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MGVR 100th at LIME ROCK

From The Editor:

Sorry I had to skip the September issue, but we were all under the gun making sure our 100th Centennial and Focus event came off as planned.

I'm happy to say it did. We had 57 MG's entered and 52 of them made it. A couple guys got caught by the hurricane and could not leave Florida, another never got his engine finished in time. Still a remarkable entry.

The MG competition feature tent was packed with fabulous cars from the oldest MG in the USA (Chris Nowlan's 1926 Bullnose) all the way to Chris Dyson's 2001 LeMans Lola-MG.

B paddock was full of MG's. We had our MGVR hospitality zone that had several big poster sized boards with dozens of photos from years past. Saturday over a hundred appeared for burgers, brats, chicken, salads, deserts, adult and less potent drinks all prepared and served by uniformed chefs. Sad was the fact that author D.G. Stern, who substituted his Fiat roadster for his TD MG, lost his brakes and crashed hard, breaking his ankle. Poor Sternzie could not make the dinner but everyone appreciated his gift of 50 cook books he wrote.

We all checked tire pressures, fueled the cars, tweaked here and there for 6 full sessions on Friday, Saturday and Monday. I was racing both my BMW2002 and Honey Bee. The sessions were back-to-back and twice I could not get out of the BMW, into the MG and make the grid on time. Mark Brandow brought his TC from Minnesota and had problems right from the start. Dozens of folks pitched in, found a motor, begged borrowed and maybe stole gear to swap motors but alas, it never barked in anger. But what a show of MGVR spirit. Better yet, Dan Leonard put Mark in his TC for Monday's race and Mark got seat time.

What follows are nothing but photos and captions. Hope you enjoy it and thanks so much for all of you who supported the event in person and in spirit. Photos by competition number.



Alan Tosler's MGB finished #1 as well as wearing it on the car



Mark O'day substituted his MGA when "Babe" decided not to race



John Leoutsacos #03 caged Midget



Steve Konsin in his beatufiul #15 MG TD



John Fontenella #18 MGB



Taz Squire raced his #25 MGB and cared for Andy Moore's #50



Doug Schirippa brought his #34 MGB from California



Alex Heckert's #45 MGB



Steve Konsin's stunning Lester MG



Dave Smith's familiar and successful #49 MGA



Anrew Moore's very fast MGB #50



Heather Richard's #50A midget won the Autodromo watch for group 5



Jim Holody's #51 twin cam was the only TC competing



Glen Moore's TF all the way from Florida. It's fast and is available



MGVR treasurer Eric Russell in his quick MGA



Phil Cooper got down into the 1:06's in his #62 MGB



Dave Nicholas and #76 Honey Bee MGA



What fun it was to see John Oliva's #88 MG 1300



Jason DeCesare brought #93 down from Canada



Marcus Jones was top 5 every race in his #95 MGB



The Chief, Carl George, in his poster featured #107 MGA



Kirk Mc Neil raced his MG 1100 and had a ball.



Jeff Bare's well prepared #151 MGB



While not exactly vintage prepared, Andrew Williams midget was fast



Long time MGVR chief Chris Meyer's in the #162 MG Midget



rose colored glasses shine through Kevin Richards helmet in #167 MGA



Joe Lightfoot's familiar #169 MGB



James Goodson in his very nice #180 MGA



Jodi Leclaire in #212 leads a bunch into Big Bend



Kurt Byrnes #283 TD amazed a lot of people



Jim Warren's #298 MGA coupe



Tom McCormack's rich in history Lester MG #302



Jim Juhas #311 MGA coupe is a regular at Lime Rock



Dan Leonard's MG TD #409



Ed Callo's TC # 452 was usually in the hunt



Garth Gill in another well turned out MG TD #585



Dom Cullen's #53 TD didn't make it, but his MGA #595 did



Mark Sherman in his BRG #607 MG TD



Longtime MGVR stalwart Larry Smith's midget #621



Always popular Lime Rock competitor Jeff Sienkiewicz in #645 MGA



Aussie Graham Scaife was incredibly quick in #757 MG TD



Russell Lane in #881 MG TC came in from Colorado



Ed McCord brought #915 racing TD and his historic TC for the concours



Fast Frank Filangeri's TD was top 10 against A's and B's



Mark O'day's #23 MG TB "Babe" had trouble but was there for us to admire



A TVR #84 with MG running gear raced, here being eaten by real MG's



**Not a common sight.
Two MG sedans battle
each other.**



There's always action. Jodi Leclair (212) goes off, Marcus Jones (95) is on the edge while Jeff Bare (151) and Larry Smith (621) avoid it all.



Arrival at the MGVR hospitality zone as the cooks start the fires



The brats and chicken are grillin'



They said we couldn't do Chicken but Chef's Richards and Beierlein proved otherwise.

All 50 marinated breasts were gobbled by the faithful along with 100 burgers and 60 brats, 12 pounds of potato salad and more.

The salad queen Rosemary poses at the food line. It could not have happened without Jane Leonard, LeAnn Russell and Judy Hofer.

We had seating for 80 and food for over 100 and nothing went to waste. 5 – 50 gallon barrels full of garbage at the end.





The Sunday in the Park Concours was splendid



MG's lined up for judging



Dan Fadden's immaculate race twin cam was a crowd favorite and won both a red and blue ribbon as most outstanding MG.

Mike Eaton's very famous David Ash, 1957 Sebring car won the prestigious Marsh McClennan award.





Mike brought his 1959 Sebring twin cam coupe to partner his 1957 car



MG competition cars had a feature tent. The entrance board called it 100 years of MG. Chris Nowlan's 1926 bullnose super sport in the background.

An amazing number of pre war and T's were on display





Peter Ross' J2 won the Concours Special award

It was reported the oldest MG in America set a lap record of some type on Sunday afternoon.

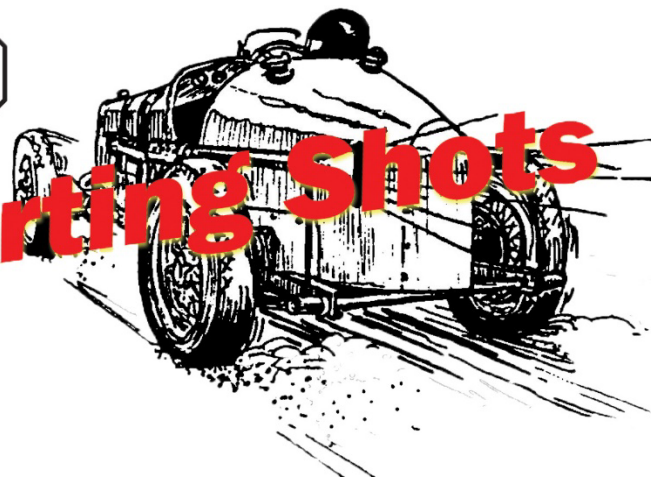
Does anyone believe it?



A big shout to Don Cooke, who took almost all of the photos in the newsletter.



Parting Shots



We sold out of men's and women's Tees. Several asked if we would ever have more and I can easily do that if enough of you want them.

I'll need 10 or more to make the price reasonable. As with most everything, the more we buy, the less expensive.

As a guess, the cost would be \$25 plus shipping.



We also have a dozen of our Bob Colaizzi 100th posters. 13"x19" on heavy art paper. Sent in a mailing tube with the artists statement. \$10 plus postage

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