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DAM TOUR OCTOBER 14TH

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

From the President

Phil Johnson

What a week this has been! Who would have believed that we could have witnessed the total destruction of two landmark skyscrapers in New York City and the resulting loss of thousands of lives in just an hour's time as a result of a dastardly terrorist's attack on our fair country? At the time, Nancy and I were on a camping trip with a number of our friends up in the Amish country of northeastern Ohio. Our quiet and peaceful surroundings were shattered by the news of the attack on New York City and Washington D.C. We watched on our neighbor's TV as the second airplane plowed into the adjacent tower of the World Trade Center. We were shocked, bewildered and angry that such a thing could have happened to our beloved nation. As the events of the week developed we kept abreast of the happenings through the daily newspaper and periodic visits to the TV. We made a conscious effort not to let this event spoil the fun and fellowship we had planned for our group over the past several months - for to do so would have given in to the terrorists in their attempt to "bring down America" and its people. I empathize with the families of those who were killed or



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: **Wed. September 26, 2001**

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Upcoming Events**September 2001**

- 8-9 **British Car Festival** at Altoona PA
 9 **Concours d' Elegance** Museum of Discovery
 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
 14 **Dam Tour** Fall Tour of 5 area dams with Steve & Jayne Powell & Ron and Linda Parks
 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

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- ? **Christmas Party**

Pres. (Continued)

injured in this attack and pray that we may never see another event such as this - at least in my lifetime. We now need to unite behind our President and other leaders as they root out the perpetrators of this horrendous attack on humanity.

On a less somber note, I want to pay tribute to Skip Peterson and Mike

Edgerton for their able leadership in the very successful Concours d'Elegance held at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery on September 8th. Due to an earlier commitment to my Church, I was unable to get to the show until nearly 1:00pm. Nevertheless, it was apparent that the weather man had cooperated by providing a (generally) dry day and a great crowd of spectators to appreciate the fine automobiles on

exhibit that Sunday afternoon. Thanks also to many of our Club members who served as Class Marshals or other responsible jobs which resulted in this event coming off "without a hitch." After looking over all of the cars, I visited the pavilion where a number of artists were displaying their wares. You can imagine my surprise as I looked over a table full of note pads featuring paintings of various cars and found there my beloved TD. What first caught my attention was the license plate (51 MGTD) and then the wire wheels were a dead give away that this was indeed my car! The painting was the work of John D. Breen of nearby Troy who had photographed my car two years ago at the Concours. I asked about the original painting and was informed that "it has been sold!" BUMMER! Turns out that John specializes in automotive art and will be happy to make portraits of your car for a very reasonable price in sizes ranging from 11X14 to 20X26. You can reach him at (937) 440-8842.

.Phil

Membership Dues, Due This Month-Elections!

By Linda Wolf

Annual membership dues are due now. Your dues must be paid prior to the September meeting in order for you to vote in the elections for new officers, or run for office. You can mail a check to the MG Car Club, P.O. Box 20032, Dabel Branch, Dayton, OH 45420-0032.



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Or, you can also bring your dues to the meeting on Wednesday September 27, 2001. Don't forget to pay your dues, because all members who have not paid their dues are dropped from the roles in January.

Dam Tour to Begin at Germantown

By Ron Parks

The dam tour is to begin at the lower parking lot below the Germantown dam at 8:00am on Sunday October 14, 2001. We'll gather there and leave on the tour by 8:15am.

Directions:

- From Germantown go West ½ mile on Route 725.
- Turn Right on Creek Road.
- After about ¼ mile when the road turns left, go straight into the parking lot, following the signs to "Fishing."
- Driving directions, maps and other interesting dam materials will be provided.



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After traversing the Germantown dam and making a restroom stop if needed, the dam tour is to proceed to Englewood dam on it's way to the Lockington dam near Piqua. You may want to bring snacks, because lunch is at the Tippecanoe Inn in Tipp City around 1:00 to 1:30 pm. After lunch the dam tour gets a glimpse of Aullwood Garden Metro Park on it's way to Taylorsville dam. The dam tour ends with a breathtaking view of Huffman dam and a rest stop at the beautiful lake behind the dam. Steve Powell has found some fine MG roads for this tour of approximately 100 miles. Also, we have ordered perfect weather. We hope to see some tops come down after lunch if not before. You won't want to miss this one! It promises to be a fine dam tour!

BCD 2001 Wrapup Meeting Re- scheduled

By Skip Peterson

Wednesday 9-12-01—
I have no idea if
any of you gathered
last night.

