



CAPITOL CITY MG CLUB



June 2002

Un An, Mille Bornes—By Alan Ferretti, President

With the weather getting hotter with each day that passes, there can be no doubt that we are well into a Texas summer. It seems like just a few weeks ago that we were looking forward to our first event of the year and here we are half way through it already. I guess time flies when you drive an MG. This year we started with a Tech-session and then took more than a half dozen road trips which have totaled more than 1000 miles. Some have been very well attended and others have had only light attendance, but up to now I have not had to go on one alone, so I guess we're still doing okay.

This month's road trip was to Wimberly for the trade day's event hosted by Roger and Jan Porch. It was a beautiful morning as we left out of Threadgills parking lot and headed West on 290 and then South on 12. A very nice road with a very pretty Wimberley as our destination. The Trade Days was all that was promised. Ample shopping to satisfy anyone's needs, food and drink booths, and two locations with live music. Lots of fun. Roger had his van to run us back and forth between our private parking area and the shopping area. Sure was nice. A big thanks to Roger and Jan for doing this for the club members.

The next event we have on the club calendar is the NAMGBR national convention just outside Dallas in Grapevine, TX. I'm pretty excited about it, as I've never been to one of these before. Actually, the trip will be the longest I've been on in the Midget. These next couple of weekends will be time for a tune up and various system checks. Deb and I will be at the hotel the entire time, so if you get a chance to come up sometime over the holiday weekend, be sure and look us up.

After we get back and settle in we'll try to pull together a night event for the end of July – maybe a night coffee rally if there is interest. We'll try to do some night things to avoid the heat of the day in July and August. We also still need to teach the Triumph Club how to drive with a MG attitude at Malibu Grand Prix. Maybe we can pin them down to an evening soon. Then it's September, which means (hopefully) cooler weather and the Texas All British Car Day on September 29th. Our own Mark Barrington is the organizational leader this year and if you'd like to help there is still plenty to do. The next meeting of the TxABCD committee is June 26th.

Remember, this is YOUR club. If you have any ideas on how to improve something or an idea for an event, or anything that will make the CCMGC a better club, please let me know. Hope to see you at the next meeting and, until then, keep the shiny side up and safety fast.

Alan Ferretti — President



Thom Blair's PRIZE WINNING TD at the April picnic. Mr Blair is next to the car. That's Judi Shimek in the background with her arms outstretched. I think she's saying something like "Ron! Why didn't you buy me a T-Series!!!" —Ronda Disney photo.

DUNNING CORNER>>>>

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 pitance 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.

TF-1500 update: The body tub for my TF has been taking an extended vacation in La Grange, where Bill Jones has been rebuilding it. I visited it and him this week. My pocket is a great deal lighter, but it's really coming together. Bill Jones is doing beautiful work, as he always does. [Ed note: Now he has no choice but to renew his ad.] To see the skeletal wooden frame all together, with the sheet metal ready to hang, is a beautiful sight, and makes the anticipation hard to bear. Next month, the body tub is finally coming back to my garage, where it will sit on a specially built cart where it will be painted and prepared for remounting on the frame. (Barrington photos)



The doors are hung, but without sheet metal, the body tub looks pretty insubstantial.



This cart will hold the body tub for painting and body work. Note the adjustable lifts for the rear shelf.



No, this is not the 'after' picture, but a visiting TF-1500 from Houston that was in Mr. Jones' shop. Mine will be have steel wheels and will be painted black instead of white. The white sure is beautiful, but I have yet to see an ugly color for a TF.

Mark Barrington—Newsletter Editor



This is a detail of the front of the right-hand door. The doors, which used to flop in the breeze, now hang perfectly straight. Note the T-nuts holding the latch plate, which are a big improvement over the stock mounting arrangement. It's probably hard to see in this reproduction, but Bill Jones' assistant Travis signed his work and added a little pencil drawing to the woodwork. This will be covered with sheet metal when the tub is finished.



Well, the job ain't done until the paperwork is complete. So far, there are four pages of work orders just for the body tub. Someday, I'm going to add all of this up, but for now I can't stand it. I know it's all going to be worth it some day.



Coming Events

This month's meeting is on June 18 at 7:30 pm at Threadgill's South.



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. Also a good chance to join the national organization. Contact Number- 418-8705



TBA in July: Some kind of night driving event, to escape the heat. Details later.



September 29—All British Car Day in Round Rock: This date isn't all that far away. There's going to be a stronger emphasis on club participation this year, and new classes for daily drivers and unique and special interest cars. You can help us plan this event and make it successful. See <http://www.txabcd.org> for details.



Ronda Disney transports some plants to a show in her MGB-GT. Barrington photo

Translation of front page title: It says "One year, a thousand Milestones" in French. Mille Bornes is also a driving themed card game that I loved to play as a child. —MB

Correction to last month's newsletter: the plane on page 2 was a P-40, not a P-51

Ric Snook has a dent-free MGB hood (steel) for sale. Some surface rust, but it should clean up really well. Contact him at Rsnook@austin.rr.com

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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(d. 2002, RIP), in his Science Fiction short story
‘To Serve Man’



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Next Meeting Tuesday, JUNE 18, 7:30 p.m.