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*A Rowdie Kind Of Christmas
in Chelsea-see page 9*



**Rowdies Christmas Party
A Chili-Willy Cookoff
Larry Pittman's Award
Plan For MG2026!**



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History: The Chapter was established August 14, 1976. It was NAMGAR's first chapter. We are a low-key club, dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of our MGAs. Anyone is welcome to join our chapter and they are asked to join NAMGAR as well.

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Letters

Tire Shop Tip

This is the shop I used for removing the used up Kumho tires from my wire wheel hub mini-lites. Owner said he has done wire wheels forever and I did see a set over by the balancer so, maybe they spin balance wires as well.

John Alexander

Haiku For The North



"Cold weather: So nice
With warm fire in the fireplace
Outside is the ice."

John Alexander

50 years with MGAs

"Hi Ken, Nice to see you at the MAD DOGS Meet. I recall you asking me if I had won something at GT-50 with my car. I recall I mentioned I had received the GT-50 FIRST GT members award for GT-1 at Harper's Ferry. I did and it was very nice. At that time I had not received the award for 1st place Twin Cam because it was sent all the way to my winter address in Florida, and then



returned to sender, and finally to me in Michigan. I have to say it, of all the awards I have received for that MGA and other vehicles and boats, it is the most rewarding as well as the nicest award of all of them. I did receive 1st

MG Twin Cam Award the first year I showed it at Morgantown after completion of the restoration but this award for attending the first GT far outshines it, for me anyway. Thanks for asking about it and give my regards to the award committee. Well Done."

Doug Kniff

Rowdie Tools Available to Borrow

Attached is an updated Rowdie Tool Chest list. There are several items on the list that I can't vouch for. Hopefully, they are still out there somewhere. If you come across one of them, let me know.

In the same vein, there are several Rowdies who have lifts in their garages who have offered them to be loaned for club members. I think in most cases this would be a project where you could drive your car there, work on it, and drive it home. Rick Thalmann is one of those, but he also has other specialty tools that someone might want to borrow. If you have a project like that which would benefit from the use of a lift, I urge you to call around and see what can be arranged. It could be a good excuse for a Rowdie Day in the Garage.

By the way, driving season is not over until the salt flies. So, bundle up and get out there.

Member Owned	
A-Antics newsletters, Volume 1, Number 1 to current	Dave Quinn
Reamer for front end distance tubes	Mark Barnhart
Cones for balancing wire wheels	Jerry Jesion
Binding machine, as used to produce the A-Antics tech manual	Jeff Zorn
Club Owned & Member Storing	
Rear axle nut wrench	Curt Smith
Pylons, about 25 traffic cones of various sizes	?
Lift-a-Dot fastener and punch set	?
Three large wood octagon signs made by Herb Hasencleaver	Bill Weakley
Front end alignment tool, electronic	Dave Smith
Steering rack shim wrenches made by Neil Griffin	Dave Smith
MGA shaped car show signs, silhouette for each model, with base and stands	Steve Holliday
Club banner, royal blue with white letters and red MGA	Bill Weakley
Transmission seal extractor for removing the rear bushing in early transmissions with slide in driveshaft	Mark Barnhart
VHS video: "50 Years of British Racing"	Dave Smith

Safety Fast, Chairman Bill

PS Rick Thalmann also has machine shop bore & depth gauges, precision micrometers, piston groove cleaners, engine hoist, valve spring compressors, cylinder hones, ultrasonic cleaner, one-man brake bleeder kit, static wheel balancer that he is willing is willing to lend also.



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MG INTERNATIONAL 2026 SANDUSKY, OHIO - AUGUST 24-27, 2026

From the MG Council/Bruce Mann

Every five years, the four primary MG Registers in North America (MMM, MGT, MGA and MGB) come together for a combined show and 2026 will be that event. We are making plans for 750 to 1,000 MGs (and other British) to make a huge appearance on Ohio's "North Coast" and at our host hotel – Kalahari Resort and Conference Center.

To kick off things, we will be offering a 2-1/2-hour dinner cruise on Lake Erie on Sunday night beginning at 6:00pm, so you might want to consider arriving early on Sunday to take advantage of this trip.

