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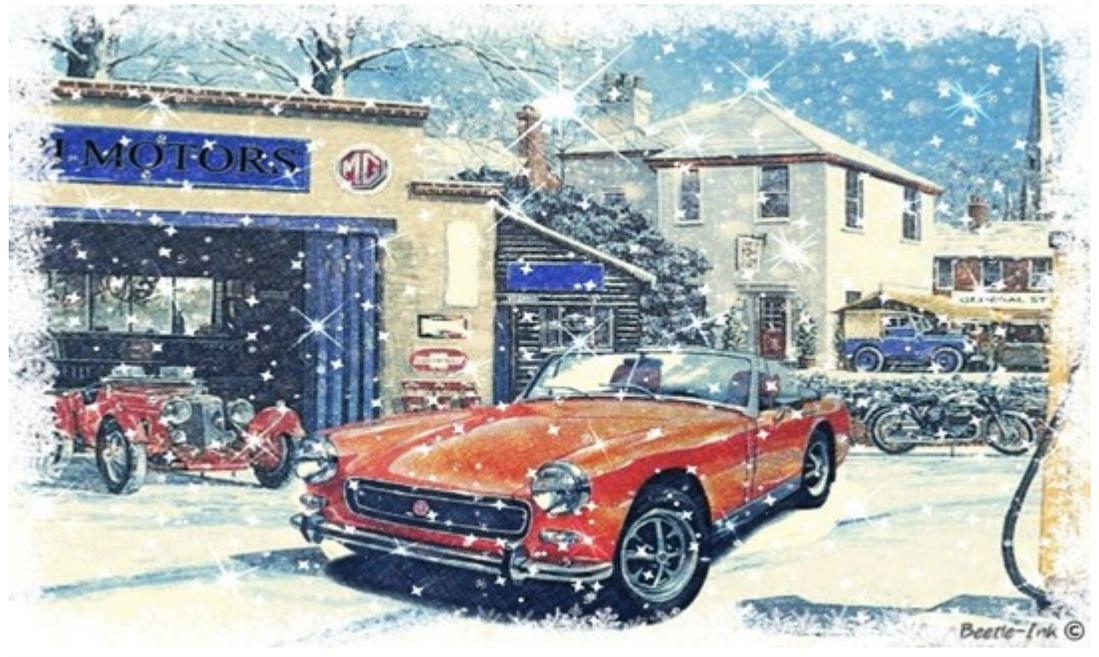
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MG Car Club Holiday Party

Come join us at the elegant Brownstown for our festive annual dinner on Wednesday Dec 12. See Page 4 for your personal invitation.

2019 Leadership Opportunity

It's time to begin planning our club activities for 2019, and selecting new Officers to lead our club forward. If you have an idea for an exciting new event, how about leading one? Interested in knowing your fellow members better? Participating as a Club Officer is a great way to do this. Enjoy learning more about our MG heritage or maintenance issues? Share that with us at a meeting.

Believe that you have artistic and writing talent? Become the next Editor of "Meshing Gears". Due to expanded travel plans in 2019, I need an assistant to keep publishing our newsletter. Rich Breton, Ed.

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MEETINGS

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Meetings

Monthly Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday each month at 7:30pm at the VFW Post, 45 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, NJ

2018 Meeting Dates

*Our Holiday Dinner is on
Wednesday, December 12
(There will be no other
meeting in December.)*

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Have a contribution to our newsletter?

Please send it by the 25th of the month to:

Rich Breton: rbreton@optonline.net

Publication is on the 1st of each month.

Meshing Gears is a publication of the MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre, a non-profit organization established in 1962, dedicated to promoting the enjoyment and preservation of MGs and all British sports cars.

The MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre is an affiliate of the North American MGB Register, the American MGB Association, The North American MGA Register, The MG Owners Club, UK; and the MG Car Club, UK, founded in 1930 as the only factory approved organization for all Mg's.

