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IN MEMORY OF CAROL SMITH

From the President

Skip Peterson

Spring is usually a time of renewal, buds on trees, fresh green grass, bright blue skies and longer days. While this spring will prove to be beautiful, it has also reminded all of us how precious and fragile life can be. Yet, when I think back to the 10 years that I knew Carol Smith, the very definition of spring fits Carol to a T. She was bright, smiling, gracious, sunny, warm, friendly and above all, sincere. We are all fortunate to enjoy spring, and we were all fortunate to have known Carol.

We cross all kinds of people in our lives, and it usually takes a little time to make your judgment about them. Such was not the case with Carol Smith, it was easy to tell right away that she was just an incredibly nice person. Talkative, sharing, genuine, jovial, smiling. I keep coming back to smiling. I truly don't remember ever seeing Carol anywhere when she wasn't smiling. If we all stop and think about that for a minute, can we say that about ourselves? Probably not.



North American MGB Register

Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club

Club Membership Information

Membership dues of the Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club are eighteen (\$18.00) per year, payable during September and October. On January 1st. the names of delinquent members are removed from the roster. See Linda Wolfe for further membership information.

MG Car Club Monthly Meeting

The Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the K of C Hall, downtown Dayton, on Bainbridge Street, at 8:00pm. The next meeting will be:

Wednesday April 26, 2000

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 25 **BCD Meeting** at Poelking Lanes at 7:30PM
 26 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall
 29 **Tune-up Clinic** at Matt Schneider's

May 2000

- 13 **London to Brighton Run** Spring Tour W/ Bill & Phil
 20 **Germantown Cruise-In** 5:00pm - 10:00pm
 24 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

June 2000

- 9-11 **MG T Register 30th Anniv. GOF** Cherry Valley Lodge,
 Newark/Granville, Ohio
 15-18 **Cleveland Rocks, MG Roll** Caravan Thurs Morning
 9TH Annual NAMGB Register International Convention
 23-25 **Mid-Ohio** Vintage races
 28 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

July 2000

- 7-8 **Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show** Dublin, OH
 16 **Cincinnati Car Show** at Edgewater Park
 17-22 **MGA Register** at Morgantown W. Virginia
 26 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

August 2000

- 5 **BCD2000** at Eastwood Park
 17-20 **Abington Summer Party** Chicagoland MG Club
 23 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

September 2000

- 10 **Concours d 'Elegance**
 TBA **Summer picnic at Dick Goodman's**

Pres. (Cont'd)

While there is an emptiness and sadness with the loss of anyone, we should think about how lucky we were to have had Carol Smith touch our lives. Let's all take a page from Carol's book on life, and smile a little more, be sunny, gracious, friendly, and think about spring. Carol would like that very much, and I think Dick would too.

Did you notice the envelope stapled into this newsletter? They're here! One MGCC, SWOC window decal is included in each newsletter, per the agreement that each member in good standing receives one decal free.

We'll have additional decals at the meeting, available at the bargain price of \$4.00. Yes, the club is going to make a bit of profit on additional decals. We should have about 40 left to sell.

Just a few quick reminders about the upcoming calendar: BCD meeting to be held April 25th at Poelking Lanes on Kingsridge Dr. behind the Dayton Mall at 7:30 pm. Tune-up Clinic, Saturday, April 29th at Matt Schneider's, you bring the parts, we'll screw up the rest all by ourselves. We need to get our cars ready for the inaugural Phil and Bill -London to Brighton run.

Member Featured Car of the Month

My 1999 MG K3 Pedal Car
 A mini-replica of a 1934 MG

By Larry McCart

Children's pedal cars, including boats, planes and fire engines, too) have been around since the beginning of the full-sized motorized creations in which adults have enjoyed motoring about. Early pedal cars were fashioned here and overseas mainly of wood and small sheet metal where wood was difficult to fashion as in hood tops, seats and the like. Prices of early vehicles were below ten dollars for really nice models. Wire wheels were very common on the early cars. These early cars had brushed-on finishes and for the most part should be left alone even if rust or corrosion is present. Toys should never be "restored." Toys are at their best with a little child-worn patina left here and there. Early vehicles are highly prized today as collectibles and very often fetch much more than their full-sized counterparts as demonstrated by the salon Ferrari in the April issue of Road & Track magazine. The tiny little Ferrari roadster, which is electric powered, is worth more than most full size Ferraris on the road today.