Kalahari is just south of downtown Sandusky, on Sandusky Bay of Lake Erie, then the Ohio islands are a short 20-minute ferry ride from several ferry docks in the area. You can either take the Jet-Express passenger ferry to the islands, or if you want to take your car, you can take the Miller Ferry to South Bass Island and the Village of Put-in-Bay – often referred to as "The Key West of the North". Miller Ferry offers passenger-only service too.

If you take your car, we'll have lots of driving activities planned. But if you decide not to take your car, once on the island, you can rent a bike, or a golf cart, to explore the island. We even have planned an Island Scavenger Hunt, which you can do in your car or golf-cart, if that's your chosen mode of transportation. In either case, we'll have discounted tickets for both passengers and vehicles available.

Just east of South Bass is near Kelley's Island, which is slightly larger but a little quieter and has a lower key, but still very interesting. The exposed glacial grooves are huge.

For those who prefer to explore we have several drives planned to range from 20 miles to 150 miles (round trip) which include wineries, breweries, a driving tour to five lighthouses, plus several historical sites including Thomas Edison's birthplace and museum, in the village of Milan.

We also have planned a motorcoach trip to Cleveland to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and several mini-bus trips to some Sandusky area attractions. These include a city tour, several museums, a winery and a brewery. So, for those couples who may have different interests on a particular day, you are not grounded at Kalahari with "no

wheels" to take you there. And with the winery and brewery, no concern with enjoying yourself, then driving back to Kalahari. Most of these events will be offered over several days or evenings.

Does walking down the deck and visiting the inside of a 625-foot-long lake freighter interest you? We'll have tours to the National Museum of the Great Lakes where you can tour the Col. James Schoonmaker and the adjacent maritime museum.

Did you enjoy M.A.S.H. when it was on TV several years ago? Not too far from the museum is Tony Paco's, which was a restaurant that Klinger regularly referred to. There you can stop and enjoy their famous Hungarian food and gaze at all the signed hot-dog buns by hundreds of famous people. You can't miss Tony Paco's if you're this close.

John Twist is assembling a comprehensive list of tech sessions with excellent presenters, including a few by John himself, including his legendary "Rolling Tech Session" on Thursday morning.

The car show for this year's international event has been moved from the traditional Thursday to Wednesday to give us an alternate rain date of Thursday, if needed. The car show will be held within a few minutes' drive from the hotel. On Thursday afternoon will be the very popular "Talking Tour of MGs" where several MGs from each of the Registers will be on display in one of the exhibit halls and you'll be able learn about the MG Marque from the MMM's right through the post-Abingdon models, all in one two-hour session.

This year there will be an all "Hospitality Suite" where old friends can meet new friends, and enjoy time together, while relaxing and having a beverage. This will make the first all hospitality gathering at an all-mg event and represents a collaborative effort to get all the registers together for some social time.

There will also be nautical themed sessions talking about shipwrecks and recoveries in Lake Erie and other bodies of water, and a class on making nautical themed artwork with shells, glass and other items you can take home. We're also planning to offer baking classes right in Kalahari's expansive kitchen. This is an event you won't want to miss since this only happens every five years.

Registration at: mginternational2026.org

Bruce Mann, Chairman NAMGAR
North American Council of MG Registers:

North American MMM Register
New England MGT Register
North American MGA Register
North American MGB Register



Chairman's Chatter

Here we are well into winter. Even though winter doesn't start by the calendar until December 21st, we've had a couple weeks of very wintry weather and snow. All three of my MGs are up on jack stands with wheels off and battery maintainers plugged in. Having a well-lit, heated garage certainly takes the sting out of winter, but I really miss driving my MGs. I do enjoy working on them, but driving them is better. I just have to think ahead to spring and get the cars ready to drive.

I have projects on all three cars, in addition to doing normal maintenance. I already changed all the oil and filters and have taken the waste oil and filters to the recycle center. Having the cars on stands makes it easy to do brake work, suspension lubrication, fluid changes and other under-carriage work. It also means that the tires won't be flat-spotted. Cleaning wire wheels is also much easier when they are off the car. Of course, some parts of the engine compartment are harder to reach with the car raised, but I have several milk crates that make good platforms to stand on. So, I don't have to worry about having something to do. Since the only winter sport I still participate in is shoveling the driveway, it's good to have my garage always waiting for me.

