

**Keystone Region MG Club**

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# **MG Gazette**

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## The Steering Column - President Dick Horn

Greetings Everyone!

So, you were tired of the cold weather huh! Nuf said!

I recently "enjoyed" installing a new starter in the MGA, I'd forgotten how much "fun" it was crawling around under the car and trying to hold what felt like a 50 lb. starter into position while I put the bolts in place that held it. What a good time I had....? Which reminds me about a discussion I've had with some of the members of our club about having a "tech central" garage where members could get together on a Saturday morning, for instance, to help each other work on their cars and possibly have a donut & coffee, or two! So if you know of someone who would be a likely candidate for such an ordeal... I mean volunteer, please let the club know!

Ed and Angie Haas hosted a club picnic on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at their home. Thanks to them for having us I believe they would like an RSVP from the members as to who is coming so please let them know. 610-837-7633

The British Car Club of Northeast PA is holding it's summer car show in conjunction with an air show at the Wilkes Barre Wyoming Valley Airport located in Forty Fort on Sunday, July 28th. The club usually has a caravan to the show held by the N.E. B.C.C. and I imagine that this year will be no different, it's also closer from what I understand. So I'm going to go out on a limb here and suggest we meet at Snydersville Diner off Rt.33 at the Sciota exit. We usually meet for breakfast around 7:30AM and leave from there 8:30. Please email me to get a count.



Cheers!

Dick

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## Car Show and MG Picnic at the de Bourbon's



Members of the club were treated to a great picnic at the home of Charles and Kim de Bourbon on Saturday, June 29th after participating at the "Cars in the Water Gap" car show. Nineteen members enjoyed the camaraderie of LBC at the picnic, however not all attended the car show....no names please! A few of the more hardy members did, there names will be placed on the honor rolls! Charles de Bourbon did the cooking honors and presented a gourmet selection of hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and sausages.....excellent faire!

The members also presented additional treats to wet the palate, including casseroles, salads and deserts. Also available were various drinks to help wash the goodies down.....! The president presented a short meeting/announcement thanking our hosts for



holding the picnic and mentioning up-coming events



**Dick Horn**

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**Macungie Pig Roast**

Those who attended the Macungie had a good time. The group was small, but there was a special place to park our MG's and everyone who attended the pig roast could view our cars under the shade trees. There were three MGB's from our club and four couples. Attending were Ken and Cindy Beck, Jeff and Lisa Rohrbach, Bob and Betty Tarquin and Mike and Myra Jones. We arrived between 1:00 and 1:30 to a very nice picnic grove at the Veterans Association. The pavilion had a large well stocked bar with drinks of all kinds. I read misunderstood the information on our website and thought we had to bring our own drinks. Boy was I wrong! They had plenty to drink. You just had to pay for it. The price of admission was very reasonable. For \$7.00 you could eat all day if you wished. They began with hamburgers, hot dogs and salads shortly after we arrived. We had a great lunch. We talked about cars and many other things until 4:30 when it was time to serve the pig roast. You could have all of the pulled pork that you wanted. Rolls, **salads and other items** all provided. I know it was a hot day and that may have kept some members away, but this was a pleasant day spent under the trees at a very nice facility. I plan to attend again next year.

**Mike Jones**

## Keystone MG Club Picnic

Ed and Angie Haas graciously hosted a club picnic at their house on July 20th. Plan to bring a side dish or dessert. Main courses and drinks were provided. Club members added to the feast with side dishes and desserts.

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## Restoring An Original MGA Steering Wheel

*By Dick Horn*

I had restored an original MGA steering wheel for my "A" coupe and after using it in the car realized that the 1" difference in diameter between that car and my roadster, which has a 15" wheel as opposed to the original's 16" diameter really made quite a difference in driveability. So my new quest in life began, a used MGA original wheel that was too far gone beyond the normal amount of restoring, also ..... cheap! After going through isle after isle at the Carlisle flea market I spotted my treasure, a tired and worn wheel, \$15 bucks and I was on my way to a new wheel, I hoped!

The first thing involved was to remove the old Bakelite covering on the wheel, this stuff is tough, I had to use a chisel and hammer to get it off. So after removing the covering around the rim of the wheel I wire wheeled it to remove a little rust and in some places had to use Naval Jelly Rust Remover to get at places too inaccessible with the wire wheel. Near where we live is a wood working business, Eisenhart Mills, that makes custom products for homes and businesses, I was able to purchase from them a beautiful plank of mahogany. In talking to the lady selling me the wood she brought it to my attention that they could cut the wood to my spec's because of the CNC machining that they have which really cut down the amount of work for me.

