

THE OCTAGON NEWS



Volume XXXIX No. 3

January 2010

Happy New Year!

NAMGAR GT-37 Planning



From the President

Ryan Looft

Happy New Year everyone! Hope everyone survived all the holidays. Didn't it just seem like yesterday when we were all talking about Y2K? Ten years later and we are now in 2010.

A big thanks goes to Skip and Jennifer Peterson for hosting the Holiday Party last month. It is always a real hoot to see who is willing to wear their gag gifts. Some of those, I'm sure, we'll see again next year. Pictures are posted on the club website if you missed the party.

I think at the next meeting, we can talk about a pub run in early February. Everyone is probably tired of being cooped up inside during this cold weather. So be thinking of a place where we might want to go.

Here's a quick tip for anybody who is working with rusty parts



Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club
P.O. Box 20032, Dabel Branch
Dayton, OH 45420-0032

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 7:30pm. The next meeting will be:

Wed, January 27, 2010

MG Car Club Officers

President.....**Ryan Looft**
phone.....513-252-4191
email.....ryan@looft.net
Vice President.....**Dave Gribler**
phone.....(937) 898-9928
email.....drivesmgs@yahoo.com
Secretary.....**Sam Hodges**
phone.....937-434-6505
email.....sammgb@earthlink.net
Treasurer.....**Bonnie Hankey**
phone.....513-897-2456
email.....bhankey_2000@yahoo.com
Member at Large.....**Dar Planeaux**
phone.....937-878-6974
email.....DarandMary@aol.com
President Emeritus.....**Skip Peterson**
Phone.....937-293-2819
Email.....mgbskip@aol.com
Web Master.....**Ron Parks**
phone.....937 322-0717
email.....mgdriver@woh.rr.com
Activities Chair.....**Ed Hill**
phone.....937- 461-6688
email.....ehillmgb@aol.com
Membership Chair.....**Carole Looft**
phone.....937-382-1520
email.....carole@looft.net
Librarian.....**John Wolfe**
phone.....429-3292
Historian.....**Dick Smith**
phone.....434-1750
email.....rsmithomo@aol.com
WebPage..... www.mgcars.org.uk/mgccswoc

Your Octagon News Editors

Steve Markman
937-886-9566 smarkman@att.net

Joe Hooker
937-426-1128 twocoloradokids@att.net

Inside This Issue

| | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 2 | NAMGAR GT-37 Planning |
| 4 | Featured Car – John Barton's MG TF |
| 7 | Jeff Fields' Excellent Adventure |
| 9 | Minutes of the November Meeting |

Upcoming MGCC Events

Jan:
27 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

Feb:
24 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

Mar:
24 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

May
1 – Drive Your MGA Day

over the winter. Try soaking them for a couple of days in plain vinegar, and you will be surprised at how they look. .

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting

Welcome New Member

Carole Looft

Charles M. Buckner
3630 Aerial Ave
Kettering, Ohio 45429
937 293-3098
69 MG

Hosting NAMGAR GT-37

Dave Gribler

As we begin a new year and settle into the winter doldrums, I look back to July when the conversation first started. Actually the seed for this notion was planted many years ago. I thought there might be a chance one day but didn't really believe anyone else would be interested. I also did not want to try to do this myself. I need help, and quite a bit of it, to do a good job.

I'm speaking of course of the notion that we host the NAMGAR Get Together in 2012. Lois and I have been attending these annual events since 1989. A number of you also have experienced these annual events and know first-hand of the great fun we have at the GT's. Somehow the conversation was started and of course everyone looked to the Gribblers and said - you're in charge.

Since then we have had a number of discussions at both regular and special meetings to get the ball rolling but there still seems to be some hesitation on the part of the group. This is a little puzzling to me - let me explain why.

The goal is to host NAMGAR GT-37. This means we would be responsible for organizing the event. NAMGAR dictated a number of elements involved, including a car show, an awards banquet and any number of activities that we are free to create. We would also be responsible for creating a logo, selecting regalia items, organizing vendors, soliciting door prizes, choosing a host hotel and an array of other responsibilities. Fortunately NAMGAR realizes that this seems like an overwhelming task and thus has produced a guideline to help local clubs with the task.

We have a pretty large club by British car club standards - and ours happens to be all MG (ignoring Ron and Louie of course). Clubs with far fewer members have successfully put on these GT's. We also have a large number of willing volunteers with many varied talents and loads of enthusiasm. Since this discussion started, I've had many members tell me that they are more than willing to help. Just look at the success of BCD and how we've made it better every year! So why the cold feet when it comes to hosting a national MG event?

The Octagon News – January 2010

I suspect that there are two issues weighing in. The two usual suspects are (no surprise here)...time... and money.

