

**September
2019
EDITION**



Things I Like, Almost As Much As Driving My MG

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in my MG!



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Secretary's Report



Hello Everyone,

Just as August was starting to feel a bit Autumnal, suddenly Summer arrived again. What a shame that the supper run had to be cancelled because of the weather, wasting all Vanessa's hard work in planning it.

Neil and I missed the bad weather, as we were on the east side of the country. We drove over 1,000 miles just visiting two daughters and spending a few days in Norfolk. The weather was lovely, and the car performed beautifully the whole time we were away. However, Neil was getting a little concerned about the car's oil consumption, and we did buy some to top up with while we were away 'just in case'. Just as well as it was needed for our return journey.

We had a lovely time driving around an area covering Essex, Sussex, Suffolk and Norfolk where we saw lots of lovely villages and towns (including a few not so lovely). Bury St Edmunds, Brightlingsea, Lavenham, Cromer and Frinton-on-Sea are very nice, Great Yarmouth and Walton-on-the-Naze not so nice.

We also spent a few days in Colchester where my youngest daughter lives. While excavating prior to building a housing estate, workmen discovered it has the remains of the largest Roman Circus ever found.

Lavenham has the largest collection of original medieval buildings in the country, including a guildhall. We visited some beautiful gardens and National Trust properties and had a great time. We always think how lucky we are to live in such an attractive country; wherever you go there is always something beautiful to look at. I know there are some 'not so nice' places, but I think they are very much outweighed by the rest.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Best Wishes & Happy Driving

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Notes from your Chairman



Hi everyone,

Echoing what Pam said, it was truly disappointing that August's Friday night supper run was scuppered. However, the decision by Vanessa to pull the plug on the evening was the right one and I applaud her for making it. Fortunately all is not lost and the route planning and venue will be brought out of storage and used for a future winter Sunday lunch run. Fingers crossed for better weather!

Meanwhile the September Sunday Lunch run being organised by Howard and Jan promises to be a lot of fun. This run gives everyone the chance to extend the club's summer activities and enjoy a day out in your MG.

Unfortunately, Alison and I are going to miss out on this due to family commitments. Not that we mind too much of course, as the chance to have our granddaughters to ourselves is too good an opportunity to miss. I just hope the girls enjoy their time with us as well!

Having just got back from a few days in Prague we were pleased that our trip wasn't part of an MG run. The cobbled streets would have played havoc with the car's suspension; after a few days on foot sightseeing even our feet were put to the test.

What a lovely city to visit though and we thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our trip was certainly enhanced by sharing it with fellow members Janis and Chas. It certainly shows that belonging to a club like ours is not just about the cars but a fantastic way to meet others and forge strong friendships.

Later this month your committee will be meeting and one of the things on the agenda will be finding out who on the committee will be standing again at next year's AGM in March.

One thing we already know is that Pam our current club secretary will be giving up as she signalled her intentions at the last AGM when she agreed to continue for another year.

This committee post is an important one for the club's continuation and the secretary is the only recognised person that the parent MGOC will deal with.

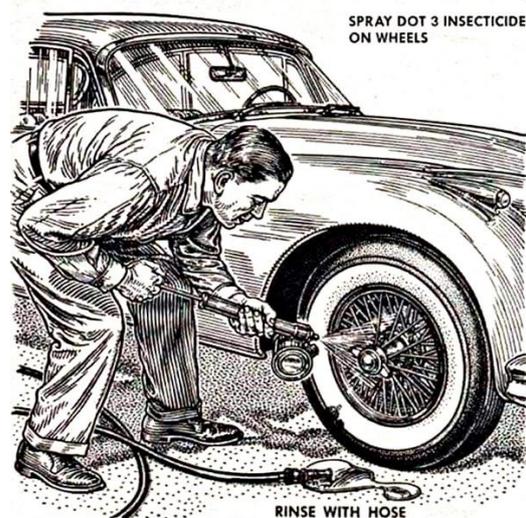
If you think you would like to pick up the baton then please feel free to speak with Pam in the first instance and find out what is involved, without any obligation. Please don't just shrug your shoulders and expect others to come forward. If you value being a member of our fine club then what better way to show this, than by joining the committee and helping to shape the future of Tamar Valley MGOC.

