

MG TRIVIA

Rules: Each question has a value of 1 point. Extra points are given where indicated. Whoever has the most points wins a special prize! Good luck. Let's see how much you know.

1. Which GOF offered tickets to a play? For extra points what was the name of the British farce, what Mk, and what dates?
Charley's Aunt Mk 73 Wolfville, NS 7/2-7/5 2002
2. What was the year of the 1st GOF?
1965
3. Where, when and what dates was the 2nd GOF held?
Westminster, MA Mk2 4/29-5/1 1966
4. What state has hosted the most GOFs? Extra points How many?
NY 22
5. What record breaking **car** did Captain George Easton drive in excess of 100 MPH?
EX120
6. What locations hosted a GOF 2 or more times? Extra points how many each?
Waterville Vly, NH 2/ Hershey, PA 2/ N.Conway, NH 2/ Nashua, NH 2/ Plymouth, MA 2/ **Cooperstown, NY 3**/ Saratoga, NY 2/ Mystic, CT 2/ Cape May 2/ Syracuse 2/ Newport 2/ **Painted Post, NY 3**/ Sturbridge, MA 2
7. How many GOFs were hosted outside of the US? Extra points where and when?
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Toronto, ON Mk 26 1978, Toronto, ON Mk 42 1986, Ottawa, ON Mk 62 1996, Wolfville, NS Mk 73 2002, Kingston, ON Mk 81 2007
8. Where and when was the 1st Safety Fast Inspection held at a GOF? Extra points What are the 4 Safety Fast categories?
GOF Mk 48 Nashua, NH 1989 Rick Smith
1) Good 2) Serviceable 3) Needs work 4) Unsafe
9. How many chapters are in The New England MG 'T' Register, Ltd.?
42
10. Where did the octagon shape come from?

From 1923, Morris Garages' energetic salesman Cecil Kimber began to offer customized Morris cars, reworked on the premises to distinguish them from standard offerings – in effect, these were some of the first 'limited editions', a

theme that MG has always done rather better than most. Before long, as these cars became more and more unique, the Morris Garages Specials graduated to become 'MG' cars in their own right, and before long 'MG' would become synonymous with sports cars.

To set these cars apart, Kimber wanted his own badge, and he settled on a stylish octagon logo which had formed part of Morris Garages advertising from early in 1923, pure 'art deco' in its inspiration. Kimber himself never gave direct credit to the person who created the design, but historians generally accept the testimony of Ted Lee, an accountant at Morris Garages, as the creator of the MG badge

Of course using a stylish logo as part of advertising is one thing: mounting it on the nose of a car is another, and for Cecil Kimber this was arguably something of a risky gamble, for removing all reference to the Morris parentage of these cars could well have led to a clash of egos between Kimber and his patron, Sir William. Perhaps partly for that reason – alongside the evolution of the MG sports car species – the MG badge did not appear prominently on the nose of a car until 1927.

By this time, the colour scheme for the MG badge – as well as for factory-sponsored racing MGs and the inside of the factory where the cars were built – had been determined as brown and cream, not only distinctly 'of the period' but also doubtless inspired by the distinctive livery of the Great Western Railway, headquartered at Swindon, just a few miles from Oxford. From 1929, MG's home was in a new factory at Abingdon-on-Thames, just south of Oxford.