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Pictures from British Car Day

and more valuable stuff!

From the President

Skip Peterson

Three Hundred and Fifty
British cars and
motorcycles! Yep. It
happened. It's a new
record! Thanks to the hard work
of the MG Car Club and the Miami
Valley Triumphs, a little help from
TV 2 weatherman Carl Nichols
and God, the 22nd edition of BCD
wrote a new chapter in the book.

Obviously I'm a little prejudiced, but I do think it was one hell of an event. We had great cars, the Spit-Together was very cool, and lots of neat door prizes, and this year, the Rangers Mounted Patrol joined us.

The concession stand sizzled all day (Terry, why are those flames so big?) and we didn't take any food home. I haven't heard any complaints from entrants so far, which I think is a good sign.

Personally I want thank everyone who pitched in, and that was a sizeable crew. I appreciate all of your hard work, and that's why we are becoming the biggest and best

all British event in the Midwest. On a side note, the gentlemen pushing the young man around in the wheelchair drove from Houston to see our show. He and his son were on their way to Baltimore but heard our event was pretty good, so they left 4 days early to drop by. I spoke







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 *Carole Looft* 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, August 23, 2006

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Upcoming Events

July:

26 - Meeting (K of C Hall)

August:

5 – British Car Day – Eastwood Metro Park

18-20 - Mid-Ohio

23 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

27 - Summer Picnic at Dick Goodman's

September:

4 – Kettering Invitational (MG to be featured marque)

27 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

October:

7 – Fall Tour to John Zeno's in KY 14-15 – Reliability Run 25 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

November:

15 - Meeting (K of C Hall)

with him briefly, and he told me that the biggest British show he ever had been to have about 100 cars. He said ours was the best show he had ever attended. I just wish I could remember his name.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 4, 2007. We'll be doing it again.

Moving on, some members of the club have been invited to display their cars at the Kettering Holiday at Home Invitational Auto Show on Labor Day. MG is being featured this year. That should make for a good opportunity for us to show our club colors before a large crowd. Who has the banner?

Next up on our agenda will be our summer picnic, hosted by Dick and Kathy Goodman. I hope the map to the place is included in this edition. It will be Sunday, August 27th. We will be celebrating our 40th anniversary as a club, so don't miss it! Bring a side dish to share; the club is handling the rest.

The 10th Discovery Concours d'Elegance is coming up, and I hope some members will again volunteer as class marshals on Sunday. Ron Parks is our Class marshal guru for this event, it's Sunday, Sept. 17th. Your help is also greatly appreciated. Pontiac and Porsche are our featured marques, so it will be a cool day of cars and fun at the Boonshoft.

We're planning a fall trip to Kentucky to hang out with John Zeno the first weekend of October. We'll need to

finalize some of those plans at the upcoming meeting.

And on a final note, do you what's coming up in September? Yes, it's dues renewal time. It's always nice to get an infusion of cash to help in the transition for a New President. Yes, it's also election time. I'm sure the September newsletter will be filled with political advertising. Act now to reserve you ad, and you too can stand at the podium, pound the gavel, and be humbled by the boisterous group sitting in the cheap seats. It's a rare, and rather fulfilling experience. Of course, I'll still be around as Past President, which means absolutely nothing. It wields no power, there are no perks, and most people don't remember who it is, until that magical night of the Christmas party and then they say, "OH, that's why we're at your house!"

See you Wednesday.

Skip

Friday Night Set-up for BCD

Carole Looft

e already know what a great turn-out of helpers we always have during our car show, but I wanted to pass along the turn-out on Friday night for the show set-up. As I started counting, our MG members numbered 43. For those of you who came to help, you made the tasks go so much faster. Our members always seem to come through for us. Thanks.

Dayton British Car Day 2006 Winners

Skip Peterson

BCD 2006 winners

MGT--1. Steve Powell, AE Phil Johnson, AE. Evan Ford MGA--1. Dar Planeaux, AE. Rick Grant. AE. Rick Grant, AE. Jack Pounds MGB 63-67--1 Ian Cunningham, AE. Dave Estell, AE. Ken Meine, AE. Ken Weber MGB 68-74--1. Ron Parks, AE. Mike Moor, AE.Dan Griswold, AE. Graham Cooper, AE. Chris Gamble MGB 75-80--1. John Sweeney, AE. Kathy Goodman, AE. Dave Snyder, AE. John Fisher, AE. Eddie Cole, AE. Ryan Looft MGB/C GT--1. Bob Chatles, AE. Pat Wasserman, AE. Kip Slone Midget--1. Larry Youngblood, AE. Jim Conrad, AE. Shirley Gimble

