



The MG Car Club Geelong Inc.

Our Library now has 577 books, 80 VHS/DVDs, and 3,788 Magazines.

To assist members new to the MG Marque and the MG Car Club, this Librarian's Selection is a suggested reading list.

Go to the Library pages at:- <https://www.mgccgeelong.com.au>

to find links to catalogues of books & magazines, and book reviews

I have also included a list of Weblinks which I have found useful - [left click](#) blue prompts if you are reading this on-line.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Library is open from one hour before our Monthly Meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month and during the coffee break.

The Library and Regalia Shop are also open from 2:30pm to 4:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Loans from the Library are for one month, from meeting to meeting, but may be extended by contacting the Librarian.

I log loans and returns and will monitor those who have kept any item for more than the standard one month.

I am usually very busy at the Meetings. If you have technical questions and need help in finding information in the Library, please e-mail me (<mailto:librarian@mgccgeelong.com.au>) well before our monthly gatherings and I shall attempt to find a reference for you.

BOOKS and DVDs

Complete catalogue of our books, VHS tapes, and DVDs	CLICK HERE
All Book Reviews from previous editions of G-Torque	CLICK HERE
Book Reviews from latest edition of G-Torque	CLICK HERE
The Librarian's Selection of key books to read as an introduction for	CLICK HERE
Keep your grandchildren happy, and indoctrinate them into MG lore, by downloading the MG Colouring Book and print out line drawings for them to colour-in. This is reproduced with thanks to Judith Bertoglio-Griffin who printed a limited edition in 1976	CLICK HERE

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LIBRARY HOMEPAGE ON OUR WEBSITE

Book Reviews on the web often give more detail than is included in our articles in G-Torque as they have to be edited to fit the space available in the magazine.

We are happy to accept donations of books and magazines on any MG related motoring topic.

MAGAZINES

Following large donations of magazines, the Library now has stocks of the major MG and Classic Car mags. See the Librarian to book them out.

Check on the copies of the MG magazines we have in stock in the MG Magazine Catalogue

Complete MG Magazine Catalogue	CLICK HERE
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Check the latest versions of the Indices of Articles of Note (I have split these files up as the overall Index was getting very large). This is a huge work-in-progress and is incomplete, but will grow. Items of particular local interest are highlighted in red.

MG Enthusiast – commercial monthly magazine	CLICK HERE
Safety Fast – Magazine of the MG Car Club	CLICK HERE
Enjoying MG – magazine of the MG Owners Club	CLICK HERE
MG World – short lived commercial magazine	CLICK HERE
Other Indexed Magazines (G-Torque back to 1990, Wheel Spin, BMC Experience, Octane, Practical Classics, Classic & Sports Car).	CLICK HERE
Featured articles from the Latest MG Magazines	CLICK HERE
The Newsletter of the BMC-Leyland Australia Heritage Group Inc. is Indexed on their website.	CLICK HERE

A vast amount of MG related information is now in electronic form on the Internet.

Click [HERE](#) to go to a selection of the Librarian's personal MG related bookmarks. This is a very small selection of the thousands of MG related links.

If any of the links do not work, please contact your Librarian and also let him know of any significant links which should be on the list. I shall keep the list reasonably brief but welcome really good new links.

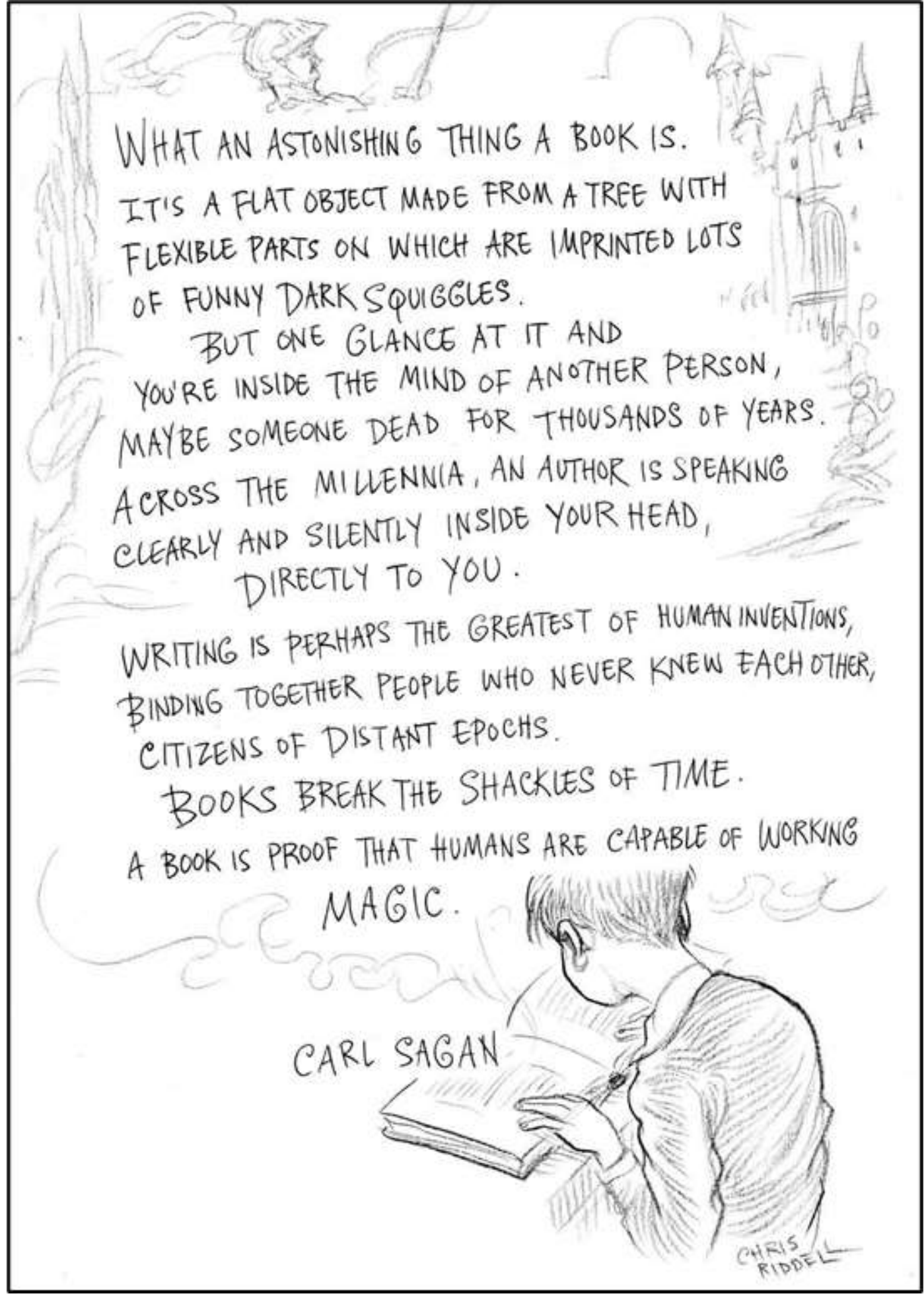
TRADE LISTING

We have compiled a list of traders who have supplied services or parts to our members in the past, and who have been recommended by them.

This list IS NOT endorsed by the MGCC Geelong but merely reflects individual member's experiences.

If you are searching for suppliers of services or parts, our [SECRETARY](#) will provide the list to you on request by e-mail.

If you have good things to report and add to this list, please notify our [SECRETARY](#).

A hand-drawn illustration in a sketchy, pencil-like style. In the foreground, a person is shown from the side, sitting and reading a large book. The person has short hair and is wearing a long-sleeved shirt. In the background, there is a castle with multiple towers and spires. The overall style is whimsical and artistic.

WHAT AN ASTONISHING THING A BOOK IS.

IT'S A FLAT OBJECT MADE FROM A TREE WITH FLEXIBLE PARTS ON WHICH ARE IMPRINTED LOTS OF FUNNY DARK SQUIGGLES.

BUT ONE GLANCE AT IT AND YOU'RE INSIDE THE MIND OF ANOTHER PERSON, MAYBE SOMEONE DEAD FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS. ACROSS THE MILLENNIA, AN AUTHOR IS SPEAKING CLEARLY AND SILENTLY INSIDE YOUR HEAD, DIRECTLY TO YOU.

WRITING IS PERHAPS THE GREATEST OF HUMAN INVENTIONS, BINDING TOGETHER PEOPLE WHO NEVER KNEW EACH OTHER, CITIZENS OF DISTANT EPOCHS.

BOOKS BREAK THE SHACKLES OF TIME.

A BOOK IS PROOF THAT HUMANS ARE CAPABLE OF WORKING MAGIC.

CARL SAGAN



CHRIS RIDDELL

MG Car Club Geelong Library

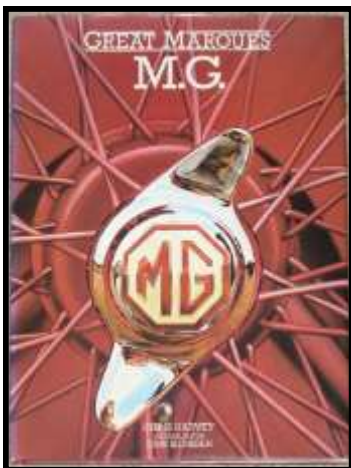
We have had an influx of new members in the last couple of years and, as Librarian, I am frequently asked for recommendations about which books to read to give an introduction to the MG Marque and also to assist in maintaining and restoring particular MG models. I have made a selection of 30 or so to fulfil this need and reviews of these books and a couple of DVDs follow.

