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Concours Pictures

President McCann's Farwell Address



From the President

Dave McCann

Well this is it my final column. Remember, elections are Sept. 24. So your through with me.

Farewell

Adios

Au Revoir

Arrivecerdi

Auf Wiedersehen

And on & on. But! One more thing. I just finished a concour tour with Ron Parks. He graciously asked me to be his navigator. Then I was handed a AAA Trip Tick, a whole page of printed directions, then we played follow the leader. So much for my navigating skills.

And AND Dave G.& Dave Jr. can you imagine taking a drive in sunny weather, 80 degrees, with the top up? I was embarrassed. Actually it was a



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, September 24, 2008

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Sep:

20 - Covered Bridge Tour

24 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

Oct:

22 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

Nov:

19 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

great day, ending at the Packard Museum with wine & hor' d'ourves.

Thank you all for allowing me this opportunity this past year.

Dave



Thanks to outgoing president Dave McCann for seeing us through another great year!!

Membership Renewal Time

Carole Looft

September is the month for membership renewals. You can bring your dues to the next meeting or send them to:

P.O. Box 20032
Dabel Branch
Dayton, Oh 45420-0032

Renewals are again \$18/year. If you need to make any corrections or additions to the information we have on hand for you, drop a note along with your payment, and we will update our records.

Welcome New Members

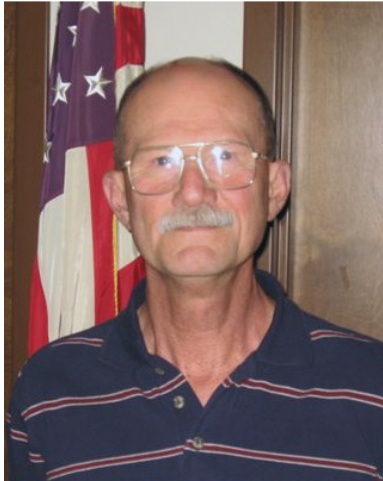
Carole Looft

We have two members this month that I would like to tell you about. One is a new member to the club, and the other is a returning former member.

New member, Tim Dunham, has owned his primrose yellow MGC GT since May. He saw it advertised in the paper, and liked the flowing body style that is unique to the GT. Because the MGC was only produced for three years, and the fact that the car has a six cylinder engine, were a few reasons why Tim was drawn to this car. He finds it quite comfortable, roomy and a car that he can work on himself.



Tim Dunham



Glenn Martin

In the past, Steve Powell has done some work on this car, and even though the car looks quite presentable, Tim has started a complete body restoration. When finished, the car will have all the rust removed and new primrose paint resprayed along with five coats of clear finish added. There is a small list of 'to do' things that Tim would like to get done over the winter months, but he enjoys the challenge of those tasks. Like all of us, Tim really enjoys the country drives in his MG, and in his spare time finds model trains and target shooting relaxing hobbies.

Glenn and Judy Marin are returning to the club after a hiatus. As we know, Glenn was the winner of the 1977 MGB that was given away in the raffle as part of a fund raiser for the British Museum of Transportation. Glenn has owned four other MGs in the last 40 years, and in addition to his newest MG, also owns a 1967 Triumph Spitfire, and a Mazda Miata. Glenn enjoys taking part in cruise-ins, and also finds time to enjoy fishing and birding.

Tim and Glenn, it's good to have you as a part of our club, and we hope to see those cars around the parking lot often!

Member Featured Car of the Month

Larry & Gloria Youngblood's Rubber Bumper MGB

Larry Youngblood

About six years ago, a former welding student of mine called me on the phone and asked if I still had my Midget and if I was interested in another MG. Of course, I had to go look. I drove down to Carlisle and there it was outside on the driveway, covered in a very ratty blue tarp. I pulled it back and what I saw was rough: interior basically gone, no top, engine froze up, sills and fenders rusted but other than the top, it was all there. He wanted \$700, I offered \$500. At the time I had no way of having the car delivered to me so I offered him \$20 to trailer it to the school where I work.

