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NEWSLETTER

EXETER MGOC

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BOO!!

Shhhhh!! It's only me, you know, the keeper of the secret crystal ball.

Well, I've got some mystic info about the future and I have been told that the weather is going to be good from the 29th June - the 1st of July so mmm! If you are at a loose end then consult your dates for the diary and pack a map, because it is the **River Exe Rally and Devon Classic Run** And I know you will have a great time If you book soon - but if you leave it too late well! Oh! No! the shame, the darkness, please!please it's all just too much! so book now, for all our sakes, for club and country -you must!!!.

Dates For Your Diary 2007.

Monthly club meetings 2nd Tuesday at the Ley Arms Kenn
June 12th / Jul 10th / Aug 14th / Sept 11th / Oct 9th

Contact: Roger & Pat Mayo on 01395 233848 or email: rogernpat@mgdixie.orangehome.co.uk for details of any of the below. Exeter MGOC club events in italics

Sun. 20th May.

Tim & Georgie's Run. Meet Moto 10am for 10.30am start

Tues. 5th June.

Chairman's evening run. Meet at Barn Owl, Honiton Road leaving at 7.15 pm prompt. £2 per car donation to Devon Air Ambulance. see note below.

Sun. 10th June.

Cotswold Caper, Gloucester MGOC. Contact Graham Bignall on 01452 330892 for booking form & details.

Sun. 17th June.

Classic Car Day at Castle Drogo (NT) Free entry by booking form. We have forms.

Sun.24th June.

Midsummer Treasure Hunt organised by Sharon & Helen. Meet 10.30am Moto Services, Exeter.

Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July.

River Exe Weekend including the Devon Classic Run. For details contact Tim & Heidi Hallam on 01803 326294.

Sat 7th & Sun 8th July.

Powderham Classic Car Show. Book with us May club night. £5 per car for both/either days. Volunteers wanted to help set up stand on Friday please.

Sat. 14th July.

Summer BBQ at Richard & Alison's. Join Richard & Alison at their home at Park Lane, Pinhoe (next to Animal World) for a get together & BBQ. Time TBA.

Sun. 22nd July.

Mike & Paul's Run. Meet Moto at 10.30am.

Sat. 28th July.

Mid Devon Town & Country Show, Hartnoll Farm, Post Hill, Tiverton. Entry forms with us or from Mrs G Frost, Longacre, Halberton Rd, Willand. Tel: 01884 820641.

Sun. 29th July.

Branscombe Air & Classic Car Show. For booking for club stand contact Roger & Pat at club night or phone 01395 233848. £9 per car. Individual entries tel: R Cox on 01297 680392 before 8pm please.

August.

Dartmoor Summer BBQ at Bellever Bridge. TBA.

Sept.

Roger Luscombe's Country Run & lunch. TBA.

September 22nd to October 6th.

Exeter MGO C Ireland.

October.

Brian & Jan's Jaunt. TBA.

November.

Tim & Heidi's Mystery Tour. TBA.

December.

Christmas Dinner at the Cockhaven Manor.

Please could all members give some thought to a small donation for the Tombolla running during the club's River Exe Weekend.

Many thanks in advance TIM.

Evening Outing. Tuesday 5 June 2007.

Visit the Emergency Services Helicopter Pad at the Devon and Cornwall Police HQ at Middlemoor. Leave the Barn Owl Pub on the Honiton Road at Exeter (close to the Met Office and opposite the Honiton Road Park and Ride at 7.15p.m. prompt.

Evening will consist of an illustrated talk in the hangar by a helicopter crew person plus a look over both the Air Ambulance and Police Helicopter depending on their operational commitments during the evening. The Barn Owl should be open for food prior to the run for those wishing to eat. As the Air Ambulance is financed solely by public subscription I would suggest that we make a minimum £2 donation per car, which I will collect in the car park at the Barn Owl.

Any problems, contact Keith Saunders on 01626 775832. or

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SECRETARIES SLOT.

