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Safety Fast!

2024 Dues are now due. Dues are now \$35 per year.

**Seasons Greetings!
A Happy and Healthy Holiday Season to All!**

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Meetings
2024 Meeting Dates & Location

The next meeting is on Tuesday evening, the 23rd of January at 7:00 pm at the Classroom Building St. Christopher's Church 1050 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 202) Parsippany, NJ Please attend.

Visit our new website:
www.mgccnj.org

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MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre, PO Box 435
Convent Station, NJ 07961

Have a contribution to our newsletter?
Please send it by the 25th of the month to Ole Flandrup: olemgb@gmail.com or Rob Alper: ralpermg@gmail.com. Publication is in the beginning 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 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 now \$35.
Please send in your 2024 dues or pay them online at cheddarup.com/c/annual-dues.

MG CAR CLUB 2024 CALENDAR

January 23, 2024	Tuesday 7:00 pm	Monthly Club Meeting-The Classroom Building at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Rd, Parsippany, NJ.
February 27, 2024	Tuesday 7:00 pm	Monthly Club Meeting-The Classroom Building at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Rd, Parsippany, NJ.
March 26, 2024	Tuesday 7:00 pm	Monthly Club Meeting-The Classroom Building at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Rd, Parsippany, NJ.
April 23, 2024	Tuesday 7:00 pm	Monthly Club Meeting-The Classroom Building at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Rd, Parsippany, NJ-
May 28, 2024	Tuesday 7:00 pm	Monthly Club Meeting-The Classroom Building at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Rd, Parsippany, NJ
June 2024	To be announced	Annual Club Picnic. Brundage Park, Randolph, NJ. Date and Time to be announced. Watch future issues of Meshing Gears and your e-mail for more information.
Sept/Oct 2024	To be announce	Britfest 2024. Horseshoe Lake. Date and time to be announced. Watch future issues of Meshing Gears and your e-mail for more information.

Please check the calendar in future issues of Meshing Gears and the monthly e-Blasts for new events and date changes.

From the Editor

The year is almost over. 2023 went by fast, but it was a good year for the club. Unfortunately a few of our members passed away, We did get some new members and a few members returned.

Britfest 2023 was probably the best Britfest we've had in years. Almost 90 cars showed up, many of them cars we've never seen before. The weather (inspite of the rain on the original day) was fine and everybody had a great time.

This year's Spring Picnic was in a new location, Brundage Park, Randolph, NJ. Everybody liked the location and our two master chefs, Steve Gastwirth and Diane O'Connor made sure everyone was well fed.

We just had our annual Holiday Dinner. Thanks to Loretta Viglione it was a delightful evening.

2024 will be an even better year. I'm looking forward to it.

Rob

MEMBERSHIP FORM

MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre

Please Circle: **New Member** / **Renewal**

Renewing members only need to complete if information has changed.

Please send this form and your check payable to:

MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre, P. O. Box 435, Convent Station, NJ 07961.



Full Name:

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Children:

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Cell Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

E-mail address:

Occupation (confidential):

How did you hear about the club?.

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

Britfest committee

Newsletter

Regalia

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Tech Session/Organizing

Publicity

Program

Hospitality Other

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Annual dues can now be paid online. Go to my.cheddarup.com/c/annual-dues. If you are a new member or if you are a renewing member whose information has changed, please mail in a filled out membership form. If you are a renewing member and your information remains the same as prior years no form is necessary.

Presidents Message

. Well, here we are at the end of the year, the weather has turned much colder and most likely, our MGs have all been put away until Spring. This is the time of year to pull out the Moss catalog, as I did last evening, and begin to plan for those Winter projects to make sure your MG is ready to hit the road when the weather starts warming up.

We ended the year on a high note with our annual Holiday Party, hosted this year by Loretta Viglione with help, of course, from Vinnie . We were at the Village Restaurant again this year



and it seemed like folks would like to go back again for 2024. As is our custom, we handed out our Member of the Year Award and this year it went to Vinnie Viglione for stepping up in any number of ways to make this past year a success. Vinnie also received the “Healy Hotch” which as Member of the Year this year, he will have to it pass along to our next Member of the Year.

