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May, June & July 2022

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JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2022**

Famous Racing Quotes:

"When speed gets in the blood, one must drive to live."

Rudolf Caracciola.

From the Editor

Although it has been a rather drab and cold April, make no mistake, there is spring in the air. There are shows and drives popping up all over, we are once again buffing up our cars and hitting the road, and it sure feels good! **HOWEVER**, we must be smart about how we gather. Recently the British Cars of New Hampshire Seacoast Chapter decided to begin once a month meetings again, they held their first April 13th. Sadly, 10 of the 35 Members who attended have come down with COVID (30%!), so if you thought this was over, you were mistaken. That does not mean we can't gather, go for drives to pubs or have picnics and enjoy our cars...enjoy our lives...we just have to be smart about it. If you plan a drive to a pub for lunch, make sure there is an outdoor dining area, or choose a nice local park where you can bring a lunch and all can safely maintain social distance. Car shows are held outdoors so maintaining a proper social distance is more manageable. If you do choose to attend an event that may require being in close contact indoors, wear a mask. It's not a big deal, just do it! If a venue requests mask be worn (Brit Bits Lift Day), honor their request...or don't go, your choice. For my part, I'll see you all on the road, both the TD & B are polished and chomping at the bit to get moving!

Safety Fast!

MG T-Party
2022 Events

- May 7th Brit Bits Lift Day
10 am to 2 pm. 14 Sagamore Rd, Rye, NH
03870 Reservations are requested at 603-
433-0001 or norm@britbits.com.
Masks required.
- June 3rd Lobster Run w/NE Austin Healey & BCNH
(see flyer pg. 9 for details)
- June 5 British By the Sea, Harkness State Park,
Waterford, CT
www.ctmgclub.com/BBTS.html
- June 10-11 British Motorcar Festival, Bristol, RI
www.visitrhodeisland.com/event/british-motorcars-in-bristol/39125/
- June 29- GOF 108, Watkins Glen, NY
www.nemgtr.org/gof-mk-108/gof-mk-108-schedule.html
- July 3 www.nemgtr.org/gof-mk-108/gof-mk-108-schedule.html

Chairman's Cable



*A Letter
to My
Caretaker*

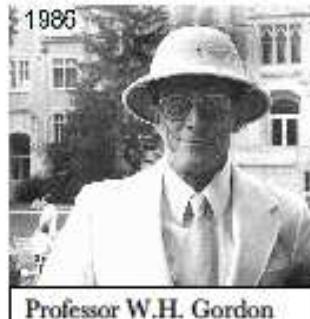
from

TC6977

Dear Charles,

Listen to me now a little! I want to share my thoughts. Remember, coming off the assembly line in Abingdon-on-Thames on 3 November 1948, *I am older and therefore wiser than you.*

I know, that modern People, especially you **Americans**, live too busy and hectic a life. Going to work and bringing up children. It seems to me, always just all "rush," and then one day, you will realize life is not fair and all those "lost moments" will not be returned to you.



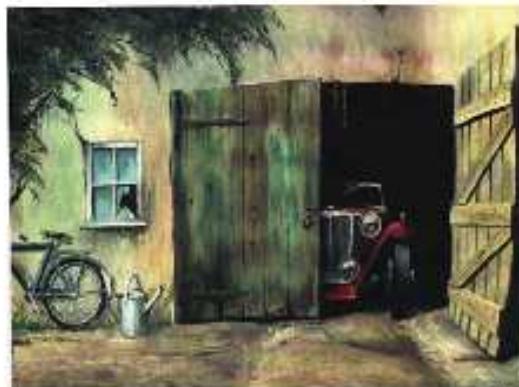
Professor W.H. Gordon

When you met my previous caretaker of more than 40 years—the late Professor W.H. Gordon—*do you, or do you not, still recall promising him that you would take care of me like a cherished member of the family?* I thought so.

But, hear me out. I know what is *good for you*, what you and I both need after these two long years of pandemic lockup, social distancing, and loneliness.

Get up, when was the last time you strolled out to the garage to check on

me? Look away from your computer! Look, I'm still sitting out here next to the recycling bins and trash cans. You finally remembered me and lifted your eyes from that infernal screen... Have you noticed, that my Dunlop B5 tires have gone somewhat flat-spotted and a few more chips of my BRG lacquer paint (last sprayed in 1964!) have fallen off my 74-year-old tub? You know, as well as I, it involves the cold and damp of the unheated garage I have had to grow accustomed to in your inattentive care and these colder New England nights and long dark winters. You must know I was made for life in a more temperate and civilized English climate.



In 2006, when I was new to you, you visited often, and I used to see you smile. Now, I see you, checking on the **mousetraps**, *I smile*. I like it, because I see that old love in your eyes. What do you see when you (so seldom now) visit me? Do you see it in my being? Can you see my still youthful spirit, my ready-for-adventure soul pounding inside? I want to play, I want to feel the warm breeze across my radiator, listen to my gear shift fall effortlessly into place with a distinct "snic, snic" and the rorty "braap braaaaap" sound of my glorious exhaust note exiting behind me, as I run the roads on my oh-so-classic 19-inch wire wheels. I love that so much, and I believe, *I know*, that you still do too. Do you see me? Can we play? If so, I, in turn forgive all your

past mistakes and wrongdoing for a simple Moment?

