, assorted small parts, and a box of 4 MG Safety Fast beer glasses with ease. After the tour, more than 20 of us met at nearby Brothers Pizza for lunch and traded car stories throughout the lunch hour. CVBCC salutes Moss Motors for hosting this event and for their support of the British collector car hobby and those of us who love these cars.



SAVE THE DATE!

MG 2012 - June 6-10, 2012
Dillard, Georgia

The Peachtree MG Registry will host the
NAMGBR Annual Convention at
The Dillard House Inn & Resort in the mountains of North
Georgia

*Inviting all NAMGBR members (MGB, Midget & 1100/1300 owners),
non-members, owners of all MGs, and other types of British Cars and Motorcycles.*

Events

2012 NC Border Tour

Following up on year's amazing RALLYE TO RENO multi-day, multi-state drive is this year's 2012 NC Border Tour that will circumnavigate the beautiful state of North Carolina on our way to and from NAMGBR's MG2012 in Dillard, Georgia. This event is already generating considerable excitement and MOSS Motors, CLASSIC MG Magazine and Hendrix Wire Wheel have already provided us with sponsorship funds that will help us keep the event very affordable.

The 2012 NC Border Tour will begin on Monday, June 4th just outside Raleigh, the state capitol, and drive through Andy Griffith's hometown of Mt. Airy before spending the first night in Dobson where we will visit North Carolina's largest winery, Shelton Vineyards. We will begin day two by joining the Blue Ridge Parkway with a lunch stop in scenic Blowing Rock and then continuing on to Asheville past Grandfather Mountain, Little Switzerland and Mt. Mitchell. Day three will have us continuing on the parkway to its end in Cherokee where we'll pick up The Great Smoky Mountain Expressway (Highway 19/74) through the Nantahala River Gorge and on to Murphy, the state's westernmost city. After lunch we'll turn east and head to Dillard, Georgia, the site of NAMGBR's MG2012 event which will take us to Sunday morning when we'll continue our Tour to scenic Chimney Rock, the sight of the historic Chimney Rock Hillclimbs, and Lake Lure where the movie Dirty dancing was filmed. Monday we head to Charlotte and lunch at Charlotte Motor Speedway and a visit to the Hendrick Motorsports complex before moving to Pinehurst, America's

First Home of Golf. Tuesday we continue east to Wilmington and lunch on the Cape Fear River overlooking the historic battleship, USS North Carolina. We'll finish the day in New Bern, the state's first capitol and the sight of famous Tryon Palace. On Wednesday we'll circle around scenic Pamlico Sound ending up in Manteo, home of the outdoor drama, The Lost Colony, and nearby Kitty Hawk, the site of America's first powered flight.

If this eleven day adventure sounds intriguing, or possibly just a part on your way to or from MG2012, then go to www.classicmgmagazine.com and look for 2012 NC Border Tour and download the registration form. The fee to join is only \$30 and each car will receive a commemorative rallye plate and plenty of goodies for your car plus memories that will last a lifetime.

British CarWeek

A British CarAwareness Week
<http://www.britishcarweek.org/>
May 26 - June 3, 2012

We are working on an ice cream run for one of those Saturdays.

11th Annual Lee Hall Car Show

on Saturday, August 11, 2012.

An open show with participant judging. All makes, models and years are welcome. This year will feature a special Race & Pace Car Display. Car related games will be a new edition to this year's already great door prizes, raffles, silent auction, vendors and discounted mansion tours.

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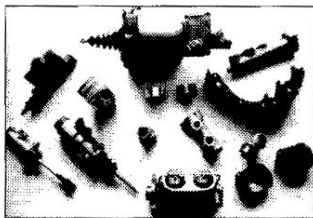
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Events

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Fathers' Day Classic Car Show Sunday June 17, 2012

Hosted by Cedarfield Community
2300 Cedarfield Parkway
Located off of Three Chopt Road
Between Church and Gaskins

FREE Lunch - Noon to 1:00 PM
Cars on display 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Cars 25 years and older please.

NO Admission, judging by seniors based on the memories they relive. So, skip the detailing and spend a great afternoon with residents (ages 62 to 99) who couldn't otherwise enjoy our great cars.

Please RSVP to Karla Adair, Program Coordinator (need a headcount for lunch), [HYPERLINK "mailto:kadair@vumh.org" kadair@vumh.org](mailto:kadair@vumh.org)

804-474-8757 please leave a message.

5th annual Swap Meet and Car Corral

Saturday, April 21 from 9-4 at the Classic Car Center. As you may recall, this is a totally FREE event--no charge to sell parts, no charge to sell vehicles, no charge to attend, and no charge to park!! Lunch will be available as well. Typically there are 1,500-2,000 attendees.

Please plan on coming and celebrating the beginning of the car show season.

Thanks,

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If you never have attended this "festival", please understand that it is a unique vintage racing and car event in North America that should be on everyone's "Bucket List" - especially this year, because MG is the "Featured Marque"! Let me explain why! Car shows, drives, parties, dinners, rally, waterfront "Cruise", displays, happy hour fun, etc. Over its 30 years, it has raised over 3 million dollars for the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny Valley School.

First of all, it's not just a race or an event - it is a 10 day long "Festival" put on by the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association, with something for everyone. And there is no admission fee for watching the races in lovely Schenley Park. Besides the races, many car clubs also participate in the event with supporting car shows and activities. It has national status, with many thousands of car enthusiasts coming from

everywhere! MG is the featured marque this year, plus there will be some special accents honoring the MGB - celebrating the 50th anniversary of its introduction in 1962. Overall there may be around 200 vintage cars racing in seven different classes, including over 40 MGs of all types - from Pre-war MG's, T's, A's Midgets, B's! "All MG Races" will be included!