The little MG shown is around 5' in length and weighs about 50 pounds. It has electric headlamps, independent suspension, seating for one child, 4 to 7 years old. The owner's granddaughter, Molly, is just about too tall at 8 years of age.

The K3 was finished in duo-green at

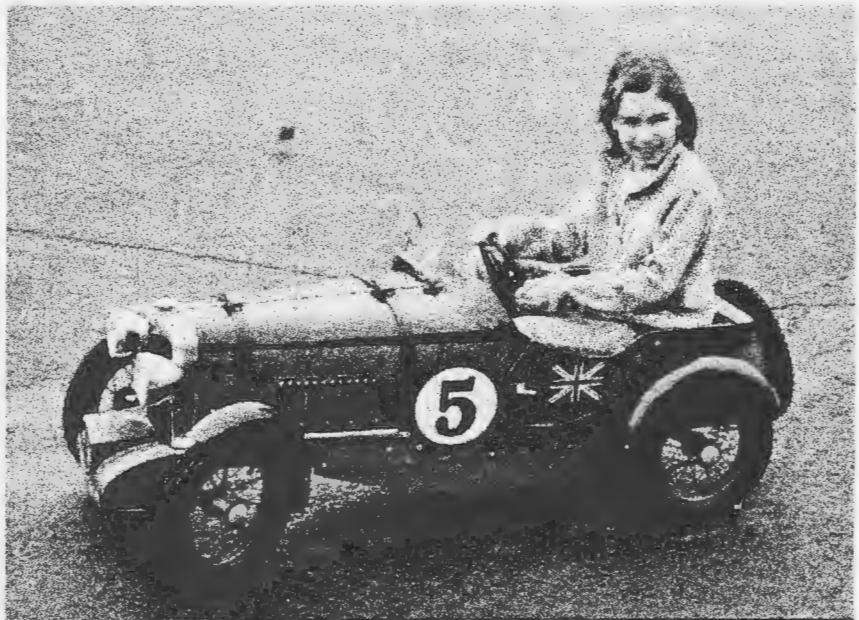
the request of its owner and registration plates front and rear have the owner's birth date with the cars initials in front of 2332. It also has a MOT sticker affixed showing the build date and year.

The little car is big hit with pedal car fans from 3 to 80 years young. For more information on pedal cars, log on to Pedal cars web sites; there's plenty of information on the Internet, besides books on the subject in automotive bookstores. The K3 was purchased sight unseen through PedalPower in London, while on holiday in England last Fall. The owner had the good fortune to meet the actual builder, who has models in the Bugatti, Bentley, Alfa and Riley livery. The K3's owner saw a Rolls-Royce model in the London showrooms of Jack Barclay. The Bentley was there also. They sure looked petite along side their full-sized counterparts! Anyone for a pedal car race?

Germantown Cruise-in

By Phil Johnson

British Cars Featured marque at Germantown Cruise-In on May 20th Germantown, Ohio continues their highly successful series of Cruise-Ins with their first of the new year event on Saturday, May 20th. from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. The featured marque for this event is Any British Car so the Germantown community has issued a special invitation to all of our Club members to come and enjoy the festivities. The British Car Club of Cincinnati is also encouraging their members to make the trip to Germantown to participate in this event. Several of




pop rivets, or (for the well-equipped enthusiast) welded on. After attaching the new prop, be sure to grease its track and oil the latches, not only to ease operation but also to prevent rust.

Although the addition of a second prop does make it a little more difficult to close the trunk it does go a long way to extend the life of your MGB's trunk lid.

