



# T Party TIMES



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Sir Stirling Moss  
1929-2020

## Famous Racing Quotes:

“There are two things no man will admit he cannot do well: drive and make love.”

Sir Stirling Moss

## From the Editor

It is the best of times, it is the worst of times...with apologies to Charles Dickens...it is most definitely the worst of times. Firstly, I hope all of you and your families are healthy & safe. No matter the inconvenience this quarantine has caused, that is the most important thing and the ultimate goal. I know we are all dealing as best we can with the turmoil and uncertainties in our lives right now, to include our favorite hobby, driving our T-Series. Half of the driving events in New England have already been cancelled, even the events later in the year are in doubt. Our T-Party planning session was cancelled, which has saved us from having to cancel any events this year as we didn't have any planned! Until we have a better vision of how this is all going to play out, there doesn't seem like there is any reason to plan anything right now. That doesn't mean you can't get out and get the wind in your hair when the weather warms, call it therapy. As Chuck Berry sang, you can head out "with no particular place to go", just make sure you social distance and don't congregate. I know I'm itching to put a few miles on my new wheels & tires this year.

Keep calm and carry on, this too shall pass.

**Safety Fast!**

## Chairman's Cable



### ***British Car Movies to Binge Watch with your Quarantini***

**This sucks.** There, now I feel better. That said, I truly cannot complain. So far I have not lost my job (thanks to the modern phenomenon of the “New Normal” that is Telework), nor, more importantly, have I, nor my family, been personally touched by death and loss caused by COVID-19. For any of you grieving, my MG friends, who *have lost* a loved one or friend to this hellish scourge, I am so very deeply sorry. Let us remember, despite our practiced social distancing, that we can still love one another, and love one another well.

**Her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Address—“We Will Meet Again”.** A proper message of hope and indomitable resolve for all Citizens of the Realm and Faithful British Car Enthusiasts:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-52176222>



With that seriously somber, sad, yet necessary declaration of solidarity out of the way, I won't feel so guilty for turning to lighter distractions.

Please know that it is not my intent to make light of our shared difficult situation or in any way trivialize the very real pain and loss we all share in these most uncommon and difficult times.



So, how can we keep ourselves occupied with all this extra time at home? I can only clean and tidy up my shop workbench so many times in a week. Therefore, I have taken to a little extra “sofa time” with my iPad to see what The World has to offer by way of entertaining videos. Here are a few ideas for you.

**Sir Stirling Moss Documentaries.** The recent loss of this motorsport hero has given rise to many fans sharing worthwhile videos of this legendary racer. These two documentaries, one with a young racer looking forward to more of his future greatness, and the second with an elder statesman of the sport, looking back on his life with motorsport, capture the beginnings and later unexpected journeys of his life story.

From *Bring-a-Trailer*:

<https://tinyurl.com/y8x4sfgm>

A *Fine Reflective Sir Stirling Moss Documentary with Sir Patrick Stewart*:

<https://tinyurl.com/ydeevesb>

How to guarantee "Social Distance" from your fellow MG Brethren (or at least put extra distance between you and the grimy road):



**A Nice Documentary About MG Origins with Some Nice Abingdon Factory Footage and Speed Trials Film Clips -- "Great Cars: MG"**

<https://youtu.be/MLVVlasW7to>

50 Ways To Survive Coronavirus  
Stay in your flat, Pat,  
Don't visit your nan, Stan,  
Don't buy all the bread, Ted,  
Just listen to me,  
Don't hop on the bus, Gus,  
Don't hoard all the cous cous,  
Leave some bogroll for me, Lee,  
And maybe some brie.

And I came across this in-car video posted to one of the triumph discussion boards:

John Linney, one of the guys in the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club, wanted to try out a new camera the other week which records 360 degrees in all directions, meaning not only front to back, but to the sky and straight down. He mounted a 5-6 foot pole to the side of a roll

bar with the camera on top, and somehow the software stitches the front and back facing videos together, it erases the pole! If you look closely you can see the mount on the side the roll bar, but that's it. Kind of cool technology.

<https://tinyurl.com/y9fzs2wl>



And finally, click this for a smile. My FIAT 124-owning friend, Steve Lichty, who also sings a hearty sea-shanty, sent me this. His group, **The Portermen**, have now done a "Virtual Shanty!"

<https://tinyurl.com/y7pn3a2n>

Have fun and stay safe out there!



--Charles

## Sir Stirling Moss



Chances are, if you drive a British sports car (or German, Italian, Japanese etc.) you know a bit about sports car racing and drivers. In my case, as a boy I followed Jim Clark and the Lotus team of Colin Chapman, posting pictures from Road & Track all over my bedroom. I remember crying when I learned Clark had died racing in Germany. There was never a question that when I bought my first car it would be a British sport car, which turned out to be a 1968 MGB. As the years went by I followed many other great drivers, Jackie Stewart, Niki Lauda, Michael Schumacher, all brilliant drivers of course, but I couldn't help

but notice that as technology increased it began to be the car design and not so much the driver that insured success. Would Michael Schumacher have won five consecutive F1 World Championships if he had been driving for another team other than Ferrari?

