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RON'S MGB RESTORATION UPDATE, AND MORE

## From the President

Terry Looft

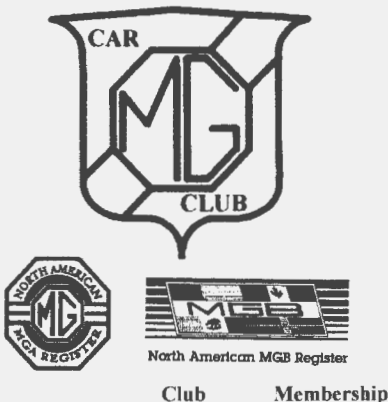
Can you believe we are already looking at the tail end of summer? And it has been a busy one! This past month has been one show after another.

We started out with Edgewater in Cincinnati from there we moved on to Charlottesville, VA to the MGA meet. We had some great pub runs shoe horned in there as well.

We had a fun time up in Columbus at the All Ohio MG meet. The weather didn't actually cooperate very well, but a good showing of 'true enthusiasts' from our club did make the drive. I think this is looking like an annual event, so keep it in mind for next year.

And then the BIG one, BCD!

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*Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club*

### 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 Aug 28, 2002**

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## Upcoming Events

### AUGUST:

28 - Meeting (K of C hall)

### SEPT:

8 - Concours d' Elegance

25 - Meeting (K of C hall)

### OCT:

13 - Fall Drive/Poker Run

23 - Meeting (K of C hall)

### NOV:

1 - Fish Fry (6:30 K of C hall)

? - Meeting (K of C hall)

## BCD Report

By Skip Peterson

*(Special thanks to Skip from your Octagon News editors for a superb job at BCD and for a great recap!)*

It comes once a year, usually the hottest day of the summer, and when all the dust settles, seems like most of the folks leaving are smiling.

British Car day is always fun. From what I'm hearing, we're getting a hit of a reputation. Most folks seem to think we know what we're doing. Let's don't let them in on our secret. It's mostly smoke and mirrors, and a bit of heat exhaustion.

Whatever the story, Eastwood MetroPark was brimming with 277 British Cars this year. It was new record for the 18th edition of BCD. The

## From the President (con't)

What a turn out, a record number of cars, a little hot but no rain and all and all just a great show. A big thanks to the FEW that worked to make the show run so well. It's too bad that with so many members that so few have to do all the work. Most that worked did so all day, heat and all! Again a special thanks.

As summer is winding down, so are our scheduled events. Sept. 8th is the Concours d' Elegance. Carole and I will be in England during that time, so we will not be able to be involved with it. Once again, I'm sure any and all help would be appreciated. Also coming up is our Fall drive into Southern Ohio in October. That, combined with a poker run should make for an exciting day's drive. Hope a lot of you plan to make that.

A quick update on the club antenna flags. The order was placed in July and shipping date is around the 28th of August. Don't know if we'll have them for the next meeting or not. We can hope!!

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shade trees helped make the folks a little more comfortable, and the many cases of bottled water they bought helped relieve the heat, but the fact is, it was HOT!

Cars began arriving at 7:30, well before registration opened, but we were ready. We had volunteers ready at 7 am, show field was laid out, goodie bags stuffed.

There was a great variety of cars on the show field, Larry McCartt with his 35 MG PA, Richard Davis with his pristine Jaguar XK 150, Andy Manganaro's Aston Martin, plus Healey's, Minis, Sunbeams, you name it, we had it, plus, MOTORCYCLES, five of them!

Squadron leader Andy Buckland of the Royal Air Force thought David Castle's XKE was the car the RAF wanted, Sgt. Whitman of the MetroParks rangers liked Richard Goode's Triumph TR 3. Randy Shuck grabbed the longest drive award for his 479 mile trip from Washington D.C. Shuck has 150,000 miles on his rubber bumper B, and his goal is to drive his car in the 48 contiguous states. He's more than halfway there.

We gave away a ton of door prizes, close to one for every three cars in attendance, and Jeff Zorn of the Little British Car Co. donated a picnic basket valued at \$250 for the big door prize. We also have to thank our sponsors: Steve Miller of MG Automotive, Mike McKittrick of Celtic Isles Gifts and Amy Rollins and Wheels from the Dayton Daily News. Not to mention Five Rivers MetroParks who give us a great park for the day.