For reviews of many of our other books left click on the link:-

[All Book Reviews](http://www.mgccgeelong.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/all-book-reviews.pdf)

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Introduction to the MG Marque



X1/2 - Great Marques, M.G., Chris Harvey

This is seen as a coffee table book, with lots of nice photos, but I regard it as one of the foundation reads for members new to the MG scene.

It summarises, in just 80 pages, the whole history of MG cars and its people from the beginning to the Metro Turbo. There is just enough detail to give a good overview without being too boring for newcomers to get through.

The Great Marques series ran for 10 years or so in the 70s-80s and it is a shame that the series ended before covering some of the 'Great Marques', at least MG scored an early publishing slot.

X123 - MG by McComb, F.Wilson McComb revised by Jonathan Woods



If anyone wants to buy just one book on the history of the MG Marque, this is the standard work on the subject.

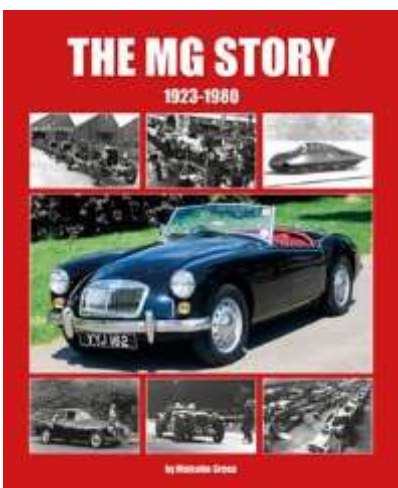
Wilson McComb worked for MG from 1959 to 1969, being employed by John Thornley to establish the 'Safety Fast' magazine (the MGCC was then part of the Abingdon organisation until kicked out by Leonard Lord). McComb also founded the MGCC Vintage Register, and was General Secretary of the MG Car Club.

Later on, McComb was the PR contact for the MG Competition Department. When he first wrote the book in 1978 he had access to lots of inside information, many of

the old hands who had worked with Kimber still being employed at MG.

From Cecil Kimber and the Bullnose MGs of the 1920s, to the thirties Midgets, the Magnettes, the TCs, the MGA, MGB, even the Metro and Maestro, every twist in the tale was followed by Wilson McComb, with an intimate knowledge not only of machinery but also of men, those who created the marque and some who abused it.

X123 is the 2004 edition, updated by Jonathan Wood to include the MGF.

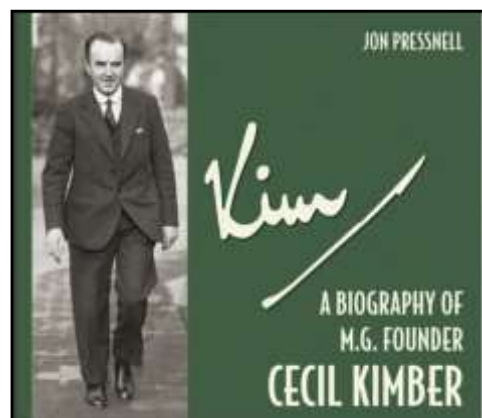
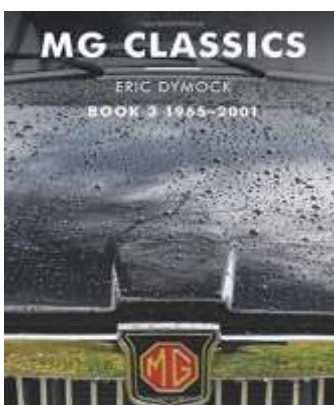
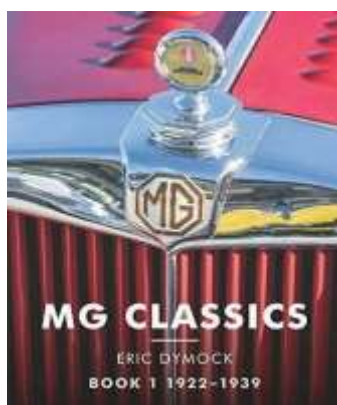


X124 - The MG Story: 1923 - 1980, Malcolm Green, Herridge, 2020

This is the latest title to cover the

whole of MG history up to the MGB. It is a very worthy addition to my recommended list and complements McComb. A series of articles describes every MG model and also gives the back stories of people such as Morris, Kimber, Enever and Thornley.

X113 - X115 - MG Classics: Books 1, 2, 3, Dymock,



This is a very good introduction to anyone who knows little about the huge number of models of MG produced but wants to learn. The 320 pages cover, with a page of detail opposite a photograph, every model and special produced from the 1922 Sports Morris Cowley Chummy to the ZTT Estate Car of 2001.

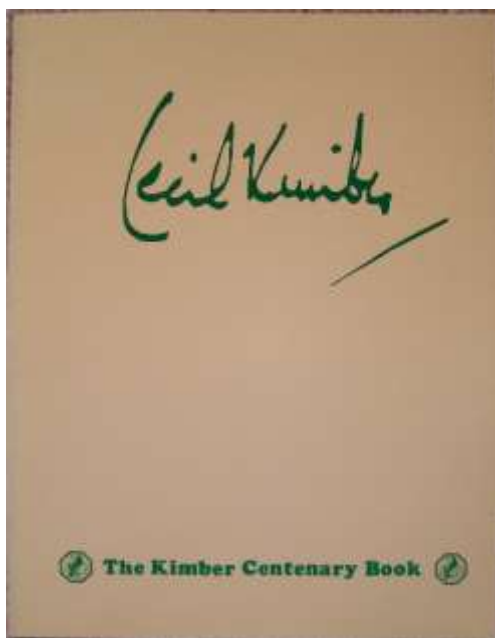
The File also gives details of the history of the MG Car Company and its Racing and Rallying activities. It is currently out of print and, consequently, quite valuable but we have a copy. This single volume has been superseded by a new three volume set **X113, 114 & 115, MG Classics Books 1,2 & 3**

X129 - KIM A Biography of MG Founder Cecil Kimber, Jon Pressnell, Dalton Watson, 2023

The definitive biography of Cecil Kimber by renowned motoring writer Jon Pressnell.

We owe the whole spirit behind MG to Kim, the manager of Morris Garages and the force behind the early cars carrying the MG badge.

At 4 kg, this is not a 'light' read (sorry) and is not to be read in bed as it cost us \$320 including \$90 to have it mailed from the MGCC shop in Abingdon. A very large format 536 page tome it is really the first full



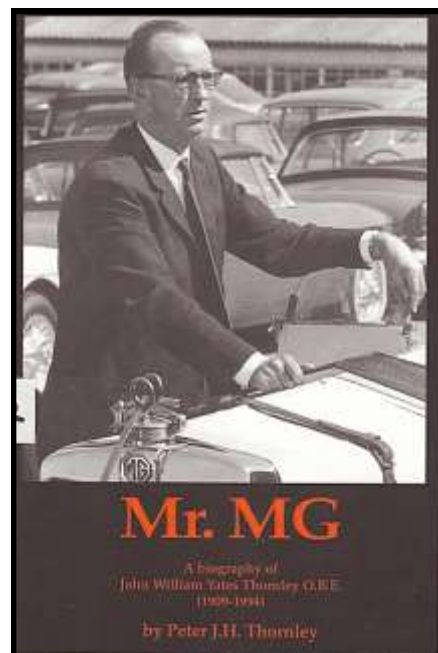
biography of Kimber.

We have the earlier book **X42 - Cecil Kimber 1888 - 1988** edited by Richard Knudson and published by The New England MG T Register in 1988. It was really a collection of articles loosely strung together, although Pressnell acknowledges the value of this historic resource and his new book is dedicated to the memory of Knudson. This is a superb volume and should be read by all MG history nuts.

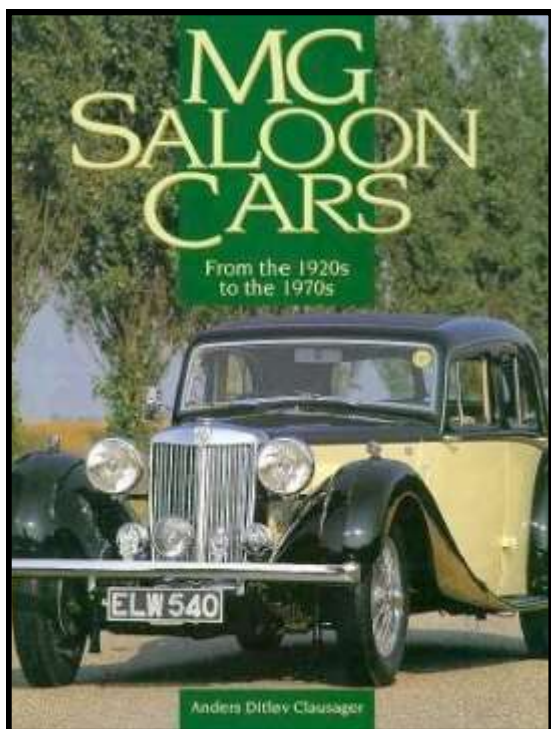
X53 - Mr. MG: A biography of John William Yates Thornley OBE (1904-1994)

If Kimber started MG it's John Thornley we have to thank for its survival. His son Peter began writing this revealing book before John's death in 1994, so this is a first-hand account of his experiences in the company, which he joined in 1931 and stayed with until the end in 1980.

The best bits are the occasionally pithy internal memoranda, plans to re-engine the B with the O- series, the TD replacement expected to last only three years, that Thornley saw front-drive as an inevitability as early as 1955, and constant worries over cost. He described the Frogeye as 'a brave try'. There's telling personal correspondence too from this rather prickly old bird. This book is 'print on demand', which means that picture quality is not to usual book standard but clear enough.



