



# T Party TIMES



August, September & October 2023

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The When and If, former Schooner owned by General George Patton

## Famous Racing Quotes:

“Mansell is slowing it down, taking it easy. Oh no he isn't! It's a lap record.”

Murray Walker

## From the Editor

Due to the abundance of rain this summer, I have begun to work on my Ark! I intend to load as many MGs as possible and hope to land in a mystical land with perfect roads and perpetual sunny skies. Well, after all, I guy can dream right? Despite the wet weather, we have not let our driving events suffer. We have had picnics and visits to art galleries in Andover, sails on the famous “When and If” and drives to stuff our faces with lobsters at Newick’s Lobster pound. Coming up on 26 August is a pot-luck gathering in Chelmsford at the Bentas family farm. Check your emails for information on the gathering and make sure to check for some future events in September which may include a scenic rail adventure in NH and a visit to the MS Mount Washington for a brunch cruise, info for those events will be sent out by email when the planning is complete. So keep those T-Series cleaned and fueled up, there’s driving in the future!

**Safety Fast!**



## 2023 Calendar of Events



- Sat Aug 5th **Cruisin' for Crustaceans**, Newick's Lobster House, Dover, NH
- Sun Aug 6th **Vintage Racing Stable Concours D' Elegance**, 200 March Rd, Sanbornton, NH [vintageracingstableconcours.com](http://vintageracingstableconcours.com)
- Sat Aug 12th British Car Show, Mansfield, MA Airport with aircraft fly-in (\$20 car Admission)
- Aug 12-13th **VSCCA Mt Equinox Hill Climb**, Arlington, VT
- Sat Aug 26th **Arthur Bentas & Friends Memorial Car Show**, Chelmsford, MA (See page.....)
- Sun Aug 27th Rain Date for Bentas event above.
- Sept 1-4th **Lime Rock Park, Historic Festival**, (racing held on Sep 2nd, Sunday in the Park Car Show Sep 3rd) MG 100 years Gathering!  
<https://limerock.com/events/historic-festival-41>
- Sat Sep 2nd **Castle in the Clouds Car Show**, Moultonborough, NH
- Sep 15-17th **British Invasion , Stowe, VT**
- Sat Sep 23rd **Scenic Drive to the American Precision Museum**, Windsor, VT  
[Americanprecision.org](http://Americanprecision.org)
- Sun Sep 24th The Boston Cup, Boston Common. [www.bostoncup.com](http://www.bostoncup.com)
- Sat Sep 30th? **Historic Rail Excursion**, NH (TBD)  
<https://hoborr.com/winnipisaukee-scenic-railroad>
- Sun Oct 8th **M.S. Washington**, Sunday Brunch Cruise Weirs Beach, NH  
<https://cruisenh.com>
- Sun Oct 15th **VSCCA Castle Hill Pre-War Hill Climb**, Ipswich, MA
- Sun Oct 22nd? **Parkers Maple Barn Run**, Mason, NH
- Sun Dec 3rd **Annual Holiday Party@ Princeton Station**, North Chelmsford, MA

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## Chairman's Cable



### 'Historic' Fun by Land and Sea

Well, so far this year, the two combined MG T-Party and BSMGAC outings

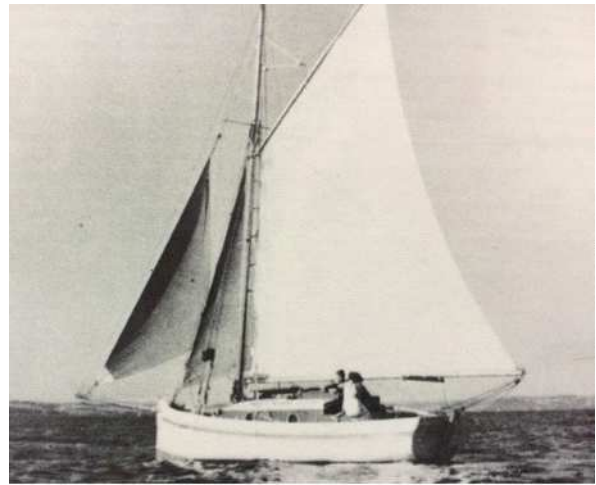
that I organized have met with success, somehow avoiding the endless rainy weather we've had this season and enticing members of both clubs to attend. On Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> we had a good turnout for our visit to the **Addison Gallery of American Art** at Andover Academy followed by a picnic hike to the **Charles W. Ward Reservation** with distant views all the way to the Boston skyline.



