

Eastern New York MGA



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Nick shows how to ream carb bushings, but you have to have the special reamer!



Fish & Chips lunch at the Tastefully British truck in Bloomingdale NJ

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The Eastern New York MGA Club

Mission Statement:

We educate and serve the entire MG community. In addition to MGAs, we welcome the earliest MGs through MGCs, Midgets and Midgettes. Our members live throughout the Tri-State Area. We are open to everyone with an interest in British cars. MG ownership is not required!

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www.namgar.com/membership/application

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Our website: www.enymga.org

Our facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/enymga

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT (red dates are ENYMGA events)
Sept 7	Summer Barbecue //enymga.org/event/clubpicnic2019/
Sept 13-15	The Drive-In/The British Invasion, Stowe VT //www.britishinvasion.com/ //www.mgdriversclub.com/
Sept ??	Tech session on car safety
Sept 28	North American Cecil Kimber Run http://www.mgdriversclub.com/
Oct ??	Fall Foliage Drive details to be determined

Cars & Crumpets: Dunkin Donuts Rt. 202 southbound, just south of Rt. 10. Morris Plains N.J. 9AM to 12 NOON. Scheduled for June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4, August 18, September 8, September 22, October 6 and October 20. More Info: [//www.njbcc.org/](http://www.njbcc.org/)



President's Message

I hope everyone is having a great summer and getting their cars out on the road. We have some new members to welcome to the club: Kenneth Atkins of New York, Gary & Colleen Zimberg of Morristown, and Tony & Pina Lazzaro of Roseland. The Zimbergs have an MGB. The Pinas are the owners of a 1977 MG Midget. Welcome to the club! I hope to meet you all at upcoming club events. Make sure you introduce yourselves. If you haven't been able to attend any of the events so far there's still time. We have our club picnic in the beginning of September and the fall foliage drive in October. The picnic was a great time and the food was excellent last year. I have decided to include at least one more tech session on car safety. A member of another club just lost his classic to a fire. We will be discussing types of fire extinguishers and cut-off switches. We will also cover how to check your car's wiring harness for wear and improper wires that have been added. Check out the club's calendar for upcoming events.

