

# Member Featured Car of the Month March 2013

## Nick & Amy Garman's '72' MG Midget

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Being of the younger generation (under 30) I didn't grow up around MGs or any British cars. When I started dating my now wife (Amy) her father had a little British car that was in a thousand pieces in his 1 car garage. Over the next 4-5 years his car started to take shape and look like a car again which started to intrigue me. I liked that I didn't see one on every corner, parts were easy to come by and they were fairly affordable.



After the sale of my old Chevy pickup I was on the internet searching for a British car. Between craigslist, eBay, newspapers and word of mouth I spent many of hours searching. I knew what I wanted and finally found a 72 MG midget just outside of Richmond Indiana. After a few phone calls and work, I jumped in the truck with my father in law and headed over to Richmond with some cash in my pocket and high hopes! After a test drive I couldn't wipe the smile off my face and I knew I had to have it. I did my best to put on my poker face and after some friendly negotiation I bought myself an MG midget! It wasn't perfect but I wanted a car that I could drive and restore. I drove it up on the trailer and headed toward Dayton with my new car. The next day was a scramble trying to get titles, insurance and license plates so I could drive it. It just so happened that the British car show at Eastwood Park, British Car Day Dayton 2011, was on this same day and I was bound and determined to drive my MG there and enter it in the competition. After registering the MG my next stop was at the MG tent to officially become a member of the MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre. I drove the car the rest of the summer/fall and after a few breakdowns, lots miles and fun the work began over the winter. Wanting to make the car safe, first and foremost; a complete rebuild the front suspension was first on the agenda, followed shortly by the brakes along with new wheels and tires. I also rebuilt the SU carburetors and installed a new fuel system. General tune up items were accomplished just in time, with spring just



around the corner!

The summer of 2012 brought many miles in the midget with my wife Amy and more often than not my in-laws Rick and Susie Shields in their 73 MGB. We put over 3000 miles on the little midget last year without too much trouble. Although the midget is considered a work in progress I am one of those types of people who enjoy doing as much as I can myself. I like to know where every nut and bolt goes and how everything works together. I still have a lot of work planned for the car, and I don't know that I will ever be done?

