

Featured Car of the Month: Mark Schneider's "MG TD"

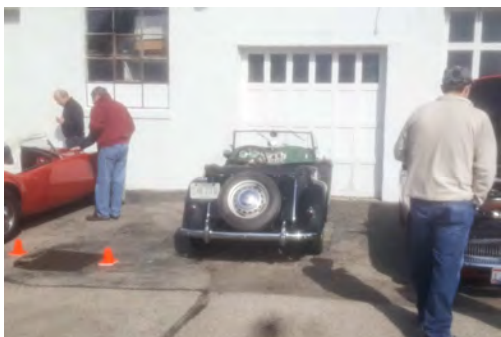
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When I was in first grade class back in 1968, I put together a book (that I still have) of what I would be like when I grew up. On one of the pages, I noted that I'd have an "Old Day's Car" with a picture of a 1920's style automobile. I had admired the Rolls Royce and Duesenberg cars of the 1920's, building models of the like.

In 1987, my girlfriend ran across an ad with an MG TD convertible for sale. She was expecting to see a car like an MG-B, but when we went to look at it - there it was – a black 1953 MG-TD. It was the first one that I'd ever seen in person. I wanted it!

I bought the car from Jim Corbitt in Kettering. (See Photo at right) He was the second owner. He had done a restoration of it – believe that he said it was in 1967 soon after he bought it. Fortunately, I'd driven an Opel in college with a stick, so I was able to drive it home fairly smoothly.

I joined the MG Car Club soon after. I remember attending my first tune-up clinic, where Steve Miller did a tune-up on my new prize. One Year, I joined some of the other members of the MG Car Club with taking the Holiday at Home Queen and her court for rides to the court entrance. The Queen rode in my MG TD.



Tune-up clinic at MG Automotive 2018

There came a time when the MG-TD sat for too long and I couldn't get it started. I Took it over to a friend's house to work with him to get it running but we never seemed to have time. I don't consider myself an auto mechanic and rely on others for help. Years later, my friend was selling his house so I had to move it. The kids were in college and I had more time. I decided to haul it to MG Automotive, where Steve Miller got it running again around 2016. I rejoined MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre.

I ran into Jim Corbitt's son about four years ago. His family was having a picnic in Bellbrook near my house, so I stopped by with the MG-TD. They had fond memories of it with their Dad. Jim's sister recalled driving it a good bit – believe that she learned to drive in it.



I was a member of the MG Car Club from around 1988 to around 1993 - for about 4-5 years, then got busy with family and kids. The British Car Day was an annual event for the MG back then.

Around 1990, my wife (Anna) and I bought a green 1977 MG-B which we had for around four years. Once we had kids, we didn't drive it much and with it being a two-seater, we couldn't take the little ones with us, so we sold it to make room in the garage.



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Mark Schneider and His son Ben, at Club Picnic at the Loofts 2018

I get it out about every 3-4 weeks to drive it – when the weather is dry, and in the winter when it's at least somewhat warm. I don't go far – it tends to run hot if it's driven too long. I make runs through Bellbrook, Biscuits and Tea and British Car Day.

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