And on July 29<sup>th</sup> a group of ten MG enthusiasts set sail aboard the historic schooner, **When and If**, commissioned and owned by



**General George S. Patton** of WWII fame, now sailing out of Salem for our "**Kimber Sail**" adventure, inspired by the sage advice of another famous adventurer, MG's founder, **Cecil Kimber**, whose greatest love, besides motoring about in small sports cars, was to get aboard his little six tonner—**Fairwind**—and "**sail right away from his land-based worries.**"



Kimber's yacht **Fairwind**, "My little six-tonner."



A similar sentiment was ably conveyed and captured in this period advertisement penned by Kimber himself:

"Sometimes I steal away from Abingdon and go sailing at the week-end. To my mind there is something in common between sailing and motoring. One does not sail merely for speed's sake. What matters most is the way your craft handles, whether she's racing along with a stiff breeze abeam, or tacking against wind and tide. Now isn't that the secret of the charm of M.G. cars. They're fast, admittedly, but what matters most is the way they 'handle'—all the time—whether you're dawdling along enjoying the spring sunshine, or shaking out a reef and making the knots along an empty arterial road."



As we celebrate MG's 100th anniversary of producing our favorite (and exciting) little cars, with a century of perspective we can better appreciate

## Schooner “When and If”

A group of hearty T-Party & BSMGAC “sailors” took to the sea upon the “When and If”, a wonderful schooner once owned by General George Patton. As the story goes, the General bought her in 1939 with the intention of sailing her around the world, “*When* the war is over, *and if* I live through it.” He never realized that dream as he died in Europe shortly after the German surrender in WWII. The present owner fully intends to see Patton’s dream through with plans to sail her around the world in the future.

For our sail, the weather report the day before was for possible thunderstorms which thankfully never arrived, we had a good breeze for the sails and sunny skies, just about perfect sailing weather! Our crew was great, not only good sailors but bartenders supreme making our two hour sail very enjoyable!

After the sail we headed off to lunch at a local seafood shack on the waterfront for well earned libations and seafood delights, all in all, a great day on the water!

Thank you Charles for setting up a great day!



# Crusin' for Crustaceans

Is there anything in New England that draws a crowd like Lobsters? How about British cars and brilliant sunshine! A wonderful day on The Great Bay at Newick's Lobster Pound brought us all together for the feast and good company. The food was (as always!) great, service exceptional and the company was the best. For Kim & I, a big thanks to Bob Mitchell for a lovely back road drive to Newick's!

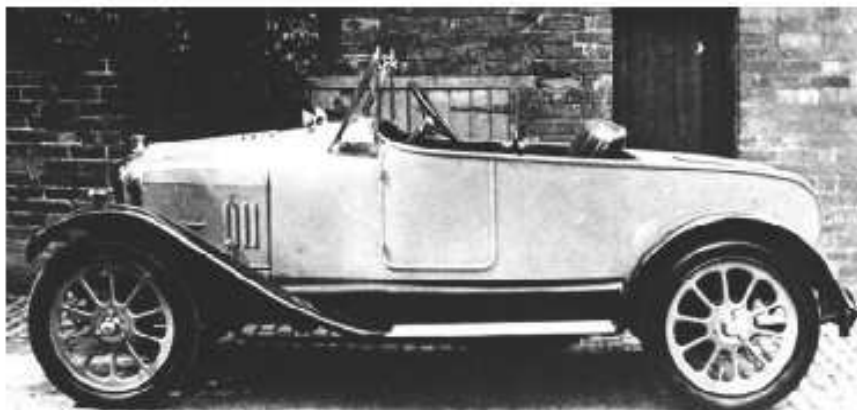




## M.G.'s First Customer

In 1923, a young man named Oliver Arkell purchased a yellow Raworth-bodied Morris Garages Super Sports, registered FC 5855, directly from Cecil Kimber at the Queen St. Oxford showrooms. Arkell's car is said to be the earliest properly documented sale of an M.G. Arkell was a member of the Arkell Brewing family, whose business is still operating in full vigor today, celebrating its 180th anniversary in 2023.