Review by Motor Books, London, at <http://www.motorbooks.co.uk/index.asp>



Anyone interested in the history of the MG Marque should read the story of the man who worked for the Company from 1931 until the end of production at Abingdon, who was founding Secretary of our MGCC in 1930, and who developed the Marque which Cecil Kimber had created.

X41 - MG Saloon Cars, Anders Ditlev Clausager

A significant proportion of MG's production was in the form of saloon cars. Pre-war these were usually versions of the current sports car, often made in miniscule numbers, but later cars carrying the MG Octagon were made in huge numbers.

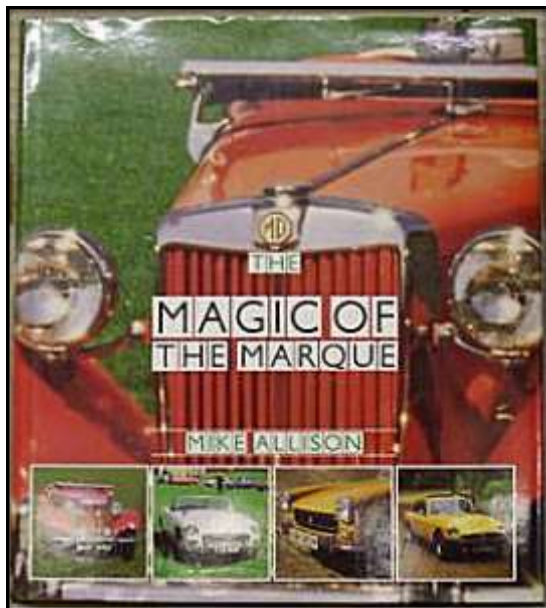
Clausager, who was Archivist at the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust, lists quantities of 5514 SA/VA, 409 K1/K2/KN but only a handful of the tiny M-Type Midget Sportsman's Coupé were made pre-war.

Post war quantities increased substantially to 7459 Y/YB -Types, 36,601 ZA/ZB Magnettes, 31,004 of the largely "badge-engineered" Farina Mk III & IV, and a whopping 157,409 of the fwd 1100/1300.

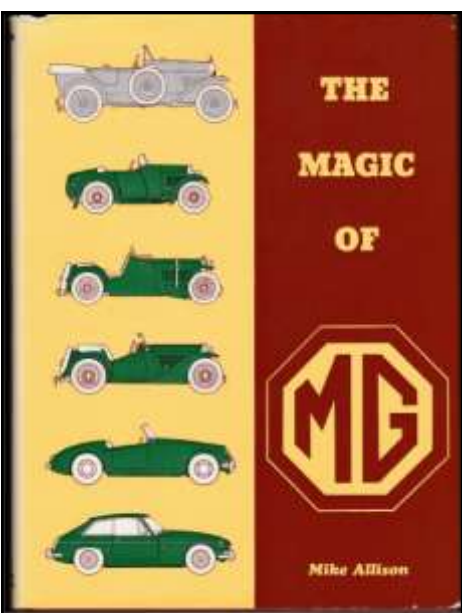
The last MG badged cars made by the dying Leyland empire were heavily based on the Morris and Rover cars of the day but Clausager stops his tale at the MG 1100/1300.

X11 - The Magic of MG, Mike Allison

Another history of MG which focuses on the spirit of the Marque by means of brief text and lots of nice period photographs.



Although the book covers MGs from the beginning through to the MGB, it contains a particularly strong collection of photos of the pre-war cars. (The book was revised as 'MG The Magic of the Marque' in 1989)



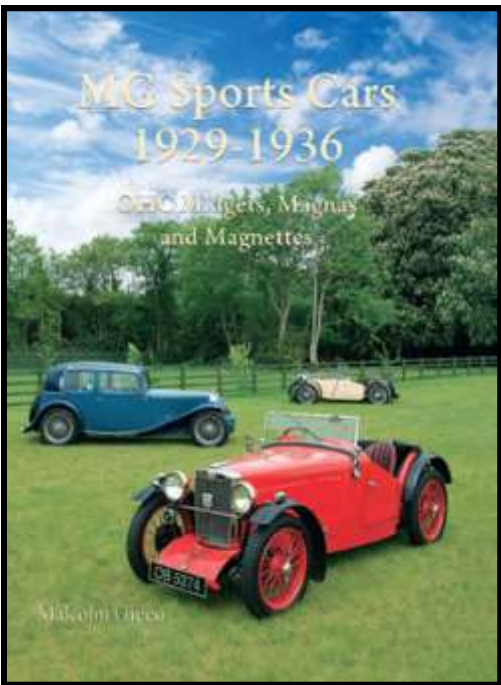
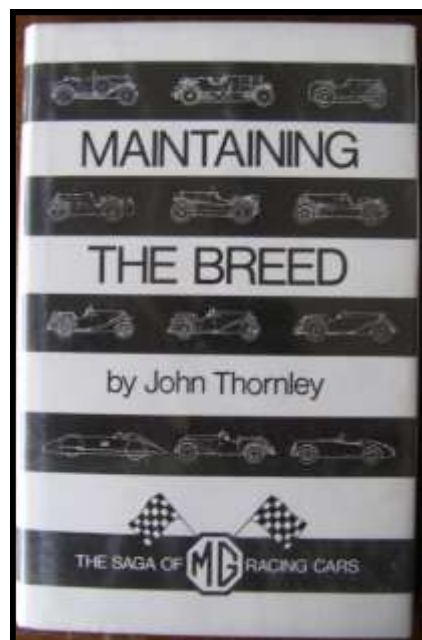
MMM & T-Types

P8 - MG Sports Cars 1929-1936, Malcolm Green

This is a special book telling the story of the overhead camshaft pre-war MGs, from the Morris Minor derived four cylinder M-Type Midget, through the C, D, J, P, Q, & R and the six cylinder F, L, K, & N-Type Magnette. Special bodied cars and the record breakers are included.

Published in 2001, the book contains many period black and white photographs, with a good selection of colour shots of some cars as they are today.

If you want to learn about the era when MG expanded into an Internationally renowned manufacturer, then read this!



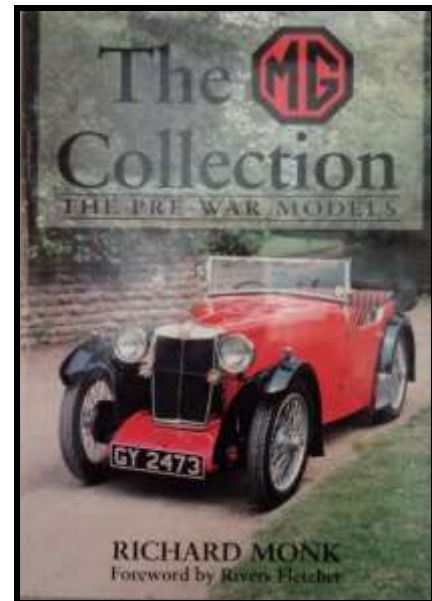
X38 - Maintaining the Breed, the Saga of MG Racing Cars by John Thornley,

John Thornley wrote this in 1950 when he was Assistant General Manager of the MG Car Company. This classic work covers the period from the start of MG up to the MGA and is written by the man who was at the centre of the action from 1931 to 1969 and was the founding Secretary of the MG Car Club in 1930.

The book concentrates on the racier versions of the M, J, K, P, Q, and R-types, and the various EX specials built for racing and record breaking. It includes masses of detail, chassis photographs, power curves, etc.

X106 - The MG Collection, The Pre-War Models, Richard Monk, PSL with MGOC, 1994

I had not come across this book before and it is a terrific pictorial summary of all the pre-war MGs, written by Richard Monk of the MG Owners Club. Each model is illustrated with one two page photo and a page of close-ups, plus a one page summary of the history - recommended for anyone with an interest in the older cars. Literature on the pre-wars is, strangely, somewhat limited.

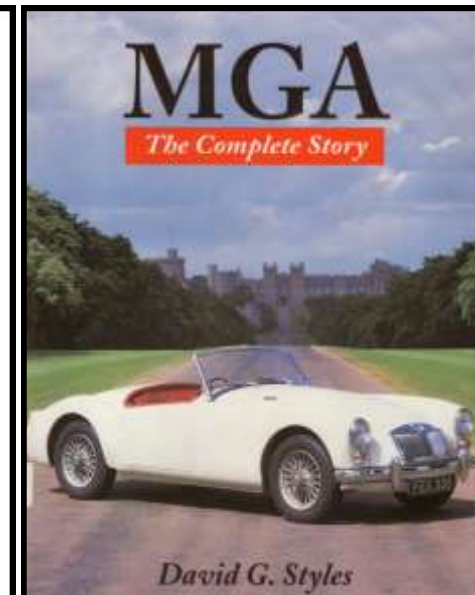
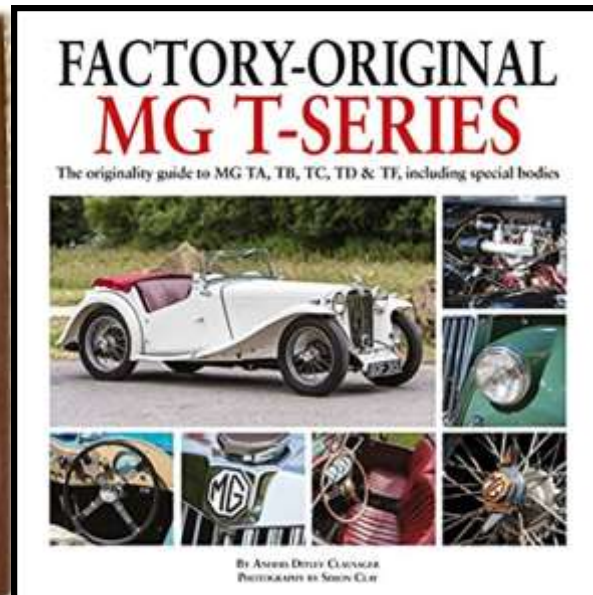
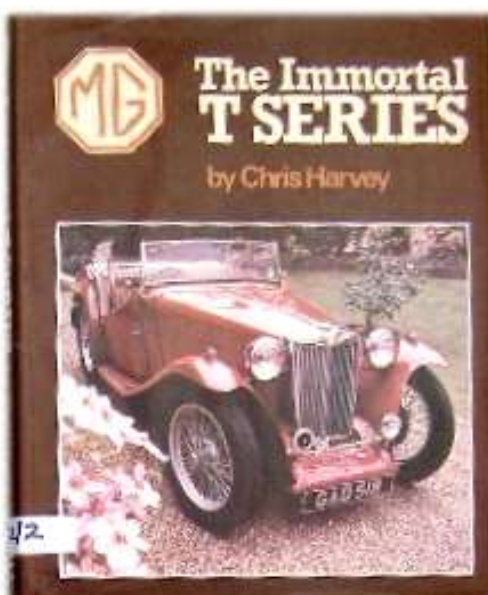


