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MGOC 1009 at the Cotswold Caper

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Events Calendar 2014

Aug	3 rd 6 th 10 th 20 th 24 th 25 th 31 st	Thoroughbred Sunday, pre-1966 vehicles Goodwood Motor Circuit 1009 Monthly Empress of Blandings Cadnam 8pm Athelhampton House Picnic – Bournemouth MGOC Mid Monthly - Red Shoot - Bolderwood Beaulieu Classic Cars Day – including MG 90 celebration Brockenhurst Carnival - numbers would be appreciated by 30 June. John Heaven Lymington & Brockenhurst Lions South Downs Run West Sussex MGOC £18
Sept	5-7 th 12-14 th 21 st	Brunel Run Bristol MGOC Goodwood Revival Basingstoke Doughnut Delight Run
Oct	11 th	Clive & Karyn`s Pumpkin Run – breakfast meet & am drive to Netley Pumpkin Festival
Nov		Mid Monthly The Forest Inn Ashurst
Dec	13 th	Xmas Dance Bartley Lodge Hotel, Cadnam Mid Monthly Waterloo Arms Lyndhurst 8 pm
		<i>new entry</i> <i>1009 2014 Tour event</i>

A list of club events is also available on our website.
1009 events are shown in green and others in blue. Meetings and events may be added throughout the year and some venue options may be subject to change. All members are welcome to add events to the list at monthly meetings.

Secretary's Notes

To receive the award for Best Club Stand at the MGOC's 40th birthday celebrations was an achievement that will take some beating but to get another award, this time for best supported club, at the Cotswold Caper rates up there with the best. I know you all enjoyed the weekend by the comments I have heard. Hats off to Gloucester MGOC for their role in organising such a popular event and well done to every one of you from 1009 who made the journey and for your part in making this award possible. Roving 1009ers seem to be gaining in numbers all the time.

Only 3 cars from Southampton in the end drove down to Sherborne on Sunday 20th for Classics at the Castle. Initially it was thought we would meet up with Bristol MGOC at Henstridge Airfield on that day but I received no reply to my enquiry so a last minute decision was made to go instead to Sherborne. Again it seemed there were even bigger crowds than the previous year. With such support for a relatively close event I think it a must for next year's events calendar. Anyway it was a great day and I still managed to get a plaque, the only down side being my MG developed a problem and wouldn't start for the trip home. With the wave of a wand a friendly AA man soon appeared and put the fault down to a duff ignition relay and would you believe it Richard had the exact spare part in the boot of his car. We were off and home in no time.

Classics in the Park however proved a more popular attraction on Sunday 27th Aug. 8 cars from the club eventually descended on Upton Park to join DAMSC for the second time at this new venue. Once parked a combined effort saw the Gazebo erected in double quick time. The rest of the time was spent eating, chatting and exploring. Lucie has provided more details and photos of the day.

There could be a choice to make for Sunday Aug 10th. Which will it be? Athelhampton or Wilton or could it be both? We will learn of the outcome on club night. Colin Bendall is putting together details for one of his mystery tours hopefully on Sunday 17th. More details club night
And don't forget MG90 is fast approaching on Sunday 24th at Beaulieu.

Roy

Editor's Notes

Greetings to all. We were so overwhelmed with offers of a member taking on the editorship of the newsletter that unfortunately you have me again!!

I have agreed to continue this on an **interim** basis while we canvas willing volunteers to carry the newsletter forward on a permanent or time-period basis.

I still request and encourage your offerings for publication from 1009 'tour events', personal days out and reminisces of MG days past and many thanks to those who have contributed. In this issue we include reports from Mike Short

Robin Plumley

Wanderings of a 1009er or, Outings with my car's by Mike Short!

June 1st. Did the VA make the NFR?

Yes we did. What more can I say. Nearly fell off the road on the left hand hairpin, and we made two navigation errors. One because we followed two other cars and the other because the driver wasn't listening to the navigator.

We left a trail of oil from a leaking oil union on the engine,(apologies to any motor cyclists), and the brakes were deteriorating. But we had a good day out which would have been improved if we had won the prize for the oldest car taking part.

With the brakes repaired and the oil pipe tightened up, the car got an MOT today.



Mike's VA at the New Forest Run

June 8th. The TA goes to Tangmere

Invited to display the car at Tangmere's wings and wheels day, Mike and Ian had a great day out at the museum in the company of an interesting collection of pre-war and classic cars.

June 24th . The TA on a day trip to France.

(Well actually the IOW). Just the weather for the TA.

Leaving Lymington on the 10 o'clock ferry to Yarmouth and driving to Osbourne House. The SatNav insisted on taking us to the tradesman's entrance.

We spent about 3 hours going round the house and grounds, no sign of a garage or a kitchen. Do Royals live on brought in take aways?

On to Carisbrooke castle. Enough steps to get all the way to heaven but fantastic views across the island and to the mainland when you get to the top.

