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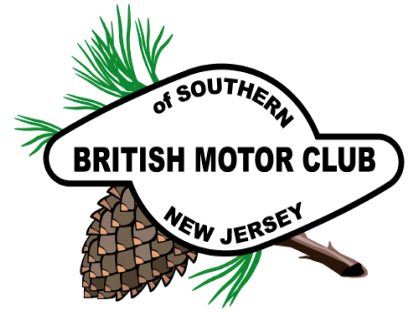
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## Ice Cream Social, Tour of SJ, MG 2016



(above) Joe Marchione's '59 Lotus Elite S-1  
(below) Patrick Lane's '68 BSA Lightning



(above) Tour of South Jersey 2016  
(below) MG 2016 Louisville, KY



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Ice Cream Social and Tour of South Jersey were both affected by weather issues. The Ice Cream Social (see pgs. 4 & 5) got rained on (a little bit) while the Tour (see pg. 6) was held on a day with extreme heat and humidity. Great turn-outs for both events despite those adversities. THANKS to everyone who participated.

Just when I began to think our club spirit was on the wane, new members come along and renew my faith in the fun of Brit. Car ownership. New members Tracy and Ray Westergard, Pilesgrove, NJ and John O'Neill, Haddonfield, NJ got into our hobby from 2 completely different places. Tracy and Ray built their '66 MG Midget from a runner and a parts car in their garage while John undertook a nationwide search for his '50 MG "Y" Saloon then turned it over to Motorcar Garage for some of "Pete Cosmidès' Magic" (eye of newt and toe of frog ?). Both cars completed the heat endurance test that was the Tour of South Jersey. The Westergard Midget had issues with their clutch but completed the Tour and the drive home without resorting to AAA. John's **BLACK** MG Saloon came through the Tour unbowed. John came through it wetter (like all of us on the Tour) but OK too.

Our home show comes up on Sat. Sept. 17 (RAIN or SHINE) at the New Jersey Motor Sports Park Lightning Track. Gary Warren has taken over for Ted Lane in making the 3 Best in Show trophies. They look great so come on out to NJMSP and see them (maybe win one) as well as the other members cars.

**BILL CARROLL, BMC PRESIDENT**

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

**Member count (8/27/16): 165**

## NEW MEMBERS

**John O'Neil, '52 MGTD, '65 A-H 3000 BJ8, '50 MG "Y" Saloon, Haddonfield, NJ**

## SECRETARY'S SATCHEL

As I've mentioned before, I keep a list of car museums around the country with me when I'm traveling and if I have some time I will stop and enjoy a collection. The last one was a small and very old collection in Brookline Massachusetts that was the legacy of a US Ambassador and philanthropist Larz Anderson. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century Larz served in London, Rome, Belgium and Japan. His collection reflects his enthusiasm for the "motor car" and "horseless carriage" coupled with his world travels. Nothing in the collection is newer than a 1926 Lincoln but mostly comprised of the likes of an 1899 Winston, a 1903 Gardner-Serpollet or a 1907 Fiat for a total of 14 Cars. Nothing has been added but the museum displays rotating collections through the year, as the Porsche and BMW loaners currently on display, and also hosts "Cars and Coffee", marque specific and general interest events involving cars. This year the British car event was on June 26<sup>th</sup>, "Day of Triumph" on July 31<sup>st</sup> and the MG Rover day on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Small collection; a recommended stop if you are in the Boston area. *(photo courtesy of Larz Anderson Auto Museum)*

As you saw in the "Newsletter Extra" published on August 5<sup>th</sup>, the gathering at Jack and Vivien Konte's was a great success and enjoyed by all in attendance. On July 23<sup>rd</sup> the BMCSNJ Ice Cream Social was held, once again, at the Five Points Custard stand in E. Vineland, NJ. The event was under the capable direction of Rob Walsh. In consideration of the temperature several cars still attended. Thank you again Rob for an enjoyable event! The Tour of South Jersey was held on August 13<sup>th</sup> and Bill Carroll always provides an interesting and scenic route for the tour and we always end up at a great place for lunch. Our big show is coming on September 17<sup>th</sup> this year in Millville at New Jersey Motorsport Park and always proves to be an enjoyable time of seeing each other. Be certain to keep alert for Club happenings and last minute gatherings and changes through the email blaster. See more details in this issue of Off Side/Near Side.