I received the wood after their work was finished I was really impressed with what they were able to do. They had cut the wood into eight pieces, four for the top and four for the bottom in the diameter of the rim and had also grooved the wood to allow the rim to seat completely within. Now my work started, I had to fit the eight pieces to the rim, joining the edges and also relieving the wood in the areas where the spokes of the wheel met the rim. I have wood working tools from doing some work on gun stocks over the years and also a Dremel tool which helped a lot in getting this done. After getting a fit that looked pretty good, any joint that wasn't good I kept sanded wood to fill, I measured where the spokes met the rim and traced how they needed to be cut and cut the excess from the wood on my jig saw. After this I epoxied the eight pieces to the rim using clamps and silent prayer! The rest of the work consisted of using a rasp, a heavy round file, 220 grit sandpaper, a Dremel tool with a sanding drum to get the curvature where the spokes met the rim and lots and lots of filing and sanding. Did I also mention sanding and filing, etc!!

I first tried using a stain that I had, Jacobean, didn't like it, I wanted something that looked close to my gearshift knob which looked like it had a reddish hue to it. Maybe if I put a coat of polyurethane on it, .... nope! So, now I have to remove the polyurethane besides the stain, lacquer thinner to the rescue along with steel



wool took it right off, well maybe not



quite that easy! So now I have red mahogany stain on it and this is what I wanted to make my match, I have one coat of polyurethane on it and now I have to lightly steel wool it. I plan on two more coats of polyurethane and then work on the center hub of the wheel using black paint.

To be continued.

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## [Tech Tip - Freeze / Core Plugs](#)

Ensure that the cylinder into which the core plug is to be fitted is absolutely clean. Use green (sleeve locker) Loctite to cement the plugs into place. Then, fill the gap between the freeze plug and the outside of the cylinder block with JB Weld. That will hold the plugs nicely. For the T types, my first business partner (from forty years ago), Tom Lange, has introduced brass plugs which will not rust. Find Tom at: Full Moon Farm, 236 Knox Road, Bar Harbor, ME 04609-7730.

**John Twist, University Motors**

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## [MG Tech Help Videos – On Line!](#)

We now have about **250 MG technical videos on line**. I speak to enthusiasts every day who have been helped by viewing these. We invite you to log onto YouTube, view the videos - even sign onto our YouTube page, to help you with your MG questions and problems.

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# How Cars Got “Screwed”

**Henry F. Phillips** (1890–1958) was a U.S. businessman from Portland, Oregon. The Phillips-head ("crosshead") screw and screwdriver are named after him. The importance of the crosshead screw design lies in its self-centering property, useful on automated production lines that use powered screwdrivers. Phillips' major contribution was in driving the crosshead concept forward to the point where it was adopted by screwmakers and automobile companies.

## Biography

An engineer, Phillips was an acquaintance of John P. Thompson, [2] who sold his self-centering design to Phillips in 1935 after failing to interest manufacturers. Phillips formed the Phillips Screw Company in 1934, and after refining the design himself for the American Screw Company of Providence, Rhode Island, succeeded in getting the design quickly adopted by industry. One of the first customers, in 1937, was General Motors for its Cadillac assembly-lines. By 1940, 85% of U.S. screw manufacturers had a license for the design. Due to failing health, Phillips retired in 1945. He died in 1958



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**“You Have a Friend in Pennsylvania”  
- *That’s unless your are caught DUI!***

The costs associated with an impaired driving arrest can vary greatly depending on several factors, including blood-alcohol content, location of arrest, and number of offenses. The effect on a driver’s wallet starts the moment they are stopped by police. Here are a few expenses associated with a DUI.

- Traffic fine: \$300 - \$10,000 depending on blood alcohol content and number of offenses
- Towing vehicle: \$50 flat fee plus mileage
- Impound: \$75 - \$175 per day
- Legal fees: \$2,000 - \$8,000 or more
- Alcohol evaluation: \$35 - \$100
- Accelerated rehabilitative disposition (ARD): \$100 - \$1,800
- Education and treatment: \$100 - \$1,000 or more
- License restoration: \$25 non-commercial, \$75 commercial
- Insurance premium: increase of about \$1,000 a year or cancellation of policy

Apart from the financial aspects of a DUI arrest, there may also be social ramifications. Court appearances, community service requirements or jail time lead to lost time and lost wages – possibly job loss. A DUI conviction can also impede attempts to get a job, and cause embarrassment to your family.