Godshill for dinner then back to Yarmouth for some posing on the quay for the holiday makers and home on the 20:10 ferry. For the commercially minded the fare was £36 return for car and 2 people, cheaper than foot passenger fare and bus tickets and parking.



Cotswold Caper 2014

Ten cars from 1009 made the journey on Saturday July 4th to the Cotswold's, with couples accommodated variously around the county. Twelve members were first timers and are now able to be considered as a 'Caperite'.

Our group of five cars headed up through Romsey, Stockbridge, Andover, Ludgershall, Swindon and Cirencester, calling in Marlborough for a light lunch. We had managed to get five rooms in early March at The Crown Inn at Frampton Mansell where we remained until Monday.

The start was at Cirencester Football Club about 20 minutes away where we met up with other 1009 members. On check in we were told we had won a prize for the club with the most entrants so we were smiling right from the start.



The route of about 90 miles included a mid-way stop at Cotswold Airport, taking in the lanes and villages northeast of Cirencester and working southwest to finish at Chipping Sodbury Rugby Club. Highlights included driving through the market towns of Cirencester and Tetbury as well as passing Highgrove House and the Badminton Estate. Remarkably the weather stayed fair, and sunny for most of the time but not sure how we missed some of the showers.





1009 running through the 'wheel wash' near Middle Duntisbourne

At Chipping Sodbury I believe three raffle prizes were claimed by our members as well as being presented with a wonderful trophy for the club with the most entrants from Brian Clark, Chairman of Gloucestershire MG Owners Club.



1009 receiving the trophy (L) and the Gloucester Team

A huge thank you to Gloucestershire MGOC for putting on a wonderful run this year. I am sure the new 'Caperites' will consider returning next year. Three of us stayed up and revisited the village of Bibury on the Monday to find Jon, Pauline, Brian and Pat their too! Adrian Mullins said that if we entered more cars next year we might get a larger plaque!! Now there is an offer we may not be able to refuse. Finally, well done and many thanks to our members for making the journey to Gloucester this year.

See also <http://glosmgoc.co.uk/caper2014.htm>

Robin

Christmas Dinner Update

Apologies for the reminder but it is amazing how quickly this event comes around. We now have 54 places for our dinner and all deposits are in, the last four paid direct to the hotel. I have all menu selections except seven and I will be following up with those members in the next couple of monthly meetings.

Please remember I will need the remaining balance of £30 per person, for those who haven't paid in full, no later than the first meeting in November for payment to the hotel.

Many thanks,

Robin

How would you like one of these?



Acknowledgement to Autocar from June with an artists impression of what might be on the cards. Yes, an MG sports car. Maybe! See the background at <http://www.autocar.co.uk/car-news/new-cars/new-mg-sports-car-development>

Beaulieu Classic & Sports Car Day 24th August 2014

As the 24th of August is approaching fast I thought I would give you an update, we have 32 cars signed up for the day, I have asked for more space but as I write this that has not been confirmed.

All cars must be in place before 10 am as that is when the public start to arrive, the club will need to do a bit of marshalling on the day so volunteers are needed please.

Roy suggested that we all meet up at about 9 am on the 24th so that we can arrive in convoy, which I agree would be a nice thing to do, if anyone has a suggestion for a gathering point please me know. I thought maybe the car park at Hatchet Pond might be large enough while still being close to NMM itself.

Any other thoughts please to Jon on club night or email pj.jholt@btinternet.com

Message from our area organiser

Dear Region 10 Colleagues,

This is by way of a short update on progress for MG Ninety at Beaulieu on 24 August - please share the information with your club members as you see fit.

1: NUMBERS - to date Beaulieu says they have more than 100 MGs booked in from clubs (plus MG3 and MG6 Forum to confirm) plus eight individuals - I am slightly disappointed by the last figure as I had anticipated a larger take-up from outside Region 10 clubs - but perhaps they will turn-up on the day. I have had enquiries from as far away as Shropshire and Yorkshire.

The clubs booked in to date are: Bournemouth & Poole MGOC – 30 cars / West Sussex MGOC – 6 cars / Southampton and New Forest MGOC – 35 cars / Basingstoke MGOC - 12 cars / Solent MGOC - 17 cars / MG6 & MG3 Forum – TBC.

2: FINAL DATE FOR BOOKING - If your club hasn't already booked a stand for the event or if you have individuals only planning to attend please note that 15 August is the last date for pre-booking (you still don't have to play until the day).

3:MGOC HEAD OFFICE - Cambridge MGOC has booked a marquee and signed van to sell club regalia and memberships - attending should be Richard Ladds and Richard Monk.

4: RALLY PLATES - Unfortunately I have only had three clubs express an interest in purchasing the proposed rally plates and the numbers indicated fall well short of the minimum 100 required for a viable production run so I have reluctantly decided not to go ahead with these.

5: MARSHALS - Could I ask clubs who are providing marshals on the day to let me have names by 15 August so I can work up a short rota. On the day Marshals can arrive from 9am at Beaulieu.

