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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By John Fraioli



Greetings MGCC club members and other British car enthusiast friends. I have three items I would like to report. First Tyler Hicks-Wright is our new web master. We welcome his talents. Thank you to Dan McGrew for his efforts maintaining our web site over the past several years. Dan is now residing in upstate New York and states Tyler is up to the task. Second the Colorado English Motoring Conclave was another great experience for all who attended. The weather was marvelous both days. The tour was very enjoyable. Thanks Bob Gloyd! According to Scott Story there was a grand total of 413 British cars and bikes. 111 of them

were MG's. You do the math. A great turn out for the Marque of Friendship.

Officers have been elected for next year. Thanks to all who volunteered. See you at the Christmas party!

*Safety Fast!*

**Ed note: Check out the web site [MGCC.org](http://MGCC.org) looks great!**

## BOOK REVIEW THE LOST ROAD COURSES

By Dick Fritz

### Lost Road Courses

By Martin Rudow

*Lost Road Courses* is a book about sports car race tracks in the U.S. and Canada that were purpose-built to allow road racing to continue after a series of tragic accidents in Watkins Glen, Bridgehampton, and elsewhere which brought on legislation that stopped racing on open public roads. Seventeen tracks are described, most of which were built in the period of the mid-1950s and faded away by the late 1960s. This was a time when sports car racing was evolving from attracting casual amateur entrants to having professional dedicated teams, along with the legal complications that would inevitably come along for the ride.

The author has assembled stories of how individuals set about acquiring and building the tracks, the races that were held with cars that today are priceless vintage machinery, and how the tracks eventually died off. The accompanying photos are fascinating, including those showing what became of the topography. Most became part of housing developments, but some sections of pavement can still be found if one searches hard enough.

My personal interest includes the Continental Divide Raceway near Castle Rock and the Meadowdale International Raceway in Illinois, only a few miles from where I grew up. I remember well watching sports cars on Meadowdale's notorious "Monza Wall". Many of the photos of CDR and Meadowdale are credited to our own Ron Shaw, and the account of CDR mentions that the "local MG Car Club" held a club event there in 1963.

If you are looking for information about the wonderful "Put-in-Bay" races in Ohio you won't find it here, because Put-in-Bay was still run on public roads, probably the real last of the "Last Open Roads" of Burt Levy's novels. If you want to know about Put-in-Bay, you should buy Carl Goodwin's book: *The Put-in-Bay Road Races, 1952-1963*. If enough people buy Carl's book, he may eventually buy an MG!

Dick Fritz

## REGULAR MEETINGS

**Regular Second Wednesday Membership Meetings** are held every month **except December**. The business meeting officially starts at **7:00 pm**, but members and guests are encouraged to be there at **6:00 pm**, or earlier (the restaurant gets busy) to order dinner from the menu. Meetings are held at **Mimi's Restaurants**. **We alternate locations from: 14265 W. Colfax in Golden** (across from the Colorado Mills shopping mall. From Interstate 70 take Exit 263, go south on Denver West Parkway, then west on Colfax. Mimi's is on the right (north).), **to 9155 Park Meadows Dr. in Lone Tree** (C470 to Yosemite, then south to Park Meadows Dr. turn left (east).)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November

#### 19 Dust and Shine

Forney Museum of Transportation, 4303 Brighton Blvd, Denver, CO 80216, United State

### December

#### 10 Holiday Party Homestead Grille 6:30 for Cocktails

No Club Meeting on the 14th!

The calendar is WIDE OPEN for next year. If you would like to plan, host, sponsor and event please let John Fraioli or Neil White

**Please check out the calendar on the MGCC web site for additional info:**  
**mgcc.org**

#### Cars and Coffee First Saturday Each Month

This monthly event was created to replace the 1st Saturday Cars & Coffee event that has been in existence for several years at Arapahoe Road in Lafayette. That event has been officially moved to the Hagerty office in Golden. This casual car show will be held every 1st Saturday of the month from 8am-11am at 1010 Johnson Rd. Golden, CO 80401. This location has room for a bunch of cars and there will be coffee available from Louis' Cafe.

## M.O.A.B. 2016

By Rebecca MacIntyre



We never know where MOAB will lead us. This year it lead us through fabulous scenery, a great Goose, museums, and ancient cultures. We started by driving to the Knopinski abode, thus saving us driving for an hour and a half on Friday morning. As we neared their house, the A developed a "stumble". We arrived and I jokingly said, "I guess we're taking the Audi TT, because the A just stopped running right." John said, "I think it is the condenser." He and Jack changed it and viola, running like a champ. Next morning after a brief hiccup, we drove through Perry Park. There were a few cotton ball puff clouds, not too grey, temperatures were cool, but not cold. Perfect top down weather. Stopped at the Kaiser Frazer dealership in Palmer Lake to pick up some more folks, then on to Garden of the Gods Road to pick up the rest of the Springs contingent. The group stopped in Florissant Fossil Beds for picnic lunch. Who knew we were standing on top of 15 feet of volcanic mud! (Apparently every geologist in the club!) Then the winding road to the Arkansas river, a huge Golden Eagle flew just above the cars, following beside us at speed, for about a mile, then the creature made a graceful arc to the right, leaving us behind. It was rather magnificent. We made the right turn and on to Salida. It was a perfect top down, driving day. The colors were perfect. Aspen changing to gold, rust and brown. The hard woods and shrubs dotting the hills with tufts of golden brown and red. Party at Augie's, always a good time.

