



T Party TIMES



February, March & April 2021

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14 – 17 JUNE 2021
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Famous Racing Quotes:

“The bend in the road is not the end of the road...unless you fail to make the turn.”

Helen Keller

From the Editor

Well, 2021 is here, and in many ways, it's a bit of "here we go again". While there is good news on the horizon, that light at the end of the tunnel is still not as close as we'd like. In terms of British car events, the spring and early summer events are once again either being cancelled or rescheduled until later in the fall. British by the Sea has been moved to late August, the BCNH Show of Dreams may also be rescheduled to September or October, or possibly cancelled. GOF 108 in Atlantic City is still on, but personally, I don't intend to travel to NJ in June! We will try to update changes to the calendar through email but it would be prudent to check any event you are considering attending to make sure it hasn't been rescheduled or cancelled. But the news is not all bad, vaccines have arrived and are being distributed (I get shot #1 Feb 3rd) so there is hope of better days soon. The fact remains however, that the vaccine only prevents you from getting sick from the virus, not from carrying it, so for the near future, mask wearing and social distancing will still be the name of the game. I'm a firm believer that the situation will be much improved by the fall and there will be many opportunities to drive our cars. I'm hoping to have a Lobster Run in October, I think Stowe will go on in 2021 and of course the rescheduled GOF 107 in Long Island October 13th -17th. Can't wait to see everyone again soon!!!

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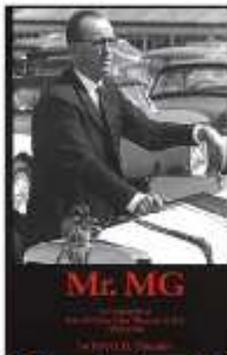
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Chairman's Cable



Maintaining the Bonds: The Saga of Connecting with MG Friends in 2021

I had a pleasant thought the other day, that I'd like to share with you—have you try it on for size as it were, and see *if it might suit your present 'mien' as we head into 2021*. I know, I know, such thoughts are rather tough to come by in these trying times. But, if the title of this issue's Cable is any clue, it takes its inspiration from a famous MG personality who we might say *'started it all'* for us novice and *'club-minded'* MG enthusiasts. John Thornley, "Mr. MG" (as he was affectionately biographed by his son Peter Thornley), was one of the founders of the MG Car Club and served as its first Secretary.



Later, he went on to become Director and General Manager of the MG Car Company. John Thornley was also the author of the seminal book: *"Maintaining the Breed: The Saga of the MG Racing Cars,"* whence comes the fine inspiration for my title.

Thornley's first MG was an M-Type he bought in 1930, and near as soon after *he met with two other MG enthusiasts he formed the MG Car Club*. Thornley went to Abingdon and managed to get Cecil Kimber to authorize the MG logo for the club's badge.



He was at this time an accountant in London, but he then persuaded Kimber to give him an office at the MG Factory to run the fledgling MGCC, and soon another part of

the job at MG was, as assistant, to the service manager, John Temple. When Temple was later appointed competitions manager, Thornley inherited the Service Manager's position. His enthusiasm for MG's, and for helping those like-minded souls (*okay, let's call them what we are—"MG Nuts"*), who became the MG Car Company's customers, was legendary, and served as the glue that kept most everyone happy and connected to the young company and growing car club.

Below is a short video from the MG Cars Channel featuring a short interview with Thornley where he talks about his book and his days at MG:

<https://youtu.be/sXPUqPWvdR0>

So, the pleasant thought and idea that I had was this: *Perhaps, in the spirit and fine example of "Mr. MG" and his passion for the people connected so tenaciously to these lovely little machines, could we as like-minded MG lovers and as T-Party members, endeavor to reach out, pick up the phone, and connect with one or two fellow members in 2021, simply say, "Hello," catch up, ask how one another is doing, and say "I miss you."* Take the membership list and pick two people to call, one a close friend and another perhaps someone you might not have thought to speak with outside a club event, and brighten their (and certainly your day). Let's start a chain reaction tracing the many bonds that maintain our MG friendships. Just don't everyone call poor Charles all at once—I'm doing fine.



I'd be happy to speak with you or receive an email, but what I'd really like to inspire is your connecting and reconnecting with old friends.

