




# CAPITOL CITY MG CLUB



## April 2002

### 'Museum musings'—By Alan Ferretti, President

 The run to Rosanky is now behind us. It was a great time. What a wonderful museum to visit. There were about 14 club members in attendance (we got the discount on the entry fee) with six MGs and some assorted other vehicles. The trip to the museum was uneventful, although Debb, in her efforts to get some good photos, did lose her MG cap on the way.

We arrived at the museum around noon and started the tour. After about an hour, we had our picnic lunch. The temperature was just right and the sun was shining, but the wind was kicking up a little too much. It was a fun picnic and a good chance to visit and talk about what we saw so far. After our meal, some of the diehards went back into the museum to finish off the second room. The quantity and quality of vehicles on display was amazing. On the outside, they had an old style gas station and an old double-decker bus in need of serious restoration. Lots of photo opportunities. We hung out till around 4pm and then headed home.



Debb and I wound up heading back to Austin by ourselves. She was real quiet for most of the trip and intensely watching the other side of the road for any sign of her hat. As unbelievable as it may seem, she spotted a red spot on the other side of the road on 71. A quick U-turn and we pulled up close to it. It was the hat - much flatter than it's ever been - sitting in the middle of the heavily traveled road. After a long wait for a pause in the traffic, the rescue was completed.

The hat had a few tire tracks over the top, but no rips or other damage.

It was a great day and a very fitting way to kick off the 2002 season of club runs. I hope that everyone that went had as much fun as I did. I wouldn't mind heading back again for the big swap meet in September. Be sure and check out the photos on the club web site.

Coming up real quick is the Blair's BlueBonnet run, or actually by the time you read this it will be history. [Ed note: according to Tom England, it was a very enjoyable trip on beautiful day.] Remember, there is no meeting at Threadgills this month because the Club Picnic is coming up. We'll do a meeting and have elections at the Webberville Park on Sunday, April 28. The grill will be going by 1pm. Good people, food, and MG games. I can't wait.



Deb's hat: took a licking, kept on ticking ...

Coming up after the picnic but before our next meeting at Threadgills in May are two events. Saturday, May 4th is the Georgetown airshow run and Saturday May 18th is the Becker vineyards run. Lots of activity going on for the next few months, so check the club Calendar of Events

for all the latest information and meeting places. The next club meeting is Tuesday May 21 at Threadgills. Hope that you can make it.

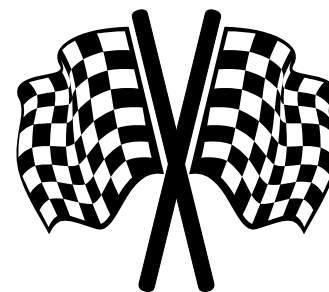
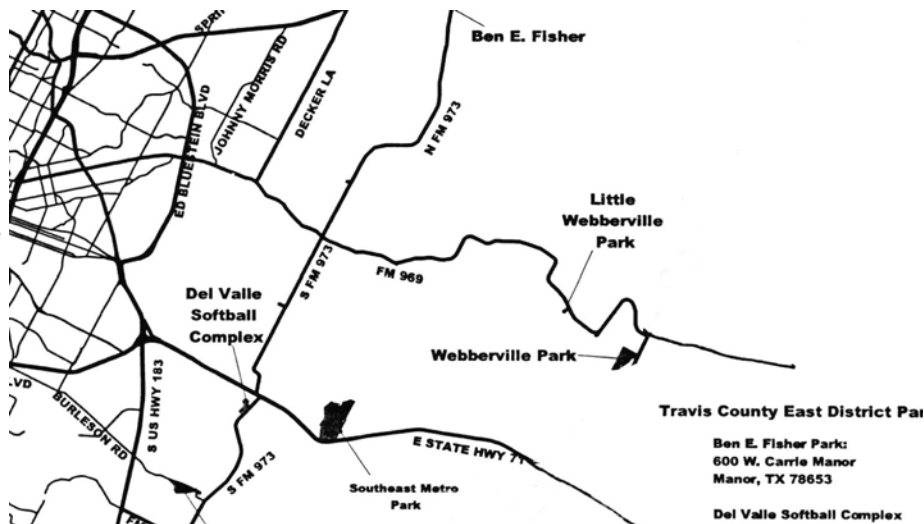
*Alan Ferretti — President*

The annual picnic is traditionally when we start to collect dues. EVERY member is expected to pay dues EVERY year. Spring is not just the season of the blooming of the flowers, it is also the season of dunning. Annual club membership (\$15) is about 1/2 the cost of a new MGB heater valve, and since you have to replace those about every two years, the net cost is the same. If you don't pay at the picnic, we will place a notice on your address label that your membership is about to expire. Any member who does not by end of July will no longer receive newsletters.

