



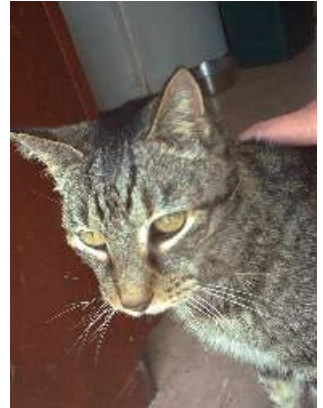
Capitol City MG Club

April 1, 2001
Special Edition



Sunday, April 8 is the CCMGC annual picnic and officer elections. Brad and Pat Lee and Ron and Judi Shimek are once again helping to put on the event but you can contact me by e-mail (embee@io.com) or phone (442-4088) if you would like to help. In the past this event has been a lot of fun, even two years ago, when we held the picnic in a pouring rainstorm.

As always, the highlight of the day's events will be the rally. However, due to numerous complaints from competitors that the previous years' courses were too easy, there will be a minor change in the rules this year. Instead of using traffic cones in the obstacle course, we will use live cats. That's right, real four-legged felines! In order to keep the cats from moving off their stations, their paws will be humanely fastened to the asphalt with duct tape. This not only will increase excitement for both the competitors and spectators, these course obstacles have the added benefit of providing an audible alarm whenever drivers go off-course.



Of course, for really adventurous rallyers, like Tom Libert, who in his quest for victory in has taken his MGB the extra mile, all the way off-course, in fact cross-country, we recommend that they use the new MG SUV, the MG-XC. I used my connections with ROVER to obtain a picture of their secret design, shown below.

Officer elections will be held at the picnic, so be sure to show up if you don't want to be elected (or if you do). Positions available will be President, Vice-President, Newsletter Editor, and Treasurer, plus we will discuss the duties of the advisory board. Officers elected at this meeting will take office in the summer, but after this issue the new newsletter editor may want to take over immediately.

CCMGC Annual Picnic Facts:
What: Picnic and BBQ, MG events and items all day long.
Where: Webberville Park—take FM 969 (MLK St.) East from the intersection of 183, about 13 miles to the Webberville General Store, do not enter park in Webberville—KEEP GOING 3 more miles to Webberville Park (on right) Look for the MG signs.
When: 12:00 Noon, Election of officers at 2:00 p.m. Special events throughout the day
What to bring: Something to BBQ and something to drink. Bring your MGs, MG stories, and MG items to swap or show off. Bring another car if the MG isn't running, and bring a guest and/or family.



This is also time to give thanks and appreciation to the officers of the club, who have given their time and efforts to organize events and making the club work. I know that I personally have not had as much time this year to give to the club as I have had in previous years. But other members have been picking up the slack and really keeping the club going. Here's looking forward to another great year of MG and British Car events.

M. B. —CCMGC Newsletter Editor

Tech Tip: Ignition System Testing

(This came from a Hillman chat list)

I will share with you the patent pending Evan Hillman (tm) Ignition Testing Technique:

Step 1: Invite a friend over to your garage to help you test.

Step 2: Remove the #1 spark plug. Leave the wire attached.

Step 3: Have your friend place the #1 spark plug in his mouth.

Have him take a firm grip on a bare surface on the engine.

Step 4: Turn the engine over.

Step 5: Measure the body imprint in the roof of the garage.

- Full body through the roof: Ignition is fine.
- Body partially imbedded in roof: Replace the condenser.
- Friend still standing there, looking gullible: Replace rest of ignition components.

Step 6: find new friends.

As you can see, this is a simple, straightforward technique for testing the ignition system on your favorite automobile.



You Are Old, Father William

by Lewis Carroll'

You are old, Father William', the young man said,
'And your hair has become very white;
And yet you incessantly stand on your head --
Do you think, at your age, it is right?'

In my youth', Father William replied to his son,
'I feared it might injure the brain;
But, now that I'm perfectly sure I have none,
Why, I do it again and again.