Of course, one can also hope that we might be able to make new friends in 2021 as well. I truly don't hold out bright prospects for being able to hold any (non-socially distanced) events this year, but perhaps we could potentially consider whether a driving-only event or destination type event could be held at some point later this summer.

Given the current trends with COVID-19, notwithstanding the positive news of the vaccine rollout, I am not planning on holding an MG T-Party business meeting or event planning session this year, nor really committing to organizing or holding any official club events; but, if you have some thoughts and the energy to plan something small (in terms of numbers of invitees), totally safe, and outdoors only, by all means, take the lead and offer it up to Bob Dougherty to send out to the membership, and see if there are any other like-minded adventurers. I, regrettably, will probably not be among them this year as I am caring for my very frail and elderly parents (one of whom is a dialysis patient) and sadly cannot risk any added exposure risks at this time.

I did get an encouraging email from a very good friend of my relative age, we'll just call him Phil, a large animal vet who lives down south, now, who wrote to tell me that *his father*, John, (who like my parents must be in his late eighties), recently stopped by Brit Bits in Rye, NH and bought himself a shiny red MG TD. It will be my job to recruit this retired MIT professor and former high-tech executive, and get him to join our merry little band of "MG Nuts."

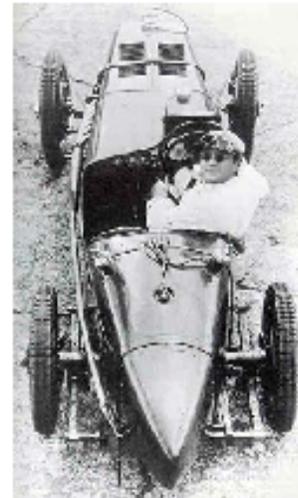
So, how to keep occupied, while we wait for warmer weather? If you are interested in old tractors and want to ride along for the long journey Roy Crane embarked upon several years ago in restoring his John Deere BW Tractor, you can watch the adventure unfold and follow along with his progress on two videos he recorded and posted to YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkdCGdg1w-c>

and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8g0sb1peX8>

And if you enjoy wasting (err – "investing") even more time on YouTube, you may get a thrill out of this ride-along, on-board camera recording of a pretty wild Pre-War Frazer Nash charging up the VSCC Prescott Hill Climb in 2017. I think I have a new hero: <https://youtu.be/dlygbiogUXw>



Finally, from the department of "And our wives think WE have a problem with our British car collections. . ." Just show your other half this little video: <https://youtu.be/Lz5hSAHNHpc>

HOME COVID TEST (Credit to the Early MG Society Newsletter)

1. Pour a large glass of red wine, try to smell it.
2. If you can smell the wine, then drink it and see if you can taste it.
3. If you can taste and smell it, this confirms you don't have Covid.

Last night I did the test 19 times, and all were negative, thank God.

Tonight I am going to do the test again, because this morning I woke with a headache and feel like I am coming down with something.

I am so nervous!

Keep safe out there. –Charles

GOF Mk 107 Riverhead, NY

October 13 - 17, 2021



For the first time the New England MG T Register will be holding a GOF on eastern Long Island and visiting the north and south forks of the area. The event will be based in Riverhead where the two forks split to form Peconic Bay. As part of the event we will be visiting the wine country of the north fork, once one of the potato growing capitals of the US, now home to over 40 working wineries and vineyards.

We will also visit Greenport and Sag Harbor, once the whaling capitals of the world and now two picturesque seaside villages with interesting shops and restaurants. We will cross from the north to the south fork via Shelter Island, a lovely island reachable only by ferries on the north and south ends.

We will then drive through the area known far and wide as The Hamptons, and during this part have the opportunity to drive the original street race course in Bridgehampton where MG T's acquitted themselves quite proudly as well as visit what remains of the once world famous Bridgehampton Road Racing Course and pass by the remains of Henry Austin Clark's Long Island Auto Museum.

And for the golfers among you we will drive through Shinnecock Hills Gold Club and past The National Golf Links, two of the highest rated and most famous golf courses in the world.

Long Island is also one of the cradles of aviation. Charles Lindberg began his historic flight across the Atlantic Ocean from here and the Apollo Lunar Landing Module was built here. One of the nation's oldest lighthouses sits at Montauk Point and was commissioned by George Washington. Teddy Roosevelt's home, Sagamore Hill, in Oyster Bay is also a must see for history buffs when visiting.



