QUADRIGA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Shultz

Gasoline. We all know it, we all need it (at least for our MGs), but we generally ignore it. Modern filling stations make re-fueling of motor vehicles a simple, clean, and quick process, and few consider the amazing properties of the substance pumped into the tank. Otherwise known as go-juice, petrol, or gasohol, the word "gasoline" was first seen in dictionaries start-



ing in 1863. Along with (and to a lesser degree) diesel, gasoline acts as the fuel for most internal-combustion engines used to power motor vehicles. Based on an economic impact, most consumers are aware of the linkage between crude oil and gasoline. Crude oil, as the primary raw ingredient, constitutes the main input to gasoline manufacture. Oil refineries produce gasoline as one of many finished products derived from the distillation pro-Other products include asphalt, naphtha, diesel, heating oil, kerosene, and liquefied petroleum gas. Each barrel of crude oil (a barrel equals 42 gallons for this purpose) produces 19 gallons of gasoline, which is made up primarily of paraffins, cycloloalkanes, and olefins. Before gasoline is delivered to customers, additives including stabilizers, detergents, anti-knock agents, are added. Typically the anti-knock agents and stabilizers are added during the production process, while detergents are added after the gasoline is removed from pipelines and prepped for sale to individual companies.

Did you realize that no matter what brand of gasoline you buy (Exxon, BP, Shell, Citgo, Pop's Corner Gas-o-Rama) the fuel likely came from the same pipeline? The difference in the end product you pump into your tank is the additive package (mostly detergents) that the different "brands" require. Higher quality gasolines generally provide more detergent. North Carolina's gasoline generally comes from a pipeline starting on the Gulf Coast, and some may remember that when Hurricane Ivan threatened the United States, we briefly ran out, or nearly out, of gasoline when the pipeline briefly shut down.

The next time you are at the local fill 'em up station, look for the mid-grade gasoline tank. I will bet that you won't find it, since it usually does not exist. Gasoline stations

create mid-grade on site by mixing premium and regular gasoline together, drawing an appropriate mixture from each of these two tanks in order to deliver a mid-grade fuel. And have you wondered why some of the European cars recommend or require the use of premium gasolines? Well, one of the reasons is that the fuel sold as mid-grade (94-95 octane) in the United States would only qualify as regular grade in Europe.

Much of the gasoline pumped into cars in the United States also contains a non-petroleum based product. Since 2005 the Federal Renewable Fuel Standard requires a minimum volume of renewable fuels in motor fuels sold in the country. You see the impact from this when you read that little sticker saying "this fuel may contain up to 10% ethanol". In the United States, most ethanol comes from a renewable resource, corn. Sadly for many of us who enjoy the sport of classic motor cars, the fuel systems in our cars were not designed for blended fuels such as those that contain ethanol. The ethanol creates a variety of challenges for fuel delivery systems not intended for ethanol use including rubber seal erosion and moisture retention. Many MGers run "standard" (i.e. ethanol blended) fuel with no apparent problems. Others tend to have more issues. I found that my car (MGB) was reluctant to start when hot, although it would start reasonably well cold.

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<u>SYMPATHY</u>

The NC MG Car Club extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Jeanette Collier who passed away January 3, 2015. Jeanette was the wife of Jim Collier who along with Paul Linney founded our club. Our thoughts are with her son Jim and the rest of the family.

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**** TIME to RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ****

Please send in your dues for 2015 by filling out the renewal form (only if there are changes) on the insert and sending with your \$ 25.00 to the address on the renewal form. Don't delay - Send it in TODAY.

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If you are not a member of the national group for your car, consider joining today.

NOGGIN & NATTERS

Noggin & Natter is the NCMGCC monthly social event to update the members on upcoming events, discuss MGs and have a great time with your friends. N&Ns are held at different club member's homes on the 2nd Thursday of the month from approximately 6:30pm until 8:30pm or a Saturday at a time of the hosts choosing. Check the information at the right for the exact dates and time.



Thanks to all who attended the Annual Banquet and made it a great event. What a way to start the new year!

Feb. 12th, Noggin & Natter

The February N & N will be at the home of Ron & Pat Wharton, 220 West Young St., Rolesville, NC (919) 600-8027.

Directions: Directions from Raleigh: From the I-440 beltline, take Capitol Blvd. North to the 401 exit. Follow 401 to Rolesville, NC, about 13 miles.

