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President's Report and other valuable stuff

From the President

Dave McCann

I am still questioning myself over my last e-mail to everyone. I don't know if this is the proper place to be asking for a prayer? I usually stay out of any political or religious discussions. They seem to evolve into arguments. But I figured even an atheist must have some way of expressing compassion for another human being. (I call myself a quiet Presbyterian) So having opened that door, have you heard the one about the agnostic, dyslexic, insomniac? He lay awake at night wondering if there was really a dog!

Well it looks like the trailer will not be ready for the Key

West regional GT in Key West next week. David & I were looking forward to pulling it in the twenty-sixth reunion parade, of the Battle of The Conch Republic. There are probably a couple of reasons



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, April 23, 2008

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Apr:

23 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

26 – Tune-up Clinic at MG Automotive

May:

17 – British Car Show at Second St Market

28 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

why it is not ready. Discussing them now will not speed the process.

Graham Cooper sent me an e-mail last week about a rally in Cincinnati sponsored by the Jaguar Club. I am forwarding this address so that you all may look at this company and see what they have to offer. www.scenicrallies.com/index.asp. John Wolfe and I were discussing a similar "tour" to the Jag group. It involved Metamora IN. I think we could do that on our own, but this company offers some interesting drives.

We still need a volunteer to head up the acquisition of door prizes at our August BCD show. Please, step up! I have switched internet providers. Please use this address

only dave@mccannco.net.

See you all after we return from Key West. By the way, Linda & I are celebrating our 40th anniversary together, down there, thanks to our son!

Octagonally,
Dave

Welcome New Member

Submitted by Carole Looft

Robert & Cheryl Nuessgen -
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78 Midget

Member Featured Car of the Month

Dave & Carol Estell's 1965 Iris Blue MGB

Dave Estell

The story, as I know it, of my 1965 Iris Blue MGB, (VIN# GHN3L66771), begins with James Downton of Cinti, whom some of you may know. James found the car in a garage somewhere in Kentucky, like a number of our MGs, with varmint nests & years worth of trash inside everything. James cleaned it up as best he could, and I'm told took it to The Antique Auto Shop in Elsmere, Ky. for restoration. They wouldn't touch it in the condition it was in, so James took it elsewhere to be worked up to the condition that the Antique Auto Shop would put their name on it. From the receipts I have, about \$22,000 later we have the car that motivated me to sell my '78' -B- that Carol had given me for my 50th. Birthday; the MG that so many of you have helped me keep on the road over the years. Carol said I couldn't have two in a 2 car garage, so after about 6 months one of them had to go. But I've gotten ahead of myself. To celebrate completion of the restoration, James and his wife took

a vacation, and she came home in a motherly way, and had to quit her job. That was it for Dad's toy car. My cousin John Campbell, a former club member, found the ad for this MGB in the paper for \$12,500. John grabbed it up and joined Carol and me with membership in the MGCCSWOC several years ago. As I knew John would, his enthusiasm for old British sports cars waned after a year or so, and he began talking about selling the -B-. One summer's day in '06, over several brews at TGI Friday's I asked John how serious he was about selling the car. He looked at me slyly and asked how serious I was about buying it. I told him I had a check in my wallet, and our next stop was the OHIO BMV Title Office. When Carol came home from work that night & opened the garage door to park her Avalon, there were instead two cute little MGBs sitting side by side in the garage. I got away with that until autumn, and the rest is history. I had the car professionally appraised for insurance purposes at \$14,500, so I figure I'm 2 grand ahead of the game going in. Of course we all know how long that advantage will last.



Dave & Carol Estell's 1965 Iris Blue MGB

Inskip MG TD

Editor's note – This car was listed on e-bay about a year ago. I don't know the final selling price. The following article is the description that appeared with the listing.