T12/2 - MG, The Immortal T Series, Chris Harvey

A lovely book written by Chris Harvey in 1977 chronicling the TA to TF MGs. He talks about the background to the TA, the development of the T-Series, and its place related to its contemporary rivals. Modifications, specials, and the MG Car Clubs are also covered.

T027 - Factory-Original MG T-Series, Clausager

The standard reference with many clear colour photographs of details of T-Types, including schedules of production changes. One of the many 'Original' series which was fully revised and enlarged in 2019.



MGA

A9 - MGA, The Complete Story, David G. Styles

David Styles delivers a similar treatment to Harvey's T-Series book, but about the MGA. He chronicles the background to its design, the various models, and also places it in its market with comparisons to its competitors. Dave Langley found this book and kindly donated it to our library.

MGB

B14 - MGB Including MGC & MGB GT V8, David Knowles

This remarkably detailed and beautifully illustrated history of the MGB and its derivatives will be a welcome addition to the book shelf of any MGB fan or British sports car enthusiast. It is not a comprehensive history, but is an entertaining and informative book that describes such oddities as the MGB hot air balloon and the MGB that crashed to earth when its parachute failed to open.

The BBC Top Gear Website commented, 'If you're a fan and haven't yet bought a book on the MGB-based cars, this is the only one you're likely to need.'

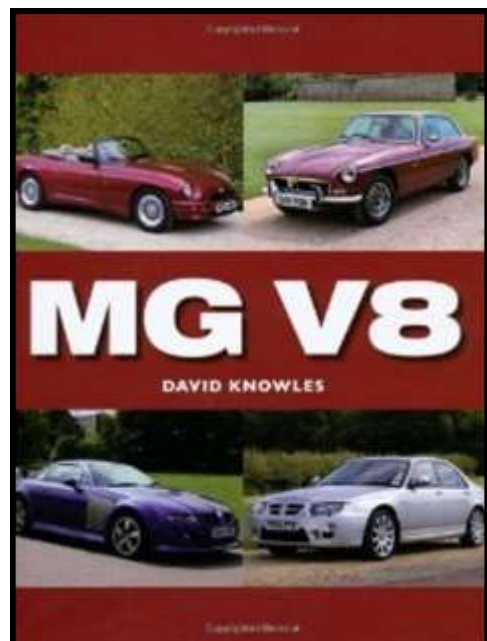
BV83 - MG V8, David Knowles, Crowood

Yet another David Knowles masterpiece on the story of the most powerful production Classic MGs built. We have several Knowles books in the Library.

The book describes the concept, design, development, and history of the Costello MGB, the Abingdon MGB GTV8, RV8, ZT 260, X Power SV, and several proposals which never made it to production.

It is a typically well researched, well produced, and well illustrated Knowles production which, in addition to the basic story of each model, looks at details of notable cars, special editions and colour charts. He includes interviews with some members of the original design teams and also insight from many of the outside suppliers and specialists who helped develop the cars.

B24 - Practical Classics Guide to the MGB, Practical Classics Magazine (signed by Don Hayter)



Over the years, Practical Classics Magazine has published many articles on the MGB. This publication collects all this information together.

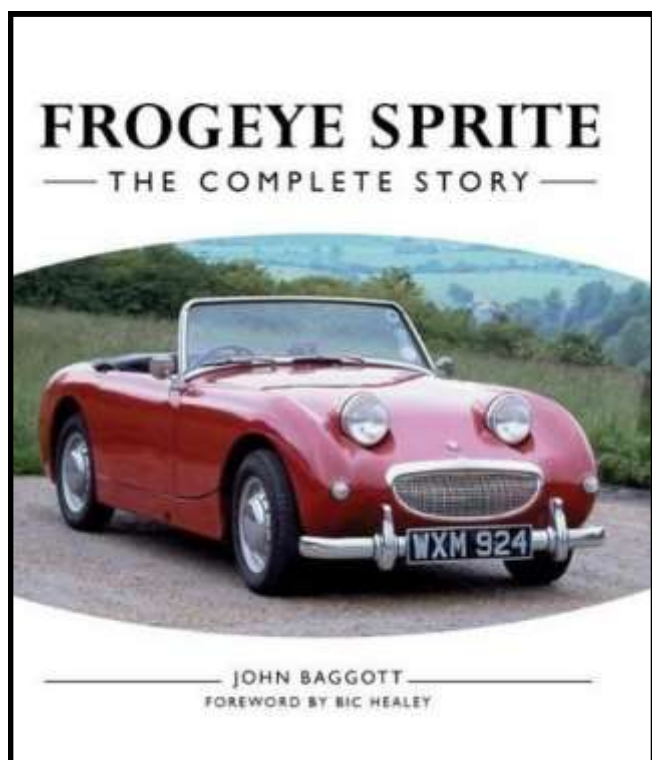
The 'Collectors' Edition' we have in the Library is a limited edition signed by Don Hayter, Body Designer of the MGB and later Chief Design and Development Engineer of MG (see also **B21 Don Hayter's MGB Story**)

Sprites and Midgets

M13 - Frogeye Sprite - The Complete Story, John Baggott, Crowood

Oh, all right, I know a Frogeye is not strictly an MG but it did form the basis of one of the best and most numerous Midgets, was detailed and built in the MG factory at Abingdon, and anyway is a super little car.

As the title infers, John Baggott charts the design and development of the Sprite, follows its racing success, covers special bodied cars and modern recreations, and relives the stories of many past and present

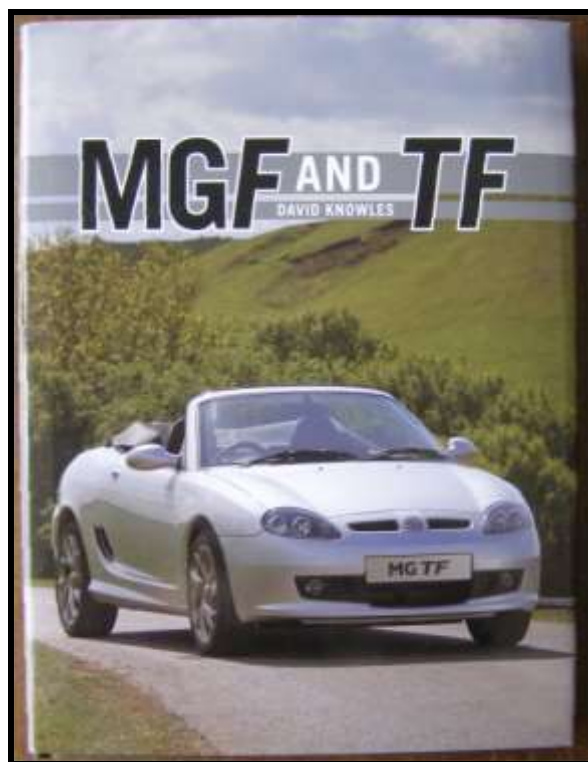


owners and their cars.

MGF and TF

F3 - MGF and TF by David Knowles

The latest thoughts of well-known MG historian David Knowles on the



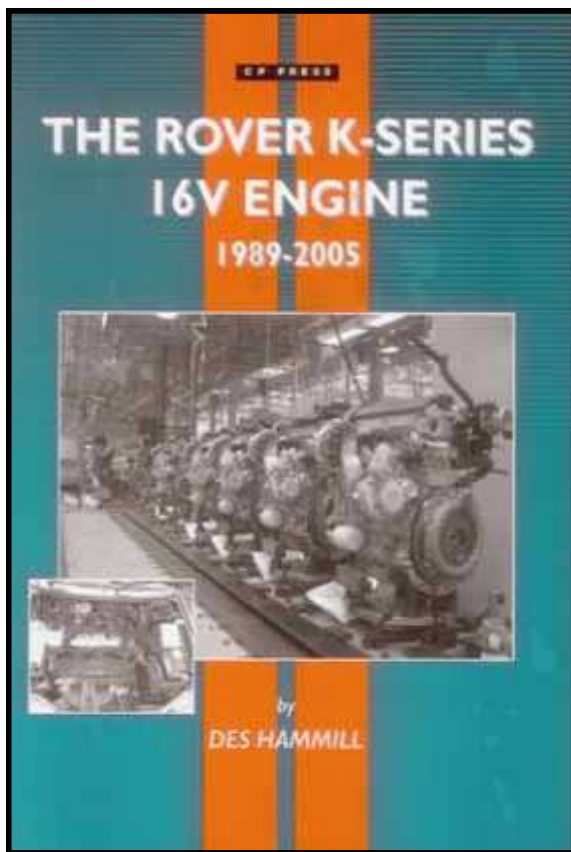
evolution of the MGF and follow-on models.

