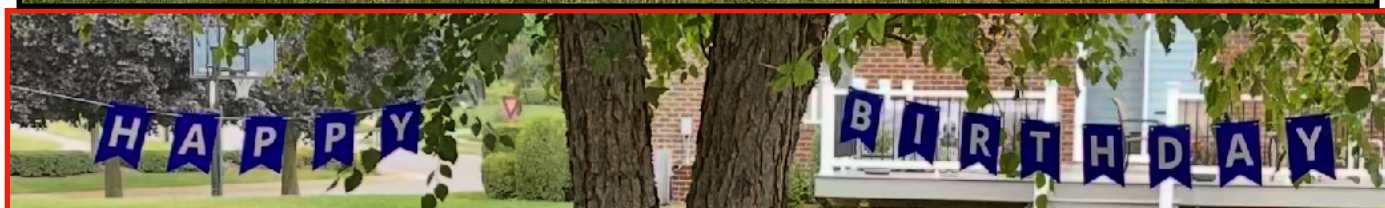




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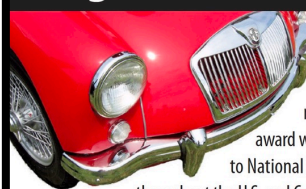
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ROWDIES 2026 EVENTS

MARCH

15 **Chicagoland MG Club Swap Meet-** Wheaton, IL

APRIL

26 **Kimber B'Day Party-** Holt, MI

MAY

2 **Drive Your MG Day-**Larry Pittman

16 **Spring Gathering -** Camp Dearborn, Milford, MI

JUNE

7 **26 Annual - "Brits return to Ft Meigs-** Toledo, OH

TBD **Motor Muster-**Greenfield Village

20 **Park Lyndon Gathering-** Near & N. Territorial Rd.

M-52 27 **Michiana Brits Car Show-** Elkhart, IN

JULY

10 **Rolling Sculpture**

12 **Mad Dogs & Englishmen** Hickory Corners, Gilmore Museum

18 **Tom Fant's Beach Meet-** Pinckney, MI

25-26 **Waterford Vintage Races-** Clarkston, MI

AUGUST

1 **BIRTHDAY PARTY-** Willie & Bruce Mann's

8-9 **ALDEN CAR SHOW-**Alden, MI

24-28

INTERNATIONAL MG2026 (GT-51)-Sandusky, OH

29 **Orphan Car Show-**Gilmore Museum-Hickory Corners, MI

SEPT

13 **Battle of the Brits-**Camp Dearborn, Milford, MI

15-17 **Put-In-Bay Races-** Put-in-Bay, OH

24-27 **Southeast British Car Festival-** Ridges Resort, Hiawassee, GA

OCT

TBD **Colour Tour-** Dave & Donna Quinn

TBD **Larry's Day in Garage-**Fenton, MI

DEC

5 **Christmas Party-Chelsea Depot**

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Bruce & Willies' Granddaughter Scarlet ready for a test drive!



MEMBERS PAGE

For Sale



For Sale: Neil Griffin's 1969 MGB-GT.

\$17,500. There have been some modifications, mostly interior items. I believe the dash board is a 1967, and the seats are from a newer model year (1968). The seats were rebuilt/re-upholstered. It has been changed to a single 12 v battery (new battery this year). Dad did do a total rebuild on the engine. It has painted spoked wheels. Also has overdrive. It did sit for the past three years, so will need a some typical MG work to get it running at its best. I did run it every two months to keep oil circulated in the engine. The odometer reads 50935. Optionally, there are several boxes of parts, and if interested theres a spare 1800 engine block with crank, cam, water pump, pistons and piston rods. No head, valve cover or oil pan. You're welcome to any of the parts, no obligation.

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Sad News

Mark Barnhart Obituary

Obituary published on Legacy.com by Christler Funeral Home - Prudenville Chapel on Aug. 27, 2026.

Mark Allen Barnhart, age 83, of Prudenville, passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at Horizon Assisted Living in West Branch.

Mark was born on March 4, 1943, in [Grand Rapids, Michigan](#), to Oscar and Lola Barnhart. Mark grew up in the Flint area, graduating from Flint Northern High School. On August 12, 1977, in Flushing, Mark married Marjorie Fern Joyner. He worked as a teamster car hauler, hauling cars and trucks from the Flint GM Truck Plant, and retired in 1999. Mark was a member of the National MG Car Club and the Michigan Rowdy Car Club. He enjoyed attending car shows and meetings, along with working on his classic car collection. Mark participated in the yearly Vintage Road Races. He spent summers at Houghton Lake while growing up, and he worked at the Music Box for several summers.