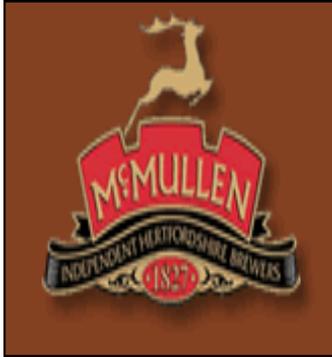
**NORTH AMERICAN
COUNCIL OF
MG REGISTERS**

**MG 2021 International & GOF MK108
June 14th-17th, 2021
Atlantic City, NJ**

This will be the sixth all-MG Register gathering coordinated by the North American Council of MG Registers. The Council consists of the North American MMM Register, the New England MG "T" Register, the North American MGA Register, and the North American MGB Register. Online registration for the event and the hotel is now available.

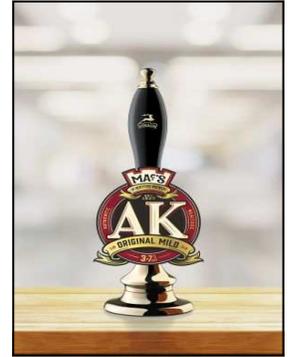
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As to the origin of the name AK, The short answer is –

“we don't really know!”

The story goes that a certain Arthur King, owner of a number of Public Houses, had the suggestion that the beer supplied to him must be improved considerably if it was to satisfy fully the then popular demand. Mr. King explained that what he wanted was a brilliant beer of medium color, but with its attributes perfectly balanced into an attractive blend of flavors and with a pleasing aroma. The beer although not sweet, should have its sugar content apparent on the palate. Similarly, the blend of hop flavors and aroma must be pleasing and delicate, yet never pronouncedly bitter; and the tonic properties must be those normal to most products. Rather a large order it may be said, yet the long list of necessities were achieved, and satisfied not only Arthur King but also the public. So it is said, Mr. King's initials have typified for many decades what is regarded as the ideal palate, best mild. Of course, there are many more theories behind the mysterious origins of AK and many more colloquial references. One thing to be certain of, this classic ale is a pint bursting in authentic heritage and history, and we are proud to have it still **A**live and **K**icking since 1833.

YOU HAVE OWNED A BRITISH CAR TOO LONG WHEN...

- You always park facing downhill
- The guy at the parts store gets a cheesy grin when he sees you walk in; is listed as a dependent on your tax return, sends you a get-well card if you haven't bought a part for two weeks; recognizes your voice on the phone.
- You call AAA and they also recognize your voice.
- You hear someone talking about new shoes and assume they are doing a brake job.
- You tell your wife that the reason you were out till 3am was that the car broke down... and she believes you.
- The family is no longer upset by sitting down to dinner and sharing half the table with carburetor bits.
- You pay more visits to the auto parts store than you do to the gas station or grocery store.
- Your car makes a funny sound and you immediately know what is wrong, what it will cost and which tools will be required.
- When your generator dies, you just pull another one off the Lucas pile in your garage.
- You distrust anyone named Lucas.
- You'd rather give the family pit bull a bath than tune your SU carburetors. Again.
- You can unstuck a jammed starter in the dark in the rain in five minutes flat and don't regard this as unusual.
- You spend the evening at a friend's house and leave with the words... "Don't go to bed yet. I may be back!"

How to Identify Where a Driver Is From

1. One hand on wheel, one hand on horn: Chicago.
2. One hand on wheel, one finger out window: New York.
3. One hand on wheel, one finger out window, cutting across all lanes of traffic:
New Jersey.
4. One hand on wheel, one hand on newspaper, foot solidly on accelerator: Boston.
5. One hand on wheel, one hand on nonfat decaf cappuccino, cradling cell phone, brick on accelerator, with gun in lap: Los Angeles.
6. Both hands on wheel, eyes shut, both feet on brake, quivering in terror: Ohio, but driving in California.,
7. Both hands in air, gesturing, both feet on accelerator, head turned to talk to someone in back seat: Italy.
8. One hand on latte, one knee on wheel, cradling cell phone, foot on brake, **mind** on radio game: Seattle.
9. One hand on wheel, one hand on hunting rifle, alternating between both feet being on the accelerator and both feet on brake, throwing McDonald's bag out the window: Texas.
10. Four-wheel drive pick-up truck, shotgun mounted in rear window, beer cans on floor, squirrel tail attached to antenna: West Virginia.
11. Two hands gripping wheel, blue hair barely visible above windshield, driving 35 on the Interstate in the left lane with the left blinker on: Florida.
12. Putting on makeup while texting on iPhone and eating croissant on I-75 at 8:30 AM
Atlanta

