

# MG80

## A worldwide celebration of the founding of the MG Car Club

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# The Biggest Car Club Event Ever!

### Thank you!

Firstly, we would like to thank you, each and every club who participated in the event, for your enthusiasm, commitment and contribution. It is much appreciated and we are overwhelmed by the incredible world-wide response and humbled by the scale of the celebrations. We hope you enjoyed seeing the others' events as much as we did! Thank you all very much!



**MGCC Wellington at sunrise on 16 October - most easterly point!**

### Reports

A full report of the whole party will be featured in Safety Fast!, and we would like to include a short piece from every club describing their event. Can you please email your contributions to [chrisseaward@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:chrisseaward@mgcc.co.uk)

### Numbers

In the end we received 82 official entries plus several unofficial ones, together with a few 'hangers-on' which took us over the magic 100! Some clubs staged modest events, some had a turnout of over 200 cars, so we think that it's reasonable to assume that around 10,000 people took part in the event. This would undoubtedly make it, the largest MG gathering in the world, **ever!**

### Hits

The MG80 world-wide Google map and time-line has received over 23,000 hits since it was created, and the map will remain freely available and on-line until at least the end of the year.

### Amazing events and the wacky prize

We were truly amazed by the wide range of events that were staged by clubs around the world. We showed them on a large screen at the completion of the MGCC HQ run from the Roebuck to Kimber House and the members gathered there were completely taken aback by the enthusiasm shown.

### Technical update

#### Important news about editing the map

The map is now likely to receive a wider public audience due to the publicity generated by the event, and to keep it from unwanted additions and alterations, we will prevent editing from 9am Friday 29 October UK time. However you can still use the MG80 email address to request additions, changes etc and these will be done speedily.

#### You will still be able to upload your photos and videos yourself to the MGCC photo site.

If you feel at all apprehensive at uploading your photos, or for any club that has not yet made any uploads, can we encourage you to email them to [mg80@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:mg80@mgcc.co.uk) and we will do it for you.

We were gratified that so many clubs used the MG80 photo site we provided, so that we are looking to provide a more permanent addition to the MGCC's web site for clubs to display their photos.

More info on this development will be put on <http://www.mgcc.co.uk>

To highlight a few:

- MGCC South Australia - a human Happy Birthday message
- MGCC Canterbury, NZ - an MG80 fireworks display
- The two clubs in Denmark - 'baton' passed from member to member and onto Abingdon
- Maia Clube, Portugal - singing of 'Happy Birthday!'
- MG Trophy Championship - final race meeting of the year
- Houston MG Car Club – the sheer professionalism of their videos



### **South Africa's Northern Centre official signed banner**

Bearing these in mind, the MG80 Team has decided to award the prize for the wackiest event to the two Danish Clubs - the MG Car Club Denmark and the MG Car Club Danish Centre.



**The plaque from Denmark is handed over at Kimber House**

Their event was a truly imaginative journey with a specially created octagonal plaque carried by members in their various different MGs from place to place around Denmark, culminating in a crossing of the North Sea from Esbjerg to Harwich, and then onto Kimber House in Abingdon. The event involved 23 different legs and a total of 1942km/1207 miles, and 54 cars! Have a look at the Denmark photos to see their journey.

Here in the UK, 18 various centres and registers organised a wide range of events. MGCC HQ organised a symbolic road run from the Roebuck Inn in Stevenage to Abingdon. It then travelled to the Lambert Arms for lunch, a venue for many of the 1930's trials involving MG teams such as the Cream Crackers and the Three Musketeers before continuing on to Kimber House in Abingdon where a ceremonial cutting of an octagonal birthday cake took place – and we sang 'Happy Birthday'!



### **Ottawa MG Club make a car - and human! - MG80 logo**

#### **The MG family**

One of the reasons for staging this event was to bring together the far flung family of MG clubs around the world, and we sincerely hope that we will have sparked off a new and increased level of communications. Don't let it go!

Once again, we couldn't have done it without you, thank you very much!

#### **The MG80 team**

#### **The MG80 badge**

We have produced a souvenir pin badge to commemorate this special weekend. They have been produced as a limited run and the badges are available for sale at £5 each from

<http://www.mgcc.co.uk/mg-news/club-news/1187-mg80-pin-badge.html>



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