



Capitol City MG Club



January 2002

It's a new year, let's get cracking!—By Alan Ferretti, President

The club finished the year with a great Christmas party hosted by Ron and Judy Shimek. The lesson I learned at the party was that when playing Trivial Pursuit you want Mark and Tracy on your team. It was a great evening of food, drinks, and games. Thanks to our hosts. It's a New Year, which means its time to firm up our club calendar of events for the year. The following is a list of tentative events and dates for the first half of the year. We can discuss both the event and the date during our January meeting. Please come out to the meeting and let us know what you think.

January and February, in addition to being cold, are typically our fix the car months and to help with that noble effort, Ron Shimek has invited the club to his shop for a technical session sometime in Late February. We can talk about the exact date and the subject at the January meeting. Ron has offered to generally go over maintenance items or he could go into a specific subject like a carb. Come to the meeting with your opinions on what you'd like to learn about. These have been quite a hit in the past and should be no less fun this time. Plan on setting a couple of hours aside in late February or early March and you won't be disappointed.



The club on its LaGrange road trip to visit Bill Jones' Vintage Sports cars —Jeff Fisher photo

In March our proposed activity is for Saturday the 23rd and will be a trip to the Central Texas Museum of Automotive History in Rosanky, Texas. For those of you that have never visited the museum before, it is housed in approximately 40,000 square feet of climate-controlled building on approximately 5 acres which includes ample paved parking, lighting, a restored gasoline station, a miniature automobile track, and an antique Gallery-Gift Shop combination. It has over 100 automobiles housed there permanently, and for those of you that have seen the museum before, it has an additional 50 vehicles shown on a rotational basis, so there should be something new for everyone. It's located just this side of Bastrop and should take us about an hour to drive to. Cost will be \$5 a person. Visit <http://www.ctmah.org/> for more information. If we have fun on this trip we may go back in the middle of September for the big Swap Meet they have each year.

April will be the annual CCMGC picnic and election of officers. With the success of moving this event last year, not to mention the lack of heat, I propose we make this month its regular home as we talked about last year. We still need a volunteer to do the coordination of this event as well as some helpers. This event is the club's largest expenditure every year and the event that has the largest attendance each year. We'll let the volunteer coordinator and his or her team of helpers propose an exact date. It is also time to consider running for club office. If you've ever found yourself saying, "why don't they do" , then getting elected to a club office is for you. I don't know about the other elected officers yet, but I'll be stepping down as president and hope someone with new excitement takes over and continues to grow the club and the events.

The May activity is something I've never done but have always wanted to. Visit a Texas Vineyard and winery. I propose we leave in the late morning of the 18th (That's the Saturday between Mother's Day and Memorial Day) and take 290 west to just past Stonewall and then visit the tasting rooms of the Becker Vineyards. Just behind the wine fields is a three-acre field of lavender. The colors and scents are extraordinary. They have a tasting room and gift shop. It would be the perfect time to expand your wine collection. Visit <http://www.beckervineyards.com/> for more information. The June activity I would like to plan is a trip to Mason, Texas on the 15th of the Month. Mason is about one and half-hours from Austin. They have the Old Mason Market Trade Days going on that weekend, the 3rd Saturday of each month. Patterned after the successful "trade days" events in Canton, Texas, Old Mason Market is an outlet for hand-made arts and crafts, antiques and collectibles, imported merchandise, distinctive, low-production, high-quality items, and unique goods not available at commercial malls or outlets. We'll leave that Saturday morning and start back late in the afternoon. Admission is free, but parking will cost \$3. Visit <http://www.oldmasonmarket.com/> for additional information.

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At this point the year is half over, but there is still a lot we can do. In July we could do an evening fun rally somewhere around town followed by coffee on the lake. In August we could attend a "Big Bands and Cool Cars" festival in Keerville, Tx. September is a big swap meet in Rosanky. With the right level of interest we could take part in the November Veterans Day Parade here in Austin with our cars or attend the Georgetown Air Show. Lots to do, including the ABCD event for 2002 and a Dallas club event here in Austin, both of which I don't know the exact dates on yet. In May there is a big charity car show in Austin, Kars for Kids, that we've talked about entering before. Maybe we could do that also this year. Even if we do everything I've listed, there are still a lot of weekends open. Come to this months meeting with your ideas and lets firm up our plans for 2002. See you there.