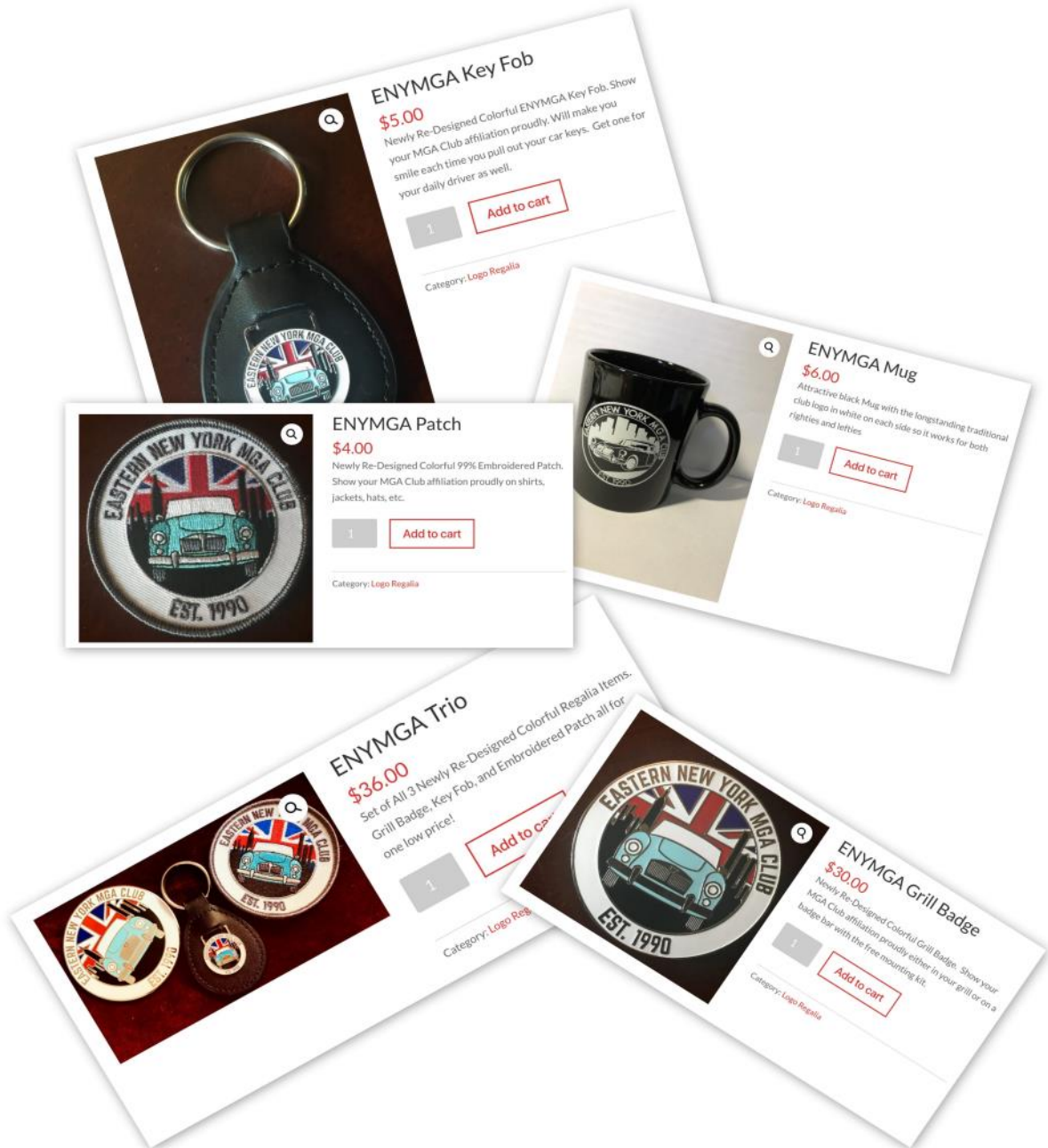
The club's regalia page is up and running on the website: [//enymga.org/shop/](http://enymga.org/shop/). You can purchase your club regalia needs on line. The club is currently offering the grille badge, embroidered patch, key fob and our coffee mug. We are working to add hats and tee shirts in the next couple of months. Also, the ENYMGA Club Land's End store is open for business! You can select anything you like from the Land's End catalog, and have the club logo embroidered on it. You can find the site here: [//business.landsend.com/store/enymga/](http://business.landsend.com/store/enymga/)

Remember to check out our Facebook site www.facebook.com/groups/enymga and web site for details regarding upcoming event scheduled for 2019. If you have a story to tell about your car don't forget to email Steve Trovato at editor@enymga.org.

We are always looking for member volunteers to help support the club. Bring your ideas to the club, please let us hear about them. If anyone would like to organize and run an activity for the club, let me know and we will help you. I would still like to hear your ideas for an event even if you don't want to organize it.

Nick O'Donohoe

Eastern New York MGA Club Regalia Store Now Open



Visit Us at:

[//enymga.org/shop/](http://enymga.org/shop/)

Fish & Chips / Ice Cream Run

We gathered at the designated parking lot for the start for the day's journey.



We received our instructions and we were off on the first leg of the trip.



The first stop on the drive was for fish and chips at the Tastefully British food truck in Bloomingdale NJ. There was really only one choice on the menu and that, of course, was fish and chips! If you were looking for a hot dog, you were out of luck. The fish was delicious, and fortunately, we found a small shady spot to eat.



Unfortunately, Mike Hendricks' MGC arrived with some new and troubling knocking coming from its engine.



Going home by flatbed was the prudent thing to do.



