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Sam's 40th

Thanks to our Veterans



From the President

Skip Peterson

I'm just back from a short but always great drive in the MGB. It's sunny and 72 degrees outside and I'm guessing this might be the last top down ride for 2008. But it's also getting close to putting the B away for a winter's nap.

This serves as my little reminder to spend a little time working on your car before storage, so when it gets warm in the spring, you're ready to go.

Change your oil and top up all the fluids. Check the antifreeze and make sure it's a 50/50 mix of water and antifreeze. Give it a good wash and a fresh coat of wax. Clean the interior and detail it with a good quality leather/vinyl protectant. Put the same protectant on all the rubber seals.

Check the tire pressure and also give them a shot of the rubber protectant. Shoot a dose of



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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, November 19, 2008

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Nov:

9 – British MOT Spaghetti Dinner
19 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

Dec:

13 – Holiday Party at the Goodman's

Jan:

28 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

WD-40 on the throttle linkage and cables under the hood. Be sure to either pull the battery and store it off the floor, or attach a trickle charger for winter.

My last tip before you put the cloth car cover on, leave the parking brake OFF. Those brake shoes can rust to the drums in just a few months. Now close all the windows and vents, put a cup of mothballs on the floor of the interior to keep the mice and varmints out and put the cover on. It was a great summer for driving, but spring will be here before you know it.

For those who haven't paid their dues for this year, this is a gentle reminder to do so. If you still haven't paid by December, we're going to drop you from the e-mail distribution list and also from the newsletter list. Then you won't be able to read the very entertaining minutes from

our meetings.

We're meeting on the third Wednesday this month due to Thanksgiving, so mark Nov. 19th on the calendar for the meeting. December is our Holiday Party on the 13th at the Goodman's and we'll meet for the first time in 2009 on January 28th.

Also, there is no newsletter in December, so this is it until mid January.

Cheers
Skip

Reminder -Membership Renewal Time

Carole Looft

If you have not renewed your membership, now is the time! Dues can be brought to the meeting or sent to:

P.O. Box 20032
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Renewals are again \$18/year. If you need to make any corrections or additions to the information we have for our club roster, drop a note along with your payment, and we will update our records.



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veterans, this and
every month!