The J.S. Inskip Inc was an east coast importer of unique European automobiles that was started in the

1930's. In the late 1940's, Inskip became the east coast importer and distributor for MG. Inskip requested that MG built a 4 seat version of the T.D. However the small British companies did not have the manufacturing resources to comply. Inskip perceived that there was a market for a 4 seat touring car similar to the earlier MG-Y. In skip took 12 T.D's and performed the Inskip conversion. The chassis was lengthened by 10 inches, drive shaft and brakes lines were lengthened, new running boards and doors were fabricated and, of course, new front and rear seats were fitted. Although it is not know how many Inskip T.D's are know to survive, this car #TD 23255 is one of the 12 that were produced. It is a beautifully restored example sporting a deep red finish, a black leather interior and a black cloth convertible top. Inskip added a unique Lion radiator ornament to each of the 12 cars. This car still retains this rare item. The car is equipped with the chrome side spear unique to the Inskip, tear drop running boards, wire wheels, chrome luggage rack, fog lamps, tri-bar headlamps and a complete set of side curtains. It is rare that one of these unique motorcars is found and even rare that one is offered for sale.



Upcoming Out of Town MG Events

April 11-12-13, 2008 - Silver Springs, Florida -GOF XLII 2008 presented by the Suncoast Classic MG Club. Come and have "Fun in the Sun" at the original Florida tourist attraction - Silver Springs - home of the glass bottom boats and where "Sea Hunt" and "Tarzan" movies were filmed. More information is available at <http://www.britishcarclub.net> or mgrick@mgcars.org.uk.

April 19 and 20 2008 - Missouri Endurance Rallye (soon to be renamed the Missouri Enthusiast Rally). Illinois has passed a law that forbids driving events that tests a driver's endurance. While the MER is not a test of the driver's endurance, it is definitely one that tests the "endurance" of our classic cars and since we're really "enthusiastic" about driving our 25+ year old cars, we'll change the name to reflect that fact. As in years past, the MER is about driving our classic British vehicles with their antiquated systems (none of that electronic controlled, computer assisted mumbo-jumbo for us!) over some great roads while trying to test your navigation skills using only paper maps (no laptops or GPS for us either!). Any British vehicle built before 1982 (with no modern engine swaps or modern engine systems) is welcome. This is all Old School at its best!

There will be a full-version and a mini-version of the rally. You'll be given a list of locations that you must go to (you pick the order and the route to take to all the stops). The team who can successfully navigate the stops while covering the least number of miles – wins. This is not a timed or speed event. All competitors must seal their license in an envelope and if opened or if a ticket is given; the team is disqualified for unsafe driving. Teams must obey all traffic laws and drive in a safe, prudent manner.

If you are interested in participating but do not have a navigator (or a driver/car for that matter), let me know and I will spread the word to see if anyone else is looking for a partner. For info go to www.stlouismgclub.com.

May 18, 2008 - Sunday, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

British Car Day - Columbus, Ohio

Location: QUAKER STEAK & LUBE - Columbus, Ohio I-71 & Polaris Parkway - Lyra Drive - behind Shell, Tim Horton's & Arbys ***** NEW LOCATION *****

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Saturday, May 24, 2008 The Central Ohio British Car Club Council invites all driving enthusiasts, regardless of vehicle make, model or type, to join us on Riverrun 2008. Riverrun is a 300+ mile, all-day driving tour using some of Ohio's most interesting and challenging roads. This year we'll go southeast through the Hocking Hills to Pomeroy. After a meal at a local diner or a picnic on the riverbank (recommended), we'll drive northeast along the Ohio River to the historic riverfront village of Little Hocking. There we'll pickup the ever popular SR 555 to Zanesville and Tom's Ice Cream Bowl. Cars leave the Bob Evans at US 33 and Gender Road, near Canal Winchester, between 8 and 9 am. We should be at the Ohio River around noon and finish by 6 pm., depending on the time spent sightseeing. There is no fixed schedule nor any assigned speeds. This is a tour rather than a rally. Call Eric Jones at (740) 363-2203 or e-mail rexkarrs@gmail.com to reserve your spot. There is a \$5.00 fee to cover expenses. Any profit will be donated to Canine Companions; in 2007, we donated \$200.

Sunday, June 1, 2008 Perrysburg, Ohio Come join the Lake Erie British Car Club for our 10th

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annual "The British Return to Fort Meigs" British Car and Bike show, located at the Fort Meigs Historical Site, Route 65, Perrysburg, Ohio. While you show your car, you can take a tour of a restored fort from the War of 1812, try a challenging British car quiz, shop at one of our vendors, or sample some tasty delights from one of our food vendors. Voting will be by popular vote. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Ohio Historical Society. Contact: Tony Shoviak. Phone: 419-878-2041. Email: Tenntony@worldnet.att.net. Website: <http://lakeeriebritishnews.home.att.net>.