Plus for a small donation, only street MGs will be offered the opportunity to do "Parade Laps" around the 2.3 mile, 23 turn, race course Sunday morning! A beautiful drive, from the driver's seat, to see the course from! (at speed it's even more thrilling!)

Along with the Schenley Park races, there will be the adjacent "International Car show" with over 2,000 cars participating in 15 different marque groups!

I could write volumes on all that this awesome event has to offer, not to mention other attractions of Pittsburgh and nearby vacation opportunities! PVGP has a great web site providing EVERYTHING you would like to know about it - and more! Just go to: PVGP.org to get the full story. It has been 21

years since MG was last featured at this event - so you might have to wait another 21 years for MG to be featured again - that would be 2033! Bring your MG, the family, and your friends. Make your room reservations early! You will NOT be sorry!

Key Contacts:

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix:
www.pvgp.org

Info, photos, videos, history, accommodations, schedule, etc. :
www.pvgp.org/marque/marque-of-the-year-schedule/

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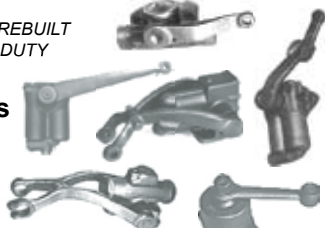
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Checking The Mirror

From the Newsletter-January/
February 1997

Club Treasurer Dennis Reising and wife Carole will be leaving us as they relocate to Bangkok, Thailand. Chuck Sexton has volunteered to fill the role of Treasurer for the rest of the term. Newsletter editor Bruce Woodson reports that his computer crashed (no injuries) resulting in the combined January/February newsletter. On January 11th, twenty club members toured the Heiling-Myers Race Shop in Richmond to see firsthand how a Winston Cup car is put together. Of special interest was the 51 foot long tractor trailer unit. Activities director Don Henck announced a tech session at Import Autohaus to perform a rear end swap on Chuck Sexton's MGB. Dennis Urick is hosting the tech session that will also feature flushing and bleeding the hydraulic brake system; something that should be done every two years on an MG. Kevin Allocca submitted an article under an alias since he hadn't paid his dues. The article written by "Wing Nut" described the history of the MG ZA/ZB Midget. At the January meeting, Mike Alexander

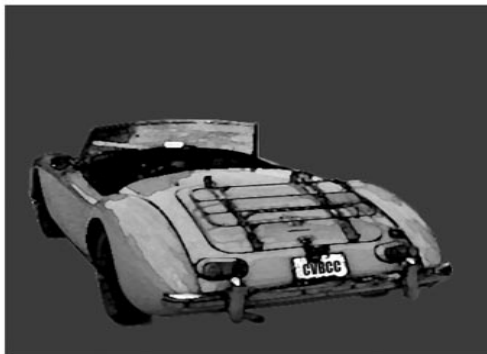
invited a man named Rusty Gross from the Virginia British Motorcycle Club to the meeting. Mr. Gross invited the club to join the bikers on a "Yorktown Run" to enjoy scenery and a nice seafood meal. The February meeting was at the Fox & Hounds British Pub. The club approved the purchase of a rubber return address stamp for Bruce Woodson to speed up delivery of the newsletter each month. Martha West volunteered to lick stamps and apply them to the envelopes

to advance the cause of timely newsletter receipt.

Historian's Note: Who owned the red and primer gray MGB with the rectangular headlights in the photo? **Jim Godwin**



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For Sale: 1980 MGB. Russet with Tan Interior. Overdrive, aluminum head, new twin S.U. carbs, fresh clutch and exhaust. Lots of mechanical refurbishment done. 2-owner car with complete service history. Very original car with some rust, bubbles in sills and faded paint. I can email photos and info. (804) 536-5720.

For Sale: 1960 Jaguar Mark 2 Sedan. Partially restored, needs finishing. \$14,500. Call Don at 804-740-6511

For Sale: 1973 MGB - \$3000 or best offer - has new top and frame, tonneau cover and a hard top Engine is running, 4 speed transmission all gears work fine, modified exhaust, Webber downdraft 2 barrel, brake system is functioning. Clear title and vehicle ID plate match. Electrical systems all work, fuel gauge is not working, wheels and tires are OK. Floors are excellent; there is evidence of some rust on both rockers and rear fenders. Several boxes of spare parts. Good restoration candidate, more pictures are available. Email for inquiries. Located in Henrico VA. Gary Kinney, gckinney@aol.com, or 804 527-2190

Here is a link to eBay for a nice MGB 50th Anniversary Grille Badge for all of you B owners in the club that might be interested.

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=300638170302+&item=300638170302&lgeo=1&vectorid=229466>

For Sale: I have a used clutch, clutch pressure plate, and flywheel from a 71 MGB. Pretty sure it fits all 1970 to 1980 motor/transmission. \$100.00 or best reasonable offer. Email or call my cell 804-387-3567. Thanks, Jeff

For Sale: 1976 MGB with about 58,000 miles New convertible top, a very nice interior, new battery, belt, courtesy light and door switch, sunvisors, drivers side floorpan and speedometer cable. I also have an overdrive transmission and drive shaft that was working fine when removed from a 74.5 MGB GT. Typical lower body rust but the frame is solid. \$2300 for car and tranny. Scott Phillips (804) 338-4839 (cell) e-mail: rphilli2@richmond.edu

For Sale: Original type tires. They are 5.60x15 bias ply "Firestone" style from Coker. Four new tires and two servicable spares. Total of \$360.

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