MGCCSWOC Holiday Party December 13th

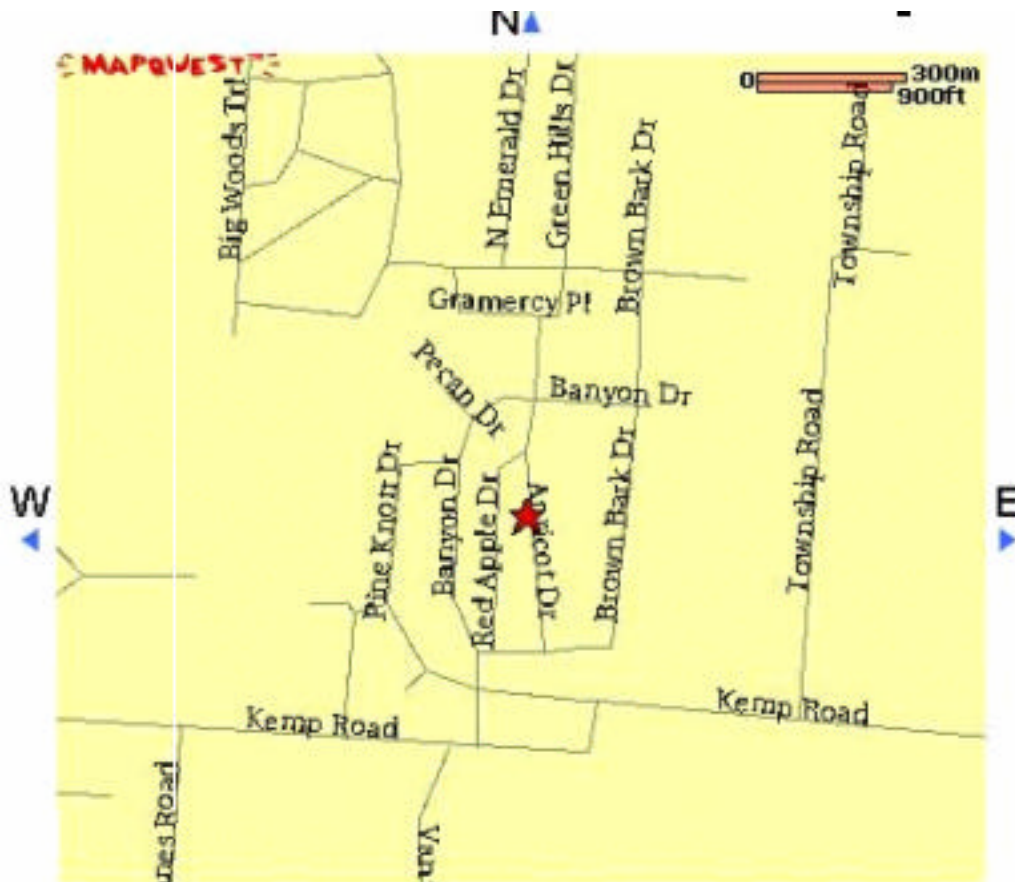
Dave McCann

Yes, it is that time of year again! Remember our holiday party will be December 13 at 7:00 P.M.. Dick Goodman graciously agreed to open his house to us, as he has a lot more room and his home is centrally located. I'll smoke a turkey or some salmon like last year.

Please bring a snack, covered dish, desert or whatever. If you haven't been to this event, it is not a sit down dinner, just mostly hors d'oeuvres. We'll furnish soft drinks, plates, cups and flatware. BYOB if you want something stronger. Bring a gag gift, one for each adult in your party. Just don't bring used lawn mower parts! We never spend too much, just ask Sam! Feel free to call with questions. Cell 937-206-0293.

Hope to see you there.

Here are directions and a map, but just in case, Dick's phone number is 426-4161. From I-675, go south on Fairfield. From I-35, go north on Fairfield. Turn east on Kemp road from N. Fairfield road. (If you're coming south on Fairfield Road from the I-675 & the Fairfield commons mall, turn left on Kemp road. If your coming north on Fairfield from I-35, turn right) Once you're on Kemp, turn left on Banyon, then take the 2nd right which will be Apricot. Address is 2355 Apricot.



Yes...it happens...even to the best of us...

Sam's 40th Birthday Party



We had a great time at the Packard Museum. Thanks to Diana and the girls for including the club in the celebration.

Member Featured Car of the Month

Bob & Cheryl Nuessgen's '78' MG Midget

Bob Nuessgen as interviewed by Ron Parks

It took two tries to buy our MG. The first time, we took an Italian detour on the way to buying the MG. When en route to Hamilton OH to look at the MG, we made a stop in Miamisburg to look at a '72' Fiat 850 Spider for which we had seen an ad. We bought it instead. Then about six months later, we saw that the ad for the MG Midget was still in the Trading Post and that they had lowered the price by \$500. They still had it setting in their driveway; so we went down there and ended up buying it for \$2300. This was about ten years ago, so for a few years we had two sports cars. We sold the Fiat to a neighbor three years ago, and he's been letting it rust to pieces in his driveway. He wants to sell it back to us, but it's no longer worth buying. It's a shame.

The former owner of the Midget had glued indoor/outdoor carpet in it. So, one of my first projects was to remove the seats and replace the carpet. After much scraping, I was able to get the old carpet removed. The car set in the garage for about a year while we were dealing with some family health issues. Besides, I didn't know anything about MGs, nor did I have any books or repair manuals. I went online and ordered Moss and Victoria British catalogs at some point and began ordering parts a few at a time. One of my first purchases was new seat covers, followed shortly by new hoses.

It needs a lot of work that I don't know how to do, which is one reason I joined the MG Car Club—so I can pick some brains. The front end, and the rear end, too, for that matter; needs to be rebuilt, with all new bushings, etc. I also have two new U Joints that are still setting in the box. I have a new water pump that is still setting in the box, because I don't have a puller to pull the old one off. If any of you have any experience with any of this on a Midget—please, I'm all ears for advice!

I have been changing the interior to the biscuit color to match the top I purchased about two years ago. Steve Miller of MG Automotive put the new top on for me and did an excellent job.

