

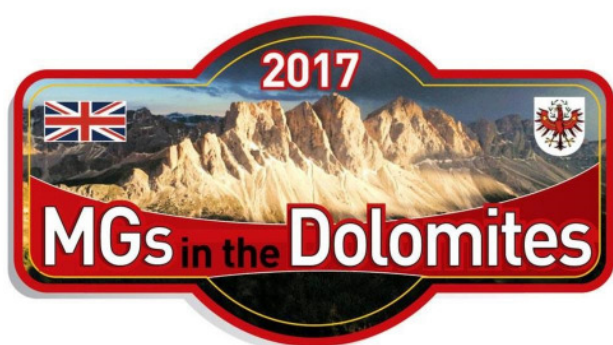


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## MG Car Club Dolomites



For a few years Christian Bianci has sent me invitations to come to the MG event in the Dolomites South Tirol.

(In fact shortly after I met Anne in 1972 I took her to the Dolomites with my MGA)

I kept on apologising as it is a bit far to join in.

This time I asked him to send me some pictures and an article of this event.

I think these pictures deserve to be published in our magazine.





Can you imagine driving on these passes? I did it and it is out of this world, especially with a roadster. The view is then unrestricted to enjoy the beautiful landscape.



Ivano does this make you a bit home sick??

## "The Marco Polos "of the MG World!!

Each year on the Italian Dolomites MG Event, we have Mgs and their Owners from various countries – sometimes it is just from our immediate neighbours, i.e Slovenia, Germany, Austria or Switzerland, sometimes from further away i.e. Sweden and Scotland etc., but on our June 2017 Event, we had 3 Mg's from Australia!! Two of which had been part of the group from Australia who had been on the epic South and North America trek/adventure, as reported in "Enjoying Mg" in October 2016 . These 2 Couples, in their MGA and MGB were The Godwins and The Lettens and they are including our event on their tour of Europe, with Croatia and Portugal on their list of places to visit. Truly Marco Polo style travellers. So in June, we all met up high in the mountains near San Valentino - at the Western end of the Italian Dolomites and based at the Hotel Watles, a drive in its self, as very high up and overlooking the valley and mountain ranges all around. Our usual cocktail welcome, was held in the Hoteliers private collection room of scooters and bubble cars, an interesting collection, though he also had other collections around the hotel, typewriters displayed everywhere.

Amongst our days drive outs, we visited the Tibetan Restaurant at the top of Stelvio Pass, 10,000 ft or so – snow piles in the car park but warm, well ish!!!!. This was a long day as our return had to be by Bormio due to roadworks etc, but great views and places to see. Tax havens and tax free areas seem to be everywhere, in this western end of the Dolomites.. Well whenever we seemed to need petrol, Livorno also nice for lunch and winter skiing, "Samnaun Dorf" a tiny village which also seemed to offer cheap petrol, so we took advantage, as one has to.

We not only enjoyed the many high passes, but also glorious "tops down" weather with clear blue skies every day .

After five great days of enjoyable driving and company, we had to say farewell to our MG Guests and until another event in 2018, when we will be holding the next MG in the Dolomites Event.

Christian Bianco – Bolzano

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Well, all has been said, so enjoy reading John