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***Hello  
Everyone!***

Hope everyone had a great Christmas.

The weather has been great for the past month, but should change this coming week.

Hope the New Year is good to all of you!

**Happy New Year!**

*Dan and Shirley*

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START THE YEAR OFF WITH SOME BCCW CONVIVALITY AT  
**BRAUM'S SATURDAY NITES** AT 6 O'CLOCK PM.  
SPORTSCARS DON'T OVERHEAT IN WINTER.

## Don't let winter starve your hope.

Spring will come again and you both will once more load the basket with grapes, raspberries and apples and two bottles of wine with your best service and head off down a country road of green tree leaves meeting overhead with the fresh smell of grass and apple blossoms on the wind.

**Fill the trunk with that list of everything you will need when you break down.**

*This friendly Spring Reminder from your Editor*



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## FUN UNDER THE CAR

**Tammy Vandruff, your Financial Officer,** retired to a quiet life over on Madison with a regular daily driver and her MGB in the garage. To her credit, she keeps tabs on the little beauty and maintains the battery with jaunts. Couple weeks ago, she opened the garage door and heard a neighbor's cat meowing somewhere. Cats not being her concern, since she didn't like them, she started to get into her B and her foot encountered a wad of something under the pedals....a CAT! A cat that was making a pitiful cry without any inclination to move or leave. Tammy, being the kind who will carry a bug outside to let them go, tried everything. She tried waving things at it to scare it out. Nada. She went to the trouble of milk and food bits. Nada. No movement...just that pitiful yowl. She spotted a rake and poked at it. The rake snagged on the pedals and broke. The yowl came from the back of the garage under the car next to a wheel. Hands & knees were already tired of the chase. On one of her tactical moves around the car, Tammy spotted the clamshell of the tool for brooming up trash bits. AHA! She lunged & snagged...missed. Lunged & snagged again and caught part of the cat, but it escaped. She lunged many times, finally scoring a 30% body snatch! She's certain someone will report abuse by a lady dragging a cat across the street into the park next door, but she got the whole cat over into the bushes without injury or losing her grip. Mr. Cat has thankfully disappeared. **SUCCESS!**  
*(Maybe should have kept it to keep mice off wiring?)*

## IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR



**DECEMBER** was warmer than usual with little rain or snow. I could be wrong, but it seems that **Hank's Garage** lights & heaters were only ones burning most of month for working on cars this winter.

Knowing of few other projects, I'll focus on Hank's **Midget** in lieu of the pile of stories littering the office floor of the Wing & Bonnet. **Hank & Rod & Dan** and any unsuspecting interlopers had a warm garage to hang out in. Following is on-the-spot photo coverage accompanied by obfuscations by your editor. (I didn't snip or break anything.)

In case you're unsure of what a Sprite looks like, this is it...sort of.



December was spent attaching to the car some of the ancillary stuff, like the emergency brake assembly & yank handle. Always nice to have for parking, but has extra bite in an emergency!

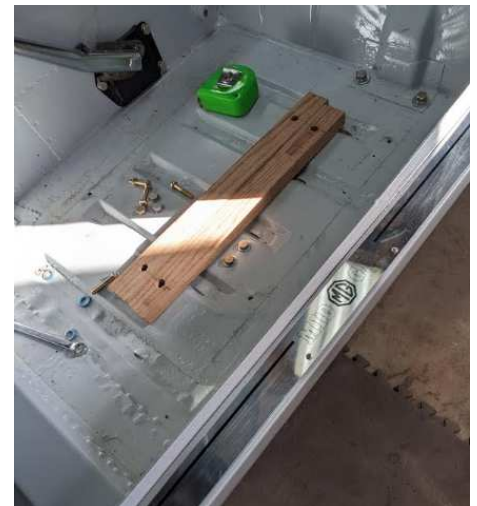


Nicely fitted roll bar. Almost as tall as height of car body, when properly fitted, prevents dents in delicate brain cases on those occasions when the wheels exchange places with the top.



Your new distributor looks good...but seems to have a hidden flaw. The old distributor worked while you tested it on the workbench. To be continued...

While mulling distributor problems over, it's time to locate seat rail mounts and install the hardware to keep the driver happy in the seat.





Dashboard is now in!

Hank & Rod rearranged the backside of dash to accept the complicated wiring for guages and ancillaries after be-



ing re-finished with an anti-soil paint. The hard-won battle with re-wiring was over.

A heavy-duty master switch in trunk fired up the guages around the Sprite logo just like they should ...& it all looked almost prettier than a Christmas tree!



Still no gas, but the new guage works fine.

Bright green signals look good, too.

