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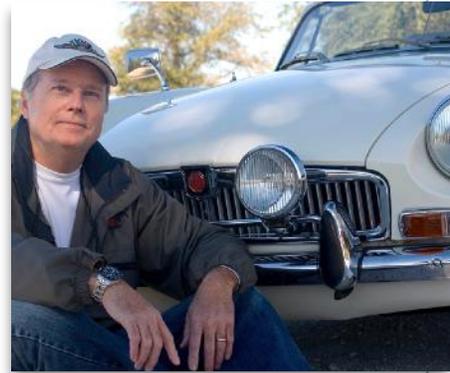


## President's Corner

Last Wednesday, (11/14) we had elections for the 2019 MGCC leadership positions. Neil White will become President; Tyler Hicks-Wright, Vice President; Carol Zamora, Secretary; and Rich Weiskopf will continue as Treasurer. The club is in good hands. Neil, Rich, and John Fraioli are rock stars and I sincerely thank them for their help and support this year. I'd like to recognize several others who, month after month and year after year, support the club in significant ways: Tyler Hicks-Wright, our Vice President-elect is also our webmaster. Joe and Cathy Gunderson take care of regalia, advertising, and represent the club at the national level. Al Wulf is the single point of contact for email notifications as well as the membership chairman. Alan Magnuson has been the club historian for decades. Greg Peek volunteers to manage the Glenwood Car Show and is our *Dynamo* editor. And Dick Fritz has represented our interests at the Colorado Collector Car Council for . . . ever. And to the 2018 and 2019 Glenwood Committee members, thank you very much for continuing to make the club and the event a profound success. It has been a good ride.

*Safety Fast,*  
Keith

Once in a while stories come along that remind us why we're in a club, and all the good that comes out of it. In this issue, we're reminded of the



happiness a Christmas party brings to deserving kids, the readiness with which our members come to help our fellow members who are in trouble, or those of us who can simply use a hand getting their car up and running again. There are three such stories inside. Here's wishing you a wonderful holiday season; see you at the Christmas party.

*-Editor*





# The Annual Gambo Christmas Party



## An Interview with Major Cindy Butler of the Gambo Salvation Army

We know of Gambo thanks to the stories told by Bill Bollendonk, Tom Cox and Jack Kahler. When their flight from London was diverted on 9/11 to nearby Gander, NF, the men (among nearly 7,000 others) were stranded by closed U.S. airspace and the resulting backlog of diverted flights. They talk about the generosity of the people of Gambo, where the three were billeted there while things sorted themselves out. "They gladly shared what little they had," Jack Kahler said. For fourteen years, Jack has organized a fund drive to support a Christmas party held for area children in Gambo.

Unemployment in this town of about 2,000 people runs 26 percent. Local employment comes from local businesses and fishing, with many townspeople commuting to Gander and elsewhere for work. The lumber industry, the lifeblood of the town in the late 1800s, went away after a series of forest fires decimated area stands of lumber in the 1960s.

Some of the townspeople are considered to be members of the working poor. "Life here is simple, but can be challenging for some people," Salvation Army Major Cindy Butler told *Dynamo*. "Even people that are working are finding it hard to make ends meet. Wages are low." We also do a food bank and distribute Christmas hampers this time of year and we are seeing an increase in the people needing those."

"At last year's party, we had 72 kids, with a hundred people in total, including parents and helpers. We have it scheduled for December first this year, and we're trying something a little bit different. We're going to do a big bonfire, outside and have sleigh riding for the kids. Then we'll come inside to do crafts and have Santa come to give them their gifts. We mainly do gifts for infants to 13 years old. The older kids are helpers, which is nice."

"We just want to say Thank You for all your support, and helping the children in our community. It means a lot."

For those of you who continue to contribute, thank you. This year's Christmas Party is December 1. Please send Jack your tax deductible as soon as you can.

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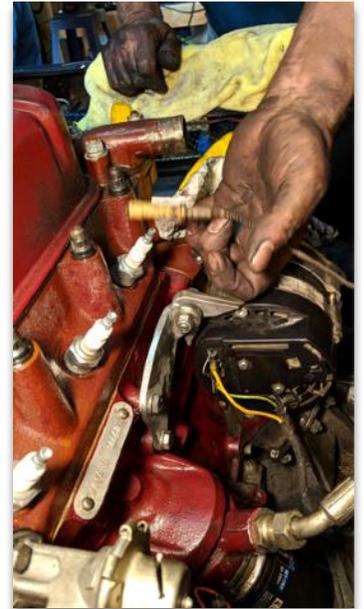


# ...With a Little Help from Our Friends

**Something went horribly wrong** on the 2017 MOAB. Our MGA would not shift gears. Thanks to lots of people who helped, (but especially Dave and Kathy Magargal as they and Jim Goodwin loaded the car onto the Magargal's trailer, then drove us home the next day) the A arrived in the garage safe and sound.

