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CLUB LOGO ON SHIRTS

From the President

Phil Johnson

As most of you know, our Club subscribes to a number of British and (especially MG) magazines. Among the most recent was the June-July issue of British Car which is (interestingly enough) published in Los Altos, California. As I perused this latest issue, I was especially struck by an article entitled "Old Friends and Islands" by Gary Anderson who is the Editor and Publisher of this fine magazine. He starts out with what many of us perceive as a truism - but probably never expressed in words. It goes like this "A friend once remarked about the classic car hobby; We came for the cars but we come back for the friendships." How true it is! Its as though great minds run in the same channels - or in our case, the personalities of those folks who appreciate fine old British cars (especially MGs) are the very folks with whom we share a multitude of other interests and hobbies. Do we, as group, choose to get together because we each have one (or many!) of the same make of cars? If that was the only thing we had in common, I'm afraid many of us would quickly lose interest in Club activities and other social interactions with fellow club members. The truth is, we find that we have lots of other things in



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 June 27, 2001

BCD 2001 SET TO GO

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Upcoming Events**June 2001**

- 10 **Autocross Points Event #4** at KilKare
 22-24 **Sprint Vintage Grande Prix** at Mid-Ohio Sportscar Course
 19-27 **Drive your British Car Week 5th Annual**
 27 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

July 2001

- 1-4 **MG International Minneapolis Caravan W/Terry & Carole**
 Loft
 15 **Autocross Points Event #5** at Dayton VA Center
 21 **London to Brighton Run** sponsored by Indiana British Car Union.
 22 **BCD 2001 Cincinnati OH**
 25 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall
 26-29 **French Lick GOF T-Series Gathering of the Faithful**

August 2001

- 4 **BCD 2001 Dayton OH (MG Car Club & Miami Valley TR)**
 5 **Autocross Points Event #6** at Dayton VA Center
 22 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall
 26 **MGCC Summer Picnic & 35th Anniv.** at Dick Goodman's

September 2001

- 8-9 **British Car Festival** at Altoona PA
 16 **Autocross Points Event #7** at Dayton VA Center
 21-23 **Indy British Motor Days** Indianapolis Raceway Park Don
 Haynam 317-887-3867 or email mgdr@Quiknet.net
 26 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

October 2001

- 6-7 **Easley Vintage Grand Prix**, Indianapolis Raceway Park contact
 Brett Johnson 356drb@Indy.com
 14 **Autocross Points Event #8** at KilKare
 24 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

November 2001

- 11 **Autocross Fun Event** (Snow if we're lucky) at Dayton VA Center
 28 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

December 2001

- ? **Christmas Party**

Pres. (Continued)

common with our fellow club members - besides the kind of cars we drive. Why else would we choose to vacation or engage in other social activities with other members of the club?

Is there a message here? I think so! If your not getting involved in club activities, you may be missing out on

an opportunity to get acquainted with some really fine people. Try it, you'll like it!

Last Saturday I received a call from fellow club member Ernie Strifthou asking if we had any plans for dinner that evening. It turns out it was a beautiful sunny afternoon and Ernie was calling a few of his "car friends" to see who might want to cruise the backroads of Montgomery and

Hamilton Counties ending up in downtown 7 Mile where the Volunteer Fire Department was having their annual fish fry. Nancy and I quickly said "count us in." even though we didn't have a clue as to where the town of 7 Mile was located. A check of the state map resolved that matter as we discovered 7 Mile was located about 7 miles North of Hamilton and 10 miles East of Oxford at the intersection of SR 503 and SR 127. Our drive to 7 Mile took us over some great "less traveled" roads through the beautiful rural countryside of southwestern Ohio. Coupled with the perfect weather conditions and the good food that awaited us in 7 Mile, it was a great day to be alive and driving an MG with the top down (except for George Bauer who drove his red GT). Our return trip to Germantown took us over many different - but equally beautiful back roads. Somewhere out in the middle of nowhere, George's GT decided it was "thirsty" as the temperature gage soared to new heights. We pulled into a driveway where some friendly "natives" provide the necessary water for the GT. Our stop was mutually beneficial as our new found "friends" enjoyed the impromptu British Car Show that had appeared suddenly in their front yard. (The attached photo shows George and Tim "letting off steam" as Ernie yells "BE CAREFUL REMOVING THE RADIATOR CAP!")

