

Matt's Evening Run Out August 11th – The First of the Year!!!

Excitement mounted as the first potential BMGOC evening run out of the year approached thanks to Boris's relaxation of Covid19 restrictions. Matt, one of our newer members came up with the route and final venue destination. The venue was visited to ensure that it was as Covid safe as the users would allow. We were in the middle of a heat wave and everything was perfect for a hood down evening. An enjoyable run out followed by a BBQ in the sultry and balmy evening air was on the cards. However, we then had warnings of another pandemic – thunder and lightning storms.

The forecast kept changing – no surprise there then – even on the morning of the run at 07.30 hrs it forecast thunderstorms in the early evening. However, by 09.00 hrs it forecast no precipitation of any description for the rest of the day and thank the Lord it was right!

We started from our favourite Black Dam Car Park venue. 8 out of 9 cars made it to the start. John whose MGB was off the road for maintenance was going to use his black twin cam MGA. Apparently, this had a coolant leak that appeared when the thermostat opened. People mock me – but once again I prove my point that if you are an active MG owner you need three of them. One off the road for planned maintenance, one for unplanned maintenance and one usable vehicle!

However, Alan and Jacqui's beautifully rebuilt magnificent Old English White MGA on her maiden voyage had broken some expensive but probably Chinese made (They really have a lot to answer for – including Covid) so called titanium things that anchored the radiator. A bit of Black Dam Car maintenance/bodging with multiple cable ties (probably Chinese) secured said radiator for the rest of the run. Well to the pub at least.

My RV8 piloted by my mate Graham arrived at Black Dam with a screeching Air Con belt. This was ignored and put off for a next day sort out

We all started off in time. Starsk and Ness in their lovely and very tasteful powder blue metallic TF made it to the first traffic island where their clutch failed. They were late making it to the Pub but once more to prove my MG ownership theory managed to limp home and choose an MG. This time their incredibly beautiful (if you are into that sort of thing) ZR hatchback with more decals on it than an FI racing car took up the baton and arrived at the pub.

Matt's route included roads for the winter lazy cars to stretch their legs and windy narrow lanes for the drivers to stretch their winter lazy concentration abilities.



John who lived a couple of minutes from the pub turned up in his MGA based on the journey time there and back did not allow for the thermostat to open.

The BBQ was good but perhaps the organisation of food delivery was not. Would love to blame that on Mat but this part of the run was down to me.



Thank you, Matt, a great evening and maybe, sadly, the only one this year?

Everyone says that you have to use classics to keep them going well and maybe the tales of woe on this run following lock down proves it. Most certainly my cars have done nothing like the mileage in previous years. No trips to France and UK weekends away etc etc, etc

We have ideas ref a non-contact , non-venue run for September -Watch this space!!