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**Hello  
Everyone!**

It's a New Year and along with it came the snow; therefore, not a lot went on since it was so cold.

Thankfully, this week is going to be nice.

Since participation in the club has been minimal for the past couple of years, Rod is writing a memo to get everyone's input on whether or not to keep the club going. When you get the memo, we would appreciate your thoughts and we'll let everyone know the results.

**BCCW** plans to caravan to **Salina** to **THE GARAGE**. *Details shortly.*

Have a great and safe month,

**Dan and Shirley**

Daniel P. Johnson, PhD  
Creative Presentations

[DJsKreativ@aol.com](mailto:DJsKreativ@aol.com)

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**Members are welcome to cut this photo out & save it for June when temps are 115 degrees.**



**HAVE WARM BCCW CONVIVALITY AT  
BRAUM'S ALL SAT NITES 6 PM**

Douglas & Slightly N. Seneca

# February 14 St. Valentine's Day



**Time to take your Mate on a proper Date!**  
**Make Miles of Smiles for th' rest of the year!**

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**February / March**, BCCW plans a road trip to **The Garage** with lunch in Salina. **Who's going? EMAIL** your names for caravan to: [lewblac78@gmail.com](mailto:lewblac78@gmail.com)

Beautiful Museum Cars to view, a FREE Simulator, interactive entertainment, featuring Hot Rods from across Kansas!

REPLY to Lew [316-990-2533](tel:316-990-2533)  
Leave message> Name, Phone, # of People



## THE GARAGE

134 South 4th, Salina, Ks (785) 833-6888  
TRIP **DETAILS** TO BE ANNOUNCED

[michellepek@seama.org](mailto:michellepek@seama.org)  
Featuring Hot Rods from around Kansas!

## IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR



**JANUARY** was bitter cold & snowy, but there's good news out of Hank's garage.

## THERE'S LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL!

After 3? 4? years, work on the Midget has reached the point of headlight socket assembly & installation! The



### Hank & Rod & Dan & Bob Team Wins!

With the twin LED torches lit up, the Midget looks much more like a racecar now. Burning all that garage propane this winter has put them so far ahead, they can actually see the Finish Line!

Two days prior, the front fenders got "the treatment"...flares to match the rears.

First, a check fit of each fender prior to drilling fastener holes for the flare mounts. During fender fit, Rod saw that the inside fender edge was going to encroach on the relay and block access for replacement.



The fender was pulled back off and both the relay and wiring was repositioned. The relay was now accessible. That's the magic of "Check Fit."

Geometry reared its ugly head: had fenders grown or twisted? Hank already expected that. "A Midget that had been riding for that long on the road and been bent, bashed, & beat up will probably have some problems fitting together."

It did! The front mounts were shy 1/2" until Hank did his adjusting while Rod & I kept holes aligned for bolts.



Next, the bottom rear corner refused to fit to allow the proper spacing of design gaps in seams up the side & across the bottom. As before, persistence and firm "negotiation" **works!**

With fenders fitted, the hood cut out will be next.

Yes, the hood has cosmetics coming, but  
It's a fault of the engine... ..it's too BIG.  
*JUST LOOK AT IT!*



Distributor sticks up in the air!  
Valve cover bumps up through the middle!



Horns of the carburetors look like they're  
better suited to be cannon nested in the  
gunnels of a battleship! Making a hole in  
the hood: an undertaking (not good pun)  
that's a big change. You gotta be pretty  
confident about cuts in your one-and-only

hood. The engineer in Rod & Hank de-  
signed a paper pattern. First, a rough  
cardboard cutout allowed trim corrections  
to tame down the risk of hole locations for  
the engine and the radiator. Next, call  
Blackwell to bring over his pointy little  
knives & straight edges. Lots of measuring  
trimming & pasting-back ensued. Then, it  
was off to Hobby Lobby for 1/4" foam core  
sheet and have me carve it up with X-acto  
knives and (maybe) a steady hand.  
A closely fitted & carved template lying  
comfortably on the engine is a big relief.  
With fenders mounted and flares installed,  
light sockets were fabricated; LED head-



lights & LED signals were installed. It all  
lit up perfectly the first time. The MG de-  
corations were added to the trunk.



These 2 sets of  
chrome  
identification  
sets promise to  
invite questions  
wherever the  
Midget gets  
some public  
exposure!

See photos on next page.....

Trunk chrome hardware:



Dashboard chrome hardware:



Where does **Midget** end & **Sprite** begin?  
Good conversation starter, Hank!

