



OCTAGRAM

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MGs of BALTIMORE MD

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From El Presidente:

MGOB will be taking part in the 51st Annual Hampden Mayor's Christmas Parade on **Sunday, December 8th starting at noon**. We will meet at Poly/Western High School located on Falls Rd. north of Cold Spring La. near Poly's Athletic Fields. We will be in Division III, and group number 65 this year, I will keep you posted if things change. Decorate your car and decorate yourself in the holiday spirit and wave at the crowd.

The Annual MGOB "After the Holidays" Party will be hosted this year by Mike & Mary Lutz at the Federal Armored Car Museum. 130 Lakefront Dr., Hunt Valley, MD 21030 on Saturday, January 11th, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m. We ask that you bring a dish to share, the club will supply drinks and other goodies. RSVP Mike or Mary at 410-592-8610 or mgtlutz@comcast.net

We will have our 28th Annual MGOB Chilly Run in February. The location and date TBD, so stay tuned for more information.

I am planning an LEL (League of Extraordinary Loafers) trip to the **Classic Auto Mall** located at 6180 Morgantown Rd, Morgantown, PA 19543 admission is the MGOB price. There is an Amish Smorgasbord nearby (The Shady Maple in East Earl, Pa) that is perhaps the largest, most well stocked, "all you can eat" spots I've ever been to. They also have areas off the main dining area that can accommodate groups. I've picked **Wednesday, January 22nd with a snow date of Wednesday, January 29th**. The plan is to meet at the Spready Oak Restaurant on US 1 north of US 222 at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast or coffee and leave there around 10:00 a.m. We should arrive there around 11:00 a.m. For those of you who live north and west of Baltimore you can meet us at the Classic Auto Mall at 11:00 p.m. or you can meet us at the Spready Oak Restaurant. There are hundreds of classic cars to view, and most are for sale, so bring your checkbook. After touring the Classic Auto Mall, we will head to the Smorgasbord for lunch. For more information checkout their websites at: [Classic Auto Mall](#) & <https://www.shady-maple.com/smorgasbord/>

If you are interested, please contact me at RGL2MGBGT@aol.com and I will add you to the list of attendees.

In the January issue a list will be posted of members who need to renew their dues. Membership is \$20.00 a year. So be on the lookout for that.

Happy Holidays!

Richard



We invite you to join the largest club in the area dedicated to British car enthusiasts.

Your membership benefits include:

- ***You get invited to all club events. Including these three great parties:***
 - ***The after Christmas celebration***
 - ***The “Chilly Run”***
 - ***The summer pool party***
- ***You get the club’s newsletter***
- ***You get access to the club’s extensive tool chest***
- ***Our monthly meeting is held at very nice restaurant and each meeting includes a tech session. Johnny Dees Lounge 1705 Amuskai Rd Loch Raven, MD (First Tuesday of the month)***
- ***We also host an annual tech session Saturday hosted by the club’s tech guru.***
- ***MGOB sponsors the annual “Get the Dust-Off Rallye” the first Sunday in May.***
- ***You can join us at MG’s on the Rocks. This is the oldest continuously running British car show in the world! Celebrating our 42 year in 2021!***

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**Kathy Liddick
5237 Glen Arm Road
Glen Arm, MD 21057**



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Please fill out the registration form.

You'll want to enjoy all the benefits of membership as listed on the previous page!

Your Name (MGing is a family activity, Please include those of family members)	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Contact Number	
e-mail Address	
MG's or Other British Cars Owned	
Areas of interest: Technical, Rallyes, Social, Restoration	

Dues for MGOB are a blazing \$20 Bucks a year. (January through December)

Mail your check made out to: MG's of Baltimore Ltd.

To: Kathy Liddick: 5237 Glen Arm Road, Glen Arm, MD 21057



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Tools Available for Club Members Contact Eric Salminen to Borrow

- Engine Stand
- Engine lift with tilt device (2)
- Whitworth wrenches & sockets
- Whitworth thread file
- MGB Kingpin Reamer
- Sandblaster (Suction from a bucket type)
- Rostyle Wheel Paint Mask (MGB)
- Midget King pin reamer
- SU Carb throttle shaft reamer for MG T, A, B carbs
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- Midget carbs
- Torque Wrench Click Type 0-150 ft lbs
- Standard 12" socket set
- Hub Puller
- Compression tester
- Harmonic balancer puller
- Camshaft Degree Wheel with TDC finder.
- Timing light
- Dwell/Tach Meter
- Differential flange removal tool
- Brake line bender - tubing cutter, bubble type flaring tools
- Slide hammer for bushings, bearing caps and axle extraction tool
- Lift-A-Dot Upholstery Punch tool
- SU Carb Synchronizer
- Pickle Fork for Tie Rod Ends
- Mob Clutch Alignment tool
- Front Suspension Toe-In adj tool
- Rear Hub Sockets for MGA and early and late MGB.
- Cylinder Leak Down tester

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The MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. Car club was established in 1977. The club represents over 150 members in the Metro Baltimore area. As the name implies, the club centers its activities around the preservation and enjoyment of the cars that bear the classic MG marque. The club is affiliated with the following national organizations: The North American MGA Register and The North American MGB Register. Internationally, the club is affiliated with the MG Car Club and The MG Owners Club. The club's activities include sponsorship of the nationally known "MGs on the Rocks" car show, a series of challenging (and FUN) historic car rallies, as well as numerous fun gatherings all through the year. The MGs of Baltimore is a 501 (c) 7 Not-For-Profit Corporation.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

3rd

Club Meeting

8th

Hampden Mayor's Parade

JANUARY

7th

Club Meeting

11th

After the Holidays Party

FEBRUARY

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MG Car Club UK
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North American MGB Register

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