



WAMGOC

Newsletter

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**The beautiful Chateau Chenonceau
stretches across the river Cher.**

WAMGOC Website

www.wamgoc.co.uk

**Welcome to the Menidicino family and their MG to WAMGOC.
We hope you get a lot of pleasure from both your car and the club.**

Keith's Bit

Octagonal Run 2010

This years Octagonal Run is fast approaching. August 15th is the day.

The start this year will be from the Lambert Arms, Aston Rowant, with the lunchtime destination being the Cotswold Wild Life Park, Burford. This completes the Octagonal Run, but a route will be provided back to the Lambert Arms if you wish to end the day with an evening meal.

This event is in aid of this year's WAMGOC charity, The Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust which provides a life saving service 365 days a year, covering the three counties of Berks, Bucks and Oxon.

Stan has again produced an interesting and picturesque route for us.

We have a few places left so please book now and come and join us for what we hope will be an enjoyable day.

Our local area **Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club** are holding their annual **BBQ** at the Wycombe Height's Golf Club on the Tuesday 17th August and Tim and Alan their secretaries, have invited us to join them again this year.

The format for the evening is 'Bonnets Up', so please bring as many MG's as possible.

The golf club are organizing the BBQ and knowing their quality the food will be excellent as well as good value at £10.95 each.

All you need to do is let me have your name and a cheque by our meeting on the 4th August at the latest.

BBQ Menu

6oz Burger/Cheeseburger

Jacket Potato with Butter

Marinated Chicken Wings

Mixed Salads

Hotdogs

Fried onions

£10.95 Per Person.

Bloodhound SSC

A letter and flyer from Roger Boys of the MGB Register.

Hello

I would like to enlist your assistance in spreading the word about an event being promoted by the MGB Register of the MG Car Club in October 2010.

The enclosed flyer provides full details of the MGB Register lecture due to take place on Thursday 7th October in Abingdon, it features Andy Green the current World Land Speed Record Holder talking about the Bloodhound project which aims to take the Land Speed record to 1000mph - some challenge.

If you could let your members know about the event it would be very much appreciated. Tickets are limited therefore if your members would like to attend please do not delay too long.

Many thanks for your support.

Roger Boys

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MGB Register.

Letter From Ron Baker.

Hello Folks.....my late Son Ian was a member of WAMGOC.

I am selling off a lot of his MG stuff at home in our garage in Flackwell Heath.

Donations from this will go to the WAMGOC designated charity.

We have already sent around £2000 to Help for Heroes, the RNLI.

Midget Mk 3 1275 parts. Prices....come, look and talk...

Engine, Gearbox, Rad, Pedal Box,

Diff (gear damage) ok for part ex.,

Rear bumpers

L/H Drive headlights. Speedo, Rev Counter, Voltmeter,

Hood frame with "poor" hood, Lots of small parts.....

Also.....

4 MGB Wheels and good tyres (two pairs) please just take them away....

New MGB GT Rear "boot" Cover

Lots of MG Books, Workshop Manuals....

Please call contact me if you want to know more....

Ron Baker (Dad).

70 Straight Bit

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Future dates

August.

Sun 1st Malvern Classic Car Show
Wed 4th Monthly Meeting at The Gate.
Sun 15th WAMGOC Octagonal Run.
Tue 17th Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club BBQ at Wycombe Height's Golf Club.

Sept.

Wed 1st Monthly Meeting at The Gate.
Sun 5th W Sussex South Downs Run.
Friday 11th /14th WAMGOC weekend, North Yorkshire Moors.
25-26th Cop Hill Climb Princes Risborough
26th Sept Lunch followed by Canal Boat Cruise.

Oct.

Wed 6th Monthly Meeting at The Gate
Card Sale (see note)

Nov.

Wed 3rd AGM & Monthly Meeting at The Gate.

Dec.

Wed 1st Christmas Quiz & Monthly Meeting at The Gate

Sale of Xmas Goods.

Janet has arranged to have a range of Christmas Cards, Wrapping Paper, and other Christmas Accessories available for sale at the October meeting. This is a charity operation, our charity will get 10% of sale value, so please wait until then and buy lots.

Visit to Cognac

We were invited to join some friends from Yorkshire with MGs on a trip to the Cognac region of France. The weather could have been better but we had a fantastic time and would recommend our hosts Sally & Peter Yik who made us most welcome in their 200 year old farmhouse La

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Maison des Grands Bambous complete with heated swimming pool and hot tub.

Sally was an excellent cook and fed us all exceedingly well while Peter did an excellent job of keeping our glasses filled, usually when we were busy chatting and not looking. The local MG club had left details of a local drive and Sally arranged a visit to the local vineyard to see how the local Pineau and Cognac are made and of course a little tasting, with the advice to stick to the speed limit and the back roads for our return journey.

This was an excellent place for group or family holidays as well as individuals with options of Self-catering, Bed and Breakfast or B & B and evening meal.

Further details can be found on their website www.cognac-country.com.

Shirley & Dave

Canal Boat Cruise/Pub Lunch on Sunday 26th September

As promised I have now arranged our outing to the Grand Union Canal for the above date. The boat will leave from :-

Pitstone Wharf, Cheddington Road, Pitstone, LU7 9AD .