Directions using I-540: Exit at Hwy 401 and follow 401 to Rolesville, NC, about 6 miles.

At Rolesville, go to the 3rd stoplight and turn left onto West Young Street and follow it 3/4 mile to 220 West Young Street on the right. Park in the back along the circular driveway.



Mar. 12th Noggin & Natter

The March N & N will be at the home of Dennis & Pat Taylor, 5941 Rounder Lane, Holly Springs, NC (910) 567-2787

Directions: From the Raleigh area take US 1 South and take Exit 95 (NC 55E) towards Holly Springs/Fuquay. Turn right onto US 401/NC 42 (N. Main St.). Turn right onto NC 42 (W. Academy St). Turn right onto Barefoot Rd. Barefoot Rd. becomes Mims Rd. Turn left onto Rounder Ln. and arrive at 5941.

These are general directions from the Raleigh area. There may be other routes from your specific address. Consult Mapquest.com or a GPS unit for directions. (President's Message Continued)

After sorting through the standard hot-start issue gremlins, I found that by running ethanol-free fuel, my problem disappeared. One theory I found on the handy interweb is that the more volatile alcohols were essentially evaporating in the hot conditions faced by the carburetor bowls after engine shut down. This vaporized element would then precipitate out in the cylinders. Whether or not that was the problem, I am glad that it seemed to be resolved easily. Fortunately ethanol-free

fuel can be found fairly readily, although the price is higher than for standard unleaded, as one might imagine. But in my case, since I run regular unleaded, the price of even the ethanol-free fuel is less than the price of premium (w/ ethanol) gasoline. I get mine from the local Shell station, who sells it from a pump branded Shell Marine. So if you are having similar issues with your car, this almost-free solution might be worth checking out.

So until the next time, happy motoring, and Safety Fast

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FEBRUARY

Feb. 2	Debbie Hawkins
Feb. 2	Nico Katsanis
Feb. 2	Tim Williams

Feb. 4	Tina Walton
Feb. 6	David Cass
Feb. 7	Scott Peterson
Feb. 10	Elizabeth Bender
Feb. 18	Trudy Bennett
Feb. 19	Rob Orander
Feb. 20	Russ Percenti
Feb. 20	Catie Wylie
Feb. 23	Donald Dale
Feb. 27	Oliver Tolksdorf

Feb. 28	Brenda Penney
MARCH	
Mar. 1 Mar. 3 Mar. 6 Mar. 7 Mar. 7 Mar. 7	Craig Murden Carl Cason Isabel Fricke Cathey Griffin Kelly Metcalf Andrea Perry

Cindy Trumbower

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	British Cars	
Craig & Gretchen Murden	4207 Stratton Village Lane, Wilmington, NC	1965 Jaguar XKE 1971 Jaguar XKE 2003 Jaguar XKR	Primrose
Darren & Tracie Smith	2820 Stirrup Court, Wake Forest, NC	1959 MGA Coupe	Black

<u>NATTER CHATTER</u>

Terry Jones

How do out there in LBC land! Well, we have no January chatter in Natterland because we traditionally have no Natter in January, instead, celebrating the end of one year



and the beginning of the next with our Annual Dinnerand a fine evening it was... if you could not attend, start making your plans now for next year--it is always a swell affair... Now on to 2015...next up is a fine evening with the always gracious Pat and Ron (yes, he can be gracious...), Wharton, Thursday night, February the 12th, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. It will be just what we need to get us through another dark and cold month, knowing that each day brings us just a bit more daylight and closer to Spring...yea...bring it on!

So make your plans now for the trip to beautiful downtown Rolesville...just a hop, skip, and jump up north on 401., I know you will be glad that you did. See you there!

Cheers, TJ the Natter Guy

ST. PATTYS DAY PARADE

Freddy Jones

We have received our entry form for the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on Saturday, March 14th at 10:00AM in downtown Raleigh. For the past several



years, the NCMGCC has participated in the parade, with about 10-12 LBCs taking part. It's always a lot of fun to gather at the start of the parade, see all the inter-

esting floats, colorful costumes, musicians, and to enjoy the crowd as we cruise through the parade route.

As always, however, it doesn't work if we don't have participation. Please let me know if you intend to take part in the parade, so I'll know ahead of time whether to send in our entry form. Simply reply to the listsery so that I can get a head count. There is a \$35 fee that will be paid by the club in order to participate.

Note: the final date to sign up is March 1, so I need to know as soon as possible.

