## First in a series of MGs of Middletown, Ohio

My "72" MGBGT

By John Smith as interviewed by Ron Parks



In May of 2011 from a man in Springfield, Ohio. It had been a daily driver to Wright Patterson Air Force Base for several years and had been set aside in a garage for the previous twelve years. The engine turned over freely. The owner accepted my offer of \$1,000. I took it to MG Automotive, where Steve Miller got it running for me.

The car was a blue color when I bought it, with some of the fenders in primer and looking

pretty nasty. When we had the body dipped at American Metal Cleaning in Cincinnati, we discovered the original Teal blue color. Jason Maurer did the body work and paint.

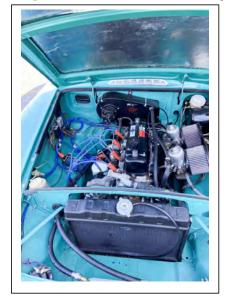
I entered my MGBGT in the Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park the year that MG was the featured marque. I have only driven it locally. A 50 mile poker run to Gratis, Ohio is probably the longest trip I've taken in the car. I participate in British Car Day Dayton each year too.

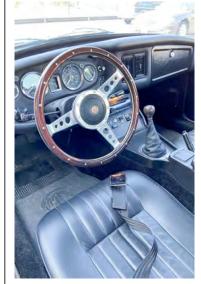
I have made some modifications/improvements, such as installing a 14 inch steering wheel for

more comfortable driving.

New seat upgrades helped too. A new wiring harness purchased from England, made for better connections and brighter lights. I upgraded the exhaust system to Stainless steel and installed headers.

I am enjoying driving my MGBGT and you will see it at future MG Car Club events.





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## John Smith's Garage

