

MGCC SE Newsletter

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MGCC SE

January 2020 Newsletter

Editorial Note

We welcome to you all to the January Newsletter. There has been a very positive response to the new style newsletter and this edition covers the last quarter of 2019 but as always the main content very much depends on what Natter leaders and members send to us so at raywillmg@bmail.com

So please continue to send in any event articles or members news that you wish to publish.

We understand that some members have not received the Newsletter directly. MGCC Abingdon provides the list of SE members e-mail, used for distribution, so if the newsletter is not received direct you need to update your e-mail address. This can be achieved easily at <https://www.mgcc.co.uk/membership/add-email-address/>

Alternatively you can update your details on the SE website Newsletter signup at <https://www.mgccse.co.uk/newsletter/>

Your new Newsletter Editors / Scribes and their cars

Will Opie has been a member of the MGCC SE for over 40 years owning a multitude of MG variants and currently leads the North Downs Natter.

Ray Ruffels was introduced to MG motoring whilst working for Wadham Stringers in the late 1970's and now runs several classic MGs plus a ZT-T daily driver.

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Committee
Notes

SE Centre
AGM 2019

Piers Hubbard

As we go to press we have just heard of the sad passing of Piers after a short illness. Our thoughts and condolences go to Linda and the family at this time. We will be issuing a full obituary in due course as he made a valuable contribution to the Club, centre and MGA register over many years.

MGCCSE AGM

The MGCCSE AGM, which took place on the 16th November, was a very positive and constructive meeting attended by 35 members made up of the Committee members, Natter and Wanderers Leaders.

Derek Edwards was re-elected as Chairman with Chris Leigh elected Vice –Chairman for the foreseeable future as Derek recovers from his illness. It was the final meeting for Philip Bayne Powell who stepped down as our SE Area Secretary following 7 years of wonderful work for the club. The committee has created three less onerous jobs out of the one that Philip was doing which were duly elected at the meeting as follows:

Austin Banner – Minutes and Administration Secretary.

Andrew Mitchell – Events secretary

John Morgan – Competition Secretary

Sue Munday our Regalia Officer has decided to step down and the committee expressed thanks for her dedicated work over the years and would now like to reach out to members to apply for this important role. Contact Austin Banner on 07850 769506.

All other Committee members were re-elected and so through a period of change your committee has emerged stronger with a diverse skill set to embrace the challenges of 2020.

An exciting Events Programme for 2020 has been agreed and will be published as normal in your **February issue of Safety Fast**. See the Safety Fast South-East notes monthly and the web site for updates on pending and past events.

Major Events for next 3 months:

Sunday 19 th February	Valentine's Treasure Hunt	See web for details	Derek Edwards
Sunday 8 th March	Spring Naviscat	See website	John Reay
16 th March	General Meeting	The Pheasant Inn	John Morgan
Sunday 29 th March	Spring Awards Luncheon	See web site	Austin Banner

MG Car Club South East Centre web site – <http://www.mgccse.co.uk>

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Car Trials
Autotests

Competitions Update

By John Morgan MGCC SE Competitions Secretary



I would like to hear from members who are interested in competing in Production Car Trials, Autotests, Autosolos or have ideas about other competitive events in the SE that would be of interest to members.

At our recent AGM I took over responsibility for the MGCC SE Centre Competition Secretary and one or two members had mentioned about trying to start some low-key competitions. The Centre, via David Fox and the Ash Natter, used to organise an Autumn Production Car Trial and latterly two or three Trials, organised by Borough 19 MC, were entered. The last of these I believe was in 2006 where we had cars ranging from M and T Types, Midgets and MGBs.