Published in 2010 this covers the TF LE500 and TF 85th LE which were re-launched in the UK with final assembly from Chinese components being carried out in what remains of the old Rover Longbridge factory.

F4 - The Rover K-Series 16V Engine 1989-2005 by Des Hammill

As more of our members buy MGFs and TFs and some, inevitably, run into head gasket and cylinder liner problems, it is good to see this book on our shelves.

The K-Series was basically a very good and modern engine, but had



some reliability issues from day #1 which are only overcome with some updates, applied with skill and care. Routine maintenance is also not a simplistic task, but good reliability can be achieved if a little knowledge is applied.

The book comprises 140 pages of small print and only a few photographs, and is not a five minute

read. If, however, you want to find out the true and detailed story of these engines, a few uninterrupted hours will pay dividends. If I owned an MGF or TF I would buy a copy to get the full story on these engines.

Maintenance and Restoration

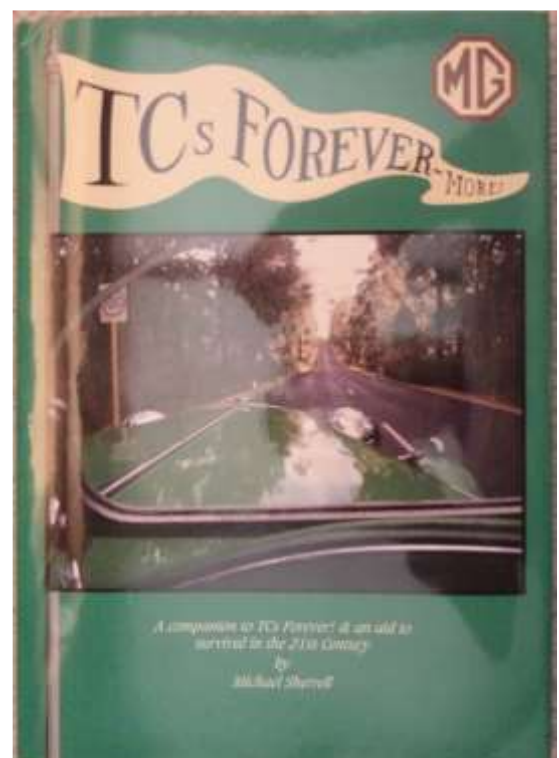
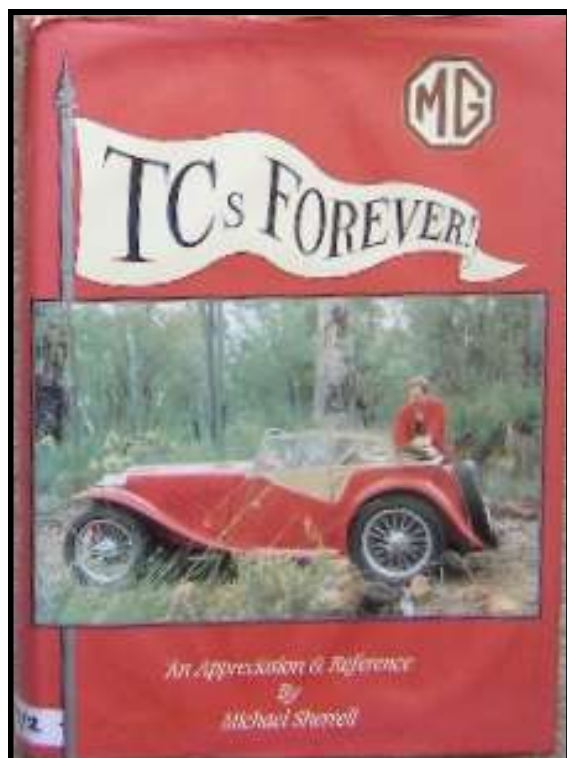
T1 & T22 - MG TCs Forever!, An Appreciation and Reference by Mike Sherrell, and now MG TCs Forever More!

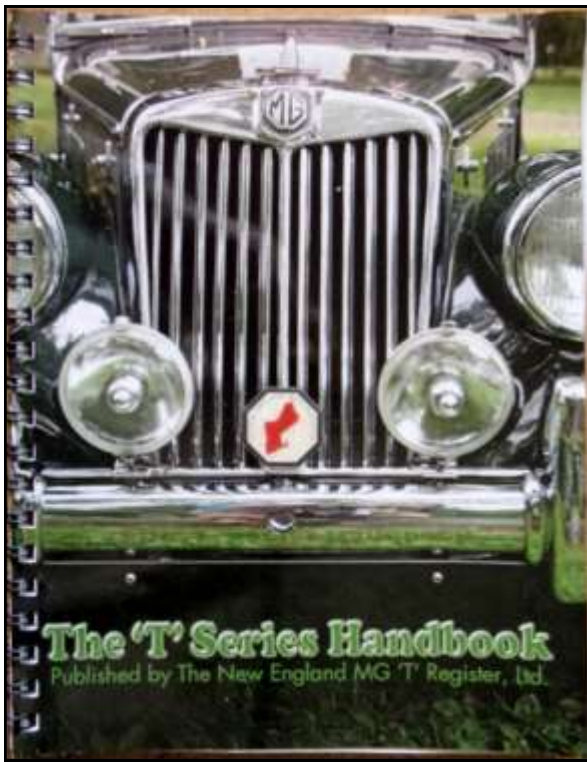
Acknowledged worldwide as THE definitive book on TC originality. This is the reference for anyone rebuilding a basket case with lots of drawings of body parts and fittings. Every TC owner should have a copy!

T21 - The 'T' Series MG Handbook, The New England MG 'T' Register

There are two T-Type 'bibles', Mike Sherrell's 'TCs Forever!', and this one. This new acquisition is the updated 2009 version of a book which we have had for many years.

The New England MG 'T' Register





publishes their magazine, 'The Sacred Octagon' bi-monthly. It contains many technical articles and these have been collected into this book.

MG Spares

Moss Europe Catalogues

X62 MG T-Type

X63 MGA, Catalogue

X64 MGB, Catalogue

X65 Sprite & Midget

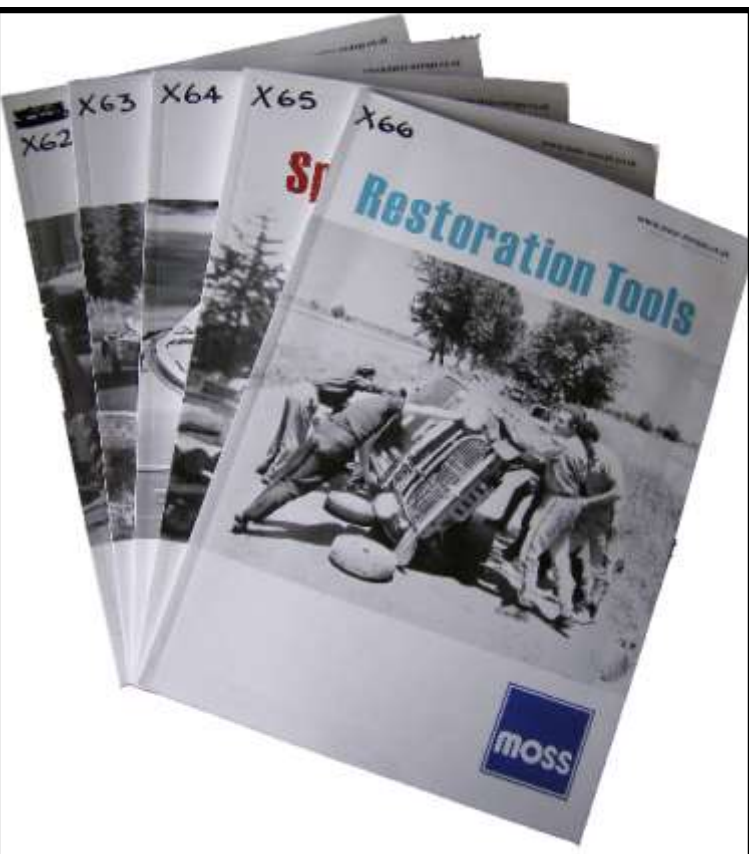
X66 Restoration Tools

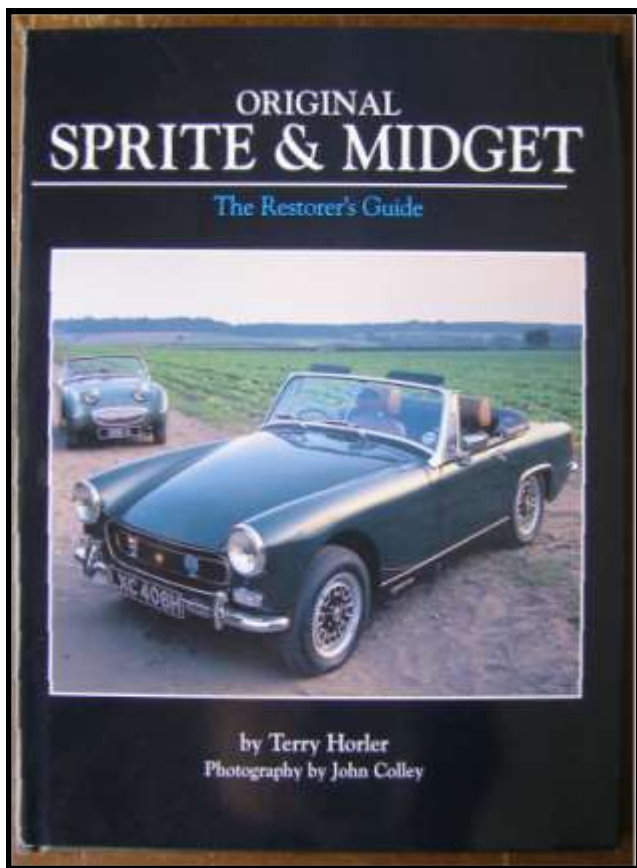
I have recently been doing a few jobs on Graeme Johnstone's green TC (you will mostly know it as the Gil Taylor TC) and it occurred to me that, as MG owners, we really are spoilt for choice as far as supply of spare parts is concerned. A few months ago I needed a timing chain tensioner for my AU Falcon, a wearing part for an engine which was last produced only 7 years ago in Geelong, only to be told that Ford did not service that part any more! (I did get one from Bursons, presumably a Chinese copy).

