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The Electrification of Classic Cars



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President's Corner

The snow is thick on the ground in Colorado. Our little cars are cozy, tucked away in their garages. Now is the time to start working on those little (or big) winter projects that you've been planning all year.

This year we have three of the biggest British motoring events in North America coming to Colorado. First, we have GT-45 in Colorado Springs. A week later we have our feature event, Rallye Glenwood Springs. And to round out the summer, we have the Colorado English Motoring Conclave.

So get those cars in order, we're going to have a great year!

Safety Fast,

Tyler



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In This Issue - Things get dusted, Shawn commits to cloning herself, we blame Prince Charles and learn the benefits of pootling. You can't make this stuff up. -Editor



Help Get the Word Out!

MG Club friends...my sincerest of apologies- due to an unforeseen conflict I won't be able to lead our Club trip this fall. Being a cat herder for the last two years, along with Cathy and Jack, has been an absolute delight and I'm so very sorry to step away. I can pass along contact info and other planning details if the group is still interested in going to Cars and Colors in September as a part of the route and can offer support in other ways to trip planners. Again, many regrets- I'll be in my garage working on a cloning machine so we can all be in two places at once,

Safety Fast! Shawn

2019 Holiday Season Recap

The Christmas dinner at Maggianos was a hit. We had the usual assortment of celebrators, merry makers and kilt wearers. According to Neii White, the new larger venue was able to accommodate all those interested without having to turn anyone away.



John Fraioli, John MacIntyre and Bob Zamora at the 2019 Christmas Banquet

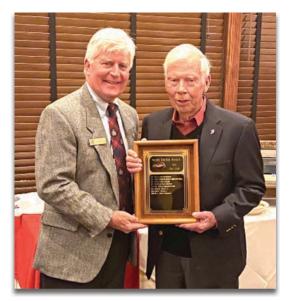


Donations to the Gambo Kids Christmas party this year totaled \$2545. Thank You, Members!

Bill Bollendonk Awarded the 2019 Hazel Marble Award

The award is named after Hazel Hopkins Marble, charter member of the Denver Sports Car Club and the MG Car Club, Rocky Mountain Centre. Hazel owned a 1951 Clipper Blue MG TD which she campaigned in local and national Sports Car Club of America events. She was a lifelong sports car enthusiast who shared her passion for and love of MG, the Marque of Friendship. Presented since 1994, the Hazel Marble Award is given each year to the person, couple, or family who best exemplifies the spirit and enthusiasm of MG.

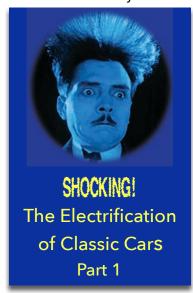
Each year the President and Executive Board of the MG Car Club, Rocky Mountain Centre reviews a list of deserving candidates and determines the individual or family who merits the Hazel Marble Award.



The winner receives the Hazel Marble Award to display in their home for one year.

This year's recipient, Bill Bollendonk:

- •Owns an MG and has owned many sports cars.
- Has been an enthusiastic MG owner for years and has participated in events on the local, national, and international level. Has driven and flown thousands of miles to MG events.
- •Has served as MGCC president and Rallye Glenwood Springs Chairman.
- •Enthusiastically celebrates Cecil Kimber's birthday.
- •Started another sports car club in Denver.
- •Competed and organized multiple rallies in Colorado.
- •Produced fascia plates and awards for Colorado sports car clubs.
- •Established and designed the Hazel Marble Award.
- •Purchased a wire wheel, Glacier Blue with grey interior MG in the fall of 1956, the first MGA sold in Denver.
- First participated in the Rallye Glenwood Springs in 1957.
- •Exemplifies the Spirit of MG, the Marque of Friendship. We are very fortunate to have him involved with the MG Car Club, Rocky Mountain Centre.



AS modern electric vehicles make their way into the mainstream, more and more specialists are popping up, promising to convert your classic to battery power. This is an existential dilemma: will converted classics ultimately become more valuable as gasoline powered cars become unusable?

Certainly, we can expect gasoline to still be available (at a price) in 20 years. But the social stigma associated with carbon emitters may get to the point that running a petrol powered classic might require you to invest in a good set of fake nose and glasses. And what will the government do to discourage us from turning that key? Will we lose our classic exemptions? Will emissions testing be so rigorous that classics won't be able to be licensed and used on public roads? Or will they road tax us to the point that we'll have to mothball most of our classic fleets?