As far as I know the car is the original orange color from the factory. At least it is the same color inside the trunk, which is a good indicator. I put some tan stripes on the side to hide a bondo repair on the door from when I was backing the car into the garage. I also took the mirrors off and covered the holes with Union Jack refrigerator magnets.

The longest trip we've taken in the MG was to Cedarville. We're a little leery of getting too far away from home with it. We took the car to the British Car Meet at the Market last May, which was our first outing to a British car show. We're looking forward to future club events and having fun with our MG Midget.



Bob and Cheryl Nuessgen and their 1978 MG Midget

We have a bit of space to fill, so here's another installment of

Good Things to Know

(some you may not want to try)

(editor's note – I haven't tried any of these, so I can't verify a bit of this)

1. Budweiser beer conditions the hair
2. Pam cooking spray will dry finger nail polish
3. Cool whip will condition your hair in 15 minutes
4. Mayonnaise will KILL LICE, it will also condition your hair
5. Elmer's Glue - paint on your face, allow it to dry, peel off and see the dead skin and blackheads if any will peel away.
6. Shiny Hair - use brewed Lipton Tea
7. Sunburn - empty a large jar of Nestea into your bath water
8. Minor burn - Colgate or Crest toothpaste
9. Burn your tongue? Put sugar on it!
10. Arthritis? WD-40 Spray and rub in! Kills insect stings too
11. Bee stings - meat tenderizer
12. Chigger bite - Preparation H
13. Puffy eyes - Preparation H
14. Paper cut - crazy glue or chap stick (glue is used instead of sutures at most hospitals)
15. Stinky feet - Jello!
16. Athletes feet - cornstarch
17. Fungus on toenails or fingernails - Vicks vapor rub
18. Kool aid to clean dishwasher pipes. Just put in the detergent section and run a cycle, it will also clean a toilet. (Wow, and we drink this stuff)
19. Kool Aid can be used as a dye in paint also Kool Aid in Dannon plain yogurt as a finger paint, your kids will love it and it won't hurt them if they eat it!
20. Peanut butter - will get scratches out of CD's! Wipe off with a coffee filter paper
21. Sticking bicycle chain - Pam no-stick cooking spray
22. Pam will also remove paint, and grease from your hands! Keep a can in your garage for your hubby
23. Peanut butter will remove ink from the face of dolls
24. When the doll clothes are hard to put on, sprinkle with corn starch and watch them slide on
25. Heavy dandruff - pour on the vinegar!
26. Body paint - Crisco mixed with food colorin! g. Heat the Crisco in the microwave, pour in to an empty film container and mix with the food color of your choice!
27. Tie Dye T-shirt - mix a solution of Kool Aid in a container, tie a rubber band around a section of the T-shirt and soak
28. Preserving a newspaper clipping - large bottle of club soda and cup of milk of magnesia, soak for 20 min. and let dry, will last for many years!
29. A Slinky will hold toast and CD's!
30. To keep goggles and glasses from fogging, coat with Colgate toothpaste
31. Wine stains, pour on the Morton salt and watch it absorb into the salt.
32. To remove wax - Take a paper towel and iron it over the wax stain, it will absorb into the towel.
33. Remove labels off glassware etc. rub with Peanut butter!
34. Baked on food - fill container with water, get a Bounce fabric softener and the static from the Bounce

towel will cause the baked on food to adhere to it. Soak overnight. Also; you can use 2 Efferdent tablets, soak overnight!

35. Crayon on the wall - Colgate toothpaste and brush it!

36. Dirty grout - Listerine

37. Stains on clothes - Colgate

38. Grass stains - Karo Syrup

39. Grease Stains - Coca Cola, it will also remove grease stains from the driveway overnight. We know it will take corrosion from car batteries!

40. Fleas in your carpet? 20 Mule Team Borax- sprinkle and let stand for 24 hours. Maybe this will work if you get them back again.

41. To keep FRESH FLOWERS longer Add a little Clorox, or 2 Bayer aspirin, or just use 7-up instead of water.

42. When you go to buy bread in the grocery store, have you ever wondered which is the freshest, so you "squeeze" for freshness or softness? Did you know that bread is delivered fresh to the stores five days a week? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each day has a different color twist tie. They are: Monday = Blue, Tuesday = Green, Thursday = Red, Friday = White and Saturday = Yellow.