I've contacted some of the Kent Motor Clubs and found Maidstone and Mid Kent MC who organise a Spring and Autumn Production Car Trial (now called just Trials by Motorsport UK) and the venue is just east of Maidstone. They are more than happy for us to enter their event and we can if necessary have our own MG class. The two dates scheduled for 2020 are 29th March and 27th September. The Maidstone and Mid Kent MC website gallery page has some photos from their 2017 Spring PCT on <http://mmkmc.co.uk/MMKMC/index.php/gallery/119-tyrwhitt-drake-trial-2017>

What I need is an idea who is interested in taking part in this type of event again to see if I have enough members for a class. I guess we should be aiming for six cars minimum. Be aware that Motorsport UK will be requiring members (including passengers) entering certain types of permit events to have a **RS Clubman's License**.

The good news is that the license will be available free of charge by online application via – <https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org/>

This initiative is being introduced by Motorsport UK to encourage participation at grass roots level as well as to ensure that all competitors are covered by comprehensive public liability and personal accident insurance. It replaces the Non-Race Clubman licence, (which in 2019 cost £29). All licence holders will have access to the Member Benefits Programme which provides substantial discounts on well-known brands, products, services, and can contribute to offsetting the cost of competing.

Please note: an RS Clubman licence is not required if you are already in possession of a current 2019 Competition licence.

For further information please contact me on johnv.morgan@btinternet.com

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Events

Autumn
Gathering

September
2019

MGCC SE Autumn Gathering

Organized by Andrew Mitchell

This year's Autumn Gathering was held at the wonderful Polesden Lacey located in Great Bookham, Surrey.

After the hot weather the week before the forecast for the Autumn Gathering was very disappointing! But as often happens the weather was not as bad in reality with a clear and dry morning with early and late afternoon heavy showers.

The event attracted nearly 40 cars with some attendees travelling from as far as Canterbury. The oldest car was a charming maroon VA through to the latest MGZS SUV.

Entries to the Pride of Ownership and Concours were almost non-existent largely due to the weather forecast but one delight was a Black late MG Metro in almost as new condition, a real rarity in view of the numbers of cars left on the road. Another car of great interest was a very original grey MGA Coupe and it was decided to award Car of the Show to this car.

Members enjoyed a warm lovely friendly atmosphere over a relaxed afternoon within the great setting of Polesden Lacey house.



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Events

Autumn
Naviscat

October
2019

Autumn Naviscat October 6th

Organised by Chris and Janice Leigh



Ten cars competed this time due to the terrible weather on the day but weren't we lucky! There was a warm welcome of bacon butties and warm drinks at the Bo Peep PH. The mood was good, the rain stopped and the weather was then glorious for the rest of the day!

The cars were a wonderful mix of ancient to modern MGs plus pre-war Inter-Register Club types. After the competitors had planned their routes they set off in all directions using the small country lanes and steep hills in the little know part of Kent. After 3.5 hours everyone was back to the Bo Peep for a well-deserved lunch and rosette presentations.

The results this time were closer than ever and once again the older cars did exceptionally well. Winners congratulations must go to Philip and Rosemary Bayne-Powell in their Allingham bodied NA who beat Steve and Denise Cherry in their beautiful Sabre Royal by just 3 minutes with the same score!

If any newcomer had turned up on the day they needed to do very little to win the Novice trophy so make this your New year's resolution to take part in the next Naviscat event planned for Sunday 8th March 2020 to be arranged by John Reay.



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Events

Autumn
Naviscat

October
2019



THE RESULTS

	NAMES	SCORE	CAR	CLASS
1	PHILIP & RESEMARY BAYNE-POWELL	33points	MG NA	A
2	STEPHEN & DENISE CHERRY	33points	SABRE ROYALE	E
3	ALEX LEMON & MICHAEL CHITTENDEN	30points	MGBGT	B
4	STUART MANSER & JANINA DOWNEY	29points	AUDI A1	E
5	RICHARD KEIL & MALCOLM HAWARD	29points	JOWETT 8HP	E
6	ADRIAN DUCKER & PETER HANNA	29points	RILEY 9HP+	E
7	GEORGE HOMEWOOD & ROSE CARR	27points	MGB	B

8	BOB LESTER & CLIFF BOULTON	25points	MGTF	D
9=	PETER & CAROLE LAMB	15points	MGB	B
9=	IAN & PAULA RUSSELL	15points	MGBGT	B

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Events

Brooklands
Motor
Sports Day

October
2019

Brooklands Motor Sport Day 13/10/19

Created by John Davies



The weather forecast was not promising and for the second year running this end of season event was spoilt by rain.