Membership in the MG Car Club is open to all. Ownership of a MG is not a condition of membership.

Annual dues are only \$25.

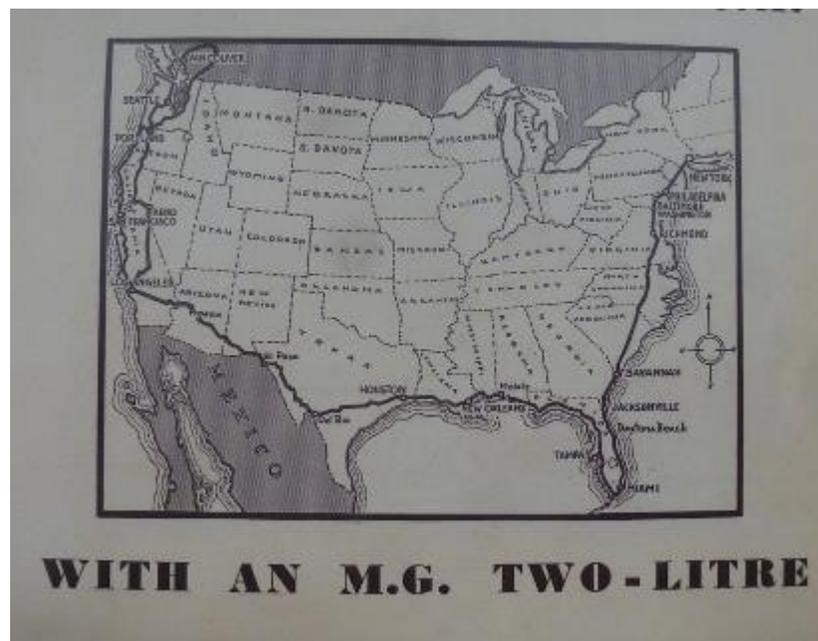
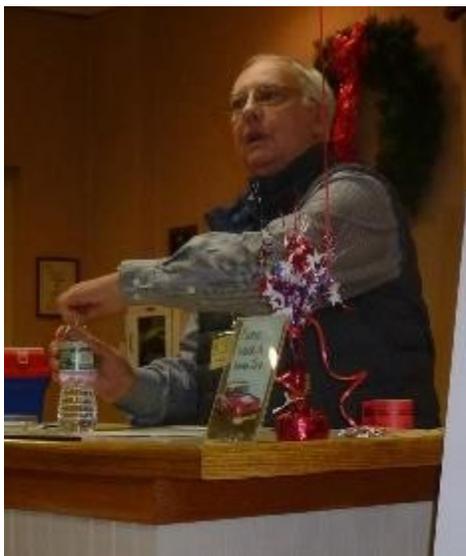
The benefits & events
continue all year!

Across the Country in a new 1936 MG SA by *Richard Miller*

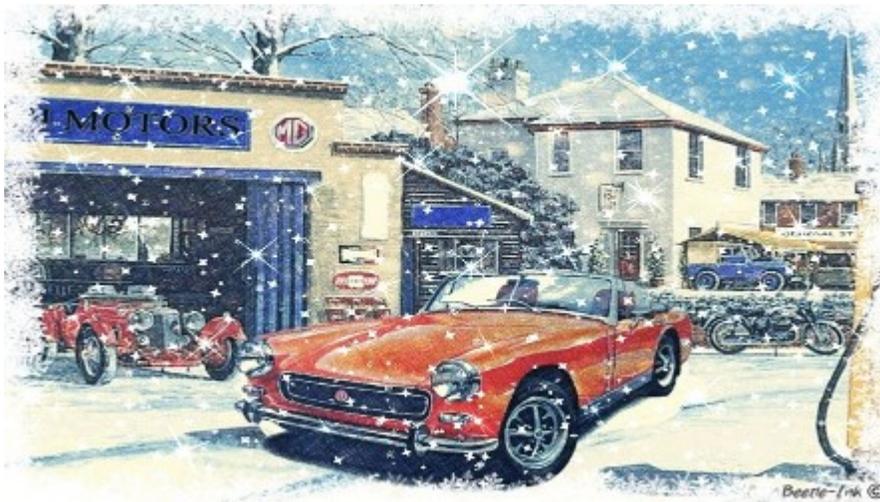
At our November meeting, Richard Miller shared his latest Kimber Festival presentation with us. It was a fascinating tale of two young men driving 19,000 miles along the east, south and west coasts of the USA during 9 months in 1936. We had about 40 members participating.