ANNUAL BANQUET Gary Mills

The Annual Banquet was held on Friday, January 16, 2015 at the City Club Raleigh in the Wells Fargo Building in downtown Raleigh. Seventy eight members and guests enjoyed a social time before dinner enjoying beverages of their choice and appetizers. Many talked with old friends and met new members, while enjoying the spectacular views from the 28th floor dining room.

Tables were decorated with octagon mirrors and inverted wine glasses with lights inside and topped with candles. A wonderful dinner of chicken, fish, beef, or vegetarian was enjoyed by all. Dessert was a cake with the club logo on it.



After dinner, a slideshow of the B-Stingers at Watkins Glen was shown by Jim Lathan and Bill Hawkins presented a movie about New Bern, NC, the destination for the 2015 Coastal Tour.





President Steve Shultz reported that all the current board members were re-elected for 2015 and look forward to serving the club in the coming year.

President Steve Shultz presented the club awards for 2014. Receiving Octagon Awards were: Justin Brooks for the re-design of the website; Casey Yunker for the Antique Tour; Konrad Schoen for leading Tech Sessions; Rob Orander for car show logo design; Jennifer Floyd of the Golden Corral for providing excellent service at our monthly breakfasts.

Linneys were presented to Kimi Cousins for Regalia; Debbie & Bill Hawkins for the Coastal Tour; Jim & Jean Lathan for the Mountain Tour; Freddy Jones for handling membership; Gary Mills for chairing the car show and Quadriga News editor; Wayburn Mills Quadriga News editor, Car Show, and Annual Banquet decorations; Myron & Nancy Grueneich for hosting the Lake Tour for 19 years; Don & Linda Annas for hosting many club meetings at the clubhouse (their house).











Flying Circus, North Hills and Ray Price Triumph.

The Speckled Pen Award is a new award given to the person submitting the best article for the Quadriga News during the year. There were six articles considered and the award went to Don Annas for his article on the history of the Noggins & Natters.





Members of the year were Dennis & Pat Taylor for the monthly breakfasts and being goodwill ambassadors for the car club.

The evening ended with members looking forward to another great year of club activities in 2015.













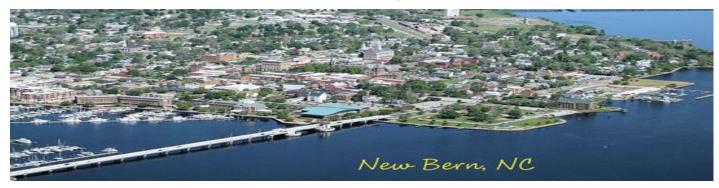






NORTH CAROLINA MG CAR CLUB

ANNUAL SPRING COASTAL TOUR MARCH 27-28-29, 2015



Make your plans now to join us for the Annual Spring Coastal Tour 2015 to New Bern, NC. Drive with the group on Friday morning thru the country arriving in New Bern in time for lunch, or come on your own by a fast road on Friday or Saturday. While in New Bern we will tour Tryon Palace, Pepsi Museum, attend a wine tasting, sample local restaurants and explore this historic colonial capitol of North Carolina









Our Host Hotel

Courtyard by Marriott New Bern

218 E Front St, New Bern, NC, 28560, US
Phone Number: 1-866-460-7456
Reservations call 800-321-2211 and reference the "NCMGCC".

A block of rooms is being held March 27 thru 29, 2015 for the "NC MG Car Club". The rate per room will be \$119.00 for non-balcony rooms, and \$129.00 for balcony rooms. All rooms will be on the river view side of the hotel. The room block will remain until <u>February 27, 2015 after that date rooms are subject availability</u>. Cancellation is permitted before 4:00pm the day of arrival. All of our rooms have refrigerators, coffee makers, hair dryers, iron, ironing boards, 39 inch HD televisions and free high speed wireless internet access. Special parking for NC MG Car Club only has been arranged. You can visit their website at www.marriott.com



Questions – or more information please Contact Bill or Debbie Hawkins at 919-676-8888, or ddhawkins@yahoo.com, wlhawkins@yahoo.com.

More details will follow in the March Quadrigga – This will be another GREAT Tour with NCMGCC!

