

From the Library

David Hoskins - Librarian February 2019

8 - MG One and a half Litre (sales brochure), The M.G. Car Company Ltd, 1937

Now for something a bit special! This is an original sales brochure for the 1937 1½ litre range which we now know as the VA, but was, apparently, not called that in period.

This 22 page item has the most delightful artwork by Harold Connolly. Cecil Kimber wrote most of the sales bumph in the 30s and Connolly was a noted artist of his day and painted much of the artwork.

The images in this brochure just resonate with the art-deco 30s era. This is an item to be protected and handled with kid gloves (if only we had some) and I plan to produce a 'loan' copy and shall keep the original safely - you are welcome to see it in the Library by request.

Donations from Rob and Rhinda Hylands

I have sorted some more of Rob and Rhinda's donations and we now have 67 copies of 'Triumph World' magazine. We do have the odd Triumph owner in our midst.

Donations from Terry Malloch, Peter Yorke, & Kevin Simonsen

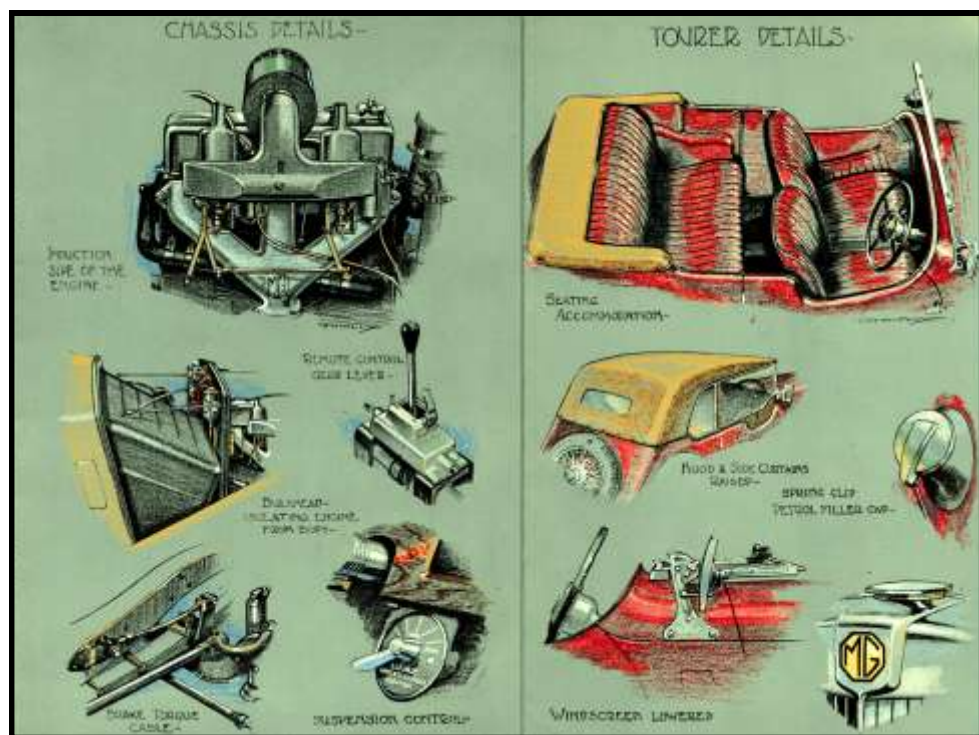
Yet more magazines but always welcome and some more holes in our collection filled. We do not need any more old G-Torques thank you all.

Library Assistant Required

Our Library contains nearly 3,500 magazines. These contain a huge amount of interesting information on the history of, and how to maintain and improve, our cars (and other non-Marque British cars). Accessing particular items is very difficult due to the mass of print available.

The problem is that it is very difficult to sort the chaff (MG articles) from the weeds (non-MG articles).

I started to compile an index of 'MG relevant' articles which can then be searched on-line but this has proved to be a mammoth task. Although the indices from the last nine years are fairly



complete and I shall keep these up to date, indexing the backlog is going to require more time than I can spare.