So if today was Thursday, you would want red twist tie; not white which is Fridays (almost a week old)! The colors go alphabetically by color Blue- Green - Red - White - Yellow, Monday through Saturday. Very easy! to remember. I thought this was interesting. I looked in the grocery store and the bread wrappers DO have different twist ties, and even the ones ! with the plastic clips have different colors.

Classifieds

For Sale: Gumball machine that resembles old gas pump. 7 ½ feet tall! Two available. Sold for \$1200 new. Asking \$300. Call Bob, 513-267-1784. (10/08)

For Sale: 1976 MGB roadster. Engine runs well. Overdrive transmission. Fuel tank flushed; brakes good; new hoses; nice interior, carpets, dash, glass, and luggage rack. Body needs rear quarter panels and paint. Never wrecked. Converted to wire wheels. Needs rear wheel cylinder kit (which I have), and convertible top. \$1900. Call Bob, 513-267-1784. (10/08)

For Sale: "Rally wheals" from my 1970 MGB. \$250.00 or best offer. Chrome luggage rack for \$100.00 or best offer. I can bring them to a meeting if any one would like to see them. John S Keferl, 236-0093, or Keferl@sbcglobal.net. (10/08)

For Sale: 1976 MG, Model B. We purchased the car in July 2005, for \$5,000. It is in excellent condition, but needs a battery. We would accept any reasonable offer.



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Located in Columbus, OH. Chuck and Rosie Blake, 614-457-4076 (10/08)

For Sale: Two 1980 MGBs, two 1961 MGAs, and one 1947 MG TC. The passing of a MG enthusiast in northern Kentucky has made these cars available. One white 1980 MGB, build date of 10/79 with 24K original miles. In excellent original condition except for rust just behind the doors (was the owner's daily driver). One orange 1980 MGB, build date of 3/80 with 63K original miles. In excellent original condition but not currently running due to a possible fuel pump problem (owner was working on the car). One iris blue MGA 1600, excellent condition and in running order. One white MGA 1600 coupe in very good condition, turns over but does not start. Both MGAs are very original. One 1947 MG TC, solid body and chassis, not running but ready for restoration. Owner had all receipts for each car. For more information, contact Michael Brundage at 859-445-9885. (10/08)

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)

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)

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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 likenew504@hotmail.com (6/08)

MG Car Club Minutes, October 22, 2008

Sam Hodges

(These Minutes will be MUCH funnier if you have a beer... Heck, have two...)

Called to order exactly at 8:00 by new (*and former*) President Skip Peterson.

Pres. Skip, "The door need not be shut... there's nothing going on in here that we need to hide! Do you people have any idea what you've done?!? Do we have a Sergeant-at-Arms? Jim's changing the keg, so the Gribblers will be in in a minute."

Pat Wasserman who was in attendance tonight, "I just wanted to say congrats to Skip."

Skip, "I saw the train a-comin'... I knew this slate would work to make change..." Change you can believe in...

Pres. Peterson started off the **President's Report** by talking about the recent Fall Tour. "I need to thank Nick Folger of the SCCA for putting that tour together. We just stole it. The winner of the tour, Phil Johnson, forgot to take his Frugal Joe's beer." Phil, "I owe it all to my wife Sandy." Dave McCann, "Don't bring her along ever again!"

BCD Wrap-up at Poelking Lanes. August 1, 2009 is our 25th BCD. Next year, in addition to our own 25th, it will also be the Anniversaries of 100 years of Morgan, and 50 years of the Mini. Obviously, those will be our featured Marques. The Spitfire Squadron wants to hold their Annual Meet in conjunction with BCD. Skip, "That should be good. I think it's great." Louie, "Good, then leave me alone!"

Skip, "I went home and looked at the numbers. The concession stand that John Zeno invented..." Dave Gribler, "...way back along with fire and the wheel..." Skip, "From 2003-2008 we've spent less than \$4,000 and taken in more than \$14,000." This year each club will get a profit of \$2,000." A check for this amount was given to Treasurer Glen Marin. "I assume that from now on, our board meetings will be at the Pine Club?" (*BTW – Glen, It's in the minutes that you got that check, so NO trips to Cancun! The Florida Keys are however totally acceptable...*)

Skip, "Since I joined the MGCC, I've only been to one Board of Directors meeting. It lasted about 5 minutes before we all got bored."