Graeme's TC had some rust on the badge bar and I was able to buy one from Moss in the UK, over the Internet, delivered in 5 days - not bad for a non-wearing part for a sixty four year old car!

So, to celebrate Moss UK's support for our cars, here are the catalogues which we have in the Library. A warning! Reading these catalogues is a severe wealth hazard and may lead to hunger and divorce.

Before we get besieged by other MG parts suppliers complaining of favouritism, we must also not forget our local Concourse Spares, MG Build, Sydney's MG Spare Parts, Moss USA, MG Owners Club, Brown & Gammons, SC MGB Parts, MGB Hive, The Little British Car Company, Abingdon Parts 4 MG, From the Frame Up (TC parts) and then there are all the specialist suppliers SU Midel Carburettors, etc., etc., etc,we really are spoilt for choice.





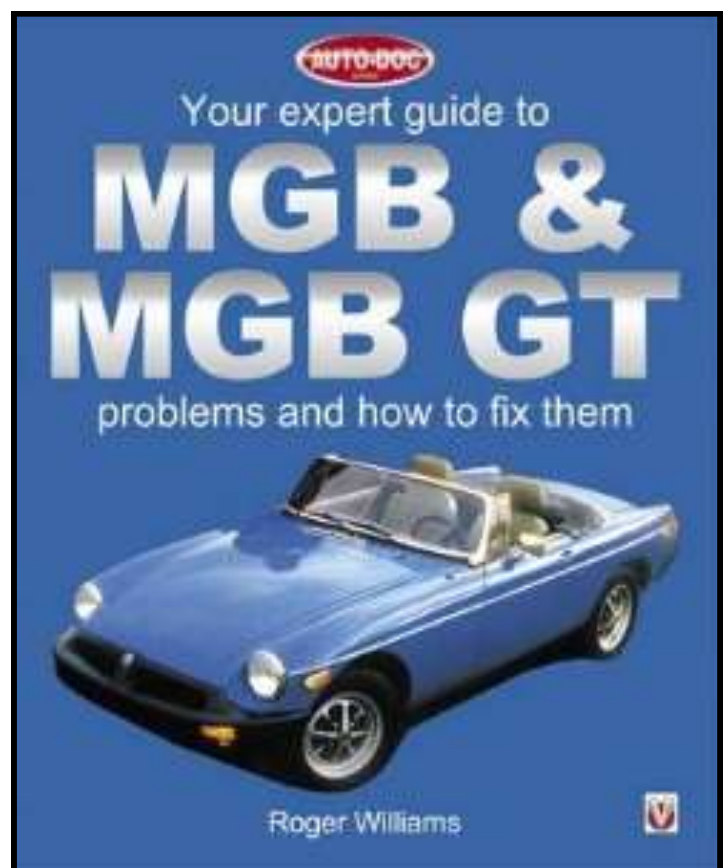
B9 - Original MGB, A8 - Original MGA, and M10 - Original Sprite & Midget

I regard these books by Anders Ditlef Clausager and Terry Horler as essential reading for all keen 'A', 'B,' and 'Midget' owners and restorers. They attempt to show all the various versions, concentrating on appearance and originality, and contain a wealth of colour photographs.

B12 - Your Expert Guide to MGB & MGB GT, Roger Williams

"Your expert guide to MGB & MGB GT problems and how to fix them" by Roger Williams is in our library and should be out on loan all the time, it's a waste to leave it on the shelves.

It does not approach working on the MGB in the same manner as the various workshop and restoration manuals but starts each section with a description of typical problems, identifies the causes, and tells you

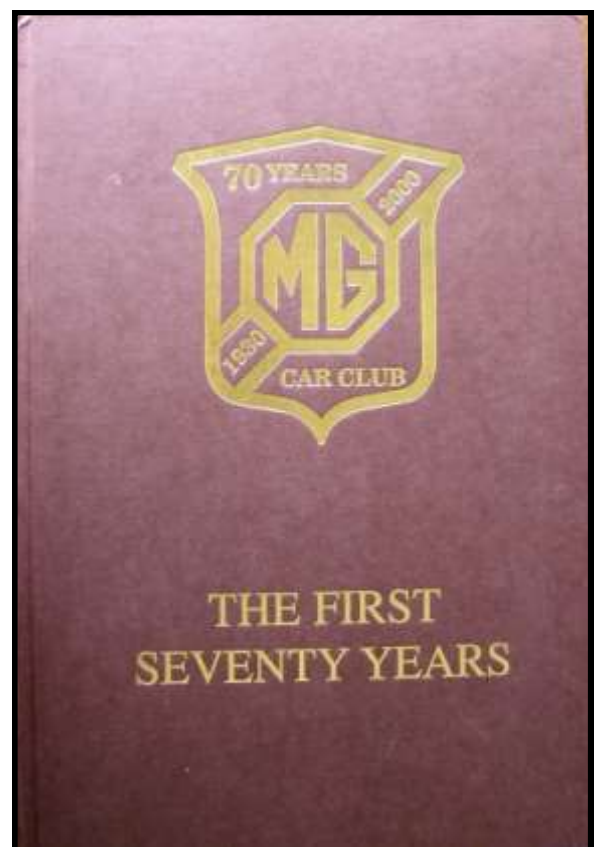


how to fix them - excellent, one of the most useful books I have at home.

The MG Car Club

X33 - The First Seventy Years, MG Car Club Ltd

I would recommend anyone who wishes to find out more about the Club





M.G. Car Club Geelong

Barry Arthur

Geelong, with a population of 150,000 and the second largest city in Victoria, is situated about 70kms south-west of Melbourne, on the shores of the Corio Bay. With the scenically beautiful and exhilarating Great Ocean Road just a short drive away it is no wonder that the city's population includes a generous percentage of sports car owners.

The M.G. Car Club first came to Geelong in 1973 when an advertisement was placed in the local newspaper urging fellow M.G. enthusiasts to meet at a local watering hole with a view toward forming a club. A sizeable group turned up and the club was formed as a sub-centre of the M.G. Car Club of Victoria, which has its own centre in Melbourne.

The club grew and prospered and in 1983 hosted a most successful national meeting in the area with the assistance of the Melbourne Centre.

In 1988 the Geelong membership was approaching the 100 mark and its members decided that it was high time that they determined their own future and should branch out on their own. A vote was taken and the deed was wrought with the Geelong M.G. Car Club becoming a self supporting car club in its own right.

Today, our car club continues to grow, with a membership now well over the ton. Most members own at least one M.G., while many have several sports cars to embellish their stables. Our M.G.s range from a beautifully prepared J3, through the quintessential T-series, and up to the modern day MGF, making a total of around a hundred cars in all.

The club continues to supply its members with a host of regular activities both motoring and social, and offers a range of competition events toward an annual club award scheme. Visitors are always welcome at our general meetings, held in the evening of the first Tuesday of a month in the Geelong Traffic Safety Centre, Breakwater Road, Breakwater. Club runs to a destination of interest are always popular and provide an opportunity for social tyre kicking.

Details of these and other events are published in the local Geelong Advertiser (under M.G. in the Used Car section) to encourage prospective members.

A news magazine, *G Torque*, is produced and distributed each month to our members, and the other Australian M.G. Car Clubs. This includes a calendar of coming events, reports on past events, as well as interesting items to help members get the most from their pride and joy.

