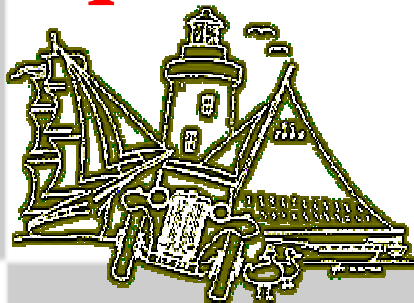


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## **WORDS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN**

Our experience during 2020 had us realize many of the things we took for granted became more important when we could not participate in them. Our routines were interrupted or stopped as we knew them.

Thankfully, the administration of the Covid vaccine began several weeks ago and many of us have already received the inoculation(s). The Club has therefore rescheduled the events postponed last year and are going forward with them during the coming months.

Our first event will be the Mini-GOF from April 30th through May 2nd at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, Virginia. At last tally there were approximately 30 attendees. Although the reservation deadline was a few days ago, I'd encourage you to contact Hank Giffin [hankgiffin@cox.net](mailto:hankgiffin@cox.net) and see if you can still attend.

Next will be the Original British Car Day (OBCD) held June 6th and is the Chapter's signature event. This year it will be held again at Serra Valley Farms at Mt. Airy, Maryland. This will be the 43rd time OBCD has been held and looking for a good turnout. Tom Renda, OBCD Chairman, has done most of the background work for putting this car show together but there is a need for members to volunteer to help the day of the event, as well as the day before for field set-up. Obviously, the more volunteers there are the less each individual has to do. Please contact Tom at 410-804-7017 or [thomasrenda@gmail.com](mailto:thomasrenda@gmail.com) so he can let you know what needs to be done.

Still looking forward to the Fall Ramble taking place at the end of October in Cape May, New Jersey and details will be coming forward in the next TSR issue. In the meantime, you can contact John Debelius at [debeliusADR@gmail.com](mailto:debeliusADR@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

The Winter Tour 2022 will be going to Florida from February 3rd - 17th. So far several members are going and you should contact Milt Babirak at [mbabirak@babirakcarr.com](mailto:mbabirak@babirakcarr.com) if you have an interest or want to know any details.

A plan for getting back to an active year is in place. Hopefully, we will experience the camaraderie the Club has enjoyed in the past.

Looking forward to an active 2021.



**Your Chairman, Shaun English**

***Safety Fast!***

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## **WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome back former Club Members!

Welcome **Chris Goudreau** of Lusby, MD. Chris owns a 1952 MG TD and a 1949 MG TC. Chris is a former member of our Chapter and we welcome him back!

Also, welcome **Glenn Abbott** of Lutherville, MD. Glenn owns a 1953 MG TD and a 1973 MG B. Glenn is also a former member of our Chapter and we welcome him back!

I think rejoining the Club is becoming trendy! 😊 I like it!

|  | <h1>CALENDAR<br/>OF<br/>EVENTS</h1> <p>2021</p>  |
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| Every other Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.  | John Twist of University Motors bi-weekly zoom tech session -- not just for the T Series MGs, but all MGs. Check out the University Motors website for more information. |
| April 30 – May 2, 2021  | MINI-GOF (Gathering of the Faithful) for the NEMGTR Chesapeake Chapter in Virginia Beach, Virginia   |
| June 6, 2021  | 44 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – The Original British Car Day (OBCD) Serra Valley Farms, 5601 Ridge Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771.  |
| June 14-17, 2021  | MG International 2021 – Atlantic City, NJ<br>Visit <a href="http://www.MG2021.org">www.MG2021.org</a> for more information   |
| October 29-31, 2021   | Fall Ramble, Cape May, New Jersey  |
| February 3-17, 2022   | Winter Tour, Florida   |



**Our Club Symbol --- A Real Chesapeake Bay Skipjack**

## **UPCOMING CHAPTER & CHAPTER RELATED EVENTS**

***SPRING Mini-GOF – April 30 – May 2, 2021  
Founder’s Inn, Virginia Beach, VA***



### **VIRGINIA BEACH MINI-GOF IS ON! - REGISTRATION & INFORMATION**

The MINI-GOF (Gathering of the Faithful) for the NEMGTR Chesapeake Chapter in Virginia Beach on April 30 - May 2, 2020 is on! It will be based at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach. The Inn says “Our beautifully landscaped 26-acre resort and spa location gives guests the feeling of an oasis without compromising proximity. The Inn and Conference Center features include: 240 guestrooms, our full-service Flowering Almond Spa, the award-winning Swan Terrace Grill Restaurant, tennis courts, and three (3) swimming pools.”

Room rates are \$139 a night. There will be reserved parking lots for MGs and trailers with a security patrol. See below \* for more info on the Founders. The Inn has taken significant precautions to prevent the spread of the virus, including spreading us out at dinner and a constant cleaning/sanitation program.

The schedule of events includes a Friday evening visit with buffet dinner and beverages at a local collector's 25 car collection (all exceptional) at his private display building just blocks from the shorefront in Virginia Beach. You could visit the boardwalk before or after this event. This is a large showroom, and we will be able to spread out.