Picking up on Germantown's highly successful Cruise-Ins held monthly in the Downtown business district, some "car guys" in Miamisburg have decided to try one here in our downtown area. The date is Saturday, June 30th from 4 - 9pm. The city is cooperating by blocking off a portion of Main Street and Central Avenue for this one time

event. Come join us if you can. We have a couple of new restaurants including a Chicago Pizza which have recently opened downtown. Of course, we also have Bullwinkles which is noted for their award winning ribs and a variety of liquid refreshments. If there is enough Club interest, I may be able to arrange for us all to park together. Directions: Follow SR 725 east to the downtown area where you'll be directed to parking spaces.

Shirts at Next Meeting

By Skip Peterson

The regalia committee has a further update. Sweatshirts will be delivered at the next meeting. 42 shirts are in stock and 18 have already been sold. (Linda Wolfe has all of the pre-paid orders logged in for delivery.) They are light gray, blend of cotton and polyester, with the logo on the front. Sizes from medium to XXL are still available for the cash price of \$12. Checks made payable to the MG Car Club. Further, a sample of the embroidered logo will be on display. These can be embroidered on anything you provide, shirts, sweaters, jackets, etc. Cost will be \$5.50 per item up to 24 items. If we get more than 24 orders, price will go down to \$5 per item. Now the tricky part. H&H Screen has designated that only one person should deliver and pick up the embroidery items, so that appears to be me. Orders must be paid in advance, since I have to deal with the money too. If you have something you want done soon, please bring it to the meeting.



George Bauer's car just had a few too many miles on it as documented in the 100,000 mile Register article in the March/April issue of MGB DRIVER Magazine as follows: "The 1968 MGB GT pictured is owned by George Bauer. It is Tartan Red in color and has been owned by the octogenarian since 1994. George is the second owner of this beauty. His Odometer reached 100,000 miles on October 4, 1998 on a 1250 mile trip to Lexington, Virginia from his home in Ohio." Photo By Phil Johnson

BCD 2001 Report

By Skip Peterson

We had a productive meeting on June 19th at Marions at Town and Country. Basically everything is done. The next meeting will be on Friday August 3rd, at Eastwood MetroPark to layout the show field and stuff the goodie bags.

A new stuffing technique is to be tried this year. We always seem to have plenty of help stuffing the

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bags, some said too many. So, after 50 or so bags are stuffed, half the group or another group is to stuff the T-shirts and the numbered window placards for pre-registered participants. The bags will then be filed alphabetically. After this process is completed, you may pick up your bag including your shirt(s). It was decided that no shirts are to be given out ahead of time, but instead are to be stuffed in the goodie bags and then be made available.

We're all set for the Pre-BCD show on Court House Square 11 - 1 on Friday August 3rd. No bands or other groups to compete with this year.

We'll keep you posted.

