



# Gatsby TIMES



November, December & January 2019/2020

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Valve cover racer burning up the track at GOF 105!

## Famous Racing Quotes:

"If you have everything under control, you are not moving fast enough"

Mario Andretti

## From the Editor

It's that time of year again, both my MGs are in winter storage at Historic Motor Sports. There are no more drives to get ready for, unless it's to the town garage to pick up a five gallon bucket of sand for the icy winter driveway. Snow is predicted for this weekend and the Farmer's almanac is predicting much more of it this winter. For my part, I have a project for my TD this winter, new wheels & tires all around. I picked up a good set of five TD wheels (thank you Fred!!) that I'm taking to get sand blasted, straightened and painted this winter, while a new set of Vredestein tires will be fitted (with tubes of course!) in the spring before the new driving season. Perhaps a new hood for the MGB, but that will depend on how much the refurbishment of the wheels sets me back. All in all, a very good driving season with about 3000 miles on the MGB and 800 on the TD; a bit less than usual as I had a supercharger fitted and was busy getting it sorted out.

Do take a look on page two for the info on the Holiday Party and make sure to get your checks and choices in to Charles by November 24th. I'm looking forward to the prime rib at Princeton Station again this year!



We liked it so much, we're returning to

**The MG T-Party & Bay State  
MGA Club Holiday Party  
Sunday, December 1st**



**\$33.00 per person (Covers meal, tax, gratuity and facility charges)  
(Appetizers, Salad, Rolls, Coffee/Tea and Dessert Included)**

**Please Select Your Choice of:**

- **Roast Prime Rib Au Jus** – Served with red bliss mashed potato, and the chef's vegetable selection
- **Chicken Marsala** – Served with Linguine
- **Baked Seafood Combination** – Haddock, Scallops, Shrimp Served with red bliss mashed potato, and the chef's vegetable selection

Join good friends for an afternoon of fine food and lively conversation. Once again we are welcoming our friends from the Bay State MGA Club to join us for our holiday party. We will hold our silent auction and welcome donated items. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and paper goods, health and beauty supplies diapers and wipes to be donated to Marguerite's Place. We hope that you will make a special effort to attend.

**Please RSVP** by sending the form, below, to Charles Dyer at the address indicated. We need to receive your response and payment check by November 24<sup>th</sup> so we can confirm the numbers with the restaurant.

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**RSVP FORM - Please sign us up:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate how many of each meal selection you require:**

Prime Rib       Chicken Marsala       Baked Seafood Combo

Make Checks Payable to "The MG T-Party"; Enclose Check & Return Form by Nov. 25th  
by U.S. mail to: **Charles Dyer, 329 Essex Street, Hamilton, MA 01982**  
(Telephone: 978-468-0156)

