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The object at hand this month is a reddish-yellow brick. Measuring 8 ¼" long x 4" wide and 2 ½" thick, it is not an ordinary "standard" brick of today. Today's bricks, if laid up in mortar in a row of three bricks, will equal 24" long and if three bricks high, will equal 8".

The brick has an odd depression, like a reversed gable end roof and bears the name "London Brick" and the number 12 with a line below it. London Brick was founded in 1900, is still manufacturing brick, and used Oxford Clay for its brick. Cleaned of all mortar and with a couple of large chips on the edges, it is possible to the texture of the clay. Oxford Clay contains fossils of fish and invertebrates from the Jurassic period and this brick appears to have some fossils mixed in with the red clay.

This brick is special and has been delivered to my hands with an oak frame and a highly polished brass plate with the engraved signatures of John W. Thornley and Sid Enever. In the center of the plaque is the description of the brick indicating that it "was part of the MG factory at Abingdon on Thames".

The MG factory was always an assembly plant, bodies, engines, transmissions and other parts were manufactured elsewhere. The first MG's were assembled in Oxford and when the demand for the cars outgrew the available space, the assembly was moved to the former Pavlova Leather Works in the autumn of 1929. A good aerial view of the factory and town is at:

<http://www.britainfromabove.org>.



MG Trivia

Low production numbers for early MG cars was normal, but in the 1990's only 2000 special MG's using a British Heritage Trust body shell were manufactured to spark interest in MG/Rover resuming production of MG salons and coupes.

What was the model called?
See last page for the answer.

Date & Time	Event	Location	Contact
July 10 Dinner Buffet 6:30 PM	Monthly All- MG Dinner (Second Thursday of Each Month)	German-American Klub	Fred Ulery mgahotwheels@gmail.com 765-606-7680
July 12 Rain Date July 13 2:30 PM - ? Cookout after 5 PM	Day at the Lake	7650 John Young Road, Unionville, IN. (Lake Lemon)	See Home page for flyer and directions/map www.hoosiermgs.com Food, Boating, Swimming, Fun and Sun - Bring your own fireworks - Carol & Dave Walter's Cottage
July 26 2:30 PM - ? Cookout after 5 PM	HMGBC BBQ	8332 Chateaugay Drive, Indianapolis, IN	Elena Gillespie & Steve Bender's home on Arrowhead Lake near Bluff Road and Stop 11 See Home page for flyer and directions/map www.hoosiermgs.com
August 23	All-MG Picnic	7915 West Stinemyer Road New Palestine, IN	Kathy & Ken Kubick kkubick67@gmail.com



Club members at the 2014 NAMGBR at French Lick, Indiana



French Lick Hotel



Sitting out on the east porch



Gilded lobby and mosaic tile floor



West side gardens and walkways



More seats on the north end



Temperatures are really burning up!



Luncheon in the Power Station bar and lounge of the French Lick Hotel. Its good to find out that they serve more than just “pub grub”.

A good time for all and we had three club member's cars win - Bob Connell, Bruce and Jennie Colb, and Bryan Wilson.

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Parting Shot

Rosenbaum *et al* happened upon interesting pre-crastination findings while conducting experiments with college students. The students were asked to walk down an alley without stopping and pick up one of two buckets stationed along the path and carry it to the end of the alley. The research team found that participants picked up the closer bucket and walked it farther instead of carrying the further bucket a shorter distance. Surprised, they asked the students why they preferred carrying the closer pail, and the students responded that they wanted to get the task done sooner. “By picking up the near bucket, they could check that task off their mental to-do lists more quickly,” Rosenbaum said. “Our findings indicate that while our participants did care about physical effort, they also cared a lot about mental effort. They wanted to complete one of the subordinate tasks they had to do.”

This proves that taking out the week’s garbage always comes ahead of putting together the MG in the garage.



MG Trivia Answer

As Carol and I were walking back from a restaurant on our last night in London, we spotted this MG in Woodcote Green sitting at the curb with our hotel in the background. This is the famous MG RV8, manufactured from 1992 to 1995 with 75% of the production run being exported to Japan. The original cost was 26,000 British Pounds and there is a lively market in bringing them back to the UK. Several are listed for sale at:

<http://www.v8register.net/subpages/RV8foralerevised.htm>

The MGRV8 was designed from the outset to take advantage of as much existing MGB Hardware as possible, yet the finished product was to contain only 5% original components. The vast majority of parts, including engine, drive train, electrical system, body and trim are all either totally new or adapted from other Rover products.