Newsletter of Club "T" MG, Portland, Oregon





On average, a Panda feeds for approximately 12 hours per day. This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine, which is why we call it a "Pandemic"

I'm having a quarantine party this weekend.

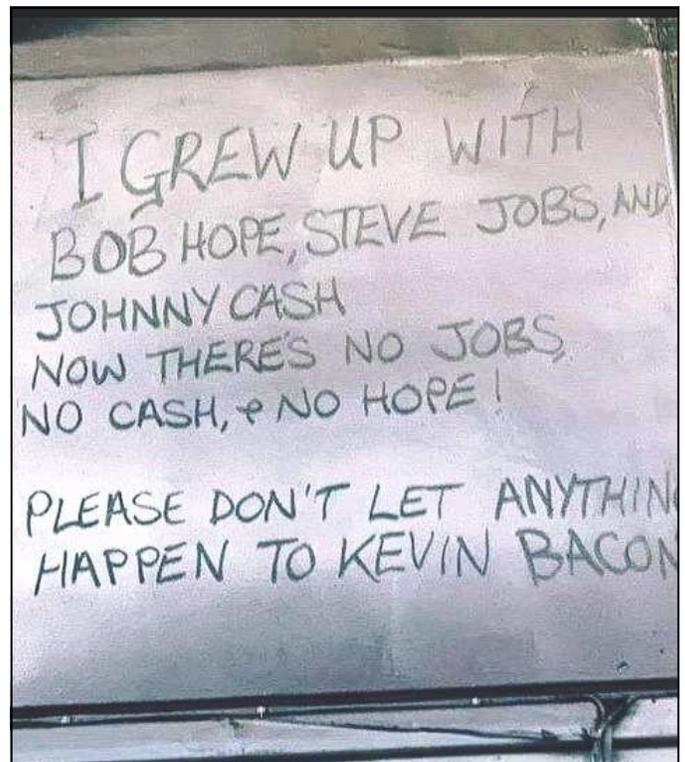
None of you are invited

Pandemic Funnies!

The CDC suggests washing your hands for the length of a song.



In A Gadda Da Vida is not the song.



T Party Regalia

There are jackets, shirts, car badges, cloth pins and now pens available for purchase. That MG fan in the family might just fancy something from our collection.

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Pins.....	\$2.50
Cloth Patches.....	\$1.50
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Pens.....	\$.50

Add **\$5.00** per jacket/shirt for shipping & handling. Other items will be billed actual postage.

Contact Betty Butler to purchase Regalia.
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North American MGB Register



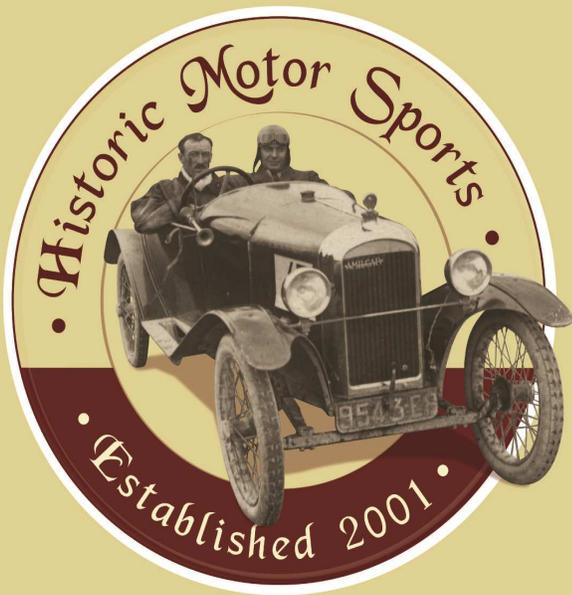
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Brighter Days are surely ahead in 2021

Stay Safe

Wear a mask

Socially Distance

Soon we will have this damn scourge on the run