It would be great to get a few more active members in the club, so if you do cross paths with other MG owners on your travels, then do try and entice them to come along to a club meeting. Club flyers are available to hand out.

Look forward to seeing you all on the road in your MGs flying the flag for Tamar Valley MGOC. Winter might well be on the far horizon, but even dry days can be found in the winter months to experience that MG drive and put a smile on your face.

Safe MG motoring,
Alan

Page fillers – a stretched B and a public health alert.



Wheels can be thrown out of balance by a buildup of wheel ants. Protect your car's smooth ride with weekly applications of automotive grade insecticide.



Event Secretary keeping it wheel



Dear all,

Following on from what Alan and Pam have said about Vanessa’s cancelled supper run, this really highlighted why it helps the organiser if everyone adds their contact details when signing up for each run.

Forgive me for what follows, as it is mostly a repeat of what I put in last month’s newsletter, but experience has taught me some things need saying twice.

This month there’s no Friday supper run. Jan and I have instead organised an I-Spy Cornish Day Out on Sunday 15th September. We have booked us in for a 2pm carvery lunch at the Lanhydrock Golf Club & Hotel.

Now you have a choice of where to start – Plymouth or, for our Cornish contingent who need not cross the river twice, the entrance to Antony House. You could even join us at Seaton, though you’d miss a lot of the run. If the Cornwall start is your choice, I need to know in advance so I can email you the route instructions.

TIMINGS	PLYMOUTH START
09:15	Meet at Argyle Park & Ride at the far, bottom end
09:30	Plymouth Depart + Tamar ferry crossing
10:00	Entrance to Antony House
	CORNISH START
10:00	Entrance to Antony House – you need the route emailed to you in advance.
	ALL
11:00	Arrive Seaton Beach Cafe
11:45	Depart Seaton
12:30	Arrive Duchy shop, cafe & nursery
13:30 (latest)	Depart Duchy
13:45	Arrive Lanhydrock Hotel
14:00	Carvery served.

Our route is not attempting to break new ground, although there are lanes that were new to us. Instead it’s intended to be a drive with lovely views, time for natters, and things for the navigator to I-Spy along the way. In memory of our fancy-dress evening at Lanhydrock during last year’s Bluebell run, Hawaiian shirts and shorts are suggested.



After lunch there is a choice of routes home. Note: entry closes at this month’s club meeting on September 4th. Happy MGing!

Howard

Send submissions to eventsecretarytvmgoc@gmail.com or mediatvmgoc@gmail.com



Club logo embroidery



A reminder that the club logo can be embroidered onto any garment you wish. This company already have our approved artwork. Just take your garment along and ask for the club logo to be embroidered. It usually takes a couple of days.

Personalised Motifs - Barry Ashton, 50 Embankment Rd, PL4 9HY. Email: enquiries@pmotifs.force9.co.uk



Upcoming events

The most up to date and detailed information on all 2019 events can be found and downloaded on the [Event Diary Page](#) and the [Entry Forms page](#). See: www.tvmgoc.org.uk

Events you can enter now

To register your participation, contact these event organisers via email please.

This list does not include events that are now closed for entries.

Date	Event	Info	Closes
15 Sept	Sunday Lunch	I-Spy A Cornish Day Out Lanhydrock Hotel & Golf Club See ES report above for start details and times.	4 Sept
21 Sept	Sidmouth CCS	See the Event Diary for details	2 Sept
13 Oct	The Rut	Entry form is on our website	30 Sept
20 Oct	TVMGOC Tulip Trophy run	Menus and list are circulating at club meetings To Elfordleigh Golf Club, near Plympton. Meeting point & time: The Rock Inn, Yelverton, PL20 6DS 10.15 - for coffee and biscuits Departing on the run by 11.00.	2 Oct
8-10 Nov	Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show at the NEC		
17 Nov	Sunday Lunch	To Wrangaton Golf Club by John & B Meet Dartmoor Diner at 10:30 for an 11:15 start	6 Nov



News snippets



Tracking thieves

There has been an increase of thieves targeting cars at shows and secretly attaching a hidden tracker to them. Then the car can be located at a later date and stolen at their convenience. The cheap devices can be attached to the underside of a vehicle by a magnet and will report its location to the thieves wherever it might be. So far, it's expensive Aston Martins, E-types, Land Rovers and Fords that are the primary targets. Whilst cars may be well-protected at home, it's when they are out and about that they can be most vulnerable (which is why I have my own tracker fitted - ed.).

Generally, trackers get fitted behind plastic on cars, such as the bumper, as they need a clear line of sight to the sky and metal may block the signal. Often at a show thieves work in pairs; one to distract the owner while the other attaches the tracker. Apparently, bug detectors can be bought but domestic types are not really up to the job.

The advice is: keep an eye on cars at shows. Allow people to look but ideally one at a time and check under wheel arches and other accessible places at the end of the day.

Driving abroad after the B-word

No-one knows what will happen and when, but The Guardian has published this advice in case we crash out of the EU. If stopped by the Police they may require to see:

- An international driving permit IPD 1968 - from the Post Office £5.50 (take a passport & driving licence)
- An insurance green card - from your insurer
- The car's logbook
- GB sticker

If there is a deal, they say UK licences will remain valid in the EU and EEA countries.

Fuel

For some time, owners of classic and vintage vehicles have been concerned that the universal introduction of E10 fuel containing 10% ethanol will have a serious detrimental effect on engines not designed to run on it.

It seems calls for 'protection grade' petrol to remain available may have been answered, at a price. The FBHVC and the All-Party Parliamentary Historic Vehicle Group, who seem to have found an issue that politicians can actually agree on, say they expect the DoT to allow the continued availability of the current E5 5% ethanol fuel alongside E10.

However, there are concerns that E5 fuel will cost more and that not every garage will stock it.

Black MGA

Coming back from Yelverton recently Jan and I spotted behind us a beautiful black MGA. It turned off at The George as we carried straight on, otherwise I'd have tried to recruit the driver into TVMGOC with one of the club flyers. Has anyone else seen it?

Low price MG LV sells out

In just two weeks the first 1000 new electric MX ZS EV sold out. Now MG will be importing more to meet demand. Perhaps this bodes well for the MG E-motion electric sports car said to go in production in 2020. I might be tempted...

It has also been said that the number of public charging points for electric cars in the UK now exceeds the number of filling stations for petrol and diesel. If taken at face value this statistic is a bit misleading due to the average number of pumps at filling stations and how quick it is to fill up a car with petrol or diesel.

All encouraging news for EV fans. However, nothing is ever that simple. Putting aside the importance of how and where the electricity was generated to power EV cars, and the materials and energy needed to construct and later recycle them, now the government's Science and Technology Select Committee has thrown a spanner in the works. It says that the government cannot achieve its targets for emission cuts by swapping exiting fossil-fuel powered vehicles for cleaner versions. Oxford scientists have also said that electric cars produce pollution through their tyres and brakes.

The Committee says, "In the long term, widespread personal vehicle ownership does not appear compatible with significant decarbonisation."

Now for something completely different

A topless Magnette



Here's an interesting conversion of an MG Magnette ZB Varitone. This was custom built by a brave owner in the 90s. It has an 1800cc engine changed from its original 1489cc S4 OHV of 69bhp. A Facebooker spotted it at Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent.

Unusual MG colours

Many of you will remember how I agonised for months over what colour to repaint my car that was a stark Ford diamond white. Most MGAs, like other models before them, were exported around the world and it is interesting to note that away from Blighty owners are far more unfussed about restricting themselves to factory colours only. However, I saw in the Facebook MGA Appreciation Group two cars that are actual factory colours I've never seen in this country, and as an active member of the MGCC MGA Register, I've seen a lot of them now. One of my favourite, fairly rare, standard shades is Glacier Blue, the colour of a friend's American LHD import, but here are a couple I've never seen in the flesh.



This smasher is the cover photo for the MGA Appreciation Group. It is Island Green and was only available on 1500 Coupes until February 1958.

(They do like white-wall tyres in the USA. I don't, thinking they distract the eye away from the car's lines, but each to their own.)



Many in the group are raving about this. It is called Alamo Beige and was a factory option for 1600 cars in 1960. However, many American dealers ended up repainting Alamo Beige cars in red because nobody was buying them. One chap said, "I'm not sure about a flesh coloured car. If I took my clothes off, nobody could see me."

I also like Tyrolean Green, available on early 1500 roadsters, but see here for the full list:

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/mga-facts-and-figures/mga-factory-colours/>

Google your MG model, eg MGB colours, and lists and paint charts will appear in images.

The English Riviera Classic Car Show on Paignton Green



Sunday 28th July: another warm and sunny day perfect for a car show.

Having packed Lucy as usual with everything but the kitchen sink, we (Chas and I) set off at 8 15am, in plenty of time to meet up at Lee Mill. That was an auspicious move because just as we approached the Deep Lane slip road my memory cells burst in life and I realised not only did I not have the kitchen sink but I had also left the entry papers at home. Those of you who know me well are aware that I do not function at my best in the early mornings: 2 or 3am and still dancing and drinking does not count as early morning - that's a continuation of a party night.

Luckily, I remembered in time to leave the A38 at Deep Lane, go over the flyover and re-join in the opposite direction, a quick dash home to collect the papers and off again, making Lee Mill with 4 minutes to spare.

I was not the only one with memory problems though. On our arrival it was noticeable that Bee was there but not John! It transpired that Bee had forgotten her sun hat so John had dashed home to get it, leaving Bee without her bag and essentials of phone, money etc, so we waited until he returned.

So the small convoy set off and arrived at the show ground a few minutes behind Peter and Jenny and John H.



We only had a small plot as there were only seven cars entered this year. Keith began doing a wonderful impersonation of an orchestral conductor, directing cars to a parking place in an interesting V formation, with Hilary assisting with the spacing as it was a bit tight. (It was a good job we didn't have the gazebo; goodness knows how we would have fitted it in.) I did consider selling tickets to raise money for club funds as we had quite an audience of onlookers enjoying the entertainment.

Unfortunately, when Tony and Wendy arrived later there was no room on the stand, as we didn't know they were entered, but luckily they managed to park opposite the stand. Lesson to be learnt here folks, if we know you are coming a space will be kept for you even if you are late.

Once the cars were arranged, chairs, tables and picnics were brought out and coffee served up all round. Chas had just poured ours out when Alan suggested going for bacon baps; what a decision for Chas to make. Do I need to tell you which choice won?



Ron of course managed to get his stove going and cook his breakfast which ensured that everyone with smelling distance got a craving for bacon and eggs. I wonder if he is on commission from the catering stand?

The next challenge proved to be the long walk to the toilets as we were at the far end of the field. Have you ever tried walking quickly with crossed legs? It can be done believe me although not the most elegant sight. We were lucky to access the portaloos before they were locked up as the entry fee for the toilets was up to 30p!!!

The access to the facilities proved to be very good for community collaboration as it became a game to see how many people could get through the turnstile at once thus saving on 30p's. Later on when the cash entry machine became full and only debit cards could be used, the co-operation was remarkable. I climbed over the barrier and collected various small children handed over by parents, then dogs and bags were passed under the barrier while the mothers climbed over or slid.

Bee and I did mention to the organisers that a couple of portaloos at the far end of the field would had been a good idea. I am following that up with a written suggestion for next year, and I may also write to Torbay council to complain at the price hike of the public toilets and the cash machine being inadequate.

Of course, it was a classic car show so in between parking cars, eating, visiting the local cafés and the toilets, and chatting to everyone, we did actually look at the cars.

Peter L's lovely GT was up for sale at the show.



It was the usual assortment of really old ones, quirky new ones, buses, lorries and bikes and 60's and 70's classics that most of us had in our youth as an ordinary car. I often think if I had known how valuable some of mine were going to be I would have looked after them better and hung onto them, but there again where would I have kept them? So the usual assortment with a good smattering of MG's. I have been told that the MG was the most affordable sports car in the 60s and 70s which is why it is so popular today. I have been told that my midget is becoming one of the rarer ones, whether that is true or not I don't know.

There was a rather unusual BMW. At first glance it didn't look anything special unless you like BMW's but then I noticed the doors; they didn't open outwards, not even like the suicide doors the old Fiats had, but sliding doors!! And not sliding horizontally but vertically.

The owner said the car could be driven with the doors down, very cool in the current heat wave, I wonder how much rain gets in when getting in and out in wet weather? Don't have to worry about catching someone else with the door edges though.