Once at the school (end of school year) I had my few remaining students, (all the rest were out cooping) start tearing it down. We pulled the engine and used a 2X4 and hammer to free up the #3 piston which was "welded" to the cylinder. I gave the engine to the engine rebuild class for renewing and continued to strip the car down.



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I then moved the car to my garage at home and got it up on jack stands. I then removed the rusty sills, inner panel and castle rail. I welded in all new metal and of course, new dog leg panels.

The front fenders were gone, so I had to find new ones. I found a good, used fender in Arizona and the other was a perfect NOS item from Matthews Parts in Birmingham, AL.

It also had some minor rust issues at various places on the floor and footwells – a few patches and good to go.

In the meantime, I was busy ordering new parts, interior components, etc. I got to know the UPS guy very well!

I wanted to do the bodywork and paint the car myself but after 5 years of slowly working on the car, I decided to let the Autobody students at the CTC work on the car. It took them the entire school year to finish it but they finally got the car done and I trailered it home for final assembly. The original color of the car was Tahiti Blue. I had my wife pick the new color which is '02 Ford Mustang Mineral Gray.

As I was assembling the car, I have found various flaws in the paint but I wanted a "driver" so I am not too concerned. Over all, I was very happy with the work they did. The engine rebuild came out nice and has been running for the last couple of years with no problems.

In 2007, I took the car to its first two car shows and a lot of folks really liked the color and various other little details that I have made such as the Fiero seats, wood cup holder, Bimimi top.

This year (2008) I went to Columbus and received first place...quite a surprise! On its second outing at the Cincinnati show, I also took first place which shocked the heck out of me considering the quality of the other cars there. My wife was talking to many people looking at the car and she told me later that one fella and his wife wanted to buy the car on the spot. I had to decline...I am not done playing with the car yet.



I have some ideas that I am toying with for additions to the car. I am not looking to keep it bone stock but not wanting to overdue the "custom" work and ruin the good looks of the MGB.

The car was built as a "fair weather" driver. It is driven almost daily in the summer and on some not-too-cold nice days in the winter months.

Pictures from Concours d' Elegance



This year, we focus on the club members who worked hard to make this year's event fun for the rest of us. And, a special big thanks to Skip Peterson (shown above), always working the last minute crises, right up to the end of the show.

Photos by Steve Markman



Classifieds

For Sale: 1961 MGA roadster. Owned since 2002 and driven under 300miles. Rebuilt trans, new floors, carpets, interior panels, master cyl, SS exhaust. Tires, top, sidecurtains VG to Exc. Very sound car found in Kentucky. Engine compartment is correct, car is dry and is a smooth driver. The damage in front did not dent the original grille. Not perfect but a very nice mostly original car. \$7400. Bob Kristof. email questions etc to bobkristof@hotmail.com or call 513-477-8494. (9/08)



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Wanted: 1500 Engine for 1959 MGA - can be a strong engine or a rebuildable candidate. Please contact Greg on 614-764-8989 or gregcv240@yahoo.com. (9/08)

For Sale: Used black top, tonneau, and roll bar for 78 Midget. All for \$150.00. Bob or Cheryl, 937-253-9935. (9/08)

For Sale: 1974 MGB, butterscotch color, 59,000 miles. It had about \$1200 of brake work done in 1998 and hardly driven since. It also has a hard top and a new battery. Runs just a little rough because of sitting for so long, but otherwise it is a good solid car. Just needs some TLC. \$5,000 or best offer. Carol Ann Williams, 427-2789. (8/08)

For Sale: Holmes County Amish-made double pedestal oak table with a 30 X 60 oak top. The top is routed out by the Amish furniture maker showing a Union Jack flag. Perfect condition. 1/4 inch thick glass plate on top. The set also includes 4 tacked leather covered oak swivel stools. This unique item needs to go due to space. I will let it go for \$800.00 much much less than my cost new. 937-253-9935, ask for Bob or Cheryl. (8/08)