Slow down, if only for a few minutes and be with me. That is all, I ask. I know, that so often are the fleeting minutes you, and your other British vehicles that share your attention, demand, and my hopes once more are extinguished. I know, sometimes—alas, so constant, sometimes so sudden—that **dread feeling of COVID ennui** lingers with you, weighs heavily upon you, and that your spirit and sense of joy is broken.

Sometimes, I too, I feel my age, slowly growing old before your eyes, but maybe you do not notice. And, you have not aged so well yourself, either.

I know, it will be painful, and a day, when deep regret fills the soul, when you'll need to find "a new caretaker" for me. Try as you might, and you did, your sons don't share your attraction for me. On that day, however distant, You'll be mad at yourself, that you had not spent "just another day" with me.

Look, I'm a sports car, and I love you very much, and I know, that you love me. NOW WE ARE TOGETHER! So... come. Sit down with me, climb in and look over my handsome scuttle, glance down once again at my British Jaeger gauges deeply set in my Rexine-wrapped fascia, what do they tell you (about my health)? What do you see?

If you look hard enough, study my instruments, and listen to my ticking tappets, we will talk, You and me, Heart to heart! Do not come as a spectator... come just **because**, simply, as a living soul.

I can tell you, how much fun it was to catch the summer breeze driving by the seashore road, parking in the grass, and also you can tell me something

interesting about yourself or your life before me.

Remember, *you chose me*, destiny decided to bring me into your family. You wanted to share your motoring life with a faithful friend, with somebody *classically British*, "as British as Roast Beef" who is completely different to this modern world, just like you. And now here I am.

I'm an **MG**. I have *indomitable* character and a *sporting reputation* to uphold. A sporting life to live. Do your part! I know the small difference between my being and your old soul. But I do not like to think of you, like an Old Man! Not yet.

Come, Sit down next to me, low to the garage floor. Sit next to me a little bit, come into my world and let time slow, flow! Look deep into my patinaed paint and I will whisper truths!

I Speak to your heart, talk to your soul, and motoring together we will to get to know the real you. May, that there is no tomorrow and LIFE... oh, so SHORT.

So, please, Come sit next to me now, let us share these precious moments out on the winding road of life together! And do not forget:

TC's FOREVER!

-TC6977



**To TC 6977,
A Note in Reply.**

Thank you for laughter.

Because of you, dear TC, there's not a day that goes by that I don't laugh, usually at myself and my very good fortune to be your caretaker and motoring companion. Even in the darkest times, the bleakest moments, you have managed to put a smile on my face. Whether chasing a summer shadow across the rising crest of the road on a rolling country lane, or lightly dancing across a sweeping curve, you find the fun in every little thing and encourage me to do the same.

Thank you for perspective.

It's true, TC, that sometimes I take myself too seriously. I think too much about work and spend too much time glued to the computer. But you are a constant reminder about what's truly important. With a silent ache in my long-unexercised clutch pedal leg, you gently pull, you convince me to get outside, feel the sun, and maybe stretch out my legs with you on the open road. Enjoy this moment, you seem to say, because this moment is all we have and the living in the present is the only one that ever really matters.

Thank you for connection.

As an introvert, I find it comforting and comfortable to be alone, to shut myself away, to avoid the company of my fellow man. But you, TC, have made that impossible. An outing with you, driving you, anywhere, is like walking around with rock stars. Strangers want to stop and talk, ask about you, fuss over you. Through you and the MG clubs dedicated to enjoying you, I have had the chance to meet people from all over the world. Even more than that, you have shown me that making friends is far easier than I imagined. Apparently, the old

saying, it's true, MG—"The Marque of Friendship."

Thank you for being such a wise and patient teacher.

I have been lucky to have some great teachers in my life. But you, TC, are among the best. You have taught me the meaning of faith and trust, patience and hope. Because of you, I set out on a whole new life path, and along the way, learned that I'm capable of more than I ever thought possible.

Thank you for being there.

In the last few years, I've had my fair share of ups and downs. Hellos and goodbyes. Life and death. Triumphs (and Land Rovers), failures, and uncertainties. But what never wavered was you, dear TC. Regardless of what was happening around me, there you were in the center of my garage and heart, my faithful little touchstone, my dear little machine. Giving me something tangible to hold onto. Keeping me grounded, whole and balanced. A blast down the road, a surefire cure and tonic to blast away the cobwebs of my hobbled little mind.

Thank you for just being TC.

It seems impossible that by not doing anything, you still manage to do so much. Your happy attitude in the morning — this is the best day of my life! — sets the tone for the rest of my day. Sitting in you, the smell of oil and leather, while I work the wheel and Bishop cam to find the correct line, blip the throttle, and work the gear shift, helps me focus. Even the moments you're not cooperating (or not cooperating so well) sitting on the side of the road fill me with peace and make me calmer. Just the fact that you exist in my life somehow makes life better.

