

MG80

A worldwide celebration of the founding of the MG Car Club



Bulletin 2

| September 2010

Dear Colleague

As October 16/17 gets ever nearer we wanted to give you an update of where we stand. At the time of writing 29 clubs have signed up, ranging from New Zealand to Alaska and all points in between. On the next page is a list of clubs who are joining you in this unique event.

The most innovative event

As more and more clubs have signed up and told us of their plans for an event, we felt that it would be rather nice if we awarded a prize for the most unusual and innovative happening. In the spirit of this event it would be difficult to present an actual award or trophy, so we thought a 'virtual' prize which could be collected from anywhere around the world would be appropriate. Bearing this in mind the winning club will receive a voucher to purchase goods to the value of £100 from Kimber Stores.

Some events clubs are holding

The two Denmark clubs are joining forces to hold a run through Denmark and then to Abingdon to present a trophy commemorating the date. The Northern Centre in Pretoria are holding their Jacaranda Run and are planning cameras along the route to capture the procession. The Wellington New Zealand Centre are planning a sunrise event on top of a Te Mata Peak which is the first place in the world to see the sun.

Founding documents

We are celebrating 80 years of the founding of the MGCC, and we felt that you may like to read some of the contemporary documents of the time, including the letter which started it all. See the attached page of the timeline of the contemporary letters. Thank you for your contribution to this event and we are all looking forward to an exciting weekend.

Best regards
The MG80 Team

Technology update

The time line is being continually updated showing all the registered clubs and their locations. If you go to the [MG80 Google map and timeline](#) you will see a pin for your club with its logo, where we have been able to find a file of it on the web, and a link on the pin to your club's web site. We have also made sure that the timeline passes through your club's location or the location of the event you are holding. What we want to do is to encourage you to modify this pin and its location where needed, add information about your event to your own website, and then link this to 'your' pin on the MG80 map. We think it a good idea that we get used to the technology before the day! For clubs intending to upload videos, we would suggest that these are limited to 5 minutes in duration. If you need any help with any of this, please email the MG80 event team.

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List of clubs entered for the event



Europe

MG Car Club Caledonian Centre
MG Car Club South East Centre
MG Car Club Tyne Tees Centre
MG Car Club Lincolnshire Centre
MG Car Club Abingdon Works Centre
MG Car Club Yorkshire Centre
MG Car Club Luxembourg
MG Car Club Danish Centre
MG Car Club Denmark

South Africa

MG Car Club South Cape Centre
MG Car Club Northern Centre in Pretoria

Australia

MG Car Club South Australia
MG Car Club Queensland
MG Car Club Sydney
MG Car Club Canberra
MG Car Club Wagga Wagga New South Wales
MG Car Club of Tasmania
Gold Coast MG Car Club

New Zealand

MG Car Club Auckland
MG Car Club Otago
MG Car Club Wellington
MG Car Club Canterbury

Asia

MG Car Club of Hong Kong

Canada

MG Car Club Toronto
Ottawa MG Club

USA

MG Club of St Louis
Tidewater MG Classic Virginia
MGs of Baltimore
MG Car Club Houston
South Eastern MGT Register
MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre
Illinois Flat Land British Car Club

South America

MG Car Club de Argentina

Updates

For updates to this list and to see the latest news on the MG80 event, go to the MG80 Updates web page - <http://www.mgcc.co.uk/mg-80-updates.html>

The start of it all ...

5 September 1930

The original letter to The Light Car by Roy Marsh proposing an M. G. car club for Midget enthusiasts

The Light Car
and Gazette

OUR READERS' OPINIONS (contd.).

Why Not An M.G. Club?

Being a very interested reader of *The Light Car and Cyclist*, I notice that a number of one-make clubs have been formed lately with very satisfactory results. Now Midget

enthusiasts, what about an M.G. car club? There are hundreds of you and surely some very enjoyable social runs and trials could be arranged. Perhaps M.G. owners would let me have their opinions on the idea.