The text of Richard's talk was printed in the September issue of "The Log Book" the newsletter of the MG Driver's Club North America, of which he is the Managing Director. Membership info is available on their website www.mgdriversclub.com.

Thank you, Rich, for a very enjoyable evening!



MG Car Club Holiday Party



The Brownstone

351 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ 07522

Club Room, Second Floor

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

7 to 11 pm

Seven-entrée buffet dinner

Price per person: \$35

Optional Gift Exchange (\$10 per person limit)

Make checks payable to:

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Mail to:

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Please respond by November 24, 2018

MG CAR CLUB 2018 CALENDAR

December 12	Wednesday 7:00pm	Christmas / Holiday Party at The Brownstone, Paterson, NJ
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NOTICE: Our club is always looking for new Officers. Please contribute your talent, enthusiasm and ideas!

NEARBY BRITISH CAR EVENTS - 2018



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CARS & CRUMPETS is a new group organized by Ralph Scarfogliero, that meets on alternate Sundays (9:00am to 12noon), usually at the Dunkin Donuts at the south corner of Route 202 & Route 10 in Morris Plains. To get on their email list and receive notices of their weekly events, contact Ralph at 201-206-1389 or www.njbcc.org



NEW JERSEY CLASSIC CAR EVENTS (All Makes)



Information on many car shows in New Jersey can be found at NEWJERSEYCARSHOWS.COM



CARS & CROISSANTS is group of classic car owners that holds informal car meets for all makes of cars on weekend mornings, (9:30am to 12noon) usually at the Chatham High School in Morris County.

To get on their email list and receive notices of their weekly events, contact Kirk Meighan at candcnj-owner@yahoo.com or Warren Hansen at whansen08@verizon.net

CARS & CAFFE is a similar group organized by Tony Boniello, that meets on Sundays (9:30am to 12noon), usually at the Ramsey Square Panera Bread and other venues in Bergen County,

To receive notices of their weekly events and get on their email list, contact Tony at tboniello@gmail.com, or <https://www.facebook.com/carsandcaffe> or <https://www.instagram.com/carsandcaffe>.

WYCKOFF CLASSIC CAR SHOW / CRUISE NIGHTS Weekly informal car meets for all makes, on Wednesday evenings 5:00pm to dark, from June through October. At Cedar Hill Reformed Church, 422 Cedar Hill Ave, Wyckoff, a block south of Wyckoff Ave.



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Magnette Attraction: MG's Sports Sedans

Story By Tim Baxter, from an archival issue of Grassroots Motorsports.



Let's get one thing clear, BMW did not invent the sports sedan, no matter what they might claim. The idea of a comfortable four-seater with sports car performance began in England, with MG.

However in America, MG always meant open two-seaters, so the sedans rarely sold well here, despite Abingdon's expertise fitting sports car handling into a four-door shell.

Actually, the very first car to wear the MG octagon was a sedan, the 1924 14/28 Super Sports, about a year after MG was founded. The home office had already noticed the company's two-seaters listed in the classifieds next to the dreaded words "stork forces sale".

By the mid-1930s, MG was well versed in offering sedans with almost (but not quite) the performance of the pure sports cars. The stylish SA and smaller VA were two examples of an affordable sedan with sporting aspiration.