As always there was an eclectic mix of cars on display and some can be seen in the photographs.

For safety reasons it was decided not to open the Test Hill, however, the Mercedes World track was made available for midday and the high performance single seat and NASCAR's found the wet circuit 'very interesting' in places and were restricted to very slow speeds.

We had a good selection of MGs on our stand and a fair bit of interest from the public and from old and new members. A couple of membership packs were handed out so hopefully we may see new response.

The newly acquired bone china mugs, part of our regalia, proved popular as always and we sold all we brought along.

Thanks to those who turned up with their cars and helped man the stand.



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Local Club
Meets

Canterbury
Natter
French Trip
May 2019

Organised by Dave Smith

Members in 10 cars met up early at Tesco Dover before getting on the boat for a calm trip across the channel. It's amazing how much breakfast can be consumed in such a short time!



It was then tops down and off the boat for the start of our two-day adventure, by heading toward Calais in a tidy convoy.....much to the amusement of the locals.

We wound through the streets of Calais with a few small diversions into housing estates, with the obligatory drive the wrong way down a one-way street and finally found the D940 arriving in Wissant where our 11th car, an MGF driven by Gary, was waiting for us. A walk round the market followed by coffee and pastries was most welcome (more food.....get the theme here??).

After another minor diversion, involving 11 cars doing a three point turn to face the correct way, we went along a superb MG driving road that swept up and down with the channel on our right.....or was it on the left? We managed to pass through Boulogne without too much hassle; we were very lucky indeed because the weather was superb!

Then all in convoy made the journey through some wonderful country roads, in between forests and dunes to Berck -sur -Mer and our wonderful hotel with each room overlooking the bay with a balcony with lounge chairs.

That evening we all met up and went to a lovely restaurant where great French food and wine was consumed. Then on to a bar for drinks which happened to have a bowling alley so obviously challenges were made! The stonking "dark horse" lady winner of the evening was Eryll who blasted some great balls down the lane, much to everyone's surprise.

The next morning Boules on the sands was the game of choice, and some took a walk along the promenade to see the seals basking on the sands in the sun. Unfortunately Dick and Eryll's MGA went wonky and had to be shipped back to Blighty, and John's Arkley had to have the clutch rod adjusted in a car park by our top MG man, Johnny Mac.

Then off to the walled town of Montreuil sur Mer for lunch and a historic walk on the city walls. After assembling up and causing more chaos in the town square we headed to Calais for the trip home. All in, a brilliant couple of days and everyone is keen to do a similar trip next year.

Also note that the Canterbury Natter has a ladies group which is growing with good attendances at the events organised by Gwyneth and Jackie. An overriding interest is being able to talk about the things that interest them and to have a complete embargo on any discussions regarding engine oil, spanners and spark plugs!!

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Local Club
Meets

Sussex
Wanderers
September

Sussex Wanderers led by David Griffiths

The Blacksmiths Arms at Adversane was the start venue for the Sussex Wanderers 'wander', in September 2019. Previously it had been our lunch destination for the inaugural meet of the Sussex Wanderers in April 2014, when about 20 members had gathered after exploring the Sussex lanes. Whilst the weather was a little overcast and indeed several members had encountered rain showers on their way to the start.

Fortunately it remained fine for the rest of the day.