With a lot of other things going on in our lives, we just hadn't gotten around to fixing it. Jim and Lora drove up from the Springs, Stan and Eileen came over, and Randy arrived. They pulled the motor, found the offending throw out bearing, replaced the clutch and put the engine back in -- *in about five hours*. I fed them chicken pot pie. Beer and wine were made available. After all, it was at our house.

*-Rebecca MacIntyre*



Thanks to Jim Goodwin, Lora Swenson, Stan and Eileen Edwards and Randy Biallis for lending a hand.



Photos: Randy Biallis

# John Fraioli Wins NAMGBR Enthusiast of the Year Award



When Al Wulf suffered his heart attack at the British V8 meet earlier this year, offers to help came in from all over. When John Fraioli heard the news, he booked a plane ticket to Ohio. His mission: return with Al's MGB V8, truck and trailer, so that the Wulfs could fly back as soon as Al was able. For his efforts, John was awarded NAMGBR's John Twist and Caroline Robinson *Enthusiast of the Year Award* at the November business meeting. Thanks John, for all you do!

Now, where to find the wall space for another award?



Al and Patty at breakfast in Dayton, shortly before their flight home.

NAMGBR Officers,  
Thank you for giving Carole and Terry Looft  
the "Good Samaritan Award" for 2018. Being  
the recipient of their generosity Patty and  
I will forever be grateful for all their  
help while in Dayton for the British V8  
meet last July.

A lot of other folks stepped up to help us,  
too. MG is indeed the marque of  
friendship.

Safety Fast!

- Al & Patty Wulf



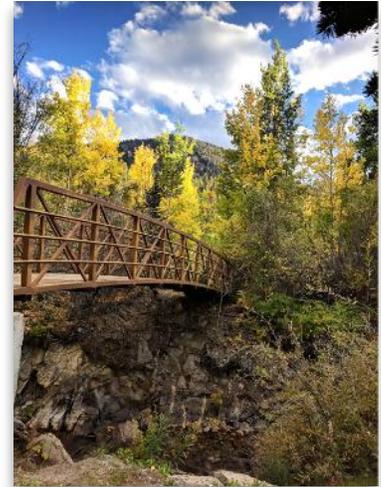
MG People: Terry and Carole Looft



# The M.O.A.B. Report

This year’s MOAB trip was, well, fabulous. Eighteen cars and 33 people made the trip from Denver in early September. It was great to leisurely make our way down to Santa Fe. The hotels were funky, the food great, the company, sublime. Shawn Bowman outdid herself by including the special, the interesting and the unusual on the route. Highlights included the Mexican restaurant in Chimayo, the gallery crawl through on the high Road to Taos, and the MeoWolf interactive art installation in Santa Fe.

The weather was perfect, with nary a drop of rain and cool(er) sun drenched days only September can promise. There were no major mechanical failures. Special thanks to Augie Burgoon for hosting the group meet up at our first stop in Salida. Our overnight stop at the Monarch Mountain Lodge near Monarch Pass saw us surrounded by Aspen in their full Fall glory. A few of us, led by Alan Magnuson, splintered off for a trip over the pass and down beautiful CO 114 to meet up with the group for an authentic Mexican buffet at Cavillosn Alamosa. It was all delicious, even though the overflowing trays of food were not labeled. Whatever it was, it was great!



Off to Taos via 287. Heading East on 64, we stopped at the the fabulous Rio Grande Gorge bridge for some excellent views, then made our way to Taos. We passed some fantastic earth homes and the Earthship Academy “biotecture” facility dedicated to building self-sufficient (power, food and water producing) homes. I think Shawn stopped to apply for an internship there. The next day was a was a leisurely drive in the direction of Santa Fe. We had a special lunch at the beautiful El Rancho de Chimayo in Chimayo, NM.