A Celebration of Life Service for Mark Allen Barnhart will be conducted at 1 pm on Friday, September 18, 2026, at Christler Funeral Home-Prudenville Chapel. Visitation will be held on Friday, September 18, 2026, from 11 am until 1 pm at Christler Funeral Home-Prudenville Chapel. Memorial contributions in memory of Mark are asked to be directed to Care Team Hospice. Christler Funeral Home-Prudenville Chapel is

serving the family. Condolences can be sent to the family online at www.christler-holdship.com

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Mark A. Barnhart, please visit our floral store. To plant trees in memory, please visit the Sympathy Store.

Mad Dogs and Englishmen

I attended the Mad Dogs and Englishmen show today at the Gilmore Museum. It was a beautiful day, if a little warm. A few Rowdies attended but the only Rowdie MGAs on the field belonged to David Anderson and Forest Johnson. I drove my MGC to give my air conditioning system a good test. There is still some work to do on that score. Other Rowdies in attendance were Tom Borden, Steve Finch and Bentley, and Tony and Anita Dellicolli. **Bill Weakley**



Gilmore Museum



Gilmore Museum

Latest Factory MG Prototype

Kudos To Our Editor X2

Hey Bruce Mann - I think there's a misnomer in the Staff listing of MGA!

Ken Nelson is listed as "Columnist", but I think he should surely be named as "The Bard of MGA!". Anyone who reads Ken's "Driving our MGAs" article in the July/ August 2026 issue will immediately recognize it as a masterpiece. Aside from the marginal awkwardness of actually entering the driver's seat, Ken does a splendid job of plugging into the mysterious MGA psyche. Self-worth, satisfaction and the simple thrill of turning the ignition key and pulling the starter knob are all part of the MGA experience that makes us twenty-something again.

Thanks to Ken for sharing his excellent perspective!

Cheers! Jim Lathan

Cary, NC

Hi Ken:

I've always enjoyed reading your column in MGA, but your column in the latest issue pulled a lot of heart strings for me. You have a real knack for separating the "wheat from the chaff" and getting to the fine points of what you want to say and feel...which I really relate to. Thank you I enjoyed your column immensely. 😊!

I was sorry to hear on Facebook that Mark Barnhart passed...a great guy, extremely knowledgeable in the MG world and will be tremendously missed. Hope to see you and Kathy soon. Thanks again...take care.

Tim Coyne

Say It Again!

I just finished reading your MGA! column (July-August 2026). That has to be one of the best ones you've done!



Dave Quinn

Rowdies at Waterford Hills

July 26, 2026

Hi Ken,

Here are a few photos from Waterford Hills racing. I didn't get any of the folks hanging around, just the cars. Maybe someone else will send you some. (Nope. 🙄)

We had a beautiful day, sunny and not too warm. Entry was free for all spectators, sponsored by Faygo. A Faygo sponsored Indy car was to attempt a track record. I didn't hear whether the record was set. As usual, spectators were allowed on the track during the lunch hour. The Rowdies probably spent a lot more time talking cars and chatting than watching the races. The actual racing was interrupted more than once by off-track excursions. Rowdies in attendance were, Tom Fant, Jerry Jesion, Jeff Smith, Bob Shafto, Larry Pittman, Rick and Maureen Thalmann, Steve Finch, and Bill Weakley. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Bill Weakley



***Two Rowdies
“Touring” the
Track-Bob
Shafto & Tom
Fant***

Rowdie Thought for the Day:

Working on cars is basically adult lego...except the instructions are missing, half the pieces are rusty, and nothing fits.





Chairman's Chatter

We are back from GT-51 and the all-MG event in Sandusky, OH. We drove the MGA and towed our little trailer, so we actually had room for luggage, chairs and a cooler. The only other all-MG register

event we attended was the first one in Indianapolis in 1996 in our Midget. That was well before my MGA was finished and before we bought the MGC. We were not in any club at the time and didn't know anyone at the event. I wasn't very impressed and haven't been to another until this year. This one was hard to pass up, being just a bit more than a two-hour drive away. The A performed very nicely on the highway towing the trailer. One advantage of obeying the speed limit is that you rarely have to pass anyone.

I certainly understand the need to find a host hotel that can accommodate a large group. However, the Kalahari Resort seemed really big, even for this group. Many people commented on "getting their steps in". Our room wasn't far from the convention center, but it was still quite a hike going back and forth. Otherwise, the facility was very nice. My only complaint was that the huge water park did not include a lap pool, and I wasn't interested in splashing around with a bunch of kids.