We fortunately had enough food to last until about 2 PM this year, but we ran short on bottled water. The concession stand sold out, and special thanks to all who helped. This year's Rookie of the Year Award was won by three members. They showed up early, stayed late, and never stopped, special thanks to Dave and Carol Estell and David Greenburg, and by the way, we're counting on all of you next year.

I received a number of e-mails from folks who said they had a great time and they'll be back. We also received great remarks in Jeff Zorn's LBC weekly newsletter. A huge thanks to all involved (we have tons of great volunteers), and congratulations to the following MG Car Club members who received awards: Steve Powell, Joe Hooker, Louie Dispaquale, Ian Cunningham, Skip Peterson, Tom Davis, Rick Feedback, Charlie McCamey, Larry McCartt, Gary Kinney and Phil Johnson.

Also a big thanks to committee members Dave and Lois Gribler, Ed Hill, Matt Schneider, Jennifer Peterson, Bill Hammond, (Door Prize Guru), and Terry and Carole Looft. Maybe next year it will be a little cooler

## BCD 2002 Winners

### **MGT**

1. Steve & Jayne Powell  
AE. Ed & Donna Shubert  
AE. Joe Hooker  
AE. Ron Fogle

### **MGA**

1. Louie Dipasquale  
AE. Carl Young  
AE. Bill Gallihugh

### **MGB Chrome**

1. Ian Cunningham  
AE. Skip Peterson  
AE. Tony Shoviak  
AE. Tom Davis  
AE. Rick Feedback  
AE. Ken Meine  
AE. Bryan Parkhurst  
AE. Gregg Whealey  
AE. Dana Springer

### **MGB Rubber**

1. Randall Shuck  
AE. Jenne & Bruce Kolb  
AE. Eddie Cole

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AE. Dave Edwards  
AE. Randy Hull  
AE. Charlie McCamey

### **Midget/Sprite**

1. Rodney Atchison  
AE. Charlie Lonsdale  
AE. George Chase  
AE. Larry Youngblood

### **TR 2 & 3**

1. John Goode  
AE. Lou Metelko  
AE. Richard Widish

### **TR 4 & 250**

1. Mike Smith  
AE. Bruce Clough

### **TR 6**

1. Elaine Moore  
AE. Vic Snively  
AE. Pat Pinkston  
AE. James Mague  
AE. Jim Busch

### **TR 7 & 8**

1. Bruce Clough  
AE. Ellis Ball  
AE. John Moss

### **Spitfire & GT 6**

1. Mike Ross  
AE. Wes Cutlip  
AE. Roy Owens  
AE. Richard Campi

### **Jaguar XK**

1. Richard Davis

### **Jaguar XKE**

1. Paul Weaver

### **Jaguar XJ/Sedans**

1. Dana Springer  
AE. Larry Layson

### **Austin Healey 3000**

1. John Benkovic  
AE. John & Karen Steck

AE. Mike Bish

### **Austin Healey 100**

1. Charlie Warner  
AE. Larry Beasely

### **Sunbeams**

1. John Engle  
AE. Jean Trace  
AE. David Tettmeyer

### **Mini**

1. Paul Strieby  
AE. Mike Barton  
AE. Jim McCullough

### **Open Class thru 1960**

1. Larry McCartt  
AE. Ted Bernstein

### **Open Class '61 and later**

1. Gary Kinney  
AE. Chris McCamey  
AE. Scott Rodriguez  
AE. Steve Robertson

### **Premier Class**

1. Phil Johnson  
AE. Jeff Finney  
AE. Steve Howard  
AE. Ron MacLean  
AE. Paul Strieby  
AE. Andy Manganaro

### **Diamond in the Rough**

1. Andy Stroble

### **Motorcycles**

1. Scott Stout  
AE. Ken Meine

### **Longest Drive**

Randall Shuck, Washington DC 479 miles

### **Rangers Choice**

John Goode, TR 3

### **Royal Air Force Award**

David Castle, Jaguar XKE

**Best of Show**

Larry Layson, 61 Jaguar Sedan

Total number of registered cars 277

## New Club Members

by Carole Loof

At our July club meeting, we were introduced to two new members, Steve and Sandy Kenney. The Kenneys live in Vandalia and own a red 1960 MGA. They have only owned the car for a short 4 months. Steve's cousin was the previous owner, and when he passed away, they purchased it from his widow.