If the above sounds like a lot of dystopian nonsense, be aware that lobbyists for the classic car movement have fought long and hard in the past few years to delay the outright ban of classic cars (based on their age) in downtown Paris and in the City of London. Where the Europeans go, we're eventually bound to follow. At least in Boulder County.

Today, valuable carbureted classics are quietly being converted to fuel injection, using clever hardware that looks (at a distance) to be part of the carb assembly. They are said to be so good that only your favorite concours judge will know for sure. Why bother? These owners believe the writing is on the wall. Carbureted vehicles are not anticipated to be able to pass new, more stringent emissions tests expected in the coming years. Owners of valuable vehicles know how to hedge their bets. The stealth fuel injection systems described above can be removed and the car restored to its original configuration, just in case sentiment swings back to center.

Electrification of classics is, mostly, a whole other animal. You'd expect that powertrains, battery storage and instrumentation requirements will radically change the experience of running of a converted vehicle. Sure, it looks like a Jag E-Type from the outside. But take a few steps closer and you see what purists would call an abomination. After all, the engine is the beating heart of the car!

On one level, it all started with Jaguar. Prince Charles is a staunch environmentalist, and collaborated with Jaguar Land Rover Classic Works to convert an XKE to the electric E-Type Zero, the poster child for Jaguar's commitment to classic restoration (with its new, state-of-the-art Classic Works facility in Warwickshire) as well as its future modern e-vehicle production efforts. Based on a 1968 Series 1.5 Jaquar E-type Roadster, and using electrical components from Rimac, a Croation company, the E-Type Zero (see photos below) features an all electric powertrain, promising 0-62mph in 5.5 seconds. Prince Harry drove Meghan in one to their wedding reception. Apparently, range anxiety was not an issue.

Now here's where it gets interesting: According to JLCW, the E Type Zero electric conversion is totally reversible, allowing the donor car to be converted back to its straight six configuration, for a price, of course. What did we say earlier about hedging our bets?

NEXT ISSUE: Electrified Classics for the Rest of Us



A royal treat: Harry drives Meghan to their wedding reception in the E-Type Zero.

Below: The car's electric power plant is the heart of Jaguar's new i-pace system.

Below, Right: SERIOUSLY? The new dash is a modern disappointment.
Also, there's no stick shift.



Photos - Car and Driver





Tesla Vs. Pre-War MG





An accident involving a Tesla and a rare pre-war MG in Belgium ended up with both cars seriously damaged.

The accident happened when a small convoy of three classic cars wanted to turn left onto a cross street from the main road outside the town of Sint-Gillis-Waas. Just at that moment, the driver of the Tesla, who was heading in the same direction, closed in on the turning MG, believed to be a special bodied L or N-Type. (Note (what's left of) the boat tail. - Editor.) The driver of the Tesla did not



notice that the MG had stopped and rammed the old car from behind.

The force of the collision pushed the 73-year-old [sic] MG into a nearby canal. Both drivers

suffered minor injuries, but did not have to go to the hospital. The co-driver of the MG was more seriously injured and was taken away for care. Both cars were seriously damaged and had to be towed.



The classic car convoy had just left Sint-Gillis-Waas for a meeting in nearby Brasschaat. They planned to drive along quiet country roads in the direction of Antwerp, but saw their tour end abruptly after just two kilometers. "It is a small nightmare for the owner of the MG," says one of the members. "He only had his dream car for a week. It was his first drive and it had to be a beautiful day."

Translated from the original report, written in Dutch. L and N types are obviously more than 73 years old.

Meanwhile, Over in China India...



Actor Benedict Cummerbund [sic] signs on to promote MG's new EV line.

MG (China) is entering the electric vehicle market in India, traditionally a market where global car manufacturers have run away screaming. MG Motor India unveiled its first electric vehicles for the Indian Market in January. There are two variants initially available: Excite and Exclusive, both powered by a 44.5 Kwh lithium battery providing a range of 340 Km (211 Mi.) on a single charge.

Accompanying the EV will be a 7.4 kW charger, to be set up at your home or office. The vehicles are expected to sell for from INR 22 Lakh to INR 25 Lakh (\$29,480 - \$33,500). According to Rajeev Chaba, Managing Director of MG Motor India, the company is committed to the Indian market for the long term, and plans to build an extensive charger network throughout India's major cities.

MG won't be alone with new EVs on offer in India. Volkswagen, Mahindra, and 18 startups will be vying for India's EV customers in the coming year.