For those of you who attended the last GT meeting at the Wolfe's home, you know we went through an exercise where we did a first draft plan of the GT schedule. After we had it all in black and white on the easel I thought it was clear to everyone that the time we would be asking anyone to volunteer for any one stretch would be only a few hours. The way these events are structured there really is no need for everyone to be there all day, every day, as is the case with BCD. Probably the longest stretch will be the car show - with an early morning set-up but over by noon or 1pm. Evening hospitality might be a three hour stretch for someone but it doesn't have to be the same folks every evening (and don't forget that you would be in charge of the tap). We are not alone either as there are NAMGAR staff members and a loyal group of NAMGAR folks that will volunteer to help us if we ask.

The other commodity involved is money. You may have noticed that I have used the word host, and not sponsor. That choice is simply because we are the hosts. There is no requirement on our part to spend a dime of our own club's money to put on this event. We risk nothing financially. The event is fully funded by the attendees with NAMGAR picking up the difference if the registration and activity fees do not cover the cost of the event. NAMGAR also provides the host chapter with start-up money to pay expenses at the early part of the venture before registration funds begin to flow in. Financially the design of the event is to break even. However, NAMGAR will split any residual income with us if there is any. If there is a loss, NAMGAR picks up the difference.

At this moment we have about 2-1/2 years to plan. Details of the event are relatively unimportant at this time, but it is critical to find support within our club and establish the planning committee. The committee chairs have the responsibility for organizing the details and ideas that will make the event both memorable and smooth-running. NAMGAR has provided us with a comprehensive guide that will help to make this an easy task.

Those of you who aren't interested in being in charge of a committee are urged to volunteer your time to help with the many details in putting on the event. This can be a few hours many weeks prior to the event assembling registration packets and goodie bags, putting together the instructions for a driving tour or buying materials for banquet table decorations; or it could be volunteering two hours one evening of the event serving drinks and snacks at the hospitality suite, manning a rally checkpoint or serving as a tour guide.



VINCE'S
IRONWORKS

Frame-off restoration, metal replacement, bodywork, painting

We will do it your way!!

James V. Cooley III
Proprietor

937-360-3151
Member MGCCSWOC #100

And if you are not interested in participating at all, that's OK, too. This is not a sentence to the gulag, only a request for volunteer support.

At this writing I have volunteers for a few of the committee chairs, a group of willing volunteers to operate the event and 2-1/2 years to work out the details.

I'll see you at the meeting!

Member featured car of the month...

John Barton's '54' MGTF

John Barton

My MGTF was built in October of 1953 and was titled in 1954. It was probably shipped to Europe to a service man since the speedometer registers in Kilometers and is left hand drive. I purchased the car in 1994 from the second or third owner. The car, last driven in 1971, had been stored on jack stands and covered since then. The tires (the original Dunlop "Gold Seal" bias ply, live rubber with no cracks, dry rot or checking) were also covered and on pallets. The canvas top and tonneau cover are also original. The car had been repainted and the paint was so thick it was cracking or checking. Squirrels had made homes in the upholstery and exhaust system.



John Barton's 1954 MGTF during restoration.

After adding fluids, I determined that the engine was free. Before I could drive the car home, it was necessary to reinstall the brake shoes, which had been installed backwards. After installing a new battery, the engine started right up, with no leaks or knocks. The rebuilt engine and transmission were OK.

Also, after taking many pre-restoration photographs, the car was stripped. And, many labeled food jars later (for parts, nuts, bolts, etc.); the car was ready for painting piece by piece—(no masking). The paint is a flexible, non-cracking paint.

Every electrical connection in and under the car was polished with fine sand paper "di electric" silicone grease was applied, so I have no problems with flickering lights or amp meter or any Lucas problems. This includes the starter, generator, voltage regulator, etc. The electric clock had to be sent to Great Britain, since no one here had the parts or know how with which to make the repairs. The electric clock must be disconnected during storage to avoid running the battery down.

The entire fuel system was cleaned, carbs rebuilt and the entire brake system had the same treatment. All the rubber was replaced including the fan belt, water pump, hoses and rubber beading between sheet metal parts.

The fact that each piece was prepped and painted separately and reassembled with extreme care to avoid scratching the paint; paid off at professional judging. The car was awarded 98 out of 100 points. The black and yellow factory replacement spark plug wires counted off.

Restoration of my 54 MT TF was a four year project. The car drives quite well with no leaks and is a joy to drive. My riding companion, my dog Molly, loves it as well!



Four and a half years of hard work later, and it sure shows!.

GOF Mk XXXII

Mark your calendar for July 1-3, 2010.