June 25th - June 30th MG 2008, Valley Forge, PA

Classifieds

For Sale: 1972 MGB/GT. In need of restoration. Call Mike McCall for info. 513-320-0779. (4/08)

For Sale: 1974MGB. Last year for chrome bumpers. Excellent body, new tonneau cover never used, luggage rack on trunk, convertible top in good condition. Engine, brakes, transmission in excellent condition. Good rubber. Originally titled in California. Taken to Florida then brought to Dayton. Not driven in snow and ice and rarely in rain. Less than 60,000 original miles. Citron color. Asking \$6100.00 CONTACT: Bill or Jan 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT at 937-228-3433 or 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. EDT 937-433-6174. (3/08)

For Sale: 1962 MGA MK II. Runs great, but body has usual rust in sills and dog legs. Has rebuilt (approx 10K miles ago) 5-main MGB engine. Front end and brake system rebuilt. 72-spoke wire wheels, including spare. Many spare parts, including inner sill kit from Todd Clarke, outer sills, carpet kit, bumpers, Moss floorboard kit, wire harness. Selling because I want to restore my MGBGT. \$7,500. Car located in Columbus, Oh. Can send further info and pictures. Joe Mercer, mgarage@columbus.rr.com. (3/08)

For Sale: 1980 MGB. White with black interior. 62,000 Miles. Weber down draft carburetor. Runs well, but could use new battery and turn signal switch. Hazard lights work, but not turn signals. Located in Cincinnati. Asking \$6500.00. Call Juli or Rob King (513) 598-6134. (3/08)

For Sale: 79 MGB for parts (questionable title). Bought off ebay but then had title signed too many times. Bad title. Ran when parked. California car. Great donor. More pics to SERIOUS buyer. \$1600 delivered to NE Ohio or Chicago area. I never tried to run it. Have keys. Needs top. Nice example to restore or reshell your rusty car. Complete. billmg@yahoo.com. The price is firm. \$500 deposit and \$1000 CASH upon delivery.

For Sale: Early MGB parts. \$50. takes all of it! 1 Early B starter (62-67), condition unknown, but includes rare and often missing shaft cap (worth \$85. to Moss as a core). 2 early B half-shafts and wire wheel hubs (fine thread) 1 inner sill repair panel. 1 beat-up front bumper. 1 Super Sport bias ply tire in good condition (would look great as the spare in your restored early B boot). Kent Miller 937.299.3837.

For Sale: 1976 MG Midget convertible with hardtop attachment, 30,000 miles, has always been in garage, no rust, needs some interior repair. Exterior condition excellent. Will negotiate price. Located in Canal Winchester, OH. Ellen Taylor, 1-614-882-4188.

For Sale: 67 MG Midget. 62,000 original miles. 2nd owner. Recent frame-up restoration. New: undercoating and hardened sealer, chrome everywhere, brake cylinders, rotors, pads, battery, solenoid, etc, etc. \$17,000 or best offer, Kirk Kubik, 562-209-1234.

For Sale: MGB parts ; many new and used hoses, switches, gaskets, parts, 2 rosestyle wheels, 2 wire wheels, short block, 2 heads (both need cracked valve seats repaired, asking \$400 obo, also an engine stand asking \$25 obo contact Bob Fletcher cell (500)500-4511 or home (500)225-9306 location Lagrange KY (20 mi E of Louisville).

MG Car Club Minutes, March 26, 2008

Sam Hodges

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 (*...it might have been right on time at 8:00 – depending on whose watch you use...*) In an effort to raise our literary credibility, and in a really far stretch at qualifying for a U.S. Government Arts grant, this month's minutes are being brought to you by the former producers of Masterpiece Theatre (*yeah, they've fallen that far...*) The MGCC March Minutes.

