



TIMES

Party



November, December & January 2023/24

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Morgan & TD ready for day one of the British Reliability Run under unexpected blue skies!

Famous Racing Quotes:

“Motor racing can never be totally safe and it never should be in my opinion”.

Murray Walker

From the Editor

As I write this, the weather report is calling for some snow up north, and the temperature has indeed turned colder. The TD is put away for the winter and the B is not far behind. As much as I look forward to the ski season, it is always with a tug in my heart as I look in the garage with no MGs. Not the end of the season however, the Holiday Party is coming up in early December, see the flyer on page two and make sure to get your RSVPs into Andrew Bass with your check and menu choice.

Let's hope next spring & summer have just a little bit less rain so we can drive our cars more often! While I enjoyed the green grass and extraordinary flowers, speaking for myself, I could use a bit more driving, if you please, Mother Nature!

Celebrating MGs 100th Anniversary, here's an article to read about our favorite sports cars! [MG at 100: Driving the English carmaker's greatest hits \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/autos/mg-at-100-driving-the-english-carmaker-s-greatest-hits)

Safety Fast!



The MG T-Party & Bay State MGA Club Holiday Party



Sunday, December 3rd

Princeton Station

147 Princeton Street

North Chelmsford, MA 01863

www.princetonstation.com

12:00 pm – Cocktails (cash bar)

1:00 pm – Dinner

\$38.00 per person (Covers meal, tax, gratuity and facility charges)

(Appetizers, Salad, Rolls, Coffee/Tea and Dessert Included)

Please Select Your Choice of:

- **Roast Prime Rib Au Jus** – Served with red bliss mashed potato, and the chef's vegetable selection
- **Chicken Marsala** – Served with Linguine
- **Baked Seafood Combination** – Haddock, Scallops, Shrimp Served with red bliss mashed potato, and the chef's vegetable selection

Join good friends for an afternoon of fine food and lively conversation. We welcome our friends from the Bay State MGA Club to join us for our holiday party. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and paper goods, health and beauty supplies, diapers and wipes to be donated to Marguerite's Place. **Please RSVP** by **sending the form, below, to ANDREW BASS** at the address indicated. We need to **receive** your response and payment check **by November 25th** so we can confirm the numbers with the restaurant.

RSVP FORM - Please sign us up:

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate **how many** of each meal selection you require:

___ Prime Rib ___ Chicken Marsala ___ Baked Seafood Combo

Make Checks Payable to "The MG T-Party"; Enclose Check & Return Form by Nov. 25th by U.S. mail to Andrew Bass:

Andrew Bass
1111 Beacon Street, Apt. #73
Brookline, MA 02446

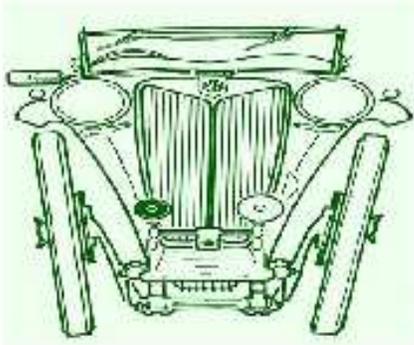
Questions? Call Andrew: 978-314-1225; please leave a voicemail message if your call is not immediately answered and Andrew will get back to you) or send him an email abass1111@aol.com

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For Directions click or type this in your web browser: <http://tinyurl.com/hdhglat>

Chairman's Cable



Come Celebrate the Holidays with MG Friends

Hard to believe we endured all those rainy weekends this spring and summer causing many of our planned events to be cancelled, and the fall has nearly slipped on by as well. But, not all is lost as we do have one more great event planned for 2023 and it is the most popular of the year. Please join us for our annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 3.



We are returning to Princeton Station who always do a great job for us. Our "all-inclusive" meal pricing at \$38 per person, covers meal tax, gratuity and facility charges and includes entrée, appetizers, salad, rolls, coffee/tea and dessert.