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*“Next Time you drive across a Pa. Bridge....”*

America's bridges are getting old. Most of them were built in the 1950s, and they're beginning to show their age. [CNNMoney](#) June 20, 2013: One in nine bridges in the United States is structurally deficient, according to a report released Wednesday by Transportation For America. Some of the worst bridges are found in the Northeast. Bridges there tend to be among the oldest in the nation and they've been battered for decades by the region's frequent ice and snow.

**Pennsylvania** is the state with the **most structurally deficient bridges in the nation**, followed by Oklahoma, Iowa, Rhode Island and South Dakota. In those states more than 20% of the bridges are deficient. That doesn't necessarily mean they are unsafe, but that they need significant maintenance or replacement, according to Transportation For America.

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## What is the “Most American Car” ??

For the first time in four years, a U.S. brand vehicle has made it to the top of [Cars.com](#)'s Most American list. The survey -- which takes into account how many parts in the car are made in the U.S., where the vehicle is assembled and how many cars are sold here – named **the Ford F150** the Most American vehicle for 2013. From 2009 to 2012, that honor went to the [Toyota Camry](#), which is built in Kentucky and Indiana.

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## Sounds To Stir Your Automotive Soul!

Here's a link to a Shell commercial shown in Europe . Ostensibly, they're selling gasoline, but the cars used in the video steal the show.

**Ferrari** pulled several of their race cars from various ages out of storage, flew them around the world, and filmed them *running through the streets of Rome , Rio , New York , Hong Kong, Honolulu, Australia (Stanwell Park), and Monaco*. No CGI - these are the original cars on the original streets. The best part is the sound - from the basso-profundo

notes of the early, front-engine era, each scene cuts to a later generation, ending with the wail of a modern F1 car. The sounds alone bring a tear to the eye. Even if you're not a gear-head, this video will *stir the soul !!*

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=1\\_kwxzU4wL4&vq=medium](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=1_kwxzU4wL4&vq=medium)

And check this on out about **Bentlys at Le Mans**, - yesterday and today!

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=UzTFvQ\\_8#at=10](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=UzTFvQ_8#at=10)

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John Twist, University Motors, Michigan

## Classifieds

I'm looking for a used, but in good condition, 3 bow MGTD top frame. Paul Kirby, e-mail: [plkirby@optonline.net](mailto:plkirby@optonline.net)

## Membership As Of July 8th

<b>Keystone</b>	<b>Region MG</b>	<b>Club Members</b>	
<b>Name</b>	-	<b>City</b>	<b>MGs owned</b>
Bachkai	Kay	Barto, PA	1970 MGB
Beck	Ken & Cindy	Bethlehem, PA	1974 MGB + many other LBCs
Brobst	Thomas (& Abbie Ullnick)	Allentown, PA	1959 MGA
Brown	Bob	Easton, PA	
Carl	Joe & Myra	Coplay, PA	1952 MGTD, 1971 MG Midget
Chamberlain	Marty & Marybeth	Nazareth, PA	1973 MGB
de Bourbon	Kim & Charles	D.Water Gap, PA	1966 MGB
Ditalia	Joseph & Pat	Walnutport, PA	1967 MGB