For Sale: Used black top, tonneau & roll bar for 78 Midget. All for \$150.00. Call 937-253-9935, ask for Bob or Cheryl. (8/08)

Wanted: Complete solid wheel rear axle assembly for 1970 MG Midget. I am in the process of converting my Midget from wire wheels to solid disc wheels. Also need the front hubs, if available. Or, if you have a solid wheel mg midget and want to convert it to wire wheels, I would be glad to trade with you. Contact Mike Maloney at mgoctagons@aol.com, or call me at 937-776-7248. (6/08)

For Sale: White 1975 MG with 1500cc engine. Car has new wiring and is in good shape. Two red 1971 MG's with 1275cc engines. They are all original and they both run but need some body work. Asking \$2000.00 or best offer. Cars are located in Union City, IN. Jeff New 702-538-7659 or 702-289-7547 or likewnew504@hotmail.com (6/08)

Quiz – Big Names in Automotive History

Submitted by Dave McCann

___ A plumbing inventor and manufacturer built his first car in 1900

___ Founded the City of Detroit in the 17th century.

___ A Swiss race car driver and engineer built his first car in 1911 with financing by William Durant.

___ A locomotive mechanic who got into the automobile business in 1912 and publicly displayed his own first car at the 1924 NY Auto Show and selling an amazing 32,000 cars in his first year.

___ As General Manager of Auburn Auto Company he produced some of the most advanced (front-wheel drive, supercharged V8's) and beautiful cars ever under his own name. Unfortunately, they were expensive and came along during the start of the Depression.

___ Can be considered as the founder of the automobile industry when he formed Daimler Motor Company in 1890.

___ Their first car came off the assembly line in 1914. Both brothers died within less than a year of each other during the influenza epidemic in 1920.

___ A businessman, finance man, and salesman who was a self-made millionaire before ever joining the auto business. He soon bought Oldsmobile, Pontiac and Cadillac and formed General Motors. He almost bought Ford, but didn't come up with enough cash to suit Henry. He always kept himself stretched thin with his money in stocks and other businesses. He lost everything in the Depression.

___ Built the first successful American automobile and the first to offer a production model for sale to the public.

___ Designed the La Salle in 1927, the beginning of a trend towards lower and wider cars. As head of GM's styling department he invented the tail fin and designed the Corvette.

___ A mechanic, race car driver then race car team owner. His cars dominated racing for many years after WWII.

___ His tires went on the first mass-produced Fords.

___ In creating the assembly line for automobiles he also created jobs for thousands and affordable cars for millions. What he did for automobiles spilled over into other consumer goods.

___ A Chrysler designer largely responsible for the current crop of Chrysler's design of cab-forward and curved styling on everything from the minivan to the Viper.

___ The company started in 1869 has many firsts: First synthetic rubber tire, first tubeless tire, first American-made radial tire, the first space saver spare and the first "run flat" tire.

___ Accidentally discovered the rubber vulcanizing process. He patented the process, but couldn't come up with any practical uses for it and died penniless in 1860. A Tire and Rubber Company was named after him.

___ After WWII with \$3,300 he started making motorcycles.

___ Responsible for the Mustang in the early 1960's and bailing out Chrysler in early 1980's.

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___ In 1900, while a Daimler Motor Works board member, he convinced Gottlieb Daimler to build a race car and name it after his daughter, Mercedes.

___ Founded the Pontiac Buggy company in Pontiac MI in 1893. At the turn of the century he decided to switch to making “those noisy, smelly, unreliable automobiles.”

___ His highly successful “Curved Dash” runabout put Michigan on the map as a source of motor vehicles. He soon left his namesake company. Later he produced the first gasoline lawn mower.