We also made another presentation. The Karl Marx Award, as you may recall, is given to a person who has made significant contributions to the MGCC-CJC over many years. It is not intended to be an annual award, but after awarding it to its namesake in 2021 and Steve Wagoner in 2022, we found ourselves with someone who without question was deserving of that recognition. Our Karl Marx Award this year was presented to Charlie Tregidgo. I think he was surprised but shouldn't have been. His work on Britfest over the years, and especially this year with the significant challenges, made him the obvious and most deserving recipient.

Our next meeting will be on January 23rd at St. Christophers. Watch for email alerts for the program.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!! See you all on the 26th! Safety Fast!

Butch

Club Minutes

MGCCCJC Minutes November 28, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by President Butch O'Connor at St. Christopher's Church. There were 21 in attendance.

Vinny Viglione reported there were currently 34 rsvp's for the holiday dinner and a reminder it's byob.

Rob Alper reported after the final Britfest expense was paid and the earmarked holiday party set aside, we would have a balance of approximately \$6,000 on hand.

Membership dues for 2024 are due. Butch suggested a "shout-out" to old members and new friends, hoping to increase our roster.

Old Business: Charlie Tregidgo has scheduled a zoom meeting for Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Send your name to Charlie and a email address to Rob to be added to the zoom invite. A rain date as well as location to be discussed.

New Business: Suggestions for future events. Spring Tune-up? Drives?

We learned more about Greg Wolfgang as he spoke as "Meet the Member" and his 15 year restoration project.

Butch reminded members to bring a raffle item during their birthday month and because of the holiday diner there is no December meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagoner
Recording Secretary

Club Notes

Karl N Marx Award

The Karl N. Marx Award is a very special award that will be presented to an individual who has been dedicated to this club for many years and has worked to make this club the best it can be. It is named for our founder, long time member and active participant in the wellbeing of this club. Winners of the Award thus far are:

2021 Karl Marx Club founder, long time service to the club including over 30 years as treasurer.

2022 Steve Wagoner past president and long time member always dedicated to the club.

2023 Charlie Tredigo past president, Britfest Chairman, rally planner and long time member.

Future Events

Dues-2024 Dues are now due. Please keep in mind that the dues are now \$35 per year. Dues can be paid by check sent to the post office box or online at my.cheddarup.com/c/annual-dues. Your dues keep our club strong and enable us to plan future activities and events.

Holiday Dinner-The Holiday Dinner was a great success. Much thanks goes to Loretta Viglione for setting up the event. I'm looking forward to next year's Holiday Dinner.

Britfest Meetings-The next Britfest Meeting is scheduled via Zoom on January 5th at 7:00 pm. If you'd like to join the committee please contact Charlie Tregidgo and if you'd like an invite to the Zoom meeting contact me at ralpermg@gmail.com.

Meshing Gears-We are always looking for content for our newsletter. Write an article, submit some photos. Anything of interest would be great. If you'd like to participate in preparing the newsletter please contact me. I am always looking for help in putting this together and any help is appreciated.

Future Events-Vinnie has told me that he intends to plan a drive or two and perhaps a rally for the Spring. Keep an eye on Meshing Gears and your e-mail for information.

Spring Picnic-We will very shortly have a date for our Spring Picnic. Please watch these pages and your e-mails for more info.

Holiday Dinner Party

This year's Holiday Dinner Party was an overwhelming success. Thirty three people attended and everyone had a good time. The Party was held at the Village Restaurant with a menu arranged by Loretta Viglione.

Vincent Viglione was named "Member of the Year" and Charlie Tregidgo was awarded the Karl N Marx award for longtime dedication to the Club.

It was a great evening!



Charlie
&
Lucy
Tregidgo
receiving
the
Karl N.
Marx
Award

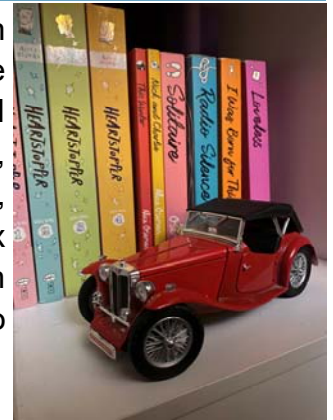
Vincent
"Vinnie"
Viglione
our
Member
of the
Year



Holiday Dinner Party

We had our Christmas party on December 12th at Village Restaurant in Powdermill Plaza in Morris Plains. I had a great time and it was nice to see everyone. I was gifted a red TC model and it is now sitting on my bookshelf. I would like to thank and congratulate our member of the year, Vinnie Viglione, who was able to make the arrangements this year for another great party, and another congratulations to Charlie Tregidgo for winning the Karl Marx award. The food was fantastic and I had a great time catching up with everyone. Now that my shows and concerts are over for school, I am going to start working on my TD soon and hopefully get it running by the summer.

