

'MGB50: A Year To Remember' on DVD

A limited edition DVD of 1000 copies.

MGB50 - A year to remember

A film by well known producer John Lakey, a motoring specialist, who has worked on Racing Legends, Gears and Tears, Panic Mechanics, Top Gear, Clarkson's Car Years, The Car's The Star and many other titles.

John really wanted to make this film because of his enthusiasm for the car and his family connections to MG. He has owned a number of MGs over the years and currently has a including a V8 BGT, the 'MGB-eta' (a Lancia Beta 2 litre engine MGB Roadster) and a 4 cylinder BGT which he sits on his everyday car.

The film documents the main events of MGB50, including the FIA MGBs only race and birthday party at MG Live 2012, the seminar 'MGB: The Story' at the Arny Theatre in Abingdon, and the main MGB50 event at Blenheim Palace, the largest ever gathering of MGBs. It features contributions from well known personalities such as Paddy Hopkirk, Alec Poole, Peter Browning, and designer Don Hayter as well as extensive race coverage with in car mounted minicams and interviews with owners and enthusiasts. It's a must for any MGB owner or anyone interested in the most famous classic car in the world.

John with his MGBGT. This is a self financed project and I would appreciate it if it was not uploaded to any file sharing websites. Thank you, John. www.johnlakey.co.uk

"The only official MGB50 DVD available!"

Special features

- MGB50 Celebration Race for FIA MGBs and Works Cars. Unique coverage of this fantastic race using numerous on board minicams.
- MGLive! 2012 at Silverstone including MGB 50 Birthday party.
- 'MGB: The story'. Multi camera coverage of this brilliant seminar event featuring Paddy Hopkirk, Alec Poole, Don Hayter, Bill Price, Den Green, Peter Browning, John Yea and Graham Robson.
- MGB 50th Birthday Celebration at Blenheim Palace; interviews with former MG staff who designed and built the MGB, owners, MGB50 Chairman John Watson and RV8 powertrain manager Ian Pogson.
- Archive from BMIHT
- MG LE50 Launch
- Owner profiles; real stories from owners who love MGBs.

Aspect ratio: 16:9 Anamorphic
Soundtrack: English Stereo
Disc Format: DVD9
Region: Colour PAL UK
Copyright: John Lakey
Feature Run Time: 2hrs 22mins

Credits
Camera and Sound: Art Green, Bill Royal, Becky Towers, Jon Sales, Richard Meredith, Bruce Cox, Andy Morton & John Lakey.
Editor: Victoria Storey. Post Production: Paul Vanalls.
Music: Special thanks to Richard Thompson and Karl Whiting of Vector Management for embracing the spirit of the project and allowing me to use Richard's wonderful song 'MGBGT'.
DVD Design and Art: Barry at Red Studios, Sarah, Mike Bell.
Archive: British Motor Industry Heritage Trust at Gaydon, The CF Library, Moulton Bicycles, David Lind within Don Hayter's archive, Ronan Sport Magazine, Autocar Magazine, Autospot Magazine.
Designer: Andrew Smith www.loveofmotorcars.com IT Support: Justin Bingley.
Written, Directed and Produced by John Lakey.
Thanks to Chris Seaward of the MGCC, John Watson and the MGB 50 committee, David Wiggins and Gillian Bardley at BMIHT, David Knowles, David Savidge at BMIH, Bill Price, Peter Browning and Dave Saunders. All those involved in helping film the FIA MGB 50 race at Silverstone as well as the many people I interviewed and featured along the way.
Most of all thank you to John Thornley, Ray Broadhurst, Don Hayter, Jim O'Neill and all the team at MG in Abingdon for making a car so lovely that we all want to celebrate its very existence forever later. John

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MGB50: A Year to Remember

MGB
1962 - 2012

A Year to Remember
A film by John Lakey

"Immerse yourself in your love of MGBs.
Great entertainment with your favourite car at its centre!"

Including:

- MGB50 Celebration Race • MGLive! 2012 at Silverstone
- MGB: The story • MGB 50th at Blenheim Palace • Archive from BMIHT
- Former MG staff interviews • Owner profiles • MGB 50 Birthday party and the MG LE50 Launch

100% Official MGB50 DVD

Cover of video

The most professional, exciting and in depth film about the MGB ever made.

The film features:

MGB: The story: Multi-camera coverage of this brilliant seminar evening in Abingdon featuring Paddy Hopkirk, Alec Poole, Don Hayter, Bill Price, Den Green, Peter Browning, John Yea and Graham Robson. This was a fantastic night of memories and laughter which, uniquely, told the story of the MGB through the eyes of those who made the history at the time. It was a heartfelt amusing and absorbing evening's entertainment which will never happen again. If you missed it, this DVD captures the special atmosphere of this unrepeatable evening.





The panel

MGB 50th Birthday Celebration at Blenheim Palace: MGB50 committee chairman and organiser John Watson guides us through the event. RV8 Powertrain Manager Ian Pogson talks in detail about the RV8's design and development process. Also interviews with owners and enthusiasts attending the show and a montage showing the sheer quantity of MGBs attending, which was breathtaking, as this was surely the largest ever gathering of MGBs.