We had a great time at the Rowdie Christmas Party. I don't remember what the attendance figure was, but it was down a bit from recent years. Of course, the highlight of the day, as always, was the gift



Bill's 'Happy Garage'

exchange. I don't think there were as many steals as in the past, although a couple items were stolen more than once. I noticed more bottles of whiskey and other hard liquor as gifts. I hadn't previously noticed that the club had graduated from beer to hard stuff. I do think that the general quality and cost of gifts have gone up over the years.

Mary Ellen and I presented a little song about auto restoration, a parody on the Sondheim song, Putting it Together. The song finished with the unveiling of a large photo of Dave Quinn's MGA. Our singing group, Etcetera, had prepared this song the year after GT-40 but had never been able to present it after we had to cancel a gig due to illnesses. So as

Chairman, I decided to do it at the party without consulting the party hosts or anyone else. Being Chairman has some privileges, at least until I am deposed.

And that brings up the fact that the next business meeting will mark ten years since I was elected Chairman. I really think it's time to let someone else have this

privilege. I really don't mind doing the job of Chairman. The only regular chore is writing this column. Mostly, I just recap recent events and ramble on about what I am doing with my MGs. I don't know if anyone enjoys my column, but no one has complained to my face, at least. In any case, it really is time for someone else to have a turn.

I am writing this the week before Christmas, so I hope everyone will have a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy year to come.

Safety fast, Chairman Bill

Len Renkenberger Spirit Award

Our very own Larry Pittman was selected by the Michigan Rowdies to receive the Len Renkenberger Spirit Award and this was presented to him at the annual Christmas Party Dec 7, 2025 by Chairman Bill Weakley. The award is named after Len and Ruth Renkenberger and represents recognition of a member who has carried their dedication and vision to the mission of NAMGAR and preservation of their local club and the MGA automobile. This award was started in 2008 and nominees are selected by their local club. One award may be given every 3 years to any individual club and there may be more than one club included at a year. The criteria and basis for this award are presented by NAMGAR as:

The Renkenberger Spirit Award has been established to ensure those Chapter or Interest Group members who are enthusiastic supporters and promoters of their Chapter, Interest Group, and indirectly NAMGAR, are properly recognized.

This Spirit Award is named for NAMGAR co-founding members, Len and Ruth Renkenberger, in recognition of their vision and dedication towards the NAMGAR mission, for their role as early supporters of local Chapters, and as individuals whose contributions are still reflected in the character of NAMGAR today. The Renkenberger Spirit Award will be initiated at the local Chapter or Interest Group level

and be awarded to Chapter or Interest Group members who meet the criteria for the award as determined by their Chapter, Interest Group and NAMGAR guidelines as listed below. NAMGAR provides the award at no cost to qualified Chapters and Interest Groups.