TR 2 & 3--1. Glen Bjornson, AE. Roy Gay, AE. John Ewell TR 4 & 250--1. Chuck White, AE. Mike Bilyk TR 6--1. John Johnson, AE. Robin Riester, AE. Pat Pinkston TR 7 & 8--1. Greg Mundell, AE. Chris Hamlin Spitfire I-II-III--1. Patrick Barbee, AE. Randy Joles Spitfire IV--1. Harold Durkee, AE. Ted Buish, AE. Herbert Hummer, AE. Gary Nettler Spitfire 1500--1. Randy Zumbiel, AE. Brant Buss, AE. Riachard Campi Rubber Bumper Spitfire--1 Eric Verbeke, AE. Lori Day GT 6--1. Sue Snyder, AE. Bill Brown

Jaguar XK-1. Richard Davis, AE. Keith Friemark Jaguar XKE-1. Scott Fitzgerald, AE.Dick Dearing Jaguar XJ/Sedans-1. Anne Friemark, AE. Dana Springer

Austin Healey 3000--1. Bernie Grabow, AE. Michael Hooker, AE. Larry Beasley, AE. Dave Roberts Austin Healey 100--1. Craig Rice Austin Healey Sprite--1. Doug Ramsey

Sunbeams--1. Bob Webb, AE. John Engle

Lotus--1. Donald Schuh, AE. Jim McCullough

Classic Mini--1. Paul Strieby, AE. Mike Barton, AE. Mike Barton New Mini--1. Terry Masters, AE. Jason Haddix, AE. Mike Edgerton

Morgan--1. Andy Manganaro

Open Class thru 1965—1. Craig Wright, AE. Don Williams Open Class '66 and later—1. Dick Edwards, AE. Mike Bayman, AE. Rick Ullery, AE. Kevin Spiller Premier Class—1. Ron McLean, AE. Mark Newman, AE. Rick Compton, AE. Louis DiPasquale, AE. George Chase, AE. John Benkovic Diamond in the Rough—1. Daniel Ross Motorcycles—1. Ernie Streifhau, AE. Jeff Zorn

Longest Drive--David McCann, 574 miles from Virginia

Rangers Choice--John Steck, Dayton, Austin-Healey 3000

Royal Air Force Award--Bob Hanselman, Xenia, MG TD

Taj Ma Garaj Most Unique Vehicle--Craig Wright, Dublin, Oh. 46 Armstrong-Siddeley

Best of Show--Craig Rice, Indianapolis, '54 Austin-Healey 100

Total number of registered cars--(350)

How To Maximize Gas Mileage On Your Non-British Everyday Car

Dick Smith

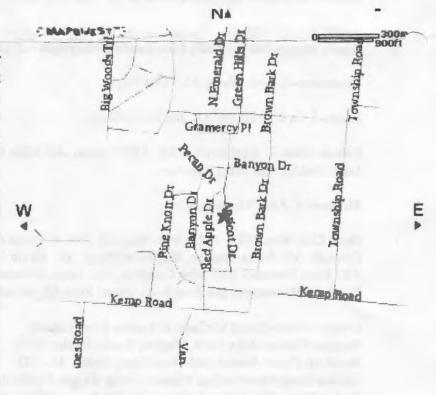
(Editor's note - this only works on cars that have a gas gauge!)

The many trips I have made to Minnesota have shown me an easy and powerful method of maximizing my gas mileage on the trips. It is so simple I am amazed that it is not touted as an outstanding method of reducing this country's dependency on gasoline/oil. Here is how it works. I fill up the tank on the Trailblazer and begin driving conservatively. Driving along about 5 to 10 miles per hour over the speed limit, I find that the gas gauge needle does not leave the full mark for about 85 miles. I find that from that point, it goes down about 1/4 tank for each 70 miles. Here is where the beauty of it all comes into play. One only has to fill up again immediately when the needle reaches the down side of the full mark. Walla! For keeping the needle in the complete width of the full mark, I can go 85 miles while I only get 70 miles on the distance between the full mark and the beginning of the 3/4 full mark. I figure the savings are at least 25%. Although it is a minor inconvenience to fill up so often, the savings in gas mileage are fantastic!! Try it out yourself and you will be amazed!!

