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## President's Message

This isn't Steve but Deb. Well it happened again. Another MG "somehow" followed Steve home so he's outside tinkering. Since he is too busy working on our new addition to write this message I figured this is my chance to use this as my forum to address the addiction to "getting a great deal on that MG that I could not walk away syndrome". Steve clearly has this condition but I have yet to find a rehab center or even a support group for a cure. We were in the middle of putting together an 80 MGB and now we are working on this new 64 MGB which also needs assembling. I sometimes think Steve

only married me for my small fingers that can reach those impossible to reach screws that he can't get to. It is a beautiful car though so if you see Steve ask him to tell you all about his new B. But be prepared to spend some time listening to the tale and seeing some photos.

There is a plan in the making for an event at Rossmeyer's Harley Davidson in Ormond Beach with a date to be determined. We hope to see everyone at Betty's Café August lunch bunch!

MG widow.  
*Deb*



## Tech Tips

Author unknown

I have had people ask in the past what should an engine read out as far as compression is concerned. Reading *A Antics* a while back, I was looking for an idea for testing the engine compression. I found this scale which should give a ballpark idea due to the quality of the gage and how many times the head has been trued up and design differences. Take this as a baseline and factor in the other possibilities that affect compression.

<u>Compression ratio</u>	<u>Pressure reading</u>
5.0	80
5.5	90
6.0	100
6.5	110
7.0	120
7.5	130
8.0	140
8.5	150

To do a compression check, remove the spark plugs and disconnect the coil wire. Insert the compression tester in the plughole, have someone engage the starter; if you have a push button starter solenoid as in some of the earlier cars, you do not need assistance. Spin the engine over at least five compression strokes.

An interesting way to check for compression loss is to remove the porcelain from an old spark plug and braze in a tire valve, so you can apply air pressure to each cylinder. Bring each cylinder to top dead center on the compression stroke then apply air pressure. The piston should not move, if it is close to TDC it won't. With the air applied listen for air leaks at the following sources;

1. Exhaust pipe – leaking exhaust valves
2. Air cleaner – leaking intake valves
3. Oil filler cap – piston rings
4. Radiator cap (look for bubbles) – leaking head gasket or cracked cylinder head





## Humor of Note (again with apologies to instrumentalist)

How do you put a twinkle in a soprano's eye? Shine a flashlight in her ear.

How does a soprano change a light bulb? She just holds on and the world revolves around her.

How can you tell when a soprano is at your door? She can't find the key, and doesn't know when to come in.

How many altos does it take to change a light bulb? None; they can't get up that high.

If you took all the tenors in the world and laid them end to end . . . it would be a good idea.

Where's a tenor's resonance? Where his brain should be.

What's is a male quartet? Three men and a tenor.

If you drop a conductor and a watermelon off a tall building, which will hit the ground first? Who cares?

What's the difference between a conductor and a bag of fertilizer? The bag.

What's the definition of an optimist? A choral director with a mortgage.

Why are conductor's hearts so coveted for transplants? They've had so little use.

A musician calls the symphony office to talk to the conductor. "I'm sorry, he's dead," comes the reply. The musician calls back 25 times, always getting the same reply from the receptionist. At last she asks him why he keeps calling. "I just like to hear you say it."

Why do bagpipers walk when they play? To get away from the sound.

How many sound men does it take to change a light bulb? "One, two, three; one, two, three."

What's the definition of a gentleman? One who knows how to play the accordion, but doesn't.

\* That's all folks \*



# Celebrations

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Do you have an idea for an event? Contact Steve at [SBradley5@cfl.rr.com](mailto:SBradley5@cfl.rr.com)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUGUST 10-13, 2018 Lotus Owner Gathering, LOG 38. Cleveland, OH. – [www.log38.com](http://www.log38.com)
- AUGUST 11-12, 2018 Mount Equinox Hill Climb. Arlington, VT – [www.vscca.org](http://www.vscca.org)
- AUGUST 16-18, 2018 “The Roadster Factory” Summer Party. Armagh, PA – <http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/>
- AUGUST 24-26, 2018 Return of the British. Rugby, TN - <http://www.pbcctn.org/Rugby.php>
- AUG 31- SEPT 3, 2018 Lime Rock Historic Festival 36 (VSCCA). Lime Rock, CT – [www.vscca.org](http://www.vscca.org)
- SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2018 Beaulieu International Autojumble. Beaulieu, Hampshire, England – [www.beaulieu.co.uk](http://www.beaulieu.co.uk)
- SEPTEMBER 6-9, 2018 2018 U.S. Vintage Grand Prix. Watkins Glen International - Watkins Glen, NY - [www.svra.com](http://www.svra.com)
- SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2018 Brits of the Shoals. Rogersville, AL. – <http://www.shoalsbritishcars.org/>
- SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2018 Goodwood Revival, Chichester, England – <https://www.goodwood.com/sports/motorsport/events/>
- SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 Atlanta British Car Fayre. Norcross, GA - [www.atlantabritishcarfayre.com/](http://www.atlantabritishcarfayre.com/)
- SEPTEMBER 8 2018 Brits in the Ozarks. Fayetteville, AR. – [www.britishironnwa.org](http://www.britishironnwa.org)
- SEPTEMBER 13-16, 2018 Southeast British Car Festival. Dillard, GA - <http://www.peachtreemg.com/dillard-2018.html>
- SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2018 The British Invasion. Stowe, VT – [www.britishinvasion.com](http://www.britishinvasion.com)
- SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 Brits on the Beach. Ocean Grove, NJ - [www.pedc.org/](http://www.pedc.org/)
- SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 Brits by the River. – Delaware City, DE - <http://bccdelaware.com/>
- SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2018 Fall Classics (HSR), Road Atlanta - [www.hsrace.com](http://www.hsrace.com)
- C5 @D5 25B - ( D5 15 E YUTHHHF 7 U 3 fU I – <http://teac.org/united-xxxvii/>**
- SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2018 The Heacock Classic Gold Cup. VIR Alton, VA- [www.svra.com/](http://www.svra.com/)
- SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2018 Meeting of the Marques International. Carlisle, PA – <http://meetingofthemarques.com/>
- C5 @D5 25B ( C3 31 C 99 1 ed Sb cc 4 U T1 Y bd 4 U T 6 [www.cfrsolo2.com](http://www.cfrsolo2.com)**
- SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2018 Put-In-Bay Reunion Road Race. Put-In-Bay, OH - [www.pibroadrace.com](http://www.pibroadrace.com)
- SEPTEMBER 27-30, 2018 6-Pack Trials. Fontana Dam, NC- <http://jimholewka.wixsite.com/trials2018>
- SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2018 Memphis Euro Fest. Bartlett, TN - [www.memphisbritishcars.org](http://www.memphisbritishcars.org)
- SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 MG’s on the Green. Concord, NC - <http://metrolinamgcareclub.com/>
- SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 MGs on the Rocks. Street, MD - [www.mgsofbaltimore.com/](http://www.mgsofbaltimore.com/)
- OCTOBER 3-7, 2018 Fall Carlisle. Carlisle, PA. – [www.carsatcarlisle.com](http://www.carsatcarlisle.com)



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