As he did last year Andrew Bass has kindly volunteered to be the event coordinator and point person to receive your RSVP's, collect the checks, and handle all arrangements with the restaurant. So, please RSVP to Andrew Bass this year (not me) and mail to Andrew your payment checks and meal selection choices using the form at the bottom of the event flyer. Until then, hope you all enjoy the remainder of the fall season and are able to gather with family and friends for Thanksgiving.



Land Rover Series IIA Jack O' Lantern



—Charles

T-Series Once Again Leads the 2023 British Reliability Run

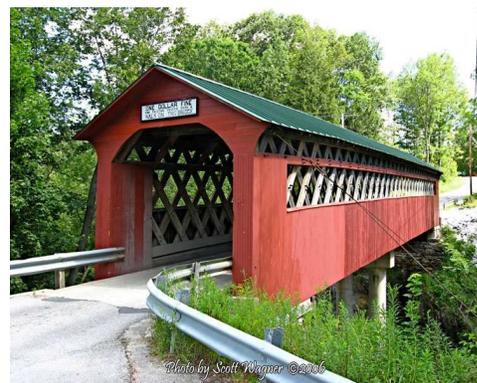
The 2023 British Reliability Run was held at the Stratton Mountain Resort over the 8th – 10th of September under unexpected blue skies. I say unexpected as the weather forecast was for torrential thunder storms the entire weekend. This was following weeks of local flooding throughout southern Vermont due to persistent major storms, causing numerous road closures and bridge damage rendering many roads impassable. The outlook for the weekend was iffy at best! But as they say, no hill for a climber, 20 cars gathered on Friday morning for the drivers meeting under bright blue skies...what a pleasant sight! As it turned out, the weather guessers were not wrong with their forecast, just not accurate about the timing! For the entire weekend all the rain & lightning came at night after all the cars were covered and tucked away for the night, every morning was dry with blue skies, a welcome relief! That's not to say there weren't weather related problems but more on that later.



Our day one route took us on a tour of the Vermont Shires, from Manchester, Arlington and Bennington. Our first stop was the Mount Equinox Skyline Drive, the longest privately owned, paved toll road, climbing to the 3,848' summit. Home of the famous Mt Equinox Hill Climb which has been run since 1950, and driven by the likes of Bill Fitch, Carroll Shelby and Briggs Cunningham, just to name a few. The record stands at just under four minutes, which I can assure you we did come close to! Although the summit was encased in clouds and the entrance was blocked due to the overnight storms, they opened up a

back entrance only used for maintenance just for us, so we were the only cars on the course. All the cars got a bit hot on the climb but no major overheating issues were encountered. I was glad I had a supercharger. Our oldest car, the '47 TC took the climb in stride also, without a supercharger!

Next up was a nice back road drive along the Batten Kill River through Chiselsville covered bridge, heading off through Arlington, VT. The Chiselsville Bridge was featured in the Movie Baby Boom starring Diane Keaton! Our drive through Arlington along the Batten Kill, one of the east coast's famous trout streams, took us by the entrance to Norman Rockwell's Vermont home, across another covered bridge. This was in keeping with our theme for 2023, Poets, Painters & Patriots. Over the next two days



we would pass by and also visit famous battlefields, tour famous paintings and drive through many parts of the Shires that inspired the likes of Robert Frost and Grandma Moses.

Next up was a tour of the Bennington Battlefield, site of the August 17th, 1777 battle where General John Stark and the Vermont Green Mountain Boys defeated a detachment of Hessian troops sent by the British Commander General Burgoyne to capture ammunition and food stores in Bennington, VT. The American victory at Bennington further deteriorated Burgoyne's army and contributed to his surrender at Saratoga two months later.

After the battlefield it was off to lunch, with a planned back road tour across another covered bridge and past the Bennington Battlefield Monument. Unfortunately the violent weather of the night before had wreaked havoc with the route and several roads were blocked by downed trees and live electric wires across the roads. Sadly we missed the Monument, but after a GPS aided reroute, we made it to lunch where we had a view of the Monument in the distance!