President's Report. Dave McCann spoke and with great reverence we all gathered nigh and listened. We listened for the words of wisdom that would spew forth... "Since our son's back with us, he's brought back all of these good magazines..." And from the corner, a voice of dissent, Lois Gribler, [as if said by Beavis and/or Butthead] "...huh, huh, huh, huh..." President Dave rebutted her remarks, "Road & Track, Auto, Car, etc." Lois G. "Oh, those kinds of magazines..." with a tone that indicated that she totally didn't believe or that she was trying to create an inference of disbelief. We'll never truly know. Lois is in rare form tonight (*at least she's here...*).

Our fearless President continued. He told a story of great courage. A story of great hardship. A story that will be passed down through the generations. A story that future generations might someday sing songs about. It was a story about painting a house. Apparently, once upon a time, Dave was painting a house. Upon noticing that he had a bucket of switch plates that needed to be reinstalled, Dave suggested, "Why don't we hide one?" His fair First Lady Linda countered with the suggestion, "No, why don't we add one?"



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President Dave then regaled us with a story about Al Moss and his hijinks out in California.

In spite of her earlier heckling, it is at this point in the meeting that our brave leader called for a round of applause for the Gribblers and their recent St. Patrick's Day party. Lois G. offered praise for the turkey smokers. In a Henry VIII moment, our leader hoisted the final wing of the mighty bird aloft and toasted our host. Dave G. "I had the last of the wings today." Lois G. announced that "someone left a pair of glasses at their house. They must have fallen out of someone's pocket on the bed." The usual juvenile uproar...

Pres. McCann announced that he had forgotten his outline and clipboard. He therefore will demonstrate his keen mind and sharp wit by running the meeting entirely from his memory. "Uh, no, it's not time for new business." Dave Gribler, "Beer break?" Huh? "No, it's probably a bit early for beer break." Pres. McCann is now working from a copy of the newsletter. Dave, "This might be a quick meeting."

Our **Vice President** being absent, we now move on to the **Minutes** report. The court Jester offered up a lovely pantomime of the events of last month's meeting involving 3 marionettes, 6 pounds of ham and a monkey. While some thought that the ham was overkill, there were no corrections. Dick Smith motions to accept the minutes as reported in the newsletter. Bonnie Hankey seconds. Filling in for Eddie, Terry Happensack opposed. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report. Treasurer Kathy Goodman reported that we had Total Income of: Membership Dues (\$46.50) + Regalia (\$55.00) = **A Total Income of \$101.50.** Total Expenses: Hall Rental Fees (\$45.00) + Trailer Rehab (\$357.07) + Shirts (\$236.18) + Gumball (\$5.00) + Octagon News (\$67.20) = **A Total Expense of \$710.45.** **Total Gain to the MGCC was \$608.95,** that when subtracted from our existing Treasury balance of \$2,615.53 equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$2,006.58.** Dave Gribler moves that the report be accepted as read. Bill Hammond seconds. Report approved. Kathy G. "My phone number on the front of the newsletter is no longer valid." (*I have to point out here, that she didn't give us a new number...*)

Dave Gribler, "We have a \$248.00 bill for liability insurance." Dick Goodman, "Is the policy that we have (\$1 million) enough coverage? Think about hitting a school bus." John Wolfe, "That's okay, they'd just sue the officers..." (*HEY! Wait a minute...*) Dave G., "We could probably tack on another million and not double our policy. It's not due until May 19th." Kathy Goodman, "I'll look into that expanding our coverage and seeing how much that will cost."

Membership. We have a visitor this week. Bob Newstead who owns a 1978 Midget is with us tonight. Dave McCann, "What's going on? The last 3 members have all had Midgets." Ryan, "They must be giving them away."

Sunshine Committee. "What's up with Louie?" He's home and doing well according to reports. He's probably more interested in staying home and watching the ball game. Hammond, "...or Ethyl." Joe Hooker went to see LaVonda Kinney. The '58 Chevy and the '61 Rolls Royce have both been sold.

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Website. St. Patrick's Day pictures are now out on the website. Members' cars are also on there – the ones we have profiles for. Linda Wolfe and Mike Maloney both had trouble downloading from the website, but once they were e-mailed, they were fine. Both Mike and Linda are on AOL dial-up... (*Carrier pigeon would probably be faster...*)

Newsletter. The Town Crier, Steve Markman wished to express his thanks for the articles on what people do with their cars. Steve, "That's what I like to see."