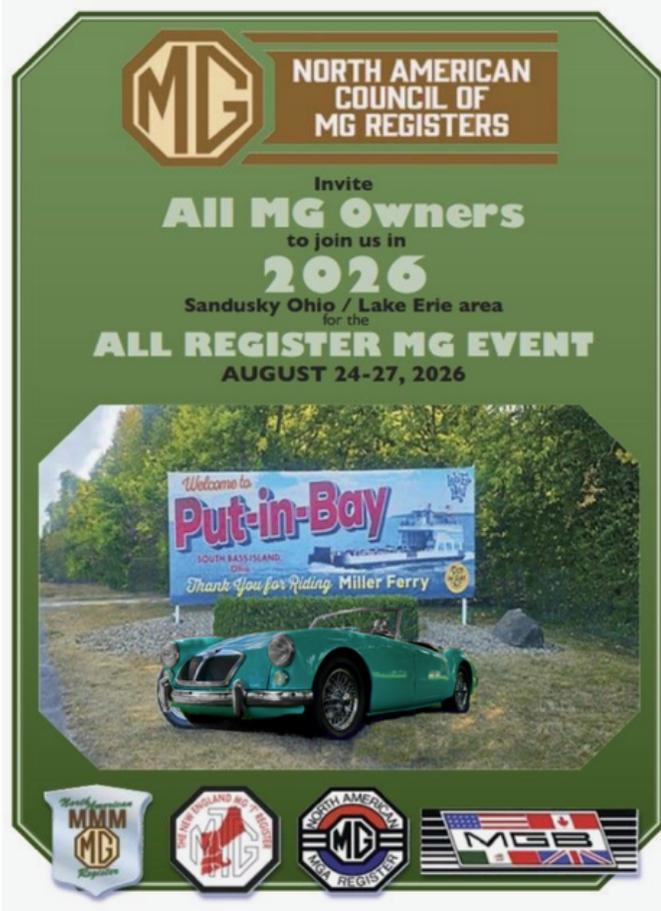


Larry was selected for his many years of service to the Michigan Rowdies and NAMGAR, having served as Vice-Chairman of NAMGAR and Chairperson of GT-40 at Frankenmuth, MI in 2015 and Co-Chairman of GT-50 at Traverse City, MI in 2025 among various other activities. Previous Michigan Rowdie recipients have been Brian Berry in 2010, Dave Quinn in 2016, Allen Bachelder in 2020, and Ken & Kathy Nelson in 2022. A full list of winners is on the next page.



Prior Renkenberger Recipients:

- 2025 John and Laura Casey Mid Atlantic Chapter
- 2024 John and Sondra Dutra Columbia Gorge MG Club
- 2024 Steve Hanegan MG Car Club Northwest Centre
- 2023 Reed Yates, Texas MG Register
- 2022 Ken and Kathy Nelson, Michigan Rowdies Chapter
- 2022 Bill and Kathy Wemhoff, Mid Atlantic Chapter
- 2022 George & Delores Bean, March of 2022
- 2021 Joe & Kathy Gunderson of the Rocky Mountain Club, May, 2021
- 2020 Allen Bachelder presented GT-47, 2022, Michigan Rowdies
- 2020 Ken and Iris Langford Texas MG Register
- 2019 Elizabeth (Liz) Ten Eyck Mid-Atlantic MGA Chapter
- 2019 Donna McNabb Columbia George MG Club
- 2018 Allen L Wulf MG Car Club Rocky Mountain Center
- 2018 Roger and Sally Watkins Hoosier A's
- 2018 Catherine Blair Ottawa MG Club
- 2017 [Adam Lombard – Southern California MG Club](#)
- 2017 [Art Zeisk – Texas MG Register](#)
- 2017 [Jennifer Orum – Canadian Classic MG Club](#)
- 2016 [Dave Quinn – Michigan Rowdies](#)
- 2015 [Butch & Judy Smith – Mid Atlantic Chapter](#)
- 2015 [Wayne & Dee Johnson – San Diego MG Club](#)
- 2015 Trish Adams Ottawa MG Club
- 2013 [Jeff Fields – Ohio State BuckAyes](#)
- 2013 [Neil Fawdry – Victoria MG Club](#)
- 2013 [Lee Orphan – MGCC Northwest Centre](#)
- 2013 [Mike Hosier and Nancy Payne – Hosers Ehs](#)
- 2012 [Carol Woodson, Central Virginia British Car Club](#)
- 2012 [Bill Marshall, Mid-Atlantic Chapter](#)
- 2012 [Fred & Cindy Skomp, Key West British Car Club](#)
- 2011 [Jim Phelps, Reno British Car Club](#)
- 2011 [Len Fortin, Ottawa MG Club](#)
- 2010 Jim & Roberta Lumley, MG Car Club Northwest Center
- 2010 Bill Barnes, Columbia Gorge MGA Club
- 2010 Ed Kaufman, Milwaukee and Great Lakes MG Motorcar Group
- 2010 Brian Beery, Michigan Rowdies
- 2009 John & Diane Burgess, SW Ontario Hoser Eh's
- 2009 Ron Redding, Houston MG Car Club
- 2008 Bill & Martha Ludtke, Mid-Atlantic Chapter



AUGUST 24-27, 2026

Christmas in Chelsea

Christmas comes just once a year and this year the Rowdie Annual Christmas Party came and went on December 7, 2025 at the Chelsea Depot. I counted 33 attendees who came for the food and festivities and fraternizing with friends old and new. Our hosts this year put on a wonderful party for us with a decorated Christmas tree and tables for everyone's gift to be beautifully displayed. A catered meal was arranged and delivered with Salmon or Beef as a main dish along with salad, vegetables, scalloped potatoes, and rolls. Coffee, tea, and soft drinks were provided along with either chocolate cookies or brownies for desert. Before the meal was served we had hors d'oeuvres including cheese, crackers and dip, veggies, and Swedish meatballs (yum).