Because of Thanksgiving, the next MGCC meeting will be the third Wednesday of the month, Nov. 19th. Holiday Party plans are all in place. Mark your calendars.

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Skip, “So I’m reading about Carroll Shelby’s first race car, a 1949 British racing green MG TC. This car recently sold at the Barrett-Jackson Las Vegas auction for \$285,000.” Dick Goodman, “I bet he had more than that in it... I know what I’ve got into mine.” Skip, “I don’t know who bought it...” Phil Johnson, “I heard it was Dick Smith at the British Museum of Transportation.”

Skip, “ I got this e-mail from Joe Kaiser out of St. Augustine Florida. He makes MG clocks and has prototyped one for us with our MGCC logo. \$9.50 for a 9 inch diameter wall clock. \$7.00 for 20 or more. He’ll send us one for free to look at.” Ryan Looft, “Did he get a hold of some of our stationary?” Glen Marin motioned to get one, Joe Hooker seconded. Skip, “So we’ll get one and take a look.” Kathy Goodman, “I can see the Holiday party now, 49 boxes under the tree. 48 clocks and one will have that pair of British underwear.”

Jennifer Peterson – after what has so far seemed like an awfully long President’s report, “I don’t think I’ve ever seen a beer break during the President's report.”

Skip (*ignoring Jennifer’s comment*). “We always give Jim a gift out of thanks for his being here and taking care of us.” Terry Happensack, “Let’s give him a clock.” Dick Goodman, Bill Hammond and Louie DiPasquale all motioned to go ahead and get a gift.

Skip, “We now move on to the **Vice President’s Report**. Should we call him ‘Little Looft?’ ‘Looft Jr.?’ even though he’s not a Jr.?” V.P. Ryan Looft, “Uh... I don’t have anything.” (*See Jennifer, we not only made up time, but now we’re ahead!*)

Minutes were next. Bob Charles motioned to accept and Jennifer Peterson seconded. Eddie Hill objected as always. Minutes approved. *Muahahaha...*

Glen Marin and the **Treasurers Report** were up next. “These figures represent the addition of the \$2,000 check that I got tonight.” We had Total Income of: Membership Dues (\$276.00) + Regalia (\$62.00) + BCD Check (\$2,000.00) = **A Total Income of \$2,338.00**. Total Expenses: Hall Rental Fees (\$45.00) + Gumball (\$5.00) + Octagon News (\$83.90) + Contribution to the James Cancer Hospital (\$100.00) = **A Total Expense of \$233.90**. **Total gain to the MGCC was \$2,104.10**, that when added to our existing Treasury balance of \$1,255.21 equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$3,359.31**. Dave McCann moves that the report be accepted as read. Dick Goodman seconds. Report approved. Skip, “Eddie, put the ‘Nay’ sign away!”

Since the September Treasurer’s Report was not included in the Minutes as reported, here is the September Treasurer’s Report. We had Total Income of: Membership Dues (\$220.50) + Regalia (\$38.00) = **A Total Income of \$258.50**. Total Expenses: Hall Rental Fees (\$45.00) + Gumball (\$18.00) + Octagon News (\$91.15) = **A Total Expense of \$160.15**. **Total Gain to the MGCC was \$98.35**, that when added to our existing Treasury balance of \$1,156.86 equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$1,255.21**.

Membership was next. Carole Looft reported that, “I’ve got 47 hooked into it so far.” Hammond, “Maybe we should get Acorn onto that.” Skip, “Some of them might not be renewing their membership because they’re rejecting the current administration.”

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman, “The copy of the newsletter on the website will include the Minutes that were omitted from the printed copy (no explanation as to why the minutes weren’t included, but Sam looked embarrassed). When I run pictures, I try to run pictures of people doing things. I try not to use the same people over and over, but I use what I have. So, if I haven’t run a picture of you recently, and

you've got a nice picture of you doing something... (...giggling from the Peanut Gallery in the background...) or of you with your car, then send it to me."

Louie DiPasquale, "Beer break!" Dave McCann, "I second that!" Skip, "Down, down. I've only got a few more items."

