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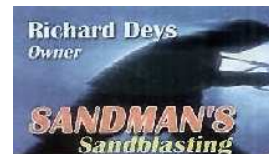
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Chairman's Corner

Dave Chase

Well, I guess we have to wait a few more weeks to get that warm sunshine. Maybe by the time you read this, we'll have it. I have eleven hundred dollars of Easter egg candy in my breezeway that was supposed to be scattered on 3/23 for my fire dept. 52nd Easter egg hunt. Don't mind the cold but 3" of snow would make it difficult for the little ones to find the candy. I will try again on the 30th. I think about everyone is about fed up with winter. I want to thank our own Doug Scribner and Carl Lindquist from Rochester Mini for a great talk on the mini, also the great door prizes Carl donated. Next up for April is the basket auction. Everyone is urged to donate a basket filled with goodies to be silent auctioned. Profits will go to the MCC endowment fund for scholarships. Also, Kristy Graves from MCC will be at the April meeting to present the \$600 MGCC

scholarship to the new recipient for this year. It was announced at the March meeting that we will have a car show this year. Leon Zak will be chairman and any input should be addressed to him. This car show will be for sports cars and should bring back some memories the public may have of the past. Note that the Carlisle import meet will be on May 16-19. I have two rooms still available if you want to go. If you can't go and have items to sell, we will take them down for you. Also, we will look for parts for you. See Jeff Kath for information. Also they're still two rooms available as of this writing, for the overnight at Hammondsport on May 11. This will be a lot of fun. See Dick Powers. That's it for this month. Let's all prey for some good weather. Take care.

Gift Basket Sale April Meeting

Our gift baskets are a fundraiser to help support the Club.
Consider donating a gift basket to be sold at the April Club Meeting

If you need more information, please contact Desi Benet,
Activities Chair at desibenet@aol.com

MGBruce

Don McConnell

Here we are in April. As I am working on this issue, it is Friday of Easter weekend I look out the window to view a tremendous lot of sunshine. There is still a bit of chill in the air not bad but we will take it.

I have been working at my new job just a little short of a year and am slowly getting to know a more of my coworkers. I have found out there is one gentle man who has owned a 1951 MGTD. In a couple of conversations I have had with him I have learned he owned it for a while and sold it to someone in Michigan. He said he enjoyed the car while he had it but does not miss it. I would consider that to be an abnormal response from someone who has owned an MG. Usually it is "I had one then sold it, wish I still had it". So now I have heard both sides of ownership of an MG.

As always I am looking for stories and articles for print. I am going to start to look back at old issues

(starting with 1998-99) for some material to reprint. But don't hesitate to send new material that crosses your mind or your road. Don't forget to upcoming events. There should be enough information here in SPOKES to get you there. Have a great month; see you at the meeting.