Steve is retired from UPS and enjoys fishing in his spare time. Sandy is 'landlord' for property



they own but finds time to do some quilting and stained glass work. They both will be the first to admit that it's a challenge to

keep the car running. They like the style of the MGA, and say it's definitely a different drive than their Ferrari. Right now, the car has not proven its reliability and the work has been on-going. With time, I'm sure, the bugs will get worked out and Steve and Sandy will grasp the 'love of the car' that we all share. We hope you can enjoy it and we welcome you to our club!



## Membership Year Ends with Record Number, Many New Members

by Linda Wolfe

Our membership now is the highest that I can remember since I've been the membership chairman! Don't forget the membership year ends at the end of August and then we begin a new year. That means that we have our election of officers in September. If you want to run for an office or vote during the elections, you dues need to be paid for the 2002-2003 club year.

In addition to Sandy and Steve Kenney, please welcome the following new club members:

Gene & Susan Gillenwater of Washington Court House, 63, 65, 69, 74, 79, and 80 MGBs

David Greenburg of West Chester, 75 MGB

Ron & Miranda Hoffmann of Lebanon, 69 MGB

John Jenkins of Beavercreek, 78 MGB

Tom Rogers of Springfield, 71 MGB

Carl Eisenmenger of Middletown, looking to buy an MG TD

*(Editor's note ...I joined the club two years ago looking for an MG TD. Wouldn't you know that a club member just happened to know about one for sale, but it wasn't being advertised. Let's do all we can to help Carl become an MG owner!)*

## ALL OHIO MG MEET - ALUM CREEK

By Carole Looft

**W**anted to give all of you a run-down on the 1st Annual All Ohio MG Meet held at Alum Creek on Saturday July 27th. Now, we all know what a dry summer we have had, and most everybody had been hoping for rain. Well, when it came, it came in a down pour on Saturday morning, the 27th!! We met, as planned, at the K-Mart in Xenia. To our surprise, there were 9 MGs sitting in the parking lot, with drivers willing to subject themselves and their cars to the unpleasantness of getting to Columbus in the rain. I didn't actually see them, but heard that the Gribler's drove to Xenia with the top down on their MGA. We arrived at Alum Creek a little after 11:00. By that time the rain was showing signs of letting up and we were hopeful that we could salvage the day's activities. Slowly, more cars began to show up and I heard Joe Hooker say that he counted 60+ cars in the parking lot. A couple of our members showed up later on driving their MGs and we had a few who drove their family cars. All in all, a real good showing for our club.

After our picnic lunch, we proceeded to set up the Aunt Sally competition. For a first time exposure, it seemed to generate a fair amount of activity. Our club didn't make it into the play-offs, which consisted of the Buckayes and Emerald Necklace vying for the trophy. Emerald Necklace ended up being the winners!!

Tony Burgess is already thinking about next year and doing it again. I think this could be a fun annual event for us to get together with the other MG people throughout the state. It sure seemed like everyone there on Saturday just wanted to stand around and chat and look at the cars. Sometimes that's just fun too!! As for next year, we'll be looking forward to the 2nd annual - weather cooperating, it should be bigger and

better, and we hope with a little bit of practice on Aunt Sally, our club can win back the trophy. Keep it in mind for next year.

## Ron's MGB Restoration Update

By Ron Parks

It's painted! There's really not much more than that to report this month. The block sanding was completed (see photo of Scott Powell of S & S Loys Autobody, sanding the right front fender). I saw the car yesterday and I can tell you the paint job is fantastic! A glance down the side of the car reveals true reflections, no waves or dents whatsoever. The final sanding and buffing is being done this week. I plan to take my windshield out there next Saturday to install along with the hardware for the doors. Scott is going to put the chrome strips on for me. Once I get the dash installed with the instruments and test all the wiring grounds, and get some brake lights working, I'll be ready to bolt a seat in and drive it home. I'll complete the interior installation at home. Hopefully I can report the homecoming to you next month and end this long tiresome saga.

