



# The Registry

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## Thanks, Perky 1943-2020

“She was the matriarch and glue  
of this club for as long as most of  
us can remember”

Ian O’Shea, VP  
Southern British Car Club

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**Michael Dennison February, 25**

Deepest sympathy to Charles and all the family and friends of Perky Long—long-time President and chair of the Southern British Car Club's annual show

# Upcoming Events

When	What	Where
February 9, 2020	PMGR Monthly Membership Meeting	Brimstone Tavern 10595 Old Alabama Road Connector Alpharetta, GA 30022
February 12, 2020	Ladies Luncheon	Seasons 52 - Dunwoody RSVP Kathy Orkin
February 15, 2020	Tech Session	British Cars Service See Page 6 for More Info
February 19, 2020	Monthly ORF	See Page 7 for More Info
February 22, 2020	Couples Dinner	Terra Terroir Restaurant, Brookhaven Plaza RSVP Kathy Orkin
February 29, 2020	Go to Jail! Drive and Lunch	Cream and Shuga: A converted Jail Jefferson GA. Details to Follow
March 9, 2020	PMGR Monthly Membership Meeting	Brimstone Tavern 10595 Old Alabama Road Connector Alpharetta, GA 30022
March 14, 2020	Murder Mystery Dinner	Sugar Hill Towne Bakery & Cafe Details to Follow
March 18, 2020	Monthly ORF	TBD
March 28, 2020	Roswell Motoring Festival	Roswell City Hall Complex <a href="#">INFO</a>
April 4, 2020	Carolina British Classics XIV	Historic Columbia Speedway <a href="#">INFO</a>
April 5, 2020	PMGR Monthly Membership Meeting	Brimstone Tavern 10595 Old Alabama Road Connector Alpharetta, GA 30022
April 17-19, 2020	Brits on the Bay	Seville Square Pensacola, FL <a href="#">INFO</a>
April 17-19, 2020	GOF South	Mission Inn and Resort Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida <a href="#">INFO</a>
April 23-26, 2020	The Mitty at Michelin Raceway at Road Atlanta	Michelin Raceway at Road Atlanta <a href="#">INFO</a>
May 2, 2020	Brits at the Battleship	Battleship North Carolina <a href="#">INFO</a>



We had a great turnout for our January business meeting at the Brimstone Tavern. Thank you all for attending. I think the club is off to a great start in 2020.

Your continued membership will keep our club strong and growing. Don't forget to go to the website and renew your membership, including a secondary member if you have one. If you need a nametag, contact Joe Rushing, membership chair, and get one ordered. He needs your name exactly as you want it to appear on the nametag in an email. The price is \$7.50 per nametag, sent directly to Joe.

Penny Scarpucci of the Charity Committee presented five worthy charities for the club to consider supporting financially this year. You should now have received an email from Steve Ratcliffe listing the five charities with a brief description of each and how to vote for the one of your choice. Please read this email and vote, we want to hear from you!

The balance of the January meeting was spent starting to fill the 2020 calendar with club activi-

ties. Monthly business meetings at Brimstone Tavern were established. For those able to attend, there are weekly informal lunches every Tuesday in Norcross and every Wednesday in Jasper. Kathy Orkin has taken the lead in organizing a variety of social events/drives for club members. They all look like a lot of fun. Make sure and check them out. Most will require an RSVP to Kathy. I am trying to post all local, regional and national car shows and events of interest on the calendar. If you know of a show or event that is not posted please let me know so it can be added to the calendar. More events posted means more options to attend and enjoy! If an event or show looks interesting to you and you are wondering if any other club members are considering the same event contact me. I will then send out a blast email that you are interested in a particular event and ask other club members to contact you directly if they are also interested in that event. Hopefully this will get more members involved.

Our monthly business meetings and the monthly calendars will keep you informed of PMGR activities. Make sure and check the calendar frequently for any updates on posted events and to see about newly posted events. Let's have a great 2020!

