



TIMES

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February, March & April 2020

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Whatever have I gotten myself in for?
See page 11 for the finished product!

Famous Racing Quotes:

“There are only three sports: bullfighting, motor racing and mountaineering; all the rest are merely games.”
Ernest Hemmingway

From the Editor

Well, so far the winter for us skiers has been a bit of a bust, a promising December morphed into a warm and virtually snowless January. Hopefully February will live up to its reputation of “the snowiest month” and we can get some good skiing in. Of course there is more to do in the winter than ski; I hope all of your MG winter projects are going well. My wheels have turned out beautifully and will soon be shod with Vredestein Sprint Classics (with tubes of course!). I can't wait till spring...until then I guess I'll just have to search the skies for snow.

On page two of this newsletter you'll find the flyer for our annual Event Planning Meeting in Wilmington, MA. All members are invited to attend, or if you can't make it, to send along your inputs for events and shows you would like to have the club support. Of interest this year, the British Motorcars of New England have taken over the former Bristol Motorcar Festival (now “British Motorcars in Bristol”) and promise to make the show more affordable. The show is in a wonderful setting on Narragansett Bay and scheduled for June 12th & 13th.

Safety Fast!



MG T-Party Annual Events Planning Meeting and “Potluck Lunch” Sunday, March 29th, 2020 11:30 am meet and greet

Building will be open @ 11:00 am to set up; Lunch @ 12:00 noon; Call to order for the business meeting immediately following lunch.

Wilmington Council for the Arts

219 Middlesex Ave. (Route 62), Wilmington MA

Join us for our annual meeting and event planning session. Come with ideas, suggestions or just to support the rest of the board as they get down to work setting up the year's events. We have secured the Arts Council building to give us room to spread out and accommodate a big attendance by the members. We specially invite all of our new members to join us and meet some of the club members in a relaxed and fun setting. Bring your ideas for an event to share with the group. Before the meeting, we will have a pot luck lunch. Please bring a dish to share with everyone. Enjoy good food and friends. We always have too much food but it's fun to try to make it go away!

There are no provisions for heating up food in the building so if you want to bring a hot dish, a crock pot or other heating device will need to be brought with the dish. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Please note that no alcohol is allowed in the Arts building by city regulation. Take Exit 40 off Interstate 93. (Route 62, Middlesex Ave) Go West on Route 62, through two sets of traffic lights. The Arts Council is a white building on the left side just past Wildwood Cemetery. (The Congregational Church is across the street on the right.) If the WCA parking lot fills up, it is OK to park in the church lot. There is a small refrigerator in the conference room, and two large coffee makers. We have folding tables, and plenty of chairs.

Chairman's Cable



An MG Tow Vehicle?

Previously, I have featured in these pages news about the Chinese-owned SAIC MG "E-Motion" electric sports car. But did you know the Chinese-owned MG now manufactures a suitable towing vehicle—an MG Pickup Truck for your MG towing needs? Meet the "MG Extender." Of course you need to reside in Asia, as there is no indication the "new" MG Pickup Trucks are ever going to be imported to the United States.



The Extender boasts a macho front clip with a body available in either an extended cab or crew cab format. Under the hood is a 2.0-liter turbo diesel engine making 161 horsepower (and 277 pound-feet of torque). Two-wheel-drive and four-wheel-drive models are available, and buyers can choose between a pair of six-speed gearboxes for manual or automatic shifting.



So far, it's only offered in Thailand. Whether the MG-branded model will extend to markets outside of Thailand remains to be seen. The truck is built at MG's plant in Thailand. The

Extender's starting price of 549,000 THB translates to approximately \$17,900.



This one might come as something of a shock—it's wearing an MG badge. So, did you know MG made a pickup truck?