Aliens, Again? Or residual energy from MeowWolf? We later discovered that Augie’s hat had been previously lined with foil, so he was protected. Courtesy, John Fraioli



From there we had the opportunity to drive a portion of The High Road to Taos Scenic Byway, a lovely, winding road through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains between Taos and Santa Fe. Passing through traditional Spanish and Pueblo villages, we had the opportunity to stop at several art studios as part of the High Road Artisans' Studio Tour, held annually at this time.

Once in Santa Fe, we were delighted to find that our hotel was only a few blocks from the plaza and historic area. Several of us made it to the bakery at the historic La Fonda hotel for breakfast the next day. As it happened, we had front row seats for the starting line of the Southwest Passage Rally, which ran up through Mesa Verde and Aspen before returning to Santa Fe. Some beautiful classics and exotics passed by our window as we munched croissants and quaffed coffee.

The next day, many of the group went with Shawn to the MeowWolf interactive art installation. Ever enter another dimension by crawling through a refrigerator door? And, there were giant robots in the parking lot! While some of the members shook their heads in amused disbelief, absolutely no one was bored. That afternoon, many members headed back home. It's hard to sum up the camaraderie and fun spending time with club members, so I won't try. Let's just say it served as the underpinnings of the whole trip, as it always does.

At a recent club meeting, Shawn volunteered to host the event again for 2019. She has her work cut out for her, topping this one. Thanks Shawn! What's Next?



Through the Looking Glass:  
Meow Wolf was an inter-dimensional hit.



Photo Collection Courtesy  
of Shawn Bowman



# Mish Run with the BCCNC

Thanks to Nancy Miller for organizing the Mish run this year, held on September 8th. Club members made their way to Fort Collins to rendezvous with members of the British Car Club of Northern Colorado. Together, we drove past the beautiful Horsetooth Reservoir, through Masonville and up the newly repaved Buckhorn/Stove Prairie Road to Stove Prairie. We followed the twisting Stove Prairie Road North (and down) to Poudre Canyon road, then East to the Mish (Mishawaka Amphitheatre and Restaurant) for lunch. It was great meeting BCCNC members! We all had an enjoyable time.



Photos Courtesy Veletia Manning, BCCNC



# The Great Poudre Canyon Expedition

The Great Poudre Canyon Expedition, hosted by the MG T Register, provided two pleasant surprises for intrepid club members making the drive in early October: vivid Fall color and the season's first snow.

The team met at Vern's restaurant, just outside of Fort Collins for breakfast. On offer was Vern's famous cinnamon buns, which were mighty tasty. Then it was a quick blat through Rist Canyon, climbing up to the Stove Prairie area. Then North again to Poudre Canyon Road, and West to Cameron Pass.

Along the way, the Aspen groves provided great splashes of color. They appeared to be just past their peak, but were still vibrant. Cameron Pass had a good dusting of snow, complementing the chilly air the group faced at the summit. The team pushed on to the Moose Visitor Center for a quick look around and a group photo.



We were late for our group reservation at the Mish Amphitheater's restaurant, and were facing an hour wait. After making our apologies to management, we pressed on to Fort Collins, where we enjoyed a late lunch at a Mexican restaurant known to Alan Magnuson. Thanks Alan, for all the help and local area knowledge!

Next year, we have plans to incorporate a fabulous hillclimb, as well as revisit other parts of the route.



Additional Photography: John Fraioli





## Congratulations Conclave Winners!



Another beautiful weekend for the Colorado Conclave, September 15-16 in Arvada. There were more than 400 cars and motorcycles on the show field, with more than 100 participants in the Ride the Rockies Tour. Winners in the six MG Concours classes included a number of club members. See Below.

Category	Place	Name	Car
MGT/Early MG	1	Jim Goodwin	1948 MG TC
MGT/Early MG	2	Joe and Cathy Gunderson	1936 MG PB
MGT/Early MG	3	Jonathan Lane	1949 MG TC
MG Midget	1	Jack and Kathy Knopinski	1961 MG Midget
MG Midget	2	Bill and Sherilee Selby	1972 MG Midget
MG Midget	3	Gus Gresh	1978 MG Midget
MGA	1	Blake Palmer	1961 MGA
MGA	2	Bill Messner	1958 MGA
MGA	3	Ben Smith	1960 MGA
MGB/C 63-74	1	Curtiss and Ann Allen	1967 MGB
MGB/C 63-74	2	Rob and Caleb Battke	1965 MGB
MGB/C 63-74	3	Bill and Bonnie Day	1964 MGB
MGB 75-80	1	John and Ritsuko Fraioli	1976 MGB V6
MGB 75-80	2	Charlie Bartish	1979 MGB
MGB 75-80	3	Bob Zamora	1980 MGB-LE
MGB/C/ GT	1	Victor Jendras	1969 MGC GT
MGB/C/ GT	2	John and Ritsuko Fraioli	1972 MGB GT
MGB/C/ GT	3	Terry Staab	1974 MGB GT