A list of the Rowdies attending included Dave & Chari Smith, Bill & Mary Ellen Weakley, Forrest & Leslie Johnson, Kevin & Norma Peck, Allan Lockwood, Jerry

Jesion, Tom Borden & Cheryl Orr, Larry Pittman, Dave & Phyllis Goeddecke, Steve Holliday, Tom Fant & Lynne Combs, John Alexander & Caroline King, Jeff & Deb Smith, Todd & Connie Binsz, Curt & Stephanie Smith, Ken & Kathy Nelson, Tony & Anita Dellicolli, Rob & Denise Cote, and John McMullan.

After the meal we traditionally have our gift exchange 'free for all', but this time we first had a special treat with Bill and Mary Ellen Weakley performing a musical tale of "how to restore an MGA" with a frame up restoration. They went from a bare-bones frame and separate body to a completely assembled and painted white MGA Roadster ready to hit the wide open road (metaphorically speaking) in 10 minutes or less!



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Then it was time to OPEN THE PRESENTS under the tree with our host John Alexander. Denise Cote had already doled out numbers to each of us. As in seasons before the rules were made simple: The “headmaster” of the group (Master John) starts by pulling a number from his matching pile in a hat and calls it out. A person holding that same number is now considered the “WINNER”. Each “winner” then either grabs an unopened present from under the tree to open and keep; OR they may go around the room and CLAIM ANOTHER ALREADY OPENED PRESENT for their own! The victim of the proverbial theft then goes back to the tree for another go-around of present selecting. This time they are obliged to pick a ‘fresh’ present from the tree and MAY NOT choose an already opened present sitting in someone’s lap. IF perhaps one gift has a certain fascination or appeal to the group generally, it behooves the wise new owner to surreptitiously slip the gift in an auspicious location perhaps out of direct sight in the group.

This strategy relies on the declining memory function of the other people in the room, in hopes they have forgotten how tempting another person’s gift may have been only 3 short minutes ago. True, with a crowd of gorgeous well-preserved silver-haired mature citizens this strategy MAY work for a short while, but someone always gives the game away before it’s over. That leads to a frantic and frenzied search for what you know should be YOUR PRESENT. Sometimes members do not “go gently into that good night , but instead rage, rage, rage against the loss of their beloved present” This is when we have an opportunity to observe the “blood-lust” side of our fellow humans. Cries of encouragement and shouts of frenzy often occur but I have never once seen fisticuffs raised in persistent anger against another ROWDIE, but there could be a first time for any such thing. Having to go three rounds before settling down is NOT UNHEARD OF, but finally the battles quieted down and order was restored.

Then with our objectives reached (full belly, no further gifts under the tree) we settled in for a bit more comaraderie and drinks before making a final cleanup of the room, and further thanks once again to our wonderful hosts: Kevin & Norma Peck and John Alexander &

Carolyn King as we eagerly await the return of Christmas again next year!! **Ken Nelson**



Our Wonderful Hosts-John Alexander & Carolyn King, and Kevin & Norma Peck

Pictures by Mary Ellen Weakley, Ken Nelson

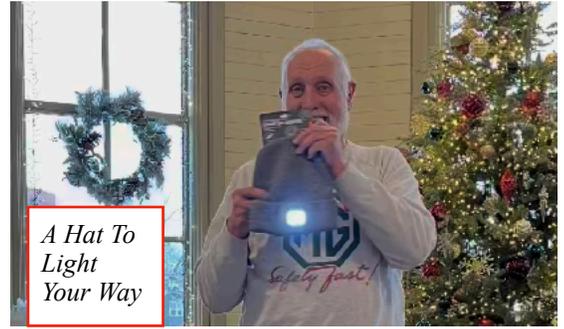


*Here Are
Some of
The
Folks...*





And Here Are Some of The Gifts...



A Hat To Light Your Way



Fine Whiskey Was A Sure Winner



How 'Bout A Nice Christmas Apron?



Warm Blanket Rolls Are Nice



Signs..., Signs Are Always Good!



Tools...yeah, they can be nice also!



Lucas Round Auxiliary Lights Explained-from Triumph TR3 blog

These pages cover Lucas round axillary lights optionally used on many 1950s and 1960s British cars. It does



not include versions made specifically for Rolls Royce.

