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7:00-Arrival & Welcome (wear a name tag please).

Bring your unwanted for our 'MG Green Table'

7:30 Business Meeting

- **Treasurer's Report**– Karl
- New Members– Karl
- Britfest Update– Charlie
- Ramblings–Mike
- Pub Trivia– Mike & Nancy
- FREE Raffle of Good Stuff (February & March Birthdays)
- Clean up and safe trip home – out by 10:00PM

NOTE: The club provides some items for the “Free Raffle”, but we also suggest members donate at least one item for it – once a year – the month of their birthday. February & March Birthdays step up! Automotive is nice, but anything your buddies might like is appreciated! Please put your name on the item(s) you donate – Thanks!

Please Note!

This is our 2nd Annual Pub Trivia Night

COME FIND OUT WHAT'S NEW WITH BRITFEST

Look inside for instructions incase of inclement weather

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Upcoming 2014 Events

**Meetings at
VFW Post 3401,
45 Tabor Road,
Morris Plains, NJ*

2014 Meeting Date

3/25, 4/22
5/27, 6/24, 7/22, 8/26
9/23, 10/28, 11/25

Terminology Primer

<http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2014/03/12/a-conversion-guide-to-british-auto-terminology/?refer=news>

Thanks Joe Haydu
for sharing!

Visit our
website at
mgccnj.org

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The MG Car Club - Central Jersey Centre is an affiliate of the North American MGB Register, USA; the American MGB Association, USA; The MG Owners Club, UK; and the MG Car Club, UK founded in 1930 as the only factory supported and approved organization for all Mg's.

Membership in the MG Club is open to all. Ownership of a MG is not a condition of membership.

Contribution to the newsletter?

Send it by the 10th of the month to:

Nancy Ruane, 201 358 9442

Nancy@Revelation.com or Mike@Revelation.com

Letter From the President

Note – this was written for the February newsletter, before Nancy's computer went to the shop. Please read accordingly ;)

February's nearly over already. Man, I know it's a short month, but this one really seemed to fly. Maybe all my idle time was spent shoveling snow and ice. I hope nobody got hurt with all that digging and shoveling.

Nancy and I recently attended the **Launch Party for the Simeone Museum's '2014 Best of Britain' car exhibit. Our 1964 MGB – Mrs. Peel – is in the exhibit.** I drove her down the day before the show opened, 124 miles on the Turnpike mostly, and she ran very well. The exhibit has some very cool cars – saloons and sportscars that Britain produced in the middle of the last century. (Boy, that phrase sounds **ominous somehow, doesn't it?**) Car include MGs – A, B, T, Y; Daimler, Triumph, Jaguar, etc. If you get a chance to go, please do. And, as an aside, we procured four tickets for the museum and will be raffling them off on Tuesday evening.

Anyway, the phrase 'Best of Britain' made me think of some of the best things that have come from Britain. It's pretty easy to amass a big list, but I came up with a few **I'll share here .**

The English Language: I know it's an odd smattering of Germanic, French, Norman and many others, but it's called English, and we've pinched it and almost turned it into American. Good thing they didn't have a copyright on it.

Music: The Beatles/The Rolling Stones/The Who: Enough said.

Beer: India Pale Ale: In order to send beer to the British troops in India, British brewers would add extra hops to their beer so that it could make the unrefrigerated trip without spoiling.

Literature: From Sherlock Holmes to Shakespeare to Harry Potter, British authors have given us some incredibly interesting, fun to read stories and characters.


And, of course, cars. What other things can you think of that came from Britain, that are best of breed, or best in the **world? There's a lot.**

This month's meeting is our Pot Luck meeting. Everyone please bring a dish to **share at the dinner. We'll eat, have our** business meeting, raffle, and head out. Those members with a birthday in February, please bring in an item for the raffle table.

See you soon – be safe!

Mike Ruane

Please check your email, Facebook or contact Nancy at 201 913 5087 after 5pm if the weather is bad and you are checking to see if meeting is cancelled.



Membership Changes & Corrections

Keep your newsletter coming and your membership info (e-mail, postal mail, telephone, MGs, other information) up to date. Please Contact Steve Gastwirth with any changes, corrections, or updates, at: 973-696-2458

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Note from the Editor

Hello all,

This meeting we will have another Pub Trivia Night! Come join us for a variety of trivia questions ranging from easy to diabolical. The team who scores the most points will win the prize. The theme is England and will include cuisine, history, music, cars and beer.

