



CAPITOL CITY MG CLUB



May 2002

REELECTED, and it feels so good!—By Alan Ferretti, President

The only thing hotter than the weather this last month has been our club activities. We've had lots of things to do and just about every one has been a test for our cars cooling systems. The good news is we haven't had any problems on our runs.

The Picnic was a great success. Tom and Jenny did a fabulous job with the organization and cooking. We had over 20 people and a dozen MG's on hand for the festivities. The current elected officers were all reelected and we're ready for another year of good cars and good people. This will be the third term for most of us - some have even served a little longer in their current positions. I think next year we need to consider getting some new blood in the club leadership. It will help keep the club fresh and new. Along those lines, this will be my last year as president and I'll be stepping down after this term expires. So, it's never too soon to start planning for next year.

The blindfolded rally at the picnic was a bunch of fun again this year. Judi won first place with Ron as navigator in their MGB. Debb took second place with me as navigator in our Midget, and Scott took 3rd place in his Midget, again with me as navigator. You have to try this to believe how hard it is. Well done to this years winners.

I presented our own newsletter editor, Mark, a special recognition award this year for his hard work throughout the year. Mark is really the glue that holds the club together and we all thank him very much for the long hours and hard work he puts in for us. The enjoyable part of this for me was that Mark had no idea it was coming and was truly surprised. It should be noted that this doesn't make us even for the April fool joke he got me to fall for like a hungry fish.

The weekend after the picnic was the club run to the Georgetown Air Show. Not well attended, but a good time, until the plane crashed. See our web site for the story and the photos.

Speaking of our Web Site, we have had some problems with it. Seems we're getting to much usage for a free web site and we were shut down for a little while one Sunday. Do not stop using the club web site, though. Mark and I are working real hard to get this resolved and will have a solution soon. Until then, keep checking the web site for the latest info on what we've done and what's coming up. If you get an error, check back an hour later. Also, if you haven't joined the CCMGC list you are missing out on some interesting club happenings delivered right to your email box.

We'll as I write this, next weekend is Mother's Day which means the Dallas club is holding their GOF in Salado. The weekend after that, May 18th, is our club run to Becker's Vineyards. We'll gather at Threadgills at 11:30 that Saturday with a picnic lunch and head to the wine country for an afternoon of fun. The following Tuesday night, May 21, is our monthly meeting, and then our next run is to Wimberley on June 1st for the Trade Days. This will be the last weekend of "Drive your British Car" week. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending some or all. I hope to see you at everything. Until then, keep the shiny side up and safety fast !

Alan Ferretti — President



A nice collection of MGs showed at the picnic

WHAT DO DUES PAY FOR? WHAT DOES MY \$15 GET ME?

Your MG club exists for your benefit, but it can't function without cash. Your dues pay for club events like the picnic. The biggest expense for the club every year is this newsletter. We also want to register a domain name for the club and host a website for the club without the popups and bandwidth problems we have with our present provider. This would be very inexpensive, but it isn't free. Think how much you get from the club, with fun events all year round and this newsletter, and I'm sure you will agree that it is well worth the pittance we charge for membership. Please pay soon by giving a check to Judi at a meeting or mailing in the form on the last page of this newsletter. Don't make me get out the bossy stick!

Newsletter News

Alan Ferretti announced at the picnic that this was his last term as President of the CCMGC. After some reflection, I've decided that this should also be my last term as newsletter editor. It's a great job, even though the pay sucks. But after this term, which will end with the April 2003 newsletter, I think that someone else should take over.

My job as newsletter editor is made easier by the fact that I have no life, other than working, working on my cars, and working on club business. I've learned a great deal in a couple of years as editor, and here are a few of the most important lessons:

1. You can't do it all yourself. I've learned a lot from Alan's leadership: he doesn't dictate to the club, but he helps the club to go where the members want it to go. He involves everyone in the club in planning and putting together events, making the club really belong to the members.
2. Some months I just don't want to put together another newsletter. It's hard work, and I've got other things to do with my time. But somehow, after I'm done with all of the procrastination, the experience of putting together something for the members every month always turns out to be rewarding. And sometimes someone tells you how much they appreciate your efforts. It really feels good to be appreciated. (But not good enough to keep doing it beyond this term of office.)
3. There are many reasons that people join car clubs, but the reason most people stay with a club is for the friendships they form with other members. MG truly is the marque of friendship, and I have made many close friendships by belonging to the club. I've made some great deals on cars, and learned a lot of technical stuff about MGs, but the real payoff for me is the friendships that I've been fortunate to participate in because I joined the club.

So, dear reader, consider that you will only have 11 more issues with me as the editor. If you are reading this and considering taking over the newsletter next year, remember that I do accept interns. Don't despair, there's almost a full year left of sarcasm and a weird sense of humour, brought to you by your faithful newsletter editor. And that thing I said earlier about having no life ... I guess that's not true, because I have this club, and you.



A 'Flying Tiger' at the Georgetown Air Show — [P51 Mustang] — Ferretti photo



Tom and Jennie England prepare some burgers ...

Mark Barrington — Newsletter Editor



Brad and Pat Lee — Brad's the blindfolded one



Coming Events



This month's meeting is on May 21 at 7:30 pm at Threadgill's South.

May 18 – Becker's Vineyards (Alan and Deborah Ferretti) The club will gather at Threadgills - the same place we hold the monthly meetings - at 11:30 Saturday. Pack another picnic lunch and we'll make use of

the picnic area at the Vineyards. We'll head out 290 West 10 miles east of Fredericksburg, 3 miles west of Stonewall off Highway 290 on Jenschke Lane. We'll take the tour, taste the wine, and have a picnic. Contact Number – (512) 418-8705(Cell:659-8705).



June 1 – Wimberly Trade Days (Roger and Jan Porch)

The club will gather at 8:00am at a location to be announced in Austin. We'll head to Wimberly as a group (Out 290 West to RR12. South into town, Left after we get into town) and park on the grounds of Hill Country Motorsports. Glenn Garret has kindly offered us use of the fenced parking area there for our MG's. Jan will shuttle us to the shopping area where many restaurants are available and we can shop till we drop. Then it's off to Roger and Jan's home for a refreshing dip in the pool before heading back. The Alamo MG club is also planning to attend and this promises to be a fun time for all. REMEMBER – put your suits in the trunk before leaving from home. Contact Number – 847-9959.



July 3 - 7 – NAMGBR Convention in Grapevine (Alan and Deborah Ferretti) This is the national convention of the NAMGBR. Grapevine is located just outside Dallas.

Lots of fun activities planned. See the web site. Car Show is Saturday. Early(as in cheap) registration ends June 1st. Come up for the holiday and party all week or join us for the car show Saturday. Also a good chance to join the national organization. Contact Number– 418-8705

September 29—ABCD at Round Rock: See <http://www.txabcd.org> for details.

Carl Newsome has a '79 MGB for sale. Call him at 444-9218 for details

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/ccmgetc>



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(attach pages if more space is needed)

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

"In our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God." — Aeschylus c. 525—456 BC



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Drive Smart — Drive Safe
Next Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.