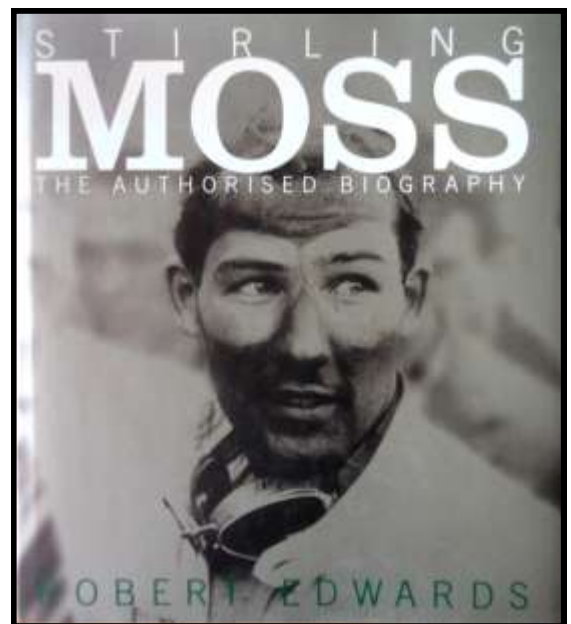
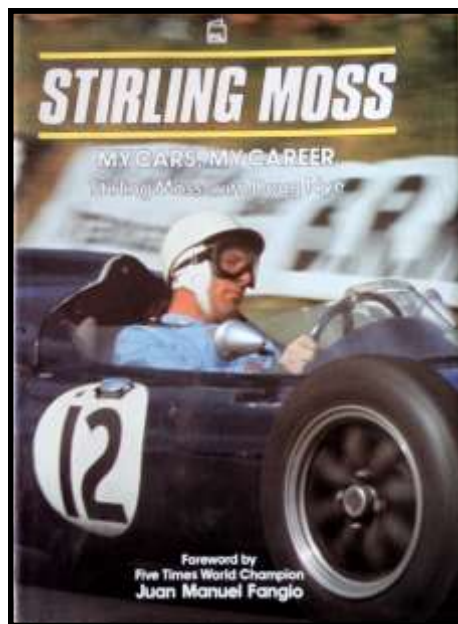
If any of our 'bookie' members feel that they could contribute time to carry out this function, please talk to me or your Committee members. This is a task which anyone could carry out at home at times to suit themselves and having an index will make our magazine collection much more valuable than it is.

Donation by Ben Blair

Not many racing drivers could evoke the apocryphal British cop's admonition to a speeding driver, " 'oo do you think you are sir, Stirling Moss?" That this saying was quoted in the 1950s and that Sir Stirling is still around as a famous name in the 2010s is a tribute to one of the best racing drivers of all time.

G176 - Stirling Moss, My Cars, My Career, Stirling Moss with Doug Nye, PSL, 1987

Sir Stirling chronicles, chapter by chapter, all the cars he drove. He doesn't pull any punches and is particularly scathing about the original V16 BRM, both the car and the organisation behind it. He came from an era so unlike the current Formula 1 scene. A driver at the British Grand Prix would, for example, race a Formula 2 car in the morning, a saloon car just



before lunch and then do a full Grand Prix in the afternoon. Consequently, Stirling drove a huge array of Formula and Sports cars so his comments are enlightening.

G177 - Stirling Moss, The Authorised Biography, Robert Edwards, Cassell, 2001

This is a more straightforward biography of Stirling from his earliest days, showjumping horses and racing 500cc Coopers, through a stellar career in Sports and Grand Prix cars and up to the crash at Goodwood which so nearly claimed his life. He competed in 529 races during his pre-crash career.

The book end papers depict the bent Lotus steering wheel from the event which sent his life into a different, but very successful, direction including racing classic cars and even rallying in an MGB.

One of his first cars was an MG TB Tickford Coupé and MGs score several mentions, mostly concerning his record breaking exploits in the various EX cars.