Summer Picnic

Dick Goodman

ur summer picnic is set for Sunday August 27th at 3:00pm at my house; 2355 Apricot Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45431. Cathy says the bathrooms will be cleaned at 2:30pm, so don't show up before then. Directions and a map are included here, but just in case, here's my phone number: 426-4161. To get to my house go east on Kemp road from N. Fairfield road. If you're coming south on N. Fairfield Road from the I-675 & the Fairfield commons mall, you would turn left (east) on Kemp road. Turn Left on Banyon, then take the 2nd right which will be Apricot. Bring a covered dish. Drinks, meat paper plates cups and plasticware provided by the club. We'll eat around 5:00pm. Come and join the fun!



Corrections to our Membership List

Carole Looft

will be including a current membership list in the September issue of the newsletter. If any of you have any corrections or additions that need to be added, please email them to me at carole@looft.net. Thanks!

Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

Keith & Bonnie Hankey P.O. Box 228 Harveysburg, Oh 45032 (513) 897-2456 khankey 2000@yahoo.com

John & Sue Koehl 11760 Frost Rd. Tipp City, Oh 45371 (937) 667-6674 olejohnn@wmconnect.com jbwaeber@fuse.net

Ken & Jill Waeber 6248 N. Shadowhill Way Loveland, Oh 45140 (513) 583-9633 1964 MGB

1973 Midget

1971 MGB

More Cincinnati BCD Winners!

Contributed by Steve Markman

he July 2006 Octagon News overlooked three MGCC Club members' cars that received awards at the Cincinnati British Car Day on July 9, 2006. These individuals are: Douglas Ramsey - Best of Show, Bob Charles - Award of Excellence, and Jim and Susan Conrad - Award of Excellence for their 72 Midget.

Solid State Voltage Regulators

Contributed by Steve Markman

ob Jeffers of Wilton Auto Electronic in New Hampshire can make up a solid state voltage regulator for the T series MGs that will fit under the cover of the existing regulator. The cost of one is presently \$80.00 and he needs to have your regulator in hand to swap out the innards for the solid state unit. He also needs to know the model number of the generator in your car so he can set the proper current limit on the regulator such that it will not burn out your generator. Bob's postal and e-mail addresses are:

Wilton Auto Electric 10 Stoney Brook Drive Wilton NH 03086-5151 Bobi20@adelphia.net

(thanks again to our friends at the MGT Northwest Register for this article)

Classifieds

For Sale: 15 inch Mustang wheels that came on the rubber bumper B she bought from Ryan Pitts. Has the lug nuts and all. Vickie Gearhart, vsg626@aol.com.

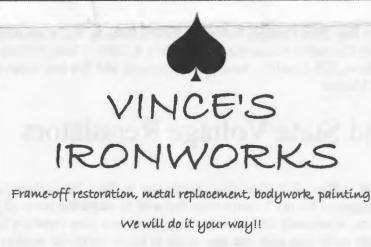
For Sale: 76 B roadster. Body has been restored, interior is original and needs TLC. Runs well. Looking for \$5000 or best offer. Contact Ron Hall, 937-760-8172 (this is Skip Peterson's letter carrier, so it has to be a good deal).

For Sale: 1969 MGB-GT, Car/Chassis #G-HD4-U/162605-G Car up on blocks in carport. Body in very good condition...paint stripped, etched primered, primered, one light coat of acrylic enamel paint to protect body. New front wind shield, new carpets, new car cover, and inside panels still in box. Replaced floor boards. Replaced exhaust system. Rebuilt engine. Wire wheels started to be stripped and repainted. 4 bad tyres removed and ready to have new ones installed. Spare tyre is in good condition. In order to place car on trailer, tyres will have to be installed...or bring a set with you. I can add a set for \$300 extra. Asking \$1000. Herb Meister, Louisville KY hmeis92099@aol.com

Wanted: I want to be an MGB owner! Looking for a 73-74 MGB Roadster in the Midwest area- will drive 250 miles from Kalamazoo, MI for the right car. Must be red color, driveable, and body in good condition. Flexible on interior and drive train. Will give it TLC and a good home. Finders Fee of \$100 paid to first referral that result in a successful purchase. Ed Boyer, Mattawan MI 269-668-7612 Email: edmaddog3@gmail.com

For Sale: Misc MG parts. Starter, 3 doors (a left, a right, and one stripped), an engine bonnet (hood), rear deck lid with MG emblem, a tire, pair of carburetors, and a box with seat belts & misc. Roland Reichel 294-1107.

