



Party TIMES



November, December & January 2022/2023

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Her Majesty relaxing with an MGB in the background.

Famous Racing Quotes:

“Philip enjoys driving and does it fast! He has his own tiny M.G. which he is very proud of--he has taken me about in it, once up to London, which was great fun, only it was like sitting on the road, and the wheels are almost as high as one’s head”.
-HRM Elizabeth II-

From the Editor

We had our first hard frost here in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, just in time to nudge me into putting the MGs away for the winter. Always a bittersweet time of year...MGs go away and the skis get pulled out and prepped for the winter. I know I will produce a chorus of groans with my next statement but “bring on the snow”!

The MG season is not altogether over yet however, please take a look at page two for the information on the return of the Holiday Party, December 4th at Princeton Station in North Chelmsford. It will be great to have everyone together again to celebrate the festive season. Make sure to RSVP to Andrew Bass with your check and menu choices.

A nice report on the Crane Estate Castle Hill Climb from the spectators viewpoint, thanks to Judy Krongelb. It sounds like a very nice day out which I now have on my list for next year, especially since I note that there is a wine, ale & mead station at the top of the course! Our very own Peter Ross (J2) and Charles Dyer (TC) participated and I hope to entice Charles to write up a report on driving the course for the next newsletter...take heed, you’ve been tapped Charles!

Safety Fast!



**The MG T-Party & Bay State
MGA Club Holiday Party**



Sunday, December 4th
Princeton Station

147 Princeton Street
North Chelmsford, MA 01863
www.princetonstation.com

12:00 pm – Cocktails (cash bar)

1:00 pm – Dinner

\$38.00 per person (Covers meal, tax, gratuity and facility charges)
(Appetizers, Salad, Rolls, Coffee/Tea and Dessert Included)

Please Select Your Choice of:

- **Roast Prime Rib Au Jus** – Served with red bliss mashed potato, and the chef's vegetable selection
- **Chicken Marsala** – Served with Linguine
- **Baked Seafood Combination** – Haddock, Scallops, Shrimp Served with red bliss mashed potato, and the chef's vegetable selection

Join good friends for an afternoon of fine food and lively conversation. We welcome our friends from the Bay State MGA Club to join us for our holiday party. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and paper goods, health and beauty supplies diapers and wipes to be donated to Marguerite's Place. **Please RSVP** by **sending the form, below, to ANDREW BASS** at the address indicated. We need to **receive** your response and payment check **by November 25th** so we can confirm the numbers with the restaurant.

RSVP FORM - Please sign us up:

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate **how many** of each meal selection you require:

___ Prime Rib ___ Chicken Marsala ___ Baked Seafood Combo

Make Checks Payable to "The MG T-Party"; Enclose Check & Return Form by Nov. 25th
by U.S. mail to Andrew Bass: Questions? Call Andrew: 978-314-1225; please leave a voicemail message if your call is not immediately answered and Andrew will get back to you) or send him an email abass1111@aol.com

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Brookline, MA 02446

Chairman's Cable



Return of the Holiday Party!

Although concerns for the Covid-19 pandemic are not—and may never be—totally behind us, enough of you have asked to bring back our traditional end-of-the-year **Holiday Party** that we think we may get enough club members who are willing to take on whatever post-vaccination risks remain in holding such a group dining event indoors, to again plan on having it, **Sunday, December 4.**



One unavoidable change this year, as we have all experienced lately, is that inflation, and with it, food prices have risen. As a result, even with the club subsidizing the costs to hold the event, with the club paying for the appetizers, fees for having an in-room cocktail hostess, and the lion's share of the 20% function service charge, state and local meal taxes, and gratuity, unfortunately, our

per person costs to attend have gone up rather steeply. Bottom line, because **Princeton Station** has increased its banquet meal pricing, we have had to increase our "all-inclusive" **Holiday Party** prices as well. This year the club will need to charge **\$38.00** per person, but this does cover meal tax, gratuity and facility charges and includes entrée, appetizers, salad, rolls, coffee/tea and dessert.