Saturday AM we will visit the Virginia Beach Military Aviation Museum ([militaryaviationmuseum.org](http://militaryaviationmuseum.org)) which includes over 60 flyable vintage airplanes: 17 from WWI and 44 from WWII in several hangers. There will also be rides in biplanes (1941 Stearman or 1989 Waco YMF5) for those signing up in advance.

In the afternoon we will visit the Big Ugly brewery in Chesapeake ([biguglybrewing.com](http://biguglybrewing.com)) for our car display and popular voting for the MG Ts we admire most. This is a very popular location, and our display will be on their front lawn. Their beers have won many awards locally and nationally. Registration includes two complimentary beers. Box lunches from Panera Bread will be provided (please see registration form).

Saturday evening we will have our buffet dinner at the lovely Founders private dining room with a cash bar. The Founders has excellent food. Awards will be presented (must be registered to get an award).

The buffet dinner includes:

- Caesar salad
- Garlic mashed potatoes
- Southern style green beans
- Slow roasted pork loin, pan seared Atlantic salmon, or chicken breast roulade
- Fresh strawberry layered cake or Founders Inn traditional bread pudding

The Sunday brunch (not included in the registration fee) at Founders is probably the best in the area. There will be a hospitality room throughout the weekend at the Founders with beer/wine/soda/water/munchies.

Registration for the event includes the Friday dinner, admission to the Military Aviation museum, two beer tickets at Big Ugly, the hospitality room, and the Saturday buffet at the Founders Swan Terrace Grill Restaurant with cash bar. The Chesapeake Chapter is kindly supplementing its member's fee.

More info on the Chesapeake Chapter can be found at: [chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com](http://chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com). Contact me if you have any questions. Additional information will be provided following your registration.

Thanks, Hank & Stevie

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Hotel Highlights\*:

- Complimentary Wireless Internet Throughout the Hotel and Meeting Space
- (4) Onsite Restaurants: The Swan Terrace Grill, Hunt Room Pub/Bar, and Seasonal Pool Bistro
- State of the Art Fitness Center Open Daily with Indoor Heated Pool and (2) Outdoor Saltwater Swimming Pools with 3-Story Water Slide.
- Full-Service Flowering Almond Spa Open Daily --- Appointments Strongly Recommended
- Complimentary Beach Shuttle
- Business Center Open 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week
- Mini Refrigerators and Safes available in all Guest Rooms
- 24 Hour Security for Hotel and Grounds
- Pet Friendly Lodging to Include a 30,000sq. ft. Dog Park with Customary Dog Features
- Fido's Favorite Award for Achieving Excellence for Pet Friendly Travel
- Certified Virginia Green Lodging.

Right click on the link below and open link for registration. If you have any trouble with it, please email Hank (above) or Maxie (maxieb987@gmail.com) and we will be glad to get it to you.

[2021 Mini-GOF XLVI Reg. Form - 27 Jan 2021.doc](#)

## THE ORIGINAL BRITISH CAR DAY

JUNE 6, 2021 – SERRA VALLEY FARMS, MT. AIRY, MD

Subject to adverse COVID developments, the show is set to go forward on June 6, 2021 which is its usual date (first Sunday in June). We will set up the field on Saturday June the 5th. The location is the same as 2019 (and the cancelled 2020 show) -- Serra Valley Farms, 5601 Ridge Road Mt. Airy MD 21771. (Ridge Road is also known as MD Route 27. The farm's location is about 5 miles north of downtown Mt. Airy on Ridge Rd./Rt 27.)

For more information, please contact Tom Renda 410-804-7017.

## Fall Ramble Cape May, New Jersey October 29-31, 2021



We hope to be able to return to the ever-popular Fall Ramble this year after a forced Covid-19 hiatus. We had planned a trip to Cape May for Fall of 2020, and hope we can pull this off in 2021, so pencil in the dates of October 29-31, 2021. Further details will be coming as we evaluate the overall health and safety situation going forward.

John Debelius and the Planning Committee

## The Annual British Invasion (February Winter Tour – Florida)

As explained John Debelius



It is time for a little social refinement to end our year and a half of home confinement. We are all tired of the car tour abstention during the cruel pandemic home detention. Just as the 17-year cicadas are now invading the north, we will soon once again invade the south. For those of you who have heard rumors or even had occasional sightings of this group of MG wingnuts who come to your state every year or so, it is time to address the rumors and flush out some answers about this elusive group of whackos. Are we British? Are we nuts to drive 70-year-old cars all over Florida? Are we fugitives? Are we freeloaders? Where do we come from and where do we go? When will the next invasion take place? Not all these questions lend themselves to easy answers, but I will endeavor to address them.