Some 63 members and their guests met for coffee and biscuits, ably overseen by Giuseppe who runs the pub. There was a wonderful selection of MGs parked around the pub, including Keith and Jenny Durston's M type, Philip and Rosemary Bayne-Powell's NA Allingham, Bob Zannetti's very original MGA twin cam and a plethora of other T types, MGAs, MGBs, RV8s, Fs and TFs. We were pleased to welcome David Robson, who was a newcomer to the Sussex Wanderers with his immaculate TD. Paul Campbell had forsaken his ex police VA in favour of an immaculate MGB GT with royal connections!

Following coffee, the Sussex Wanderers set off, travelling North until the A272 was reached and after reaching Wisborough Green travelled North towards Loxwood. Then we skirted Dunsfold aerodrome (the home of Top Gear), headed for Dunsfold village and Shillinglee which involved a brief sortie onto some Surrey roads. Returning to Sussex the route took us through Gospel Green before making for Lodsworth. On route we passed the Lickfold Inn and shortly after drivers had to make a decision as there were two options for the suggested route. The majority took the option enjoying the challenge of a hill climb and the chance to drive through some spectacular scenery. Midhurst was negotiated through the old part of the town before joining the A286 Chichester road. The Royal Oak, which was our lunch destination was located just South of Midhurst, with some great views of the South Downs.

Once everyone had arrived at The Royal Oak, the car park was filled with MGs, providing a wonderful display and giving some great photo opportunities. The team at The Royal Oak, headed by Julian looked after us well and served some delicious meals, which were enjoyed by all. John and Julie Anthistle won our raffle and David and Pammy Adams won a pot of Sussex honey. Once again the 'Wanderers' were very generous and £130.00 was collected for our charity; Riding for the Disabled.



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Local Club
Meets

Sussex
Wanderers
Parham
House

The Sussex Wanderers met on Wednesday 9th October, for their monthly 'wander' which for this month was to be based at Parham House. Previous days and indeed weeks had been wet, grey and windy, but for this outing we enjoyed blue skies and sunshine for most of the day. The house, which is mid way between Pulborough and Storrington, nestles in the midst of a glorious deer park. A total of some 62 members and their guests started gathering at ten o'clock and were able to park on the lawns outside the walls of the historic house, the mellow tones of the stone providing the perfect backdrop for photographs. Once parked there was ample time to chat in the autumn sunshine and to inspect the rows of immaculate cars. All this took place with a lone kite flying low overhead, keeping his beady raptor's eye on proceedings! Despite the recent rains, there was a great turnout of cars, including some six RV8s - have Sussex Wanderers got the monopoly? Additionally there were some great examples of triple Ms, T types, Zs, MGAs, MGBs, Fs and TFs. We were also pleased to be able to welcome Chris Pamplin, who had joined us in his immaculate ZB from his base in Hampshire.

On the dot of 10.30am, everyone adjourned to 'The Big Kitchen', where folk could enjoy coffee, tea and shortbreads and 'catch up' on news, before leaving for a circular drive of 20 plus miles, on roads around the Parham House area. After the beautiful run we returned to The Big Kitchen, for drinks and a delicious lunch, which was most welcome after a busy morning. Catering was in the extremely capable hands of Neil Russbridger and his team, who had utilised local produce, much of it coming from the kitchen gardens of Parham House.

During lunch the monthly raffle took place and was won by Keith Mitchelson and a jar of Sussex honey by Bob and Rose Gadsden. Again members were very generous and our charity collection for Riding for the Disabled raised £138.00. Our thanks to the team at Parham, led by Caroline Sharman, who made the day possible.



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Local Club
Meets

Sussex
Wanderers
November

For the Sussex Wanderers, 'wander' on Wednesday 13th November 2019, we were fortunate to have a bright and sunny day, such a delight after the dark, dank and soggy days so recently experienced in recent weeks. It was a perfect day for another opportunity to explore some Sussex lanes and enjoy the last of the autumn colours. Some 58 members and guests met at The Hornbrook, on the Brighton Road, just outside Horsham for a coffee and chat, and where a lovely open log fire was most welcoming and warming. Taking advantage of the fine weather, there was a great display of MGs including Keith Durston with his M type, several T types, a plethora of MGAs, in both open and coupe style, a lone Midget, a gaggle of MGBs, MGCs were represented by the fine example owned by Michael and Alice Baggs, an immaculate pair of RV8s, which included Peter Wallace with his recently acquired example and a number of examples of Fs, TFs and MG3s.