Did you drive your classic car on July 8<sup>th</sup> for "National Collector Car Appreciation Day", I did and always enjoy seeing others on the road and sharing my journey of classic car ownership. Get involved, volunteer for the events and contact the coordinators to lend a hand, share your passion for these cars with the younger generation. See you on the road.

**Happy Motoring**

**Tom Evans**



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL



(above) Lou Casazza's '67 Ginetta G-15 racer



(above) Gary Warren & Lee Shepherd

High humidity and rain showers in South Jersey on the evening of Sat. July 23<sup>rd</sup> put a dent in attendance for the Social. 23 cars and 1 motorcycle took the field during the evening. Soon after the event started the rain came down briefly and multiple tech. sessions took place for raising convertible tops. A gathering in the gazebo for those seeking shelter occurred. The skies cleared and it was back to the cars. An hour later more rain and the routine repeated. A cross section of British marques from various years were on display with 3 contemporary Lotuses joining us later in the evening. As always ice cream and conversation amongst old and new friends rules the evening. Door prizes were handed out and then the Lucas headlights went on for the journey home. I hope to put this event on next year. Hope to see you then.

Rob Walsh

Photos by Fred Schuchard and Bill Carroll



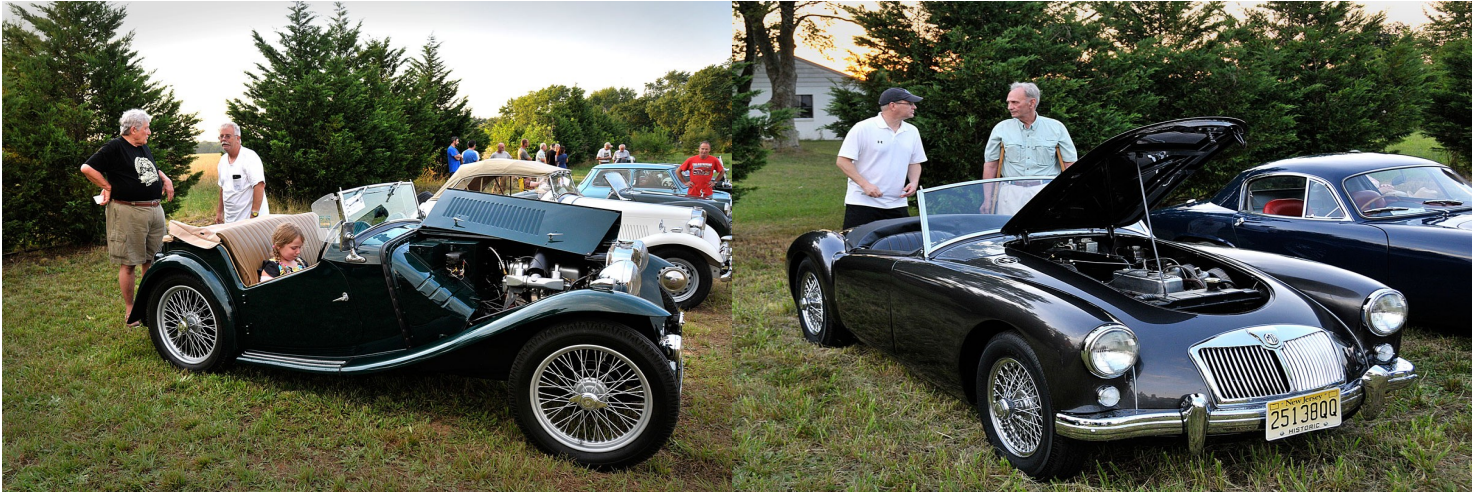
(above) Jack Kontes, Bill Carroll and Kevin Kelly



(above) 3 very new Lotus's made an appearance



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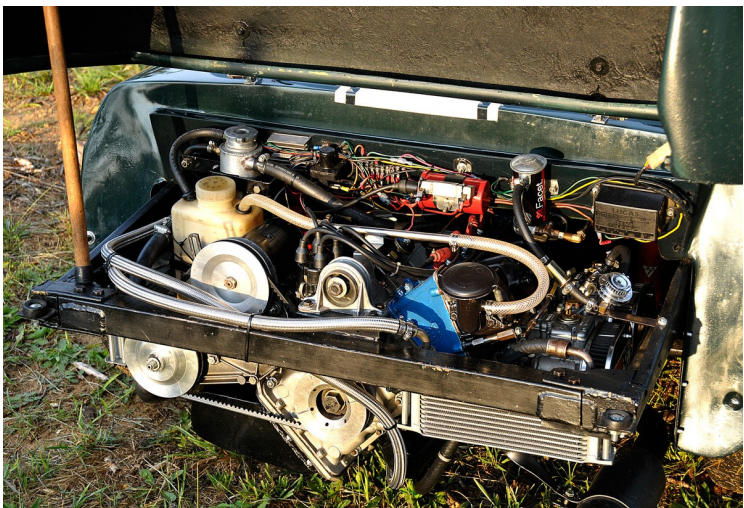