Happy Top Down

Don

Activities

By Desi Benet

Ok so as of this writing, the weather is still cold, but rest assured, spring is coming! We are certainly busy with activities over the year. As we begin the driving year, remember to sign up for the **Steve Fitch Driving Award**. This award was established as a yearly circulating trophy to recognized distance driving in your vintage British Car. Mileage must be recorded no later than May 1 to be eligible for this long standing club award, so either email me a photo of your odometer or see me at the April meeting so the club can register the mileage on your car. April has several activities for the club. On April 20, Gil Langswager is heading up an event to work with **British Auto** to inventory and support the business. As of this writing, Gil has over 20 MG club members helping, and if you would like to help, please be in touch with Gil at 585 385 9956 or mrgil@mgcarclub.com. Coffee and Donuts will be provided. On April 21 is our 10th annual **Swing Into Spring**. Again hosted by Laurie Scribner and Dick Powers, it has become a traditional spring kick off. As last year, it is being held at the Mulconry's Irish Pub 17 Lift Bridge Lane, Fairport. The sign up sheets will be at the meeting, or you can contact Laurie at or 585 323 2687 or Dick Powers at or 323 2687. The event already has 50 club members signed up. See the flier in Spokes for further details and menu options. Don't Forget the **Basket Auction** at our April meeting. *And you thought April was busy, check out May!* Our annual **Tune Up Clinic** is May 4. This year, Hollis Hames is the host of this event at Monroe Community College Tech at 485 West Henrietta Road. Please sign up with Hollis at the meeting or by contacting him at 271-7754. With your sign up, please let Hollis know the type of work you are planning to do on your car. The **Hammondsport Overnight** is a new activity for the club this year. We are traveling to the village of Hammondsport to participate in the Curtis Museum Engine Start Ups. The museum fires up a number of their vintage engines one time a year, in their parking lot. We will be leaving Rochester, having lunch at Bully Hill, visiting wineries, visiting the museum, having dinner and touring home on Sunday, with more winery stops. Note that you can attend just for the day, the village is approx 90 minutes from Rochester. The rooms are completely booked up, but there are other room options in the town. Contact Doug Scribner at or 585 323 2687 or Dick Powers at or 585 323 2687. The flier posted in Spokes will provide you with more details. Our Annual **Garage Tasting Party** will once again be held in the Garage at Gil and Betty Langswagers home in Pittsford on May 26 from 2:00-5:00. Bring your favorite beverage to contribute to the tasting as well as hor d'orves to pass. Check

out the flier later in Spokes and sign up at the meeting. Reminder: the **Carlisle Run** is June 17-19. For details, check this event out at the April meeting. **Save the Dates:** June 2 brings us our **Annual Picnic**, this year to be held at Farmington Town Park, where we used to hold our show. Look for more details will be at the April meeting and in next month's Spokes. June 9 is **Lunch and Laps** at Watkins Glen. This year, we are attending during an SVRA event, which is otherwise closed to the public. Further details will be at the April meeting and in next months Spokes. This is a good way to shake down your car at the track as well as to be allowed into a closed SVRA event. Note that we will be opening this event up to other British Car Clubs as we have done in the past, so pass the word if you are a member of another club that may be interested. Note that **NAMGBR** is scheduled on June 10-14 this year. Those of you with B's may want to check this annual gathering out. Get your calendars out for July. Our club is working with the Porsche Club to implement a new **Car Show** on July 21. Details will be available at the April meeting and in Spokes. Check in with Leon Zak at leon@mgcarclub.com. The **Pultneyville Homecoming Parade** which features vintage cars in their parade in July 20 followed by parking for a mini show in a very green and shady location. This is a small town homecoming in a beautiful lakeside location. The event also includes vendors with arts and antiques, and lots of music. More details to follow if next month's Spokes. July 21 is also scheduled the **Triumph Car Club British Car Rally**. There may be some changes to this activity, check out May Spokes for more details. July 28 is the **Multi Club Picnic**, where 6 British Car Clubs come together for a funkahna, valve cover races and other activities. This year, our club is the host club, so make sure you get this on your calendar. Hopefully we can hold our international Valve Cover Race title!! Note that **NAMGAR** is July 27-21 this year. The date for the **Fall Foliage Run** has been set by Tim and Rhonda Rizzo for Oct 13. Details will be confirmed over the next few months. The tentative date for the **MG Year End Party** is Dec 28 at Ricks Prime Rib in Gates. Known for excellent prime rib, this will be a sit down dinner with 3 choices of entrees. Details will be made available later in the year. Reminder: if you have ideas or suggestions for our monthly meeting programs, let a Board member know. We schedule one to two months in advance. Note that in the summer we may have some "runs" in our cars from the meeting. More on that in future Spokes. See you at the April meeting!

MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Mary Murray

March 21, 2013 at 7:35pm

_Acceptance of February meeting minutes

Guest-Carl Lindquist of Rochester Mini

Birthdays-Laurie Scribner, Jean Faust, Bruce Austin and Robert Keppeler.