### The When and Who

First, the easy answer...we are now planning our **Florida Winter Tour for February 3-17, 2022**. As to the “who”, we are the Chesapeake Chapter (Maryland, Virginia, and DC area) of the New England MGT Register, and we all have MG TCs, TDs, or TFs. We aren’t British, though I am bringing my Australian brother-in-law this year from the farthest reaches of the Empire. Just like you, we have been ensnared by the vintage British car mystique. Many of us are retired, but some of us are still working stiffs. Among our participants, we have some men, some women, some couples, some solos, a wide range of political persuasions, and we claim diverse occupations running the gamut from flight attendant to teacher, CFO, accountant, event planner, entrepreneur, stockbroker, lawyers, and a judge. We have even brought psychologists in past years to insure against emotional breakdowns on the trip. We are diverse on so many levels. Some of us have Lucas windshield wipers that work, some of us rely solely on Rain-X.





A few of the wingnuts on location

### **Why us and why Florida?**

The fault really lies with Amtrack and the Auto Train. By February of each year, we are tired of winter, but no one in his right mind would drive an old MG from Washington, DC, to Florida. The Auto Train makes it easy to get to you, leaving from Lorton, Virginia one afternoon and arriving in Sanford, Florida the next morning. Those sailors among you can appreciate what it feels like to enjoy an evening rasher of rum in a crowded bar car followed by a night's "sleep" in a rocking train bunk. Once we arrive in Sanford, we fire up the powerful 49 horsepower engines and off we go.



This is why John comes to Florida.



Assembling at Shaun's house in Alexandria, Virginia



Barbara and Karen, ready to roll



Getting loaded onto the train car



Jim and Judy with the TF

## Where do we go, and can you avoid us?

We try to change up the destinations and routes each year. We believe that life is to be enjoyed and old cars are to be driven. Our drives have taken us as far north as Savannah and as far south as Key West and hit just about everywhere in between. The common theme is that for the most part, we stick to back roads and stay away from big cities. We would rather drive at a leisurely pace through majestic tunnels of Live Oak trees with dangling ghost-like Spanish Moss than drive through clover leaf interchanges and toll booths requiring Sun Passes. As to whether you can avoid us, it is unlikely, as sooner or later we will come to your town.



Ah, those back roads...

### **We have collaborators among you**

While we carefully plan our routes, hotels and restaurants in advance, we have been honored and fortunate to have help in past years from a number of Florida MG enthusiasts, to name just a few: John Spodaro, who has organized multi-club British car shows for us to participate in, Glen and Jill Moore, who have welcomed us to their home, arranged a visit to an impressive private car collector's estate, and suggested various stops of interest, and George Butz, down in Winter Haven, who hosted us for a fabulous luncheon at his home. We have also been the beneficiaries of unexpected assistance from passers-by, such as Craig Jones in Marco Island, who came upon us on the side of the road as we dealt with a mechanical breakdown. He pulled up in his Wolsely, hailed us with an Australian accent and broke out a set of Whitworth wrenches from his trunk, then lead us like the Pied Piper back to his home, where he pulled his Rolls Royce Silver Cloud out of the garage to make room to repair a wounded TD. Honorable mention must also go to Debi and Nick Weinert, who had Barbara Vanover's car towed to their home in Tavares and assembled a volunteer work crew, and to Sherry and Pete Rogers, who put Barbara and her copilot Karen up at their home, lent them their own modern car to finish the trip in, and had her TD towed to the train station. A hearty thanks to these good folks who went above and beyond friendship to assist. We are undeniably fugitives from winter, and while we don't like to think of ourselves as freeloaders, we have certainly enjoyed the generosity of fellow MG enthusiasts all over Florida.



Glen and Jill Moore with their vintage racing TC



John Spodaro cooking up a good time

### **Highlights of past trips**

We have listened to a bell tower concert at Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, walked the track and visited the museum at the Daytona Speedway, participated in the Cars and Coffee (where even pikers like us are welcomed) at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, walked the huge antique flea market at Mt. Dora and participated in car shows organized by John Spodaro, including one with a picnic hosted for us by MG Classics of Jacksonville at Fort Mose in St. Augustine, attended an AACA meet and show in Ocala, visited the REVS Automotive Institute in Naples, taken air boat tours in Everglades City, toured the

Everglades National Park, and even posed with Marilyn Monroe in Key West. But as the saying goes, it is not really about the destinations, but the journey. We enjoy the people we meet as much as the places we go.



A few of us at Bok Tower Gardens



Cars & Coffee and the Concours d 'Elegance at Amelia Island



Hanging with our Florida MG friends in Mt. Dora



Magnette on display at the REVS Institute



Despite her reputation, we found Marilyn to be a bit stiff



Shaun making friends at Marco Island

### **How much driving do we do?**

The total trip distances have ranged between 800-1200 miles. We do it in small daily bites of something between 40 and 120 miles. Our cars are old, but generally mechanically sound. We travel as a pack and divide up responsibility for bringing the spares most likely to be needed in the event of breakdown. There are a few shade tree mechanics among us and we are usually able to sort out the normal array of bad fuel pumps, flat tires, leaking brake hoses, electrical poltergeists (Lucas, but then I repeat myself) and clogged fuel filters.