We left for our drive to the lunch travelling east, past Horsham Rugby Club and the hammer ponds, then through the village of Mannings Heath, en route to Slaugham. Then we turned south and some winding and undulating country lanes led us to the A272, via Warninglid. Having crossed the busy main road, we returned to the lanes and headed for Wineham, Aldbourne and Henfield. We continued south, passing through Small Dole and shortly after turning east along the lee of the South Downs. We passed Springs Smoked Salmon where some folk took the opportunity to purchase some smoked products and then onto the base of the Devils Dyke at, Poynings, having driven through the hamlet of Fulking. Then it was back inland heading for Sayers Common, after which we crossed the A23, finally finishing at Goddards Green and our lunch destination - The Sportsman.

Lunch was very welcome and much enjoyed, an excellent menu having been prepared for us by the Chef – Matt. The food was delicious and beautifully presented and the staff most helpful and efficient. So amidst the talk a good time was had by all with many slow to move on to the homeward journey. Our raffle was won by Bob and Sheila Divine and a jar of Sussex honey, which had been produced by John Murray's bees, was won by Martin Stevens. Thanks to everyone's amazing generosity our charity collection for Riding for the Disabled raised a fantastic £150.00.

Further details of the Sussex Wanderers, who meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month - March to December and the Black Horse Natter, which meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Black Horse pub in Nuthurst, can be obtained from David Griffiths: Tel: 01403 264548 or email: dr.gjazz1@timetalk.co.uk.



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Local Club
Meets

Ashdown
Adventurers
Autumn

Created by Richard Clark

Ashdown Adventurers, or 'AA' for short, is just finished its 5th season of activities and its certainly true that time flies when you are enjoying life, especially with your MG for company!

As anticipated, for a complete change in October 'AA' visited 'Galapagos', a Latin American themed restaurant, serving Ecuadorian and South American dishes, in the premises of the former pub, 'The Vine' at Cousley Wood. The restaurant retains a pub bar and other elements of the former pub's atmosphere, as well as the pretty exterior, combined, however, with an exciting menu contains dishes with herbs and spices not met before. Our 'Run' of 27 miles to Cousley Wood began with coffee in the coffee lounge of the Marriot Hotel, Lingfield Park Racecourse, where our 26 participants were allowed to park their cars around the hotel entrance.

Our final 'Run' of the year in November was a little longer than usual at 35 miles, including a 2 mile enforced last minute diversion due to an ambiguous road closure sign discovered only 2 days beforehand during the last recce of the route! Our 'Run' from PerryHill Orchards Cafe, Hartfield to The Mark Cross Inn, Mark Cross, was on mainly 'A' or 'B' roads allowing the cars to be driven a little faster, and to be given a proper blast, before being retired for winter. Our numbers were almost a record at 30 persons, which is also the maximum we hope to attract.

As usual there was small prize for the member who had attended the most number of times in the year. On this occasion, however, there were no less than three participants who had attended every month, Austin/Alison Banner, Mike/Dianne Hennessey, and Graham White, so a tie-breaking quiz was introduced to decide the winner, namely Austin/Alison Banner.

I am extremely grateful to three members who each organised a monthly 'Run' this year, and I am hoping for, and asking for, similar assistance next year. It would be a great help if four members could offer to be responsible for a month, leaving me to be responsible for every alternate month.

Next year we shall commence our activities again with a 'Run' on Wednesday 4th March 2020, when we look forward to seeing all 'AA's' again. Meanwhile Happy Christmas and New Year to you all.'



