

Keystone Region MG Club

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Special MGB Modification For Use In Snow and Ice Conditions!



(thanks to Marty C. and Allen H. for this)

Hi Everybody,

The snow has stopped, for awhile from what the weatherman says, might get some more tonight, if we're lucky! Speaking of snow, should we get bad weather when the meeting is scheduled I'll be sure to get an email out to let you know if the meeting is still on or not in time for your scheduling.



This meeting coming up on Tuesday promises to be interesting and a surprise is in store for your pleasure. We not only have business to attend to but also entertainment! The meeting is at "The Widows" restaurant in Stockertown starting at 7PM, please come earlier and join everyone for dinner.

This year will be an "banner" year, besides all our club events there is also the MGB event at French Licks resort, Indiana from June 15 thru the 18th. Then there is the MGA event in Ottawa, Ontario running from July 14th thru the 18th and then again the Watkins Glen MG Vintage Racers event in Sept. from the 5th thru the 7th. So, if you say to yourself, " not much going on with the MG's this year", well, what more could we ask for! I think it might be a problem fitting them all in!

A fellow club member, Arch Kunkle is selling his 70 MGB, an ad for it will be in the newsletter elsewhere, a beautiful car, ground up restoration, better than new!

Cheers!
Dick

[“Thanks” to The Club’s “Survey Team”](#)

Dick Horn, Bob Pilat Bill Page, Sunny Sonnenrein, Greg Prehodka, Mike Jones, Art Edinger, Ken Beck, and especially to Kim deBourbon who also set it up on **“Survey Monkey”**. Hope you took a few minutes to take the survey. It will help guide our club to better reflect your interest, and let folks volunteer. Kim will report on its results at February’s club meeting.

Club Meeting – February 18th

Widows Tavern, Stockertown

- Come early – have dinner
- Green Table – **bring your stuff in !**
- **7:00PM** Meeting starts
 - President Dick Horn’s Welcome
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Our Car Show – Mike Jones
 - Events for 2014
 - **Club Survey Results (Power Point)**– Kim de Bourbon
 - **Special “Surprise” Movie !!!**

Mystery Surprise for February Meeting !!!

- Famous Celebrity
- Driving a member’s car (secret)
 - About a 20 minute film!
 - Don’t miss seeing this !
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The Drunk Englishman

This happened to an Englishman in France who was totally drunk. The French policeman stops his car and asks the gentleman if he has been drinking.

With great difficulty, the Englishman admits that he has been drinking all day, that his daughter got married in the morning to a French man, and that he drank champagne and a few bottles of wine at the reception and quite a few glasses of single malt there after.

Quite upset, the policeman proceeds to alcotest (breath test) him and asks the Englishman if he knows under French Law why he has just been arrested.

The Englishman answers with humour: No! Do you know that this is a British car and that my wife is the driver... on the other side?

(Thanks to John Fruhmann for this humor)



2014 Best of Britain February 22 - March 9

Our 2014 Best of Britain opens to the public on Saturday, February 22nd and runs through Sunday, March 9th.

The theme this year is "English Saloons and Sports Cars: Kissing Cousins," and we are expecting to have these pairings:

***MG Magnette and MGA, MG 1100 and Midget, MG YA and TD
Triumph Herald and Spitfire, Triumph Vitesse and GT6
Jaguar XKE and MK IX, Daimler Saloon and SP250
Lotus Cortina and Elan, Rover 3500 and TR8
..and more***

Join Us For The Launch Party

We will have a "Push-start" Launch Party, Friday, February 21st, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The party will feature unrestricted access to the cars on display and the opportunity to talk with the owners. We will serve a delicious buffet, and beer and wine. Tickets are \$30 each, \$25 for Simeone Museum members. Thursday, February 20th is your last opportunity to buy tickets to Friday night's dinner. Tickets to the Dinner must be purchased in advance by Noon on Thursday, February 20th, by clicking [HERE](#).

**Simeone Museum | 6825-31 Norwiche Drive | Philadelphia, PA
19153**



The Historic Vehicle Association (HVA) announced on January 22nd that the Simeone Museum's 1964 Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe (serial number CSX2287) will become the first automobile to be recorded under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Heritage Documentation.