Milt and Shaun taming Lucas, the Prince of Darkness

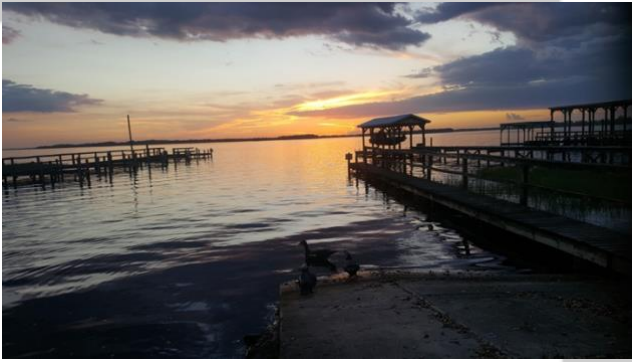
The planning is actually pretty involved. We divide planning responsibility among our members for routes (with electronic route books), activities, points of interests, hotels, and restaurants. In truth, we also have a secret weapon... Milton Babirak. He rallies the troops and is incredibly detail oriented. Every trip needs a Milt. We have also occasionally been known to enjoy the companionship of Jim Beam and Captain Morgan in the evenings.

### **Where will the 2022 Winter Tour take us?**

While not yet cast in stone, the itinerary for this trip will likely include Mt. Dora, Lake Wales, Clewiston, Florida City, Key West, Key Largo, Weston, Okeechobee, St. Cloud and back to Sanford. We are hopeful of meeting up with some of our Florida MG friends again this year, and perhaps a few of you with MG Ts will consider joining us for at least some of the trip. We will be happy to share with you our itineraries, schedules, and routes, though you would likely need to make separate lodging arrangements so that we don't overwhelm the motels. Feel free to contact Milton Babirak at [mbabirak@icloud.com](mailto:mbabirak@icloud.com) or John Martin at [jmartintouring@gmail.com](mailto:jmartintouring@gmail.com).

### **Reciprocity**

Keep in mind that the Auto Train runs both ways, and you are welcome to bring your MGs north to get away from all that sunshine and good weather. Fall is a wonderful time of year to visit our neck of the woods and we have some wonderful October car shows. We would be pleased to return your hospitality. Please be assured of our assistance and welcome if you choose to come North, with or without your cars.



Roy said it best, "Happy trails to you, until we meet again."

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## **INTERESTING ARTICLES, TIDBITS & TRIVIA**

### **Moving South from 'Old Virginny' to Hilton Head Island, SC**

**By Steve Woodall**

This is the tale, briefly told, of the Woodall's leaving their home of over 21 years in Fairfax Station, Virginia to move south to the "low country" of South Carolina, to a genuine "destination" --- Hilton Head Island. The several purposes of our move included: being closer to kids and grandkids, living in Greenville, SC ("up country"); to be below the snow belt and leave behind bitter cold, icy winters; and, to reduce our annually growing burden of performing the upkeep and maintenance on our beautiful property --- home, carriage house, lawn, bushes, pool, gazebo, hot tub, and all else. Our choice of Hilton Head Island was based on memories of several past summer "beach weeks" with the kids and grandkids -- we felt very comfortable and "at home" there, close to the sea and the miles and miles of beautiful beaches. And, our many fond memories from two of our several tours of sea duty, while based in nearby Charleston, SC --- "low country" memories from our early Navy days.

From the beginning, our timing was "perfect!" After driving south in early March of 2020 to do some initial house hunting and exploring in Hilton Head Island and general vicinity, we returned to VA on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, On Friday, the



13<sup>th</sup> of March (an auspicious date, for sure), we signed a contract with a realtor to sell our home and property. *THAT VERY AFTERNOON*, our benevolent Governor, Lord “Blackface” Northam, decided to close the state down for the dreaded COVID-19 China Virus. Not helpful! Could it have been --- “Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup>?”

For the first few months of the lockdown, we could not even have people over to see the house. “Mask up!” and “Wash your hands again!” time had begun. We spent hours and hours in the process of downsizing --- not helped at all by the China Virus. Nobody wanted old books, so they literally had to be thrown away. Nobody wanted our old furniture. Many “things” were simply given or thrown away. We knew we were going from three stories of house and the two-story Carriage House to a much smaller, one-story home.

Hardest of all the downsizing, we had to sell some of our cars, since we could not move them all --- no place to keep them in SC! As a part of preparing for our move south, we sold the 1924 Model T Ford Tudor, the 1949 Triumph 2000, and the 1996 BMW Z-3. We shipped our 2008 BMW 528xi to our kids in Greenville. Hardest of all, I sold my 1934 MGPA, which I had owned and loved since 1977. We decided to keep and move with us our 1949 MGTC, the 1962 MGA 1600 Mk II and “MGA” trailer, and the 1999 Jaguar XK-8.

More happily, later in the summer, we were able to get interested buyers in to see the house, and eventually, we found the right family to become the new owners of 8180 Cottage Rose Court! We finally closed on the sale of our home on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2020 (another auspicious date!), and on the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> of September, we lined up and loaded the three remaining cars and the little “MGA” trailer into a large, covered car transport, and headed south for the “low country.” See the three cars and small trailer to be moved south lined up on Thornbush Drive, an adjacent Roseland Estates street!