Hi Folks, what a glorious Spring we've had, Easter was wall to wall sunshine or sill to sill if you have a ragtop. If you haven't had your MG out in the sunshine by now you never will! Don't know what it's doing now, but I hope it's still fine as the season will soon be in full swing. This month is our first club night at the Ley Arms & we hope everything's going well & you are pleased with the facilities. Someone will win a Shiny Car Cup to commemorate our first meeting at our new HQ.

So, what have we been doing since last month?

1st April, Roger Luscombe's Birthday run, not Roger, but his MGB was 40 years old on this day. Unfortunately, we couldn't join in the run, but we understand everybody enjoyed the day & they had a good lunch at the Royal Oak at Dunkerswell. So congratulations to JUO, here's to another 40 years!

29th April & a Mystery Meander around Dunsford & the country lanes. It was a beautiful & warm Spring day & so it was tops off & roofs open & by the way, some of our members still had their hard tops fixed (we think it's safe to take them off now). We drove through the country lanes the long way round to Tedburn St. Mary & lunched at the Kings Arms.

Afterwards, a short drive to Fingle Bridge, a beauty spot on the river Teign, & a walk or was it a route march along the river followed by ice creams & drinks in the Fingle Bridge Inn. Very pleasant. Sharon's hand signals were a joy to behold! (private joke, if you weren't there you missed it!)

We have arranged stands at both Powderham & Branscombe car shows where we will be taking the "full monty", ie gazebo, bunting, flagpole, chains etc. Would members let us know if you want space on the stand (other than those who have already booked) so we can arrange things prettily. Volunteers wanted for Friday at Powderham to help with stand.

Don't forget the Chairman's evening run on the 5th June, details below. They do nice meals in the Barn Owl, so why not get there early & treat yourself, but be ready to leave at 7.15pm prompt!, & bring along some cash to support Devon Air Ambulance. By the way, the Chairman, Keith Saunders, has some "Exeter MG on Tour" magnetic plaques for your car.

We think there are about 6 or 7 still available at £7 each. If you want one, see Keith quickly! I hope you have all booked for our main event of the year, the **River Exe Rally & the Devon Classic Run weekend** or any part of it. Your club committee need your support to make it a Rally to remember & support our charity, Torbay Hospital Radio at the same time. All details below.

DON'T FORGET, SUPPORT YOUR CLUB ON 30TH JUNE FOR THE DEVON CLASSIC RUN. £15 INCLUDES COFFEE, RALLY PLAQUE & ROUTE GUIDE. CREAM TEA AT FINISH EXTRA. OR COME FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND. BUFFETS, DISCO's, ENTERTAINMENT, CAMPING, CARAVANS, STATIC SUNDAY SHOW. CONTACT TIM HALLAM FOR DETAILS. TEL: 01803 326294, EMAIL: tandh.hallam@btinternet.com

FOR SALE

I have decided to put my 1971 Tartan Red roadster up for sale, most of you will know the car, it is fully restored and immaculate. It has too many new and replacement parts to list and as is usual with the MG bug I have spent far in excess of what it is worth.

The MGOC valuation is £8500.00 and I am asking £6950.00.

My home phone number 01626 366999 and mobile 07710 707101.

Kind regards to everyone at the club. John Keites.

HELP!

Peter Groves needs to get his MG's clutch replaced, he's on a bit of a tight budget as the recent MOT took a fair chunk out of it.

If any of you can come up with a recommendation please contact peter on:

petersharon@blueyonder.co.uk tel: 0791 9022081

TRYING TO GAUGE IT.