The doors got their handles installed, but  
the door locks became a roadblock:



mechanism refused to work first time. Just  
a new puzzle with tiny pieces inside.  
Rod dismantled lock and figured out what  
does what. Found a tiny pin inside and  
**BINGO!** turn lock from an **MGB** into an  
**MGA lock** correct for the door.

The hood and  
template await a  
shower of sparks  
from Hank's cutting  
wheel.



**HERE'S  
LOOKIN'  
AT YOU,  
KID!**

1 chrome  
headlight ring

1 LED  
signal ring

1 clear LED  
headlight



***FINALLY! Hank Brillhart  
has all 4 wheels on the floor!***

It is FAST  
closing in  
on being a  
fully  
equipped  
**Midget  
Race Car**  
that is  
ready to  
roll out the  
door for  
shows &  
some  
racetrack  
action!



***(When are you giving rides around the block?)***

*Craig Newell sent us a little note about a BIG DEAL at the Cars For Charity Car Show at Century II January 18,19 2025, Wichita Ks.*

## **Congratulations!**

*Craig said it: We need members out showing off their cars!*

*Craig's MGA and the MGTC next to him at the show won the awards of Sponsor's Choice!*



**Joe Henning** attended, too, and submitted a couple more photos.

**Our thanks to both Craig and Joe!**



# SCCA ACTIVITIES



By Sharon Brillhart

## AUTOCROSS 2025

### *MiDiv Solo Series*

*is just off the corner!*

March 15 & 16 will be in Salina  
March 22 & 23 Wichita's 1st solo  
May 3 & 4 Wichita @ Yoder Site  
June 28 & 29 NE Okla, Davis Field  
Aug 2 & 3 Neb, Lincoln Airpark

Hank and Rod are busy trying to get everything done on the Midget so he can start checking over the two autocross cars and have them ready for this season.

We do hope some of you will take the time to come & enjoy watching this year and possibly taking a ride our racecars.

**YOU** might miss a **LOT** of **FUN!**

*I hope everyone has a safe new year!*





**Ron Lyon** submitted this unusual car for your sports car reading pleasure -



## The 1964 **MGB** "Coune" Berlinetta



This unique Belgian-built coupe brought a record price in its home country

(Coachwork by **Carrosserie Jacques Coune**, Chassis No. **G-HN3-L/23830**, Sold for 120,750 #)

In 1962, **Jacques Coune** established his own coachbuilding firm to create body styles that were not offered in the ranges of various manufacturers. This was particularly true of the **MGB**, which was only available as a roadster when Coune began producing his **MGB Berlinetta**. He



producing his **MGB Berlinetta**. He produced 56 examples, one of the first being presented at the **Brussels Motor**

**Show** in January 1964, just ahead of the factory's own **MGB GT** coupe, which arrived the following year.

This early example (**Berlinetta**) left the **MG factory on November 1, 1963**, likely delivered to Ets P. Decrose in Brussels as a standard left-hand-drive roadster finished in British Racing Green with black interior and matching soft top. Being one of the first produced by Coune, **it is one of just six examples to feature the all-steel "Jacques Coune" body**. The car was first registered on June 25, 1964, with its first owner, and in 1967 was registered in Luxembourg to Dieter Pfeilstucker in Esh-sur-Alzette. The various photocopies of documents accompanying the car reveal that it was exported in the Netherlands in 1989 and sold in 1998 by E. Banhart to Guy Kaido. The current owner, a prominent Belgian collector, bought the rare **MGB Coune** in 2008.

In 2006, the body was fully restored by Carrozzeria GranTurismo in Milan, while in 2009-10 another professional restoration was carried out by Classic Car Service Restorations in Antwerp, Belgium. The car is currently fitted with an upgraded engine with a performance-enhancing cross-flow cylinder head, and its original 1.8-liter engine (engine no.18GUH24205) and gearbox, stored in a crate, will be delivered with the car.

### **Rare Car, Record Sale**

Chassis GHN3L23830 is one of Coune's initial six all-steel versions. Several upgrades are apparent in the engine bay, including an aluminum cross-flow head, with twin Webers added to the factory B-series 1,798 cc 4-cylinder engine. Other modifications include an oversized radiator with an electric fan, a tidy aluminum catch tank

and a brake booster. The original engine and gearbox accompany the car, as well as a British Motor Industry Heritage Trust Certificate and documentation, verifying our subject car's restoration & ownership.

**The crinkle-painted metal dash and toggle switches are hallmarks of any early MGB.** The gearshift knob suggests that this transmission is a 5-speed Manual, while the original would have been a 4-speed, with no first-gear syncro. Slight wrinkling in the rear upholstery around the wheel arches does not detract from the attractive presentation.