(above) Bruce Aydelotte & Ron Ralston  
with Ron's '48 MGTC & '53 MGTD

(above) Eric Sunberg & Jack Kontes  
with Eric's '57 MGA



(above L to R) Charlie Hoffner's MGB & Triumph TR-3, Chris Robert's MGC, Eric Sunberg's MGA, Joe Marchione's Lotus Elite S-1, Skip Lustig's Sunbeam Tiger and Bob Hahn's Jaguar sedan



Lou Casazza's '67 Ginetta G-15 racer powered  
by an Hillman Imp engine. Car weight: 1,450 lbs.  
Engine disp.: 1,040cc Engine output: 112 Hp.



Kevin Kelly & Vivian Kontes with Kevin's TR-3  
"ride du jour". Gary Warren's '73 MINI behind



# TOUR OF SOUTH JERSEY



(above) The start of the 2016 Tour of SJ



(above) Tour exiting Weymouth Furnace Park

10 cars with 13 members and co-drivers participated in the **Tour of South Jersey (subtitled: Car and Human Cooling System Durability/Torture Test)**. Ambient temperature at the 10 AM start: 94 deg. F, and at the 11:50 AM finish, 98 deg. F (with 74 deg. F, OPPRESIVE dew point). We were lucky to have support vehicles both in the Tour (Barney "MGA Guru" Gaylord with parts trailer and Rob Walsh with camera) and out ahead of the Tour (Ed Ryan with camera). Fortunately no one broke down in the heat but it was great to know if anyone did, there was someone there to help. Cars worthy of note on the Tour: John O'Neil in his '50 MG "Y" Saloon. John's "Y" model certainly tested his resolve being a closed black car. John wins the "British Soldier" award for maintaining a "stiff upper lip" in the face of the adversity of 100+ deg. F heat inside his car. The other closed car was Bob Hahn's white Jaguar (NO A/C) sedan. Bob's big white Jag sedan bringing up the rear of the convoy was easy to spot in the rear view telling me the convoy was still together. The Tour ended at the Crown Royal Drive-In Hamonton, NJ where the interior temperature was about 60 deg. F. Low interior temps in the building are necessary to help keep the hard ice cream solid. High milk fat content makes hard ice cream taste great but requires refrigeration to -20 Deg, F to maintain it's consistency. I had to leave the Royal Crown early due to a family commitment but the Royal Crown folks serve great ice cream and everyone who partook seemed to enjoy their offerings. (photos by Rob Walsh and Ed Ryan)

BILL CARROLL



(above) Tour crossing Green Bank Draw Bridge



(above) Tour end at Royal Crown Ice Cream

## MG 2016 IN LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY



Most MG folks are aware that there are four major MG organizations in North America---the North American MMM Register (1928-1936 cars), the New England MG-T Register (T-Series cars), the North American MGA Register (MGA and variants such as the Magnette), and the North American MGB Register (MGB, MGC, Midget and 1100). Each of these organizations has an annual event, some of them host several regional events each year. But once every five years, thanks to the efforts of the North American Council of MG Registers, all four organizations join forces and host a combined convention. This year the fifth combined event was held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Since my sister lives in Louisville, and I had not seen her for about a year (read free room and board!), I decided to attend this year's convention. It was far beyond my wildest expectations. I have attended many corporate conventions and events in my career—MG 2016 was easily on a par with any of them. A total of 839 MG enthusiasts participated.

The event ran from Monday (basically a check in day) through Thursday (car show and awards banquet day). The time in between was full of tech seminars, historical lectures, vendor sales, a silent auction, area tours, and many other activities that I am sure I missed. When I arrived at the hotel/convention center, on display in the lobby was an MG-TC which raced at Watkins Glen back in the day (page 11). With that as a greeting, you knew it was going to be a good few days. There was not enough time to do everything, but you could not go wrong with any of the activity choices.