After World War II, MG introduced the Y-type sedan, which was very good, but couldn't compete with the two-seaters on price or performance. By the mid-50s, with the TC and TD leading the sports-car-invasion in America, MG figured the time was ripe for a new sedan that could really perform in the market.

The resulting ZA Magnette, which debuted in 1953, was something very unusual for MG, an all-new car, unlike the TF, which began the same year. Not only did the Magnette compete on price and performance with the TF, it was a far more modern car. While it represented a major step forward, there's a reason why MGs have rarely been all new.



MG fans are a wildly traditional lot. For decades they hold onto thoroughly antiquated designs, racing them, polishing them, loving them. They argue over whether or not things like lockable trunks and roll-up windows were ever a step forward at all.

And each generation of MG owners tends to look down their nose a bit at the next.

Prewar MG owners saw the T-Series guys as a bunch of Johnny-come-latelys. TC owners hated the TD, both hated the TF, and the hardcore faithful nearly lost their tweed caps over the MGA, never mind that under that swoopy new skin, it wasn't very different from the TF, which wasn't that different from the TD in the first place.

By the mid 1950s, MG was realizing that they couldn't go on building cycle-fendered roadsters forever, and Morgan hadn't yet proved it could, so Abingdon was looking to modernize things a bit.

And modernize they did, with the Magnette, which was undoubtedly the most advanced car MG had ever produced.

A new body style—"airsmoothed," they called it—was mated to a new suspension design and a new (at least for MG) drivetrain. Almost nothing, except the Magnette name, was carried over from any previous MG.

It was the name that really put the loyalists in a tizzy more than anything. In the 1930s, the legendary supercharged K3 Magnettes had produced more than 120 horsepower from about one liter of engine and won races left and right. No sedan was going to live up to that pedigree.

The MGA—which was built alongside the Magnette from 1955 to 1959—offered a modern body look, but underneath it dated back to the TD, with its ladder chassis, plywood floorboards and suspension. While revised, they weren't that different. The MGB would be a unit body, but it still carried over the TD/TF/MGA front suspension and rear cart springs virtually intact. Both were evolutionary cars, not revolutionary. *(To be continued next month)*

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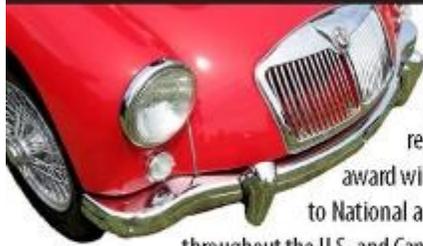
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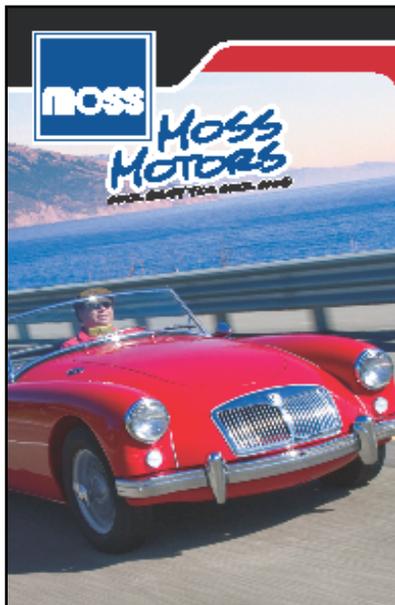
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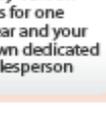
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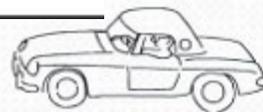







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Occupation (confidential):

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MG's currently owned- Please list each car including: Year, Make/Model & Color

Other Club Affiliations (please list:

What might you be interested in doing for the club on a volunteer basis)?

Driving Events/Rally Chairman

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Newsletter

Regalia

Web Site/E-mail management

Tech Session/Organizing

Publicity

Program

Hospitality Other

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CLUB NOTES

MG Club Photos Available Online

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Share your unwanted stuff with your MG buddies! Someone may treasure it!



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