Saturday was the short drive to Chama NM to take the train or the Galloping Goose on Sunday. Gorgeous! I don't think I have ever seen more spectacular color than on Cumbres Pass. The pine blue-green of pine, flashes of crimson, yellow so bright as to be nearly blinding. Because it was a short day, some folks took the detour over to Sand Dunes before heading on to Chama. Jack Knopinski took a bigger detour. The Midget was not running properly, so in Salida, he decided to drive home get the TT and rejoin us in Chama. Got home, got the TT, got in a rain shower and the top wouldn't go up. He took it home, and got their Ford and drove to Chama. Happy hour began at the Branding Iron. When we checked in the owner/clerk, told us another car club would be joining us later. Another group of LBC's only these were Large British Cars. He wanted to make sure there were no rumbles in the parking lot.

## M.O.A.B. 2016 CONTINUED

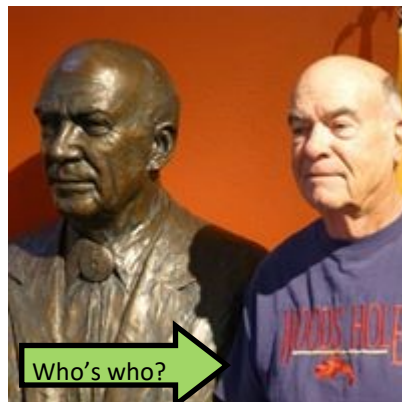


The Galloping Goose, provided local train service in the San Juans from the 1930's to the 50's. The original geese were school bus bodies attached to a Pierce Arrow cab and motor. We had virtually the whole car! At every crossing our tour-meisters, Steve and Marilee, were there, waving us on. We waved back. The stop at the top of the pass was fun too. Watched them move all kinds of trains around. There were no restrooms, so the trees on the left were for the gentlemen and the ones on the right for the ladies. The wind was shall we say, brisk.

We awoke Sunday morning with part of the SGA in the parking lot. Silver Ghost Association, as in Rolls Royce Silver Ghosts. Wow!!! 300 of the things in the world and 24 of them were in Chama, a town about the size of my writing desk. They have one rule, the top cannot go up unless it is raining or night. The oldest Silver Ghost is a 1924. Talk about keeping them on the road! Nice folks too.

Breakfast the morning of the train ride was fun. Augie didn't want his hash browns, so he threw one at Dorothy, and she caught it, in her mouth. I've never actually seen anyone do that. Joanne's story about a cat and a dog had all of us laughing like lunatics. (Imagine the Chuck Jones Tom and Jerry cartoon with the tiny little bulldog who buzzes all over Tom, leaving him a mess). There was also this warning above the cash register; "Unattended children will be given an espresso and a puppy." The ride over the pass was stunning. Even if it was a repeat of the drive over the day before. Incredible colors. I think we were on beauty overload on the way back to Chama. It had become so beautiful it was common. Dorothy said "You're such a Coloradoan." It was a perfect day, cool, crystalline air, with a slight hint of coal smoke (What is it about coal or wood smoke that makes you feel warmer on a cool day? Or is that just me?) The clouds added to the scene, sun and shade dappling the walls of the canyon. Across the valley, going up the opposite mountain side was a huge grove of aspens. The trunks were a white wall topped with green and bright yellow tops. The trees were maybe forty to fifty feet tall. At happy hour a number of the SGA joined us. Showed us their cars, talked about keeping them running. One gentleman asked who was in charge of our mess, and we pointed him to Steve Hart. Steve then got to DRIVE one of the Ghosts. I think he stopped smiling about a week later. (Great video on our Facebook page)

Monday drove from Chama to Los Alamos NM, with again spectacular scenery, with a stop at Ghost Ranch. Fittingly enough, the SGA had been there two days before. Yes, Georgia O'Keefe Ghost Ranch. She didn't own it, just a guest. Great stop. Lindberg landed his plane on a flat area in front of what is now the cafeteria. Great history tour and a nice anthropology and paleontology museum. In Los Alamos, people went every where, Bandolier, Jemez Springs, the Caldera, Bradbury museum .



Who's who?



## M.O.A.B. 2016 CONTINUED



After leaving Los Alamos, several of us went to Chaco Culture National Monument (or Park—I don't remember) Wonderful stop.