Museum of Transportation

Dust and Shine 2020





Members of the Jaguar Club mingled with MGCC volunteers to groom a bunch of cats. It went well.







Photo Captions, page 14.









2020 Dust N' Shine Participants

Anne Allen	Joe Gunderson		
Curtiss Allen	Ben Greene		
Bill Bollendonk	Joe Haynes		
Shawn Bowman	Jack Kahler		
Brad Cook	John Limon		
Charles Daldry	Alan Magnuson		
Caleb Davis	Laura Magnuson		
Lee Davis	Bill Otto		
Dick Fritz	Greg Peek		
Judy Frtiz	Scott Story		
John Fraioli	Al Wulf		
Cathy Gunderson	Patty Wulf		





Photo Captions, Clockwise by Page Number

Page	Caption
10	Caleb Davis, Lee's grandson, gets in the spirit of things
10	Curtiss and Anne Allen detail the engine compartment of an "old timer"
10	Bob Grossman with his 1956 XK140 Roadster and Lola, the wonder pup (look closely)
10	Jack Kahler and Bill Bollendonk have a go at a pristine Ford Fairlaine
11	Judy Fritz finds a car smaller than her petite self. Too bad it was made by one of the former axis powers.
11	A grand old Roller gets some love from Ben Greene
11	The group has a chin wag about something or other
11	Dick Fritz avoids being hit by a trolly car while dusting off an 1959 Jag XK150 FHC
11	John Fraioli buffs a headlamp on the SS100
12	Ben Greene and John Limon have a bit of a dust up
12	E types drowse on the museum floor
12	Scott Story, Cathy G and Alan Magnuson discuss whether dusting or shining is more fun
12	The SS 100 received a lot of well-deserved attention

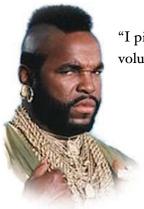
Volunteer for GT-45!



We Need You on the A Team!

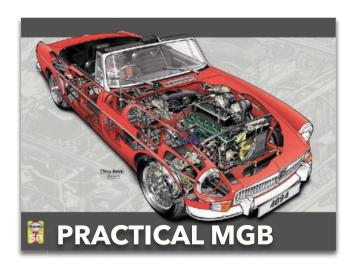
If you haven't been to the GT-45 website, we encourage you to check out the fantastic activities planned for this year's national MGA event, June 1-6 in Colorado Springs. As club host, the MGCC needs volunteers to help keep the wheels of excellence turning. Volunteers will receive a sexy "A Team" Tee shirt, made exclusively for volunteers. Join in the fun! Contact Cathy Gunderson, j-cg@juno.com to sign up. See you there.





"I pity the fool that doesn't volunteer!"

Registration is Open! www.gt45.co



The Zen (and Fun) of Pootling Along

By Greg Peek

Pootle. Verb. UK Informal: To move slowly with no (apparent) purpose.

Red-Liners, Tire Burners, A**-Haulers: You probably aren't going to like this article. But I came across a piece that describes why I do what I do. It was a revelation.

On a fine day in Northern Colorado, you might find me cruising along (traffic permitting) on quiet roads somewhere between 50 and 60 mph. *By choice*.

Before I'm labeled un-American and kicked out of the club, I need to stress that this is a neurological condition. At least according to neuroscientist Kalina Christoff in her paper published in the Journal *Nature*. It turns out that following a road at slow(er) speeds creates the perfect conditions for what is known as "spontaneous thought." Certain mental processes, including spatial orientation, episodic memory and imagination are freed up when you aren't occupied with navigating a fast moving vehicle. The mind is only *half occupied* by keeping you on the road and out of the trunk of the car ahead. Unfettered, the rest of your grey matter is free to drift between the past and future, to imagine new scenarios or recall forgotten events. If you practice the Zen of all of this, your mind can enter new territories, or be open to sudden flashes of insight and discovery. According to Ms. Christoff, it's the opposite of rumination or obsession, but more like imagining or dreaming.

Rest Assured, on any kind of group drive, I'll consciously do my best to keep up and not be "that guy." But on my way home, you may find me slipping back into the zone. The car runs cooler (and quieter), there's less stress, and I get to unwind a bit. Not to worry. I'll always let you pass. If, during all of this, I discover the cure for the common cold, you'll be among the first to know.