'You are old', said the youth, 'as I mentioned before,
And have grown most uncommonly fat;
Yet you turned a back-somersault in at the door --
Pray, what is the reason of that?'



'In my youth', said the sage, as he shook his grey locks,
'I kept all my limbs very supple
By the use of this ointment - one shilling the box -
Allow me to sell you a couple?'

'You are old', said the youth, 'and your jaws are too weak
For anything tougher than suet;
Yet you finished the goose, with the bones and the beak -
Pray, how did you manage to do it?'

'In my youth', said his father, 'I took to the law,
And argued each case with my wife;
And the muscular strength, which it gave to my jaw,
Has lasted the rest of my life.'

'You are old', said the youth, 'one would hardly suppose
That your eye was as steady as ever;
Yet you balanced an eel on the end of your nose -
What made you so awfully clever?'

'I have answered three questions, and that is enough,'
Said his father, 'don't give yourself airs!
Do you think I can listen all day to such stuff?
Be off, or I'll kick you downstairs!'

Update: Caroline Russell

WARNING: A SERIOUS ARTICLE

If you don't know about Caroline, she's an MG club member who was involved in a serious accident last Summer in her MG Midget. Details of how the accident occurred remain unclear, but the extent of her injuries is quite unambiguous: her neck was broken, and she suffered multiple other injuries, leaving her in a wheelchair.

Even though this is a terrible situation, I think it would be wrong to blame the car for her injuries, because the kind of accident she had (a high speed head-on collision) would have been horrible in any vehicle. But still, y'all drive carefully, Please. MGs are fun at any speed, especially when driven safely. Safety Fast! I mean it.

I visited Caroline this week and she is still in remarkably good spirits, and she still loves her MG. She is working hard to recover as much as possible, and part of her recovery is that she has to undergo painful therapy several times a week. Right now, she has problems with the mobility of her left arm because of a stroke caused by the accident. Part of her therapy is to help her extend and perhaps regain some movement in her left arm. She told me one way she can endure the pain of the therapy is that she closes her eyes and visualizes herself in her Midget raising her arm and waving to fellow MG drivers.

Caroline is now at Garden Terrace Nursing Home, at 1015 West William Cannon. This is at the corner of William Cannon and Emerald Forest -- next to the car wash. Her phone number is 441-0170 (temporarily disconnected at the time this article was written) or 443-1640, and she does have voice mail in case she cannot answer the phone. She also has email -- bonmotAustin@earthlink.net. She is so very grateful for any phone calls or visits, or such. Please tell people if they wish to visit to be sure and call her first, and tell her when they want to come -- that way she can be up and in her wheelchair, if she feels well enough.



Coming Events



April - April 7, Funkhana and Autocross, Trader's Village, in Houston.

Also April 7, Avalon Place Car Show 9:00 to 3:00 Trinity, TX, Contact Bill or Alice at (936) 594-6242

Sunday, April 8th, CCMGC picnic Webberville Park - see page 1



April 28, 2001 Messina Hof Winery Wine & Roses Festival (craft show/festival) Bonnarigo wants a car show. There will be volunteers amongst us to watch over the cars. From 10 am to 6pm



Sunday, April 29th, 2001.. (DALLAS) All-British Car Day 2001, 17th Annual Exposition of Vintage European (Especially British) Cars and Motorcycles, White Rock Lake Park in Dallas, Texas. Additional Info

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May - G.O.F. Salado, Mother's Day weekend. - Sunday, May 12th, 2nd Sunday in May - Hound and Hare Rally, Alan and Debbie Ferretti - Last week in May, Drive Your British Car Week (MB?)



June - Saturday, June 23, Night run to Walburg, hosted by Tom Libert. (To depart from Reagan High School on Athletic Drive)



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Next Meeting Saturday, April 8, 2001 Noon, Webberville Park, see p. 1