**Three “Kept” Cars Lined Up for Loading on the Transport on the Morning of 18 September 2020**

Arriving that evening, we spent our first night in the Marriott Hotel, right on the beach at Hilton Head Island. On the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, we met the car transport in nearby Beaufort, SC, where we unloaded the cars and trailer. We stored them in three different, previously rented storage garages, where they were to remain until October. That very morning, after assuring ourselves that the cars were safe, we drove back to Hilton Head Island to meet with a “long-term rental” Realtor (“long term” being six months or longer, as compared to a Realtor who does shorter, more variable summer vacation rentals!), who showed us a home we could rent, while subsequently starting house hunting for our own new SC home. Happily, the rental home was a perfect for us, and we agreed to sign the papers immediately. Because the rental home was not going to be available for us to move in until 15 October, we remained for a blissful month in the Marriott Hotel on the beach, alternating between house hunting, trying out new restaurants, walking on the beach, and basic vacationing. We found South Carolina in general, and Hilton Head Island in particular, to be much more relaxed than VA about China Virus issues, and much more open. Restaurants were then and still are essentially open – go in with a mask, sit down at your table, and take the blasted things off!

We moved into our rental home at 22 Timber Marsh Lane on Hilton Head Island (in the Palmetto Hall Plantation neighborhood) on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, and shortly thereafter, drove each of the cars from the storage garages in Beaufort, SC to their new home on Hilton Head Island. However, for the first time in ages, our grocery-mobile, the MB ML500, had to live outdoors. We quickly got settled in our new, rented, “downsized” home. We were able to host the kids and grandkids for Thanksgiving, and spent Christmas time with them in Greenville, SC (a much shorter drive now than from Fairfax Station, VA).



**Home at 22 Timber Marsh Lane    Jag & MGA in L/H Garage    MGTC in smaller R/H Garage**

Once settled in Timber Marsh Lane, we began house hunting in earnest. With the help of a really terrific Realtor, we found the exact home we were looking for. Knowing what features we were looking for, including a roomy, three-car garage, he showed us “our” home on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2021, before it even went on the market. We immediately loved it! We signed contractual papers that very afternoon, taking off the market before ever being listed! Our new home is at 11 Mead Lane, on Hilton Head Island, in the Indigo Run neighborhood.

Note that the majority of homes on Hilton Head Island are located in gated communities, each with a different name and history. Our rental home is in the Palmetto Hall Plantation neighborhood. As of Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, the very day I am finishing this article, we will begin moving into our new home at 11 Mead Lane, in the Indigo Hall neighborhood. See pictures! As you can see from the realtor.com web site, we’ll have a large three-car garage, a master bedroom with its own screened-in porch, two guest rooms, a small swimming pool, and location on a lake, complete with our very own alligators. We hope to be totally moved in and mostly settled by the end of April!