Light types:

Early Lucas round auxiliary lights were 7 inches in diameter. **Around 1953 production of the 5-3/4 inch diameter auxiliary lamps began.** The early lamps can be identified by a smooth top to the upper lens clamp (name plate). Sometime around 1962 the lamps gained a ribbed top clamp. Production ended sometime in the 1980s and very good quality reproduction lamps replaced them during the 1990s. Concerned about trademark lawsuits, Moss Motors reproductions were labeled "Moss" where the Lucas name goes at the top front of the lamp. They later started offering reproduction lamps labeled Lucas. The reproductions are quite good and can only be identified by the lack of secondary label markings.

SFT = clear fog lamp, bottom mount

FT = yellow fog lamp, bottom mount (French specification)

SLR = long range driving lamp (AKA Flamethrower), bottom mount

WFT = fog lamps, rear mount

WLR = Long range driving lamp, rear mount

576 = 5-3/4" diameter

700 = 7" diameter

Complete lamp part numbers:

SFT576 = 5-3/4" diameter fog lamp = Lucas 551128

SLR576 = 5-3/4" long range driving lamp = Lucas 55132E (55257A for France)

FT576 = 5-3/4" yellow fog lamp = 552333A/B for sale in France and optional in other countries

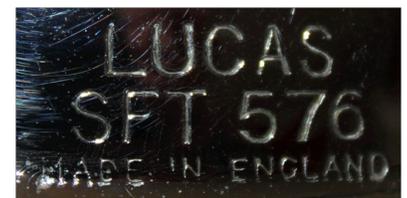
Lamp housing

There is one style of housing used for the 5-3/4" type 576 housing, both genuine and aftermarket. The only real changes were the existence of a top rib on the top lens clamp and stamped labeling. Genuine Lucas lamp housings are stamped near the bottom. Aftermarket housings are not stamped.

Lamps made specifically for Jaguars have a longer bottom mounting stud and different nut. The removable bottom clamp locks the lens into place and is attached by a single chromed screw (Lucas 144921). There is a black 1/16" thick rubber pad 7/16" X 5/16" glued to the top and bottom clamps that protect the lens from cracking when mounted.

Both genuine and aftermarket top lens clamps are stamped "LUCAS" except for reproductions sold by Moss during the 1990s. Moss was concerned about being sued for trademark infringement. They later sold aftermarket lamps marked LUCAS. Note that the labels are red. The white is old polish.

Top lens clamps: Pictured at right: **Bottom:** The early genuine LUCAS top lens clamp had a smooth top. **Top:** The later genuine and aftermarket lens top clamps



have a raised ridge along the top, starting around 1963.

It is not uncommon for the threaded bottom mounting stud and its nut to become rusted requiring them to be cleaned up with a tap and die. The thread is British Standard Bicycle (BSC) 5/8"- 26 tpi, 60 degree pitch. If you have a lamp with the longer mounting stud and prefer to shorten the mounting stud for a more aesthetic fit, a BSC 5/8" die is a must have to clean up the threads after cutting. They are available for sale through the internet.

There are two lengths of mounting studs. Genuine Lucas for non-Jaguars is 1-3/8" long below the housing. Genuine Lucas for Jaguar and aftermarket 576 lamps both have a 1-15/16" or 2" long mounting stud below the housing,

I found 2 different length nuts for the mounting studs. The tall one, 5/8" tall, plated steel, chamfered at both ends, came off an original lamp with the longer mounting threads and is presumed to be the Jaguar specific lamp nut. The shorter one, 3/8" tall, plated brass, chamfered on one end, came on both the original Lucas lamps with the shorter mounting stud and the aftermarket lamps with the longer mounting stud. Both have 5/8" BSC threads.



Lens

There were 2 types of lens, a fog light lens and a clear long range lens. The fog light lens came in either clear or yellow. The yellow was specifically for the French market and was optional for other countries. There is a silvered front reflector mounted inside the lens and screwed to an external bullet shaped metal piece on the outside centre of the lens. The purpose of this front reflector is to reflect the light from the special bulb back into the rear lens reflector to provide more focused light out the front. Again, the



reproduction lenses are very good quality and the only way to identify the genuine Lucas lens is by looking at the markings on the front of the lens. If you intend to mount both a fog and a driving lamp, the driving lamp is usually mounted on the driver side. The genuine Lucas clear fog lens is marked "Made in England" at the bottom front and "M5" just above. The genuine yellow fog lens is marked "LUCAS" just above the metal bullet at the centre of the lens, "FT576" vertically near the middle left (looking at the lens), and "Foreign glass AMT" at the bottom front. The genuine clear long range driving light lens is marked "England" at the bottom, and "M5" a little above it. Aftermarket lens is just labeled "TOP" near the top of the lens.