For Sale: 1969 MGB-GT. Replaced floor boards and exhaust system. Rebuilt engine. Body in very good condition...paint stripped, etched primered, primered, one light coat of acrylic enamel paint....to protect body. New front wind



James V. Cooley III Proprietor 937-360-3151 Member MGCCSWOC #100

shield, car cover, and carpets still in boxs. Wire wheels started to be stripped and repainted. 4 bad tyres removed and ready to have new ones installed. Spare tyre is in good condition. Car up on blocks in carport. Asking \$1000. hmeis 92099@aol.com.

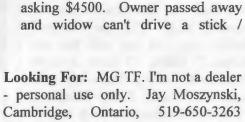


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Looking For: Club member Vickie

Gearhart is looking for a set of original wheels for her 77 MGB.

Anyone with a set for sale, or who

knows where there is a set, please

For Sale: 77 MGB with 74 engine.

Runs well. Nice body with red paint,

black interior in good shape, needs

\$5000, put in over \$1000 in repairs,

a

note

Owner paid

her

some wiring work.

(home),

Gearhart@oakwood.oh.us

For Sale: '61 1600 MGA. Has been stored for the past three years and runs great. Wire wheels and a hard top. Only thing wrong is that the heater leaked while in storage and damaged the paint in the engine compartment. Asking \$5,500 as is, or an extra \$400 to have the paint fixed. Dave Frances

(former MGCCSWOC member), 1625 SR 121 South, New Madison, OH 45346 (SW of Greenville), 1-937-996-0229, NFrances@bright.net.

MGB For Sale: 1974 ½ Harvest Gold (SU carbs with Rubber Bumper)Factory installed overdrive, Air Conditioning. Rust free California car (until 2003) with near perfect paint and interior. Just turned 100k miles on the trip to Gatlinburg. Burns no oil with only a drip here or there. Runs and drives great. Nice top, good tires, needs a radio and speakers. (Installed new door panels and not cut for speakers) Has new dash (not an overlay)Can email pictures, terry@looft.net \$9,500 (937)382-1520

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MG Car Club Minutes, July 26, 2006

Sam Hodges

Meeting is *finally* called to order at 8:05

As Eddie Hill walks in late, soaking wet from the downpour occurring outside, Skip, "For the Gumball Rallye, we will not pull the wet ticket..." Eddie, "I have a news flash,... it's raining. There was 20% chance of rain..." Kathy Goodman, "...it makes sense that only twenty percent of us are wet." Skip, "I think that Eddie's wet enough for the twenty percent."



How many British car enthusiasts does it take to put up a tent? Dave Estell, Bob Charles, and two unidentified Triumph Club members supervise as Linda Wolfe does all the work to assemble the club's tent at last year's British Car Day.

Skip suggests that we move on to more pressing matters. Motion to approve the Minutes as reported in last months' newsletter. Dave Gribler motions, Tim Oricko seconds. Minutes approved as reported.

Kathy Goodman is up next with the **Treasurer's Report**: <u>Total Income</u>: Membership Dues (\$20.00) + Regalia (\$19.00) = **Total Income of \$39.00**.

<u>Total Expenses</u>: Octagon News (\$161.80) + Gumball (\$5.00) + Hall Rental Fees (\$45.00) + Promotion (\$75.00) + Grille Badge Mailing (\$7.80) = **Total Expense of \$294.60**.

Total Loss to the MGCC was \$255.60 when subtracted from our existing Treasury balance of \$1333.64 equals a new <u>Treasury Balance of \$1,078.04.</u>

Skip asked if we had a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was at this very moment that we had the *mother of all motions* via a very large, very loud clap of thunder. It was then suggested that God had just issued the motion to approve and the club seconded...

President's Report was next. As of the meeting, we had 190 cars pre-registered. If history bears out, the number of drive ups is usually equal to the pre-registered. (Typing this after the show, I can let you know that we had something in the neighborhood of 330 cars present the day of the show). Here we went into our yearly BCD reminder checklist. Bring coolers of ice if you can, gates open 9:00a.m. If you're volunteering, try to be there 8:00ish. If you have walkie-talkies, bring them along, or as Steve Markman once put it, blah, bl

Bill Hammond has been designated our <u>Official Scapegoat</u>. If anyone gets in trouble, then call on Hammond to go nail or duct tape something to a tree. The Rangers really don't like that.

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We might want to think about creating a lane for easier access to the show field. Someone suggested a lane marked off by cones. Therefore, if you've got orange cones, or maybe if you just want to grab a few on the way over...