Learn more about the MG Extender on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/sDG7GYHtgKo>

In other "keeping up with the times" news, there is now a California company—Electric GT—that is manufacturing an Electric "Crate Motor" for dropping into classic sports cars:



The New York Times recently featured a write up on the company here: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/12/business/electric-car-conversions.html>



Depending how many motors you opt for in this "block," Electric GT estimates the setup will make between 140–240 horsepower and between 240–340 lb-ft of torque. You need to hook up your own battery pack. And, the "trick" feature is that the "block" mates to your existing transmission via a Lovejoy coupling, eliminating the need for high-cost direct-drive transmission and drivetrain swaps. As Hagerty Insurance noted, this "Electric 'crate' motor puts electric tech in your garage project."

The self-contained unit, including electric motors and computer controls, fits neatly below a car's bonnet. The crate motors even "resemble" the gasoline engine they replace, with looks that resemble traditional V-shaped cylinder banks and sparkplug wires. Converted cars can keep their original 12-volt system, including a familiar lead-acid battery, to power lights and accessories.

Here is the company's website in case that stalled restoration project is begging for a 21st Century electric powertrain, with drop in "crate motor" convenience: <https://www.electricgt.com/>

"Not every old car is sacred, and cars have been modified a million different ways," says Joe DeMatio, at Hagerty. So go right ahead, we won't look. We may discreetly sneer behind your back, but we most definitely won't laugh. Especially when your new electric "crate motor"

in your resurrected classic car absolutely decimates the old gasoline version in performance.



A vintage Fiat 124 Spider accelerates up a canyon road in the San Fernando Valley. Inside is a modern battery-powered drive system designed by Electric GT.

In any event, I hope all of you are already thinking about the upcoming driving season and have plans out in the garage of your own. We have scheduled the annual **MG T-Party Events Planning Meeting and Potluck Luncheon** for **SUNDAY, MARCH 29th** at the Wilmington Council for the Arts building in Wilmington, MA. Please see the accompanying event flyer for details.

I hope many of you can attend and will bring your good ideas for some fun new things we can try this year—and lots of great food.

—Charles

MG T-PARTY STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

		Starting Balance	\$6,267.51
INCOME			
	Dues (paid in 2019)	\$1,265.00	
	regalia		
	holiday party	\$1,122.00	
	silent auction	\$130.00	
	donations	\$10.00	
		Total income	\$2,527.00
EXPENSES			
	Marque web hosting	\$300.00	
	Newsletter	\$110.77	
	URL Renewal (2 yrs) + privacy	not this year	
	British Marque (paid for Apr 2019-2020)	\$319.00	
	Rental of Wilmington Arts Council for planning meeting	\$50.00	
	postage (newsletter, dues, misc)	\$40.10	
	Tech session food, etc.	\$30.00	
	Charitable contribution holiday party gifts for officers Cangiano cup (2019)	\$1,643.32	
		Total expenses	\$2,493.19
		Ending Balance	\$6,301.32



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12/18/2019

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We are grateful for this opportunity to continue the mission of Saint Marguerite and the privilege of bringing new hope to the women and children in crisis in our community.

Most sincerely,

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Holiday Party



Held once again at the Princeton Station on a snowless December 1st, with a hint of change in the air as a cold front was moving in and snow was on its way!



A good turn out and some great appetizers provided by the Club (great decision



Charles, let's do it again next year!) made for an enjoyable cocktail hour. The highlight of the social hour for me was getting to see the pictures of Frank Cronin's restored TF...it was well worth the wait Frank, the TF is beautiful!



Dinner as always was good, I had the prime rib, or maybe they should call it the brontosaur rib as it was huge. The silent auction worked out well for me, I picked up a TD high/low light switch (thanks Rick!) which should rectify the problem I have of all my lights going out when I switch to high beam!



All too soon it was time to hit the road as it had started to snow, thankfully it remained only flurries until we pulled into the driveway!



The following article appeared in The Driven by Bryce Gatton

Thanks to Alex Gottfried for passing it along

MG says sales of full battery electric car to begin in September



MG has just announced that the all-electric version of its ZS SUV/crossover will go on sale in the UK in September this year, with an on-the-road starting price of £28,495 (around \$A50,500 plus the usual Australian mark-ups).