Sammi



Holiday Dinner Party



Holiday Dinner Party



Much thanks goes to Vinnie Viglione for the photos and to everyone who attended for making this such a nice evening.



Sammi's TD



I haven't been able to work on the car for the past two months because I was very busy with school and color guard. Our show this year was "Outlaws". The band played Ecstasy of Gold, Wanted: Dead or Alive, and The Good the Bad and the Ugly while the guard dressed up as cowboys and "took over the town" or the field to scare the band. I was on the flag and rifle line for the show and for our second and third

songs, I was placed with the captains and given more demanding work than the rest of the guard. At the end of the second song and beginning of the third, I had a small solo where I needed to scare the band with my swing flags. We received high visuals for two of our competitions and placed 5th in regions. Our band was not as successful as in previous years because we had moved up a class because of all the new people who joined this year. Now that I have a lot less in my schedule I am hoping to work on the TD soon.



Acceleration

Best explanation about acceleration i have ever heard, wow

Ever wonder why a top fuel dragster gets a rebuilt engine after each run?

Stay with this - even if you aren't a 'car nut', this is stunning.

one top fuel dragster outfitted with a 500 cubic-inch replica dodge (actually keith black, etc) hemi engine makes more horsepower (8,000 hp) than the first 4 rows of cars at nascar's daytona 500.

under full throttle, a dragster engine will consume 11.2 gallons of nitro methane per second; a fully loaded boeing 747 consumes jet fuel at the same rate but with 25% less energy being produced.

a stock dodge hemi v8 engine cannot produce enough power to even drive the dragster's' supercharger.

with 3000 cfm of air being rammed in by the supercharger on overdrive, the fuel mixture is compressed into a near-solid form before ignition. Cylinders run on the verge of hydraulic lockup at full throttle.

at the stoichio-metric 1.7:1 air/fuel mixture for nitro methane the flame front temperature measures 7050 degrees f.

Acceleration (Cont'd)

nitro methane burns yellow. The spectacular white flame seen above the stacks at night is raw burning hydrogen, dissociated from atmospheric water vapor by the searing exhaust gases.

dual magnetos supply 44 amps to each spark plug. Which is typically the output of a small electric arc welder in each cylinder.

spark plug electrodes are totally consumed during a pass. After 1/2 way thru the run, the engine is 'dieseling' from compression and the glow of the exhaust valves at 1400 degrees f. The engine can only be shut down by cutting the fuel flow.

if spark momentarily fails early in the run, unburned nitro builds up in the affected cylinders and then explodes with enough force to blow the cylinder heads off the block in pieces or split the block in half!

dragsters reach over 300 mph + ... Before you have completed reading this sentence.

in order to exceed 300 mph in 4.5 seconds, a dragster must accelerate an average of over 4 g's. In order to reach 200 mph well before reaching half-track, at launch the acceleration approaches 8 g's.

top fuel engines turn approximately 540 revolutions from light to light!

including the burnout, the engine must only survive 900 revolutions under load.

the redline is actually quite high at 9500 rpm.

the bottom line: assuming all the equipment is paid for, the

Acceleration (Cont'd)

pit crew is working for free, and nothing blows up, each run will cost an estimated \$1,000 per second.

0 to 100 mph in .8 seconds (the first 60 feet of the run)

0 to 200 mph in 2.2 seconds (the first 350 feet of the run)

6 g-forces at the starting line (nothing accelerates faster on land) 6 negative g-forces upon deployment of twin 'chutes at 300 mph.

An nhra top fuel dragster accelerates quicker than any other land vehicle on earth ...

Quicker than a jet fighter plane ...

Quicker than the space shuttle ...

Or snapping your fingers!

the current top fuel dragster elapsed time record is 4.42 seconds for the quarter-mile (2004, doug kalitta). (i think the time is now closer to 4 seconds, as of winter 2014.)

the top speed record is 337.58 mph as measured over the last 66' of the run (2005, tony schumacher).

Update:

Only going 1000 feet (320 feet less than 1/4 mile) they do it in 3.7 seconds at around 332 mph with 10,000 horse power with 90% nitro - methane 10% alcohol.