Cheers

Skip

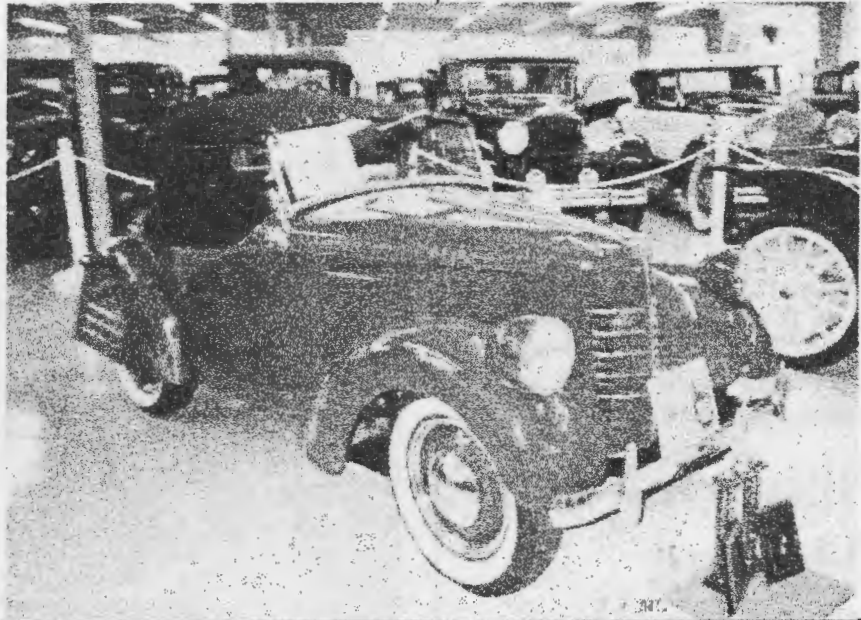
MG 2001

Minneapolis

By Terry Looft

Time is growing short and the work continues on the cars getting ready for the big trip. To prep only one car! Four is a hand full. The trailer is ready for Louie but still have some more car work and getting the spare parts together.

We have 7 cars going at this point. We still have rooms left if anyone wants to join the fun, but only for another week or two. We will meet at the Dayton Mall for an 8:00am departure Saturday morning (June 30th) I will have trip ticks for everyone so they can take a good look at the route. If there are any questions please call. (937) 382-1520. We'll start back on Friday the 6th and arrive home early Sunday afternoon. Give it some thought, there's safety AND fun in numbers.



Mystery Car—What's the make & Year? When you give up you'll find the answer on page 7.

If you want to drop me an e-mail its: terry@looft.net.

Also if you made (or even if you didn't) the Cruise In at Germantown take a look at the pictures on the Yahoo Club site.

Terry

British Car Festival Altoona, PA

(7th Annual)

By Jim and Lori Pastore

Dear British Car Enthusiasts, The Central Pennsylvania British Car Club would like to thank you for your interest in the 7th Annual British Car Festival at Delgrosso's Amusement Park. We welcome you and feel

confident your visit to Central Pennsylvania will be fun and exciting! We have scheduled one main event for Saturday, September 8th. A Gymkhana will be held at the Ardie Dillen Industrial Park in Tipton starting at 12:30pm. You must pre-register for the event. You won't want to miss the Saturday night Pig Roast at Delgrosso's Amusement Park or the "Just Desserts" at our President's home.

On Sunday, we will return to Delgrosso's Amusement Park. Registration will begin at 10am. Sunday is simply a day of showing your car and enjoying the friendship of other British Car Enthusiasts, Good Food, rides, mini-golf, go-karts, and Prizes... AND NO JUDGING!!! All British Cars are welcome, any condition!!

Delgrosso's Amusement Park has been our home for 6 years and once you enjoy the pig roast, chicken dinner and hospitality, you'll agree - It's America's Best Amusement Park Food.

The Central Pennsylvania British Car Club is a growing, progressive club and our members will work hard to make you feel at home and have fun. We look forward to seeing you.

The Central Pennsylvania British Car Club
 c/o: Jim and Lori Pastore
 150 N. Hawthorne Drive
 Altoona, PA 16602

Schedule of Events:

Friday, September 7th

6pm-9pm Registration, Check-In and Hospitality Room - Days Inn Altoona.

Saturday, September 8th

9am-11am Registration, Check-In and Hospitality Room - Days Inn Altoona.

12:30p-3:30p Gymkhana - Fun and Skills Event! Ardie Dillen Industrial Park - Tipton, PA.