That's all, Dan

## GT-45 is Coming to Colorado Springs!

For those of you in PMGR who own and/or really love MGAs, you'll want to check out some resources on things to do/places to see which Tim Gaffney has shared with the newsletter from the November/December edition of the NAMGAR magazine. Tim reports that 3 PMGR cars now plan to attend, and he welcomes anyone who's interested in going to contact him for more information. Tim can be reached at [59mgacoupe@gmail.com](mailto:59mgacoupe@gmail.com). And the web-site for the event is [www.gt45.co](http://www.gt45.co).

### Attraction

Flying W Ranch  
Garden of the Gods  
Olympic Headquarters & Museum  
Old Colorado City  
National WWII Aviation Museum  
US Air Force Academy  
Pikes Peak

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**Aviva Hoffman**  
VP and Events Coordinator

My Birthday came, and I was given the gift, with the promise that we would pick up the car a week later, once the seller returned.

*Picture used for  
IOU*

Speeding through that week... the seller got cold feet and left me with shattered dreams of an Iris Blue MGB.



## How I Met Emma

My husband, Oliver, is the proud owner of an MGA, purchase by his uncle, brand new in June of 1960.



*1994 in the Swiss Alps  
Austria, and Germany.*

I have memories, three decades old, driving this car with him, all throughout Switzerland, in the Alps, over passes to Italy,

As an MG aficionado, my husband, had been dragging me and our two boys to car shows for quite a while. He came up with a plan to get me as enthusiastic about little British sportscars as he already was.

Several months before a special birthday, Oliver and the boys started reaching out to "MG insiders" to find a car for me, (despite the advice of Barry Rosenberg to get a Miata). The guys got in touch with a car enthusiast in Georgia willing to part with his 1963, Iris Blue MGB. They went to inspect the car, and a handshake deal was reached - all unbeknownst to me!

With the seller traveling a lot, the guys were not able to take possession of the car prior to my Birthday. So, they had to produce an IOU. They created a gift bag with an MGB hat, an appropriate key chain and a picture of a beautiful '63 Iris blue MGB. Oliver found said picture by going online, googling images of Iris Blue, '63 MGB's, and printing out the most captivating one of them.

In the months that followed, my husband was trying to make good on the promise, searching for an appropriate replacement. Countless hours were spent on the internet, pictures were printed, and photographs passed around of MGs. They were red, yellow, green, white, mid 60's, early and late 70's and more. None of them looked as good as the car seared into my brain.

Just about to settle, Oliver stumbled across an ad, advertising a car for sale in Michigan. The picture used in the ad was the very same image that he and the boys had used half a year earlier, to generate my IOU. The car, of which Oliver had printed a picture many months ago, was now for sale.

We traveled to Michigan to inspect the car (probably would have bought it sight unseen) and purchased the MG, lovingly named "Emma" by the deceased husband of the widow selling it.

It was meant to be! From the moment I first saw that photograph, to the moment we stepped into the garage in Michigan, I have loved "her."

The guys' plan worked. They had turned me into a lover of little British sportscars and a fan of the marque. But best off all, owning her has led to many beautiful journeys and many new friendships.

*His & Hers MGs*

(So, Barry Rosenberg, in conclusion, I'll take my MG, over a Miata any day.)



# Tech Talk

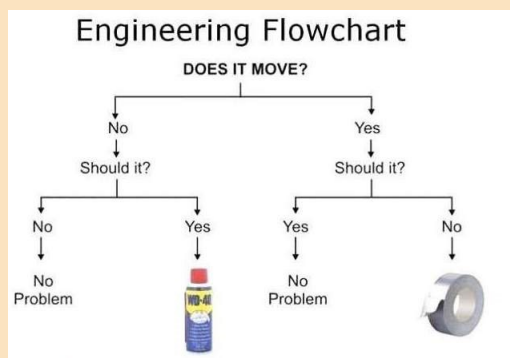
With Phil O'Brien & Reinout Vogt  
Technical Co-Directors

