



Hello and Welcome

to the British Sports Car Hall of Fame,
here in Petersburg, Virginia. I am Arlene Boscarino. It is a great pleasure to be with you. It is an honor to accept this award on behalf of Tom. Thank you to the British Sports Car Hall of Fame and to all of those who made this possible.

Tom Boscarino was a man with many interests and hobbies. He enjoyed researching ancestors and photography. He collected coins, stamps, model MG cars and numerous other items; and, he saved everything. I even found in his desk the little slip of paper I gave him with my telephone number on the night we met in 1968.

In 1975, he told me he wanted to pursue a new hobby. He wanted to restore one of those cute little MGs from the 50s with the donut wheel on the back. Little did I realize to what this would lead. I could not believe my eyes when he pulled up in front of the house towing this rolling chassis filled with doors, fenders, and pieces of I don't know what. But he started from the bottom up, even engaging me to help move the chassis out from the garage into the yard so he could sandblast. He wanted this car to be original, like new, and he researched and searched for all the right parts. He did all the mechanical work. It turned out to be a beautiful and prize winning car. That 1953 beautiful, red MG-TD was only the beginning of many projects to come.

Tom restored 2 MG-TDs and 2 MG-YTs. In the late 1970s he acquired his beloved 1968 sandy beige MGC GT. There was limited production of this six-cylinder sports car made in 1967-69. Unlike the New England MG 'T' Register and the North American MGB Register, there was not much technical information, owner support and parts availability. So, in 1980, Tom started the American MGC Register. It was a one man operation, gathering tech articles, tips, and information, typing, editing, copying, collating and mailing. It was the beginning of MGC meets across the United States, Canada and even to the United Kingdom for the 25th anniversary of the MGC; and, also the beginning of many wonderful and lasting friendships.

For many years, Tom was an active member of the New England MG 'T' Register and the American MGB Register. He was a key organizer and founder of the North American Council of MG Registers. This multi-council was organized to coordinate activities and host events every 5 years. Tom was Registrar and Treasurer of the first event in 1996 which took place at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. There were over 1500 MGs and 3,000 attendees.

In 2002, Tom was presented with the MG Drivers Club's Cecil Kimber Enthusiast Award for his Chairmanship of the American MGC Register and his role in "International MG Indy '96". The North American MGB Register presented him with the John Thornley MG Spirit Trophy. Tom was a leading voice in the American MG community.

After 20 years as Chairman of the American MGC Register, Tom stepped down, but not without leaving it in the hands of two very capable members. Keith Sanders took the reins for several years and in 2012 Richard Stephenson stepped in; and, the AMGCR has been continuing in the tradition of its founder. I know Tom would be proud that his legacy continues.

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