Chalfont, 19, Roseligh Avenue, Roy Marsh.
Highbury, London, N.8.

12 September 1930

... and a letter of support from Norman S. Eames

Club for M.G. Owners.

May I be allowed to support the suggestion made by Mr. R. Marsh in your correspondence columns last week, namely, that an M.G. Club be formed? Every week one sees more

and more M.G.s on the road and I feel sure that all owners of these cars who are keen motorists will welcome the suggestion. I have written to Mr. Marsh and I hope other M.G. owners will do the same so that the formation of a club will not be long delayed.

Perhaps then we can have the great clash—the M.G. Midget versus the Austin Seven—each club taking it in turn to organize a trial or similar sporting event. Now then, you Midget owners, rally round and get this club going. Incidentally, I have a vacant seat in my M.G. for anyone who wishes to travel from London to Exeter on September 14th. This is rather short notice, I know, but I should like some company.

NORMAN S. EAMES.
5, Alton Road, Goodmayes, Ilford, Essex.

7 October 1930

John Thornley writes to The Motor after the initial meeting setting up the club

The Motor

An M.G. Car Club.

I wish to inform owners of M.G. cars that a club has been formed in their interest. I shall be pleased to meet them particulars, together with a membership form.

72, Streathbourne Road, JOHN W. THORNLEY,
London, S.W.17.

26 September 1930

Roy Marsh writes to The Light Car asking for publicity by referencing the formation of the club

A Club for M.G. Owners.

A NOTE from Mr. Roy Marsh, who had a letter in the correspondence columns of the Issue dated September 5th, tells me that the proposal he then made for the formation of an M.G. club is making splendid headway. Mr. Marsh says: "May we take the liberty of asking you if you could possibly assist us in the formation of such a club by making a reference to it in 'Rish Mixture'? We feel that you must be as enthusiastic over this sporting little car as we are and that you would be only too glad to help us in this way."

Of course, it will be the greatest possible pleasure to help in any way I can. The all-important matter in the meantime is for keen M.G. owners to get in touch with Mr. Roy Marsh, Chalfont, 19, Roseligh Avenue, Highbury, London, N.8, or with Mr. Norman S. Eames, 5, Alton Road, Goodmayes, Ilford, Essex. I understand that they have already heard from a number of readers and that they have now begun to make plans for a preliminary meeting.



'Great enthusiasm was evinced at the inaugural rally ...'

10 October 1930

... and The Light Car publicises

12 October 1930 as the first public meeting of the club

An M.G. Club.

Readers of this journal who are owners of M.G. Midgets will be interested to hear that a club has now been formed for owners of these popular sports cars. There will be an inaugural meeting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 12th, at the Roebuck Inn, Broadwater, near Stevenage, on the Great North Road, and all those interested are invited to attend.

17 October 1930

The Light Car reports on the inaugural rally of the M.G. Car Club on 12 October 1930 at which 'great enthusiasm was evinced'

The M.G. Car Club.

Great enthusiasm was evinced at the inaugural rally of the newly formed M.G. Car Club, which was held at the Roebuck Inn, Broadwater, near Stevenage, on Sunday last. Over 30 cars turned up—most of them Midgets—and an informal meeting was held. The hon. secretary, Mr. John W. Thornley, 72, Streathbourne Road, London, S.W.17, announced that he had approached Mr. Cecil Kimber, managing director of The M.G. Car Co., Ltd., who had promised the club his full support and consented to become president; needless to say, he was unanimously elected. A committee was then elected, a badge design decided upon, and other matters such as subscriptions and so on settled. The gathering then sat down to an enjoyable tea, the party afterwards breaking up and going their several ways.

M.G. owners should note that the subscription has been fixed at 15s. per annum (no entrance fee), with a badge fee of 5s. Full details will gladly be sent to prospective members by the hon. secretary.