October
2019

Local Club
Meets

Ashdown
Adventurers
Oct 2019



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Local Club
Meets

East Kent
Wanderers
November
6th
2019

East Kent Wanderers - Leader John Bennett

The EKW November event started at the delightful Frankie's Farmshop near Staplehurst with an excellent turnout of 36 people. The cars attending included MGA, B, C, F, TF, Singer and some moderns. After 1 hour of socializing drivers / navigators took to road on a circa 25mile well mapped route through the beautiful Kent countryside via Frittenden, Sissinghurst, then skirting East Sussex through to Bodium and final destination The White Hart pub in Newenden. It was an interesting route with some roads new to EKW members including an impromptu traffic jam caused by a line of MGs facing a 20ton cement lorry delivering in a narrow country lane!

The White Hart provided an excellent lunch considering the very large group and all participants enjoyed another good social event organized this month by Chris and Janice Leigh.



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Members
Corner

NEC
Super-
charged
MGA

The NEC Classic Car Show

Created by Jon Glover Co-leader Fairemile Natter

I've always admired the shape of The MGA, the prettiest Abingdon product (apart from the BGT) but never driven one.

Call from my Jersey mate Ian Le Riche – 'Mr Channel Islands Classics'. I bought an MGCGT Auto from Ian a while back and we've become firm friends. Ian was ringing about his stand at The NEC, Classic Car Show. He rarely sells a car during the show but gathers immense good will, the stand being a magnet for friends and acquaintances many of whom rest their weary bones for a moment on his show garden furniture or thinking it is an official picnic spot!

I usually volunteer to help and last November offered my complete ignorance as an apprentice car salesman for all 3 days.

His "pitch" is always conveniently placed by the stairs between Halls 1 and 2, good for passing trade and easy access to the Pie and hot sausage stalls directly above!

What about you admiring the MGA then Jon?

Ah yes – Le Riche is taking 4 cars to the show, a TVR, Lotus 45, Peugeot 205 and a Supercharged MGA!

He only has 3 trailer spaces, would I, yes I, come to Jersey for the day, pick up the A, then accompany said car on the overnight ferry to Portsmouth prior to driving it to Birmingham for him.

I hesitate for all of a second!

Le Riche had bought the car incredibly reasonably at a general auction on Guernsey with plenty of history, ancient snaps of a full restoration in the 80's. Beech Hill Garage bills from the '90's for making the engine a Stage 2, fitting a Moss Supercharger and a Ford 5 speed box.

I admire the MGA shape but would I want one?

The drive from Portsmouth to the NEC sort of answers that question. On the M.40 with the Supercharger and 5-speed box the car keeps up with modern traffic no problem. Trouble is modern traffic wants to take a close look, or doesn't see the little Red Roadster in spite of its dim pre Halogen illuminations being fully utilised. Lorry drivers think my '60's brakes are as good as theirs, tail-gaiting constantly because I'm in THEIR LANE only doing 60 mph!

I'm deafened, have limited vision and feel very vulnerable - But, But! I leave the Motorway put the hood down and now I get it!

As I head for our digs for the night the sunshines, I have 360-degree vision; the engine purrs and whistles, the handling down the Warwickshire lanes is tight and precise. I can smell the Autumn rot and hear the birds.....hang onI'm falling in loveas all the generations of MG Owners have down the 90 odd years since the first Morris Garages Specials were produced.

OK.

So its my MGC GT Automatic for long distance touring and an MGA for SEC Events next Summer?

Sadly not the latter, but the MGA is still available to anyone with a wife who DOESN'T know how much his MGC GT AUTOMATIC cost to restore! - See the Le Riche Jersey website.

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MGA

And the NEC?

An amazing show, you cannot do it justice in one day!

The MGCC stand was award winning and really great to see
The Young Members Branch display next to it.

Its fascinating on the other side of the fence being a pretend
salesman rather than a punter. The Public are so annoying.