**Our New Home - 11 Mead Lane    Our Lake View – Out Back    Nancy smiling on the Front Porch**



**The Swimming Pool**



**Home --- the Back View from the Lake Shore**

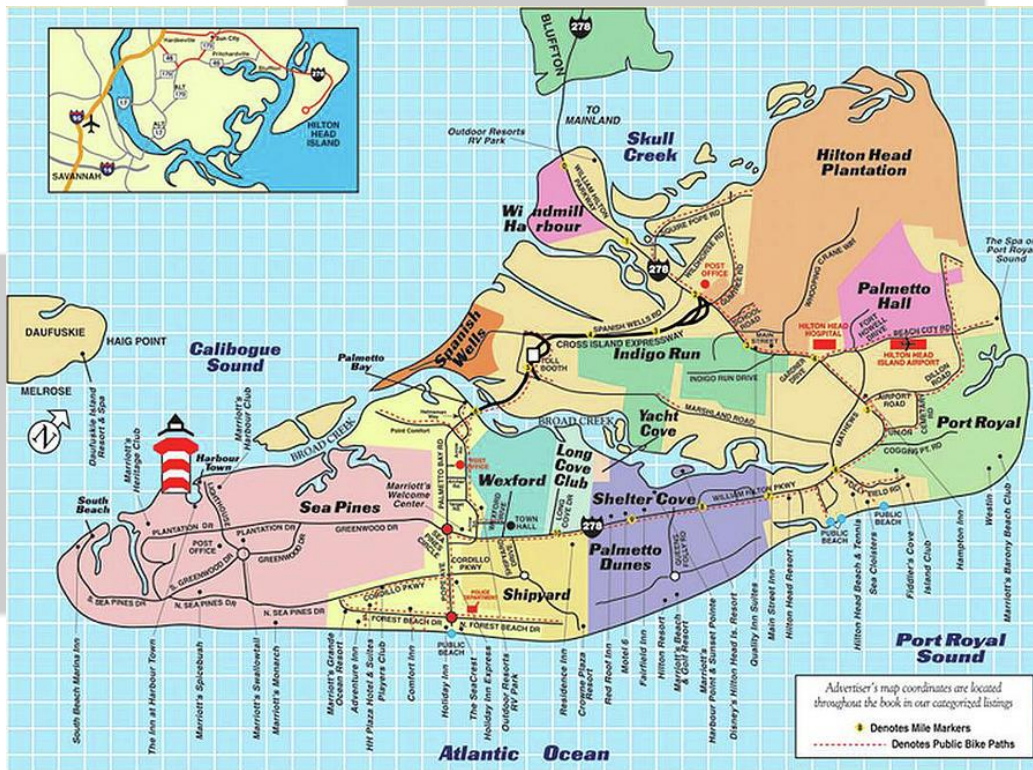


**Nancy and Steve on the Beach at HHI  
(the Youthful grownups)**



**Owen (16), John, Madeline (18), & Kristin (the people),  
Plus Del Rose & Luna Bella (the grand-dogs)**

See the map of Hilton Head Island below. As you can see from the map of HHI, our new neighborhood, Indigo Run, very close to our original Palmetto Hall Plantation neighborhood. Both are on the north end of the island. All homes on the island are just minutes from terrific shopping, great restaurants, medical care of all kinds, parks & biking trails, beautiful marshlands, and miles and miles of beautiful sandy beaches.



We are very happy here in our new southern location! There is no British Car Club here on Hilton Head Island, but we are looking onto joining the British Car Club in Charleston, SC --- not too far away --- after we get settled. If any of you get the urge to escape winter and move down here to join us, let us know, and we'll put you in touch with the right Realtors. Ya'll come see us, heah?

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## **HOPE** (Mike Hughes, Contributor)

What a wonderful musical tribute to those frontline medical workers working in Croatia during this COVID19 pandemic.

[Hope...MP4](#)

## **HOW to get rid of your fish bait....**

[VIDEO-2021-03-17-09-29-11.mp4](#)

### Dream Garage!

By John Tokar

My dream home shop has finally become a reality! After three years of planning and one year working with the county for a variance and permits, the project was completed on March 26<sup>th</sup>. It is a two story, 30 ft. x 50 ft. barn style structure with three bay doors and a full 13 ft. by 50 ft. upstairs. It is 21 feet high and has a 10 foot ceiling in the main level, where I plan to install a two post service lift. I should now be able to work on my four MGs as well as some large scale, railroad projects in this new building. Just thought I'd share my experience with other club members. If anyone is thinking of building a similar structure, I would strongly recommend Hanover Building Systems, as their work is high quality and was completed in a timely manner!



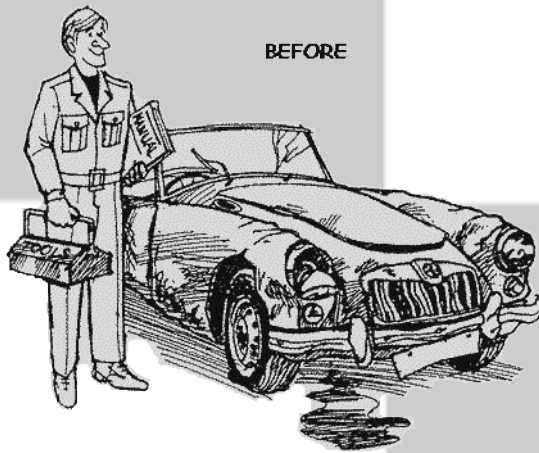
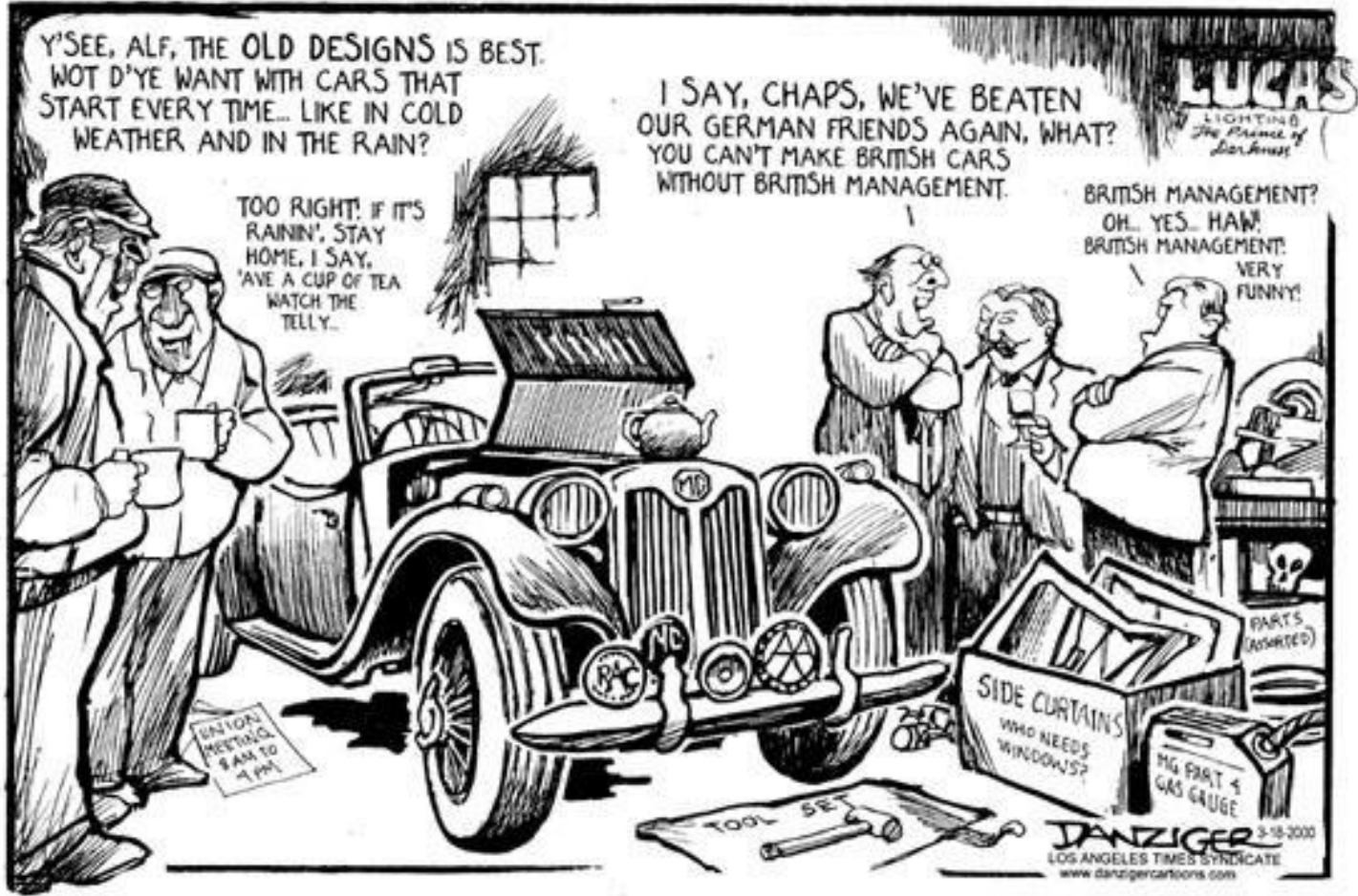