**Congratulations  
to Gus Gresh on  
Winning this  
year's Ride the  
Rockies Tour!**



Congratulation to Jack Kahler, 2018 International Concours People's Choice Award Winner, Telluride Festival of Cars and Colors.

**BTW:** The Glenwood Springs committee has approved the theme, logo and supporting artwork for the 2019 Rallye Glenwood Springs. In honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MG sports car, a retro design featuring a mildly stylized version of Jack Kahler's Brooklands Double Twelve racer provides the vintage feel the committee was after. Watch this space for the official reveal!

## 与此同时，在中国.....

### (Meanwhile, Over in China.....)

SAIC continues to tease advanced technology vehicles that promise to outclass the humble (and apparently much unloved) MG3. Think of the MG3 as an MG Metro, but with less character. The company is working on it, though. Its CS concept, (naturally an SUV), gives some clues to future design language. Earlier this year, MG unveiled its E-motion concept grand tourer, with, naturally, an electric powertrain. MG claims the vehicle will be capable of 0-62 mph in less than 4.0 seconds, with a total range of 310 miles. The MG head of product planning says that the E-motion concept might make production if reaction is favorable enough.



**There're also rumblings about a new roadster**, the spiritual successor to the MGB and, possibly, the later mid-engined MGF/TF roadster of the oughties. Its powerplant may be either a 1.5 or 2.0 liter gasoline



engine, both currently in development. Other sources say that the new roadster may be four wheel drive and electric. Design head Shao Jingfeng told the Australian website *Drive* about SAIC's plans. "Yes, we will build an (MX-5) type rival. This is an MGB and MGA type car," Jinfeng told *Drive*. Jinfeng says making SUVs doesn't really tell customers what the company is all about. "We need to get back to the beginning."

- Courtesy, *Autoblog.com*



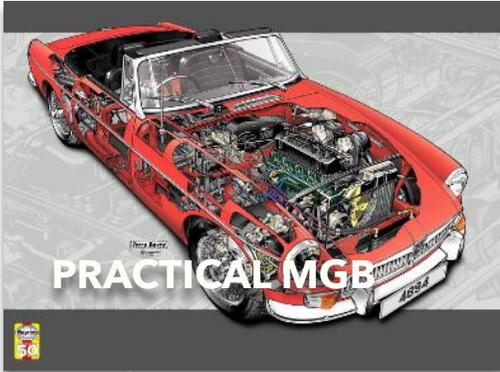
### And On YouTube.....

A few years back, SAIC pulled the plug on MG assembly at Longbridge, leaving significant numbers of vehicles partially completed. Join teams of daring young people, known as Urban Explorers (the movement is known as Urbex) as they sneak into the darkened Longbridge facilities for a clandestine poke around.



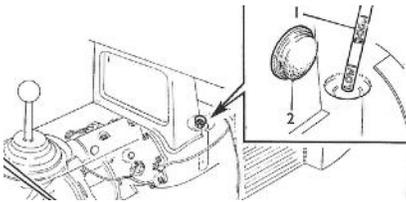
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### The View from Below