One of the highlights was the showing of MG EX186. The story of the car and its restoration is quite interesting. You can Google it. I think there were twenty Rowdie event entries, so counting spouses, we had a very good representation. Not all the Rowdies brought MGAs, since many own other MGs. Overall, the event was pretty much the same as a regular GT, except bigger.

The show field was flat and grassy and could have accommodated a lot more than the approximately 500 cars. The weather was perfect for the show. We had a rain late that night when the cars were all buttoned up.

Thursday night, the sky was clear for the lunar eclipse. I did stay up to see about half of it. It certainly isn't as dramatic as a solar eclipse, but I enjoy seeing any celestial event when the sky conditions allow, which is not often here in SE Michigan.

I was pleasantly surprised at the NAMGAR awards gathering when I received the 3rd place trophy for 1500 wire wheel cars. There was a large field with many nice cars. I think the many Rowdies there must have exercised some club loyalty. Several other Rowdies won awards, but I didn't keep track. I'm sure it will all be publicized.

The summer driving season is coming to a close, but there are still upcoming events on the calendar. We have the fall color tours and cider mills to look forward to, not to mention The Battle of the Brits. I also have a long list of car projects lined up for this winter. So although I wish the driving season could go on, I am also getting eager to get my projects underway. I don't have much planned for the A. My Midget needs a new speedometer drive gear in the Datsun 5-speed, which will require pulling the engine and transmission. I have a long list planned for the MGC, mostly centered around replacing the dash with an early B dash.

I hope to see you all at the next Rowdie event.

Chairman Bill



MYSTERIOUS MECHANICS IN MY GARAGE - BY ALLEN BACHELDER

Mysterious Mechanics in My Garage Allen Bachelder

This isn't about me, but it seems that every 86 years, I run across a slightly disabling medical problem that slows me down for a few weeks – leading to some problems - with happy solutions thanks to the fantastic Rowdies Underground Emergency Response Team.



Rick and Gordie silently team up -and the job is done in no time!

It all started with a bit of congestive heart failure. It seemed to be going 'round in July and darned if I didn't catch it. 'Must've forgotten to wash my hands or something... At any rate, 'twas nothing that a week in the hospital, a shiny brand-new Pertronix Pacemaker, and about nine bottles of pills couldn't fix. But during the run-in period on that new Pacemaker my activities were limited: nothing over 45 mph, couldn't lift anything over ten pounds, couldn't buy anything over ten pounds (£10), couldn't raise my left arm over my shoulder, couldn't use it to reach behind my back, couldn't use it to reach behind anybody else's back, couldn't go near any magnetic fields, (couldn't go near my Magnette?).

So, back in February we had arranged for California friends, Mike Jacobsen and Elaine Chan, to fly out to Detroit and drive my MG(b)GT down to Sandusky Ohio (not Michigan) for MG International 2026, Florrie and I would follow in our Magnette. Ah, but our MG(b)GT had developed a habit of overheating. Being inclined to "shotgun repairs, I elected to replace the aluminum water pump, damaged fan, radiator and leaking oil cooler – all at once. But alas, I was indisposed.



Rick at work

This became a topic of discussion at the Rowdies birthday party – enter Bruce Mann and the problem was solved. Bruce arranged for a team of four: Rick Thalman, Gordie Bird, Dave Smith, and Bill Weakley to be dispatched at our earliest convenience.

Thinking there cannot be room for 4.5 guys to work simultaneously on one MG; we split into two teams with Rick and Gordie arriving the first day – at 9 AM sharp. Working straight through with but a short break for lunch, they ticked all the boxes on my list in one day. So, following their 5 PM departure, I gave Bill and Dave their day off, much as we would have enjoyed their company too.

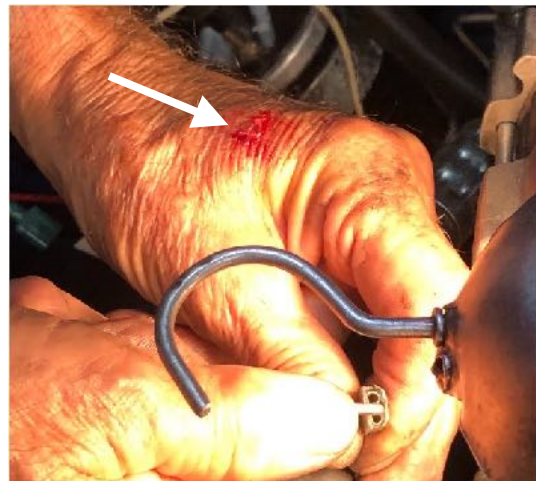


Gordie pondering – “What the heck did this Bachelder guy conjure up here?”