Unfortunately, as a nation we lived through a day that we will not soon forget, and I know we all wish we would have never had to experience such a tragedy. It's a time for healing, strength, and a time to show our resolve as a nation of free people. We'll get through this too, and maybe we can be reminded of how fortunate we are to live in a nation where we can get together on a day once a year and have fun with something we enjoy, BCD. Many millions of people will never know that joy. In any case, we need to reschedule the BCD wrap up meeting, and I'm going to be out of town until Oct. 1. If the group chooses to meet before then, that's fine with me. It appears that Dave Gribler and Randy Wakefield are getting the financial records in order and I would suggest we keep about \$1500 to \$1800 in our checking account and distribute the rest. I will also be happy to do whatever the group wishes regarding next year's event.

Let's all say a prayer for the many people who lost their lives for no reason, and stand strong as we move ahead.

All the best,

Skip

Concours d' Elegance 2001 Thank You!

By Skip Peterson

I just wanted to take minute to thank all of you MG Car Club members who helped out at Concours d' Elegance this year. Without great volunteers, we'll never succeed, and I think we really succeeded at this event

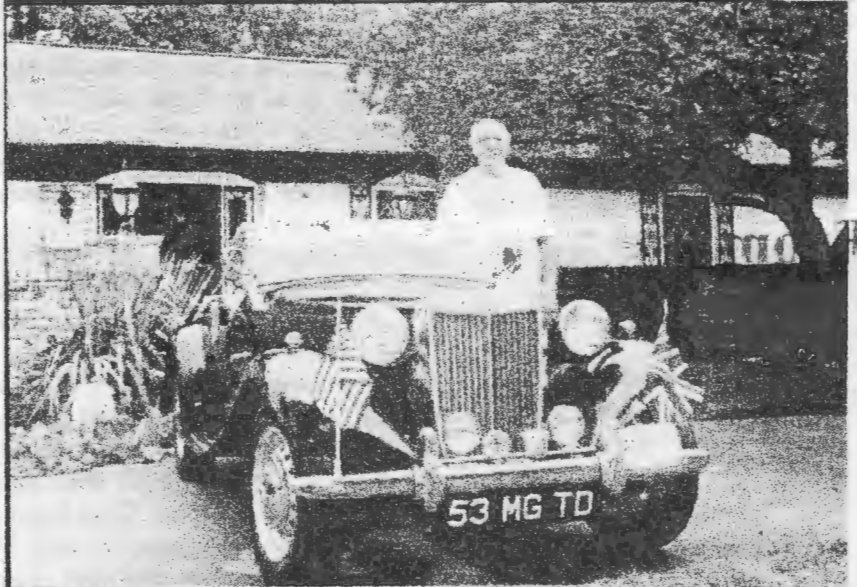
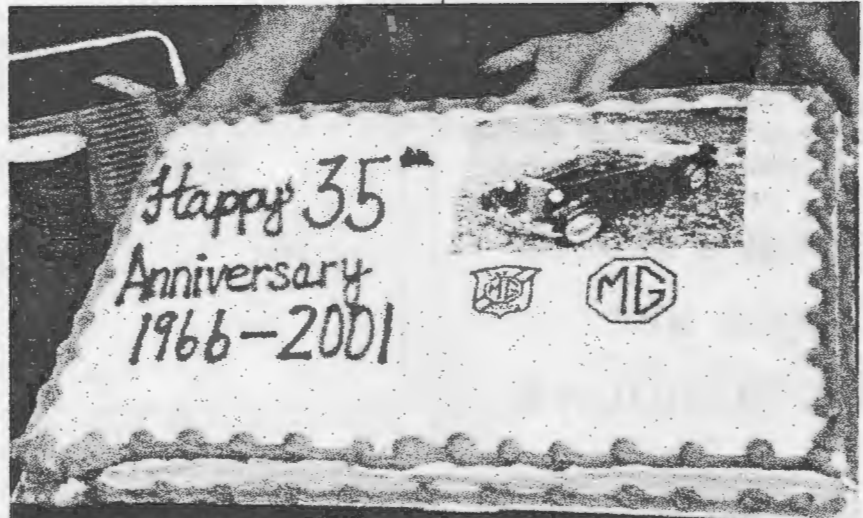
I can't thank you enough, I hope you had a little bit of fun, and I really hope you'll join us next year. We had great comments from the participants, and if they're happy, we've done our job. Also, this year's *Concours d' Elegance* recorded its largest spectator turnout in its 5 year history... Thanks again!

Skip

35th Anniversary Picnic

Text & Photos By Ron Parks

The rain did not dampen the spirits of the MG Car Club members attending the 35th Anniversary celebration picnic held at the home of Dick Goodman. As you see in the photos, many MGs came out in the rain, which tapered off in late afternoon.



Top: Anniversary Cake. Center: Dick Goodman and his MGTD. Bottom: MGs at 35th Anniversary picnic.

Many thanks to Dick Goodman and his daughter Cathy for opening his home to us. The steaks were thick and juicy, the other food was good, varied and plentiful. We played "Aunt Sally," a game played in a certain part of England. I believe Jennifer Peterson won by knocking the doll of the post the most times by flinging sticks at it. There was a commemorative cake with an edible photo of Dick Goodman's MGTD to celebrate the anniversary of 35 years of existence of the MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre. Dick Smith is the only member who has been a member since the beginning. John and Linda Wolf are a close second, starting very soon after the club was formed.