Then we were off to our next stop, Applegate Farm. The day was hot and we were all ready for some nice cold ice cream.



At this point we got back into our Magnette and headed for home.



I would like to end the story there, however, there is another chapter.

The car was running nicely, but I did notice that the valve noise seemed a bit louder than usual. As we approached the north end of the Garden State Parkway, the temperature went way up, the oil pressure went way down and the engine started to knock. We stopped as soon as we could. Our Magnette became the second car of the group to return home on a flatbed.



You will be hearing more about the Magnette and Mike's MGC as we learn more about what happened and get them both back on the road.

TR6 Carburetor Tech Session

By Peter Nelson

The British Car Company, aka member Nick O'Donohoe, hosted a TR6 Carburetor Tech Session on Saturday July 27th. A set of 175 CD-2 Zenith Strombergs, donated by Glenn Schwenker, were the subject of the session. Nick dismantled the front carburetor, explained how it worked and presented some tips for optimum operation and showed us the tools necessary to maintain and rebuild them.

The session, attended by approximately 20, did not proceed as anticipated because the carburetor kit did not contain some of the parts needed to complete the rebuild (i.e. diaphragms). But the missing parts will be ordered and the set of Strombergs will be ready for the August NJTA club meeting where they will be raffled off. This was not a serious setback as there were plenty of questions and the focus of the session easily shifted to user questions and concerns regarding carburetors.



We also had the opportunity to examine and compare some other types of carburetors found on British classics. SUs - H and HS4 types for example. The conversation also touched on Webers and some of their applications in Triumphs and MGs were discussed.

There was also time to talk about bushings and Nick demonstrated how to ream a throttle shaft bushing.

A great selection of photos, taken by Tom Huelsenbeck, can be viewed by opening the URL below:

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipNb-pIExYIcJz5TM-SQdxWf93Dkz7M1XSMtU4fXPKv4dKtwZkBCkvLd-B9lq7SOIq?key=cFZGbWhBamE0UG5icIR4eGt6ZHJqMXhzU01yQ3F3>

Coffee and bagels were available in the morning and shortly after one o'clock the participants dined alfresco, enjoying a classic summer lunch prepared by a gourmet chef, before returning to the garage.

Need a set of carburetors? The NJTA will raffle off the pair of refurbished 175 CD-2 Zenith Strombergs at the August club meeting. Photos of the finished carbs will be available soon. Raffle tickets are \$20 for one or three tickets for \$50. There is no limit on the number of tickets you may buy. The deadline for purchasing raffle tickets is August 27th at the club meeting. Attendance at the tech session is not a prerequisite to participating in the raffle and the winner need not be present at the drawing. Also, if the winner would like, Nick can install and tune the carburetors for a fee.

Please contact me to purchase raffle tickets or you may purchase them at the meeting on 8/27. Besides awarding a nice set of rebuilt carbs to the lucky winner, the purpose of the raffle is to help cover the costs of producing the tech session.

Thanks again to Nick for sharing his talents and skills, Glenn for the carbs, and to everyone who participated. Also to the NJTA for supporting these kinds of activities. Car talk, learning how something works, and good company... it was a great way to have spent a Saturday.



NAMGAR GT-44 in Dubuque, Iowa

This year, the annual NAMGAR GT event was held in Dubuque, Iowa. The mental image most people have of Iowa is flat with nothing but corn



fields. The hosts were quick to explain, this is not "that part of Iowa." Dubuque is a small city on the very eastern edge of Iowa, bordering the

Mississippi River. It has hills and everything!

The host hotel was the historic Hotel Julien. We arrived to find the lobby appropriately decorated in MG banners and British flags. Outside, there was a 4-door MG to help people get around the area.



There were more interesting things to see, just walking around the parking lot. Here is an MGA chassis without a body, customized with a V6 engine.