One other small change this year to be aware of: **Andrew Bass** has kindly volunteered to be the event coordinator and point person to receive your RSVP's, collect the checks, and handle all arrangements with the restaurant. So, please RSVP to Andrew Bass this year (not me) and mail to Andrew your payment checks and meal selection choices using the form at the bottom of the event flyer. Until then, hope you all enjoy the end of the fall driving season.



—Charles

'Remembrance for those We Have Lost' Memorial Car Gathering

Bob Dougherty



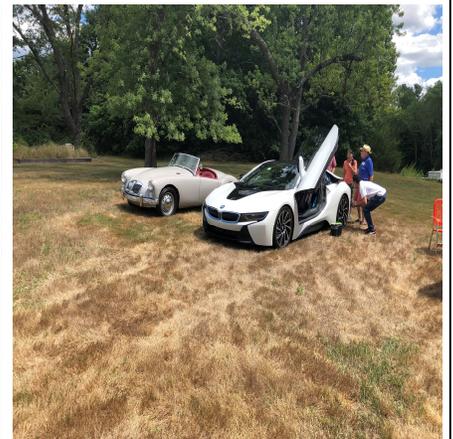
Beautiful weather, good friends gathered, food & drink in abundance and remembrance of friends & family who have left us during the COVID outbreak brought us to the Bentas family farm in Chelmsford. The brainchild of Frank Cronin, the gathering was designed to pay our remembrances to those we lost during the COVID lockdown when we couldn't gather to pay our proper respects. For Frank, it was

to honor Arthur Bentas who many of you remember from numerous Holiday Parties where Arthur would regale us with stories of all the classic cars he had owned, including his custom built and famous "Raven".



A good turnout with a nice mix of British iron, to include Rachel Ross's magnificent TC & Frank's lovingly restored TF, along with MGA, MGB, TR6, Land Rover and of course Andrew Bass in his hybrid very fast BMW!

It was a good day and a nice way to remember and pay homage to all those we lost during the dark days of the COVID shutdown. And if you were there and didn't have one of Frank's homemade hot pickles, you really don't know what you missed!



Vintage Hill-climb up Castle Hill on the Crane Estate Sunday, October 16, 2022

Judy Krongelb



Jack Horner and I went to this event to cheer on our club President Charles Dyer driving his TC, as well as club member Peter Ross, driving his J2. I was also happy to see Earle Tucker, previously of Historic Motor Sports, driving his Sprint Car.

It was a glorious autumn day. Jack drove us to Ipswich using back roads with beautiful foliage. We arrived in time to get settled near the hairpin turn. I thought that would be an exciting vantage point.

Each car individually drove/raced up the hill four times.

The runs were timed. For the first trip up the hill, it seemed like everyone was checking out the course, therefore going fairly slowly. But it was still nice to see and hear the cars. There was quite a variety of the pre-WWII automobiles – including MG TB, Jaguar, Alfa Romeo, Morgan, Auburn, BMW, Bugatti, Bentley and a Ford Model T.

When all cars had arrived at the top next to the Great House, they paraded down past us, waving to our cheers, some with passengers. Of course, there were safety ropes to keep the spectators safely away from the race course and further away from the action than we might have liked. There was one race official standing near the track at the hairpin turn. I commented to Jack that he was in a dangerous spot. But he was on the uphill side.

The second run up the hill was more spirited. One of the cars tipped up onto two wheels as he took the hairpin turn too fast. But he settled down nicely and continued the run



to the top. Then a few cars later, #4 arrived at that curve too fast. He left the track and drove up the hill where that race official was standing, but who quickly ran to safety. The driver did not stop, but drove back down the hill onto the track and completed the course. He seemed so cool and collected. But when he came to that turn on his third run, he drove very sedately. I guess he wasn't quite so cool as he had appeared!