The pictures on pages 1, 10 & 11 will give you an idea of the magnitude and quality of the event. I amused myself on Monday afternoon by taking pictures of New Jersey license plates in the hotel parking lot (page 10). I counted eight, not all of them from BMCSNJ of course. The event summary listed 13 from New Jersey so if I missed yours, I assume you were out enjoying the countryside at the time. The Thursday car show on the banks of the Ohio River saw 715 MGs of every type and condition on display. Congratulations to Pete Cosmides of BMCSNJ for his first place award in the MG Mk III class for MGBs from mid 1974 through 1976. (Sorry Pete, but the only picture I got of your car was its rear end in the hotel parking lot!).

Rather than risk wearing out my welcome, I left my sister's house early on Friday morning for the drive across Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware. Along the interstates I saw numerous MGs, usually in groups of two or three, returning to their respective states. A couple of times I saw an MG being followed by a modern car with plates from the same state—probably a safety precaution. But very notable, I saw an obviously well used MG-TD from New York being driven along the interstate by a single older driver. No passenger, no caravan buddies, no safety car. That was a true enthusiast. My only regret of the whole trip? I did it in my Ford Explorer, not in an MG. Sure, the air conditioning, satellite radio and GPS are great, but I saw the same highway cross the interstate many times. Another day on the road, bypass the interstate for local and similar roads, top down, those unmistakable MG sounds and smells.....I think I have another bucket list item!



# 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- The information shown below is the most complete available as this newsletter is printed, and will be entered as space allows.
- **Bill Carroll is keeper of BMC event schedules**, you can contact Bill at [my1971mgb@comcast.net](mailto:my1971mgb@comcast.net)
- Priority will be given to British Car events which do not conflict with events sponsored by BMC or neighboring clubs..

MONTH	DATE	BMC EVENT (events in <b>bold</b> are confirmed)	LOCATION	POINT OF CONTACT
FEB.	20	<b>Simeone Foundation Museum Tour</b> 11 AM	6825 Norwitch Drive Philadelphia., PA 19153	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676
MARCH	19	<b>Motorcar Garage Tech. Session - Repair &amp; Resto. Pitfalls</b> 10 AM	42 North Pine St. Maple Shade, NJ 08052	Pete Cosmides 856-867-6657
APRIL	9	<b>Ted Ley Memorial Gathering to benefit Samaritan Hospice</b> 10 AM	Historic Smithville U.S. Rt. 9 & Moss Mill Rd. Galloway Twp., NJ 08205	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 <a href="mailto:my1971mgb@comcast.net">my1971mgb@comcast.net</a>
MAY	21	<b>Williamstown Show</b> 10 AM BMC & Monroe Twp. History Society	313 South Main St. Williamstown, NJ 08094	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676
JUNE	11	<b>Jack Kontes River Ranch Meet</b> 11 AM	7 Eagle Beach Drive Millville, NJ 08332	Jack Kontes 856-327-1607
JUNE	18	<b>Golden Nugget Hotel, Casino &amp; Marina British Music Celebration</b> 1 PM until ???	Brigantine Blvd. & Huron Atlantic City, NJ 08401	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 Andy Schlee GNAC
JULY	23	<b>BMC's Ice Cream Social</b> 5 Points Custard 6 PM to DUSK	580 Tuckahoe Road Vineland, NJ 08360	Rob Walsh <a href="mailto:robgt71@verizon.net">robgt71@verizon.net</a>
AUG.	6	<b>Classic Car Cruise to Delsea Drive-in Theater, Vineland</b> Gates open 3 PM	2203 So. Delsea Drive Vineland, NJ 08360	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 <a href="mailto:my1971mgb@comcast.net">my1971mgb@comcast.net</a>
AUG.	13	<b>Tour of South Jersey Leaves from Peter's Diner</b> Williamstown, NJ 10 AM	Roadways of Gloucester & Atlantic Counties	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 <a href="mailto:my1971mgb@comcast.net">my1971mgb@comcast.net</a>
SEPT.	17	<b>BMC Annual Show</b> 10 AM to 2 PM (\$15 entry fee at track gate)	New Jersey Motorsports Lightning Track Millville, NJ	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676
NOV.	15	<b>BMC Annual Planning Meeting</b> (Tues. night-6 PM)	Palace Diner 100 North Rt. 73 Berlin, NJ	Bill Carroll 609-567-2676 <a href="mailto:my1971mgb@comcast.net">my1971mgb@comcast.net</a>

## OTHER BRITISH CAR EVENTS



**YOUR AD COULD APPEAR HERE** Find a home for those extra parts or that car that you will never get around to restoring. Raise some cash to buy more extra parts or projects that you do not need!!

