



Capitol City MG Club



May 2001

May 2001 Capitol City MG Club Fun Rally The Hare 'n Hound

This year the Capitol City MG Club is hosting another May Fun Rally. It will be a different format than last years', but it will still be a good excuse to take a Sunday afternoon drive. The format this year will be a Hare 'n Hound rally. The rally participants (the Hounds) try to find the route taken by the Hare. The Hare will mark the trail it takes within a half-mile of every on-course intersection. The hound with the closest to correct mileage at the end is the winner.

This is not a race and how fast the course is completed does not matter. What matters is how good you guess which road the hare went down. It's your mileage that will count. We'll start with some tire warm-up time, followed by an odometer calibration, and then the "chase" begins as you try to follow the Hare's trail.



The HARE: Mighty Ferrettimobile

What will you need to participate? First a vehicle with an odometer that works - doesn't have to be correct because we'll calibrate it. A trip odometer would also be nice but not necessary. Next you should find a navigator to ride with you. Again, this isn't required, but it puts twice as many eyes looking for the Hare trail. You'll also need the \$10 entry fee and something to write with.

We'll be starting from Zilker Park this year. The Driver/Navigator meeting will start at 1pm and first car out will be 1:30. The meeting will cover all the details and give you a chance to ask any questions. The course should take under two hours to finish and we'll then gather somewhere to award prizes and visit and possibly partake in an adult beverage.

All this takes place on Sunday May 20, 2001. The weekend falls perfectly between Mother's Day and the long holiday weekend. It is also during the official "Drive your British Car" week. Don't have a British car currently working - no problem. All vehicles are welcome. If it's street legal in Texas, it can enter the rally.

Here's the Summary:

What : Hare 'n Hound Rally
Hosted by : Capitol City MG Club
Rally Master : Alan Ferretti (512) 418-8705
 AlanFerr@AOL.COM
Date/Time : Sunday, May 20, 2001. 1:00PM
Location : Zilker Park, Austin TX
Cost : \$10/car



A Hound? [Tom England]



Pierre knew the sound of my MGB. When he heard it coming up the block, he always would rush to the end of the driveway, and would run just in front of the bumper all the way into the garage. The last couple of years he has slowed down quite a bit, and I've taken to putting him into the passenger seat for the 25 ft. drive from the kerb into the garage, so that the driveway march would not take as much time as the rest of the trip home. After eating, he would sometime settle into the right-side footwell of the MGB for a long nap. He died on May 8, 2001. I'll miss him terribly.



Pierre: Beloved pet
1984?—May 8, 2001

MG Picnic and Elections: April 8, 2001

Alan Ferretti was reelected as club president, with Tracy elected as VP. Judi Shimek is still the treasurer, and you're stuck with me, Mark Barrington, as newsletter editor. A motion passed for officers to serve a term of two years or until they are removed by an Act of God or other calamity.



A club president must always be dignified—the Ferrettis

It was a great idea to move the event to the spring, the weather was great, and everyone had a great time. The rally was won once again by the Shimeks.

Tentatively, Andrew Yue and I were chosen to host the 2002 CCMGC picnic, but we're looking for eager beaver newer members to do most of the hard work.



Brad Lee tallies up the score from the rally

Cars and parts for sale: MG heaven

1977 MGB—Wire wheels and twin SU carbs. Everything works except the horn [Ed. As opposed to most cars in Austin, where that's the only part that *does* work.] Garage kept. Call Lenny Fein (512) 892-9020

1961 MGA—A friend of mine (in Kansas City) had to buy a small stable of MG's in order to purchase a TF that was part of the collection. [Ed. Heard that] He gave me the pick of the "A" series cars. The one I choose (even over a Mark II) was a very straight 1961 steel wheel car that was complete and original. I was told that it was running about 6 years ago when he drove it on to the lot and parked it. It needs a full restoration including interior, rag top and frame, some body emblems, etc.

The car was originally Chariot Red with a rare factory AM radio. The gauges look good and the drive train appears to be in great shape. The motor turns well, the gearbox is smooth, etc. I have the motor ready to come out, the right front wing, bonnet, boot lid and doors are off. I'd let it go for \$3,500.

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May Meeting:
Tuesday the 15th at
Threadgill's restaurant, Riverside and Barton Springs Road at 7:30 p.m.
Come early to enjoy the fine food and drink and company of fellow MG'ers



Coming Events



May - G.O.F. Salado, Mother's Day weekend. - May 10-13, 2001. A premier event featuring the finest MGs in Texas and the Southwest.



Sunday, May 20th, CCMGC Hare&Hound Rally (Deborah and Alan Ferretti) - Driver's meeting begins at 1 p.m. Sharp in Zilker Park. First car out at 1:30 p.m. (signs will be posted at park entrance.) Last week in May, Drive Your British Car Week



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

How about some Simulated Fun!—from BrazosBrits [A&M] Conceptually, the driving sim is a flight simulator but designed for land transport. It is on the 3rd floor of the TTi building and features a full size (bumper to bumper) Saturn and high performance computers which project 3D computer generated images to 3 screens in front of the car. A driver gets in the car and drives as they normally would in the real world but now through the 3D worlds.

> The reason I am posting this message is that I am conducting a study right now and desperately need participants to come and drive. The experiment examines roadway features, takes about 1:15 minutes to complete from arrival at the lab to the time you leave for home, and will pay \$10. If you are an auto enthusiast, computer enthusiast, or both I think you might like to see and experience the simulator (even if you don't participate in the study I would be happy to show everyone the sim some Friday).

> We have times available for the study throughout each week and on some weekends. If you are interested please give me a call at work at 862.3311 or email me at m-manser@ttimail.tamu.edu

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monthly meetings.

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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
2600 Ware Rd.
Austin, TX 78741

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