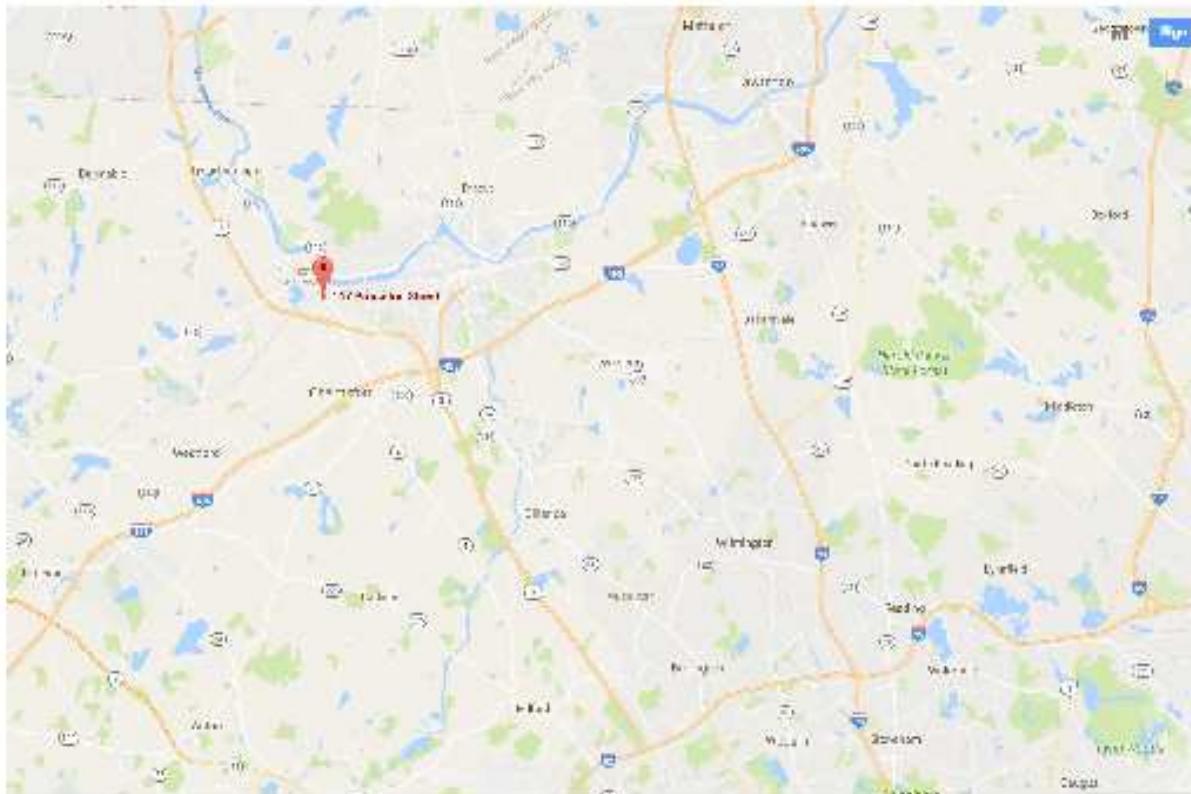


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## Chairman's Cable



### *A Fine End to Summer and a Glorious Autumn For Sports Cars*

Well after a cold and wet spring, summer 2019 ended with many weekends of sunshine and turned into a lovely, crisp autumn, perfect for driving our British sports cars, top down, of course! August saw a great "MG Weekend" with the 'Cruisin' for Crustaceans' and 'MG Day' at Larz Anderson.



Mike Crawford's handsome MG J2 at Larz Anderson's Museum of Transportation "MG Day"



MG Arnoldt at Larz Anderson, Brookline, MA

Although I missed the GOF in Burlington, VT, I committed to attending the British Invasion this year in Stowe. I really lucked out and found a

beautiful Victorian Farm House in Morristown for a wonderful escape for the long weekend.

Saw several MG T-Party friends and some great cars, even if the overall turnout was a little smaller than some years. Enjoyed a nice dinner with the Pelletiers, spent some time talking with David Sanders of the New England MG T-Register, ran into Bill Stone, hung out with Jack Homer and Roy and Jane Crane on the show field (thanks for the loan of the chair, Jack!).



Victorian Farmhouse B&B in Morristown, VT, just north of Stowe.

Thought I would share a few of my photos from the event for those who couldn't make it.

After a few light showers on Saturday, the remainder of the weekend was quite beautiful.



A shot of the T-Series show class on the field. And, a *Squadron of Square Riggers* in my favorite color—BRG—out in force.



A stunning restoration of a 1934 MG PA Midget complete with front-cowl mounted Supercharger completed by Tom Metcalf of Safety Fast Restorations out of Ohio.



**Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth,  
behind the wheel of a TR6 at  
Stowe's British Invasion. . .**

It is not too late in the season, at least for me, to enjoy more fine autumn motoring on the back roads and byways of my local slice of New England. I had the TR6 out for a coastal drive on Route 1A past Hampton Beach, NH, to a fine seafood restaurant in Rye, with a bunch of local car friends. The TC has been out and about locally near Hamilton, Ipswich, and Essex, MA.

I have now finally had the chance to change the engine oil in the 74 TR6 and in TC 6977, but they are *not yet ready* for the long winter slumber. Not sure if I can extend the TC's driving season until December 1 to take in the MG T-Party Holiday Party, but one can aspire to do so, that the dear machine can greet you in the parking lot at Princeton Station.



In any event, I hope all of you are already thinking about the Holiday Party which will sneak up on us fast, being on the Sunday (December 1st) immediately following Thanksgiving this year. Please see the enclosed event flyer.

Hand Built RONART W152 with 4.2 liter Jaguar Straight Six!

I hope most of you can attend and will bring your good cheer for a few hours of good fun, spent with old friends—and lots of very good food.

—Charles



1965 Wolseley Hornet Mk II





## GOF MK105

OK, Kim & I did not go to GOF MK105 in beautiful downtown Burlington, VT,

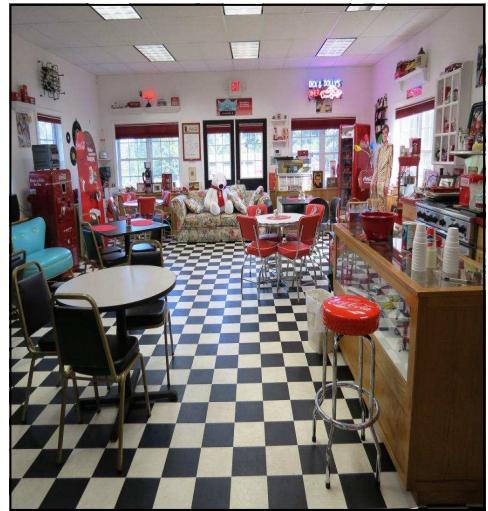
arguably one of our favorite places in all New England, but we had a good excuse...a 7 day rally through Ireland! I do wish the timing had worked out though as we've been in love with Burlington

since way back in college days. I have talked with folks who did go and by all accounts it was a fun time, although most thought the turn out was disappointing.