**Now to the funny pages...**





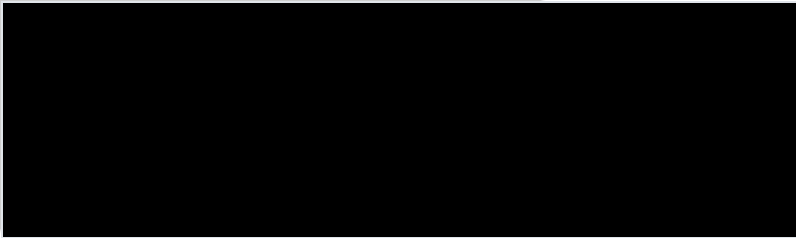
Germany's BMW Admits Failure in Making MG Cars and Sells the Mark Back to the British



A brand new documentary about an important bit of Virginia history.

Enjoy!

### [The Tunnel](#)



**The Tunnel**

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## **TSR Advertisements** **FOR SALE**



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**For Sale- 1951 MG-TD No 7103**  
**By Club Member Jerome Prochaska**



We have sold the farm and are moving to a retirement community in Winchester, VA. The time has come to say farewell to my faithful travelling companion of 61 years. Please see the Spring Square Rigger for more details and data about this unusual car. But this little filly likes to go! Some of the reasons are listed below:

- Shorrock Blower
- Mild California Street Cam
- Milled head and 1300 cc Displacement
- Porsche Racing Pistons
- Electronic Ignition
- Heavy-duty Clutch
- High-Speed Rear Axle

A number of items convey with the sale of the car. The car has its original interior upholstery (rare) and this is still attractive and serviceable. However, a Moss Motors leather seat recovering kit and a vinyl panel and trim kit, still in factory shipping boxes, also convey.

- Five Painted wire wheels with good bias-ply tires (including original 1951 Dunlap spare)
- Serviceable spare Radiator Shell (rare)
- Original manifold and 1 1/4in S.U. carbs
- Witworth tools and copper hammer
- Bits and spares (assorted)
- Original factory shop manual (worn)
- Tune-up books, pamphlets (period, various)

A full professional frame-up restoration was undertaken in the early 1990s. Photos and all receipts go with the car.

Serious Inquiries Only. Price \$27,000. Contact Jerome Prochaska at [Orleantrees@aol.com](mailto:Orleantrees@aol.com)

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## **Looking for reasonable offers**

### **1953MG TD parts with estimated values.**

#### **By Club Member Ethan Feinsod**

1953MG TD parts with estimated values.

1. Tool set, some appear to be original, some I know are not (like the hammer, which I can tell immediately), the tool roll itself is a reproduction. estimated value around \$650.00.
2. Tire pump, the nearest I can tell it is original. Estimated value \$350. Restored and painted black.
3. Two items packaged together:
  - A. British and American license plate for the car, painted black. Estimated value \$70.00.
  - B. Original plywood glove box door with original stainless inside and outside trim. Veneer missing in weather worn condition. Knob appears to be original. Estimated value \$75.00
4. Two original professionally restored and re-chromed headlight buckets. Excellent condition. Estimated value \$450.00.