Contact Ed Gaubert: [mgarage@comcast.net](mailto:mgarage@comcast.net)

Ads will appear for two (2) issues , as space allows



**FOR SALE.** 1974 MGB, 3rd owner, runs very well, strong power no issues. Excellent oil pressure, smooth idle. Electrics work as they should. Overdrive gearbox working nicely. Custom alloy rims, could use new tires due to age. Interior is in very nice shape, has cloth GT seats for more comfort, gauges all work. Has an earlier style, removable soft top in decent shape and includes a top boot. Engine bay is tidy, no extraneous wiring or hack jobs. Red with black interior. Nice paint, few blemishes, no rust, floors solid, rocker panels have been repaired at one point in time prior to paint. Very nice example, ready to enjoy, photos on request or come view in person. Maple Shade, NJ \$8400. call Pete 856-667-6657 daytime.

**FOR SALE.** MGB hardtop Black vinyl Snugtop brand with glass side windows. In nice shape, all seals/hardware intact ready for the winter drives. \$300.OBO Pete 856-667-6657 Maple Shade

**FOR SALE.** 5 ton engine picker for sale. It's in very good condition. I'll take \$200 for it.  
Joe Chiarello. Chia219@comcast.net.

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grunr3333@comcast.net

**FREE.** Sold my '77 MGB and have 2 4 speed working transmissions and a disassembled engine free to a good home. Hugh Connelly hugh@connellys.org

**FOR SALE.** 1968 MGB manual convertible in BRG with black top with wire wheels. Great condition, runs great, is well maintained. Engine is mostly original with only 56K miles and new carbs, fuel pump, and radiator. \$9,000 OBO.  
Ken 609-792-7114 or ken.wilson.nj@gmail.com.

**FOR SALE.** Hardtop for Austin Healey 3000. British racing green. \$500 Tom Fanelle 609-922-5372

**FOR SALE.:** Set of five wire wheels for MGB. Possibly original paint. 4 are very nice, 1 not so much. Make offer  
healeydan12@gmail.com

**FOR SALE.** Beautiful 1963 MGB roadster, chrome bumper, leather interior. Just repainted (in original color) after body work to remove rust. All quarter panels injected with WAXOLY. All original car, one of the early MGBs made. Very good interior. Runs strong. Wire wheels. **NEW PRICE \$9,500.** Call Gabe (856) 264 3191 Gdetolla@hotmail.com

**FOR SALE.** 1977 MG Midget, 44,800 miles. Refurbished engine and electrics. Solid body and frame. Refurbished interior. 37 MPG. Takes unleaded gas. Original jack. All new brakes. New clutch. Front end rebuilt where needed. Very good condition convertible top. New Pertronix ignition. Rebuilt carb,. New fuel/water pumps. Complete tune up. New battery. **NEW PRICE \$3,500** Gabe, (856) 264 3191. [Gdetolla@hotmail.com](mailto:Gdetolla@hotmail.com)

**FOR SALE,** '68 Triumph Spitfire S-1. Comes with after market pull off hardtop \$1,500 Frank O'Sullivan Wayne, PA  
610-687-1016 or 610-999-5553

**FOR SALE,** '58 MGA 1500 engine complete except for block petcock. Engine is apart but crank & cam reground, valve job on head, includes complete gasket set needed to reassemble and new oil pump \$1,600. Also MGA Shelley jack LJ23 DTD57, 2 handle sections \$350. MGA tonneau cover, small repaired tear \$350. Contact Gary Corliss [gcorliss@verizon.net](mailto:gcorliss@verizon.net)  
Call 856-451-8031 (home) 609-247-2133 (cell)

**FOR SALE,** Rubber Bumper MGB. Marlton Auto Exchange in Evesham. It ran when parked way in the back of the lot and dealer will get running again for serious buyer. \$2,500 call TONY 856-383-3525 (cell). BMC member saw this car resting in the back row and called dealer for details. **BMC NOT a party to possible sale.**

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