The documentation will be part of the HVA's National Historic Vehicle Register and Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) that is permanently archived in the Library of Congress. The HVA and U.S. Department of the Interior collaborated on the effort and plan to document other historically significant automobiles.

"We are honored that our 1964 Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe was selected as the first vehicle to achieve national heritage status," said Fred Simeone. "Part of our mission is to ensure the preservation of historically important automobiles, like this Cobra. With efforts like this from the HVA and Department of the Interior, future generations will be able to appreciate the tremendous contributions these cars made to automotive history."

Funny Bumper Stickers Spied

- **No Baby on Board**
- **Be Nice to Your Kids – they'll Choose Your Nursing Home**
- **Proud Hooker Mom** (*Worthington Hooker High School*)
- **The Ass Family (Wise, Smart, Lazy, Kiss, and Dumb)**
- **Driver Carries NO Cash – He's married**
- **My other car is a very nice mid-sized sedan. My wife drives it, but we share the lease – so I guess it's "technically" OUR car**

- Kids in the back seat may cause accidents. Accidents in the back seat may cause KIDS! So, NO BACK SEATS = No Accidents!

**The Gaping Maw: Sinkhole
Eats 8 'Vettes at Nat'l Corvette
Museum**

Beware

**Our Pennsylvania area is prone to
SINK HOLES TOO!**

Sell - Buy - Trade

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1970 MGB roadster ground up restoration, only 85 miles put on since rebuild. Car painted Lexus Matador Red with biscuit interior, 5 speed transmission, engine rebuilt and balanced, new wheels, tires, tan top, radio, carpeted trunk, etc,etc. \$25K in parts alone, asking \$15000.00.
Arch Kunkle, cell phone 610-360-0090, email starch@ptd.net

You will love this one! It's right in our time frame...
Sit back and reminisce. . .this young lady has driven the same vehicle for 53 years! She lives in West Bend, WI.
Changes the oil at least every 1,000 miles. Take a look at the condition, and the upkeep shows a perfect finish and interior-and the red leather interior; WOW!
Enjoy!! <http://www.youtube.Com/v/QwcRG2aEi3s>

If the SNOW CONTINUES

Racing at Lime Rock park, Ct.



"Green Table"

A way to share with your MG buddies. Bring in to the meeting your unwanted "anything" that you are willing to give away for **"Free"**. Definitely "Car Stuff", but anything else too! Put it on the "Green Table" for folks to take from. Plus if you see anything on the Green Table you'd like, please take it! Going **"British Green"**!

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Keystone Region MG Club - Founded 1977

The Keystone region MG Club, Inc. is a club affiliated with both the North American MGA Register and the North American MGB Register. The club meets on the third Tuesday of most months. New members and guests are always welcome. Club information is available online at www.keystonemg.com. The club is incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

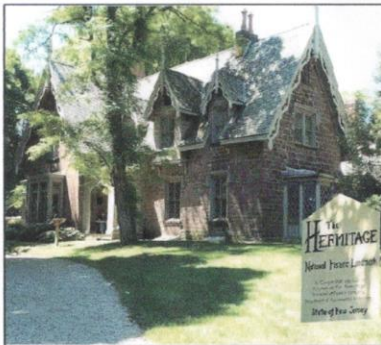


Keystone MG Club - On the Web

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For when the snow is gone -
And the grass is *green!*

A Touch of England
at the
Hermitage National Historic Landmark
335 North Franklin Turnpike
Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423-1035



A Gathering of
Classic British Motorcars
A Popular Vote Show for all British Cars and Motorcycles
Saturday, June 7th 2014
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Rain Date June 8th
Go to www.njtriumphs.org for cancellation and rain date details.
Hosted by
The New Jersey Triumph Association
For Directions Call 201 445-8311 or Visit www.thehermitage.org

Registration Fee: \$ 15.00 postmarked by **5-28-2014**, \$ 20.00 after and at the gate.
Set-up after 8:30am. Voting until 12:00pm, awards and door prizes at 2:00pm.
All registrants will receive a goodie bag and a raffle ticket for door prizes.