There are several remarkable aspects to this story. First, the car involved was not even an MGA. Nor was it even a bone stock MGB – having been modified with the presence of air-conditioning components and a conversion to serpentine drive belt – all fabricated by an amateur. Gordie and Rick simply observed my design purposes, intuitively preserving and re-assembling all the bits exactly as I had them.

In my experience, this level of mechanical intuition is even beyond most professional standards. Also remarkable is the way Rick and Gordie worked together. I was reminded of my dentist working with his assistant. Hardly a word was spoken or needed: each knew what the other was doing and facilitated it spontaneously. It was a joy to watch.

Finally, as many Rowdies know, we are not very active members. The critical factors here are age and distance. We are, on the average, two hours away from most



What's a little blood in any project, right?

Rowdies events: a two-hour event turns into six hours - sometimes with night driving on our return. Despite the best of intentions, we frequently end up staying home. But then, these guys who know us casually, at best, are willing to drive the same distances to come to our aid. Our thanks can never be enough.

Oh, by the way, the car ran perfectly the entire round trip.

‘Pretty neat club we have here.

What's a little blood in any project, right?

Allen Bachelder

Rowdie Birthday Party at Bruce and Willie Mann's **Aug1, 2026** (photos by Tracy Bird, Willie Mann, Ken Nelson, Mary Ellen Weakley)

Our meets secretary, John Alexander, sent announcements out to all the Rowdie members about the upcoming Birthday Party. He had guaranteed a "cracking great day for top down weather" with blue skies and low 80s that Saturday and we were all looking forward to it, since "Honest John" is never wrong. Except when he is, and this was one of those days. Now, no-one was holding it against John, mistakes can occur, and we're all human. But John was predicting a yard full of MGAs filling our host Bruce and Willie's back yard, and, sure, there was hope that could occur. It could after all. But the weather man was betting against John on this one, and he won that day.



It wasn't a huge victory over John's plan, but cloudy skies and slightly cooler weather slowed the onrush of MGAs to just a bit of a trickle. In fact "trickle" was all there was since it ended after only three MGs arrived, besides Bruce



& Willie's coupe (which had only a very short distance to travel to get to the back yard). The fearless MG drivers were Larry Pittman and Steve Holliday and Tom Fant.

Instead of a flock of MGs in the back yard we had a gaggle of SUVs and pickup trucks in the front yard. The good news was that light rain only occurred intermittently for the afternoon and really



wasn't enough to prevent about 30 Rowdies from congregating and having a great time, as well as spending their money on auction items after a sumptuous meal. But first there was socializing and telling tall tales out on the Mann's back deck



with an awning providing some cover for occasional light rain. And some gathered at the fire pit early on.



After everyone caught up with the latest news of MG projects it was time to eat a delicious lunch with items supplied by "bring a dish" as well as the main meat course provided by the club with pulled pork, pulled chicken, and hamburgers.



There were side dishes of several different salads, including pasta and potato salads, coleslaw, and fruit salad. There was chili, corn bread, chips and veggies with dip, and crackers and cheese. The deserts were a variety of pies and cakes, as well as brownies and cookies. Bill and

Mary Ellen Weakley brought cookies decorated with M&Ms. But the M&Ms were also decorated with a tiny little outline of an MGA to further celebrate 50 years of Rowdies.

However the big central attraction among the desert selections was our own 50th Anniversary Birthday Cake, served with ice cream and ceremonially cut by our oldest Chairman Emeritus, Dave Quinn, and passed

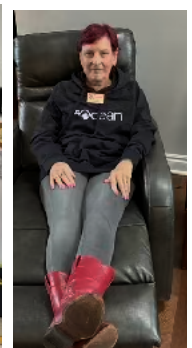


out to the members. Pictured are Rick and Maureen Thalman enjoying B'Day cake and ice



cream.

Once everyone had filled up on food we sang happy birthday to the Rowdies. and finished our desserts before the serious business of raising funds for the club began in earnest. Bruce & Willies' garage was specially cleared in preparation for use as cover for the auction under either a rainy or sunny day. Bill



wrote, saying "A fine time was had by all at the Rowdies' 50th Birthday Party. Bill and John Twist shared the duties of auctioneer and Mary Ellen Weakley recorded the lucky winners and prices paid. It was raining lightly, so we did hold the auction in the Mann's spotless garage. Things started slow but soon worked themselves up to the usual Rowdie 'fever pitch' as one valuable item after another went to the highest bidder. Bill Weakley stated "I was pleased and a bit surprised at the number of items that were donated for the auction. I guess we haven't emptied all of our

spare parts bins yet." John Twist helped identify items by the parts numbers on some of the more obscure parts donated. The club pulled in \$425 from a number of generous members. There were good deals to be had on some really good interesting stuff. Tom Borden distributed some of the commemorative insulated 50 year mugs as well. By the end of the auction it became time to say our goodbyes and thank our wonderful hosts Bruce and Willie for another fine event celebrating 50 years of 'Rowdiedom' and looking forward to many more to come.