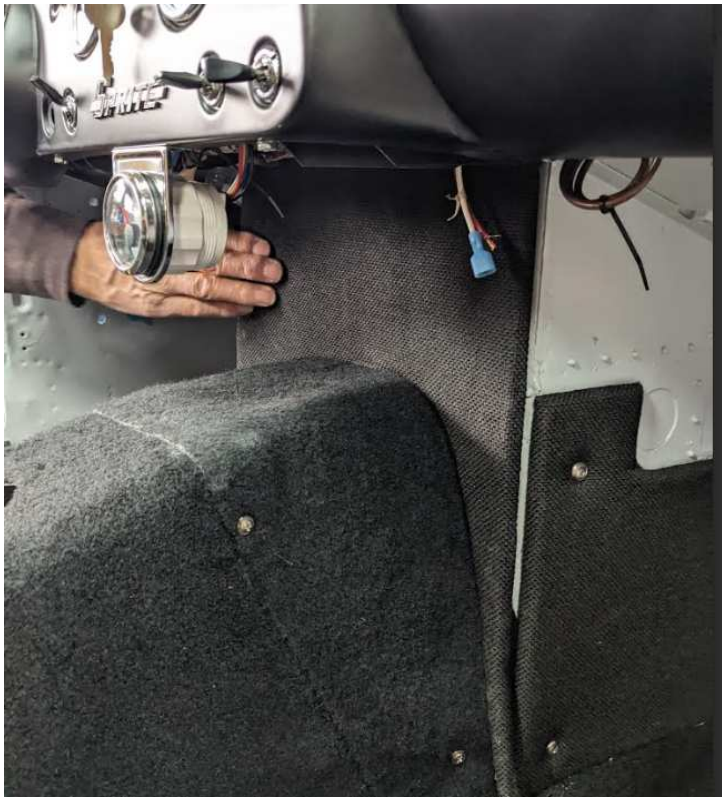


With the seat rail mounts located, floor rug goes in. All the bits & pieces of pre-fitted & cut upholstery are gathered up and the glue pot is opened. The air fills with a flammable, toxic & eventually fantasy-inducing vapor cloud, unless you crank up your best exhaust fan.



Most of the pieces were slathered with the fun-smelling glue while it was still fairly warm outside with the doors open. The floor & tranny tunnel need a slathering, so the exhaust fan is ON. (You might THINK it's only glue, but glue sniffing gets th' drop on you without any warning.)

After the floors & tunnel get coverings, the 3 sides of curved tunnel support is next.



Side panels in footwells get extra care when locating the drill holes for screws so that panels may be removable. The big deal about drilling holes in the firewall and other locations in the footwells is MAINLY because drill bits can find important things that you didn't want poked or scraped, like fuel & brake lines or spendy equipment.



For instance, this first test hole was off-set but a check showed that a vibrating line near sharp screws is asking for trouble.



It took two of us to snake the custom-fitted partition into the channel built into the underside edge of the deck. Solidly TIGHT!

Last item for the day: open up & check the Package of Seat Belts!

The mfg instructions were possibly written up by people sniffing glue. Hank got the correct layout worked out but the diagrams and cartoons didn't help.



***A little more to come on Hank's Midget!  
Working on your car? Send story & photos!***

# HARRY PRICE FINALLY WINS MEASURE OF FAME!

## CAR AND DRIVER

December 3, 2024 at 02:33:17 PM CST

For extra details, search: [Car and Driver News: Price joins terrible race team](#)

### BREAKING NEWS

## Harry Price Joins Terrible Race Team

Los Angeles, CA—Today Car and Driver reported that Harry Price, against the advice of mental-health professionals, will compete in the 24 Hours of Lemons -- the wheel-to-wheel car race for heaps that cost \$500 or less. Price's team -- the unpromisingly named "LOOSE NUTS Racing" -- hits your local track on 06/14/2025 to 06/15/2025, where therapists and junkyard operators are already standing by.

One relative, on condition of anonymity, described Price's family as "...saddened but unsurprised" by the news. "Unfortunately, we've come to expect such lapses in judgment," the source told CD.

Friends, coworkers, and relatives interested in staging an intervention and/or watching Price do something incredibly embarrassing can find more information on Lemons' [race-info page](#).

# FOR MAD MAGAZINE FANS AND GROUPIES



## Race Series Buys Mad Magazine Sound-Effect Library

Having long used the words **BLORRT** and **KASSSH** under license, purchase of additional sounds expected to "help capture the Lemons experience."

Crapcan series 24 Hours of Lemons has announced it has acquired bankrupt MAD Magazine's full catalog of expressive words and noises at auction. The firm plans to roll out the newly bought phonemes, diphthongs, and onomatopoeics during its 2024 season.

MAD's abrupt 2019 collapse left a tangled intellectual-property portfolio for courts to unwind, leading to multiple bankruptcy auctions. While some items, such as individual "Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions," ended up sold to collectors for pennies, Lemons' winning bid was a staggering \$12.8 million. The firm quickly sold off multiple unneeded sounds (including **KASSSH-splinter**, the sound of a fruit-basket exploding) while retaining **FLOOM** (a 305-inch Camaro igniting its own hood pad); **KOPF GAHOFF PUFF KAPF** (a Megasquirt-modified Mitsu V6); and **SKREEEEEEEP** (a driver's sphincter in decreasing-radius corners).