6: CLUB STANDS / ERECTING GAZEBOS - Club members who will be erecting a club gazebo or event shelter can arrive at Beaulieu from 9am on the morning.

7: GENERAL ADMISSION - The gates will open at 9.30am for individuals and club members not involved in gazebo erection.

8: DIRECTION TICKETS - When club members who have pre-booked arrive at Beaulieu on the day the gate marshals will give them a coloured sticker for their windscreen please ask

your members to clearly display this as it will help the marshals in the parking area to quickly identify and direct cars to the reserved club stand area.

9: CONVOY RUN - Some clubs asked about organising a short convoy road run. The suggested venue is Rownhams Service Area on the M27. I can suggest that those who want to should meet up there at 9am for the short run to Beaulieu which will get them to the venue well before 9.30am. As I shall be coming from the other direction I won't be at Rownhams - I shall already be on site.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards
Chris Adamson

Kind regards

Jon

Meet the Members



Dudley and Jenny Broom

Joined MGOC in	2008
Live in	Rownhams since 1974
Own MG Type	1967 'B' GT
Hobbies	Gardening / Coastal walks in Devon Swimming / Gym / Country walking
Tea or Coffee	Coffee during day / Camomile tea in evening Coffee in morning / Tea in afternoon / Camomile tea before bed
At EoB Drinks	Becks Blue Cider
Currently watching	Downfall of Adolf Hitler Eastenders
Currently Reading	Senna autobiography by Tom Rubython Mao' The Unknown Story by Jung Chang / Jon Halliday
Dream holiday	Hurtigruton coastal cruising Caribbean cruise
Desert island Possession	Self filling fridge of white wine

	Nail file
Desert Island DVD	Full set of 'Poirot'
	Mama Mia
Top of the Bucket List	See Northern Lights
	Visit a peaceful 'Holy Land'
Something we don't know about you	ASA official
	Used to be a magicians assistant

1009 at Classics in the Park – 27 July 2014 from Lucie

~~ cars set off from the EoB to make the relatively a straightforward, one hour journey down to Upton Country park for the rearranged Classics in the Park, organised by Dorset Midget and Sprite Club. One the way down we picked up ----- at the St Leonards Hotel. When we arrived at Upton the cars were parked up and the obligatory gazebo swiftly erected in a great team effort.

The late morning and afternoon was spent admiring the different sprites, healeys, midgets and other makes and models and seeing what the surrounding stalls had to offer. There were nice walks around the grounds and gardens with a small nursery selling a variety of the plants on display.



With the band playing in the back ground it was a lovely setting for relaxing under the gazebo for the --- cars from 1009 that made it down.



1009 at Classics at the Castle – 20 July 2014 from Lucie

Three cars made their way to Sherbourne castle on 20 July. In glorious sunshine two roadsters, joined by the third at Alderholt set off taking in the beautiful Dorset Countryside on the way. The chosen route (chosen by our friend Sat Nav) took us along roads perfect for the cars with stunning views.



When we arrived we parked up in the public car park as we hadn't booked a stand, had a quick cup of tea and then headed in to take a look and the stalls and cars on display. There were plenty of MGs to be seen along with other popular classics including some stunning jags and the well attended Ferrari stand. Half way through true afternoon a number

of the car took part in a procession through the showground with some impressive sounding engines.



Once we'd had our fill of the show it was picnic time followed



by a photo opportunity for the three cars in front of the castle. The cars were put in position and with the photos taken we all started up for the homeward journey via the favourite road of my childhood, zig zag hill, just outside Shaftesbury.

Unfortunately though we didn't make it out the car park just 50 yards on mum and dads/Kris and Roy's roadster cut out and would not restart...

Dad, Rich and Paul quickly set to and diagnosed the problem as a lack of power to the fuel pump and all manner of solutions were explored but once again we got our money's worth out of the 4th emergency service and the conspicuous yellow van pulled up alongside.

The problem turned out to be a burnt out relay and it so happened that Rich had a spare in our boot and WBY 388S was soon on its way again. Having sent Paul and Claire on home earlier we headed off in the direction of zig zag hill and we were not disappointed! The cars purred their way up the hill and the views along the top were spectacular!



A superb day was had by all, even with the minor blip.

A Mystery Car Tour by Colin

I have been thinking about doing another run on 17 August around Dorset, could you email everyone to see who would be interested, I have asked a nearby Pub to provide lunch and Roast Beef, Pork and Turkey will be £8:00 and Lamb £9:50.

Meet at the usual place at 10:00 and lunch around 13:00-14:00.

Desserts will be available this time round! :-)

More info next Weds

Thanks

Colin

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Please remember we volunteer to fill these posts, so if you wish to speak to one of us, PLEASE ring before 9pm or at weekends, thank you.

Late News!!!

Dear Editor,

WILTON CLASSIC AND SUPERCAR EVENT
SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST 2014

Pauline and I went to this at Wilton House last year, a fantastic day you can get right up close to the Supercars and if this weather holds it will be a truly super day.

We will be going again this year.

Kind regards

Jon and Pauline