Ken Nelson



Dave Quinn's Report on Birthday Party at Bruce & Willie Mann's

If you want to have your lawn watered one sure way is to schedule a Rowdie meet.

Thankfully the rain at Bruce and Willie's meet wasn't heavy and was off and on through the day. The Quinn's took their old faithful 29 year-old F-150 and we were really glad we did.

The drive home encountered some really heavy nasty rain. It was a good meet and a good turnout, even if a lot of Rowdies have gotten older. Hahaha.

John Alexander's tale of his dog's leg surgery is one for the record books. A hind leg bone was cut in half and repositioned with instructions not to do any normal dog stuff for eight weeks! That means John has been lifting up his 72# dog with a belly harness every day. Yikes! The things we do for our pets.

Thanks to a good friend our dog enjoyed the day at her house along with her litter brother, a second dog, and a cat - that had just caught a bird when we picked ours up.



Driving home we realized the Rowdies as a group forgot to give a huge thank you to our hosts. They certainly deserve it for opening up their beautiful house. Bruce and Willie had their three national award winning MGs under covers. But there is no risk in hosting a meet these days since the Rowdies are nothing like the Rowdies in the first two decades. Hard to believe we all sang Happy Birthday Rowdies to 50 years. We still love our MGs and Rowdie get-togethers.

John Twist was at the first gathering when the club was formed. After Thelma Griffin and Diane Mazurek I am the oldest "continuous active member" in the club. Ken Nelson is second.

Looking back over those 50 years a few things come to mind. We keep more food than beer in the fridge now. Sleeping on the couch makes my back hurt. I take naps. "I just can't drink the way I used to" has replaced "I'm never going to drink that much again". 90% of the time I spend more time reading about MGAs on the computer than I do working on them or driving them. Growing old happens sooner than growing up.

Dave & Donna

Bill Weakley Continues The Report

A fine time was had by all at the Mann's house, celebrating the **Rowdies' 50th anniversary**. After a delicious meal of barbecue and various sides, we sang happy birthday to the Rowdies. Then Dave Quinn, as the Rowdie with the most seniority in the club, cut the birthday cake.

Because it was raining lightly, we held the auction in the Mann's spotless garage. I was pleased and a bit surprised at the number of items that



were donated for the auction. I guess we haven't emptied all of our spare parts bins yet. More likely, our spare parts are just migrating from one member's spare parts bin to another's. The club pulled in \$425 from a number of generous members. Actually, they all got really good deals on some interesting stuff. Tom Borden also distributed some of the commemorative insulated mugs.

Bill Weakley

Pictures from an Exhibition, or MG-International 2026



Bruce Mann, as the Chairperson of NAMGAR made the following opening remarks to our members at the MGA Register Dinner on the second evening of MG-INTERNATIONAL-2026 from Jul 23-27, 2026. This was one of the combined MG Register meets that happens every 5 years. This event combines cars and owners from the **North American MMM Register (NAMMR)**, **North American MG “T” Register (NEMGTR)**, **North American MGA Register (NAMGAR)**, and **North American MGB Register (NAMGBR)**. This event was held at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, OH and featured approximately 450 car entries and over 500 people. Each Register held their separate dinner for members, and Bruce made these comments (*edited slightly*):

Good evening, everyone!

“I hope you have all had a wonderful time thus far at this very special at MG international 2026. I know there have been plenty of miles driven, stories shared, cars admired, and, hopefully, a few MG adventures along the way and lots more to come. For those of you that I haven’t had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Bruce Mann. I am Chairman of NAMGAR, and in my third year and I can tell you that it is both an honor and a privilege to serve in this position.

Tonight, it is my privilege to welcome you to the 2026 international MG event and NAMGAR’s 51st GT. On behalf of the NAMGAR Board and Staff, I want to begin by thanking all four Registers for the tremendous amount of work, dedication, and cooperation that went into making this All-MG event such a success. Events like this simply do not happen without volunteers who are willing to step up and make things happen. So, to everyone who played a part large or small thank you!