## From the MG Bulletin Board... Classic/Antique Car Insurance

Question:

Does anyone have experience with any of the historic car insurance companies? Just received my bill from my regular insurer and would like to find an alternative.

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Responses:

I would be cautious of any "Antique Auto" policy that limits the use of the vehicle ie. "the vehicle is only covered for club related events" or one that limits the yearly mileage.

If you are over 50 years of age, join AARP and then check into the insurance they offer through The Hartford. When I did that my insurance premiums were cut in half. I told them that if I had know that was what their rates were, I would have turned 50 a heck of a lot sooner. By the way, we have a 53 TD, a 66 MGB and a beater truck.

I have Antique Car Insurance from Condon & Skelly. While limiting you to 2500 miles per year, you can drive the car to "any club events" and for pleasure driving, but not to work or for shopping in Mall parking lots. It is full value (\$22,000) with no deductible for all hazards (comprehensive and collision). Also covered are up to \$1000 in parts. Cost is about \$130 per year. You must belong to some Car Club, (NEMGTR, MGCC, Local Club, etc.) Their service is excellent!

J.C. Taylor gets my vote.

J.C Taylor actually rejected me for excessive speeding tickets... I tried to explain that the TD was incapable of speeding...

Our TD is insured through Hagerty Classic Car Insurance out of Traverse City, Michigan. Premium is \$140/year for an agreed value policy of \$17,500. No deductible. 100,000/300,000 liability. Restrictions are under 2.5K per year. Pleasure use allowed, including short-term unsupervised parking. No errands, etc., however. Every driver in the household is supposed to have another vehicle available at all times so the MG doesn't get used as an emergency replacement for going to the market. Never had to file a claim (knock on wood), so I've been very pleased with them so far. I checked with some of the traditional insurances (like State Farm) -- premium was many times higher.

I have also had good experiences with Condon and Skelly and recommended them to others. Information can be found on their website: [www.condonskelly.com](http://www.condonskelly.com)

Check out Grundy Collector Car insurance. No problems with years of service. They have our 52 TD Mark II as well as a 31 Model A Victoria. I would also check with your regular insurer about any antique insurance they may have.

While none of us ever would drive irresponsibly (I hope) in our antique or classic car, owning such a vehicle is a good reason for watching our driving habits in our family car as well. When I first bought my 50 TD, I got rejected by J.C. Taylor because of two traffic tickets within the prior two years (they were in error, of course, but I didn't feel like arguing with a judge). As a result, I insured the MG with my regular insurer as an additional family car...at about twice the price, until those tickets finally rolled off my record. While driving my easily-repairable/replaceable family car, I no longer try to rush through a yellow light, pass another car that already is doing 70 on the freeway, or make rolling stops at a stop sign, etc. Saves insurance costs on my TD, saves the cost of a traffic ticket, and possibly saves a life.

Whatever you decide, remember that depending on the fine print & who's interpreting, non-disclosure of speeding/offense tickets could be used as grounds for denial of your claim.





## \*Classifieds\*

Susan Fogt of Troy has a '79 MGB for sale. She is the second owner of the car, which is all original. It has 21775 original miles, is pageant blue and is described as being in excellent condition. There is a small dent on one fender. Ron Hilen of Hilen Classic Cars appraised the car at \$8500, which is her asking price. Her phone number is 937-339-3232.

1977 MGB. It is in very good condition. Also some spare parts. Steve at MG Automotive is familiar with the car. Contact Tom Williamson, twilliam@enr.udayton.edu.

Orange 1971 MGB for sale, 58,000 miles and runs and drives pretty well but needs a little work. There is some minor nose/hood damage and 3rd gear synchros might be starting to go. Asking \$3400. Numerous other vehicles for sale, including a Sunbeam, asking \$9000, 2 RX 7s for \$200 each, one with a fresh engine, a black mustang convertible, a couple of cadillacs, 1936 Chevy tow truck. 937/426-5600.