The boat will depart at 2.30 pm. and the cruise will last for approximately 90minutes. Tea/coffee/bar will be available on board

Cost: Adult £7.75. Concessions £7.25.
Children £4.50.

We have found a suitable pub that we can meet at for lunch before driving to Pitstone Wharf for the cruise, 2 min drive. Of course, you are very welcome to picnic or whatever and join us at 2.30pm at the wharf.

If you would like to join on this WAMGOC adventure! Please complete the attached form and send to Mrs. A. Magee, 31, Spinfield Mount, Marlow SL7 2JU together with cheque for the appropriate amount a.s.a.p.. Friends and family are most welcome to join us.

We have had a very good response for this event, so it is definitely on.

Canal Boat Cruise 26th September 2.30 pm.

Name.....

Address.....

No of seats required

For those who would like a pub lunch before the boat trip we have reserved tables at

The Old Swan, High Street Cheddington, LU7 0RQ. For 12 noon.

As this is a popular eating-place on Sundays it is necessary for us to give exact numbers, select our food from the menu and give the pub a £5. per head deposit beforehand.

I will have menu details available at the August and September meetings for those interested to complete and return to me. Angela M.

Oh dear, how not to promote your product!



In case it is not legible, it says “We’re bringing oil to American shores.

France before and after Dissay.

France is a big country, and although Dissay and the Loir are in the northern one third of the country it is still a long way from Calais.

There are two ways to reduce the pain, one is to use a longer sea crossing, or alternatively break the journey with an overnight stop.

Which route you choose is down to preference and cost. We chose to break the journey; opting for a two night break in the Dieppe area.



Dieppe inner harbour.

This area was for many years ruled by the English and in the 20th century was very popular with British tourists.

Today the majority of tourists come to see the sad sight of the war graves of two world wars.

The country, and coastline are quite beautiful in a rather English way and they love their gardens.

We spent one day in and around the town of Dieppe and visiting the quaint seaside resorts nearby.

The second day was spent working our way slowly south to the Loir, over the Seine at Pont De Bretonne, through Normandy heading towards Le Mans. Soon we were creeping down the Mulssanne straight nose to tail with the rush hour traffic.

Shortly afterwards we were in Dissey and meeting the rest of the gang.

Nothing seemed to have changed since last year; Marie Claire greeted us as if only one night had passed rather than one year.

The week rushed by doing tourist things, our highlight was probably the visit to Chateau Chenonceau, see front cover.

The building, the gardens, and the run to the extreme east of Touraine added up to a day to remember.

All too soon the week was over and it was time for the party to end, Angela and I waved goodbye to the others and set off to visit our friends in their farmhouse south of Tours.



Roger leads the convoy back home.

Along the way we called in at Chateau Langeais. This imposing castle in the centre of the town is a proper fighting building rather than the castellated 5 star hotels that a lot of chateaux represented. Inside it is austere and functional but very interesting, (by today’s UK Health and Safety standards it should not be open to the public).



View from a bridge in Langeais town.



A show garden in Chateau Chaumont.

On arriving at La Fouet we discovered a major problem, while our friends were in England a huge colony of bees had set up home in the window of a barn.

After two days a man appeared and exterminated them, an hour later we found out that a man in the village would have removed them and put them to work. C'est la vie.



Chateau Chaumont.

Again the week was filled with touristy things but at a slower pace, visits to more chateaux, gardens, beautiful villages and countryside.

We made our now obligatory visit to Domaine Du Petit Bondieu to restock our cellar with Rose and Red wine. On Monday we had a memorable full “French Lunch” to celebrate our wedding anniversary,

As with the first week it flew by, and it was time to return to England, just to make us feel real bad about it as we drove to Calais the Brits and their classic cars were coming south to Le Mans for the Classic Le Mans weekend.



A pair of tidy ACs en route to Le Mans.



The sun lights the way to England.

Another enjoyable fortnight, next year?

Pictures mainly by Ang. Ramblings by Arf.

A big thanks to Roy Richardson and Ann who stood in to edit last months Newsletter.

Not only were they fresh back from France but were also “on show” at the Dog Show.

Well done and thanks. Arf.



ANDY GREEN



MGB REGISTER LECTURE

THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER 2010

Organised by the MGB Register of the MG Car Club.

Supported by Moss-Europe

BLOODHOUND SSC.

at

AMEY THEATRE, ABINGDON SCHOOL, ABINGDON
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~ doors open 6.30 for 7.30 start ~



The inaugural lecture in the newly announced series promoted by the MGB Register will feature Andy Green, the current World Land Speed record holder in Thrust SSC who has agreed to come and talk to us about Bloodhound SSC the latest project that he is associated with.

This is one of the great British engineering projects of this new century; it is a serious attempt to break the 1000mph barrier on land. The project has the additional objective to inspire the next generation of engineers while keeping the record in Britain. The project is now beginning to pick up momentum as major sponsors come on board. Andy will enthral the audience with tales of record breaking attempts, he also holds the World Land Speed Record for diesel driven cars, and will tell his audience about Bloodhound SSC and the technical challenges to be faced.

**This is a unique opportunity to hear the inside story of one of mans greatest challenges,
and ask questions of a man who makes you proud to be British.**

