



Capitol City MG Club



October 2001

ABCD Saturday EVENTS wrapup—By Alan Ferretti

This year, for the first time, the ABCD included some organized activities on Saturday in addition to the wonderful car show on Sunday. This was an attempt by the organizing committee to provide a little additional incentive for the people that travel from out of town to come to our show. We had an official ABCD hotel designated which gave those that stayed a discounted room rate, the Best Western Executive Inn in Round Rock. We also had a hospitality room and ran a Poker Rally Saturday afternoon which ended up with dinner.

The hospitality room was a hit. We had it open from noon until 4:30PM. Those that wished could pre-register for the car show, buy official ABCD shirts, and sign up for the 3PM rally. The ABCD committee also provided an assortment of snacks, soft drinks, bottled water, and beer to supplement the conversations and the UT game viewing. We had about 40 people visit with us at various times during the afternoon. There were 15 cars that stayed at the hotel with the majority of people coming from the DFW and Houston areas. It was a very pleasant afternoon.



Scott Thronburg waits for some 'customers' at his checkpoint

The rally was another of our "Fun Rallies". This time it was a Poker Rally format. You follow the instructions and draw cards at various check points along the route. The best Poker hand at the finish wins. Deb and I had plotted out a route that ran from the hotel in Round Rock towards the northeast and then turned back towards Walburg and Dale's EssenHuis, our final destination. The roads were very much in the country and had several small bridges over water. With the rain we had at the end of the summer, everything was lush and green. There were even wild flowers in bloom everywhere. It was a very pretty trip of about 40 miles. Our own Mark, Scott, and Tracy worked the checkpoints and kept everyone (almost) pointed in the right direction. We even had official ABCD check point signs, thanks to Deb, that made this look like a "real" rally.

Following a quick driver/navigator meeting, everyone hit the road. There was a great variety of cars - Of course the MG's and Triumph's were well represented, but also Jag's, Mini's, and a

Morgan. I sent everyone on their way. After the last car left, I started out on the route to be the sweeper—making sure there were no lost cars running through the countryside. I made it to Scott and Tracy at the second checkpoint and they reported that all the cars had passed, so on I went. A few miles later I came upon one of the Jag's and followed at distance for awhile. I pulled closer as I noticed He was about to make an incorrect turn. A few blasts on the horn convinced him to reread the directions and chose the correct route.



The rally ended at Dale's Essenhaus in Walburg, where you can get a hamburger just like they make them in Hamburg

A few miles after that Scott and Tracy caught me and I let them pass and run it on their own with Deb and I following them. It wasn't too long before we saw a black MGB coming at us in the wrong direction. It was Ron and Judy Shimek. We all talked it over and I then led this pack of three MG's through the rest of the rally route to the restaurant. We socialized and ate at the restaurant while I computed the winning poker hand. The winners, with three Jacks, was Bob Kramer with his wife Barbara navigating of the Triumph club. A good time was had by all.



I'd like to thank Mark, Tracy, and Scott for the great check point help and my wife Deb for all the help plotting the course. I couldn't have done it without them and they really helped make the rally a success. We had 18 British cars parked at the restaurant and it was quite a sight.

++Alan J Ferretti ++ CCMGC President++

"When to the sessions of sweet silent thought
 I summon up the remembrance of things past
 I sigh of the lack of many a thing I sought
 And with old woes new wail my dear time's waste" —William Shakespeare

NOTE: due to the extreme rush to put out this month's newsletter, I don't have the full results for the ABCD, See <http://www.txabcd.org> for complete results.



On a beautiful day in October, 2001, 89 cars gathered on a grassy knoll in Round Rock as enthusiasts from all over Texas gathered to see fine art wrought from steel and glass by hard-drinking laborers in England's factory towns of Abingdon, Coventry, and Longbridge. British Cars are a different sort of art than a painting, though, more than something pretty to look at, a fine British car can transform your experience of the world, the sound of the engine and the wind in your hair can bring sanity and calm (temporarily) back to a crazy and shattered existence. While the British Car habit can be as expensive as a drug addiction, it is different because it gives you more than it takes, and connects you to others instead of isolating.



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Philip Reese's Rolls was the first car at the gate. There is a hot air balloon in the background of the picture, you can barely see it



Below: Art Graves and Bob Kramer consult on a judgment call...

Five members of the CCMGC showed their cars: Dan Howard brought his Rubber Bumper B, Thom Blair and Hal Dunphy brought their B-GTs (tie for 2nd in class), Joe Vining (2nd) and I brought early B's. My 1970 MGB finished 4th in a 4-car class, but I quite happy to have been there with my car. Next year, I may even clean the engine compartment.



SGWNIDR*, Brad Lee, and Joe Vining

Art Graves SMILES at the successful conclusion of an ABCD



n- *SGWNIDR = Some Guy Whose Name I Don't Remember*



Fall GOF—Kerrville: a report from Brad Lee

Every fall the Texas MG Register, or Dallas MG Club, holds its annual weekend get-a-way somewhere in Central Texas. This year the "Gathering of the Faithful" which includes the meeting, car show, banquet, auction and wonderful fellowship with other MGers was held at the beautiful YO Resort in nearby Kerrville. There were sixty plus MG's there from all over the state. This year the annual event included a drive Friday evening from Kerrville to Fredericksburg for a some delicious German food. The back roads between Fredericksburg and Kerrville were typical hill country unpredictable fun. Part of the drive ran us through ranch country where our little cars ran headlong into a herd of cows grazing by the side of the road. Our brightly colored little cars paled by comparison to those

such a large and colorful herd. The forty or so little British cars crept by slowly and as quietly as possible hoping not to rustle up any stampede action. Happily there was no direct contact between British cars and any prize Texas beef. The Saturday morning car show was fun as always and this year I'm proud to report that Inca Yellow was again back in favor. The banquet and live auction were great fun as always with some wacky and some really great items up for bid.

Next fall the "GOF" will be right here in Austin, Texas hosted by Pat and myself. There will be lotS Of Internet traffic next summer talking about it as time draws closer. Hope to see you all there, it's always a great MG time.....



Coming Events



October 28th: South Texas All British Car Day at Boerne, Main Plaza, hosted by the Alamo MG Association. Registration starts at 9 am, Lunch 11-1. Contact Larry Rogers at (210) 497-1541 or by e-mail Mgroppers@aol.com for details. More details at the meeting.

We still have plenty of shirts from the ABCD for sale: \$15 for a Henley (button) and \$10 for the regular shirt. The design, by Matt Baker, is really beautiful, so make sure to buy this attractive shirt.

Sun, November 11, **Run to La Grange**, hosted by Tom Libert. Meet at McDonald's at Ben White and Burluson 12:00. We will end up at Bill Jones' Vintage Sportscars Ltd and see one of the finest restoration shops in America. Bill will lead us on a short scenic drive, followed by dinner in La Grange.



We need to reschedule friendly rivalry between Triumph Club and CCMGC.



CCMGC X-Mas party will be at the Shimek's this year. Date to be announced later.

A row of MGBs at the GOF in Kerrville, September 23, 2001



Car for sale: 1953 MG-TD: Kris Kleck (512) 804-1277



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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Next Meeting Tuesday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.