Activities-March 24, the steak roast and auction

April 18th Swing into Spring (with anniversary cake) contact Laurie Scribner or Dick Powers

April 20th British Auto Cleanup-contact Gil Langswager April 18th BASKET AUCTION at Regular Meeting (fundraiser for Club) May 4th Tune-up Clinic at MCC-Contact Hollis Hames for any questions. May 11th Curtiss Museum tour and Hammondsport. Contact Dick Powers or Doug Scribner. May 17-19 Carlisle Import Car sale-2 rooms still available May 26th Langswager Garage Party-contact Betty Langswager if you have questions.

June 2nd MG Club Picnic at Farmington Town Park

June 9th Laps and Lunch at Watkins Glen-more details in Spokes June 10-14th NAMGBR MGB-2013 July 17-21 NAMGAR GT38 July 20th Pultneyville Parade July 21 Collector Car Appreciation Day July 28th Multi Club Picnic at Niagara Falls USA End of Year Party will be at Ricks Prime Rib House Desi wants to bring back the Bent Cam Shaft Award. She also is working on the Driving Award for the Steve Fitch Award.

Treasurer-balance is still in BLACK.

Membership-30 members still haven't renewed. 25 did after post cards were sent out to remind them.

Regalia-Fleeces, sweatshirts, all sizes. 2 hats, mugs magnets, 2 each. Buy anything off the rack and you get a free valve cover for the races next year. Steve Phillip (Bob Phillip's son) donated tools to be auctioned off at the steak roast.

Spokes-submit stories and thoughts for Spokes news. One week from meeting for deadline for Spokes.

England-no report

Library-no report

Web- we have one and it's working. If you are not getting Spokes electronically, e-mail or contact Leon or Jim Priestley.

Old Business-Leon will Co-Chair with the Porsche Club for a car show on August 4, 2013. It will be at the Elks Club in Webster. The Elks is on Jackson Road. The food will be available through the Elks. They also have inside restrooms. All they want is \$1.00 per car. They will also take care of the field marking and parking. We will split any profits 50/50 with the Porsche Club. We have to do the Publicity. Yes, there will be a Car Coral and Vendors. There will also be a Dealership Section. "THE MARQUE OF FRIENDSHIP" is our Club's motto and we do stand behind it.

New Business-Watkins Glen this year will have the downtown car show, the MG as the feature car.

Doug Scribner stated out our Presentation of original Mini's. Our other presenter was Carl Lindquist of Mini of Rochester. He is the assistant Service Manager. He showed the history of the mini with a computer show. He also contributed a large amount of merchandise from the dealership for our door prizes.

Cars and Parts for Sale- MGTD-driven yearly. 1951 White with tan. 1952 red with tan. In Pen Yan, New York. Same Owner. Also, a 1979 Triumph Spitfire-this one is a handyman special. Please contact Bruce Henry at 315-536-9765 or e-mail him at . Owners are very interested in selling them. Rob Shrader would like you to contact him if you have any information on an S series Jaguar.

Door Prizes given out

9:24 pm adjournment.

Meeting Attendance

March 21 2013

Betty Langswager
Gil Langswager
Rod Rodman
George Heissenberger
Barb Wild
Dave Wild
Chris Russell
Doug Scribner
Hillis Hames
Dick Giambra
John J. MacDonald
Rob Shrader
Carl Prouty
George Herschell
Jim Priestley
Mary Murray
John Murray
Tim Murray

Darcie Murray
John Thompson
Don McConnell
Tony Makepeace
Bill Dexter
Bob Tescione
Bob Welch
Art Salo
Paul Osborne
Lane Boughton
Leon Zak
Dan Suter
Dave Chase
Allyn Wagner
Laurie Scribner
Willard Brown
Al Fink
Doris Britt

Marlene Rzepkowski
Dick Rzepkowski
Bruce Austin
Cindy Austin
Dick Powers
Desi Benet
Bruce Henry
Debbie Henry

Guest-Carl Lindquist (Mini City)