They thought they were going too fast for 1/4 mile and couldn't stop.

Let's now put this all into perspective:

Imagine this: you're driving a new \$140,000 lingenfelter twin-turbo powered corvette z-06. Over a mile up the road, a top

Acceleration (Cont'd)

fuel dragster is staged & ready to 'launch' down a quarter-mile strip as you pass. You have the advantage of a flying start. You run the 'vette hard, on up through the gears and blast across the starting line & pass the dragster at an honest 200 mph. The 'tree' goes green for both of you at that exact moment. The dragster departs and starts after you. You keep your foot buried hard to the floor, and suddenly you hear an incredibly brutally screaming whine that sears and pummels your eardrums & within a mere 3 seconds the dragster effortlessly catches & passes you. He beats you to the finish line, a quarter-mile away from where you just passed him. Think about it – from a standing start, the dragster had spotted you 200 mph. And it not only caught, but nearly blasted you off the planet when he passed you within a mere 1320 foot long race!

that, my friends is acceleration.



MGs For Sale

1978 MG Midget Convertible

Garage kept. Body in good condition and appears to be solid. Brown with Saddle interior. Manual convertible top is in good working condition. Car has not been run in approximately 10 years. Mileage 126,260? Four new tires with four car dollies. Needs work.

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Contact Sandra at Sandra.Lomberk@atlantichhealth.org

Needs new top and minor body work



MG-TD

Contact Marian Smith 908-757-8571

msmith2493@aol.com

MG for Sale

1970 MGB (Cecil). Complete FREE for restoration or parts.

Following parts available:

Hardtop available \$200.00.

New sheet metal floor \$150.00 pair

dog legs \$25.00 ea.

Outer sills \$50.00 each.

Good grill, 70-72, 3 of 4 surrounds \$100.00,

4 good rostyle wheels \$25.00 per wheel.

New convertible top \$100.00.

Straight hood \$75.00,

Good used trunk lid \$50.00,

Good front valance \$50.00.

New interior panels \$100.00.

MG midget bumpers '69 and older with overiders \$75.00 per pair.

Rear seat and back for MGBGT \$20.00.

Steve Wagoner
973-361-8314

MG for Sale

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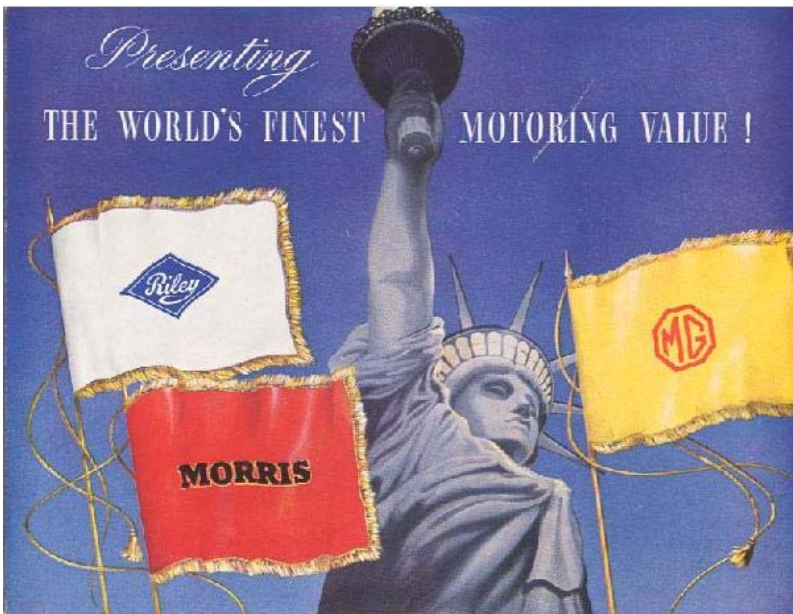
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END NOTES



Young Marilyn Monroe and her TD
What a beautiful car!



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Green Table

Every Monthly Meeting

Bring it in / give it to a Member!

It's our way to recycle stuff related to our hobby and other good stuff you might have.

Car items are always welcome, as well as other things that you don't want or need that others could use.

Just put your stuff on the Green Table where "Froggy" resides, and let others help themselves to your treasures.

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



Membership Changes & Corrections

Keep your newsletter coming and your membership info up to date. Please contact Mary Hayes with any changes at: member@mgccnj.org