And, of course, the Mark of Friendship represents the four Registers that make up the North American Council of MG Registers: MMM, NEMGT, the MGB Register, and the MGA Register. That symbol that you see in our award-winning MGA! magazine and on

our website stands for something very important to all of us, our friendship, our shared passion for MGs, and the fact that while we may drive different MG models, we are all part of the same family. I hope each of you will leave this GT with some great memories, some new friendships, and maybe a few stories that will get better every time you tell them.

Looking toward the future we have been working to improve the way NAMGAR operates. We are nearing completion of a major rewrite of the system we use to capture and manage member demographics, and car registrations. ***We need to find ways to introduce younger people to these wonderful cars and to the MG hobby we love.*** We just need to introduce them to NAMGAR. And that's where every one of us can help. If you know someone who owns an MGA or Magnette but isn't a NAMGAR member, talk to them. It's about people, the people who love these cars, helping each other to keep running. It's about friendships that last for decades, and it's making sure that the next generation gets the opportunity to experience what we have.

Let's introduce more people to NAMGAR. Let's bring more MGA and Magnette owners into our family. And most importantly, let's continue doing what MG owners have always done so well: Have fun, help each other, and enjoy the ride. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your chairman.

Bruce Mann, Chairman





Mary Ellen & Steve Holliday
Chat With a Security Guard



"Honey, I Shrunk The Car"



Kyle Mann Crank Starting an MGA

Winners MG-International 2026:

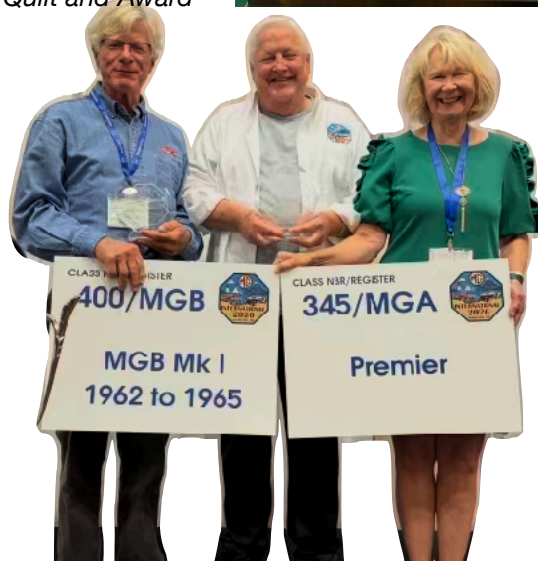
Bob Shafto 1600 WW Class 1st
 Bill Weakley 1500 WW class 3rd
 CB Shafto (Cousin of Bob) 1500 WW 2nd
 Bruce and Willie Premier Class 1st Place
 Bill Hirsch MGTC 2nd
 Leslie Johnson arts and crafts 1st Place Quilt
 Rowdies Chapter: Chapter Recognition Award
 presented to Willie Mann, chapter contact
 chairperson
 Old Friend and Rowdie Doug Kniff won 1st
 place in Twin Cam

Rowdies at event:

Todd and Connie
 Bruce and Willie
 Ken and Mel Klemmer
 Steve Finch
 Allen and Florrie
 David DeFauw
 David Anderson
 Gary and Sharon
 Bill Hirsch
 Lee Jacobsen
 Steve Holiday
 Larry Pittman
 Bob Shafto
 CB and Mary Jean Shafto
 Forest and Leslie



Leslie Johnson's Quilt and Award



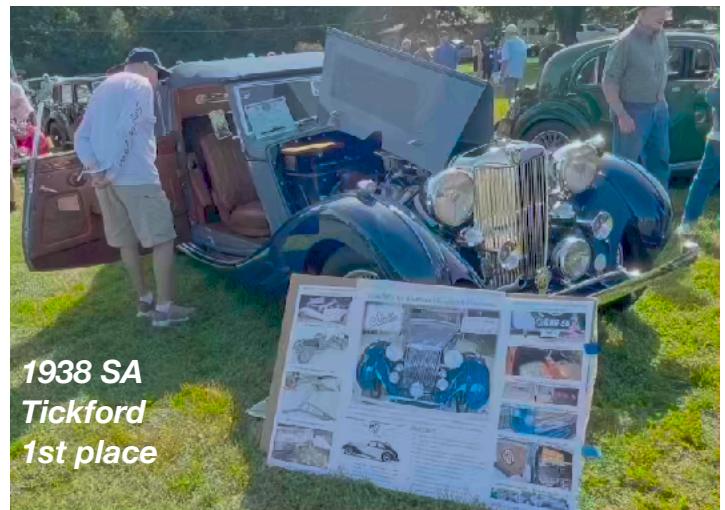




Kent & Kathy Prather
1st Place - 1600 Mk II & John Wright Distance Award



1938 SA
Tickford
1st place



MG EX186 LeMans Prototype
Joe and Cathy Gunderson



Low Louchious 1935 MG
P-Type Airline Coupe-1st
place

Safety **MG** *Fast!*

EX 186

This is a "one-off" race car built by MG in the Abingdon Competitions Department from 1956 through 1959. Designed to win at LeMans it was never raced. To avoid destruction, it was spirited away to the USA.