The car left the factory in **British Racing Green with round taillights specified by Coune.** Borrani wire wheels complement the car's overall demeanor.

**Scarce sales::** one in **England** was renovated into a race car with an asking price of **\$85K**. A recently restored example in **France** was offered at **\$120K**.

Meanwhile, the **highest sale price for an MGB** of any type in SCM's Platinum Auction Database is a **1962 factory light-weight MGB that finished 4Th** in its class at **Sebring**, selling at **\$105K** 'way back in 2004 (**SCM # 34816.**) Given this landscape, the result achieved at **Bonhams Car's Belgian Auction** was in the seller's favor, benchmarking what might be a new record price at auction for any **MGB** variant.

Credit for text & photos: Michelle Rand, in the car magazine, **ENGLISH PROFILE.**)

For the full length article Search for:

<https://cars.bonhams.com/auction/29935/lot/149/1964-mg-b-coune-berlinetta-chassis-no-g-hn3-l23830/>



## 1964 “Coune” MGB Berlinetta – Berlin-Built Coupe

Chassis #GHN3L23830, Engine 1.8 liter #18GUH24205, Cross-flow cyl head, 5-speed, British Racing Green, Crinkle-paint dash, Round taillights specified by Coune, Borrani wire wheels, Twin Weber added to factory B-series 1,798 cc engine, (Original 4-speed with no 1<sup>st</sup> gear syncro)

**Modifications:** Oversize radiator with electric fan, Aluminum catch tank, and a brake booster.

Coming Up Soon:  
**The Classic Motorsports Amelia Island Kickoff**  
Presented by **Sunoco**



We'll fill Main Beach Park with awesome cars, great people, and booths from our partners, and some of the classic car world's biggest celebrities will award prizes to their favorite cars. Spectator entry is free.

[Registration & More Info](#)

*The Classic Motorsports Amelia Island Kickoff is presented by Sunoco, with car blocks presented by Michelin, National Parts Depot and The Paddock, in association with Moss Motors, Hagerty Drivers Club, Lear Chemicals and Girtor's Garage. Special thanks to the city of Fernandina Beach.*

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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**



Tasty Pizza,  
Chicken  
Fettuccine Alfredo  
Italian  
Subs...they're all perfect with a glass of one of Brian's wines. I can recommend that this is a great place to take your date or mate!

Dress is casual, but the wine is not. Brian bottles his **Cranberry-Apple** onsite and has **Blackberry** wine that will make Valentine's Day memorable!



***Do YOU have a favorite dinner spot?***

***lewblac78@gmail.com***

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

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

***Your Editor***

# **Mexican Food is Las Vaquitas!**

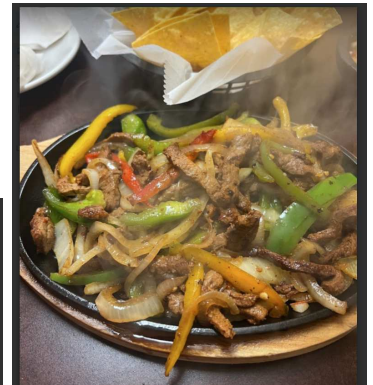
**128 E. Madison Ave, Derby**

**316-295-3398**

I like Mexican food. Fresh, crisp chips start my dinner, but Vaquitas has a salsa that comes in big, tasty chunks that make you forget that dinner is still coming! This family restaurant is a great place for You Two or your whole darn bunch.

**North across street from Walgreen's**, you need to plan to get there early, because the world has found out about Las Vaquitas Salsa. Here are some samplings:

Chicken Fajitas

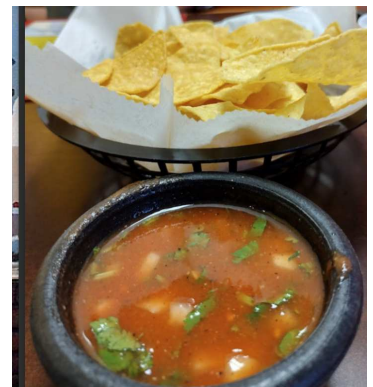


Carne Asada

Tacos Del Valle



Yes, salsa to take home!