White 1962 MGA Mark II for sale. New mechanicals, hydraulics, tires, interior, and

chrome wires. Dry storage in Cincinnati. Call 937-339-7236, or dav\_men@msn.com.

77 MGB, restored in 1995. Original owner. New metal/paint, interior, top, radiator, hoses and belts. Call Tom Padkea, 937-335-3137

57 MGA Coupe, original, garaged, not driven since 1968, 42,000 original miles. Call Chris Kossoudji, 937-890-2958

Mark Gulley, past member, is selling his 1980 MG Roadster. Car is located at Lake Guntersville, Alabama. It is a fine running car and the body is in good shape, but the interior needs mending. The engine has a Weber Carburetor, aluminum valve cover, and a screw on oil filter. The engine has 140,000 miles and gets over 30 MPG on the highway and does not burn oil. The car is blue with a black and tan interior and comes with three different tops and has custom mag wheels. The MG has not been driven much this last year, but has been kept in a garage and covered. Asking \$2,000. Mark has owned the car since 1997. It was drive back and forth frequently between Washington D.C. and Fayetteville NC on Interstate 95 maintaining speeds of 70-75 MPH...a testament to the car's mechanical reliability. Contact Mark Gulley, (256) 582-5241

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## MG Car Club July Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM by President Terry Looft.

Reports:

Terry covered the national shows attended by members. Ryan Looft attended the NAMGBR meet in Texas. About 150 MGs were present. The NAMGAR meet in Virginia had 300+ MGAs in attendance. By all accounts it was a great show in a great location. The Gribler



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MGA gathered up a second in the funkhana, while the Loofts aced the Rallye. The Cincinnati show at Edgewater appears to be in decline.

The minutes for the June 2002 meeting penned by substitute scribe Skip Petersen were published in THE OCTAGON NEWS. These were approved as published by the membership.

Treasurer Fred Shaneyfelt's report noted that the Club was still solvent, and it was approved by the membership.

Membership Chair Linda Wolfe introduced our newest members, Steve and Sandy Kenney who own a 1960 MGA; and Randy Feder who is looking for a 1600cc MGA.

The Sunshine Committee reported that we are all doing fine.

Neither newsletter co-chair was present to report to the membership. Many members received the OCTAGON NEWS the day of the meeting, while others had not received their copy. Terry will meet with the Co-Eds and discuss setting submission and delivery deadlines.

Activities Chair Tim Orico covered up-coming club events and cars shows. Be sure to check the calendar in THE OCTAGON NEWS for the latest information.

Skip Peterson reported on a Miata event in which he was coerced to participate. He seemed to have enjoyed himself more than appropriate for a true MG owner. Skip also reminded that MGCC have volunteered to be class marshals for the Concours in September.

The beer break was called at 8:27 PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:46 PM.

Old Business

The All Ohio gathering was discussed. The Aunt Sally trophy was also discussed. The trophy was still in the construction phase at meeting time. Assurances were made that it would make the event on the Saturday.

Regalia:

Window decals are available from Linda.

The new name tags were in evidence on members and orders were taken.

Antenna flags are still a work in progress.

Skip reported on BCD. He had signup sheets for parking, chef de hote, registration, and concession stand. Field layout and goodie bag stuffing will be Friday at the Park - 6:30 PM.

Dick Goodman reminded that the Club picnic will be held at the Goodman estate in Beavercreek, Sunday August 18. Arrive beginning at 2:00 PM and hone your Aunt Sally skills. Plan to eat at 4:00. The Club will provide meat, beer and pop. Bring your favorite picnic covered dish to share.

A fall tour is in the works. Ryan Looft and Jennifer Peterson are making plans that include a poker run.

New business:

The next pub run is to Harrigan's on Marshall Road in Kettering. Gathering time is 5 PM on Sunday, August 11, 2002.

No tune-up or tech tips were presented.

The Gumball Rallye was won by Tim Oricko.

The next meeting will be 8:00 PM, Wednesday, August 28, 2002.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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6 Ron Parks, Terry Looft, and Graham Cooper demonstrate dash board assembly.



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