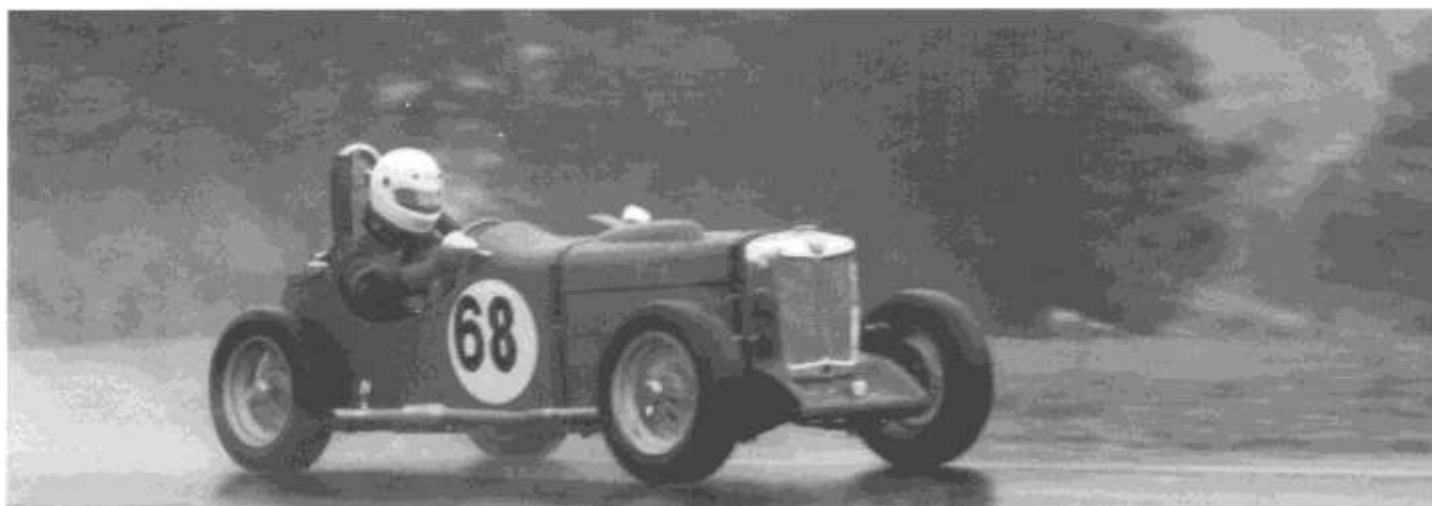
A couple of years ago our Club hosted its first autocross event (a one-lap dash on a dirt circuit) with the Melbourne M.G. Car Club an invited club. We were most fortunate with the weather and the field of 53 enjoyed a great day of sliding in the dirt; so much so as to ensure even bigger fields at future events.

A number of motorkhanas are organised each year and these are well supported by an enthusiastic group of competitors of both sexes.

1998 was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the M.G. Car Club in Geelong, and of ten years as a club in our own right. We celebrated the occasion with a grand dinner/dance in June that year. During the evening, our life members entertained us with anecdotes of the Club's halcyon days and recalled the history of the Club to date. The Geelong Club is enjoying a resurgence of interest at the moment, due in no small part to the enthusiasm of its committee and members and we look forward to many years of happy M.G.ing.



Mrs Jan Gayland in her MGA at a motorkhana



Mr Peter Statton in his M.G. TC Motorsport Special, built and raced by the driver

they have joined, to read this.

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the formation of the MG Car Club, this book was compiled by Mike Hawke and published as a hardback edition, limited to 700 copies.

The book gives a history of the main Club in the UK, histories of the model Registers (MGB, T, etc.), UK Centres, and Overseas Centres and, on page 74, a potted history of the M.G. Car Club Geelong, reproduced on the next page. This was written by Barry Arthur and is illustrated by photos of Jan Gaylard motorkhana-ing an MGA and Peter Stratton in his TC Special.

It is interesting to reflect that, when Barry wrote this in 2000, he talked of a membership of 'well over the ton' and a car register of around 100. At this year's AGM, our Registrar reported a total membership of 650 owning over 500 cars!

The M.G. Car Club Victoria also scored a page, written by Bob Somerville. This is relevant to us as Geelong was a sub-branch of the Victoria Club until 1988.

X72 - From Larrikins to Old Snoozers - Commemorating 50 years of the M.G. Car Club Victoria, Leon Sims & Bob Somerville

Researched and written by Leon Sims and edited by Bob Somerville, this 246 page hardback was intended to be published in time for the 50th but,



despite being 6 years late, it is a significant achievement and includes details of the 50th celebrations and later purchase of the clubhouse extension.

A must for our Library is this history of the MGCC Victoria as the first photograph depicts Fritz Nordern and Ted Heriot, seated left and right on the running board of Ted's TC in 1956,

Fritz and Ted were members 4 and 6 of the Club and this is really the history of the beginning of our Geelong Club as we only stood alone after separating from Victoria in 1988.

General

Building Cars in Australia, Morris, Austin, BMC and Leyland 1950-1975 - Library Cat. No. G50

After a long gestation period the BMC-Leyland Australia Heritage Group, largely comprised of past employees of Leyland in Sydney, has published this significant 231 page book.

From an MG perspective, it is a little light on, but chronicles in some detail the production of most of the BMC-

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BMC-LEYLAND AUSTRALIA HERITAGE GROUP

Leyland models, the factories which produced them, and many of the people involved.

Perhaps we have an impression of the BMC plants as being merely assembly shops for CKD (Completely Knocked Down) pommie cars and trucks but, in fact, BMC-Leyland was a full design and manufacturing facility, equalling Ford and GM in capability. Similar to Ford and GM, the local operation utilised help from the home operations in the UK but most products after the initial CKD years were fully engineered, tooled, and manufactured in Sydney. At its peak, Leyland employed 5,000 people, a bit less than half Ford Australia's 13,600 but still a very important local employer.

Again, paralleling MG in the UK, the Sydney operation was often starved of funding in its latter years and some products were not as good as they should have been as a result. Local Leyland plans were at the mercy of decisions made in the UK, mostly with little consideration for the colonial operation, and the closure of Leyland Australia was forced on BLMC by the

need to realise all overseas assets to prop up the UK company.

A little MG footnote, the first prototypes of the 'all Australian' Leyland P76 were actually built in the MG Abingdon prototype shop, and the first running car was subjected to a series of tests and some limited development at the Motor Industry Research Association (MIRA) in Nuneaton.

DVDs

V54 - Best of British - MG - Second Edition, Duke

This is an updated second edition of a DVD which we already have (Catalogue V27) and brings the MG story nearly up date, to the launch of the MG6.

The story is told fairly simply, takes 47



minutes to give a general background to the development of the MG Marque, and is a good introduction to newcomers to our scene.

From the early history of sporting versions of Morris cars the narrator leads us, model by model, up to the glory days of the MGB, then the decline during the 'Leyland' era of largely badge engineered sporting sedans, and on to the ultimate collapse of MG Rover and the salvation of the Marque by the Chinese.

V38 and V44 - The Best of MG Volume One and Two, DVD, Heritage Motor Films

There are several compilations of old MG films in our DVD collection, and some mixes cross-over and partially duplicate each other. I am attempting to sort these out and am building an Index of film titles on the last few pages of the 'Library Catalogue' accessible from our MGCC website Library page.

The DVDs are published by the BMHIT (British Motor Heritage Trust) and set the MG brand into its historic perspective.

The Best of MG Volume One includes MGB, Safety Fast 1932, Exhibit B801 1959, Magic Carpet 1962.

The Best of MG Volume Two includes Safety Fast 1950, Ladies First 1956, Of Time & Speed, MG Does It Again, Sports Car of the Year 1958, 6R4 Update.

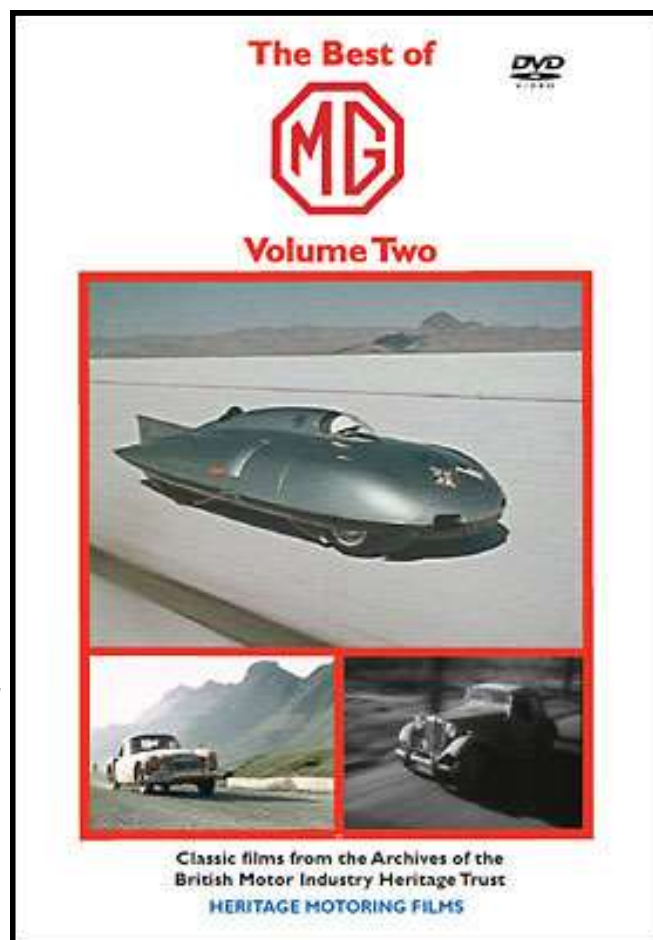
Magazines

There is also a vast amount of information contained in the 3,100 plus Magazines in our Library and the Librarian is gradually cataloguing relevant information from these.

Check the latest versions of the Indices of Articles of Note (I have split these files up as the overall Index was getting very large). This is a huge work-in-progress and is incomplete, but will grow.

Go to the MGCC Geelong website or left click on the links below:-

- [**MG Enthusiast**](#)
- [**Enjoying MG**](#)
- [**Safety Fast**](#)
- [**MG World**](#)



- **Other Indexed Magazines** (BMC Experience, G-Torque, Wheel Spin, Octane, Practical Classics, Classic & Sports Car)

‘MG Enthusiast’

monthly from the UK, not aligned to any club. If you subscribe to MG Enthusiast direct from the UK, it arrives by airmail two months earlier than the copies in our local newsagents, at the same price as the locals.

