



# The Registry

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## Club Picnic August 15th Cancelled

Dillard Registration is Now Open

Early Registration Ends August 15th

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### Abbington House

As well as celebrating 90 years of the MG Car Club in 2020, we are also celebrating three decades since the club moved into its current premises at Kimber House, Abingdon. It is a location that is inter-woven into our club's history and that of the marque MG.

# Upcoming Events

**When**

**What**

**Where**

Please check with the PMGR Calendar to get the latest information about events

Thanks

**[PMGR Online Calendar](#)**



It is August 2020, and COVID-19 will not go away! I hope all of you are well and taking the necessary precautions to stay safe. 2020 has turned into the year of cancellations, but we are attempting to buck that trend. Those of you who have already registered for Dillard 2020 should have received an email from me letting you know that we are still planning for the show, taking the necessary precautions for all attendees to have a fun and safe time.

The Dillard House is going out of their way to help us have a great and safe show. We really need to thank the Dillard family and staff for working with us! If you have not registered for Dillard 2020 yet, go to our club website and click on the Dillard 2020 tab and read the updated information about the COVID-19 Options. I encourage you to register for the show and support this biggest of our club's events, but if your

personal circumstances make you feel uncomfortable with attending I understand. As of August 3rd we have a net 128 registrations . Save \$10 by registering by August 15th.

**We contacted the Dan Carter State Park and have been advised that the restrictions are still in effect and have, therefore, decided to cancel the Picnic.**

Finally, not having any monthly club meetings is making it difficult to recruit volunteers to help with Dillard 2020. If you would like to volunteer during the show weekend, please let me know. Email me your willingness to volunteer and add any specific area where you would like to help. Thanks!

Safety Fast (and Safe)!

Dan





**Aviva Hoffman**  
**VP and Events Coordinator**

A lot of things bring people together. Certainly, for our club, cars are the focal point that ignites lasting connections. So, it has been quite an adjustment to navigate the new “norms” during the COVID-19 pandemic. There are so many things to be grateful for, it seems silly to lament the cancellations of drives and gatherings. Meeting online, admittedly, is just not the same as face-to-face event. However, it is nice to see familiar faces – even if it is via a computer screen, and it helps promote important communication and collaboration.

To make the most of your next online connection, here are a few tips:

If you’re going to use your camera – then let’s see you! Before you even begin, survey your surroundings. Are you in a spot that has enough light? If not, consider turning on more lights, moving a lamp near you, or opening the blinds of a window or two in the room. Participants will be able to see you and your facial expressions best, if you have light shining on your face, or towards you. Sitting with a window, or lamp, directly behind you puts your face mostly in a shadow and is not ideal.

#### **Which is your good side?**

Don’t worry about which side is your best. Try to be aware of the overall framing of your shot. Placing the camera at an angle that looks down at you, or an angle that looks up at your chin or your nostrils is not the best. Set your camera at eye level, for the most flattering frame. You can prop your device on books, a foot stool, or anything that’s stable and gives your camera a boost.

#### **What kind of vibe are you sending?**

Consider if you have anything interesting behind your shot (or perhaps something that shouldn’t be shared)! Are you using a virtual background? While these are fun and can easily cover up a messy background, they are not as per-

sonal as “inviting” someone into your individual space.

#### **Silence is golden.**

One of the more popular virtual meeting applications is Zoom. This app typically features the person “speaking” on the big screen (with the other participants in smaller screens). When you’re not speaking, the “mute” selection for your mic is usually the best. (Have you already experienced a deafening, large dog barking in the background? Or perhaps there’s another random noise in your space which places your camera shot on the big screen instead of the actual person speaking.)

#### **Say what?**

Unfortunately, with the positives of this technology and the potential it brings, it also attracts trolls and other individuals with disruptive intent to come out of the woodwork. And, with more of these folks being bored - we now have a new phenomenon called “Zoombombing.” Zoombombing is where people find teleconferences and video teleconferences that they can join and be disruptive. If you have a professional or personal Zoom account, you may want to use the feature that allows you to require a password. Users that need to send public notification of their meetings need to be careful, because putting a password on doesn’t prevent this, because anyone from the public that wants to attend needs to know the code!

#### **Who are you looking at?**

Keep in mind that a virtual meeting is still a group experience. It can be tempting to frequently look at yourself during the meeting. However, realize where your camera is on your device, and try to look directly into it for the majority of the time. That way, it appears you are speaking directly to the people on the other end of this virtual connection and giving them your attention.