After deducting the UK Government's low emission vehicle grant of £3500 (plus a matching discount from MG), that price reduces to £21,495 (AU\$38,000). PLUS, for the first 1000 orders, MG will also throw in a Mode 2 wall charger with basic installation costs covered.



So what will UK buyers get for their money?

The drive train comprises a 44.5kWh battery and a 105kW motor (for comparison, the Kona electric in Australia has a 64kW battery/150kW motor and the Zoe currently sold here is 41kWh/66kW).

The interior and safety offerings are also industry standard (i.e. lots) with the interior featuring an 8" color touchscreen incorporating satellite navigation, Android Auto, Apple Car Play, Bluetooth phone connectivity, audio streaming and DAB radio.

Safety systems include Advanced Emergency Braking (AEB), blind spot monitoring, lane



MG is quoting a WLTP test cycle rating of 260km for the ZS. (By the way, WLTP is the new European test cycle that gives closer to real-world ranges than their previous – and notorious – NEDC test cycle.) Given WLTP is still around 10-12% over-optimistic, the real-world range of the ZS is likely to be around 230km.

MG is also stressing in its press release the ZS battery has a water cooling system to “.. *allow frequent rapid charging and optimum range whatever the weather.*” (Presumably to differentiate it from the only new BEV on the market still to have passive air cooling: i.e. the most popular selling EV in Europe and the UK: the Nissan Leaf).

The EV driving features of the ZS all appear to match the best of the current BEVs on the market, including three driving modes and three levels of regenerative braking. Size-wise, at 4314mm long it is very close to the Kona electric (4180mm) and the Nissan Leaf (4480mm).



Putting all these together, the overall package will make it an attractive competitor in both price and specifications to the base Kona electric sold in Europe (but not offered here) that has a 39kWh battery and 100kW motor as well as the 40kWh battery/110kW motor Nissan Leaf.

However, unlike the Kona electric – which is severely supply constrained due to an inability to build enough batteries to keep up with demand – MG is stating its battery ‘Gigafactory’ is capable of building 300,000 EV batteries a year.

The important part of this announcement is that the ZS for the UK will be right-hand drive, making it a potential import option for Australia.

Some noises have been heard from MG about bringing the ZS to Australia – but nothing official ... yet.



The Ales of the United Kingdom

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LIGHT BRIGADE – a new brew from IRON MAIDEN and ROBINSONS BREWERY developed in support of HELP FOR HEROES. IRON MAIDEN vocalist and ale aficionado Bruce Dickinson and Robinsons’ Head Brewer, Martyn Weeks have crafted LIGHT BRIGADE a unique interpretation of a sessionable golden ale.

HELP FOR HEROES met with ROBINSONS in the summer of 2017 to explore the possibility of launching a beer. ROBINSONS and IRON MAIDEN, who jointly launched TROOPER beer almost 5 years ago, which has now sold over 20 million pints worldwide, were immediately enthusiastic about the idea. Indeed, the origin of TROOPER’s name, which comes from the classic IRON MAIDEN song, ‘The Trooper’, based on the Battle of Balaclava of 1854 in the Crimean War, reflects the band’s well-known interest in history.

For each pint of LIGHT BRIGADE sold, we will donate 6p to HELP FOR HEROES. The money raised will help the thousands of Servicemen and women who live with complex wounds and injuries – both physical and mental – and are looking to regain their purpose in life.

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

T Party Regalia

There are jackets, shirts, car badges, cloth pins and now pens available for purchase. That MG fan in the family might just fancy something from our collection.

Jackets.....	\$35.00
Add a name to the Jacket.....	\$5.00
Shirts with pockets.....	\$28.35
Shirts w/o pockets.....	\$27.50
Car Badges.....	\$30.00
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Pins.....	\$2.50
Cloth Patches.....	\$1.50
License Plate Frames.....	\$1.00
Pens.....	\$.50

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