3:30p-5:30p Free Time.

5:30p Meet at Pleasant Valley Shopping Center Caravan to Delgrosso's Amusement Park.

6p-8p Pig Roast at Delgrosso's Amusement Park.

8p Just Desserts and Bonfire at Grant and Cathy Hormell's Home in Sinking Valley.

Sunday, September 9th

10a-1p Registration at Delgrosso's Amusement Park **Only**. Mini Golf Pass and Ride Pass Issued.

1p Delgrosso's Amusement Park Famous Chicken Barbecue served!

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MiniMania

2p Door Prizes and Gymkhana Awards.

The show will end at 5pm - you and your car are welcome to remain in the park until closing!

From the Editor

Ron Parks

Maybe you noticed there was no member featured car this month. That's because you didn't send in the article and photos of your car.

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: MGDRIVER@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 *

70 MGB Silver Metallic with wire wheels. Carbs rebuilt and new rear springs by Steve of MG Automotive this last year. Extra set of wire wheels and other parts.
 Call Frank Crabtree
 937-866-1191
 wa8pra@juno.com
 fdcwa8pra@aol.com

"59 MGA" NAMGAR #3183 in Canton OH

ser# GHNL 74399, engine #16GA/U/5674 very original car, 2nd owner since 1968, actual mileage 50932, always garaged, driven weekly, restored 1989, records, photos, spares, some original tools, all issues of "Abingdon Classics" includes 26 part sequence on MGA restoration. 30 digital photos available, inventory of parts etc. available to qualified buyer. Great candidate for conscourse car. \$15000 firm car needs a new home! Stu McKenzie--(h) 330 497-1184 w/vm, cell 330 284-4425 w/vm, email Jmcke79474@aol.com photos sent to addressees under separate cover

"76 MG Midget" 65244 Actual miles on the car, 200 on engine since rebuild. New clutch. British Racing Green. \$4,600. Call Harold Hart 1743 Walnut Terrace in Springfield, OH, (937) 399-8454. (See Photo)

"53 TD" All body parts except the tub and frame have been dipped, zinc chromated and primed. This is a complete car not a basket case!! I drove it home from Illinois where I purchased it. Price: \$8,500. Call me, Mark Maretka, for more details: (248) 641-7615 or email msquared@flash.net I have owned 3 TDs and this one is well on its way to being a very nice one!!

'71 BGT as I said... BRG, small bit of surface rust on back right fender just above the wheel. I've owned the car since '85... it's a Texas car so never exposed to the elements until I got to Dayton. I haven't driven it much since I've been here ... rebuilt car from '90 to about '96. Will need a clutch shortly. Price: \$4000.00...my phone # 296-4376... the car can be seen at 3933 Strathmoor Dr.(corner of Westhaven and Strathmoor),

Kettering... by Stroop and Farhills. thanks again!

MGB Parts For Sale I've sold my "67" MGB and have a number of spare parts remaining around the house. Included are 2 fuel pumps, a master cylinder, a distributor (nice!) and an alternator. Call Paul Ewing at 897-1865.

58 MGA for sale

Well, it's time to lighten the inventory. I have too many cars! Two are LBCs and another is a Miata (need a winter beater). I have decided that the MGA has to go to pay bills. I'm asking \$6500. I am getting pictures digitized soon. What does it need? It needs a new top (new bows are included), the speedo needs a new cable, and the gas gauge does not work (yard stick included =;^)). The windscreen has a crack in the lower right. The master cylinder needs rebuilding (leaks a bit).

It is a 1958 MGA 1500, red with a black interior. The paint is good with a few scuffs. The engine runs great. New minilite wheels Interior is very good (little use since installed). The only gauges that work are the tach, oil pres, and water. Never saw the need for the rest anyway. It has a perfect wood dash. It has new shocks on the front and a set of new rear shocks comes with the car. A solid 20/20 car - from 20 feet at 20 MPH it looks showroom. However, I would rate it as a great driver and fun car. It won't win any show awards but will never embarrass you in a line up of LBCs. Never ceases to draw attention (the good kind). It is a looker.