Location:

Sawmill Creek Resort
400 Sawmill Creek Drive
Huron, Ohio 44839



Yes, it's GOF Central, Ohio style, on wonderful Lake Erie. Hosted by the Ohio Chapter, NEMGTR. A few highlights include a Lake Erie sunset dinner cruise and an enjoyable drive around historic Marblehead Peninsula on our scenic rally/tour. Just down the road from world famous Cedar Point, the 235 acres of the Sawmill Creek Resort will be GOF Central headquarters for 3 days of fun by the lake. This is also the **North American Triple-M Register's** annual focus event, so, those colorful 1930's MG's will be visiting in abundance with their Fabulous Triple-M Bibulous Gallimaufry Shenanigans. All this is right on Ohio's north coast playground within easy reach of major highways. Whatever route your MG takes, be ready for a warm Buckeye State welcome in 2010!

Fees for the event:

Registration: \$50 per car (couple). A second MG is free.

Thursday Evening Dinner Cruise: \$22 each

Friday Noon Poolside Cookout: \$15 each

Saturday Evening Awards Banquet: \$40 each

Vendor table charges: \$25 each /\$35 with electricity.

Registration cut-off date: June 15th, 2010.

Seating and/or participation cannot be guaranteed on registrations past this date.

Get the registration form at <http://gofcentral.com/images/GOF-Registration%20Form.pdf>

Getting Your MG Ready for Next Summer

Steve Markman

Editor's Note – Thanks to British Motoring for these great tips.

We all have one or two “little” maintenance items we never got to last summer and planned to check while the car is tucked in the corner of the garage for the winter. Here are some additional items to look at, also, that you may not have thought to check

| | |
|---|--|
| Brakes and Suspension Hand brake works properly – able to safely slow the car, hold the car on a hill, and release completely. Brake pedal free play is properly adjusted. No sponginess in pedal and no pumping necessary. No pulling in either direction. No inappropriate lockup under hard braking. Shock absorbers work correctly. Ride height is correct. No binding, especially the anti-roll bars. Wheel bearings are lubed and adjusted properly; all split pins are installed. Suspension and steering lubed. Engine and Drivetrain Compression is within 10 percent on each cylinder. Good oil pressure; minimal or no leaks. Proper oil level in engine, gearbox and rear axle. Engine idles well and at consistent rpm. car accelerates smoothly. Engine shuts off without dieseling. No exhaust leaks. Coolant completely topped off and no air bubbles present. | Electronics Battery is tied down. Horn is loud and works every time. All lights and accessories work. Charging system works and belt is tight. Proper fuses everywhere. No dangling or unterminated wires. Exterior Panel gaps are appropriate. Doors latch properly on primary and secondary latch points. Hood and trunk releases are properly adjusted, tightened, and lubed. Door handles, bumpers and any other bold-ons are tight and rattle-free. Interior Seat belts work properly and are new enough to be safe. Seats slide freely. Gauges and dash lights work. Mirrors hold adjustment and don't rattle. Steering wheel is on straight. No unplugged holes in dash. |
|---|--|

What I Did On My Summer Vacation, or How to Attend a Regional and a National Event

Jeff Fields

It all started when the scheduled dates for GOF Central XXX and GT-33 were announced: they were being held during consecutive weeks! Attending both events was high on my wish list but would prove to be difficult. But my stars were aligned and my plans were put into motion: first, GOF Central XXX; followed by NAMGAR's GT-33.

TC 9976 and I were last to join to the northern Ohio "T" group led by Tom Krepp and Tom Baumgardner. (Yeah, they tried to get me to believe they were the original 'Tom-Tom' guidance system!) Our parade included 3 TC's (mine was the newest), a Y Tourer, 2 TD's, a B, and a non-Brit support vehicle. A minor stop occurred when Tom Scott lost a number plate bolt. That plate was quickly bent over and Tom was the only drover out of his car! Later I noticed that the plate was removed from the TC. Our only hitch was when Fred Kuntz broke an oil line. Both Suzie Star and Tom Scott appeared with the needed replacement. Tom was old and leaked at the other end; Suzie worked perfectly. Two quarts of Castrol and we were back on the road.

The backdrop for GOF Central was Auburn, IN, and its impressive Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum. If you have not visited in the last 5 years, add this stop to the top of your to-do visits! The cars are amazing, mammoth in size, and mouth-watering.

Spending time there on Friday with old friend John Libbert and then both before and after the banquet was a true highlight to my TC-Adventure.

GOF Central was also a featured event for the MMM group. So you can imagine that the parking lot was the center of attraction. I did not preregister so was assigned car #102. At least a dozen cars were MMM; possibly another 6 were pre-war models! On a rainy show morning, seventeen TC's made an impressive line. Has anyone ever seen that many TC's in one place?

