MGs ON POSTAGE STAMPS

By Rick Astley

Stamps have been often called miniature “Works of Art”, and since we all think our MGs equally merit that description too, what better collection could there be than of MGs on postage stamps. Collecting all of those shown here is an easy and relatively inexpensive task. For all we know, however, there may be much rarer and hard to find examples out there; if you find them, let us know. Expanding your interest past just MGs is a much more challenging task, literally hundreds of British cars have been featured on stamps and thousands of cars in general. Collecting, storing and displaying them is part of the fun.

I have purchased most of all the stamps here from www.Stamp-Search.com/. I like their prices, service and the fact that you can see what you are buying on their site.
Happy collecting.

While the primary interest is in the cars, some of the countries from which the stamps are issued are intriguing too, some being just atolls that probably never saw an MG. Many of the countries that are prolific in the production of stamps are those that may have little or no other income, so very often, far more stamps go to collectors than are actually used for ordinary mailing purposes. The Caribbean islands Grenadines of St Vincent and the islands of St Kitts and Nevis at least have tourism but the Pacific island of Tuvalu supports itself largely by the sale of stamps and more recently selling web domain names that have the cherished dot tv suffix. About 1% the size of Washington DC, it has the unenviable reputation of being the first nation that will disappear should sea levels rise above its 17 ft (5m) maximum elevation. Seen here are on the top row are MG types: M, K3, TC and MGA. At left is an MGB-GT.

Below: from Grenada is another K3, a TA from the Indian Ocean islands of Comoros and another from the English Channel British Crown Dependency of the “Bailiwick of Guernsey” and a TF from the land locked enclave of South Africa, the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Bottom Row: An MGB stamp issued by the West African Republic of Liberia, a Midget from the former USSR of Turkmenistan, a TF from Somalia, and an MGA with Mickey and Minnie Mouse from the Caribbean island of Redonda.

1962 MGB on British Postage Stamp

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Both Anne and I still have relatives, friends and financial interests in the UK, and as a result, we get quite a lot of mail from that side of the pond. This week we were delighted to receive a letter graced with postage stamps featuring classic cars as part of a Royal Mail series titled British Auto Legends , which was released only last month.

The 1962 MGB is shown here and, as you can see, Her Majesty's mail services chose to illustrate the car in the popular and classic color of Iris Blue as well as using a really wide and flatter ing aspect ratio. However, one thing they may have gotten wrong is its license plate. Although the stamp identifies the car as a 1962, the final "B" in the plate indicates that the car was registered in 1964.

Besides the MGB, the series also features a Jaguar E -Type, Rolls Royce Silver Shadow, Aston Martin DB5, Morgan Plus 8 and the Lotus Esprit. You can buy stamps sets from www.royalmail.com/autolegends and, no doubt, from North American stamp dealerships too.

If you are interested in other "MG" stamps, check out the article on page 6 of the October 2002 Can -Am Connection , available from our archives at www.wdmgc.com/Can -Am.htm. The password required to open the file is kimber .

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