I just want someone who knows and loves MGs to get this car as it is a nice one. I don't belong to any MG groups but thought I would offer it to MG people first. If the car doesn't sell over the net, it goes in Hemmings in the upcoming months.

Thanks
Bart Hamilton
bartdude@cyberdude.com

Hi, I'm trying to find help on the net here so as to help my wonderful husband get our MGB on the road. Maybe you will have an idea to share. it's a 79, all original, everything works and runs.....except the damn turning signals! we've tried all we can think of to do to make them work. Flashers and break lights work fine. any thoughts? Hope you can help, can't wait to go for a ride!!
Debbie dslusser@hfent.com

For sale 1972 MGB, \$4900.00. This car has been on blocks since 1987 I have documented receipts for \$6593.00 spent in 1986 & 1887 for restoration. I would like to guarantee that everything documented has been done and I would like to sell the car "as is" letting buyer take it off the blocks and be responsible for putting it back in service.
Dennis Taylor Jacksonville, Florida
DLTJAX@bellsouth.net

The 1972 MGB (pre rubber bumper) Roadster story
\$4,900.00

I acquired my MGB in lei of a month's rent from a tenant in 1986. I thought I could put \$1000.00 into the car and have a fun plaything. After I spent \$6593.00 (in 1986 dollars) in the restoration I realized that that I had a \$4,000 car and rather than sell it at a loss I set the car up on blocks. "First Floor" long time respected MG people in Jacksonville, Florida, and the fokes that did the engine, front end, and all major work advised and we did: drain the cooling system and top it up with antifreeze, empty the gas

tank, top the engine up with oil and put oil in the top of the cylinders. The car is covered, on blocks off the ground in a dark garage. It was running great at the point we set it up for storage.

Red is not the car's original color, (it is a original 72 MGB Red) and I would say it needs a good paint job as the paint job on it is less than show quality. I know of no accidents and body-work was minimal. It has wire wheels.

I have documented receipts for \$6593.00 spent in 1986 & 1987 for restoration. I would like to guarantee that everything documented has been done and I would like to sell the car "as is" letting buyer take it off the blocks and be responsible for putting it back in service.

Photo available on request.

Dennis Taylor
Jacksonville, Florida

1972 MGB

DATE / COST / WHO
DESCRIPTION

5-86 \$185.06 R. Morrell

Batterys, general tune up, etc.

7-86 \$325.00 First floor cylinder head

7-86 \$1982.98 First floor

Cam, lifters, oil pump, pistons, bearings (rod, main, cam) thrust washer, timing chain, tensioner, head set, super set, pressur

plate, clutch

disc, t.o. bearing, ft. seal, rear seal, carburetor

kit, rods, (boil, hone, bore, block) grind crank, and labor.

8-86 \$395.98 First floor

radiator, speedometer, angle drive, cable, and labor.

11-86 \$214.72 First floor Front break

pads, repair wheel hub.

4-87 \$324.78 R. Morrell clutch master cyl., clutch sleeve cyl., hyd. hose & fluid.

4-87 \$970.72 First floor Front end rack-pinion, shocks, tie rod ends, A-frame,

bushings, bolts, king pin bushings & assy. alignment, rebuild clutch pedal box, and labor.

5-87 \$183.75 First floor New top

6-87 \$289.74 First floor Re build

distributor, check tighten rear suspension, adjust rear breaks, new choke cable, rear end shims & flange, u-joint flange, r. ring gear.

7-87 \$964.72 R. Morrell Body

repair, and new paint

7-87 \$416.40 R. Morrell

Electrial, various

lights, bulbs, connections, lenses,

ignition, horn, turn signals, etc. door moulding, steering wheel, repair fuel

pump new hoses and clamps.

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