MGBs arrive at MGB50

Richard Thompson's wonderful song 'MGB-GT': John was given special permission to use the song 'MGB-GT' from 'Mirror Blue' by Richard Thompson himself after emailing him through his website. John is a big Richard Thompson fan and has seen him in concert at least nine times (plus seeing him perform at Cropredy Festival with Fairport) so this was a really big thrill. When John and experienced BBC Editor Victoria Storey got the message from America that Richard would allow them to use the song they literally danced around the edit suite in delight as they knew it would make such a difference to the film. He's a top man and one of the most gifted songwriters Britain has ever produced.



The Mirror Blue Album which featured 'MGB-GT'

How the MGB was built: Former factory workers describe the building of MGBs at Abingdon in detail. Using fantastic BMIHT archive footage of the factory, some of which

has never been seen before, a group of workers who met up at MGB50 talk through MGB production stage by stage as they remember it. A really fascinating sequence which shows just how well MG at Abingdon functioned and what great spirit the place had.



MG workers being interviewed plus stills from archive footage

MGB 50 Celebration Race: A unique race for FIA MGBs and ex-works cars. Fantastic coverage of this one-off race using numerous on-board minicams and circuit-based cameras plus an audio feed from the track side commentator. It also features an epic battle between well-known MGB racers Malcolm Gammons and Jeremy Cottingham.



Cottingham gets sideways

Ex works car 6DBL makes pit stop



Tom Smith from Jon Sandilands's car.

MGLive! 2012: Silverstone's MGB50 celebration, including the MGB 50 Birthday party which featured legendary journalist and author Graham Robson interviewing the MGB's designer Don Hayter. Also interviews with owners and coverage of other MGB 50 related events from this weekend.



MGB Parade at Silverstone

MG LE50 Launch: The Frontline MG LE50 was launched at the NEC Classic Car Show in November 2011 and John managed to capture the event on film. This includes a detailed interview with Frontline's Ed Braclik about the LE50's development and specification.



LE50 Launch

Owner profiles: Real stories from owners who love their MGBs, including an ex LeMans car, the CGT prototype, a Police BGT V8, an owner (below) who bought his roadster new in 1971 and is the only person ever to drive it, a Coune Berlinette and many more.



Derek Love with his MGB

Archive from The British Motor Industry Heritage Trust: Throughout the film archive footage brings to life sections on every aspect of the MGB's history. This includes the successful works racing and rallying efforts, the car's design and development, the false start of the O-Series prototypes, the Aston Martin made one-off proposal and rebirth as the RV8.

How to Purchase

This is a limited edition, a once-only run of a 1000 copies, so make sure you don't miss out and order your copy of 'MGB50: A Year to Remember' now.

They are sure to be sold out before Christmas, so don't delay!

It is available from the MG Car Club shop, the MG Owners Club shop and directly from John Lakey on both Amazon and eBay. Just type in the title and you will find it or write directly to John at: mgb50dvd@gmail.com

It costs £14.99 plus £2.50 postage in UK and £6.00 worldwide.

If you love MGs you won't be disappointed!

It also makes the perfect present for any MG enthusiast who is sure to watch it over and over again.

John Lakey's Biography

Well-known BBC TV Producer John R. Lakey was indoctrinated, in a positive way, to MGs in childhood by 'Uncle' Ted Lund of MGA LeMans (SRX 210) fame who was a distant relative, but very much a hero to the young John. He has driven and owned MGs since he was 17 and currently owns 4 MGBs including a V8GT, a roadster fitted with a Fiat twin-cam and an as yet unfinished trackday/racing BGT. He also uses a standard BGT as his everyday car (pictured here with his MGB GT and designer Don Hayter) and can never imagine being without an MGB.



Don Hayter with John and his MGB GT

After studying film and photography, John joined the BBC in 1997 to work on Top Gear as a trainee researcher. In a 16 year BBC staff career he worked on Racing Legends, Gears and Tears (which he created), Top Gear, Panic Mechanics, The Car's the Star and many other top motoring shows. He also did stints on various other BBC programmes such as Country File, Country Tracks, To Buy or Not to Buy and SAS Secrets as a cameraman. He is now freelance and is currently working on a forthcoming documentary about British motoring history.

He was passionately committed to making this film about his favourite sports car as he felt someone should record the events of the MGB50 year and so self-funded this project which, even if it sells out, will not make a profit!

Using BBC-trained technical staff, he has produced an entertaining professional quality film, which covers all aspects of the MGB50 celebrations, purely as a labour of love and has enjoyed the experience a great deal.

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Editor: Victoria Storey

Post Production: Jane Williams and Paul Vanezis

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Music: Dave Strang and Neil Barclay at NBS Studios, Solihull.
Mike Stitt.

Archive: British Motor Industry Heritage Trust at Gaydon, The GP Library, Moulton Bicycles, Ted Lund archive, Don Hayter archive.

IT Support: Justin Bingley

Written, Directed and Produced by John Lakey

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John

Technical Notes:

The running time is 2 hours 22 minutes. It is produced in 'All Regions PAL' SD format on a dual-layer DVD9 and so will play on any PAL enabled DVD player - by far the most common format in the world. It will play on many DVD players in the USA as long as they are enabled for PAL. It will not, however, play on American NTSC only units. It will also play on any DVD enabled computer.