It was street driven before the engine failed and sat idle in a barn for 15 years. We purchased it in 1982 without engine, gearbox, and sundry bits. These have either been substituted, located, or remanufactured to complete the car.

Based on a relatively standard MGA frame it has an aerodynamic all aluminum hand formed body. It is Twin Cam powered with DeDion rear suspension, Dunlop disc brakes and centre-lock wheels.

Stewards: Joe and Cathy Gunderson
Littleton, Colorado

List of First, Second, and Third Place Winners at MG-International 2026

CLASS	DESCRIPTION				3rd
050	Other British	#418 - Ted Sjolander (Austin-Healey 3000)	#476 - Orrin Webber (Triumph TR6)		
MMM REGISTER		1st	2nd		3rd
Chairman's Award		469 - Reinout Vogt			
100	Vintage MG	221 - Dennis Klemm	224 - Jason Klemm		
105	Early Midget: C, D, M	197 - Mike Jansen	469 - Reinout Vogt		
110	Late Midget: P	262 - Lou Louchious	315 - Randy Morgan		
115	Magnette: K, N	300 - Tom Metcalf	342 - Lew Palmer		
120	J2 Featured Class	234 - Gary Krukowski	299 - Tom Metcalf		
125	Magna	378 - Bill Richey	183 - Mike Hughes		
MGT REGISTER		1st	2nd		3rd
Chairman's Award		158 - Todd Hammond			
200	SA, VA, WA	44 - Mike Eder	484 - Tom Wilson		
205	TA & TB	138 - Tom Goodyear			
210	TC	403 - Tim Scheerhorn	173 - Bill Hirsch	140 - Elena Graves	
215	TD	72 - Daniel Craig	252 - Art Lewis	84 - Kevin Deforest	
220	TF	125 - Lisa Garcia	85 - Russ Deforest Jr	78 - Ed Davis	
225	Y-Type, Arnolt, Specials	422 - Kim Smittle	430 - Mark Brandow		
MGA REGISTER		1st	2nd		3rd
Chairman's Award		152 - Joe & Cathy Gunderson			
300	MGA 1500 - Wire Wheels	32 - Ron & Debbie Bissland	411 - Bob & Mary Jane Shaffo	474 - Bill & Mary Ellen Weakley	
305	MGA 1500 - Non-Wire Wheels	102 - Mike & Midge Elliott	507 - Jerry Ervin	277 - Rob Mason	
310	MGA 1600 - Wire Wheels	412 - Bob Shaffo	151 - Robert Guinness	327 - Ben & Cyndi Nolan	
315	MGA 1600 - Non-Wire Wheels	22 - Jack & Donetta Bantle	39 - Steve Bossert	220 - Alan & Terri Kleinschmidt	
320	MGA 1600 MkII	369 - Kent & Kathy Prather	303 - Tom Metcalf	290 - Paul Mccurdy	
325	MGA Deluxe	216 - Suzanne Keppeler	420 - Lon & Connie Smallridge		
330	MGA Twin Cam	227 - Douglas Kniff			
335	MGA Coupe	52 - Randy Byboth	111 - Doug Forquer		
340	MGA Altered	518 - Chad Bender			
345	Premier	274 - Bruce & Willie Mann			
350	Variant of MGA	206 - Lee Johnson			
355	MG Magnette - ZA, ZB, Mk III, Mk IV/Farina	245 - Wray & Susanne Lemke	172 - Mike Hickman	189 - Dennis Illig	
MGB REGISTER		1st	2nd		3rd
Chairman's Award		195 - Bill Jacobson			
400	MGB Mk I 1962 to 1965	362 - Greg Poffenbarger	131 - Joe & Kathy Gioffre	176 - Aviva Hoffman	
405	MGB Mk I & II 1965 to 1969	456 - Terry Tobin	415 - Tony Shoviak	428 - Kelly Spencer	
410	MGB Mk II 1970 to 1972	421 - Steve Smedley	61 - Steve Chivington	244 - John Leible	
415	MGB Mk II 1973 to 1974	346 - Ron Parks	116 - Brando Fox	46 - Jeremy Brown	
420	MGB Mk III 1974-1/2 to 1976	242 - Dane Lay	293 - Rich Meetz	006 - Glenn Alcott	
425	MGB Mk IV 1977 to 1980	258 - Carol Looft	164 - Drew Hastings	237 - Russ LaFevre	
430	MGB - LE 1979 to 1980	455 - Raymon Thomson	502 - Michael Kuriga	364 - Jude Poggiali	
435	MGB GT - 1965 to 1971	066 - John Colwell	308 Roger Miller	040 - Dan Bosso	
440	MGB GT - 1972 to 1974	018 - Mike August	404 - Frank Schlund	074 - Scott Croxford	
445	MGB GT - 1974-1/2 & Later	115 - Paula Fox	77 - Mark Davidoski	229 - Robert Koehnlein	
450	MGB GT Factory V-8 - 1973 to 1976	433 - Jonathan Stein	305 - Tom Metcalf		
455	MGB Modified - Non MG Engine	483 - Susan Wilker	311 - Robert Milner	464 - Mark Vaughan	
460	Midget - 1961 to 1974	059 - Dennis Cestra	334 - Jack Orkin	319 - Chris Muia	
465	Midget - 1975 to 1979	272 - Rick Magro	027 - Thomas Basey		
470	MG 1100/1300 and Variants (ADO)	259 - Ryan Looft	021 - Cecil Banning		
475	MGC	195 - Bill Jacobson	159 - Chris Hannes	416 - Lian Shoviak	
480	MG Post Abingdon	061 - Abe Cheij	410 David Sell		