Activities. Eddie Hill isn't here but the scouts have returned with their reports. Apparently, there is a monthly gathering of the British Breakfast Club the last Saturday of the month at the Quaker Steak and Lube across from Wright State. Sir Hammond reports that Saturday April 26th is the Tune-Up Clinic at MG Automotive. The Second Street Market show will be held on May 17th. Check the Activities section of the newsletter for more information.

Beer Break – "Louie's not here, we can't have one..." 8:20.
Back from break – 8:40.

Old Business. Supply trailer... Ron, "I removed the rest of the filler and now it's at Scotts'. He'll have it done by the middle of April – hopefully." The trunk lid is going to have to be worked on and Dave Gribler said that he's got an extra seal that he'll donate to the cause. Carole Looft reports that after examination, the side trim pieces are just plain old side pieces and replacing them won't be a problem.

New Business. BCD – There was a meeting last night (Tuesday March 25th) and Skip reports that they're looking for a volunteer to get door prizes. Price is up to \$15 for registration, we're honoring the Austin Healey Sprite. Additionally, there are new classes for Land Rover. Jennifer Peterson is concerned that there's not enough room in Louie's truck, so she wants to rent a U-Haul. The Biglers' have a big sign, and we can put it out the day of the show, but we'll need people to help with that as well. Additionally, we also really need someone to oversee the door prizes. We've got a list of past donors, but we really need someone to take charge of the committee this year.

Tech Tips: Ron, "We've had problems with sticking throttle cables. DuPont Teflon Multi use lubricant is what seems to have done the trick." Dick Smith, "If the cable still sticks, then try checking the ground. A bad ground will find the next best path and the throttle cable is as good as anything."

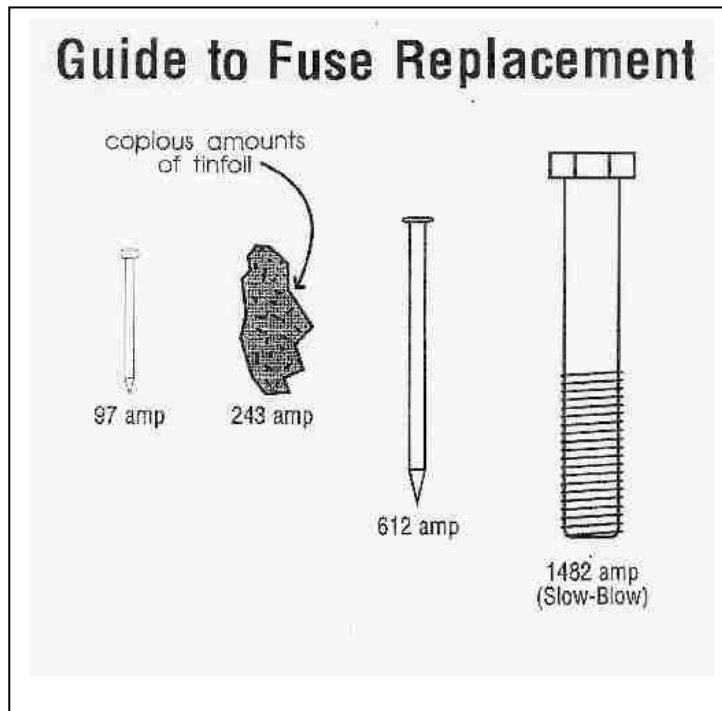
Hammond, "I decided that I would try to get some brighter lights for that dash board." Steve Powell, "Try getting the cataracts removed..." Hammond, "There's a place in NY that makes bulbs for medical devices and they're available from Moss under Triumph parts. You have to change the harness to do this but the result is a much brighter dash board. Pres. McCann, "Try bypassing the dimmer switch altogether. It actually works as a resistor and will cause the lights to dim somewhat." Steve Veris, "There are actually LED lights that are made for our cars." Apparently the name of the company is Welsh Allen (a division of Honeywell) makes the medical bulbs and they're about \$6 per.

Museum. Dick Smith had a meeting with the freelance editor of the Xenia gazette and they're going to do a two week article on the museum. Everything is moving ahead on the Second Street Market show. The raffle car will be auctioned off at the Second Street Market Show.

Ryan Looft won Gumball.

Dick Smith motioned to adjourn, Ron Parks seconded motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.



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