Safety Fast

TRIANGLE BRITISH CLASSIC

Gary Mills

Plans are well underway for the 2015 Triangle British Classic Car & Motorcycle Show which will be again at North Hills on Saturday, May



16. This year's logo is one of the best ever and will look fantastic on the show t-shirts. Brochures will be available in February and registration will be open once they are printed. Register early for the show to guarantee you get a t-shirt and dash plaque.

The show will again be supporting the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina with a portion of the profits from the show as well as collecting food at the show.

The raffle is one of the highlights of the show thanks to donations from vendors amd club members. Anyone wanting to donate a gift for the raffle, please contact Dennis Taylor at dltpilot@hotmail.com. Items do not have to be car related. Household items, jewelry, toys, pictures, etc. are all welcome.

If you are interested in volunteering at the show, please contact me at glmmgb@yahoo.com.

Lets try to break the record for registrations (157) this year and make it one of the largest shows in the state.



Frankenmuth, MI June 15-19, 2015 Check out the website for more information at: www.gt40.namgar.com



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"The Ma Fic in Niagara Falls"



Due to medical issues I have to sell my 1979 MGB and 1952 MGTD.

1979 MGB, white w/MGB side stripe, soft and hard top, working dealer inst. British Leyland A/C, direct bolt on wire wheels. A show quality car with proven awards.



Asking \$7,000.



1952 MGTD, Clipper Blue, 95 percent restored. Have new soft top not installed. VERY RARE HARD TOP and hard side curtains. A must see!!

Asking \$24,000.

I can provide more pic's for both. Call 919-946-9697(c) 910-592-3323(h) & ask for Steve. Steve Dieter



1976 MG Midget, green, runs well, much maintenance performed. New tires, paint job, shocks, and brakes. Has a Weber down draft carb. Needs a new top

and other items. Windshield cracked, some non-standard items, seats & exhaust, but have the originals. Easily swapped out. For details call 919-989-1142. Asking price \$ 5,600. Dave Cass





LOOKING BACK Editors



As we prepare for another great year, we thought it might be good to look at some of the club's history and people in the club.



CLUB BEGINNINGS

The organizational meeting for the NC MG Car Club was held in August 1988 at Crowley's Restaurant. The September meeting was scheduled for Greystone Seafood Restaurant.

Initial Club Officers—1988

President: Paul Linney Vice-President: Ben Brown Treasurer: Mike Cuomo **Rob Smart** Secretary:

Communications Chair: Sharon Blagdon-Smart

Membership Chair: Lamar Caldwell Technical Chair: Carl Cason

FOUNDING MEMBERS STILL MEMBERS TODAY

Ben Brown Bill Kingsbury Carl Cason Jim Lathan Mike Cuomo Jack Mango Steve Harris **Bob Schaaf**

Ron Howard

FIRSTS

First Club Event	Picnic 1988
First Annual Dinner	1989
First Club Rally	1989
First Car Show	1989
First Noggin & Natter	1990
First Beach Tour	1990
First Lake Tour	1996
First Triangle British Classic	1996
Club starts Website	1999
B-Stingers Organized	2000
B-Stingers First Race	2004

PAST NEWSLETTER EDITORS

1988 Paul Linney 1989-1990 Rob & Sharon Smart 1991-mid 1992 Craig Zeni Mid 1992-mid 1996 Scotty Stewart Tony Thomas Mid 1996-1997 1998-2004 Don & Linda Annas Gary & Wayburn Mills 2005-present

What does Quadriga mean??

In 1989 Paul Linney introduced the clubs newsletter as the "Quadriga News". According to Paul, quadriga is a chariot with four wheels or one drawn by four horses (4 hp)!

PAST NCMGCC **CLUB PRESIDENTS**

Years of Service	<u>Name</u>
1988 to 1993	Paul Linney
1993	Jeff Basham
1994 & 1995	Bill Hawkins
1996 & 1997	Rob Orander
1998	Paul Linney
1999 & 2000	Konrad Schoen
2001	Dan Amey
2002	Konrad Schoen
2003 & 2004	Bill Hawkins
2005	Wrennie Edwards
2006 & 2007	Paul Cousins
2008 & 2009	Tom Miller
2010 & 2011	Terry Jones
2012 & 2013	Jim Lindley
2014 & 2015	Steve Shultz