Doskicz	Harry & Judy	Slatington, PA	1949 MGTC, 1962 MGA
Edinger	Art & Marge	Slatington, PA	1974 MGB
Ferrucci	Louis & Jeanne	Nazareth, PA	1960 MGA 1600
Fertich	Jim	Coplay, PA	1952 MGTD
Fruhmann	John	Bethlehem, PA	1976 MGB
Haas	Ed & Angie	Nazareth, PA	1956 MGA, 1979 MGB LE
Hargrave	Jim	Bogota, NJ	1975 MGB
Hassinger	Hans J.	Albrightsville, PA	1952 MGTD
Hess	Allen & Elaine	Bethlehem, PA	1971 MGB, 1963 TR4
Hogan	Spencer	Dandridge, TN	
Hoover	Robert	Quakertown, PA	1968 MGB
Horn	Richard	Easton, PA	1960 MGA 1600, 1961 MGA MKII Coupe
Hunt	Wendell	Waymart, PA	1979 MGB, 1963 MGB, 1978 MGB
Jackson	Chuck	Macungie, PA	1960 MGA
Johnson	Charles	Coplay, PA	1964 MGB RD
Jones	Mike & Myra	Bethlehem, PA	1950 MGTD, 1970 MGB-GT
King	Art & Chere	Center Valley, PA	1947 MGTC, 1971 MGB-GT
Kunkle	Arch	Hellertown, PA	1970 MGB Roadster
Kunkle	Gerry & EJ	Bethlehem, PA	1971 MGB
Lawson	Donald	Palmerton, PA	1949 MGTC, 1960MGA, 1980 MGB LE
McCarroll	Ed	Bethlehem, PA	1966 MGB
McCool	Terry & Suzanne	Stroudsburg, PA	1955 Austin Healey 100-M
Miers	Bill & Virginia	Allentown, PA	1974 MGB
Mink	Jim & Shirley	Cresco, PA	1949 MGTC, 1955 MGTF 1500
Moll	Thomas	Trumbauersville, PA	1980 MGB
Morgan	Rev. Leon	Lehighon, PA	1964 MGB
Morrisette	Paul	Annandale, NJ	1960 MGA 1600
Nash	Dennis & Ann Marie	Wind Gap, PA	1947 MGTC, 1951 Bentley MK VI, Jag XK 120
Newman	Harry	Bethlehem, PA	
Page	Bill	Bethlehem, PA	1972 MGB
Peters	Noel	Allentown, PA	1968 MGB-GT
Peterson	Scott	Springtown, PA	1947 MGTC #1733
Pilat	Robert & Penny	Whitehall, PA	1957 MGA, 1959 MGA
Potts	Thomas	Allentown, PA	1974 MGB-GT
Prehodka	Greg	Nazareth, PA	1953 MGTD racecar, 1971 MGB
Redash	Stephen	Summit Hill, PA	1980 MGB, 1969MGB-GT, 1973 MGB
Rohrbach	Jeff & Lisa	Fleetwood, PA	1962 MGA MKII

Saltern	Kenneth	Nazareth, PA	1951 MG TD Mk II, 1970 MGB
Scafard	Ray & Jan	Lords Valley, PA	52 MGTD MKII, 59 MGA Twin Cam, 59 MGA 1500
Shoemaker	John & Darlene	Bartonsville, PA	1972 MGB, 1952 MGTD, 1958 Magnette
Silance	Dennis & Diane	Saylorsburg, PA	1968 MGB-GT, 1975 MG Midget
Siplak	Jack & Sandy	Allentown, PA	1961 MGA
Sonnenrein	Sunny & Ken Czahor	Riegelsville, PA	1963 MGB, Jaguar 3.8 Saloon
Struckle	Don & Karen	Cresco, PA	1977 MGB
Stryker	Lynden	Bethlehem, PA	1970 MGB
Tarquin	Bobby	Bethlehem, PA	1974 1/2 MGB, 1983 XJ6
Torchy	Frank	Easton, PA	1979 MGB/LE
Van Syckle	Robert	Topton, PA	1947 MGTC
Walsh	Robert J.	Stroudsburg, PA	1975 MG Midget
Webb	Bill & Evelyn	Sellersville, PA	1974 1/2 MGB, 1967 MGB
Wright	John	Solvang, CA	
	<b>The following 2012</b>	<b>Members have not</b>	<b>renewed as of Jly 8th</b>
<i>Alderfer</i>	<i>David &amp; Erin</i>	<i>Schwenksville, PA</i>	<i>1959 MGA 1500</i>
<i>Allen</i>	<i>Terry &amp; Pat</i>	<i>Lexington, GA</i>	<i>74 MGB, '67 MGB-GT, '62 MGA, '49TC</i>
<i>Altieri</i>	<i>Tony</i>	<i>Easton, PA</i>	<i>1957 MGA Coupe</i>
<i>Bakes</i>	<i>Matt &amp; Beth</i>	<i>Barto, PA</i>	
<i>Betz</i>	<i>Jerry &amp; Pat</i>	<i>Coplay, PA</i>	<i>1980 MGB, 1970 MGB</i>
<i>Czahor</i>	<i>Ken</i>	<i>Riegelsville, PA</i>	<i>1965 Jaguar 3.8 Saloon</i>
<i>Haytmanek</i>	<i>Craig T.</i>	<i>Bethlehem, PA</i>	
<i>Jenkins</i>	<i>Julian</i>	<i>Chester Springs, PA</i>	<i>1976 MGB Roadster (blue)</i>
<i>Kobrick</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Allentown, PA</i>	<i>1955 MGTF 1500</i>
<i>Larrazabal</i>	<i>Joe &amp; Maria</i>	<i>Coopersburg, PA</i>	<i>1979 MG Midget</i>
<i>Mounce</i>	<i>Bill &amp; Sandie</i>	<i>Easton, PA</i>	
<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Nazareth, PA</i>	<i>1957 MGA, 1959 MGA Twin Cam, 1960 MGC-GT</i>
<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Ron &amp; Lisa</i>	<i>Avoca, PA</i>	<i>1980 MGB</i>
<i>Senkovich</i>	<i>Eric</i>	<i>Virginville, PA</i>	<i>1973 MGB, 1977 MGB, 1975 MGB</i>
<i>Van Hook</i>	<i>Greg</i>	<i>Upper Black Eddy, PA</i>	<i>1948 MG TC, 1963 MGB</i>