#### **Are you ready for this?**

Take advantage of some of the “expert” features. Whiteboard feature, screen share, virtual backgrounds, screen share and chat! There are plenty of blogs and videos online to demonstrate “how to” utilize these features. Fellow club members, Safety Fast! and stay connected... separately.



# The Membership Corner

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Joe Rushing — Membership Chairman

As of this article being written, 7/20/2020, we have 149 active memberships.

New Memberships for 2020:

Name	City	State	Date Joined
Glover, Brendan	Cartersville	GA	1/12/2020
Somerville, Dennis	Central	SC	1/20/2020
McCluer, Warren	Acworth	GA	2/9/2020
Rubino, Andrew	Roswell	GA	2/23/2020
Sce, Joseph	Acworth	GA	3/8/2020
Carlberg, Donald	Aiken	SC	4/8/2020
Smith, Bob	Watkinsville	GA	4/13/2020
Stovall, Moose	Clifton	TX	4/23/2020
Springfield, Richard	Marietta	GA	4/25/2020
Birchfield, Steve	Statesboro	GA	5/14/2020
Moon, William	Suwanee	GA	5/27/2020
Jackson, Kent	Lawrenceville	GA	6/1/2020
Beeson, Danny	Sandy Springs	GA	6/5/2020
Fant, Tom	Pinckney	MI	6/14/2020
Massey, David	Plantation	FL	6/14/2020
Poffenbarger, Greg	Lakeside	TX	6/14/2020
Guidice, Robert	Marietta	GA	6/15/2020
Geracie, Joe	Suwanee	GA	6/22/2020
Hynes, Danielle	Warner Robins	GA	7/9/2020

# Web Scoop

By

Steve Ratcliffe and Joe Rushing

This month we are publishing 2020 web stats and a for-sale sample. Please email us at [webmaster@peachtree.com](mailto:webmaster@peachtree.com) if you want a website tutorial in installments.

## Web Stats 2020

Month	Total Web Visits	Logged-in Visits
January, 2020	3,953	278
February, 2020	5,737	278
March, 2020	6,961	204
April, 2020	3,949	164
May, 2020	3,256	178
June, 2020	4,431	524
July, 2020	3,432	138
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31,719</b>	<b>1,764</b>

## For Sale

**For Sale - 1977 MGB - \$8,900 OBO**  
(Purchased 1989)  
Current Mileage: 96,806  
VIN: GHN5UH4188900





## By Barry Rosenberg

Time to write again. We have just about completed the Herald 2000. I took it out for a long drive yesterday, and it is very scary fast. That was what we set out to build: A Herald with more oomph. And we were successful, very successful. Luckily, we upgraded the suspension and brakes at the same time.

A few items need attention, but in a job this big, it is normal to have a few tweaks and adjustments. One is a very quick throttle. Try to give it just a little gas and “vroom” you are turning 3,000 rpm. The linkage needs some adjustment to allow a little more progressive throttle.

The left front brake has developed an extremely loud squeal after it gets hot. It is very annoying when driving down some of the mountain roads up where I live. Again, this is not major but most disturbing to other drivers near you. We will pull the pads and try several methods to stop the squeal.

A long time ago, I had a customer with a bright orange TR7; not the worst car ever made but very close to it. His complaint was a front brake squeal. We tried every trick in the book and could not remove the squeal. We tried several pad materials. We tried turning the rotors and then new rotors. We rebuilt the calipers. We drilled small holes in the pad faces and inserted small carbon rods (lead from a pencil). We tried cutting slots across the pad faces, and we tried several anti-vibration materials on the back of the pads.

Nothing worked; absolutely nothing. We gave up after playing with the car for a week and did not charge the customer for any of the work. He had some of the best front brakes on a TR7, just not doing it quietly. Several weeks later, here comes a bright orange TR7 into the lot. As he

coasts to a stop, we hear a very familiar squeal. A new owner walks in and asks if we can get rid of the noise.

All we could do was laugh. We showed him the invoice of the work we had done and told him it was one of those cars that refused repair. He said the previous owner mentioned the squeal as one reason for selling the car. Now, the new owner has a reason to sell. As far as we know, if that car is still on the road today, not likely, it still squeals. Some things just cannot be fixed.

I hope the Herald isn't the same. Another small problem is finishing the trans tunnel. The GT6 overdrive trans is a little longer than the original Herald 4 speed. Plus, we moved the engine back about 1" to give a little more radiator clearance. Since Abe had a good tunnel with glued-on carpet, we decided to reuse it. We enlarged the hole for the gear lever and made a cover to fit. We should have screwed the cover down as it moves around a lot.

