



British Autojumble Waalwijk 2013

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On the 30th of June, for the 15th time, the three MG clubs in the Netherlands: MG Car Club Holland, MAG-Type Owners Holland and MG T-Type Owners Holland organised (as a federation) a big event in a large park in Waalwijk under the name of the British Autojumble Waalwijk.

The formula is simple. The only entrance to the park is watched by a team of volunteers so that only British cars are admitted to the vast lawns surrounded by large trees. Admittance is free. There are many clubs catering for British makes, often divided into registers and clubs for certain models or certain years of construction. All of these clubs give wide publicity to this event and this results in a wide variety of models from Britain's motor industry heritage. This is also a popular event for Brits from across the channel.



The author's American spec MGB Roadster

Last year the weather was pretty awful, cold and lots of rain turning the lawn into pools of mud. However this year the weather was absolutely perfect, sun with occasional clouds and summer temperatures - not too hot. The turnout at the British Autojumble Waalwijk appeared to be a record of some 1,500 motor vehicles where the previous record, in 2011, was around one thousand with last year seeing only five hundred....



Look what I found hiding in the corner - A DeLorean gullwing

Almost every car was worth a look and thousands of visitors spent many hours looking and talking with friends and owners. Commercial stands did good business, and the offers of parts and automotive literature from private owners also got a lot of attention. MG was present in large numbers and while the MGB and its derivatives were the most common model of all, there were also E-type Jaguars, Triumphs, Bentleys, TVRs, Austins, Land Rovers, Rileys, Lotus, Armstrong Sideleys, etc.



Austin 7

Of interest is perhaps the fact that in 1980, the year the MG Car Company stopped production, there were about 400 MGBs of all ages in the Dutch car parc. On 3 January 2013, 6,766 MGBs, 256 MGCs and 59 RV8s were registered in Holland. With 1,027 registrations, the Midget was well represented as well, while 1,220 examples of the beautiful MGA were logged. The total number of MGs of all models registered in the Dutch car parc at the time of this show was 14,637 - and steadily growing....



Triumph TR2s and TR3s in a club display

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