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If you need Help , Dan Goodwin and Hollis Hames are coordinating a "Helpline" for members in need of assistance with car projects. Volunteers are asked to contact them with information on availability and areas of expertise. Dan and Hollis will try to match frustrated mechanics to one or more members from the pool of those with experience

Contact

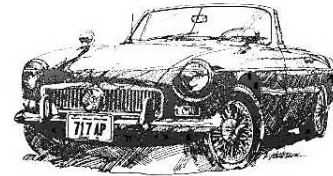
Dan: (585) 223-9584 e-mail dlgipk@rit.edu
Hollis: (585) 271-7754

British Auto Parts Day

When: Saturday April 20 at 9:00 am

Where: British Auto Parts 600 Penfield Road, West Walworth

Why: Lending a hand by helping with inventory and other tasks



Contact: Gil Langswager , 585 385-9956

Coffee and Donuts will be provided

DISTANCE AWARD FOR 2013

It is sign up time for the Steve Fitch Distance Award for 2013.

This circulating award is presented to the club member each year who drives the most distance in their Vintage British Car.

To register in the competition for this award, please see Desi Benet at the April club meeting to record your milage or send along a digital photo of your odometer by no later than May 1 to to be eligible for this award.

Tune Up Clinic May 4

**Monroe Community College Automotive Center
485 East Henrietta Road**

**Sign up at the April meeting or contact Hollis at 271-7754
Also, let us know the type of work you will be doing on the car**

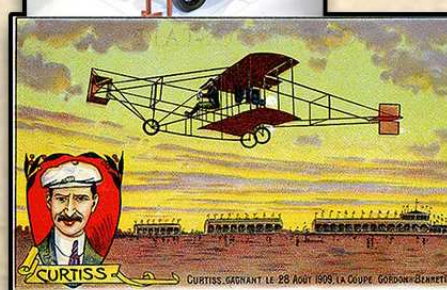


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Tour & Overnight to Hammondsport May 11, 2013



Back Roads Tour from Rochester to Lunch at
Bully Hill Winery



Then to the
Curtiss Museum
for their annual Engine Starting event
Dinner Saturday night in Hammondsport



16 newly renovated rooms are
reserved at the **Keuka Lakeside Inn**.
9 rooms with a lake view @ \$99 and
7 rooms @ \$89.
Rooms are being held till the end of
February.

*Possible meet with
the Twin Tiers Sports Car Club*



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Watkins Glen Rooms

By Karen Salisbury

TO MGCC Members:

"Seneca Lodge Room Reservations"

*****Please submit your name for 2013 Seneca Lodge requests for the September
Vintage Race weekend *****

Please contact me either by email or in writing at the addresses listed below. Please indicate any room preference (room or cabin #, double or queen bed and whether you would be willing to consider staying in the Log Cabin as a shared residence with other couples.

Please include your name, address, phone and email. I will contact all members who requested a room following the drawing.

Seneca Lodge is a 3-night minimum; prices vary by rooms and cabin units.

E-mail: karencrows@hughes.net

Karen Salisbury

P.O. Box 37

Grindstone Island

Clayton, NY 13624

Save the Date

Beverage Tasting Party

When: May 26, 2013

Time: 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

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**Where: Gil & Betty Langswager's Garage (party room)
46 Stonington Drive, Pittsford, NY**

Bring: 2 or 3 bottles of unusual beers to taste.

If you don't like beer, bring wine or Pepsi or Coke – we'll taste them all!

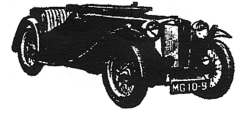
**Also: If some of the ladies could bring hors d'oeuvres to pass around, that
would be very much appreciated. Coffee & tea will be provided.**

**If: The weather is chilly, dress accordingly as it is in the garage. We do
have a heater!**

**Sign up: At the club meeting or contact Betty or Gil @ (585) 385-9956 so we
know how many will be attending.**

Bury Me In An OLD MOWOG Parts Box

By Jay Lockrow



Here is a reprint from February 2001. It will put a smile on your face.

