

# Frank's Filler

## One Hundred Klick Brick..



That evening I looked up fitting the bonnet on the MG Guru's website which basically said bend the hinges to fit. The next day we all gathered around the bonnet and we'd push one way and pull the other. And try it, then push a bit more and pull in another direction. What was amazing is I was at the front and as we pulled and pushed I could feel it move. It was just a small amount but it moved. And we got closer and closer until finally it fit. And we got that done before lunch time..

I could say this is a picture of the MGA bonnet fitted on the MGA. But no, it's a picture of the bonnet without hinges sitting on the MGA.

We had another workshop to try and fit the bonnet on the car. Howard, Neil, Dean and I spent most of the first day figuring out which set of hinges went with the car and then with them attached there was a lot of talk on how to adjust the screw mounts.

During our attempts the latch got stuck and we tried to release it for a bit but no luck so we agreed to meet the next day. That evening I went out and tackled the jammed catch. After much prying and jiggling and some hammering it came out. I then slotted the end so if it happens in the future one could just unscrew the pin.. Not my idea, I had an old MGA latch that had that modification done. That and an emergency cable to the release are both great ideas.



Dean by the fitted bonnet...

Then it was off to Bert's to get some Classic Oil and we got back, filled it up, disconnected coil and fuel pump and removed plugs. Hooked up a battery and let it spin.. and spin. No oil pressure.. and that's where we left it. The idea is now to fill the oil cooler.. fill the filter by pouring oil there too and put a bit down the cylinders again and with everything primed.. try again.

Now for Vana; she was running well enough that I thought I'd take her to Tofield for the Car Show Phil's church was putting on.. She seems to smoke a bit on acceleration but at steady throttle I don't see much smoke at all.

We did some mods to Vana recently.. We finally screwed an interior mirror into place. Also added a convex mirror to the passenger side as the view out that mirror isn't great. The mirror just happened to come from an AEC double decker bus.

Come the day of the show we headed off across town and then out through Sherwood Park on the Wye Road..

Vana isn't the fastest and I thought the secondary highway would be quieter. And it was.. we were humming along.. okay we were bouncing and rattling noisily along when I glanced down at the GPS.

The speedo works just it's not too accurate after 30 mph.



Whoah! Foot off the accelerator.. Vana was doing 102 KPH and there a bit more there too.. Though not much as she'd slow down on the hills. But that was neat. The MGA temporary temp gauge showed a steady temp and Vana didn't seem to mind. 100 klick Brick to Tofield. Back, she managed 105.. on Hwy 16 (wrong turn), got off as soon as I could.

Nice little show. Vana won Biggest Entry, well it was the tallest. And that's it for awhile. FF