The description of Ms. Christoff's findings appeared in the article "Dirt Road America" by M.R. O'Conner. The *New Yorker* magazine, November 19, 2019 http://mroconnor.info/unnaturalselection/2019/12/17/the-new-yorker-dirt-road-america

"Mind-wandering as spontaneous thought: a dynamic framework" by Kalina Christoff was originally published in *Nature Reviews Neuroscience*, September 22, 2016.



Dynamo Remembers....

The 1969 Rallye Glenwood Springs

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GLENWOOD SPRINGS

may 24 and 25, 1969

The Rallye Glenwood Springs will sport 16 years of tradition. The Rallye route to Glenwood Springs traverses through rugged mountain canyons and over winding high-country roads. For those who have the Concours d' Elegance in mind, a special tour route across less demanding roads leads to Glenwood Springs. The autocross—an important event for participants and spectators—will be on the roster of activities. A toast to the Rallyemaster will be in order at the no-host cocktail party set for your arrival in Glenwood Springs. The Hot Springs Pool will relax the tensions of the day. Then the night life begins. A buffet dinner will lead into an evening of dancing. Like past years, the Rallye Glenwood Springs spawns a lively and well remembered weekend.

Each year an unusual route to Glenwood Springs is planned. The 1969 Rallye is no exception. Approximately 200 miles of 100 percent paved roads has been carefully prepared to challenge the best rallyist as well as the novice. Car number 1 will leave Denny's Restaurant, 5th and Wadsworth Boulevard, Denver, at 7:01 a.m. A special "Rallye Breakfast" is offered at Denny's. Coffee and rolls are available at the end of the odometer check. Now is the time to set aside May 24 and 25 for a rallye sure to excite one and all.

RALLYE

The Rallye Glenwood Springs is the first rallye of the year in which contestants may earn points toward the Rocky Mountain Area Sports Car Club Council championship trophy. Said trophy is awarded to the top three rallyists who obtain the most points in 1969. The championship trophies will be presented at the Ski Treffen 1969.

SCORING: This is a self-scoring rallye. Contestants will be required to turn their completed score card in at the finish in Glenwood Springs. There will be a committee at the finish to help you with scoring should any questions arise.

CLASSES.

COMPUTER--Any type of calculating instrument or device for time-distance navigation.

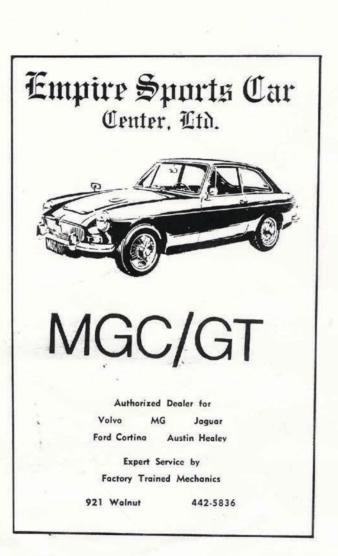
S.O.P.--Calculators of no type are allowed. Odometers, time-of-day clocks, pencil and paper are allowed.

COMMENTS: The finish line will be an open control outside Glenwood Springs. But contestants must go on to the official finish in Glenwood Springs to be scored. The course has been formulated by a 1968 MGC equipped with Dunlop SP radial ply tires inflated to 28 psi. The course has been checked by R. B. Fritz of the Boulder Sports Car Enthusiasts. The Rallye will be conducted in conformity with the recommended guide lines of the RMASCC. All RMASCC Council rules have been met or waivers have been obtained. A member of the MG Car Club will run a sweep car to give assistance along the road if needed.

TOUR

The tour begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at Denny's Restaurant, 5th and Wadsworth Blvd. You will finish at your leisure. The contest portion of the tour runs for 90 miles between Frisco and Glenwood Springs. Contestants may take either Hoosier or Loveland Pass on their way to Frisco. You will be given a unique

The Lost Plates: John Willey discovers old printing plates used to make the official 1969 program, and has a few copies run off. At the time, the Glenwood Rallye and associated events were held over two days vs. three. Note that a fellow named Fritz was responsible for certifying the official mileage (page 4, in the above).