But...please keep an eye out on the weather. If the weather is too dangerous the meeting will be cancelled. **I'll send out an email by 5pm** to the email list where you get your newsletter. Feel free to check in with me at 201 913 5087 if you **need to and I'll post it on the Facebook Page** as well.

If you are interested in running for office next year, taking over the newsletter or Program director please see Mike at the meeting.

See you all on Tuesday!

Nancy Ruane,
Newsletter Editor



MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre

Please Circle: New Member / Renewal

Renewing members only need to complete if information has changed.

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MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre, P. O. Box 435, Convent Station, NJ 07961.



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E-mail address:

Occupation (confidential):

How did you hear about the club?.

MG's currently owned- Please list each car including: Year, Make/Model & Color

Other Club Affiliations (please list:

What might you be interested in doing for the club on a volunteer basis)?

Driving Events/Rally Chairman

Britfest committee

Newsletter

Regalia

Web Site/E-mail management

Tech Session/Organizing

Publicity

Program

Hospitality Other

Dues are \$25.00 per year. Membership in the MG Club is open to all. Ownership of a MG is not a condition of membership. The MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre, Inc. is an affiliate of the MG Car Club, UK founded in 1930, The MG Owners Club, UK, and the North American MGB Register, USA. Application cannot be accepted or processed with out dues.

Hankering for a movie
with an MG in it?

Check out this database:

http://www.imcdb.org/vehicles_make-MG.html

Thanks to Greg Prehodka for
sharing. ^{NR}

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The advertisement features a line drawing of a classic MG car on the left. To the right of the car are the MG logo, the MINI logo, a circular logo with a crown, and a blue logo with a white arrow. The text is arranged in a clean, professional layout.

Green Table "Less is Better"

Bring it in - give it to a MG friend!

Our way to "Recycle" stuff related to our hobby and other "good stuff" you might have.

Car stuff always welcome, but take a look around your house for those items collecting dust or hidden in your closets that you don't want or need anymore that others might appreciate. We all have stuff like that! Plus bring in anything else you're willing to give away for "Free". Just put your stuff on the "Green Table Cloth" where froggy resides, and let others help themselves to your treasures. Can you get "samples" of any products from where you work? Magazines, car parts, tools, car literature, models, hardware, manuals, books, videos, photos, posters, and other "Good Stuff" - whatever! Who better to share your unwanted treasures with than your MG buddies!



THE REGALIA SHOP

You aren't the only one in need of proper attire. Your car needs some dressing up too. The MG Car Club Jersey Central Centre has just what you need to make your British car "whine pleasantly," instead of just making a racket. Check out these great deals!

Grille Badges (2nd Edition) - The club's very own (and quite handsome) grille badges. The "cream and cracker" color is just perfect for all "T and A" Series Mg's, and also compliments your MGB's. Contact Steve Wagoner to purchase one! \$30.00

License Plate Frame - Show your club pride on not just your British cars, but also on that Honda or Mercury in the driveway. Pick one up at the club meetings. The price can't be beat! \$2.00

For information or to place an order, email Gary Perrault at gperr@optonline.net

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Contact Person: _____

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Trophy Car Class Preference (Complete with the names of 3 classes on the attached list)

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If you have any questions regarding trophy sponsorship, please call either Charlie Tregidgo at 201-791-6675 or Eliot Ganek at 973-762-8166.

Once completed, please mail the form and your check (payable to MG Car Club CJC) to:

Charles Tregidgo
12-68 Fourth Street
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

At *Tastefully British*, we specialize in Fish & Chips and Chicken & Chips

Fish Dinner

8-ounce Cod filet with french fried potatoes cooked in non-cholesterol vegetable oil. Small approximately \$8.00 or Large approximately \$10.00.

Tartar sauce, ketchup, malt vinegar, salt, pepper, forks, knives, napkins, plates and take-out containers.

Cole slaw (upon request).

Chicken Dinner

Small approximately \$8.00 or Large approximately \$10.00.
Two pieces of chicken breast filet and french fried potatoes cooked in non-cholesterol vegetable oil.

Honey mustard, ketchup, salt, pepper, forks, knives, napkins, plates and take-out containers

Cole slaw (upon request).