One other item I do not like is the slight feeling of wondering when driving straight. Directional stability is controlled by a castor in the front suspension. Positive castor increases straight line stability, and we need to add another 1/4 degree to each side. Positive castor is when a line drawn through the upper and lower center pivot points intersects the ground ahead of the tire contact patch area. Negative is when the imaginary line intersects behind the tire patch.

On most Triumphs, this is an easy adjustment to make. Measuring how much you change it requires specific tools. I have a simple castor camber gauge that works quite well as it was made to align race cars. The lower suspension arms on Triumphs like the Herald, GT6, Spits, etc. have thin shims behind the a-arm brackets.

Moving one shim from the front bracket to the rear bracket will increase the positive castor without changing the camber. I do not know how much difference a thin shim makes, but I can check it. How much--1/4 degree is just a guess--one needs to stabilize the car is also a big guess, and trial and experience will be the only way to “feel” the change.

There is one other item we need to address on the car; we cannot change the oil filter without a lot of work. We installed a spin-on adaptor so we could use a good Wix filter,



but it leaves very little room to remove it. Our new choice of oil filter is going back to the original canister type. Unfortunately, we can't find all the parts to the original, and we know we had it at one time.

Fortunately, the parts we need are the same on a stock TR6 filter, and lots of people have installed spin-on adapters to TR6s. All we have to do is find someone who did not throw out the original after their swap. And it will be a good time to change the oil.

I do not crank a new engine on break-in oil then change it after a few minutes of running. I trust my build quality and the ability of modern oils and filters to do their job and last 300 miles which is when I change them. Some engine builders believe in the quick change because they feel there are small particles that get into the oil after all the machining and assembly. I believe the filter will catch all those small particles.

That is what a good quality filter is made to do, so I trust

them. 300 miles is a good time for torquing the head and adjusting the valves and a compression check. Checking the timing and adjusting the carburation is done at the same time. Then the car will be ready for release to the owner.

This car will come with a warning: BE CAREFUL! It is fast and fun, so drive with great care. Well, this has taken me awhile to type so I will end here. Hope to see y'all somewhere soon. Maybe at the Peachtree MG Dillard show in September. The Herald 2000 should be there. Come see it.

Barry Rosenberg

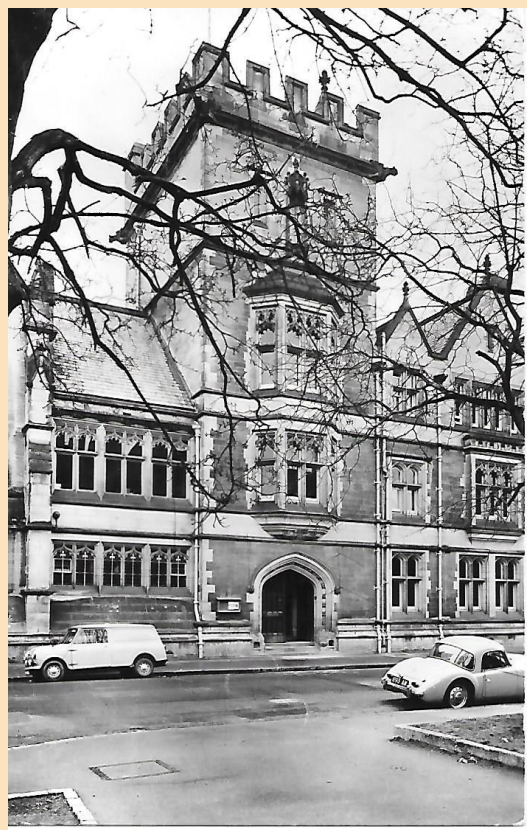
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## POSTCARDS FROM KAREL

By Reinout Vogt

The MGA 1600 MkII Coupe, with license plate 1193AW, was not too far from home (Abingdon, England) when the photographer shot this post card in front of Manchester College in Oxford, England. Rutger Booy, from the MGA Register, confirmed that the A is a survivor and has added this more recent photo.



Karel's postcard for August has an MGA Coupe which is still around in beautiful Iris Blue. My Coupe is not so lucky as it sits, rusty, in a field. It is a painting by Alex Williams and published by Country Cards. Our late Dutch friend Nea sent it to us in 1999, to let us know of her itinerary for her annual visit to Chicago for the Wine, Cheese, and Beer Tour of the Chicagoland MG Club.





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