‘Safety Fast’

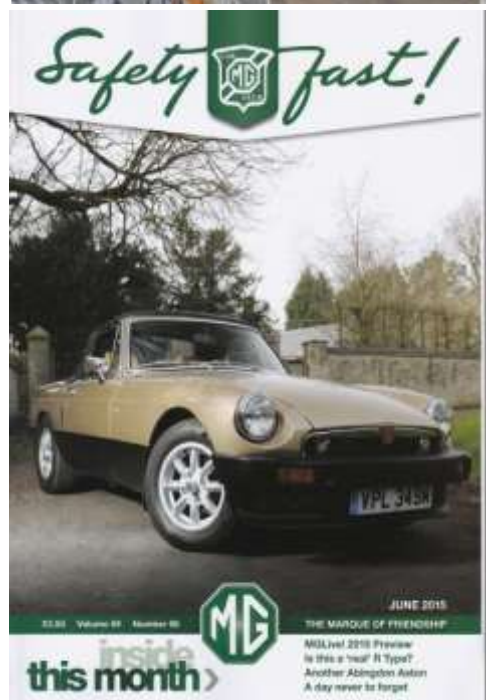
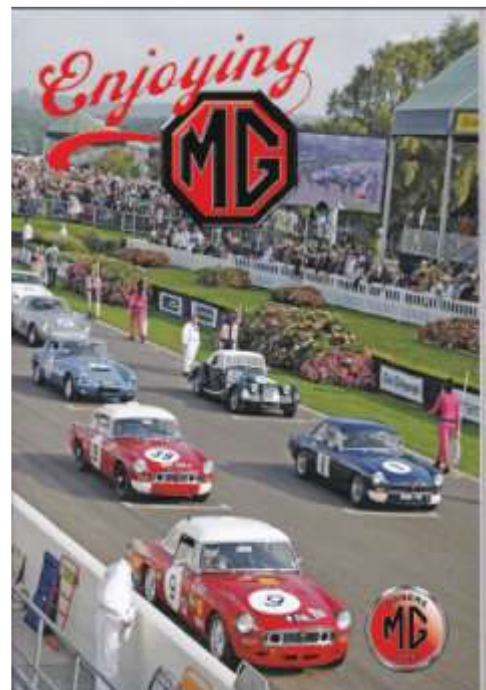
the monthly magazine of the UK MGCC. The Geelong MGCC is a Centre of the MGCC, started by Roy Marsh and John Thornley in 1930. Kimber House is the base of the MGCC and is situated on the edge of the old Abingdon MG Works site. The MGCC is a largely amateur run organization and only directly markets a small range of regalia, books, and models.

‘Enjoying MG’

monthly magazine of the UK MG Owners Club, a commercially run club set up in 1973 with emphasis on post-war MG ownership. The MGOC retails a huge range of MG spares and regalia, and also provides servicing and insurance facilities in the UK.

‘The B.M.C. Experience’ was a local quarterly publication from Geelong, concentrating on the story of BMC-Leyland products manufactured and marketed in Australia. Unfortunately, this publication ceased after 22 Issues.

Other more general magazines which I find useful are **‘Practical Classics,’ ‘Classic and Sports Car,’ ‘Octane,’** and **‘Thoroughbred and Classic Cars’**, UK magazines which frequently publish articles about the history, restoration, and maintenance of MGs and other Marques.



Favourite Weblinks

There is a multitude of websites dealing with MGs and allied subjects. Here is a selection of some useful links. If you are reading this as a .pdf file on your computer, left clicking on the highlighted blue text will take you directly to the linked site in your internet browser. Many of the linked sites contain links to more detailed information.

----- MG Clubs -----

The MG Car Club, UK	http://www.mgcc.co.uk
MG Car Clubs Australia	http://mgcc.com.au
MGCC Y-Register	http://www.mgccyregister.co.uk/technical-information/
The MG Car Club Geelong Inc.	http://www.mgccgeelong.com.au
The MG Car Club Geelong Inc. Library	https://mgccgeelong.com.au/LIBRARY.html
MG Car Club Victoria	http://mgcc.com.au/mgcc/default.shtml
MG TC Register of Victoria, Australia	http://mgtc.mgcc.info/page01.html
MG Owners Club - UK commercial social club, spares & service supply	http://www.mgownersclub.co.uk
MG Owners Club, UK spare parts and accessories	http://www.mgocspares.com/
The Pre-War MG Register of Australia	http://prewar.mgcc.info/
MG TC Owners Club - Perth W. Australia	http://www.mgtcownersclub.com/
Octagon Car Club - various MG links	http://www.mgcars.org.uk/octclub/index.htm
The New England MG 'T' Register	http://www.nemgtr.org/welcome-to-the-new-england-mg-t-register.html
MG 'T' Society Limited	http://ttypes.org/

----- TECHNICAL HELP -----

Chicagoland MG Club Tech Tips	http://www.chicagolandmgclub.com/techtips/
Sterling British Motoring Society, Kentucky	http://www.sterlingbritishmotoringsociety.org/resources.htm
Repairing Smiths Speedometers by A. Rhodes	https://sbmsclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/smith-speedo-repair.pdf
Tuning BMC Sports Cars	http://www.sterlingbritishmotoringsociety.org/files/Tuning_BMC_Sports_Cars.pdf
Steven Strange MGB Tuning (1041 pages)	http://mgbgt.files.wordpress.com/2011/07/tuning-the-mgb-4-cylinder-engine_mgbgt-wordpress-com.pdf
Les Bengston's MG Restoration Tips and Special Tools	http://www.custompistols.com/mg-cars.html
Fuel Pressure Regulator	http://fuelab.com/fuel-pressure-regulators-low-pressure-applications/
The MGA Guru - the Home of The MGA With An Attitude	http://mgaguru.com/
The pages of 'Bee' and 'Vee'	http://www.mgb-stuff.org.uk/hometext.htm
Nuts, screws, and lots of links re bolts and MGs	http://www.mgb-stuff.org.uk/misctext.htm#fasteners
Spark plug cross reference	http://www.sparkplug-crossreference.com/
The MG & MGB Experience - web forum	http://www.mgexperience.net/
John Twist at University Motors	http://www.universitymotorsltd.com/
University Motors Technical Videos	https://www.youtube.com/user/Universitymotorsltd/videos
University Motors Winter Storage	https://universitymotorsltd.com/winter-storage/
Classic Motorsports Magazine - Wire Wheels & Classic Cars	https://classicmotorsports.com/articles/wire-wheels-classic-cars/

Balancing Wire Wheels	http://mgaguru.com/mgtech/wheels/wl110a.htm
Australian Classic Wire Wheels	http://acww.com.au/catalog/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=21_25
Australian Classic Wire Wheels - 16 inch centre laced TC wheels	http://www.acww.com.au/catalog/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=21_25_3_36&products_id=61
MG Engine Test Bed	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2uRqBp4zbM
Guide to Buying ZA ZB Magnette	https://classicsworld.co.uk/guides/buying-guide-mg-za-zb-magnette/

----- MG HISTORY -----

Austin Rover Online, unofficial history - Keith Adams	http://www.aronline.co.uk
MGBs Made in Australia	http://mgbsmadeinaustralia.org
Zetland photos of contents of CKD MGB packs KDM198	http://mgbsmadeinaustralia.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/MG-CKD-parts.compressed.pdf
Zetland MGB CKD ASSEMBLY MANUAL KDM 198A	http://mgbsmadeinaustralia.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/mgb_ckd_assy-2.pdf
MotorSport Magazine	http://www.motorsportmagazine.com
BMC-Leyland Australia Heritage Group	http://www.bmclaheritage.org.au/
Wikipedia MG Car Models	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MG_Cars#Car_models
Enthusiasts of British Vehicles built before 1985	http://www.britishmotorvehicles.com/
MG History Detailed Slideshow	<u>CLICK HERE</u>
MG History Timeline Slideshow	<u>CLICK HERE</u>

BBC Nationwide Abingdon 1976 inc. video of MG Old No. 1 (Youtube)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5t7pB_PGY
MG factory Abingdon remembered (Facebook page)	https://www.facebook.com/groups/811392982324589/?ref=br_rs
MG Cars on Youtube	https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mg+cars
MG Cars Channel - YouTube clips from USA collection	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFApx5pUaAkNam6U1pn_ZEQ

----- PARTS SUPPLIERS -----

From the Frame Up - TC parts	https://www.fromtheframeup.com/
SC Parts - UK & Germany	http://www.scparts.co.uk/sc_en/british-cars/mg/mgb-1962-1980.html
DMC - David Manners UK	http://www.jagspares.co.uk/Abingdon/CarSection.asp?CarModel=MGB
Little British Car Company - USA	http://www.lbcarco.com/mgb-parts.htm
Howard Instruments, Melbourne	http://www.howardinstruments.com.au/index.php
251 Products - bolts & studs for MPJG and XPAG engines (T-Types)	Stock list from:- ttypes.org/downloads/251ServicesStockList.doc Email:- bolts@251services.co.uk
From The Frame Up - TA, TB, and TC rare parts	https://fromtheframeup.com/Catalog.html
XPart MG Rover Parts	http://www.xpart.com/RVE5c9ac39906804c5ebcd2c17827e40b7c...aspx
ttypes.org links to many specialist T-Type suppliers	http://ttypes.org/suppliers/
MWS Motor Wheel Services	http://www.mwsint.com/site/cms/contentChapterView.asp?chapter=1