Our route after lunch was through the Upper Shires through farmlands and through a valley framed by the Taconic Range to the south and the Green Mountains to the north, very pleasant. Along the route we passed by the Robert Frost Home where he wrote “Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening”, perhaps his most famous poem. A nice winding mountain road over the Green mountains and back to Stratton Resort closed out a busy day one.



We woke for day two once again under blue skies after an evening of thunder and lightning and heavy rain, again, not a problem as the bad weather was kind enough to wait until we had covered and put the cars away for the night! Keeping with our theme, day two began with a visit to the Bennington Museum, home of the world’s largest collection of Grandma Moses paintings, the original flag flown at the Battle of Bennington and the lovely 1925 WASP touring car, built in Bennington. From there it was a spirited ride down Route 7 to Wilmington, MA with a grand view of the Taconic Mountains, which we later had to cross on Route 2 into NY. We drove through NY along the west side of the Taconic Range along the route travelled by Grandma Moses as she painted whimsical



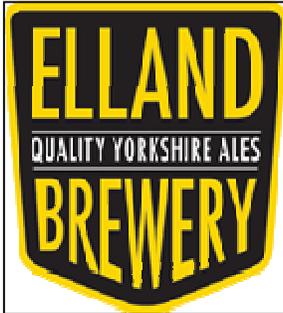
scenes from the farmlands and small towns of the area. We headed back northeast with Mount Graylock (tallest mountain in MA) off our right as we stopped for lunch in Williamstown, MA. A nice jaunt through southern VT brought us once again back to Stratton Resort to end day 2.

Day three was a challenge to say the least! Three weeks before the start, a vicious rain storm hit VT and washed out three towns, two bridges and numerous roads along our scheduled route, which went directly through those three towns! I had three weeks to plan another route! No hill for a climber right! My solution was a short ride down the valley into Manchester to visit Robert Todd Lincoln’s (Abraham’s oldest and only surviving son) summer home Hildene. What a lovely home and a perfect way to end our run! The home itself was fascinating and just a beautiful setting, a perfect substitution. After the tour and a farewell lunch, everyone set out for home, just as the thunderstorms began again! We didn’t get to miss those. It was a wet ride home!

At the end of the day we raised \$35, 635.06 for the Boston Children’s Hospital
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- 2015 - CAMRA National Winter Ales Champion Beer, Overall Winner
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- 2013 - CAMRA Supreme Champion Beer of Britain, Overall Winner
- 2013 - CAMRA National Winter Ales Champion Beer, Overall Winner
- 2010 - CAMRA National Winter Ales Champion Beer, Overall Winner
- 2004 - International Brewing Awards, Gold Medal

Source: <https://www.ellandbrewery.co.uk/>

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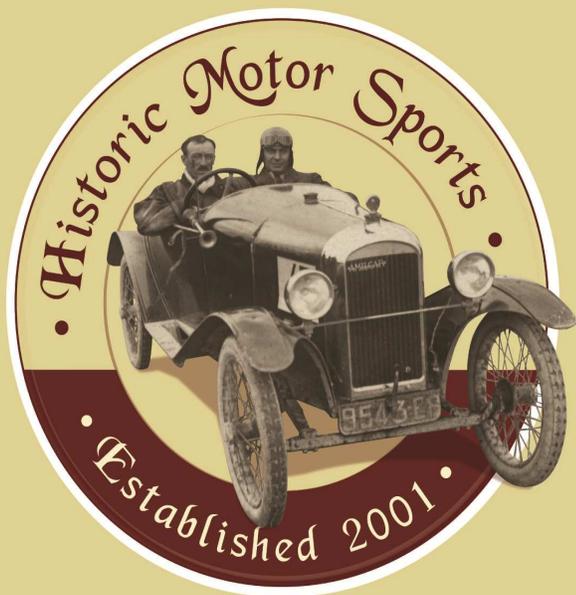
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