I couldn't help thinking about great race car drivers this week when I heard that Sir Stirling Moss had died. I was too young to have seen him racing but I've read enough books, either about him or about some of the races he was in, to understand he was a great driver. In fact, in my opinion he is part of the triumvirate of the greatest drivers of all time. Stirling Moss, Juan Manuel Fangio and Tazio Nuvolari are the names by which all others should be judged, and out of those three, perhaps Stirling



Moss stands alone. All the greats could win no matter what car they drove, and Stirling Moss demonstrated that throughout his career. In 14 years of racing he drove 84 different makes of car, competing in as many as 62 races a year! In that time he won 212 times out of 529 races entered, to include 16 Formula 1 Grand Prix races. That total would have been considerably higher had he chosen to drive for big successful teams, however, he seemed to revel in a "David v Goliath" mentality, finding much satisfaction in beating far more powerful competition in inferior racing machines. He preferred to race British cars, stating, "Better to lose honorably in a British car than win in a foreign one." He raced and won with Vanwall, Cooper, and Jaguar. He

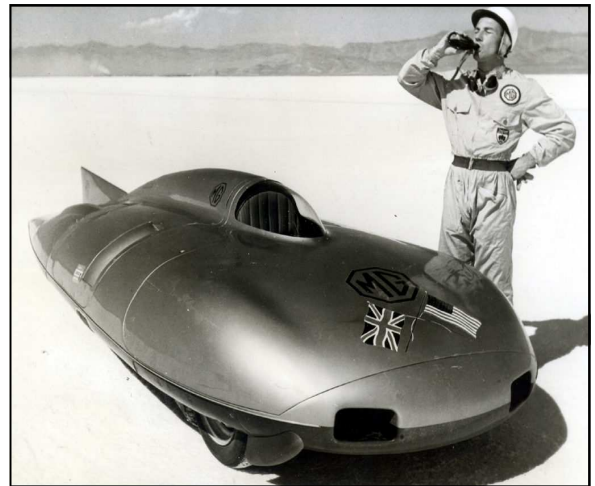
even won the 12 hours of Sebring in a 1.5 liter OSCA!



Moss was fearless on a race course, his philosophy was always that he would rather lose a race driving fast enough to win, than win a race driving slow enough to lose. "I am a racer, I'm not a driver," he stressed, with careful distinction. When Moss did race with well established factory supported teams, he was almost unbeatable. In 1955 he signed on with Mercedes Benz and won the British Grand Prix leading Mercedes to a 1-2-3-4 finish! As good as he was in F1 with Mercedes; in sports cars he was frequently untouchable. While he might not have been able to match the great Fangio, whom he revered, when they were F1 team-mates at Mercedes-Benz, he had the Argentine's measure in the MB 300SLR

sport car. That year he was instrumental in the marque winning the World Sports Car Championship, thanks to his brilliant victories on the Mille Miglia with Denis Jenkinson, and in the Targa Florio with Peter Collins. He also dominated the Tourist Trophy. When Moss was in a sports car, the only time he was beaten was by unreliability.

Amazingly, Moss held a slew of International speed records also. At the Autodrome de Montlhéry, a steeply banked oval track near Paris, Moss and Leslie Johnson took turns at the wheel of a Jaguar XK120 to average 107.46 mph for 24 hours, including stops for fuel and tires. Changing drivers every three hours, they covered a total of 2579.16 miles. It was the first time a production car had averaged over 100 mph for 24



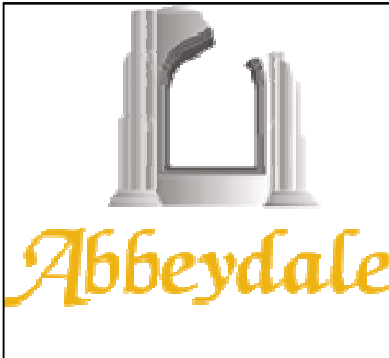
hours. In 1952, revisiting Montlhéry, Moss was one of a four-driver team who drove a factory-owned Jaguar XK120 fixed-head coupé for 7 days and nights. Moss, Johnson, Bert Hadley and Jack Fairman averaged 100.31 mph to take four World records and five International Class C records, and covered a total of 16,851.73 miles. He even raced at the Bonneville Salt Flats and achieved a Class F World Speed Record, driving a supercharged 1500cc MG to 245.64 mph. Few others can lay claim to such all around versatility.

In 1962, he crashed his Lotus heavily at Goodwood. The accident put him in a coma for a month, and for six months the left side of his body was partially paralyzed. He recovered, but retired from professional racing after a private test session in a Lotus 19 the following year, when he lapped a few tenths of a second slower than before. He felt he had not regained his previously instinctive command of the car. It was said at the time that Stirling Moss at 90% could outdrive almost everyone else on the F1 circuit. I tend to agree!

Rest well Sir Stirling; you've taken your final checkered flag.

# The Ales of the United Kingdom

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Queen Victoria



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Duck Baffler is a pale beer with light, passion fruit and lemon aromas and flavors. Made with 100% low color Maris Otter malt and the fabulous Citra hops from North America. Dry hopped with even more Citra for good measure! A refreshing bitter finish, big on citrus hop flavors with lemon and passion fruit dominating. This always flies out of the brewery, like a baffled duck. Citra hops are one of the most flavorful hops around and give wonderful fresh and intense hop.

Source: <https://www.abbeydalebrewery.co.uk/>

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