There were interesting tech sessions, including the famous John Twist's rolling tech session. All are invited to line up with their MGs and tell him their problems. They then get ten or fifteen minutes of John's talented hands, adjusting carbs, checking timing and his advice on what to do next.



One evening, we went to a local winery for dinner. The guest speaker was *David Hobbs*, the world renown race driver and commentator. Another day, we staged an invasion of Galena, Michigan across the Mississippi. They were inundated with MGs and I don't think they knew what hit them. Finally, there was the car show on a grassy field next to the Mississippi River.



If you would like to plan ahead, next year GT-45 will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I know, that's kind of far away. If I attend that one, I think it will be without bringing an MG.

There are four MG registers that each have their own events. They are NAMGAR for MGAs, NAMGBR for MGBs, NEMGTR for the T-series and NAMMMR for the prewar MGs. Every 5 years, they join together and hold a combined event. The last one was MG2016 in Louisville, Kentucky. That means that the next joint event will be GT-46/MG2021. It has now been announced that this will be held in Atlantic City, NJ! We have a while to plan, of course, but we should all consider attending such a big MG event in our own backyard. More information on both the Colorado and Atlantic City events will be available on the NAMGAR website: www.namgar.org.



The view of the Mississippi from the Riverwalk, next to the car show field

Name the Newsletter!

The Eastern New York MGA Club Newsletter has been passed up yet again for the Pulitzer Prize for excellence in newspaper journalism. As the publication clearly meets all the standards for the award, there can only be one explanation. It needs a better name. We are calling on all members to enter suggestions for a new name. Entries will be judged by the club officers. The author of the name selected will get a yet to be determined prize. Please send your entries to editor@enymga.org.



ENYMGA Club Directory is Here!

One of the things discussed at the last Dust-off Brunch meeting was the creation of a club directory. A car club should be more than official events and a newsletter. It should be a group of people with common interests who interact, socialize and help each other outside of official events. To facilitate this, we now have a member directory. It is online, in the “members only” section. It is only accessible to members with passwords. The information is for use by club members only. It is not to be sold, used for commercial purposes or redistributed.

The directory is up and running and ready for you to check it out! There is also the ability to include a picture. We need to do a little more work on that part. We will be collecting/taking pictures for this. I would like each picture to be of the member and spouse. I know we all come home from events and ask ourselves “who was that person?” I hope this will make it a little easier for us all to get to know each other. Of course, if you or your spouse are camera shy, a picture is not required.

MARKETPLACE

For Sale

Do you have a British car, parts or other related items that you would like to sell? Post your items here! Then you can use the cash to buy more car stuff!

Wanted

Have you been searching for parts for your MG? Post your needs here! You never know what your fellow members might have in that box under the workbench!

Listings are published at no charge. Please compose your For Sale or Wanted listing and send it to editor@enymga.org. A picture is helpful, especially when selling a car. I may make some changes to wording and format because, hey, I'm the editor. That's what editors do!

Register Your MGA With NAMGAR!



Join over 2,000 enthusiastic owners in the restoration, preservation, and sheer enjoyment of driving an MGA, Magnette, or variant of this noble breed. You'll receive six bi-monthly issues of *MGA!*, our full-color, award winning magazine, invitations to National and Regional Get-Togethers throughout the U.S. and Canada, plus a knowledge base and support group second to none. All this for just \$37.50 per year (North America), or \$52.50 (International). **Get more information at <http://www.namgar.com>, or contact registrar@namgar.com.**





MONTHLY "ASK NICK"

Send Nick a question about your British Car.
In the next issue, we will have your question, followed by Nick's solution.

DO YOU HAVE ANY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF ANY KIND WITH YOUR BRITISH CAR?

IF SO, NICK WILL HELP YOU FIND A REMEDY.