Orphan Car Show Report

by Dave Quinn

The 2026 Orphan Car Show was held Saturday, August 30 at the Gilmore Museum at Hickory Corners. The weather was perfect. Of all the truly outstanding cars on the field I am pleased to report I had the only MG. A photo of my MGA beside a 1935 Ford 3-window coupe.



The museum drove several gorgeous 1920/30 Pierce Arrow cars out of the barn and onto the field.

A fun fact is Donald Gilmore, former President of The Upjohn Company, passion for cars didn't begin until his wife bought him a 1920 Pierce Arrow in the early 1960's after he retired. She probably wanted him out of the house, hahaha.

Living near Gull Lake he purchased the nearby 90 acres as his car collection grew. Wife Genevieve suggested opening up the collection to the public. It opened July 1966 with 35 automobiles. Today it houses nearly 400.



Two Pierce Arrows, convertible on right is 1931 and an awesome Delahaye. This 1947 camping trailer with tires in front has a sign that reads during WW II, while working at Upjohn, there were numerous kinds of rationing and Gilmore experimented with a number of ideas. One was to fabricate four wooden tires

which he installed on his 1940 Cadillac. He soon discovered they were dangerous due to the lack of traction. He replaced the back tires with rubber ones and continued to use wood in the front. It was reported his employees liked the idea very much because they could hear



him coming from a mile away!

A few other vehicles I found interesting. A 26hp 1951 Crosley Sport, Studebaker Champion cab with an Avanti behind it, 1940 American Bantam which was competition to the Austin Seven, 1961



Amphicar with a neat license plate. The grounds include a 1930s Shell gas station, numerous vintage auto dealerships, plus a 1941 Diner.



NAMGAR Chapter Recognition Award

The Michigan Rowdies received the NAMGAR Chapter Recognition Award at the NAMGAR Awards Dinner on Tuesday August 25, 2026 in Sandusky Ohio.



The award consists of a beautiful plaque and a check for \$100 to be used by the club as they wish. Accepting the award for the Rowdies was Willie Mann, the club's Chapter Contact. Presenting the award were Colleen Quinn and Ed Sass, NAMGAR's Chapter Coordinators.

The award is chosen from chapter

submissions of activities that the club sponsored in the previous year (2025). Chapter Contacts submit the completed forms to the Chapter Coordinators. Clubs receive points for each activity and the numbers are totaled and the chapter with the most points for that year is the winner. Points can be garnered by activities in several different categories to include Club Events, Communication, articles and photos submitted to NAMGAR and more. Chapters are eligible to win the award every three years. The Rowdies will be eligible in 2029 for efforts in 2028.

Recent winners include the Peachtree MG Registry (2025), Connecticut MG Club Ltd. (2024), Ottawa MG Club (2023), Minnesota MG Group (2022). Congratulations to all winners past and present!

On a humorous note, Ed and I go to great lengths to keep the name of the winner a secret until the award is given. The award is always signed by the NAMGAR Chairman and of course the NAMGAR Chair is Bruce Mann, Willie's husband. So carefully covering up the award except for the signature space, we were able to make the presentation a complete surprise to Bruce and the rest of the Rowdies!

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