**Please advise Bill Page of any changes that should be made.**

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**British Motorcar Gathering Financial Results**


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**Keystone Region MG Club, Inc.**

Show Year:	2013	2013		2012	2012
<u>Account</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>No.</u>	<u>\$</u>
<b>Income:</b>					
Sponsors	19	950		16	800
Pre-Registrations	117	1,175		91	910
@ Show Registrations	81	1,222		97	1,455
Spectator Admissions	492	984		367	734
Raffle: 50/50		307			326
Raffle: Wind Blocker, etc					
Other, Miscellaneous					
Consolidated Amounts					
Gross Income		4,638			4,225
<b>Expenses:</b>					
H'twn Borough Donation		300			300
Reservoir Park Reservation		125			125
Dash Plaques		225			193
Mailing Expense		324			277
Flyer Printing		425			172
Trophies/Awards		1,229			639
Disc Jockey		200			200
Day-of-Show Expenses					86
Other (Flags, vests, etc.)	(Patches)	198		(Signs)	196
Other, Miscellaneous				(Trash Cans)	111
Expense Sub-total		3,026			2,298
Net Income		1,612			1,927

<b>Regalia Sales:</b>	(& Posters)	676		
Regalia Cost	(Posters)	279		
Net Regalia Income		397		
<b>Total Income</b>		2,009		1,927
<i>Morning Weather</i>	CAVU all Day			CAVU all Day
	* CAVU = Clear Air, Visibility Unlimited			

## Welcome New Members

Thanks for the club's newsletter MG Gazette - a nice publication. The Club's calendar is terrific too. I've been following the Club's web site and have attended the Hellertown show several times. Not much to tell about me. I live in Northern NJ. I have a wonderful wife and two beautiful daughters. I'm a Navy veteran who first got involved with British cars

in 1971 while stationed at NAS Norfolk VA. I bought a '61 MGA with bad shocks and no side curtains and I was hooked. My current car is a '75 MGB which I get out and drive at every opportunity. Should you be interested ,an article I wrote is posted on the Moss Motoring web site in the "Drives" category. It is titled "Vitamin LBC". Since I am located quite a distance from where most of the Club's activities are held, I doubt that I will be attending many of them. But I really enjoy the Hellertown show and your web site so I thought I might show my support by joining the club.

Sincerely,

Jim Hargrave, Bogota, NJ



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## Winner!


Former long-time **KRMGC member Terry Allen** took first place in his class at MG2013 today, after driving the car cross-country from his new home in Georgia.

Bill & Evelyn Webb were also spotted at the event, although like Chas & I they flew out.

**A fantastic event** -- weather gorgeous (not humid!), venues at Oregon State University outstanding.

Kim de Bourbon

Upcoming Events: Visit our club web site: [keystonemg.com](http://keystonemg.com)

<p><b>Q:</b> <i>What was the inspiration for MG's famed octagon-shaped badge?</i></p>		<p><b>A:</b> <i>The shape of founder Cecil Kimber's dining table. MG stands for Morris Garages.</i></p>
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## MG Unveils Sporty Crossover, Subcompact At Shanghai Auto Show



MG CS Crossover Concept, 2013 Shanghai Auto Show

**HI-RES GALLERY:** MG CS Crossover Concept, 2013 Shanghai Auto Show



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**That's all folks!**

### *Keyston 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](http://www.keystonemg.com). The club is incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.