___ A design engineer who never created a car carrying his name. That was left to his son, Ferry, to accomplish.

___ Engineer and car dealer introduced their first car in 1904.

___ Led GM to become the world’s largest corporation. Responsible for the idea of yearly styling changes.

___ After WWII he designed, built and promoted an innovative car with features, power, and aerodynamic design never before seen and at a very good price. His company folded after building 51 cars.

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| 1. Alfred P. Sloan | 14. Harley Earl |
| 2. Antoine Cadillac | 15. Harvey Firestone |
| 3. Charles Goodyear | 16. Henry Ford |
| 4. J. Frank and Charles Duryea | 17. John & Horace Dodge |
| 5. B.F. Goodrich | 18. Lee Iacocca |
| 6. David Dunbar Buick | 19. Louis Chevrolet |
| 7. E.L. Cord | 20. Preston Tucker |
| 8. Edward Murphy | 21. Ransom Olds |
| 9. Emil Jellinek | 22. Soichiro Honda |
| 10. Enzo Ferrari | 23. Tom Gale |
| 11. Ferdinand Porsche | 24. Walter P. Chrysler |
| 12. Henry Royce & Charles S. Rolls | 25. William Durant |
| 13. Gottlieb Daimler | |



MG Car Club Minutes, August 27, 2008

Sam Hodges

Meeting is called to order at 7:59 (Someone's serious tonight!)

Unfortunately we start off tonight's meeting with some sad news. Eric Jones, host of the Riverside Motors Summer Party and long time British Car enthusiast and supporter passed right after this year's picnic. The MGCC has a moment of silence in his honor.

Louie enters...

Dave McCann, "Now that Louie's here, we won't have silence for a while."

President's Report. Dave McCann, That's it. Terry do you have anything for the Vice President's Report? Terry Looft, "Huh? Me already? I don't have anything." So, that would have been the **Vice President's Report** as well. Moving on...

Minutes were next. Pres. McCann, "Do I have a motion to accept the minutes as reported? Dick Goodman motioned, Linda Wolfe **AND** Eddie Hill seconded (*Yes, I know that technically there should have been only one person who was truly second, but I was so shocked that Eddie didn't oppose*). Louie DiPasquale opposed instead (*if it's not one, it's the other...oh well*).

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Kathy Goodman reported that we had Total Income of: Membership Dues (\$7.50) + Regalia (\$30.00) = **A Total Income of \$37.50.** Total Expenses: Hall Rental Fees (\$45.00) + Postage (\$2.68) + Gumball (\$5.00) + Octagon News (\$83.90) + Picnic (\$153.82) [*Hey! When we party, we do it right!*] = **A Total Expense of \$290.40.** **Total Loss to the MGCC was \$252.90,** that when subtracted from our existing Treasury balance of \$1,409.76 equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$1,156.86.** Skip Peterson moves that the report be accepted as read. Ron Parks seconds. Report approved.

Sunshine Committee was next. Linda and Jennifer reported that Joe Hooker had news about Barb Smith (*So then what exactly are we paying you two for?! Oh, Yeah, we aren't...guess there's a reason for that...*) As of the meeting, she's had quite a battle since becoming sick on Sat. Aug. 2, just after BCD. She's been in the hospital most of the time since then, and has had two surgeries, battled pneumonia and some other problems. She was still in ICU at Kettering, but is getting better every day and things look

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brighter. Dick is hopeful she'll be moved to a regular room pretty soon. Please send some good thoughts and prayers to Dick and Barbara. (*Yeah, I just cut and pasted this from the e-mail I got about two weeks ago...*) There have been unconfirmed reports that she is currently (*as of the time I'm writing this*) back home, but they are unconfirmed. We'll keep everyone posted as to how she's doing.

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman, "No comments."

Webmaster Ron Parks, "On Saturday our host website, www.mgcars.co.uk was down, not just our website so if you had trouble getting in, don't blame me." Bill Hammond, "I saw the pictures in the newsletter, who climbed up onto the roof for the aerial shot?" Dick Goodman, "Ryan... That wasn't the first aerial. I took several in previous years." Ron, "It was in the newsletter that it was the first." Skip, "I've seen this before. The reporter nailed the editor. 'It wasn't my fault'!"