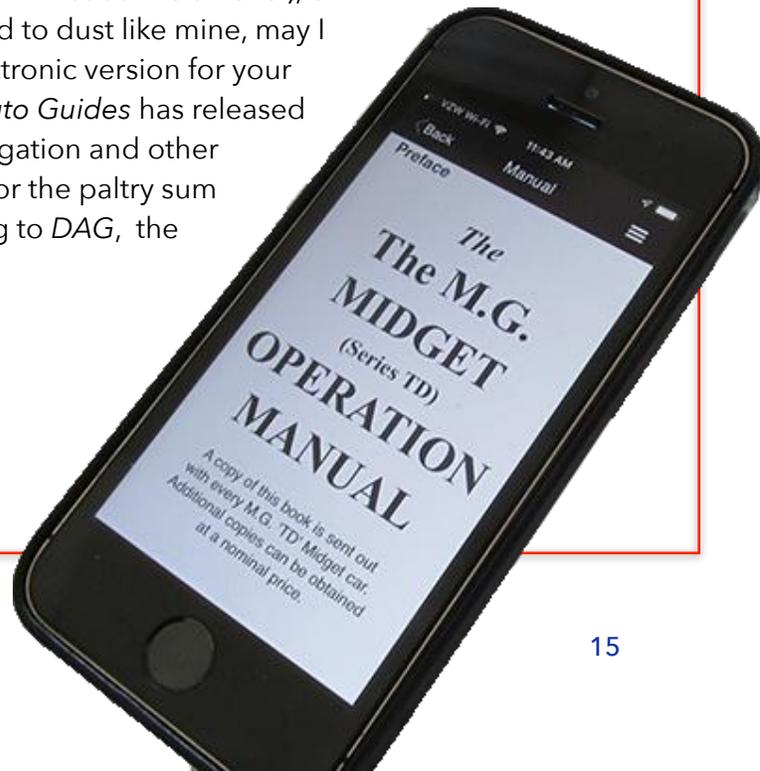
One of the more irritating things about maintaining the '71B is the necessity of using a dipstick situated on top of the transmission tunnel in order to check the gearbox oil. See illustration. Removing and replacing the dipstick is difficult unless you're a contortionist with the hands of a six-year-old. If you're not careful, its extremely easy to pull wires from the back of the radio, the emergency flasher switch, etc. Just by chance, I learned that the dipstick can be more easily removed from below. Remove the rubber bung from behind the radio, get under the car and pull/replace the dipstick as needed. It's also much easier to pump oil into the gearbox from below, without the worry of messing up your carpets. I understand later models did away with the dipstick "feature." Who said that MGBs weren't continuously improved over the years?



### TD Owners Manual Coming to a Smartphone Near You

For those of you who haven't memorized your TD owner's manual (why not? it reads like a novel), or yours has turned to dust like mine, may I suggest an electronic version for your

smartphone or tablet? Software publisher *Digital Auto Guides* has released a complete facsimile of the manual, with added navigation and other features, including a fuel and maintenance log. All for the paltry sum of \$6, available from the Apple app store. According to *DAG*, the app is available for Android devices as well.





# In the News



## COLLECTOR



### A unique color for a unique couple and their whirlwind drive

**F**or Alan and Laura Magnuson, traveling 3,600 miles from their home in Colorado to historic Gettysburg and back for this year's North American MGB Register gala was not as much a challenge as finding the car they drove.

Their 1973 MGB roadster, painted at the factory in black tulip, is one of the rarest colors in the marque's history and has been an object of desire for the couple for many years.

"Well, purple, which is much the same as MG's black tulip, is my favorite color. But secondly, it's a rare find. They just didn't make many black

tulip cars. It was a factory color only in 1973," explained an effervescent Laura Magnuson, who owns this particular car.

"We had been on the lookout for a number of years and this one became available in the Peachtree Club, in northern Georgia. The gentleman who owned it drove it often."

He passed away suddenly, she said, and the car ended up in the hands of his parents who had it for a number of years. "Our friends in the Peachtree Club let the parents know that when they were ready to sell the car there was a family who would take really

good care of it."

When the time finally came, Laura and Alan flew to Atlanta, met with members of the Peachtree club, visited the parents, picked up the car and drove it home.

"We got new tires before we headed back, but it was in good condition," she said.

Since then, they had the rear springs replaced and remedied a problem with the steering column. But otherwise, the car was in terrific condition.

"I learned how to clay bar my first car," Laura said about the roadster,



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which amazingly did not need any paint work – only a bit of polishing. She became so immersed in the black tulip MGB, she even made slippers in the color of the car.

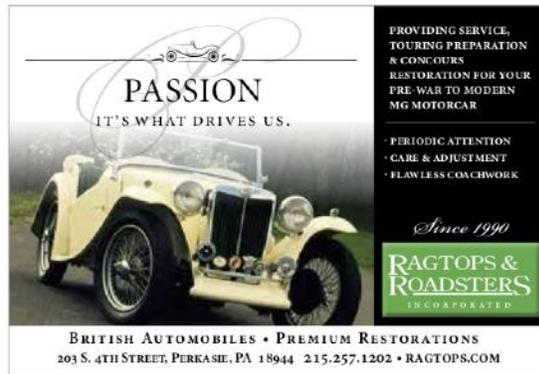
This summer, the adventuresome couple drove their very special MGB from their home in Centennial, CO to Gettysburg for the North American MGB Register’s annual gala.