Sunshine Committee, we do know that Hazel Hammond is in the hospital but she should be home soon. Dave Gribler, "Now's your chance to buy another car Bill." Dave McCann, "I'm sure the dishes are piling up." Barb Smith is back home now. Dick Smith, "She's lost about 20 pounds in the hospital but she's back to real food now."

Website update with Webmaster Parks is next. The website's been updated to make it more search friendly. Skip, "Thanks to Ron for all that you do with the Website. I know it takes a lot of work."

Activities with Mr. Nay, er... Eddie Hill is next. Eddie, "We have the Holiday Party and the Spaghetti dinner coming up. Otherwise, the season's pretty much over with." Skip, "After the Holiday Party, we don't get together again until the fourth Wednesday of January. Just remember the rules for the Holiday party: bring a GAG gift for every person who attends, B.Y.O.B. and a dish to share. If the gift is a male/female oriented gift, then notate on the outside of the package. Please also mark any explosive, radioactive, fragile or live gifts appropriately so as to not cause too much undo stress or accidental detonations. The party starts at 7:00 and goes until the Police show up. It's at Dick Goodman's and is being hosted by the McCanns'.

Skip, "What time is it Louie?" Louie, "Beer break!" 8:27.

Back from Beer Break. 8:45.

Skip, "One of the things that was in the nuclear football that was passed to me is a pair of glasses that were left at the Gribler's last party. If anyone needs them see me." (*Or not, since you're missing your glasses.*)

Skip, "I don't have any thing under Old business. Does anyone else? Pat Wasserman, "I do, but I can't repeat it..." Skip, "Pat, you're on fire." Louie, "Reuben what did you do to her?" Reuben, "Apparently not enough?"

Spaghetti Dinner. Louie, "I'm getting enough food for 500 people. It's going to be at the Bella Villa Hall at 2625 County Line road. Ryan Looft, "What county?" *Someone*, "Greene." Ryan, "What side of the street?" Skip, "I know where you live." Louie, "I need volunteers." Skip, "Let's get a show of MG's out there. We need a sign up sheet. It's a B.Y.O.B. event. Soft drinks, water and coffee are all that will be served due to liquor licensing requirements and restrictions. Don't forget that this is all a fund raiser for the British Museum of Transportation. Let's get behind it folks."

Speaking of the British Museum, Dick Smith reported that, they had two cars in the Rootes Group at the Concours. "We had our Imp and Humber Super Snipe." Skip, "Nice looking and Humber Super Snipe, Hmm... Not sure those words go together in a sentence." I find it ironic that John Engle's car – the Hagerty Insurance agent – got hit and he actually kept the branch to turn in with the claim.

Lois Gribler, "What about new business?" Club, "That was about five minutes ago..." Skip, "Hey! Why aren't you two sitting together (commenting on the fact that the Gribler's are actually sitting on opposite side of the room) what's going on?" Dave G., "I sat down first." Lois, "If you don't want to re-open new

business then no party.” Skip (and others) new business re-open, “The Spring Party is scheduled for March 14, 2009 mark your calendars.”

The British Museum Spaghetti dinner will be the November pub.

Tech Tips. No Tech tips, No issues? Jayne Powell, “Oh..., we have issues.”

Tim reported that he took his MGC out last Sunday and that it developed a miss. After explaining the issue and Louie throwing out the de rigueur Spitfire Joke, the MGCC conclusion is that it’s probably a fuel issue in one of the carbs. Dick Goodman says that everything Tim’s having issues with is the same thing that’s happening to his B. Bill Hammond, “For only \$2,000 you could get fuel injection.” Dick Goodman, “What kind of carb. do I need?”

For Sale. Dick Goodman, “I’ve got a chrome badge bar.” Skip, “That was for sale last time I was President!” Dick G., “I found out at Valley Forge that it will work on most Midgets. I also have a convertible top for sale. I put the new one on but it was worse off so I put the old one back on. I also need four wheels to put my TD on while I get my current wheels painted.” Reuben, “I’ve got four, actually five.” Dick, “Can borrow them?” Pat, “Yes, it will get them out of the way.” Reuben, “I guess you can then.”

Gumball Rallye was won by Hazel Hammond.

Dave McCann motions to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.



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