Activities. Having grown tired of using the "plethora, Eddie moves on... "We have a hodge-podge of activities this month."

Of course there's the Concours d'Elegance on Sept 14th at Carillon Park.

The following week is the Indy British Car Show. Activities start Friday

MGT's have their Bridge tour the same weekend of September 20th

The first weekend in October is the Lane Motor Museum car show and they're looking for MG's.

The 49th Annual Holiday Party has been scheduled for December 13th. (*We've only been a club for 40 years, but we've had 49 parties!?! Like I said, we do parties right!*)

Dave McCann Jr, "Eddie, you missed the British Car Show in Richmond Va."

Eddie, "Are you getting all of this?" Me, "No!" Skip, "That way he can read about it in the minutes and report on it next month." Carole Looft, "I'd like to add the 2009 MG gathering in Breckenridge. I checked on rooms and there are still some cheap rooms left but they're going fast." Terry Looft, "We'd like to make another attempt to make the top of Pikes Peak. Last time, we got about a quarter of a mile off the pavement and couldn't see the road on either side. We turned around and went back because I knew what was there even though I couldn't see it."

Next year is the last MGA gathering in Key West for a while, Lois Gribler, "It's great..." Dave Gribler, "PARTY!!!"

Dave McCann, institutes a new segment to tonight's meeting, **Lost & Found**. "I've got a pair of eye glasses that I've been carrying around for a while." Terry L., "If only they had their glasses so that they could read the newsletter to see that their glasses were found!"

Concours. Anything we need to discuss? Ron is dealing with the class marshals. Any one looking to volunteer needs to contact Skip. They've got 200 cars and 20 motorcycles. Skip, "We're actually rejecting cars now." Terry L. "Too bad Louie..." We don't have the parking area that we did last year, but Skip and Ron will be there early so if you see their two MGs' parked together, then park there.

Terry Looft, "Speaking of *OLD* business, I was surprised but I wish that I could have had some rebuttals prepared. Thank you all for the surprise party at the picnic. Dave G, "How's the view from the top of the hill?" Terry, "I'm not quite there yet, I'm still clawing my way up just a little." Kathy G., "You'll have to start sitting up here at this table."

Linda Wolfe, "How's the ~~beer~~ supplies trailer?" Terry, "It's doing just fine. We just need to have another bondo party. It's looking good otherwise."

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Jennifer Peterson, “Is BCD Old business? I’d like to thank all of the people who volunteered and helped out.” Dave McCann, “I’ve got a narrow window of comfort and I thought it was just right, although I heard someone say that if it were a bit hotter we’d have sold more water.” Skip, “Oh! By the way, the vendor with the RV and the trailer was giving out FREE water!” Jennifer P., “Someone beat him.” Skip “Any rough ideas on BCD figures yet, Dave?” Dave G., “Rough figures going to probably be about a 2 with three zeros to each club.” MGCC collectively, “WHOA!”

President Dave, “Louie, what time is it?”

Louie, “It’s time for a Beer Break.” 8:23 Beer break.

Back from break at 8:41.

Kathy G. looked at the financial records and reported that last year each club made about \$1250 so this years’ haul is quite a bit better.

Pres. McCann, “I made a terrible faux pas in the first half and I forgot **Membership**.”

Carole Looft, “Over the month, we gained five members. Three were renewals, but we did get two new members. Michael Quilter of London, OH who owns a 1974½ MGB GT and a 1976 MGB Roadster joined as well as Walt & Joanne Bussell of Beavercreek, OH, owners of a 1969 MGB GT and a 1976 MGB Roaster. Welcome to the club! Currently we are at 101 members, 40 of whom were at the picnic.”

Dave McCann, “Speaking of the picnic, a round of applause for the Goodman’s and the picnic!”

