

# MARCO POLOS OF THE MG WORLD

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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, Slovenia, Germany, Austria or Switzerland, sometimes from further away Sweden and even Scotland, but on our June 2017 Event, we had 3 MGs 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 two couples, in their MGA and MGB were the Godwins and the Lettens and they were 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. We were at the Hotel Watles, a challenging drive in itself, as it's very high up and over-looking the valley and mountain ranges all around. Our usual cocktail welcome, was held in the hotelier's 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 day's 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, warmish. This was a long day as our return had to go by Bormio due to roadworks, but great views and places to see. Tax havens and tax free areas seem to be everywhere in this western end of the Dolomites, whenever we seemed to need petrol. Livigno is an ideal stopping place for cheap petrol and it's also nice for lunch and winter skiing. Samnaun Dorf is another tiny village which also seemed to offer cheap petrol, so we took advantage, as one must.

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 until our next meeting in late May/early June in 2018, when we will be holding the next MG in the Dolomites Event.

See our website for details of this and previous year's events.

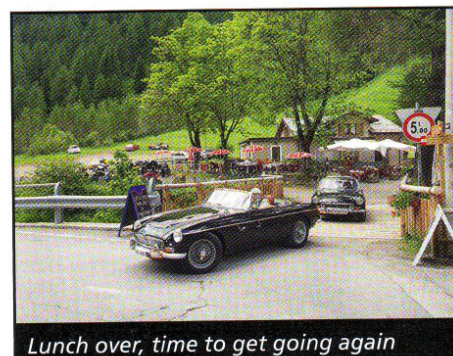
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*At the Tibetan restaurant car park*



*A mid afternoon pause*



*Lunch over, time to get going again*



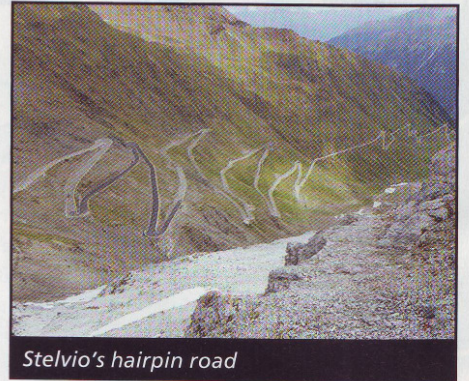
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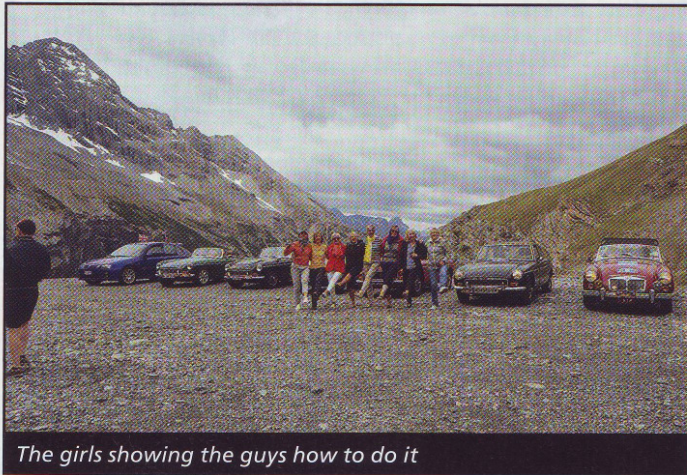
Cheap fuel



Sold wall of snow at Stelvio



Stelvio's hairpin road



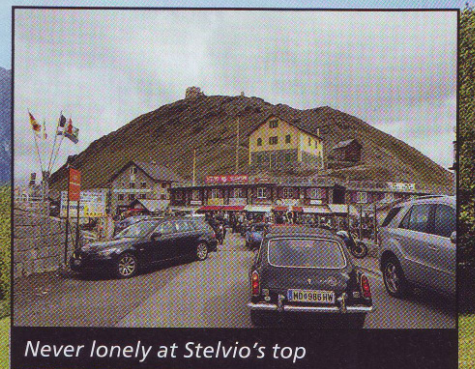
The girls showing the guys how to do it



Australian MGs



Local festival stopped us from leaving the village



Never lonely at Stelvio's top



Hans' MGB with castle