The road is mostly dirt to get there, but well worth the drive. It is also certified dark, meaning their telescopes aren't affected by light pollution. So, after spending the day around the Chacoan Peoples incredible buildings dating from 950 to about 1100 AD, we looked through a telescope at Andromeda. Incredibly fascinating place.

They think the different buildings were used for different celestial observations. They've found jars with remnants of chocolate in them. They were trading with northern and central Mexico. Hardly a hunter

- gatherer culture. All of the Puebloan tribes consider it a sacred place. If you have not been, GO!



Special thanks  
to Steve and  
Marilee Hart.  
The tour meis-  
ters



Picnic be-  
fore the  
night sky  
program

Hiking at Chaco

# CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATION FORM



## MGCC XMAS PARTY

SATURDAY DEC 10th

6 PM

The Homestead Country Club  
11500 West Hampden Avenue, Lakewood

**Join us for a festive evening  
of good food, good cheer  
and good company**

### MENU

#### Appetizers

#### Salad

Choice of Entrée: \_\_\_\_\_ # each

Beef Tenderloin \_\_\_\_\_

Garlic and Herb Marinated Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Herb Grilled Salmon with Pomegranate  
Gastrique \_\_\_\_\_

#### Dessert

**\$22 PER PERSON** x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

For Reservations Mail your Entrée Choices and Check  
payable to MGCC to:

Rich Weiskopf  
3011 S. Gilpin Street  
Denver, CO 80210

Please respond by DEC 1st

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## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

By Rebecca MacIntyre



Really? Here it is November and I'm still picking tomatoes and peppers. My roses, clematis and patio plants are all still blooming and the Christmas tree will be going up in a couple of weeks. While certainly weird the weather has provided an embarrassment of riches for top down driving. Conclave was great. Pumpkin and Peaches was terrific. (Thanks for planning that Magargal's!) MOAB trip was stupendous. (Thanks Hart's) In sum a fantastic fall. (Help! My thesaurus may soon be in an Iron Lung)

As we reach the end of the year, I look back with some nostalgia. We've lost some dear friends, and found new ones. The river that is time, continues to flow and we go with it. Friends come along for the journey and what a wonderful journey it is.

Keep 'em Rolling and *Safety Fast*



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and Facebook MG-Car-Club-of-England-Rocky-Mountain-Centre

## A FEW WORDS ABOUT A PLACE NAMED GAMBO

Christmas is just around the corner and it will soon be time for the Kids Christmas Party in Gambo Newfoundland. Please make checks to The Salvation Army Church—Gambo Newfoundland and mail to Jack Kahler, 5260 S Zinnia Court, Littleton CO 80127

Any and all will be gratefully accepted for the KiDS!

Thanks!

Jack Kahler

Ed note; please mail to Jack ASAP if you missed the November meeting.

## Small World Story

I met a young woman recently who is from Gambo. She related to me how the generosity of the stranded passengers and others have so positively affected the people there – kids are now able to attend school and college as well as other benefits to the towns people. She knew well of the gifts/money which come to the Salvation Army each year and was so appreciative that Neil and I have donated all these years. Just wanted to pass this along to the rest of the club. I never felt so good about such a relatively small gift!

Dorothy Stone

As many of you know, Jack Kahler, Bill Bollendonk and Tom Cox were airborne on their way home from England when Islamic terrorists brought down the twin towers on 9-11. Their flight was diverted to Gambo, Newfoundland where they and other passengers were fed and sheltered in the Salvation Army Church and in private homes in Gambo. Each Christmas Jack solicits contributions from members of the MG Car Club, Rocky Mountain Center and Rocky Mountain MG T Register and sends the donations to the Salvation Army Church to fund a Christmas party for the children of Gambo. This charitable act is Jack's, Tom's and Bill's way of thanking the Church members and the community for their generosity in taking care of our MG Colleagues in the church and in church members homes during the uncertain days after 9-11.

Gambo is a town in one of the economically poorest of the Canadian provinces. Many of the Gambo children would not have a Christmas party and a gift if it were not for donations Jack collects and sends to the Salvation Army Church in Gambo.

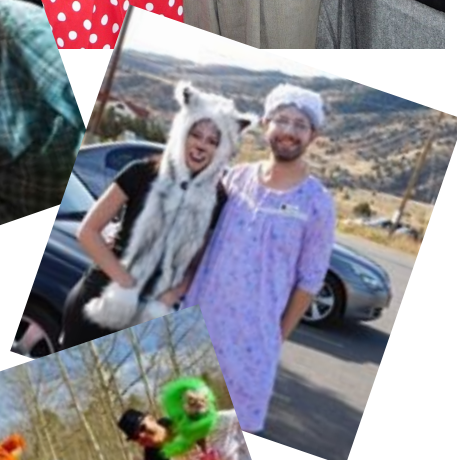




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Poker Rally



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is still alive



The Memorial  
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