This item was sent to me from member Roy Bergman who thought I might be interested in it. It came from some magazine where they have true to life humorous situations described by readers. This one I feel is priceless. It reads: "I am a State Trooper, and one night while patrolling a busy highway. I stopped a car for speeding. I routinely approached the vehicle and asked to see the violators drivers license. The man stated that he had none and politely answered my questions as I filled out two tickets, one for not having a driver's license and one for exceeding the speed limit. When I asked him to sign the citations, he replied that he better not. Then the man in the passenger's seat inquired if his driver's license would be applicable, because of the circumstances. Somewhat perturbed at this suggestion. I leaned down to explain why this was a very imprudent request. Then as I started to talk to him I looked into the vehicle, saw the steering wheel was on the "wrong" side of the car, and I realized that I had issued citations to the passenger in a British automobile."

I laughed too when I read this but it also stirred an old memory from somewhere back in the late 60's. I was with a friend and we were on our way to a GOF in Vermont. I was driving the TC and we were taking back roads to stay off the interstates. We were going through the village of Geneseo on Rt 20A following a VW bug who seemed to be really dragging his feet. I downshifted hit the gas and passed the VW, saw the cop hiding in the bushes and the 25mph speed limit at the same time. I immediately backed off and proceeded on my way but the patrol car could be seen coming with his gumball machine flashing. He stopped me well out of town and sauntered up to the car. "License and registration" he ordered, as my friend just sat there. I don't recall but my friend said he took a step or two away from the car and started to get out his sidearm when I told him "Over here on this side" "Oh!" he mumbled and we had a nice little chat on a sunny afternoon. He didn't give me a ticket because he didn't clock me and by the time he caught me I was out of the speed zone. I also told him about not seeing the speed limit until I passed the other car.

The fact is these things do happen. A few times on summer evenings if I had someone with me and if possibly a patrol car would come up behind me I would have them stretch or do something silly for fun just to see what they would do. I have never been

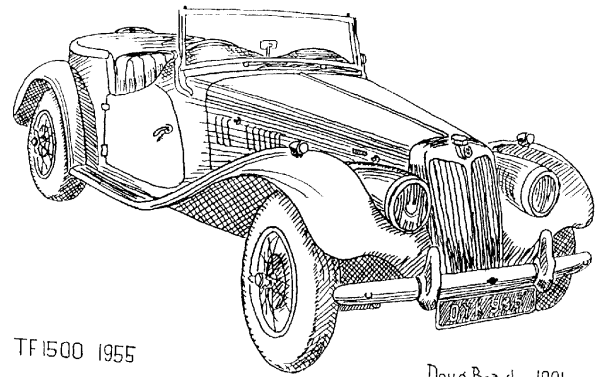
stopped since in the car. (Now watch me get a summons this summer.)

Jack Archibald tells the story of when he first bought his TC they were adjusting the steering. He and a friend would do a little adjustment and roar up the road. This went on for several hours and finally some thoughtful neighbor called the police. They had since put the car in the garage and closed the door. He had done the driving and the police accused his friend of speeding up the road. "I have not driven the car this afternoon," he said. Of course Jack collaborated the story and it was dismissed. It can be fun. I have even had people think my dog was driving my TC. Possibly the constables would issue her a ticket.

Abingdon Alphabet part 16

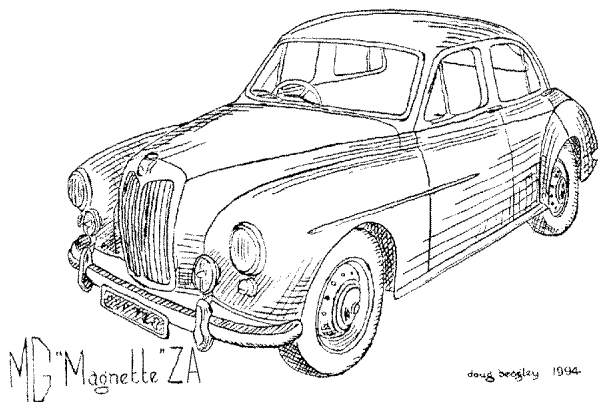
By Doug Beagley

In our last episode we were talking about the TD and how it had been brought into production as the TC was showing its age. When the TD was introduced it brought about a vast upswing in MG production, but as time went by the TD started to show signs of its age. This is typical of the automobile industry, of course, and is still with us, and will not leave us until the ultimate car is designed and delivered. As the TD had been in production new things had been happening in the sportscar market, and the outstanding innovation was the aerodynamic lines of the slippery sportscar was not new. I recall streamlined sportscars from Malshiem by Bugatti, racing many years before World War Two, at Le Mans. But the production line air flowed sportscar was new. There were a number of them and some were really winners, including the Jaguar XK 120 introduced, I seem to recall, in 1951, and the Triumph TR2 later, with the Austin Healey. This was the trend, and with the improved lines, performance increased, too. When a car does not have to push a built-in headwind through the air in the shape of a flat radiator and a large flat windshield, then the top speed increases rapidly. Now, the boys at Abingdon were fully aware of all this. They had built some very fast record breakers that were very well streamlined and, in 1951, they were able to complete a fine exercise. They were approached by a George Phillips to build an MG that would compete at Le Mans. The car was built upon the underpinning of the TD but had a beautiful smooth body. There were only two real protrudances, the bump in the top of the bonnet where the XPAG engine was apparent and the other was the driver. With the driver sitting on top of the chassis frame it was impossible to get him low enough. However, the car, with the registration UMG 400, showed the way. The car ran well for three hours and then retired with engine troubles. What they were I have never found out, but we do know the car was fast. Now, the obvious question is why didn't the company go into production with this car? I do not know. I have read a number of reason but suspect that as long as the TD sold they allowed it to do so. But, finally, the sales slowed and it was obvious that something had to be done and the result was the TF.



The TF was not a new car. It was a "face lift" and that is about all. The bonnet was lowered and the radiator was allowed to lean back. The radiator cap became an ornament. The headlights were faired into the fenders (wings) and the tail with the tank was raked to match the front of the car. Bucket seats replaced the common seat back of the TD and the instrument panel was changed and we were back with octagonal instruments again. New hubs were fitted and these allowed the fitting of wire wheels that had been so missed with the TD. The engine was raised to the slightly tuned version that appeared in the TD Mark 2. Now adays the TF is very popular with MG enthusiasts but its introduction was not met with enthusiasm. It was felt by most people that MG owners deserved something better. The car was almost identical in performance with the model that preceded it and, of course, the TF was passed by almost every sportscar on the road. One final effort was made to keep the car for a further year and this was the introduction of the TF1500. This car was the same in all respects as the original TF with the exception of the engine. The XPAG unit came to an end and the XPEG was introduced. One of the disadvantage of the XPAG engine was that it could not be bored out very much. Them too, there was not that much room between the bore centers and so the only solution was to move the bore centers and open them out as far as they would go. This resulted in bores that were siamised, that is, there was no water space between the first and second pair of cylinders. The two bores touched. The result was that the bores could be increased to 72 mm from the 66.5 mm of the XPAG. This gave a capacity of 1466 cc. What was that I heard? That it is not 1500 cc? That is right, but it was the closest that the block would allow and so the company used a little poetic license and called the car the TF 1500. For those who are interested, it is possible to bore the XPAG to get 1340 cc, but you might strike water doing it! The

TF 1500 did offer a little increase in performance over the TF and TD, but it was small and so the handwriting was clearly on the wall and the days of the "square rigged" MG's were numbered. The numbers of the TF built from late 1953 until early 1955 were 6200 TF's and 3400 TF 1500's. The TF was introduced at the Motor Show in late 1953 and, as I have recorded, it was not met with the greatest of enthusiasm. At the same show another MG was announced and it was also looked upon sideways by the faithful. It was the MG Magnette ZA. Now there were a number of things that MG nuts did not like about the car. In the first place there was much complaint about the choice of the almost holy name of "Magnette" applied to a saloon. They had forgotten that the name that was heralded around the race tracks of the world was first carried by a saloon (sedan), the K1, and that was not the fastest car on the road either. Then there was the fact that the car was not a true MG. It was originally a Wolseley 4-44, and now it appeared with an MG grille. That did not sit well, as you can imagine.



However, it had some good features. It had a sturdy BMC 'B' engine, with 1489 cc and twin SU's. You will immediately see the conflict when the TF was still getting by with the 1250 cc XPAG engine and the ZA had a bigger displacement engine that the TF so badly needed. The engine produced 60 hp and once again you will see the problem, when compared with the TF. The car sat upon a 102" wheelbase, and the track was 51". It had a sturdy four speed transmission and the only body style available was the four door saloon. The lines were very pleasant and the car soon found many happy buyers, in fact, it was soon very embarrassing to the company when the ZA was handily outselling the TF! The car had very good handling for a four-door and a tidy turn of speed. One thing that I recall was very much missed and a source of criticism was the lack of a tachometer, on an MG, no less!

In 1956 the ZB was introduced and this was even better than the ZA. The SU's were larger and there were detailed differences. The car was better and more popular. Later in 1958 the "Varitone" model was offered which was a two tone paint job affair that I personally never liked. This car became a great favorite and has continued to this day with those who know the car with more than just a passing acquaintance. The ZA was unique amongst MG's as it was the first MG to be built with unit construction, that is, it had no separate chassis. The front suspension was typical of the independent type that had appeared upon the Y series and followed through the late T series. The other change was really the introduction of BMC units in the engine and transmission. The engine, as I have said, was sturdy and was found acceptable to tuning (more on that later), but it was designed in Longbridge and had been used in Austins before. To an MG enthusiast, at that time, that was a fate worse than death. Also, you will have noted we have now reached the end of the alphabet and, although you all know what transpired next, in those years it was a great matter of speculation amongst us all as to what the factory would do. The ZB came to an end in late 1958, after 12,754 ZA's and 23,846 ZB's had been built. There were Magnette Mk 3 and Mk 4 offered and sold, but I would just as soon ignore them. They were "badge engineered" from Longbridge and were Austins under false colors (what could be worse?). All I will say is that the Mark 4 was better than the 3, and that should not be construed as a compliment.



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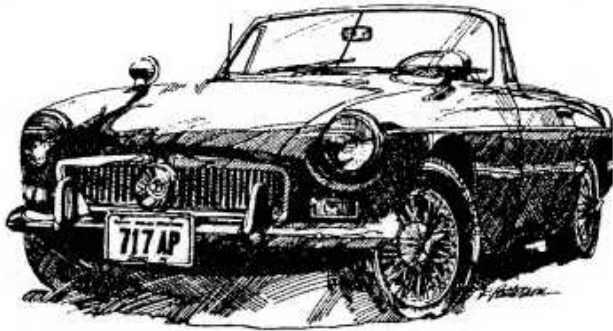
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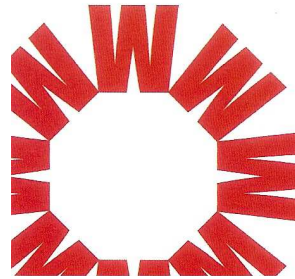
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Sunday July 21

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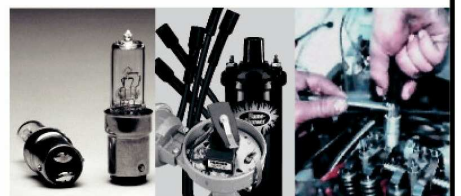
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