"Lemons got some real gems here" asserts Dr Noah Fonebone, professor of grapholinguistics at Universidad de Sergio Aragonés in Valencia, Spain. "All written sound effects, and especially upper-case/lower-case hybrids like **PWAP thubudda-thubbuda-thubbuda** (a Roadstone tire failing) and **KASCHLOOM drit bloip blort** (a GingerMan toilet explosion) are extremely expensive to build. So while \$12.8 million sounds like a lot, it's really a fraction of what MAD spent developing these highly useful and sophisticated assets."

[24hoursoflemons.com](http://24hoursoflemons.com)

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# A NUMBER IS A LEMON FOR LEMONS RACE EVENT!



## Unavailable Car Number Bums Racer Out

**Endurance-race entrant stands to lose sponsor deals with tie-dye store, guy down the street who makes brownies.**

By the time Seattle-area dogwalker Buzz Stone entered his first 24 Hours of Lemons event his team Dank Lugs Racing had already painted the number 420 on the doors of its '83 Rabbit. Mr. Stone insists he was unaware that 65% of the field had also requested the number 420, or that it had been secured six months earlier by Team Refurbed Madness of Shelton WA. "I was all, like, fuuuuh." Series spokesperson K. E. Hembree confirmed that 28% of all Lemons teams request race-number 420 nationally, followed by 69 (13%), the nonexistent 5.0 (8%), and the nonexistent 007 (4%).

Dank Lugs captain Jan D. Fryman blamed Lemons, and/or the "motorsport-industrial complex in general," complaining that "...this one-car/one-number fascism has lost us some key sponsors, dude. Like Taco Tyme and X-S-Tential Edibles." Fryman suggested that fair compensation might include "...pizzas, toaster pastries, delicious icy-cold Dr. Peppers, and those really fudgey cookie things from, you know, that place that's downtown now."

Lemons organizers remain unmoved. "If simultaneous emergencies were to occur," noted Ms. Hembree, "how would rescue staff know which 420 was in the weeds, which 420 was hella blazing, and which 420 was totally wrecked? These Pacific Northwest races are already confusing enough."



## Here's my personal note on a dinner spot you might be missing ...

I like to try out new restaurants. I found a new, Wine & Food restaurant: **SIMPLY SANGRIA**. It is right in the heart of **Old Town Farm & Market**, at **243 N. Cleveland, Wichita, Ks 316-425-0980**.

**Hours: 11 - 3 Wed thru Friday 1 - 5 Saturday**

**Simplysangriawine.com**

**Brian@simplysangriawine.com**

I like Brian's flatbread pizza. It has choices of toppings, *AND* he has **Canadian Bacon**, which is missing from most other pizza kitchens in town. Please allow me a personal recommendation: this is a nice place to take your date or mate!



Dress is casual, but the wine is not. Brian bottles his selection of wines at his Wine, Beer & Spirits Store. I had the **Cranberry-Apple** that is light, crisp and tasty. I finished this newsletter & toasted the **NEW 2025 YEAR** with a **Blackberry** wine and some warm French bread! Start your year right!

**Do YOU have a place? [lewblac78@gmail.com](mailto:lewblac78@gmail.com)**

**Email places with phone, photo and address.**

**Let's start sharing these good places to eat!**

**Your Editor**

## 72 MGB FOR SALE.

Original Green, 56,705 miles. Standard 3 Speed, tan upholstery, black cloth top, leather steering wheel cover. Refurbished suspension November last year.



Recently serviced for new oil pump. Maintenance receipts are available.

Asking \$8,000.

**Contact Michael Kephart 316-794-8988**





# Save this Date

## June 27 – 28, 2025

### Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club Presents “Brits at the Post”



The Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club will be holding our 23rd Annual British Car & Cycle Show on June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2025.

#### **Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a BBQ picnic for all registered participants at our host hotel, Best Western, Route 66, Rail Haven, located at 203 S. Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO 65802. The hotel will have a special room rate for all paid participants.

#### **Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

The GOBMC Car Show is being held at the American Legion Post 639 located at 2660 S. Scenic Drive, Springfield, MO. A very picturesque location with grass and shade trees in many areas. The car show opens at 9 am. with Awards presentations at 2:30 pm. There will be food & drinks for sale provided by Boy Scout Troop 1890.

More details will soon be available identifying the show schedule, registration, and host hotel by click on this link: <https://gobmccarshow.com/>

Until then, please mark your calendar for June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> for this year's Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club Car & Cycle Show. Hope to see you there. If there are any questions feel free to call Bob Eft at (319) 427-4272 or Jon Joyce at (417) 630-8087.

# MG2025 CRYSTAL LAKE ILLINOIS

<https://mg2025.regfox.com/register>

Location: Holiday Inn Chicago NW Crystal Lake  
Convention Center

John Twist's Speed Tuning Session  
Tuesday, July 29 3:00 - 4:00



**North American MGB Register**  
Including MGC, MG Midget, 1100/1300 MG, and Modern MG





## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 Madison, Wichita, Ks 67211

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### VEHICLES:

MODEL	YEAR	MAKE

Membership Dues: **\$10** for the full year...  
 NEW memberships prorated per months  
 remaining in year. All renewals at full amount.