A WRITE UP OF THE PROBLEM AND ITS SOLUTION ~ AS OUTLINED BY NICK ~ WILL APPEAR IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

NO QUESTION OR PROBLEM TOO MUNDANE

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HELPING, AND SHARING YOUR BRITISH CAR PROBLEMS,
AND TO NICK'S WISE AND HELPFUL TECHNICAL EXPERTISE!

SEND YOUR QUESTION TO NICK AT nickod@optonline.net

WE MAY OFFER A TECH SESSION BASED ON THE QUESTION AND NICK'S FINDINGS!



Here is an example of a problem a member might have with his MGA or other British car.

Hey Nick! My 1960 MGA backfires through the exhaust on deceleration - ie coasting down hills. It's very loud and I'm afraid that the exhaust system will be blown off.

Engine Specs - Bored, has hi performance street cam, oversize pistons, big valves, no lead head, lightened flywheel, richer needles in original rebuilt carbs, electronic ignition and leaks oil. What could be causing the backfire?

Thanx in advance for any help.

Bif@aol.com

You may use this or another format you prefer for your question. Send your question to Nick at nickod@optonline.net

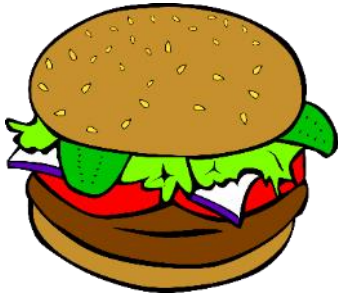
GARAGE TOURS!

We have been thinking about adding something new to the club's activities. It works like this. A member hosts a visit to their garage/shop. The member shows everyone their projects, tools and toys! Everyone gets to kick tires (gently!) and see how someone else operates. We might investigate a problem, but it is not really a "fixing stuff" tech session. It is really just an opportunity to be social and check out fellow members stuff. It doesn't matter if you have a garage mahal or a hole in the wall. We are all friends here. There are no judges. It is not a competition. If you think you might be interested in hosting a garage tour, contact Nick at 973-872-1192.

The Eastern New York MGA Club

Presents

Summer Barbecue



Day: Saturday, September 7, 2019

Time: 12:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m.

Price: Free

Come join us at our annual Summer Barbecue at the Wayne Elks Lodge 2181. (location has a private parking lot and a covered pavilion.)

Did I mention its FREE for all members and family

The club will provide the burgers, hot dogs, chicken, sausage, water, and soda. We will also have veggie burgers for our vegetarian members. If you are a vegetarian, please let us know when you register. The club will also provide all paper goods, utensils, and condiments.

Bring your car for viewing and the President's choice award.

All we ask is that you bring a salad or desert to share with the other club members and any alcoholic drink you might like.

Wayne Elks Lodge 2181, 50 Hinchman Avenue, Wayne, NJ 07470

Please RSVP, by August 31, 2019.

Attendees must register on the club's website

<http://enymga.org/event/clubpicnic2019/>

If you have any questions, please call Nick O'Donohoe at 973.872.1192



FALLFEST 2019

ALL BRITISH AUTOMOBILES & MOTORCYCLES ARE WELCOME



Sunday, September 29, 2019

10am to 3pm - Rain or Shine

AT HISTORIC FOSTERFIELDS FARM

73 KAHDNA ROAD, MORRIS TOWNSHIP, NJ 07970

Show vehicles must enter thru the registration area at the main entrance off Kahdena Road.

Show registration: \$15 by Sept.15th. \$20 after and at the gate. Set up after 9:00 am. Popular voting until 12pm - awards and prizes at 2 pm. NJTA reserves the right to limit the number of entries. Registrants will receive a raffle ticket for door prizes. Food and refreshments available onsite. Registration fee is non-refundable. Spectator admission is FREE. Note: The Park charges a small fee to tour the working farm.

Awards will be presented by the New Jersey Triumph Association in the classes identified below. Plus the annual Joseph J. Bevilacqua Memorial Award.