***Send me your favorite place & try THESE!***

## 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.

Price Negotiable

Contact Michael Kephart 316-794-8988



Smoky Mountain Tour

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September 7-12, 2025

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# 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*

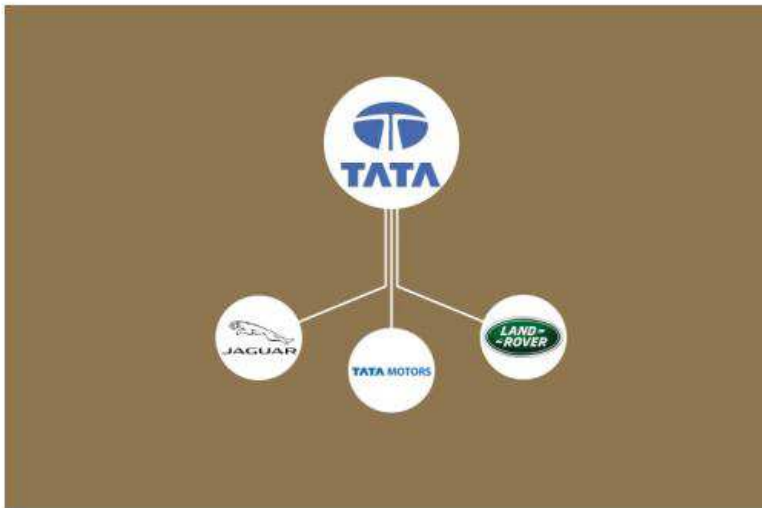




# Car Notes:

## These 6 Car Companies Dominate The World

By Kyle Opatowich | [LAMBORGHINI](#) NOV 21st 2023



### Tata Motors – Founded 1945

Tata is an Indian brand and part of the wider Tata conglomerate. Between 1954 and 1969, the brand enjoyed a collaboration with Daimler-Benz. Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) was later purchased from Ford in 2008.

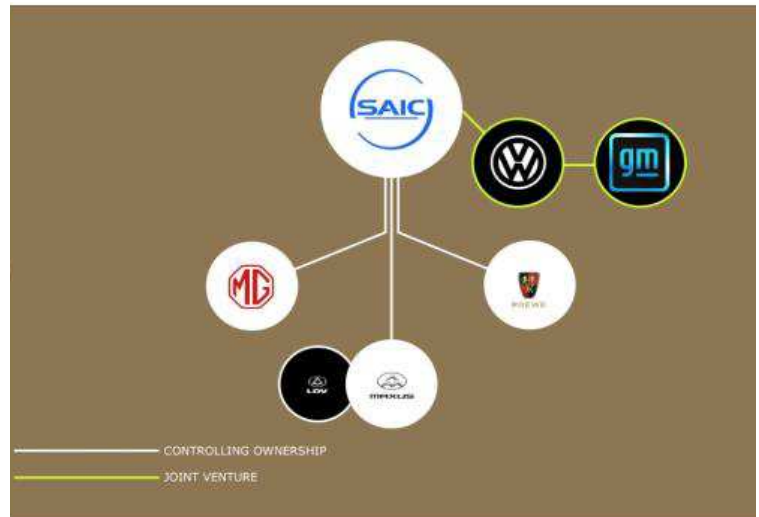
### Land Rover – Founded 1948

Land Rover was acquired by Tata Motors in 2008, but is still revered as a British icon. Range Rover, in the meantime, has long been established (since 1970) as the brand's flagship model range.

### Jaguar – Founded 1922

Jaguar is a British luxury car brand previously controlled by Ford, from 1989 until 2008. Under Ford's ownership, the brand never made a profit. In the wake of this failure and the Global Financial Crisis, Ford opted to sell it, along with Land Rover, to its current owner, Tata.

Both brands under the JLR umbrella have enjoyed a resurgence since Tata's acquisition, with an explosion of new models and variants – as well as significant manufacturing investment including the Ingenium engine plant in the UK.



### SAIC Motor – Founded 1955

Formerly known as the Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation, SAIC is one of the big-four state-owned carmakers in China and is the country's largest by volume, producing more than 5.81 million cars in 2021.

In 2008, Tata Motors acquired Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) for \$2.3 billion. •JLR brands, including Jaguar, Land Rover, Range Rover, and Defender, are known for their unique design and rich heritage. •Tata Motors also has a luxury sub-brand called Avinya, which is positioned below JLR products.

Its initial growth was due to a surge in demand for cars in China during the 1980s, which saw it enter a joint venture agreement with Volkswagen and another with General Motors in 1998. Both partnerships are still in place today with SAIC producing Cadillac, Chevrolet, Buick, Volkswagen Skoda and Audi badged vehicles. It is also the parent company of MG Motor, Roewe, and Maxus, which trades in Australia as LDV.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### *The British Car Club of Wichita, Ks*

Make Checks Payable to: BCCW  
 Mail: Tammy Vandruff, 700 South  
 Madison, Wichita, Ks 67211

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EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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MODEL	YEAR	MAKE
MODEL	YEAR	MAKE
MODEL	YEAR	MAKE

Membership Dues: **\$10** for the full year...  
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