“We drove a total of 3,600 miles roundtrip and experienced a severe hail storm in Burlington, CO. We parked at a drive-up bank under a portico and waited 45 minutes for the high winds, rain and hail to stop,” Alan said.

“The hail, rain and wind storm was our highest concern. Road construction and rain were minor in comparison.”

“We allowed five days to Gettysburg driving 350 to 400 miles a day... The slower pace allowed a stop at the Indy 500 track and museum, and a visit to the house in Wheeling, WV where Laura’s grandmother and great grandmother lived. We took three days on our way home driving 734 miles the last day.”

Aside from a factory overdrive, the little roadster has no air conditioning, cruise control or GPS. Aside from old fashioned map reading, the couple used their iPads for occasional guidance. ○



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 **THE LAST PAGE**

**Turning kids onto classic cars**

**H**ave you ever wondered what will happen to the old car hobby, and our MGs, in the next five, 10 or 15 years? It just seems as though young people have little or no interest in cars, let alone old cars.

Alan and Laura Magnuson are working to change that. They, along with other members of the MG Car Club, Rocky Mountain Centre, are working with Hagerty Insurance to turn kids onto cars.

Programs like the company’s Driving Experience and Youth Judging enable young people to become intimately familiar with the car scene, and that includes teaching young people to drive old cars, as well as helping them to understand the good, bad and ugly of car restoration.

“Judging vehicles in a car show and driving a manual transmission car are important because they provide young drivers the opportunity to see, smell, and touch classic cars,” Alan Magnuson said.

Programs like these, he said, allow kids to experience “a world of different shapes and sounds than vehicles currently produced.” And the response has been positive.

It’s hard to believe, he and his wife, Laura, said, to think how things have changed since they were teenagers.

“Laura learned to drive in her grandfather’s 1962 Chevy II, equipped with a manual transmission. Before her dad would let her take the car, she needed to demonstrate the ability to start and drive from a stopped position on an uphill incline. She mastered the hill start technique on the Chevy II,

eventually moving on to a manually equipped yellow VW Super Beetle,” he said.

Alan learned to drive his mom’s Chevrolet Impala, with an automatic transmission, and friends’ cars, with manual transmissions. He and his dad also regularly traveled to Colorado sports car races and car shows, and to dealerships for new model introductions.

“The idea of young people being more interested in computer games seems foreign to many of us,” he said. But if exposed to old car owners and old cars, that could easily change, he added.

“The youth (involved in our club’s programs) are genuinely excited and stimulated... Laura and I believe it is important to share the joy of driving with young people.”

Not surprisingly, perhaps, Laura instructs young drivers with the help of her pristine MGB.

Hagerty has sponsored and held the Colorado Youth Driving Experience for three or four years on the Colorado State Patrol Driver Track.

“We should be optimistic for the future of the classic car hobby,” Alan Magnuson said. “But we also need to be realistic about the need for hobbyists to take action. The classic car hobbyist community needs to provide opportunities for the youth of today to experience the excitement of classic cars.

It won’t be easy weaning kids from their iPhones, but with some effort it’s possible, he said. ○

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# Upcoming Events

## December

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**The Annual MGCC Christmas Party** is Saturday, December 1st. Attendance was limited to 50 this year, and the event booked up quickly. “We apologize to those who wanted to attend and cannot be accommodated. In previous years the restaurant allowed us to extend the number of guests, but they are under new management and kept the limit at 50,” said 2019 club president Neil White. Alternate venues will be looked at for the 2019 party.

## January

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**Forney Museum Dust N’Shine** The MGCC-RMC is signed on at the Forney for the Dust 'n Shine for Saturday, January 19, 2019. Details to follow via email from Al Wulf.

## Monthly

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**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).)

**Cars and Coffee**, 1st Saturday of each month, 7:00-10:00 AM, weather permitting: This event has moved to Lafayette and will be held 1st Saturday mornings at the Flatirons Church parking lot at 355 South Boulder Road. This is not a traditional car show, and all types of cars and trucks are welcome to “come and go.” The owners are free to “talk cars” to their hearts’ content. Please remind fellow attendees to avoid engine revving, burnouts, etc., so we don’t collectively wear out our welcome.



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