The Peachtree MG Registry is again planning for four Tech Sessions this year and we're trying to mix topics and bring you one or two 'hands-on' sessions and some sessions to learn about relevant an interesting topics. Several people have asked if we're going back to Bob Wagner Motorsports in Decatur. Unfortunately Bob is in the process of finding and moving to another location in the Cummings, GA area. Not knowing when and being pre-occupied with the upcoming move, Bob suggested that we hold-off until he's settled in his new location. However, we have a very good alternative planned for February 15. A Tech Session with Barry Rosenberg on the tube-type rear axle for the MGB and MGBGT (1968-1980). See the details elsewhere is this issue. Next up will be the Spring Tune Up on Saturday, April 18 at the same location as we did last year: Georgia Classics in Woodstock. The day will be along the same lines as in 2019 and hopefully many of you can take advantage to do an oil change, under-carriage inspections, or a minor repair and share fellow-member expertise in the comfort of a heated shop with several car lifts. Details will follow in the next newsletter, but please mark the date on your calendars.

We have also thought about a technical article in the newsletter each month. We'll look for tech articles in the monthly magazines of the North American MGA and MGB Registers and republish if there is something about jobs that you can easily do yourself at home in your garage (or on the driveway), or articles of general interest about parts, maintenance, and tools for the home mechanic. Thing we can all use. So what's the topic for this month? Well, I have been distracted a little bit and haven't really started yet. But luckily this flow chart popped up. You may have seen it before, I know I did. But it is fun to look at it again and, despite its over-simplicity, carries some truth; only fix things when they are really broken and do not make it more complicated than needed, particularly when simple lubrication or fastening something could take care of the problem.

See you at the Tech Sessions,

Reinout



## MGB Tubed Type Rear Axle Tech Session

### February 15, 2020 9:00 AM British Car Service

Many of our MGs have a 'clunk' in the tubed type rear axle (as used from 1968 onwards). Specially when reversing direction, it sounds like a little free play before the gears engage and propel the car in the opposite direction from where it was going. And that's usually exactly what it is. A little bit too much free play in the little gears inside the differential because of wear of four washers that cost no more than about \$5 a piece from the major national vendors such as Moss and Victoria British, to name a few.

Inside the differential are four small gears which allow the rear wheels to spin at different speeds. They are commonly known as the 'spider gears' but the factory parts manual calls two of them just 'wheel differential' and the other two are 'pinion differential'. Consequently, the washers behind these gears are called 'thrust washer wheel' (made of some fiber-like material) and 'thrust washer pinion' (made of bronze). The 'spider gears' are held in place by a 'pinion pin, which in-turn is held in place just by a thin roll pin. That's right the entire differential part of the rear axle is held together by about a 1/8 inch roll pin. Therefore it is always a good idea to use a new one and maybe add some additional security if you like. You can see the parts in the factory parts list or the catalogs of said major vendors.

Replacing just the washers can be done with the rear axle under the car, but for most other work inside the differential it is necessary to take the whole thing of the car. And it just so happened that the rear axle of Abe Cheij's MGBGT had a few problems, not limited to just the 'clunk'. Abe took it to Barry Rosenberg's British Car Services new location in Jasper. And on Saturday, February 15, Barry will demonstrate how to set up the gears and how to replace these washers in Abe's differential while it is on the work bench.

Most British Cars used the same differential concept; all have 'spider gears' and work similarly. So, even if your MG or OM (Other Make) does not have the exact same 1968-1980 tubed type rear axle, this Tech Session will of interest as the technique to service them is generally applicable.

We'll start at 9:30 am and the work will probably take a few hours. Afterwards we can go for lunch to Rocco's, close to Barry's shop.

The club will offer coffee, soda, and donuts, so it is advisable to let us know that you're planning on coming.

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# O-R-F News

From Tom Nadelhoffer, Chief ORF

## Cloudland Canyon State Park ORF

Wednesday, January 22, 2020



This 118 mile 2 ½ hour drive to Cloudland Canyon State Park left the iHop in Dawsonville at 8:30 am with 4 cars and picked up 3 more in Talking Rock. Lead by Jim Doran (Spitfire), the group

included Bruce Kosbab (MGA), Tom Hoppe (MGB), Wally Carlisle (MGBGT), Carl & Dorothy McKinney (MGB), Ron Human (Corvette), and Scott Navin (MGB). It was an entertaining drive with sections of nice cruising roads mixed with occasional twisty sections. Enroute, we managed to get ourselves temporarily trapped in the “semis only” section of the Flying J truck stop. If we only had drone footage as we darted around massive big-rigs!

