

MGB

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With everyone venturing out of hibernation and looking forward to joining in this year's events, here's a reminder of how to buy Regalia so that you can look the part for those MGB outings. Clothing is made and embroidered for us by the MG Car Club partner, Performance Clothing. It is then shipped direct to you from them. This

makes it possible for you to order customised embroidery with the MGB logo, if desired, at minimal extra cost and with no delay in shipment. There are various shirts, tops and jackets available, so visit the Car Club website (www.mgccshop.com) for further information and to see images of the clothing.

Apart from the usual oil change, servwd and grease-up that most of us do on **ouq** cars in the spring, there is one other **chedj** I recommend everyone to do if **thcJ** haven't done so for a while, especially if **yoJ** own a Roadster. When was the last t ~ie you lifted the footwell carpets and sav. state the floor pans were in? If your **carpj**

is glued down, pull the carpet pieces off, and check how much of the gunk is rust and how much is dried-up glue. Unless your car is stored in a bone-dry heated garage I will bet there is some rust starting to take a hold. Buy an abrasive flap wheel or other rust removing drill attachment, put the goggles on and get your head in that footwell and clean up the metal. Vacuum up the dust and treat any heavily-pitted areas with Jenolite or other rust removing chemical. After 24 hours, thoroughly clean away the rust remover and any muck and use a decent red oxide primer and then top coat after another 24 hours. No need to get an exact paint match as you will be covering it up again and will probably be repeating the exercise in couple of year's

time anyway! Preferably leave the carpet sections loose in the footwell and buy a set of decent bespoke rubber mats to catch all the mud and water and stop it getting to the metal underneath. Why not treat yourself to a new pair of just the footwell carpet sections while you're at it. They will enhance the interior of the car no end and are very good value nowadays.

2009 Diary Events **Spring Run - April 5 2009**

There are still some places on this year's Spring Run, which begins at Newbury and will be a scenic route to Breamore Manor House which is situated on the edge of the New Forest just north of Fordingbridge. Please contact **Roger Cooper on 01858**

463417 for further details or download an entry form from the MGB Register's website at (www.mgb-register.org). All models of MGs are welcome; however, the event is limited to 100 cars, so get your entry in to Roger, if you have not already done so.

MGs at Royal Windsor - Saturday April 25

The MGB Register will be supporting this event at Royal Windsor and there are a number of scenic road runs being organised from various points.

Focus Day - Saturday November 7

A return of this annual event - further details to follow - but in the meantime get the date in your diaries!