Alan Ferretti — President

The North American MGB Register

Please consider joining the North American MGB Register. Our club is now affiliated with NAMGBR which gives us several benefits, not the least of which is an insurance policy which indemnifies the club in case of something going wrong at a club event. Members also receive their magazine, *MGB Driver*, six times a year. *MGB Driver* is 60 pages of fascinating articles about MGB history, events, tech tips, and MG people. alone is well worth the \$25 per year. Their address is:

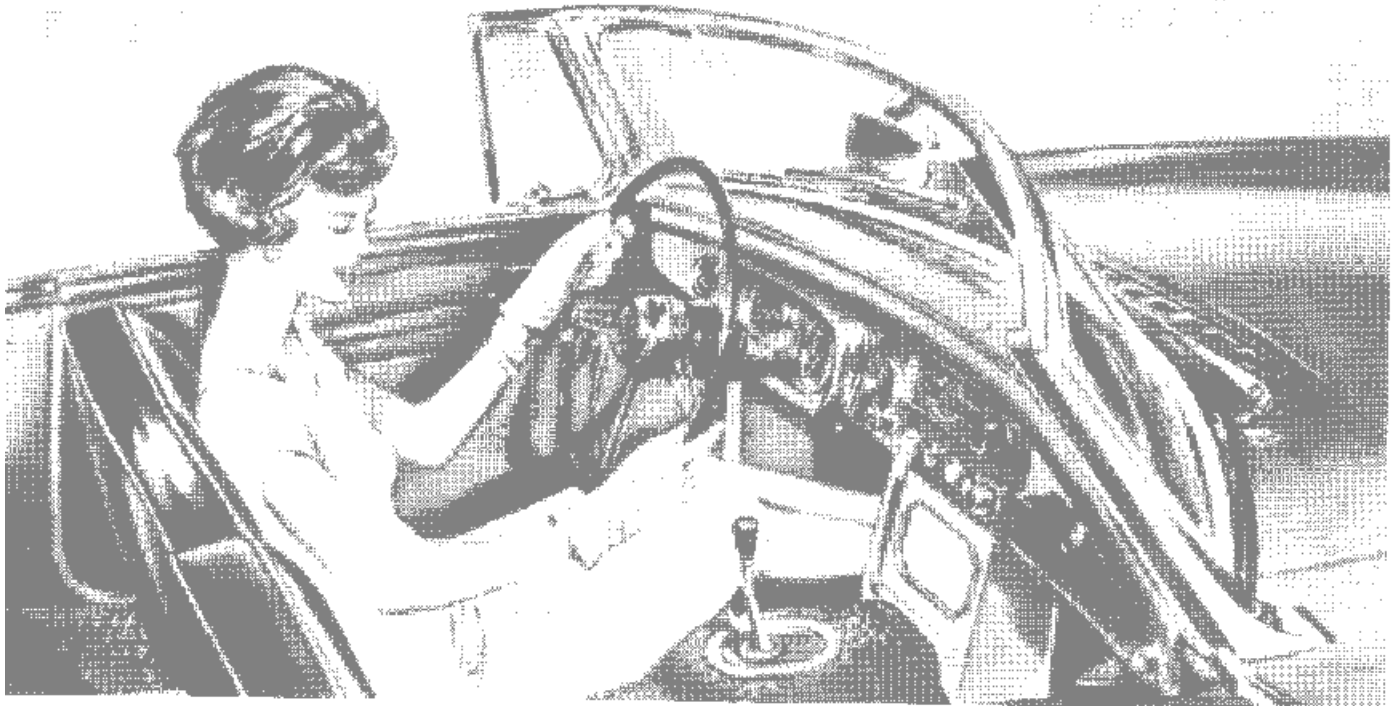
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Bill Jones has a TD for sale in his shop in La Grange \$12,500 — Jeff Fisher photo





Coming Events



This month's meeting is on January 15th at 7:30 pm at Threadgill's South. Please attend and help us get ready for the holiday season.

We still have some shirts from the ABCD for sale: \$15 for a Henley (button) and \$10 for the regular shirt. The design, by Matt Baker, is really beautiful, so make sure to buy this attractive shirt.



We STILL need to reschedule friendly rivalry between Triumph Club and CCMGC.



Anyone who has something they want to discuss at the meeting, please contact me or Alan Ferretti. Read the article on pgs 1 and 2 for proposed events for 2002. September 29, 2002 is the tentative date for ABCD 2002.

Roberto San Miguel has brand new, powder-coated roll-bar for a 1971 Triumph TR-6 for sale. His home phone is 374-1364.

Almost every MG on the road has some performance improving modifications. Hot Mallory coils were a common change, and they had cool stickers, too.



Anyone wishing to plan an event or add it to the calendar, please call the newsletter editor at 442-4088 or by e-mail: embee@io.com The club web page is at <http://www.geocities.com/ccmgc>



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"Some hae meat, and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thankit."

—Scottish Poet Robert Burns 1759-1796



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Drive Smart — Drive Safe
Next Meeting Tuesday, January 15, 7:30 p.m.