Once, at the park, we spent time at the Canyon’s rim enjoying the view. After a morning’s work, we retired to Café 136, a mile from the parks’ entrance, for a nice lunch.

Wally, Tom and I took, in fleet fashion, the reverse of our original route back to Dawsonville while the others fended for themselves.

Though we heard Carl & Dorothy were going back to the Park’s gift shop in search of unique refrigerator magnets!



It was a great way to start the year and I thank all who attended.

Jim Doran, Substitute Chief ORF



## February ORF

The ORF for February 19th will take a southern and slightly western route to the Peach State Aerodrome in Williamson Georgia. <https://www.peachstateaero.com/>. 349 Jonathans Roost Rd, Williamson, GA 30292.

We'll start once again at an IHOP but, for this run, the IHOP will be in Bethlehem, GA. 520 Carl Bethlehem Rd SW Ste 200, Bethlehem, GA 30620. We'll meet there for breakfast at about 8:30 and plan on departing approximately at 9:30 AM.

The route will take us down GA 11 through a few small towns to GA 16 and GA 362 to the Aerodrome in Williamson. The drive is a tick over 90 miles and we'll plan to eat lunch at <http://www.barnstormersgrill.com/>. Which is on the property.

Please check out the links embedded and see if you would like to join us for an interesting day drive. You can always make the trip back home on the back roads or jump on I75 back to the Atlanta metro area.

Please RSVP via email to Larry Norton, [mgbnut1973@yahoo.com](mailto:mgbnut1973@yahoo.com) so that we have a count for the restaurant. I'll See you on Feb 19th weather permitting.

## MG Ladies Luncheon

<https://www.sugarhilltowne.com/>



With holiday festivities in the air, the inaugural MG Ladies Luncheon was held on December 17, 2019 at the unique Sugar Hill

Towne Bakery & Cafe in downtown Sugar Hill, Georgia. The eight MG Ladies that attended entered the building through a wardrobe into a Narnia-like fantasy wonderland. Inside, the restaurant is visually over-



whelming with so much creative decorating that it is hard to process it all! The food is served in a unique way as well. My salad came in

a pig planter! The deserts, as well, were served in cute vessels that Nancy, the owner/chef has collected over the years. We had an amazing meal with lots of laughter and conversation! Before we knew it, it was time to leave Narnia and return to the real world!



**Ladies Luncheon  
February 12, 2020**

Make plans now for the February MG Ladies Luncheon at Seasons 52 by Perimeter Mall. The date is Wed., Feb. 12 @ 11:30 am. RSVP to: [katork@comcast.net](mailto:katork@comcast.net) or 404-550-3920, by Mon., Feb. 3. I hope to see you there! - Kathy Orkin





## By Barry Rosenberg

It has been a real pain moving over the past month or two. I have had little time to play with cars since October of 2019. Buying a house, refinancing another house and the barn, packing and moving during the holiday period is not for the faint at heart. We have moved out of our mountain-top cabin and into a lake-front home less than 20 miles away. The new house is 6 miles from my barn.

With a big shop next to the new house, Patty will not let me have two shops. I would love to keep the barn for cars and use the house shop for my woodworking. But she says no. I do plan to hold a tech session at the barn on February 15.

I think it will be on differentials. A MGB unit is coming in today as it is very, very loud. It sings like Pavarotti, with the ability to put some people to sleep. We plan to examine it and find out why it whines so loud and if it can be fixed. Plan to come. Breakfast with sausage biscuits and donuts will be served. Maybe lunch after. We will see how the planning goes.

Not to change the subject but I will. While at the bank, we were filling out paperwork and were warned that when writing the date, you should not do it like this; 2/15/20. You should do it like this; 02/15/2020. If you do not write the full year in four digits, someone could change your date from 2020 to 2019 or 2018 or 2017. This could make a huge difference in the legal world.