Dear TC, I always think that you will live forever. That I will never have to give you up. I know, of course, that's not true. That no matter how much I wish it or will it, that day

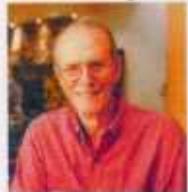


will come, and when it does, a piece of my heart will leave with you. But I also know that even then, even at the moment it breaks, my heart will be bigger because you were a part of it. My dear TC. --Charles



'Old' and 'New' Caretakers, March 2005. TC6977 lost his old companion, Professor W.H. Gordon, due to complications from COVID-19 in November, 2020.

Dr. Whitney H. Gordon (1931-2020)



Whitney Gordon was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1931. His family moved soon thereafter to the territory of Hawaii, where he spent his childhood, excepting a temporary evacuation to the mainland as a 10-year-old boy immediately following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, which he witnessed in person. He attended Pomona College earning a BS in psychology in 1954, completed his master's degree at Purdue in 1956, and received his PhD in Sociology from Purdue in 1962. As a professor he quickly developed a reputation as a stimulating and entertaining teacher with encyclopedic interests, voracious reading habits, and an eagerness for intellectual discourse on nearly any subject. His scholarship took him to Japan, Indonesia, Mexico, West Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, and England. He enjoyed the company of friends, both old and new. He was well-known for his deep appreciation of history and all things mechanical. Whit's fascination with and knowledge of automobiles was legendary; he often labored on his rare 1934 Aston-Martin

1.5-liter Mark II which he imported in 1956 (in which he courted his wife Hilda, who sometimes had to hold a flashlight in lieu of working headlights).



In 1963 he purchased TC6977, our 1948 MG TC, and soon joined like-minded MG enthusiasts as an early member of the New England MG T-Register established in 1964. His boyish wonder for machinery extended to



iPhones and Apple computers which he eagerly used to stay connected with his friends. And Whit had many friends around the globe, myself included, and thousands of students whom he inspired over the course of his long, adventurous, and rich life. He was generous and superbly intelligent; a man of integrity in both words and actions, a cultivator of conversation, a gifted writer, and a true gentleman to everyone. His wit and humor were unparalleled. He served as a knight for love, humanity, and social justice.

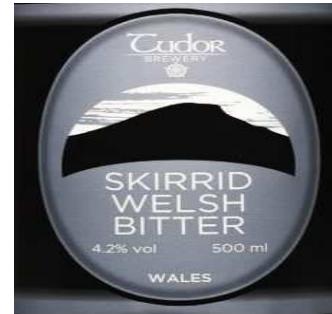
The Ales of the United Kingdom

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



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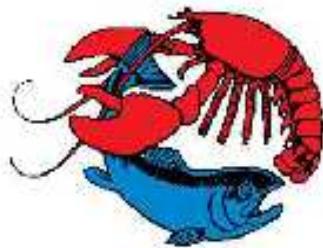
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Friday, June 3rd



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Come join your fellow club members for a tour and luncheon at Newick's Lobster House in Dover, NH on Friday June 3rd. <https://www.newicks.com/>.

The tour will depart Historic Motor Sports, 174 Raymond Road, Candia NH <http://historicmotorsports.net/> around 11AM for a 1 hour drive to Newick's. Plan to arrive at Historic Motorsports between 10-10:45 AM. Bathrooms are available and a gas station to top up is just across street.

The tour will proceed through some scenic back roads of southern NH ending at Newick's, 431 Dover Point Rd, Dover, NH. We should be arriving around noon time. There is plenty of parking and the restaurant can handle a large crowd.

If you prefer you can also meet up with the group at Newick's.

Please RSVP by 6/1 that you are attending so I can get an approximate head/car count.

Hope to see you there.

Bob Britton

AHC-NE/BCNH Healeybi7@hotmail.com or 603-381-3158



June 10-11, 2022
British Motorcars in Bristol
Bristol, RI

Driving tours, Block party and show dates have been set for the second week of June. More details to come

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The Watkins Glen Corning area offers a lot of educational and fun activity. Corning has the Corning Museum of Glass where you can see the history of glass development and the latest in glass art as well as an opportunity to shape your own piece of glass. The Rockwell Museum close by offers the opportunity to explore art about the American experience. Nearby Hammondsport offer the Glenn Curtiss Museum with over 60,000 square feet of Vintage Planes, Motorcycles, Cars, and Boats for an exhibition on how aviation and motorcycle innovation grew in the area. Visit the Finger Lakes Boating Museum for view of the boating activities and boat building in the Finger Lakes region. Watkins Glen will be the highlight of the visit with an opportunity to "Drive the Glen" at the Watkins Glen International race track where we can take three laps in parade style with memorable pictures of your car on the track. In addition, a short drive (about 6 miles) is available to follow the old race track path around the outskirts of Watkins Glen (at local speed limits of course).

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