PAST NCMGCC MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>
1988-1989	Paul Linney
1989-1990	Jeff Basham
1990-1991	Mike Cuomo
1991-1992	Jack Mango
1992-1993	Ron & Mary Howard
1994	Bill & Debbie Hawkins
1995	Allan & Rosemary Jenkins
1996	David & Pat Jones
1997	Tony, Kathy & Crystal Thomas
1998	Alan Briggs
1999	Konrad Schoen
2000	Don Annas
2001	Debbie Hawkins
2002	John Penn
2003	Don Annas & Ron Wharton
2004	Debbie Hawkins
2005	Don & Linda Annas
2006	Ron & Pat Wharton
2007	Gary & Wayburn Mills
2008	Gary & Wayburn Mills
2009	Car Show Committee
2010	Ron & Pat Wharton
2011	Don & Linda Annas
2012	Ron & Pat Wharton
2013	Casey Yunker
2014	Dennis & Pat Taylor

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2015 EVENTS		
Feb. 12	Noggin & Natter - 6:30 pm Ron & Pat Wharton	
Feb. 21	Breakfast - 8:00 am, Golden Corral, Cary	
Mar. 12	Noggin & Natter - 6:30 pm Dennis & Pat Taylor	
Mar. 14	Vintage Days at Ray Price Triumph S. Saunders Street, Raleigh	
Mar. 14	St. Pattys Day Parade - See page 3 for more information	
Mar. 21	Breakfast - 8:00 am, Golden Corral, Cary	
Mar. 27-29	Annual Coastal Tour - Debbie & Bill	
	Hawkins - See Page 5 for more information	
Apr. 9	Noggin & Natter - 6:30 pm	
A 10 12	Steve & Tracy Shultz Wild Hare Races at VIR	
Apr. 10-12 Apr. 17-19	The Gathering at Shelton Vineyards in	
Арг. 17-19	Dobson, NC. www.triumphclub.org for more information	
Apr. 18	Breakfast - 8:00 am, Golden Corral, Cary	
Apr. 25	Antique Tour - Contact Casey Yunker for	
πρι. 20	more information	
May 9	Saturday Noggin & Natter -	
May 16	11 am to 2 pm - Sara Oggel 19th Annual Triangle British Classic Car & Motorcycle Show North Hills, Raleigh, NC	

June 8-12	MG 2015 Niagara Falls, Canada www.mg2015.com for more information
June 11 June 15-19 June 20	Noggin & Natter - OPEN GT-40, Frankenmuth, Michigan www.gt40.namgar.com for more information Breakfast - 8:00 am, Golden Corral, Cary
July 9 July 18	Noggin & Natter - OPEN Breakfast - 8:00 am, Golden Corral, Cary
Aug. 13 Aug. 15	Noggin & Natter - OPEN Breakfast - 8:00 am, Golden Corral, Cary
Sep. 10 Sep. 19	Noggin & Natter - OPEN Lake Tour - Myron & Nancy Grueneich's house at Lake Gaston
Sep. 25	Heacock Classic Gold Cup Races at VIR

NOGGIN & NATTERS 2015

Call Terry Jones at 919-780-9847 or e-mail: terryjones46@earthlink.net, if you would like to host a Noggin & Natter. Call now and pick the month of your choice.

ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Articles for the March newsletter are due to the editor at glmmgb@yahoo.com by February 20th. All members are encouraged to submit articles.

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North Carolina MG Car Club – Member Data Form: please check one box: New Member Renewal
Prefix: First Name: Suffix: Suffix:
Print name as it should appear on your name tag (new members only):
Address 1 (123 Main Street): Address 2 (Apt. #, Suite #, Box #):
City: Zip Code: Zip Code: Zip + 4: Country (if not US):
Email 1: Email 2: Home Phone:()
Office:(
Birthday (mm/dd): Partner Name: Partner Name:
Would you like to be included on the NCMGCC listserv email chat forum (requires a current email address)? Yes No Summary Only
Is it OK to email your Quadriga Newsletter?* Does your partner want a copy as well? Partner Email:
*Emailing helps us keep costs low. Responding "no" to this question means you would prefer to have one monthly copy of the Quadriga sent by US Mail to your residence.
Car Make (MG, Triumph, Jaguar) (B-Roadster, A-Coupe, TR6) ('75, etc.) (Inca Yellow, BRG, Iris Blue) (Wire, Rostyle, Minilites) (Chrome, Rubber, none) British Car Registries (NAMGAR, NAMGBR, Morgan Registry, AMGBA, etc.) or other car clubs in which you participate: List any special skills (welding, web development, event planning) or other
interests (rallying, restorations) you wish to share with the club: