



Capitol City MG Club



July 2001

.....WALBURG RAMBLE: A Report by Mark Barrington.....

On June 13th, the club took a little trip from North Austin to Walburg. We had about 6 or 7 cars assemble at Athletic Drive near Reagan High School just as the sun was nearing the horizon. Attendees included Tom Libert and family, the Porch family, Bill Collier, John Smith, the Shimeks, the Mullins', Andrew Yue and myself. As we got further from Austin we traveled through scenic country roads through cornfields and little country towns. Occasionally, as we rounded a sweeping curve, you could see the whole caravan strung out along the two lane blacktop. The heat of the day slowly waned and we arrived in Walburg just in time to see a spectacular sunset as the bloated orange ball of the sun ducked below the cloud cover. More about those clouds later.

We settled in for a few hours of fun and conversation at the restaurant. I gave Tom a hard time about his car burning a little oil, but I really should have been kinder. Tom worked really hard to get his MGB ready in so he could lead the drive in an MG. Good job, Tom! I'd rather breathe a little MG oil smoke than have to look at the rear end of a Toyota anyway. From a safe distance, of course.

German food isn't my favorite, but the grub at Walburg was pretty good. They had a great selection of German beers, and I had a Paulaner Ale with my dinner. After we finished eating, Andrew and I wandered back to check out the band in the back. Almost everyone else, noticing the gathering storm, skedaddled right after eating.

By the time Andrew and I got into the car, lightning was illuminating the clouds all around, and big drops were starting to fall from the sky. I don't often drive the MGB with the top up, and with both of us inside, it seemed kind of crowded. At least it was cool, as the rain started to come. Oh man, did it come. By the time we were on I-35, the rain was so heavy that I could hardly see at all. One time, lightning struck very close to us, and we were briefly surrounded by a purple glow as the high voltage discharged though the overhead lighting. The water seal on top of my windshield is in poor condition, and water began flowing over the top of the windshield, causing the inside of the windshield to fog up.

We exited the expressway, and found a gas station. I topped off the tank and Andrew stocked up on paper towels. I jiggered with the heater fan switch until I got the fans going, and we were off again. The rest of the trip was pretty uneventful, until I got to Austin and crossed a few intersections with running water several inches in depth, and we suddenly were engulfed in a surge of water that splashed up onto the hood. I'm glad I installed plastic inner fenders, because it keep the wiring for my headlamps and turn signals dry. I dropped off Andrew and arrived safely home at midnight.

Despite the bad weather trip home, it was a great experience, and I wouldn't have missed it! Thanks, Tom! And thanks members. See you at the next MG club event—the monthly meeting on the 17th.

The Great Race: <http://www.greatrace.com>

Pasadena, California – June 30, 2001 – Three-time Great Race Grand Champion Wayne Stanfield of Anaheim, California, claimed a fourth Championship today as The History Channel Great Race roared to a finish on Colorado Boulevard Pasadena, CA. Stanfield, in a 1934 Roush Racing Ford Indy racer, scored an incredible 1.52 seconds off a perfect score of zero with rookie navigator Andy Massimilla of Stratham, NH. In the fiercely competitive \$275,000 transcontinental rally-race, only three seconds separated the winners from two-time champions Rex Gardner of Stilwell, KS and Gary Kuck of Lincoln, NB, in the Carquest 1917 Hudson racer at 1.55 seconds. [ed: Two MG TDs entered and finished the cross-country race]



Standfield and Massamilla cross the finish line in Sacramento

Keeping Up with the TRs



Postcard from California — Drive In dining in San Bernardino, CA

Once again, due to a cramped schedule, I'll be mailing out the newsletter from California, San Diego this time. One perk of being the newsletter editor is that you get to read the newsletter from lots of other clubs. The Hill County Triumph Club has one of the best, and they just keep getting better. They also have one of the best club web sites for a local car club anywhere: <http://www.exact.com/~HCTC>.

The web site has a nice interface and you can access most of the content for their newsletters, along with tech tips, contact information for club officers, and lots of other fun stuff.

Their newsletter looks designed, instead of the 'one guy with 2.5 hours and a copy of Publisher' look that infects our newsletter.

So, my project for the next month is to redesign the club website and newsletter, as an attempt to keep up with the Triumph guys.

That's the trouble with people who do good work ... they just make my job harder.

The Annual Dunning: a note from the newsletter editor ...

If you haven't paid dues yet this year, this could be your next-to-last newsletter. Next month, there will be a notation on the address label, indicating whether it is your last issue. Members must pay \$15 per year, but I also send complimentary copies to other club newsletter editors and advertisers.

If you haven't paid and don't want to get the newsletter, please let me know by e-mail at embee@io.com or phone me at (512) 442-4088. If you want to continue receiving the newsletter and getting all of the benefits of membership in the Capital City MG Club, mail in a payment (form on back page) or pay in person at the next meeting.

Advertising renewals are also due: Business card ads are \$35 per year, 1/2 page is \$100 per year, and full page is \$150 per year (would mean extra pages for the newsletter) I will contact the advertisers this July. Thanks MB



For Sale, 1974 chrome bumper MG Midget in Smithville. It have chrome bumpers. Car does not run, but body is in good shape. Phone: 512 237-4673 or at 512 801-5337. I would consider any offers. Thomas Smith



Andrew Yue and Mark Barrington at Walburg Mercantile on June 13

July Meeting:
Tuesday the 17th 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



Coming in September (23rd), the Fall GOF in Kerrville. Brad Lee (CCMGC member extraordinaire) is NOT helping to organize the 2001 event, he and Patt will be organizing the 2002 GOF in Austin. More details to come.



October 7, 2001: The Texas All British Car Day in Round Rock. All marques welcome! Let's improve on the 121 cars we had in 2000. If you would like to help organize, contact me or Tracy to join the committee. Art Graves (from the Hill Country Triumph Club) is heading up efforts this year.



The TF project is finally underway: The fenders come off ... Soon the body tub will be lifted off the frame and painting begins



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/ccmgc>



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



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Drive Smart — Drive Safe
Next Meeting Tuesday, July 17, 7:30 p.m.