Another off-topic train of thought; how many of you ask the shops you use if they are insured against damage they may cause to your car? Who pays if they wreck your car on a test drive or who pays if they, God forbid, have a fire? Or what happens if they leave your lug nuts loose and a wheel comes off at 70 MPH? I bring this up because there have been some recent problems like this.

One shop in Jasper which had a good reputation for body and paint work was recently closed by the law. Seems the owner and head painter had a drug problem and took to selling drugs out of his shop. The law disapproves of this. They shut him down and padlocked the building. Someone I know had a car there being painted, partially disassembled, locked inside. And he cannot get it back—at least not in the near future.

If the shop had insurance, he could file a claim against that to recoup the value. He may have to file a claim against his insurance and that can cause him to enjoy a rate increase. Eventually, his car may be released but there is no telling how much time will pass.

Another customer—could be the same one who is bringing the noisy differential up today—had a similar experience. And it was with the very same MGB that had a 2201-mile engine go bad. And a 2201-mile trans go bad. And a 2201-mile differential go bad. But his problem was before he had all that bad work was done. The previous shop that was restoring his car was shut down by our friends at the IRS.

Seems the owner had a different way to collect and pay taxes than what the IRS had written in their rule books. His shop was padlocked and all cars trapped inside. This owner was allowed after some discussion to retrieve his car; only during a few-hour period, only on Wednesdays. It took several weeks to get all the parts. And that is the car we have been working on.

Another friend had a shop drive his car to lunch and backed into traffic and hit another car. Not having insurance, they gave the police his insurance information and the owner of the other car filed a claim against his company.

Before you leave your car, any of your cars, with a shop, ask about their insurance coverage. If they try to avoid the answer, take your car somewhere else. I pay each month for my coverage. You could always check with your insurance company and ask what happens if the shop destroys or damages or loses your car.

And on another off-topic subject; this is for all you environmentalists out there. Electric cars are not the wave of the future. Sorry. For those of you that do not read anything I post on Facebook, here are a few facts that do not get published much:

It costs less than \$.50 to store a barrel of oil. It costs \$200 to store the equivalent amount of energy in batteries.

One pound of hydrocarbon energy is equivalent to 60 pounds of batteries.

It takes the removal of 100 pounds of material to make one pound of batteries.

The amount of batteries needed to make the energy in one barrel of oil requires 100 barrels of oil to produce.

If they could produce and sell 400,000,000 electric cars by 2040; that would replace less than 5% of global oil demand.

Some countries where lithium is mined use so much water, that the people have too little to drink, wash, raise crops, or feed the animals.

The government stores the equivalent of two months of national demand for oil. Today, less than 2 hours of electrical demand can be stored in all the utility-scaled batteries.

Show this to your dumb democratic friends and Greta

and see what their response will be. Hydrogen will be the answer. They have an aluminum alloy that releases hydrogen when mixed with water. This can be burned thru your internal combustion engine or used in a fuel cell to produce electricity to power electric motors.

Do you know the difference between a motor and an engine? Technically there is a difference: motors run on electricity and engines run on some sort of fuel. Nowadays, they are interchangeable. This is some food for thought.

Well, it is time to get to work so I will quit now. Hope to see some of you at the tech session and see how your rear end works. Maybe I should call it a differential, I don't care how your rear end is. If it is chapped, use a better quality toilet paper. See y'all somewhere soon.

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## POSTCARDS FROM KAREL

By Reinout Vogt

This post card is from Cannes, just South of Monaco on the French Mediterranean Coast, with a white MGB in the middle of the picture. Other cars include Volvo 1800, Citroen DS, several small French cars, and some large American iron. My Dutch MG friends say that the two cars in the lower right-hand corner are Ford Zodiac Mk II Convertibles. See separate photo for an example from the Bonham auction company website. They had a large soft top (hood) and it appears that you could also just raise it halfway. Not sure if you could drive like that, but it probably offered some shade to the rear seat passengers while parked in the sun.





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