

*Did you know...*

*by*

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*Dave & Rita Houser*

*Many years ago, in a place far, far away, Dave and Rita Houser were born. Yes, she had Dave's name even then. Her birth was normal but Dave's was not. He was bitten by the Octagon and has never been the same since. Rita accepts his condition and has nurtured him since they first met and married over 42 years ago.*

*Rita found solace in teaching in the South Bronx for four years. After moving from the Bronx, she taught in Warwick, NY for 30 years. Dave gravitated to the arts and worked for Popular Science magazine as their Art Director. He finally retired after 31 years.*

*He was able to channel his Octagonism through work which allowed him to continue with his car fanaticism. Through the years, more cars joined the family until he owned nine MG's prior to moving to Florida. The '53 TD (which they bought with half of their wedding haul), a '60 MGA Coupe, a '56 and '57 ZA and ZB Magnettes, a '64 MGB roadster, three '67 MGB GT's and a '69 BGT. However, space necessitated culling the herd. The lucky chosen to arrive in Brooksville were the three MG's (TD, MGA, and '67 MGB GT Special Edition). They happily took up residence in their southern home and are thrilled the car lift helped fit them in the garage.*

*Dave has been active in the MG community for over 42 years. He headed the NT/CONN chapter of the New England MGT Register for over 30 years. In addition, he has memberships in national and international MG clubs. Soon after their arrival in Florida, Dave sought out kindred spirits and hit the jackpot when he found the Nature Coast group! He really enjoys his role as Editor of the "No Name Flyer" and does an outstanding job.*

*Rita and Dave really enjoy MG functions and have met wonderful people all over the world. A highlight of this MG lifestyle was the trip to England with their MGTD in 1990 for a 3,000 mile month of touring all around England and Scotland. Want to see the movie? The British air he put in his tires before leaving remains there today.*