Participation Limited to 150 Cars
Awards will be presented in the following classes:

<u>Triumph</u>	<u>MG</u>	<u>Austin-Healey</u>	<u>Jaguar</u>	<u>Other Classes</u>
1. TR2 & TR3	8. T-series & pre-war sports	14. Bugeye (Mk I)	19. XK120-150	22. TVR
2. TR4, 4A, 5 & 250	9. MGA	15. Sprite Mk II-IV	20. E-Type	23. Mini (1959-2000)
3. TR6 ('69-'73)	10. MGB/GT/C (chrome bumper)	16. 100-4	21. Other Jaguar	24. Lotus
4. TR6 ('74-'76)	11. MGB/GT (rubber bumper)	17. 100-6 & Side Curtain 3000		25. Morgan
5. TR7/8	12. Midget (chrome bumper)	18. Roll-up Window 3000		26. Sunbeam
6S. Spitfire	13. Midget (rubber bumper)			27. Other British Cars
6GT. GT6				28. British Motorcycles
7. Other Triumphs				29. Diamond In The Rough
				30. Best In Show

Spectator Admission Of \$6.00 Benefitting The Hermitage Museum	Vendors Vendor Fee: \$25.00 postmarked by 5-28-2014 \$30.00 after and at gate. Set-up after 8:00 am.	For Show Information Contact: emeryduell320@gmail.com or NJTA website njtriumphs.org
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Registration Form

Please make checks payable to **New Jersey Triumph Association** and mail to **Bill Smith, 7 West Rd., Mahwah, NJ 07430-2907**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Will you be a vendor? _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Car Year, Make, & Model _____ Class # or Description _____

I hereby **RELEASE** THE Hermitage, the State of NJ Division of Parks and Forestry, NJTA, and all employees, volunteers and agents from any liability to me and my guest, including damage to vehicles, fire or theft, as may be directly or indirectly related to this event.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mario Andretti Honored

(Our hometown boy from Nazareth!)

CONCORD, N.C. – Even though the national and local motorsports media has been decimated by layoffs and beat eliminations over the last several years, Saturday's National Motorsports Press Association Hall of Fame induction ceremonies proved that there still is power of the press.

Andretti was honored for a lifetime of achievement across several forms of motorsports, including being a past Formula One and four-time Indy car champion, as well as Daytona 500 and Indianapolis 500 winner.

Voted "Driver of the Century" by several media entities over the years including the Associated Press and Racer magazine, Andretti, who turns 74 on Feb. 28, looked like he could still climb into a modern-day Indy car and give today's stars a run for their money.

Being voted into the NMPA Hall of Fame was one of the highlights of his career, Andretti said.

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"You get that beautiful call and then it gives you a chance to pause and look back at everything that has happened to you, to count your blessings," he said. "The greatest compliment is your work has been acknowledged, and this (his induction) is what it's all about."

Andretti reminisced about his storied career, giving particular credit to his wife of 54 years, Dee Ann, as well as reflecting upon some of the downsides of his four-decade racing career.

"(Dee Ann's) not a race fan, either. But somehow, she got sucked into it," he said with a laugh. "All along, she held everything solid behind. God knows I was selfish, I just wanted to race, there were no picnics on weekends for us. (My daughter Barbie) reminded me, 'Dad, you were not even at my graduation.' I know, and I'm so sorry, but I had to work."

And work Andretti did, becoming one of the greatest and most successful drivers in all motorsports, particularly with his versatility and willingness to drive pretty much anything that had four wheels on it.