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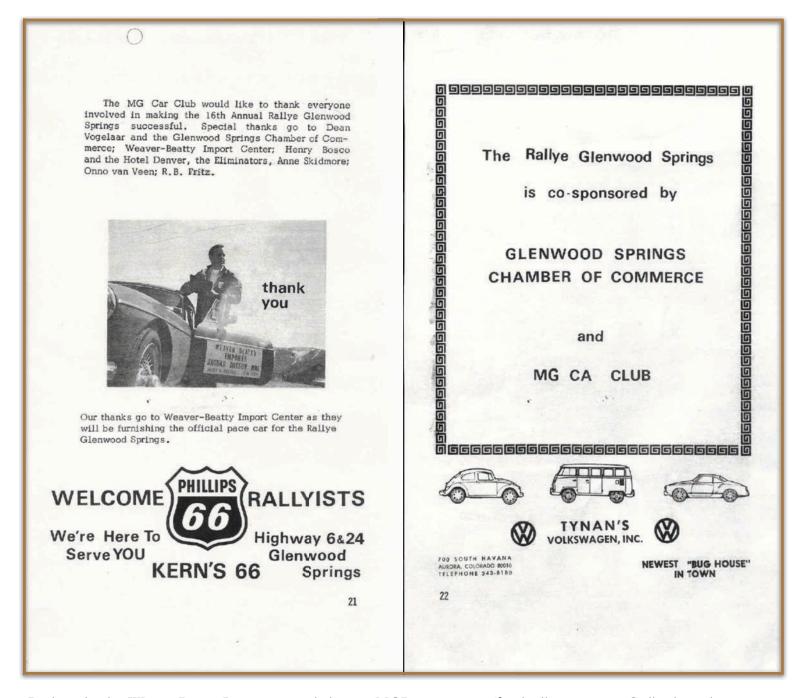
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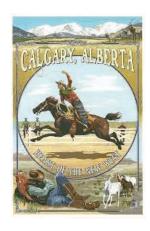
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Back in the day, Weaver-Beatty Imports provided a new MGB to serve as official rallye pace car. Sadly, those days are over.









Caravan to Calgary!

Join members of the BMCNC on a tour though Yellowstone, Glacier, Waterton and Banff on the way to MG2020!

Preliminary Schedule below. Tour organizers are still hammering out the details. To find out who's going, become part of the email group: email Greg Peek, gpeek001@icloud.com or Ken Thompson, 1974mgbroadster@gmail.com Things will be firmed up by early March.

Date(s)	Activity
Monday June 22	Travel Fort Collins to Yellowstone, Overnight in Yellowstone
Tuesday June 23	Tour Yellowstone
Wednesday June 24	Drive to Glacier Park
Thursday, June 25	Tour Glacier Park, Going-to-the-Sun Road
Friday, June 26	Travel to Calgary vis Waterton NP
Saturday, June 27	Explore Banff and/or Jasper
Sunday, June 28	Check in to MG2020 Host hotel
Monday - Wednesday, 7/1	MG2020 Events and Drives
Thursday, July 2	Travel Back through Montana
Friday, July 3	Travel Back through Wyoming
Saturday, July 4	Travel from Wyoming to Home





The 2020 Liege-Brescia-Liege Rally

Club members are invited to the 2020 Liege-Brescia-Liege Rally, July 8-19, 2020.



The 2020 rally is a recreation of the original 1958 event, but this year it is exclusive to MG owners.

The 2,000 mile rally is actually a tour, run without timing but with competitive elements to keep things lively. Participants follow the original route over 11 days through Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy and Slovenia, through beautiful countryside and across world famous alpine passes including Vrsic, Pordoi, Stelvio, and Gavia.

The organizers promise "top hotels, fun special tests, fascinating visits, mechanic back-up - and the chance for the competitive to win superb trophies." According to the promoters, standard cars tend to perform the best and no special equipment is needed.

Total fees (including lodging) are £2350 per person (GBP), based on double occupancy, so bring a friend with a spare £2350. For more information visit www.classicrallypress.co.uk/



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March

March 22. All British Cars and Coffee at the Forney Museum, 9:00 AM

April

April 11. Cars and Coffee Denver, 9:00-12:00, at the Vehicle Vault, 18301 Lincoln Meadows Pkwy, in Parker.

May

Something's bound to happen.

June

June 1-5. NAMGAR's GT-45 in Colorado Springs, hosted by the MG Car Club, RMC. Registration is now open. Visit gt45.co

June 12-14. Rallye Glenwood Springs. Registration is now open. Visit https://mgcc.org/rallye-glenwood-springs/

June 28-21 NAMGBR's MG2020, Calgary, Canada. Registration is now open. Care to caravan up? See page____. Register at https://namgbr.org/mg2020-2/

Monthly

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 North, 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.

Highlands Ranch Saturday Night Cruise The fourth Saturday of the Month, 4-9 pm, 9463 S. University Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO https://coloradocarshow.com/events/highlands-ranch-saturday-night-cruise/

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