On August 11, 1923, Arkell travelled to Oxford from his home in Highworth, Wiltshire to buy a Morris Chummy [a Morris open 2-seater with a space in the back for occasional passengers] when he noticed a yellow sports car in the window of the Queen Street showroom. He was much taken with the color "an unusual yellow, the colour of good butter, and it had black wings." Kimber was in attendance and said the price was £300, whereupon Arkell agreed to buy it, on the basis that it wasn't much more expensive than a basic Chummy. Arkell's Raworth was registered FC 5855 in Oxford on 16<sup>th</sup> August and was delivered on 5<sup>th</sup> September.



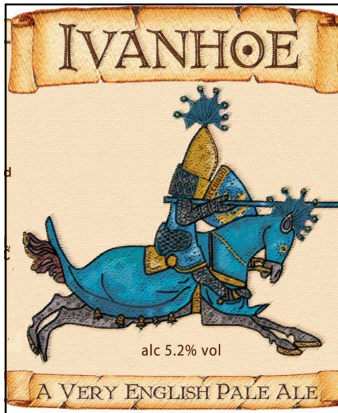
Arkell's was one of six cars carrying Raworth coachwork on specially modified Morris Cowley chassis. Cec Cousins, who was responsible for building them at the time, considered these six to be the first sports cars of the M.G. marque.

Some claim that the first M.G. was sold to CK himself, but in 1925. "Old Number One," FC7900, was a "special MG" built for Cecil Kimber by Morris Garages and registered at the Oxford Records Office to "Kimber Cecil, Woodstock Rd, Oxford, Morris Cowley Sports Grey 11.9 HP on 27/3/25". It turns out the Old Number One was Kimber's first M.G., not the first car commercially sold as an M.G.

*Content courtesy - The Early M.G. Society, The MG Car Club of England.  
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# The Ales of the United Kingdom

“Give my people plenty of beer, good beer & cheap beer, and you will have no revolution among them”.  
Queen Victoria



## Ridgeway Brewing

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## Ivanhoe Pale Ale

Ridgeway Brewing was established in 2002 by master brewer Peter Scholey and his wife Vanda. The name comes from the ancient trade route that winds its way through the English countryside between small towns. It has been around for thousands of years, adapting with the changing times. The reason why we chose the name Ridgeway, apart from living on it, was that we hope to create lasting experiences, believe in the long term and love the outdoors.

The Ridgeway was first used by early traders while these days it is used mostly for recreation. Ridgeway Brewing too aims to be around for many years to come. Our customers savor beers that are inspired by cutting edge tradition – a match between heritage and modern tastes and technologies. We don't try to forget the past and reinvent the wheel – we take all that is good from the past and make it better suited for today's generations.

Ivanhoe is a beautiful, dark red, classic English ale from one of the U.K.'s most prolific and sought-after brewers. The idea, you see, was to make the most "English" beer you've ever tasted, and damn it, this ale hits the target. We'll have none of your dreadfully over-hopped, thin, and drippy modern confections this time 'round. Ivanhoe is the real thing.

Traditional warm, roasty, and fully-rounded English malts are punched up by a subtle yet direct shot of aromatic and refreshing English hop bitterness. Ivanhoe – the ale – is as balanced as a champion jousting. It is bottle-conditioned with live yeast, which is the only way, you simply must agree, to experience a truly vital and rich expression of the English brewer's art. Dry. Deeply satisfying. Eminently drinkable.

English ale has always been, and always will be, just like this.

Sources: <https://www.sheltonbrothers.com/beers/ivanhoe>

<https://www.ridgewaybrewery.co.uk/>



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- T-Party Logo Grill Badge **\$25 includes shipping**
- T-Party Cloth Patches **\$1 includes shipping**
- T-Party Logo Pins **\$1.50 includes shipping**



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