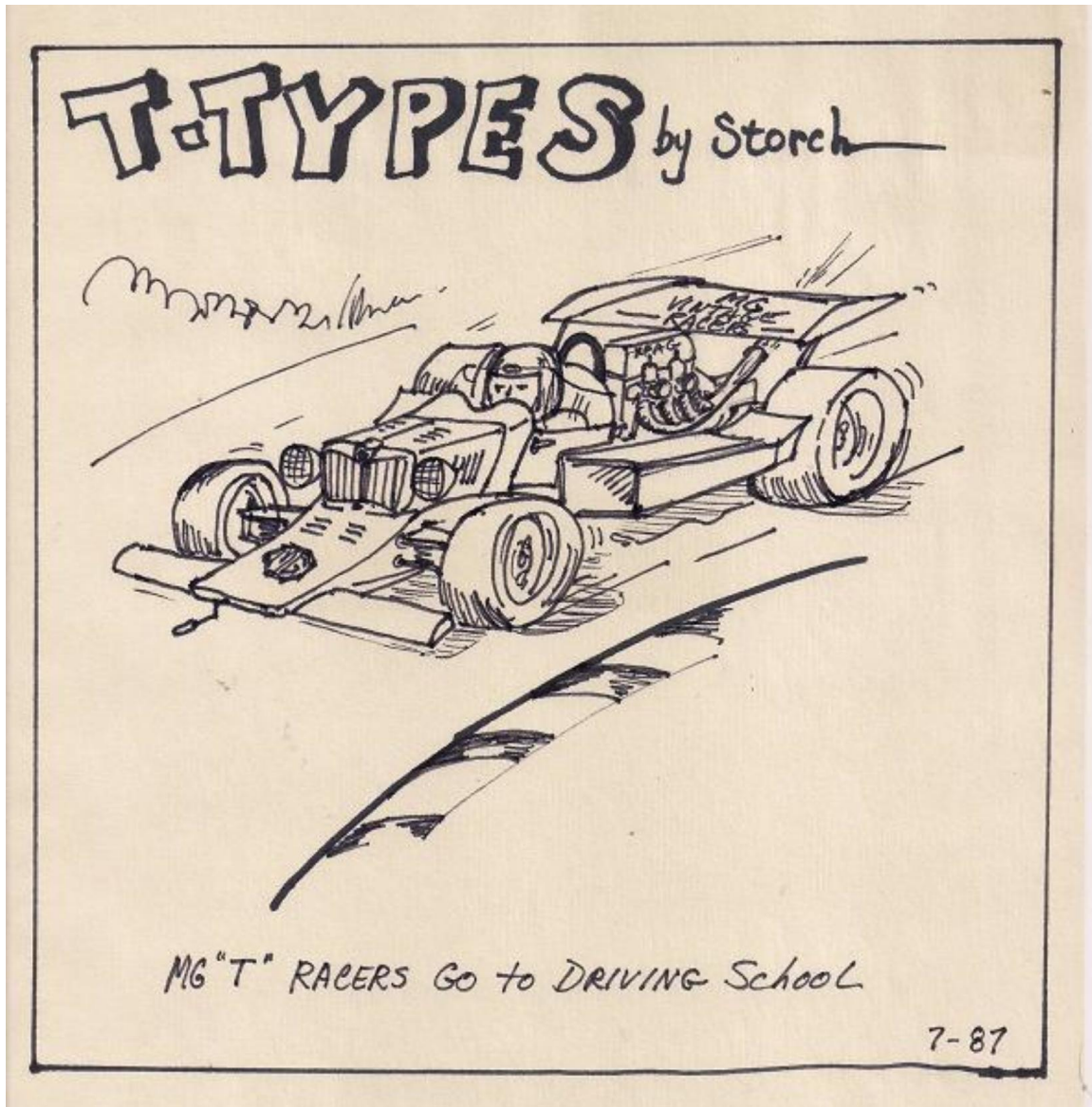
He drew a huge round of laughs from the approximately 250 attendees at the induction banquet when he related a story involving eldest son Michael, who is now the principal owner of the Andretti Autosport car on the Izod IndyCar Series.

"Michael was in school at six or seven years old, and the teacher asked the kids what their fathers did," Mario said. "She got to Michael and Michael said, 'He goes to the airport and makes bread.' The reason he said that is he'd always see me pack my suitcase and my helmet bag and he'd ask, 'Dad, where are you



going?' I'd tell him, 'I'm going to the airport. Got to make the bread.' “ Andretti was awarded the traditional grey NMPA jacket and a plaque as symbols of his induction.

“I count my blessings every day because I've been so, so fortunate to have a long career and be able to meet so many incredible people along the way – and some of them are in this room,” he said. “I look back (on his storied career) with no regrets whatsoever. ... To be able to have a long career like I have ... it allowed me to retire on my own terms.”



*Imagine
– if Mario had only started racing MG's !!!*