After all cars had completed their second run, it was lunch break. The spectators surrounded the parked race cars in the courtyard in front of the mansion. Some of the drivers were there for photos and to talk with admirers. Others

disappeared for lunch. Jack and I ate our picnic lunch, chatted with folks and then moved to a straight part of the course, to see some more speed. From our new spot, we could see the ocean in one direction and look up at the Castle in the other. Wow!

It was a marvelous day for drivers and spectators.

The Ales of the United Kingdom

“Give my people plenty of beer, good beer & cheap beer, and you will have no revolution among them”.
Queen Victoria



Coniston Brewing Co.

The Brewery
Coppermines Road, Coniston,
English Lake District, UK



Bluebird Bitter

Hidden away behind the Black Bull Public House in Coniston is the Coniston Brewing Company. This outstanding brewery, run by Ian Bradley, is where Bluebird Bitter is made. The 3.6% session beer won Supreme Champion Beer of Britain 1998 at the Great British Beer Festival Olympia London and has continued to be awarded accolades in recent years. Ian Bradley, son of the owners of the Black Bull, has studied and graduated in the art of brewing, and in 1995 the Coniston Brewing Co. was built: you might say, since then, Ian's brews have gone from strength to strength! With its roots in the hotel and licensed trade The Coniston Brewing Co. knows a thing or two about providing discerning customers with quality and service. To the pure waters of the Coniston hills - add the finest Challenger hops and wonderfully roasted pale and crystal malts. This allows the Coniston Brewing Company to use all their skill and instinctive know-how to create what must be described as the finest fully matured cask conditioned Ale. Six beers in regular production yield an output of 1600 gallons a week for distribution to 100 customer outlets. Acclaim is not limited to the U.K. alone, bottled varieties of Bluebird are shipped to the U.S.A., Sweden and Hong Kong.

Bluebird is a fine session ale with a light golden color. The intense resinous and spicy hop character which is the beer's hallmark is derived from the use of unusual quantities of English Challenger hops, each bale being individually and personally selected by the brewer. The malt is, of course, Maris Otter fermented slightly warm to give a soft fruitiness with a faint hint of scented geranium. In England, an "ordinary" bitter is a beer for everyday drinking - the kind of beer you can turn to again and again through a long evening of socializing at the pub. Bluebird Bitter is an extraordinary "ordinary." The bottle-conditioned Bluebird is altogether different from other bottled beers - it somehow tastes and feels like beer from the cask.

Source: <https://www.conistonbrewery.com/>

*******Sale...Sale...Sale...Sale*******

MG T-Party Regalia

It's time to move some Regalia! We've had very limited sales since 2008, and \$2000+ of inventory is doing us no good sitting in a box!

Please contact Bob Dougherty at rdoc2mg@gmail.com for sizing information and availability

- Men's Windbreaker w/MG T-Party logo (Retail \$70!) **\$30 includes shipping**
Med/Large/X-Large
- Women's Windbreaker w/T-Party logo (Retail \$70!) **\$30 includes shipping**
Med/Large/X-large/XX-Large
- Golf Shirts w/T-Party logo **\$20 includes shipping**
Med/Large/XL
- T-Party Baseball Caps **\$9 includes shipping**
- T-Party Logo Grill Badge **\$25 includes shipping**
- T-Party Cloth Patches **\$1 includes shipping**
- T-Party Logo Pins **\$1.50 includes shipping**



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- T-Party Cloth Patches **\$1 includes shipping**
- T-Party Logo Pins **\$1.50 includes shipping**



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KP Creative stitches is a home based embroidery studio that has digitized the T-Party logo so it can be put on items that are not currently stocked by the T-Party Regalia. Currently we can offer the logo on denim shirts (\$35) & sweatshirts (\$40). kathy@kpcreativestitches.com Special orders accepted
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HRM Queen Elizabeth II

Her reign of **70 years and 214 days** was the longest of any British monarch and the longest verified reign of any female monarch in history.