Easier Engine Removal

When I recently removed the engine of my MGB I discovered that if the rear of the car was jacked up instead of the front, the engine came out and went back in much easier. This was because the engine did not need to be angled as much as when sitting on all four wheels...also I had lots of room to work under the car to attend to the cross-member rear engine support. I pulled the engine and transmission together and used two auto ramps under the rear wheels which gave just the right amount of clearance for removing the engine.

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**March
 Minutes**

By Tony Pareseau

2/23/2000

The Meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm Skip sent a photo of Reds and Dragons at Spring training, with an exclusive picture of Skip taking a picture of himself! Minuets of last meeting accepted, with one exception, Ed Hill will not be leading the Mid-Ohio tour. The treasurers report: We have a bal. of \$2287.15 we have spent \$309 on decals. We have interest received

from bank acct. The decals will be ready at the next meeting with one free to each member, an extra one will cost four dollars apiece. Report approved. Pres. report: Skip is enjoying Fla. be back soon. There was an article on BMW's sale and future of MG's, in the Dayton Daily. News of Carol Smith passing away, Viewing is from 5pm to 8pm Thursday at Tobias funeral home Far Hills Chapel . A moment was taken for prayer for the family and the soul of our friend. Membership: Carl is back with us. Activities; first of April 6:30pm fish fry, Saturday need about ten people. May 13, London to Brighton. Caravan to Cleveland June 15-18, If you need rooms they are in Skips name. T cars GOF Central Deluth Minn. Greg Garnett is coordinating July 18-20th, leaving here on the 14 be back the 23rd. 513-523-3720. Beer Break--8:30. Reconvened at 8:50pm, Matt S. was at BCD meeting. Skip found someone to design shirts, the workers should get different type of shirt. Pre registration every car gets one shirt. Ed Hill will be setting up field Bill Hammond on Door prizes Skip on Trophies. Early show at Court House square on Friday before car show. BCD Next meeting April 25, at Polking Lanes South, in the Bar, at



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7:30pm. Barb Inloe will handle the food. Ed Hill has the "POWER" Ron Parks news letter will use up remaining covers in the next few months. London to Brighton run: Zeno speed event; social drive so plan on leaving Young's Dairy at noon May 13 Saturday. There will be a one hour stop, then 85mile tot. trip, and end at Trails Tavern, Solarium room, in Yellow Springs at 6pm. Tech Tips; Universal Boots for rack and pinion. conversion for points to SU pumps. Germantown Cruise In May 20, Saturday 5pm till 10pm. Meet at 4pm in Miamisburg Civic Center 725 and 12th St. between 2nd and 1st St. behind Lutheran Church. There will be a map in the news letter. Classified: 70 MGBGT see news letter Dick Goodman offered to work on wood projects, has tools and shop. 426-4161. Need update on Cards. Ed Hill SCCA ask for royalty on Gum Ball rally. Brian pulled ticket , Carol Looft won.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm.

London to Brighton Club Run May 13

By Bill Hammond

This will be a Saturday afternoon drive and social get together. The 12 noon start will be from Young's Jersey Dairy (about 2 miles north of Yellow Springs on Route 68). Be there in time for the start, or even get there in time for lunch and ice cream before the start, your choice. Scenic roads at Zeno type Speeds (slow!) will take us to see an MG collection, and shop to envy, just outside London. Don't miss this!!!

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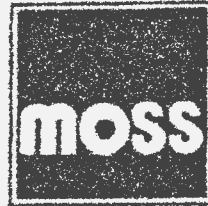
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Then an hour or so will be spent in London checking out their antique, etc. shops. Return will be by way of Brighton (hence London to Brighton name for this event), again on scenic roads at Zeno ... (well you get the picture). Finish will be around 6 PM at Yellow Springs. From start to finish approximately 90 miles. For those who still have time, we have reserved the solarium (back room) of the Trails Tavern on the main drag in Yellow Springs. After a pub grub supper and some giggles, there should still be enough daylight to get you home at a speed of your choice.

Questions: Phil Johnson (866 1050
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Bill Hammond (434-9967
hazelbill@erinet.com) Good weather
guaranteed!