For the last 2 years the fuel gauge on my MGB has done more or less what it likes. Put 4 gallons of petrol in the tank & hey presto it's reading full.! Fill the tank up & it'll stay full for 150 miles, then the needle will rapidly head for the zero position. So I never knew how much fuel I had. Last year I swapped the fuel gauge for another one I had, no difference! So I decided that it must be the sender unit. A call to MGOC Spares & a new unit was soon winging its way down to Devon. I fitted the new unit, that is basically an easy job, & always remember to fit a new sealing washer, & don't try & do it with more than a gallon in the tank. I emptied the tank completely so I could fit the new sender unit & put one-gallon in the tank to establish where the fuel gauge would position itself. Three hours work & a waste of time! The gauge was still happily pleasing itself going east or west. At this stage I really did give it some thought, dreading the inevitable, voltage stabiliser. I checked all the wiring, & the earthing, even run "piggy-back" cables, still the same. Oh no, it must be the voltage stabiliser! Now, if you have ever tried to remove this piece of electronic wizardry, it's positioned fixed to the bulkhead behind the dashboard in the most awkward position imaginable. So, one sunny morning, MG on the drive, (you need plenty of legroom for this job) I disconnected the batteries & prepared myself for the contortions ahead. Now, to get at the voltage stabiliser, you have to lay on your back in the footwell & get a view up behind the dashboard & the voltage stabiliser should be fixed to the front bulkhead by a nut & captive bolt. (according to the last 2 MG's I built & the workshop manual). In with the light lead to see if I could see anything, no, so I rummaged around in the mass of wires & lo & behold, the voltage stabiliser dropped into my hand attached to two light green wires, & another green wire. I consulted the manual, that's right, then why doesn't it work? I consulted the manual again. It seems that the voltage stabiliser is there to stabilise the voltage at 10 volts at the fuel gauge. This is to allow for any fluctuation in the output from the batteries. It also said it must be earthed & mounted with the B & E terminals uppermost (these are marked on the unit) & not more than 20° from the vertical. No wonder my fuel gauge was never happy. Sometime in the past my MG must have had some serious wiring done & the stabiliser wasn't fitted properly. Now, how to fit it back. Impossible! In any case my back's killing me & the neighbours are beginning to wonder what my legs are doing stuck in the air! Solution, make up a new bracket, fit it in a suitable location under the dashboard (I fitted mine just near the steering column). So it's now earthed, B&E terminals uppermost & upright. The fuel gauge now works perfectly. So if you can't get your gauge to read to you properly, unfortunately it's probably the voltage stabiliser. I was lucky, mine wasn't fixed where it should be & the new one I bought from MGOC Spares is still in the box!

Roger.

MG Midget for sale

A desirable rubber bumper midget has been offered for sale with many spare parts. This little gem appeared on Roger's April the 1st - 40th birthday run, but this is no fool's day joke! We as a club on a lovely day out courtesy of the ever effervescent Mr Luscombe were approached by an enthusiast drawn to the dulcet tones of the weary, yet "loving it" MG engines as we all arrived at Dunscombe for what was a fantastic and much deserved carvery. Still without digressing from the point if you are looking, or know another beating heart pumping for a bargain of this type then please call Dave Weare on 01404 891152 as he is asking a mere £1800 for this golden nugget.

Club Officers

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CLUB REGALIA

Item	Description	Size	Price
539M	Polo sweatshirt short sleeve with collar	XS-XL XXL-6XL	£16.25 £17.50
WH6	Polo Sweatshirt long sleeve with collar	S-XL XXL	£19.75 £21.00
WH9	V neck sweatshirt long sleeves	S-XL XXL	£18.75 £19.75
762M	Raglan sweatshirt long sleeves crew neck	XS-X XXL-4XL	£16.25 £17.50
SS50	Outdoor fleece jacket Full zip 100% polyester	All sizes	£21.00
Colours - Black, Forest Green, Royal Blue & Red			
NEW	Exeter lapel button		£ 3.00
BB45	Knitted hat 100% Acrylic	One size	£ 5.75
NEW	Baseball caps assorted colours		£ 7.50

Members are asked to pay cash or cheque with order, cheques payable to Exeter MGOC.

Note: there maybe a small suppliers carriage charge All orders to regalia secretary Paul Wooster

Prices reduced by £1 per item for new members 1st order

Goods are usually available for club night the following month

Stop Press - FOR SALE MGTF 1600c.c.Reg 2004 Black

19,000 miles E/windows, leather seats, CD player, Aircon
Black Factory Tonneau top with heated rear window Reluctant sale £8,750

Please phone 01803 690806 if interested Regards Sharon