5. 5 misc. accessories. See photo. \$40.00
  - a. silver business card holder of MG-TD. Retail was \$25.00.
  - b. Copy of video tape "Inside the Octagon", 1921-1945. (1996)
  - c. Green MG plastic bookmark
  - d. Black and white MG fabric patch for a jacket or shirt
  - e. Original MG car care kit in blister pack
6. MG magazines. Stack of 32 Sacred Octagon from early 1990's and 11 MG magazine, around same period of time.
7. Two items. 1. original tin, marked bleeder drain tube with tube inside. 2. MG original black and white octagon emblem. Small ding in porcelain on the bottom (white part). \$50.00 for the two.
8. Toys-
 

First grouping included 3 metal red TD cars. 2 made by Hubley Kiddie Toy. Made in USA. 9" long. Both missing a rear tire. Worn paint, one missing the windscreen. Tires in good condition. 3rd one is made also by Hubley Kiddie Toy. 6 inches. Has rear tire and windscreen. Red paint shows wear. \$200.00 for these three.

Second group includes one car. Made by Doephe Model Toy. 15" long. Appears to be a repaint. Has reproduction decal in plasticine envelope. All metal toy. Tires in good condition, has rear tire. Metal plate which covers the space behind the driver's seat is removable. Inside this space is marked "Model Toys". Rossmoyne, Ohio, USA as part of the casting. Estimated Value \$325.00

Third group— 6 metal MG toy cars. 2, 5", Tootsie toy company, Chicago. USA. Complete with original tires. one original red paint is worn. other original red paint is completely gone. 2, 3" Tootsie toy company, Chicago, USA. One original yellow paint shows wear. One appears to be repainted. All original tires. 1, 3.5 "Dinky Toy, made in England Right hand drive. Missing windscreen, all 4 tires missing (hubs are there, just rubber missing) Original white paint shows wear. 1, 2" Tootsie Toy Co. Chicago. Red paint worn off body. Original tires are there. Value for all estimated at \$100.00.

Fourth group includes 2 toys, 1.MG K3 Magnette, 1930's. 1/32 scale unassembled model kit by U.S. Air Fix co. Original box, slightly soiled. Kit in original unopened plastic bag with instruction sheet. 2. Highway Pioneer 1953 MGTD Foreign car model in original box. Car has been assembled. With original paper instructions. Unpainted. For both estimated \$45.00.

[If you are interested in any of the above items, contact Ethan Feinsod - eyfeinsod@gmail.com](mailto:eyfeinsod@gmail.com)

## **Chesapeake Chapter Membership Registration Form**

1. The form on the following page can be used to send your information to the Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG-T Register for Membership Registration or other information requests.
2. Please note that we will never supply your information to a third party, will never use your information for telemarketing, and will use your information solely for membership application/registration purposes.
3. You must print, fill-out and mail the form to the address specified below. You may do this by clicking [here](#) or by clicking on the form below (*this requires the free [Acrobat Reader](#)*).

4. Our organization is a local chapter of the New England MG 'T' Register, so we must require that all Chapter Members also be members in the "Register." If you do not belong to the "Register," please request information and application forms by contacting the "Register's" specific website: <http://www.nemgr.org/join.htm>

**Additional Notes:**

1. Note that you do not need to own an MG T-type --- all that is required for membership is an interest in MG T-type and other classic automobiles!
2. Please include all letters and numbers shown in the car and engine number boxed on the "maker's" plate.
3. TD owners please note that there are three boxes on your "maker's" plate; include the information from all three.
4. If the engine is a replacement, list the number of the engine actually in the car.
5. This information is needed for the chapter's records and to correct and update the Register's files.
6. Incomplete forms will be returned to you via your provided address, for needed corrections.
7. If you have additional MGs, please attach additional forms as required.

Please make check payable to: Chesapeake Chapter NEMGTR ---

Send check to: **Chesapeake Chapter NEMGTR c/o Milton Babirak, 47539 Coldspring Place, Sterling, VA 21065-7446**

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The Chesapeake Chapter has a Facebook page. It is called "The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG T Register." Like us on Facebook and receive notices, announcements, videos and photos about the Chesapeake Chapter. If you have any questions or if you have any problems joining, contact Milton Babirak at [mbabirak@babirakcarr.com](mailto:mbabirak@babirakcarr.com) or 703-501-7924.



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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**MG INFORMATION**

(1) MG Model/Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) MG Model/Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

\*New England MG 'T' Register Number(s) Assigned to this Car (s): \_\_\_\_\_

If you have three or more MGs, please put that information on a second page.

**GET INVOLVED!! Check the Activities Below in Which You Have an Interest**

Tours/Rallye;  Tech Sessions/ Tech Help;  Car Shows;  Membership;  Event Hosting;  
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By completing this application, you hereby agree to hold this Chesapeake Chapter and the NEMGTR harmless from all actions and claims arising from any participation by you or persons accompanying you in any Chapter event or activity.

**DUES\*: \$12.00 per year or \$30.00 for three years**

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