Their fingers all over the highly polished metal – a forensic scientist would have a field day!

A gentleman in a stained T-shirt, clutching a white plastic bag and smelling faintly of wee
enquiring about the price of our £90k Lotus!

The drunken young lady who managed to get into the driving seat of our TVR, clutching the
steering wheel and shouting, Brmm Brmm, and all the gents who wanted to tell us about cars
they owned 40 years ago, sold for a hundred quid and what would it be worth now?

‘Never judge a book by its cover, looks can be deceiving, you never know’

I am exhausted at the end of 3 days, suffering a combination of standing up for hours, air-
conditioning, harsh lighting and too many 10 pm curries. But right at the death, as the last
anorak leaves, I chat to a lovely ZZ Top lookalike from near Manchester who is packing his
wife into a beautiful post war Lagonda for the long drive home over the Pennines.

‘Bought her in a scrap yard 35 year ago, £50 t’car, not t’wife!

I’ve done “t’werks all meself”

Maybe that’s what it’s all about?



car



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Boosting
Performance

Created by William Opie



Boosting Performance

It was great this year to see some excellent blown MG's out there. We had three TC's at Michelham Priory all with different blowers, then the article in this newsletter on a Supercharged MGA.

EX120 back in 1930 helped by George Eyston set the trend and then the C types and K3's followed. The good news for MG road cars of the 30's was the factory not voiding the warranty if a customer fitted a blower. Many bolt on kits were available and either location on the induction side (Other than M and F types all pre war MMM were cross flow heads) or in-between the dumb irons at the front. The drive on these was directly off the front of the crank which limits boost adjustments to crank speed. Different ratio pulleys on side mounted blowers allowed different ratios to be set up. My own PB has a side mounted Centric 160 vane type supercharger which I set up when rebuilding the car. It was important to keep the compression lower at 7:1 to prevent detonation and it runs at about 6lbs boost. Oil is fed to the blower from a separate tank for lubrication and this tank is pressurised by the boost on the inlet manifold via a tube. With small engines the concern is the energy used to drive the blower reduces your performance return. My PB has 60 plus BHP on tap as opposed to 43 BHP in standard form. Problem for me is the brakes don't match!

Post war many kits were available for T types from Marshall, Arnott, Shorrock to name just a few. The in the late 50's the MG record breaker EX181 with a shorrock blower on a twin cam engine made 290BHP at 32psi of boost.

Of course the free energy of the exhaust gasses driving a turbo changed the future with a rare exception being the Volumex blower used on the Lancia Beta which provides a regular source of superchargers for older MG's.

Other secondhand sources are cabin blowers on aircraft which mainly are the Marshall superchargers to pressurise the cabin.

These days our more modern MG's are rarely supercharged so great to see the A. Modern compression ratios are generally to high and space at a premium, also its not a cheap exercise and there are easier ways of increasing performance!

Conversation below on "Blowers" at 2019 Michelham Priory Summer Gathering



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Regalia

Regalia

The following merchandise is available:

Sweatshirt	£21
Polo Shirt	£16
Umbrellas	£21
Tee-Shirts	£11.50
Baseball Caps	£8
Beer Glasses	£2.50
Beer Glasses (Pair)	£4
Windscreen Stickers	£1.60
MGCC Pens (red or blue)	£3.50 (Special Offer)
MGCCSE Mugs	£5



We are now able to take payment for regalia by PayPal, if you wish to make a purchase please contact Sue Munday via email, (mundaysusan@hotmail.com).

For a limited time only we are offering a special price on the T Shirts, normally £11.50, now only £9. Sizes available, large & ex-large. We are also discounting the display cards to show off your model cars, normally £1, now only 50p. If we do not have your size or colour of clothing in stock we will be happy to order this for you.

For Sale

5 Bearing early MGB engine for sale running fine when removed from car Contact Will Opie on 07768 022044

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