Cleveland Rocks, MGs Roll

By Skip Peterson

The North American MGB Register "Cleveland Rocks, MGs Roll" convention is June 15-18 in Cleveland. We have 10 rooms held in Skip Peterson's name for the nights of June 15th, 16th, and 17th at the host hotel. Contact reservations at the Cleveland (Independence) Holiday Inn, Phone (216) 524-8050. Ask for Tracy to make your reservations and arrange for payment or guarantee with your credit card. Tell them you want to one of the rooms reserved by Skip Peterson of

the MG Car Club. There are 4 smoking rooms reserved under confirmation number 62722977 and 6 non smoking rooms, confirmation number 62721988. I am going to release any unreserved rooms in early May.

The current plans for the Caravan would be to leave Dayton early on Thursday morning, June 15, to arrive in Cleveland by 1 PM or so. We can decide as a group if we want to take the back way along Rte 42 up near Mid-Ohio and then catch I-71 on into Cleveland, or just hit the highway and cruise the highway all the way there. We will leave Cleveland on Sunday and head home.

From the Editor

Ron Parks

Carol Smith was a special person. I will always remember her as someone who made newcomers feel welcome as she did our daughter Elizabeth, at Mid-Ohio last summer. After our curvy, hilly ride to Danville, on our fall tour, Carol said, "Wasn't that a beautiful drive." "Those were great roads." Carol always enjoyed our club events and added to our good times. We will miss her!

I wish to thank Linda and John Wolf for mailing the newsletter for me last month and also a big thanks goes out to Skip and Jennifer Peterson for mailing this month's edition. I also want to thank Bill Hammond for picking up the stationery and newsletter covers from the printer. My new job at NCR requires some

travel. So, I may have to continue to call for help occasionally.

Remember any and all contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. You can mail them to me at 4101 Grossepoint Street, Springfield, OH 45502. Or if you prefer the information super highway, my E-Mail address is: MGDIVER@prodigy.net. Either of those methods will work fine or you can call me at (322-0717) and we can arrange to meet and transfer materials or conduct an interview.

* Classified *

1977 Rubber Bumper "B" Rubber bumpers are painted red to match the rest of the car. It has a total of 116,000 miles on it but only 10,000 since a rebuild of the engine. Has a Webber carb, a "mild" cam and headers. Previous owner installed a roll bar ("for safety reasons") and current owner indicates "the car has never been raced." The car is originally a "California car" and has no apparent rust. It needs a new soft top but has a nice fiberglass hardtop (black) which is textured to resemble a cloth top. It has after market mag wheels (Mangel) and a brand new catalytic converter (was required to pass a recent E-Check) Asking price (firm?) is \$5,500. Contact Pete Belue in Miamisburg @ 937-866-1565

1988 Jeep Wagoneer, Best Offer
Call Tim Oricko (937) 434-5928

Antique and Classic cars for sale. They belong to Don Gingrich of Red Lion, OH who is clearing out his building full of collectible cars. Each of the 10 cars are marked with a suggested price and "Make an Offer".

After many years of collecting, he is liquidating his inventory and leasing out his building to another business venture.

1960 Mercedes 190SL, 1976 Mercedes 450SL Roadster (2 tops), 1929 Rolls Royce Sedancia, 1969 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow, 1910 Hupmobile Roadster, 1980 Auburn Boat Tail Speedster (Replicar w/1974 Ford chassis and running gear), 1905 Reo Roadster, 1927 Reo 4 Door, 1914 Cartercar 4 door touring, and 1966 Mercury S55 Convertable (big engine). Don is located at 2316 SR122 just 1/4 mile west of Red Lion. He can be reached at (513) 746-4645

1970 MGBGT Black. Call Mike Skaggs (937) 431-0482

Wanted: 1962 MGA Mk II roadster.

Prefer a nice original, but will look at others. I'm also interested in Mk II parts. I've owned MG's since 1967 and am located in northern California. Please call (707) 942-0546 or e-mail scotttdon@napanet.net

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