Good party! Thanks again to Dick Goodman!

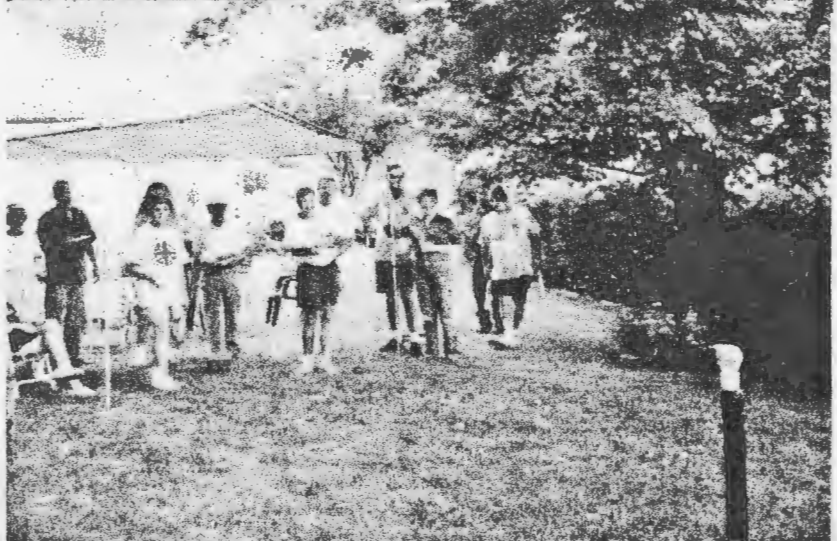
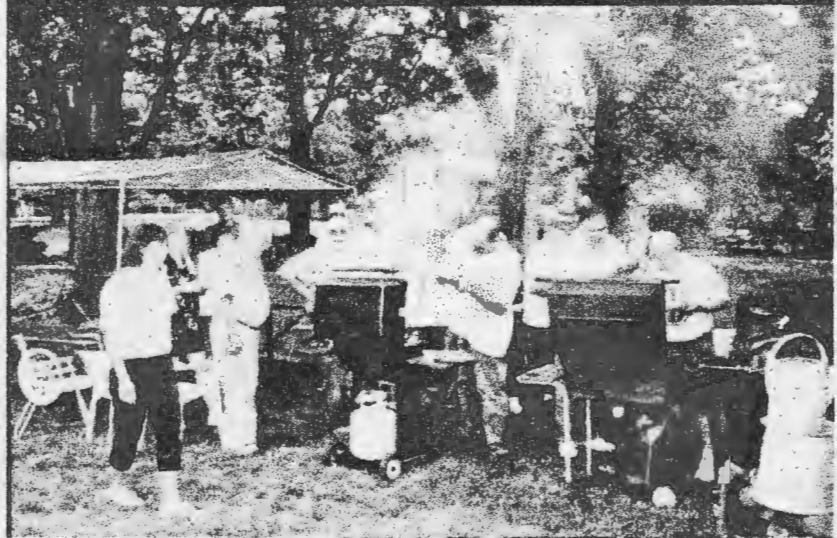
From the Editor

Ron Parks

This is my last month to produce your newsletter. Next month, the October 2001 issue, the first of the Club's 35th year, will be churned out by Steve Markman and Erin Moore. Their efforts will converge in some fashion of their choosing to continue to convey important and interesting information to the membership. Please give them the same support you have given me in providing articles and photos to keep this publication lively and interesting.

Top: Outgoing officers left to right: Betty Shaneyfelt, Treasurer; Ed Hill Secretary, Bill Hammond, Member at Large; Terry Loof VP; Phil Johnson, Pres. Center: grilling steaks. Bottom: Terry Loof takes aim at Aunt Sally.

Photos By Ron Parks



Editor (Continued)

It has been a pleasure serving as your editor these past years. As my last act of editorial license, I feel that the shirt I happened to be wearing in Canada the day I caught this 41 inch, 15 ½ lb. Northern Pike, qualifies the photo to appear in the Octagon News. I can make that decision. I'm the editor afterall. It most likely would not make the editorial cut next month?

Remember any and all contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. You can mail them to Steve Markman at 4528 Rean Meadow Dr., Kettering, OH 45440 or Erin Moore 630 Van Eaton Rd., Xenia, OH 45385. Or if you prefer the information super highway, Steve's E-Mail address is: stmarkman@aol.com and Erin's is ebmoore1@aol.com. Either of those methods will work fine or you can call Steve Markman at (937-434-2908) or Erin Moore at (937-372-2349) and arrangements can be made to meet and transfer materials or conduct an interview.

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