At this point, Ryan brings up a really good point that Kathy G. brought up about ten minutes ago about maybe the park has cones or saw horses that we might be able to borrow. (Hey, Ryan, how do you think we got onto the topic of cones to begin with?)

Vice Presidents' Report is next. Terry Looft, "How's the Triumph Report?" Eddie Hill, "We want the traitors report." Skip, "That's the other reason Louie called - bail out Ron if he gets in trouble..." Terry Looft, "...and you are in trouble!" Seriously though, Ron reported that they really enjoyed Gatlinburg and they're looking forward to BCD.

Beer Break 8:33. Back from Beer Break 8:51.

Our Member-at-Large Jeff is MIA.

Carole Looft and **Membership** fill in. We have 2 new memberships. Dave and Dee Edwards Powell, Ohio (*Hey! That's where my sister lives!*) have a 1976 MGB. Our other new members are Gordon and Roxanne Maier from Cincinnati. They own a 1960 MGA. Welcome to the new member. *Please don't let the behavior reported by me deter you from actually attending any of the meetings, I've been known to exaggerate a bit...*

Skip, "How many (members) do we have?" Carole, "l03, I need to recount because I think Ryan had 109." Jennifer P. "Right, he therefore needs 110." Carole, "I'll make a push at BCD." Ryan, "... and I'll be pushing them away!"

Newsletter Editors' Report was next. Next month, Ron Parks will be newsletter editor since Steve will be vacationing off in Alaska. Why don't ya just rub it in... Ron, "You do know what my other hobby is - the Triumph."

Our **Member-at-Large** arrives moments after his report was due... He has just uploaded Dick Goodman's Gatlinburg pics to the club website. Apparently Dick didn't take very many pictures of cars, so therefore, there's lots of good blackmail info available for the taking.

The club received mail from the English Magazine MG Enthusiast asking if we would run a renewal subscription form in our newsletter. The club vetoed the idea of running a renewal subscription form. The price of the subscription is £36 (at the current exchange rate - \$68.07) and the club already gets a copy which any member can check out.

Tim Oricko and Activities were next. August 18-20 is the Mid-Ohio Vintage Grand Prix Featured marquee this year is MG. This years' MG Ohio gathering will be at Mid-Ohio on the 19th.

Old Business: Summer Picnic is August 27 at the Goodmans'...

"Do we want to cook steaks, chicken breast..." Terry L. "...breasts are good..." What we've always had was chicken. Chicken is fine, Chicken is good. Chicken it is. What time Kathy? Kathy G., "Show up at

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3:00, eat at 5:00. I usually don't clean the bathrooms until 2:30 so if you show up earlier, you're cleaning."

Kathy G., "Last fall the Griblers' were looking for ways to interest young people. There was an article on MG's in Homecoming parades in the MGB driver that might be of interest to us." Skip, "All the kids would go what the hell is that?" We did this back in 1989 for Holiday at home. Joe Hooker, "I had this one girl try to stand up in the back seat..." Skip, "Is she walking yet?"

Ryan Looft, "Fall Drive? Zeno's back on line. Late September, early October?" Graham and Diana found a Best Western that's close and only about \$60/night.

October 7th- 8th would be a good date. What could be better than Graham's birthday at Zeno's house with the beer trailer? Columbia KY is the closest town. Figure about two hundred miles for the trip down.

Bill Hammond, "I hope everyone had as much fun at the pub run as I did." Terry L, "I don't know - how much fun did you have?" *In one of those moments that Bill will undoubtedly regret for some time to come*, Bill wishes that the daughter of the RAF officer who works there had been there for the pub run. "She' quite attractive..." *Hazel, where do you want the flowers sent*?

For Sale: 1979 MGB - Monkey puke (Harvest Gold) Gatlinburg cruiser. Ask Terry Looft for more info.

Tech Tip: Ryan learned that in the State of Ohio you're not allowed to have a fire with larger than a 4ft x 4ft base. *Ryan Looft. These lights and sirens are for you*. Ryan's fire was about 15ft x 15ft x 12ft. Apparently Terry was stacking the wood with a Bobcat.

Dave McCann, "If you have dim dash lights, just bypass the dimmer and you'll be amazed at the performance."

Gumball Rallye

Car Wash packs -Joe Hooker Next Generation Tech Wax - Dave McCann. \$5 - Dar Planeaux.

9:25 meeting adjourned on Terry Looft motion.

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