



Capitol City MG Club



September 2001

TRUE CONFESSIONS OF AN ADDICT—By Mark Barrington

I'm sick! My house is full of rusty and dirty car parts, and my garage has a disassembled MG TF taking up two spots: the frame on the right, and the body on the left. My MGB has been sitting in the driveway in the rain for the past week. When it's too dark to work on the car, I haunt E-bay and Amazon for MG related items. This week I bought a set of Whitworth wrenches and a T-series restoration book online. Wait a sec, I just got outbid for those Whitworth taps. Be right back ...

It's a magnificent obsession, but oh, what a price. I don't expect to have any free time for at least a few years to come, and who knows where the money I need to finish the restoration is coming from. Let's see, if I spend ALL of my disposable income on the TF, and do most of the work myself ... hmm Well best not to *overthink* it I hope to get the car driveable before retirement, because then I hope to spend my time driving the car rather than working on it fulltime.



The TF body tub, hanging on a sling, is lifted off the frame

On August 25th, our club met up with Alamo MG Association at the Salt Lick, and had a delicious BBQ lunch, followed by a scenic drive to Roger and Jan Porch's place on Lone Man Mountain Road, near Driftwood. We had 8 attendees (Ken Mullins, Thom and Cerise Blair, Andrew Yue, Roger and Jan Porch, Tom England, and myself*) from the CCMGC and about a dozen from the AMGA. On the way to the Porch's house, we passed a donkey cart going in the opposite direction with a horse in tow. Andrew noticed that the cart was driven UK style, with the driver on the right. She waved, and we were on our way. For the rest of the trip we were dodging the 'gifts' the donkeys had left on the roadway. I guess they don't call them asses for nothing.

Roger has quite a collection of cars, so a lot of us guys went off and looked at the cars. Others took a cool dip in the

Porch's pool. I took some pictures of Roger's TF for reference in my restoration project. After a few hours, it was time to leave, and we said our goodbyes and headed back for Austin. It was a really fun event, thanks are due to Roger and Jan Porch for putting on the event. And it was really nice to see the folks from the AMGA and their beautiful cars. Just to mention one car, Bryan Prindle's MGC is a treat.



On County Road 183 Heading towards the Porch's estate, that's Andrew Yue's car ahead of me.

A Brief Word About Some Upcoming Events:

The MG-Triumph Showdown @ Malibu Grand Prix on September 21 is the same day as the first day of the Fall GOF in Kerrville. Sorry about the conflict. Some people may be able to attend both events if they are not going all three days of the GOR
TXABCD planning is going well. There is more info on page 2 and 3 about the British Car Day on October 7, or visit the website:
<http://www.txabcd.org>



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Texas All British Car Day Sunday October 7, 2001



All Marque British Car Show
Old Settlers Park Pavilion
Round Rock, Texas
Take HWY 79 east from IH35
Right next to the Dell Diamond

General Information

Registration \$10.00 at the Event

Participants' Choice Judging in all Classes
Club and Marque Display Contest with "Bragging Rights Trophy"
T-Shirts, Dash Plaques and Trophies
50/50 Silent Auction, sell off your extra spares, books
Food and Drinks available, but BYOB, chairs, canopies

This will be the 11th Annual All British Car Day in the Austin area. Last year over 100 cars registered and parked on the grassy knoll in Old Settlers Park.

The host hotel is the Best Western Executive Inn, 1851 N IH 35, Round Rock, Texas 78664 (512) 255-3222. When you call to reserve a room, mention you are with the Texas ABCD group. The special rate is \$64.90. There will be a hospitality room at the hotel all day Saturday, October 6 where you can pre-register for the show. This will also be the start of the Texas ABCD Poker Rallye at 3:00 PM. Come early and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow British car owners. After Saturday's fun, spend a relaxing Sunday at the People's Choice Car Show. We will have a 50/50 silent auction so bring any goodies you want to sell. Food and drinks will be available for sale.

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Coming Events

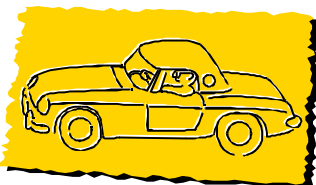


September 18, 2001: Monthly CCMGC Meeting at Threadgill's on Riverside and Barton Springs Rd. Meeting convenes at 7:30 pm, but come early and enjoy MG fellowship. Drive your MGs to the meeting, if you can!

Fall GOF—September 21-23 at the Y.O. Ranch, Kerrville Texas Details and a registration form can be gotten from the Texas MG register web site at <http://www.tmgr.org> and click on 'calendar'.



MG-Triumph Showdown @ Malibu Grand Prix September 21—Details at the meeting, but we will be competing with the HCTC for a special prize, announced at the meeting.



October 7, 2001: The Texas All British Car Day in Round Rock. All marques welcome! Let's improve on the 100+ 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. Latest news about the show can be found at <http://www.txabcd.org>



October 28th: South Texas All British Car Day at Boerne, hosted by the Alamo MG Association. Contact Larry Rogers at (210) 497-1541 or by e-mail Mgrollers@aol.com

for details. More details at the meeting.



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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(attach pages if more space is needed)

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Drive Smart — Drive Safe
Next Meeting Tuesday, September 18, 7:30 p.m.