Judging by the pictures provided by Norm & Pauline Jambard, I think the tour of Dick Mazza's Corvette collection and

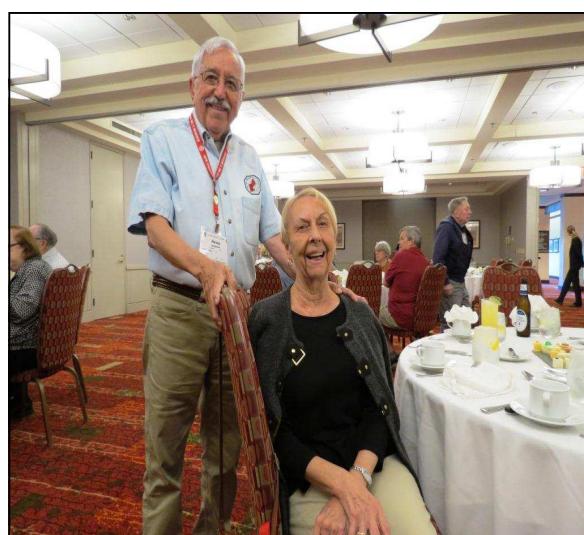
Malt Shop was a favorite, along with some smoking Valve

Cover Racing. Congratulations to Rick & Maryellen Pelletier for winning the Premier Class with their Red TD!



## GOF MK 105

Thanks to Norm Jambard for all the pictures!



# MS Mount Washington Cruise



The weather was a bit on the nippy side heading to Weirs Beach to rendezvous with the venerable MS Mount Washington for our Jazz Brunch (although I certainly wouldn't call that jazz!!) and tour of Lake Winnipesaukee October 6th. Perhaps the chill was a harbinger of things to come; I didn't even hesitate

to put the hood up on the TD for the drive over to the Weirs even though it was only 13 miles, I love the cold weather but wasn't ready for it quite yet!



On the plus side, the skies were

clear and the forecast was for sunny and warm as the day went on, perfect cruising weather to view the foliage framing the Lake.

As always, the first view of the Mount as she rounds the point coming into the Weirs gives you a thrill, she is quite a lovely ship, and what a history! There has been a Mount Washington sailing the waters of

Lake Winnipesaukee since 1872, and the present Mount was built in 1888, truly a grand old gal! Andrew Bass had set up for our group (T-Party, BSMGAC & BCNH) to be on the upper deck forward in the Captain's Suite, which despite some confusion at the beginning, worked out well as we were all together. Due to the ship being twenty minutes late arriving the crew were in a rush to get us boarded and the set up for the brunch was not as smooth as I've seen in the past, I'll cut the crew some slack as they were really pressed for time. Despite the confusion, the food arrived not long after we cast off from the dock, the free Mimosa helped to make up for the delay! All in all, the foliage was grand and the sailing was smooth. Another great brunch on the MS Mt Washington planned and executed by Andrew Bass! As the Grateful Dead sing, thank you Andrew "for a real good time"!



**Safety Fast!**

# 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



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## **Red Squirrel Ale**

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A percentage of the proceeds from Arran Red Squirrel goes to help the conservation of the Red Squirrel on the Isle of Arran and worldwide. Our native Red Squirrel is fast in decline, and purchasing this beer will help to support the efforts of various organizations and their work to research and monitor the survival rates of Red Squirrels.

Chestnut red ale with a nutty aroma, toasted caramel hints and deep malty palate, the ale pours a dark chestnut shade with a white head. The body is medium with an ever so slight carbonation. A very drinkable bitter, the malty flavor with a touch of hop creates a thoroughly enjoyable session beer.

# 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.

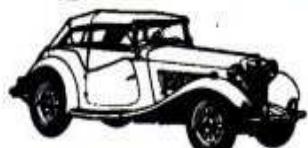
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Hats, Navy bill w/teal upper, MG T-Party (lettering in white).....	\$9.50
Pins.....	\$2.50
Cloth Patches.....	\$1.50
License Plate Frames.....	\$1.00
Pens.....	\$.50

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KP Creative stitches is a home based embroidery studio that has digitized the T-Party logo so it can be put on items that are not currently stocked by the T-Party Regalia. Currently we can offer the logo on denim shirts (\$35) & sweatshirts (\$40). [kathy@kpcreativestitches.com](mailto:kathy@kpcreativestitches.com) Special orders accepted  
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