Fries alone

Small \$3.00 or Large \$5.00

Drinks

Depending on Bottles or Cans from \$2.00 to \$4.00

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Britfest_{sm} 2014

Dear British Car Enthusiast/Vendor:

I am the chairman of the MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre Britfest_{sm} 2014 planning committee. The show is for British sports cars, motorcycles and other vehicles and will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Horseshoe Lake Park, Succasunna, N.J. Britfest_{sm} is traditionally the first British car and motorcycle show of the season in the Northeast and has been held annually since 1992.

The show is very popular with British car and motorcycle enthusiasts. This event attracts up to 250 vehicles and 800 spectators annually. The show is a popular vote event, with trophies awarded in 20 classes, together with special classes for the **People's Choice Award, President's Award and a Kid's Choice Award for the younger set who attend with parents and grandparents.** Dash plaques are given to the first 150 entries. There are also automobilia and parts vendors, door prizes and food is catered by Tastefully British. Major sponsors have included Castrol, Jaguar and Moss Motors over the years. You can pre-register for this **year's show using the attached registration form or go to our website to download same.** If you register by April 15, you save \$5.00 off the cost of registration.

Trophy Sponsorship

The club is also offering you, your business or organization an opportunity to participate as a sponsor of the trophies awarded to the class winners at a cost of only \$100 per class. This is an excellent means to advertise before hundreds of spectators, car show participants and vendors. We offer the following to all sponsors:

Sponsor's names will be contained in advertising for the show, on the brochures distributed at the show and on the club's web site mentioned above.

Sponsor's advertising materials will be included in the registration packages for each car show participant. We prepare 250 registration packages and will need your materials on or before April 15, 2014.

Your company's name will be announced at the trophy awards for each class that you sponsor. The club will also include your business card or advertising material in the monthly newsletter from receipt of your business card through the balance of 2014. If you have a company banner, the club can arrange to display it at the show. If you wish to take a more active part in the show, you may set up a display or table at the show as well.

To register your British car, motorcycle or other vehicle or want to sponsor a trophy, please complete the appropriate form and return it to me with your check. **Checks should be made payable to "MG Car Club CJC" and mailed to me at 12-68** Fourth Street, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. If you are sponsoring a trophy, please also indicate three choices for class sponsorship, which will be determined on first come, first serve basis. Copies of the registration form for the show, together with a list of classes of vehicles, are also attached for your convenience.

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Very truly yours,
Charlie Tregidgo

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Trophy Classes

Austin Healy (100, 100-6, 3000)

Austin Healy Sprite

Jaguar XK Series (XK 120-150, XKE, XK8, etc.)

Jaguar (all others)

Lotus SOLD

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MG "B" & MG "C" Roadster (Chrome Bumper)
SOLD

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MGB-GT & MGC-GT SOLD

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Mini

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Other Saloons

Other Sports SOLD

Triumph (TR6)

Triumph (TR2, TR3, TR4, TR4A, TR5, TR250)
SOLD

Triumph (TR7, TR8, Stag, GT6, Spitfire, Others)

Premier class (Last Year's 1st Place winners)

Kid's Choice Award SOLD

President's Award

People's Choice Award

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May 3, 2014 Morris County, NJ
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June 1, 2014 Clinton, NJ **"Nineteenth Red Mill British Car Day"** Sponsored by the M.G. Drivers Club of North America to benefit the Red Mill Museum Village 56 Main Street Clinton, NJ 08809 site of the show. Limited to 100 pre-registered British vehicles due to the size of the show grounds. Info and application: Richard Miller 908-713-6251 or e-mail: mgdriversclub@hotmail.com www.mgdriversclub.com

September 5-6-7, 2014 Watkins Glen, NY **"The Drive-In", Seventeenth anniversary** gathering of the M.G. Drivers Club of North America this year held in conjunction with The Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix Festival. Car show, road tours, vintage racing and more! Info: 908-713-6251, mgdriversclub@hotmail.com. Registration and details: www.grandprixfestival.com

October, 2014 (specific date to be announced) Thirteenth North American Cecil Kimber Run. A British car tour with lunch and few surprises on route. Celebrating the founder of the MG marque and the 90th anniversary of his creation. Open to all British cars classic and modern. Info: Richard Miller 908-713-6251 or mgdriversclub@hotmail.com

Thank you to Walter Huber who gave us a wonderful presentation on Flag!

For more info see <http://www.sccannjr.com/images/flag/TheFlag.pdf>



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