Altogether a good day out with good company, weather was kind, a few black clouds but they went on their merry way without spilling a drop. Not as hot as last year hence no swimming from me, and Alan, despite his bravado, "forgot" his swimming gear so he dipped out. Jenny however went for a paddle, so keeping the flag flying for the club.

Janis



John I. should get a prize for always being the first in with caption competition suggestions, often from far-flung corners of the globe. This month, his arrived in my in-box at 08:04 on the morning after the last meeting!

Received entries	From
<i>I think he said he needed a pit stop, or it sounded something like that.</i>	John I.
<i>This Buggy is a real drag.....</i>	John I.
<i>Robin`s new Reliant was a real hit.</i>	John I.
<i>♪ Big wheel keep on turning, Proud Mary keep on burning, And we're rolling, rolling, rolling down the drag strip ♪</i>	Howard
<i>This toddler needed a clean nappy after the first test run.</i>	Howard
<i>SLICK!!!</i>	Roger G.
<i>"Hey Mum, it looks like rain, better change from dry slicks to wet ones and don't forget the buggy cover"</i>	Peter S
<i>Bugger, stalled it!!</i>	John N.
<i>Young George takes his Wacky Races hobby to the next level.</i>	Ade
<i>The Mothercare F1 prototype ready for an early test run!!</i>	Ade
<i>" What a drag!"</i>	John H.
<i>You must understand that my sister was a bit heavy and a bit of a back seat driver!</i>	Richard
<i>New tyre laws in F1 next season will allow younger drivers to compete.</i>	Neil M.
<i>Little junior wasn't too impressed with how his racing buggy had been set. The front end kept breaking away and his Mum was struggling to get enough heat into the rear tyres.</i>	Alan C.

And the winner of last month's competition chosen by Pam is Ade. Well done! He will choose next month's winner

Here's next month's photo requiring a caption.

There will be an explanation as to the fascinating true story about this machine and the man who invented it next month, but first fire off your caption suggestions.

Your entries by email to:
mediatvmgoc@gmail.com





And finally...



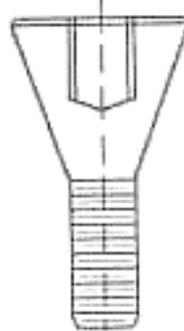
SPECIALIST BOLTS FOR BRITISH INDUSTRY



FOR HOLES TOO NEAR THE EDGE



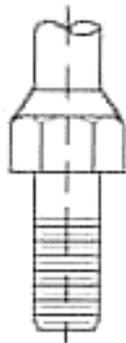
FOR MISMATCHED HOLES



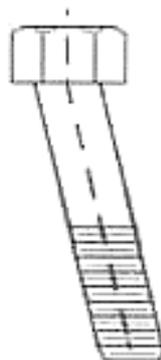
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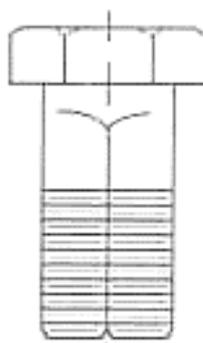
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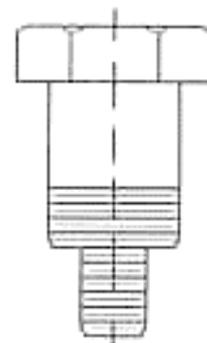
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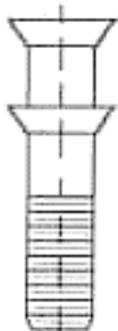
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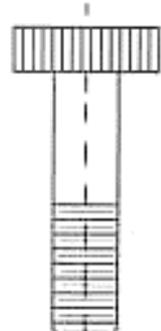
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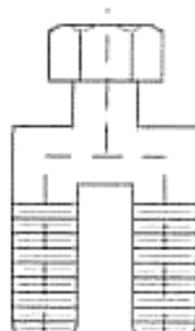
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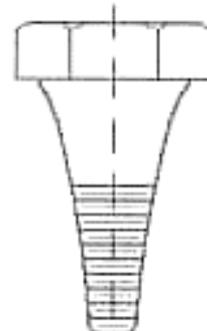
FOR DOUBLE COUNTERSUNK HOLES



CORRUGATED HEAD FOR VICE GRIPS



FOR REDRILLED HOLES THAT STILL DON'T MATCH



FOR ALL SIZE TAPERS