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Lens part #: Clear fog= Lucas 554813; Yellow fog= Lucas 554820; Driving lamp=Lucas554816

Socket:

The socket locks the bulb into place at the back of the lens, provides electric connections to the bulb, and its



rubber stand offs push against the back of the housing to keep the lens from rattling against the housing and keep the electrical connections firmly against the bulb. There are two versions. The early version is black Bakelite (Lucas 554667) and a later brown phenolic version (Lucas 54520352). Pictures above.

Wire insulation colours per Lucas standard wiring code:

Brown/yellow = Driving lamp to switch Red/yellow = Fog lamp to switch
Red/blue = Switched 12V through fuse to switch

Bulb:

The original bulbs are special pre-focus Lucas bulbs. There is a notch in the BPF base flange to correctly line the filament up with the front reflector to properly direct light back to the rear reflector. Lucas LLB185, 12V, 48 watts, axial filament for driving lights and Lucas 323 12V, 48 watt, transverse filament (filament pointed to base) bulb for fog lamps. These bulbs were used in both the 576 and 700 series of lights.

I have found 2 versions of markings on the original style LLB185 bulb. One version just has 12V 48 W stamped into the side of the base above the flange. The other is marked in white at the top of the bulb glass. There is a circle with "B" above "TH" in the circle. Outside the circle is "made in England" and "12V 48W". This appears to be the earlier version of the two. Halogen bulbs are now offered for this use, as are brighter lower power LED bulbs. Some of the higher power halogen bulbs have been known to produce enough heat to crack the lens. The LEDs have cells pointed to the front and sides that while brighter and lower power, produces a wider less, focused light.

New lamps and replacement parts:

Moss motors offers new 576 series aftermarket lamps and replacement parts to allow you to repair your lamps. For some reason they tucked the page away in the section for [MGA electrical parts](#), so most people have no idea that Moss offers lamps and lamp parts. They offer complete lamps with the longer Jaguar attachment stud.



Rowdie Chili Cookoff at Bruce & Willie Mann's- Nov 15, 2025

This year the Rowdies resurrected a old long-standing yearly tradition from the earlier days of the club when Dick & Shirley Feight and Herb & Carlene Meier were members. Dick & Shirley had a hunting cottage up north in Remus, MI and every fall they would invite the Rowdies for a chill cookout. We would all bring our favorite crockpot of Chili for an afternoon of driving and comaraderie before testing and voting on everyone's favorite Chili recipe. Dick & Shirley have passed on and this meet lay dormant until returning this fall in the form of a meetup at Bruce & Willies' house in mid-November. In keeping with our fall theme Bruce built a nice bonfire behind their house to warm up before going inside for the gourmet chili tasting and testing and voting.

The weather was actually quite temperate for a November day but we were only able to encourage 2 prized MGAs to come out of their winter cocoons for display. Even though the distance from Larry Pittman's

house to Bruce & Willie's is only about 20 miles, he won the "Long-Distance Driving Award" hands down

After we all moved into the house it was time to look over the 8 or more crockpots of bubbling chili. Every pot would try to get your vote, so you had to go back for more tasting early and often. Votes were



Eight Pots 'a Bubbling



tabulated by our expert team of vote counters who were certified by LOTTO, USA for their fair dealing and ability to count beyond just the number of fingers and toes they possess.

All the participants held their breathe and paused eagerly awaiting the announcement of our final winner, with Jeff & Debbie Smith aceing out the rest of the crowd. Kathy & Ken Nelson were undoubtedly a close runner up for Jeff & Deb's victory. Prizes were awarded to 1st place and "runner-up" and consisted of hand-embroidered Christmas tree ornaments provided by Willie, depicting a red-hot Chili to hang from your Yule-Tide Tree. Of course, we



had all the accompanying along with the

The a good place to congregate.

But plenty of the tables Bruce & extended came to the fun

condiments chili kitchen was for people

there was room at

Willie's family join in



1st Place







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Here's Everyone Thanking Bruce & Willie for a Great Chili Cook-off!!