Thanks, Mark Barrington—Newsletter Editor and Head Dunner

The annual CCMGC picnic at the Webberville Park, at pavilion #1, is set for April 28. The same location as last year. Picnic cooking will start at 1:00, elections for next years CCMGC officers to follow, and then the Blindfold rally. Tom and Jennie need a list of attendees so that he can order the supplies. So far, 16 people have RSVP'd. Also, if you know someone in the club who is not on the email list, please call them and let them know. The club will supply hamburgers and hot dogs and buns, plates, cups.. the bare necessities. Some of the following items offered; beans, chips and dips, potato salad and deviled eggs. We still need more picnic supplies, condiments, ice, cokes, tea, tomatoes, lettuce, mustard, ketchup, .... etc. (please be specific) Time is getting short, so please reply back to me ASAP so that I can get the list updated.

Thanks,  
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## MG Lands in the US: As an engine supplier for the CART racing series

### Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. -- MG Rover and Engine Developments Ltd., builder of Judd racing engines, will jointly provide engines for the CART FedEx Series starting next year.

The England-based companies formed a technical partnership to produce the new 3.5-liter, non-turbocharged powerplants that will replace the current 2.65, turbocharged engines used in CART.

### MG signs up to Cart

British car manufacturer MG has agreed to provide engines for the FedEx Cart Championship next season. MG, using use rebadged Judd engines, will replace Honda, which abruptly pulled the plug on its Cart programme earlier this year.

Rob Oldaker, managing director of MG Sport and Racing, said: "I am delighted to be involved with the USA's premier motor racing series.

"This complements our European motorsport activities and will allow MG Xpower to become truly global." MG becomes the first manufacturer to officially sign up to Cart's new 3.5-litre engine rules.

Cart president Christopher Pook said: "The commitment MG Rover has made to Cart is one of the most positive developments I have seen since I joined the organisation four months ago.

"It is no secret that we have been openly courting several automobile manufacturers around the globe.



Not a CART car, but the X-Power Ex257 Le Mans racer is a beautiful example of the MG Car Company's racing effort.-->



MG LOLA EX257 LE MANS

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# Coming Events



**This month's no meeting at Threadgill's South, instead we are meeting at the picnic**



**April 28, club picnic.** Tom and Jennie England, hosts. RSVP (that means **call Tom** and let him know you're coming) phone 512-416-0962 E-mail: TEngland@austin.rr.com

**May 4, Georgetown Air Show:** Details on the club web site. [Http://www.geocities.com/ccmgc](http://www.geocities.com/ccmgc)



**Spring GOF, Salado, 05/09 - 05/12.**  
**Sun., May 18th, Becker Vineyards,** leave late morning.

**Sat., June 1st, Wimberley Market Days** (Roger and Jan Porch)

**July 3-6, North American MGB Registry, Grapevine, TX, 07/03 - 07/07.** Details <http://www.mg2002.com>

**Aug. 23-25, Kerrville Big Band Concert.**

**Fall: Highland Days in Salado** November 8-10, ABCD in Round Rock Sept 29

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.

Hal Dunphy has a 56 MGA and a '72 MGB/GT both of which are in perfect shape and are multiple show winners. Both cars are for sale to cover Mr. Dunphy's medical expenses. These are great cars, and it's sad that Hal has to sell them. Contact Hal at [HalsMGs@totalzone.net](mailto:HalsMGs@totalzone.net)

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](mailto:embee@io.com) The club web page is at <http://www.geocities.com/ccmgc> If you want to be on the list to receive e-mail announcements about club events, send a message to [oldpierre@hotmail.com](mailto:oldpierre@hotmail.com).



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City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Cars owned:

MG1 \_\_\_\_\_

MG2 \_\_\_\_\_

(attach pages if more space is needed)

Send completed application to address below with \$15 to register. Thank you.



**Capital City MG Club  
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*Drive Smart — Drive Safe*

*Next Meeting Sunday, April 28, 1:00 p.m. Officer Elections will be held!*