Triumph	MG	Austin-Healey	Other Classes
1. TR2 & TR3	8. T-series & Pre-War sports	14. Bugeye (Mk. I)	22. TVR
2. TR4, 4A, 5 & 250	9. MGA	15. Sprite Mk. II-IV	23. Mini (1959-2000)
3. TR6 (89-73)	10. MGB/GT/C (chrome bumper)	16. 100-4	24. Lotus
4. TR6 (74-76)	11. MGB/GT (rubber bumper)	17. 100-6 & Side curtain 3000	25. Morgan
5. TR7/8	12. Midget (chrome bumper)	18. Roll-up window 3000	26. Sunbeam
6a. Spitfire	13. Midget (rubber bumper)		27. Other British Cars
6b. GT8		Jaguar	28. British Motorcycles
7. Other Triumphs		19. XK 120-150	29. Other British Luxury
		20. E-Type	30. Diamond in the Rough
		21. Other Jaguar	31. Best in Show

For Show info, Sponsor or Vendor opportunities contact Dave Miller at: drmill347@gmail.com .

**Register Online at: www.njtriumphs.org
Or Pre-register by mail, please postmark by September 15, 2019.**

—cut here—

FALLFEST: Please make checks payable to New Jersey Triumph Association & Mail to Ken Blair, 3 Pleasant Place, Rockaway, NJ 07866

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Car Year, Make & Model _____ Class _____

I hereby release the NJTA and all volunteers, vendors, and employees from any liability as may be directly or indirectly related to this event.

Signature & Date _____

And a very happy birthday to:

July

Steven Busch

Bobbi Juhas

Joyce Buzzanca

Ralph Scarfogliero

Jeanne Chin

Vera Scarfogliero

James Juhas

Edward Williams

August

Larry Cantamessa

Jayne Press

Stephen Edelstein

Stephani Shelton

Larry Groskin

Alfred Tirella

Paul Melofchik

Kristin Wood

Robert Polastre

Gary Zimberg

Janis Polastre





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Membership Application and Renewal (You can also do this online: www.enymga.org)

Welcome to the Eastern New York MGA Club. As a member, you will receive our newsletter and an official club decal to proudly display on your windscreen, at no additional cost. We are involved in car shows, social events, field trips and hands-on technical sessions.

Dues are \$20 per year. Membership fees are due on January 1st for the year. Dues for new members are pro-rated on a quarterly basis. If you are a new member, please check below the quarter in which you are joining and enclose payment of the amount shown. Thank you.

Today's Date: _____

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|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> January-March \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> July-September \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April-June \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> October-December \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |

Personal Information-Please Print:

Name: _____
 Birth Month: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Cell: _____

Spouse/Partner: _____
 Birth Month: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email Address: _____@_____

I would like my contact information to be included in the club directory: Yes No

The club directory is for facilitating communication between club members. All other uses are strictly forbidden.

How did you hear of the ENYMGA Club?

(NAMGAR, word of mouth, etc.) _____

Please check all that apply:

- I own an MG or variant (**Not required for membership**) and I have entered the information requested.
- I am currently a member of the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR)
- I am currently a member of the North American MGB Register (NAMGBR)

I am willing to volunteer my talents to help the club in the following areas:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help members with their restorations | <input type="checkbox"/> Write magazine articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist at shows and other events | <input type="checkbox"/> Help plan future events and activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Restoration Skill: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I have the following special talent that may be of use to the club: _____

Please make your check for dues payable to the **Eastern New York MGA Club** and return this form and your check to **Ray Schwarz, The Eastern New York MGA Club, 3B Shadyside Avenue, South Nyack, NY 10960**. If you have any questions, please contact our club president Nick O'Donohoe at 973.872.1192 or nickod@optonline.net.

Please list below the MG's or variants and other classic cars that you own:

	Series	Model	Year	Colour	Condition
Example	MGA	1600 Coupe	1959	Red	Restored
Car # 1					
Car # 2					
Car # 3					