More **BCD** news. We did have to raise the cost of entering a car from \$10 to \$15 simply because our costs have gone up. T-shirts have doubled since we started, as has the food so we couldn’t really stay at \$10 since the cost of the shirts alone is over \$6 after the screening. Skip, “We did have some garbage issues. Ranger, ‘We’re under new management...wink, wink...’ There was only one trash collection all show. We’ll have to address that before next years show.” Someone needs to send Dayton Wire Wheels a thank you for them letting us use their van.

(Secretarial Aside: To Dayton Wire Wheels. We greatly appreciate your lending us the van for BCD purposes, and if we can return the favor it will be with this piece of advice. If you see any DUI checkpoints, I’d avoid them with that van. You’ll probably fail the sniff test once you roll down the window. Sincerely, MGCCSOC. Oh, P.S. I’d also avoid the local Quickie-Mart, as that van MIGHT have been used in a nasty transaction involving the disappearance of a slurpee machine.)

Kathy G., “We need to have restroom signs pointing out the restrooms.” Skip, “We can have the men go down by the river. Women can go...” Hammond, “...by the Triumphs.”

Next years BCD is going to be special. It happens to coincide with the 100 year anniversary of the Morgan, and the 50 year anniversaries of the Mini and Sunbeam. We’re planning accordingly is all we can say at this point in time. Skip, “Most shows are down 10-20% while BCD was off by only 3%. We had 297 pre-registered cars of which 281 were counted at the show.”

For some reason we went down the whole Triumph jokes path... Louie, “Come on Ron help me out.” Ron, “Hey, stop it...” (Um...Yeah,... Okay...Moving on...) Eddie, “Louie, how’s your Italian dinner coming?” Louie, “It’s Sept 7th, the weekend after Labor day at the Bella Villa on County Line road. It starts Friday, 5-11, then Saturday until 11 and Sun until 8. We’ve got a lot of good Italian food, wine and lasagna so be there!”

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Pres. McCann has a flyer for the nomination/election of the NAMGBR Secretary... We also need a motion to allocate the funds to pay out Mother Club dues. Single membership is £34, about \$70 according to Graham Cooper. Phil Johnson motioned, Kathy Goodman seconded. Eddie objected to the renewal.

Any news about the Museum? Covered bridge tour is Sept 20th. Terry Looft, "I wanted to talk about a fall drive. We could probably do the museum of covered bridges in Rockville, Indiana. It's on the other side of Indianapolis so we figure that this trip would be no more than three or four days at the most..." Over in Indiana, there's a Ken Dody memorial bridge tour that Ron's going to look into. Eddie, I just realized that there's a covered bridge right off of I-35.

Moving on to non-covered bridge events Skip reports that, "If the club would like to do a fall tour, there's a 72 mile drive down to Caesars Creek. It's about three hours total and it's the drive that the Concours cars are taking on the Saturday prior to the Concours. If we planned it for about the first Sunday in October (the 5th) and start about 12:30 at Carillon it could/should be a nice drive."

Dar Planeaux, "The third floor of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum is now open, so that's something else to think about.

President McCann, "Maybe we could donate \$50 for the cancer fund in Eric Jones' name to the Mesothelioma fund." Skip, "That sounds a little cheap. It should at least be \$75." Terry, "I think about \$100 should be enough." Pres. Dave, "Do I have a motion?" Terry Looft moved it should be a \$100 donation. Skip seconded. Club approved. Kathy G., "Someone has to spell it for me for the check. Glen Marin, "That's o-n-e h-u-n-d-r-e-d."

For Sale.

Phil Johnson reports that his visitor to one of our recent meeting, Marcus Montanyo, is looking for a TD so if anyone knows of one see Phil. There's currently one in the newsletter for \$12K but I think Phil's already looked at that one.

Graham Cooper won Gumball Rallye.

Louie motioned to scram.

We're gone at 9:10. – Really? 9:10? It seems like I took a TON of notes tonight... Hmmm...



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