The Ohio Chapter regained the highly prized Paul Johnson (an original Ohio Chapter member) Trophy for the most MG miles driven to GOF Central. Thanx and a tip of me country cap to Jack Smittle and Tom Krepp,

On our drive home Sunday we spent time at Snook's Dream Cars at the intersection of I-75 and SR 6 just south of Bowling Green. Their vast collection included a TD, MGA, and a Cord, which, of course, we were used to. By mid afternoon on Sunday, I arrived home, put away TC 9976, emptied my bag, and began repacking.

Monday 7AM, and MGA 69404 and I were on the road to meet up with Ohio BuckAyes Jane and Brent Reifsnyder along US 250 south of Bolivar. As straight and flat as the roads through northwestern Ohio are, the roads of eastern Ohio, the panhandle of West Virginia, and the southwest corner of Pennsylvania are much more suited to the MG! As we twisted and curved and climbed and dropped, we crossed, and even followed, the Ohio River to the National Road.

The Octagon News – January 2010

The final hills to Seven Springs were very steep and required regular downshifts. The resort was gorgeous. While the MGA's had reserved one-half of the back parking, the walk to the hotel rooms was a long one for most. Again, registering on site, I was assigned #206. Familiar faces quickly came into view: Sue & Tim Coyne, George Merryweather with son Matt, whom I met there, Carol and Bruce Woodson, and infamous Cecilia of Scarborough Faire. ([I just realized I do not know Cecilia last name.) I located long-time friend Sara Brown before hubby Jim of famed MK I Delux! Jim's car looks like it just came off the showroom floor. Along with the Brown's was their friend Evan and his family. Evan had worked with Jim during the restoration. Jim and I made plans to get our cars aside for a photo op. Now I can see how LIGHT my Iris Blue car is since Jim's blue is correct. I introduced myself to Lee and Liz Niner who would host the Chapter Contacts meeting since they are the coordinators.

On Tuesday we toured north to the historical town of Ligonier with Ron and Sharon Bryant. There I was able to add two pins to my hat: one for the pre-revolutionary war fort and one for the supposed coat-of-arms for my family name. Ron found a carb float was not doing its job and found an extra at the swap meet with the help of a longtime MGer. Tuesday also brought more BuckAyes to GT-33: Tom Ball, Sandi & Bob Gecsi, Gerry & F. Dan Beha, and Sue & Fred Lewis.

Wednesday's car show was held at a nearby state park in a multi-leveled parking lot overlooking a serene lake. I believe that just over 150 cars were on the field; that field included at least 6 Twin Cam racecars and Twin Cam EX-186. Whenever everyone headed back to Seven Springs, I aimed Jeremy A south to Maryland to add that state to Jeremy's resume. I wound my way back to National Road and arrived home on Wednesday by dark with no mishaps.

So within seven days I drove a 49 TC to Auburn, IN, and a 60 MGA to Seven springs in PA, with some great friends along some fine roads. It was a *Too Cool Adventure* for my summer vacation.

Classifieds

Free classified policy: *We are happy to run your auto-related ad for six months free of charge, but may cut older adds as space permits. Please contact the editor when your items sells or if you wish to continue the ad for an additional six months.*

For Sale: 72 MGGT. Needs paint but has rebuilt engine and good tires \$1,500. 1980 MG Midget rubber front. 27,000 actual, miles kept in heated garage. Very Nice \$6,500 prices firm call before 5 pm owner is 88 and cars not needed. Earnie, 513 422-4642. (1/10)

For Sale: 63 Austin Healey Sprite 1098 cc, new front suspension, new gas tank, new seats, extra parts. Great car. \$3000 firm. Steve 937 830- 6173 (1/10)

For Sale: 1972 MG Midget; 1275cc engine with twin SU carburetors, 52,000 miles. Cylinder head rebuilt and surfaced, new water pump and thermostat, new style electronic fuel pump, rebuilt master cylinder, new battery, newer top, solid belly pan. \$1850.00. Also have set of extra doors and deck lid. E-mail: besttool@centurytel.net or cell phone; 440/396-8550. (10/09)

For Sale: 1976 MGB in great shape Rebuilt engine, new brakes, exhaust, clutch, tires, wire wheels(sandblasted and repainted), new paint, top, carpet, and stereo, all done in 2007. It is a great driver and runs very well. Asking \$7000, but would consider all offers. Located in Columbus. Contact Sean O'Farrell at 614-582-1315. (10/09)

For Sale: 1979 MGB. Original owner, 22,700 original miles. Damask red color with tan interior and top. No rust at all. No rips or tears in either the top or the seats. The dash also is perfect. Luggage rack. \$7900 OBO. For more information or pictures, call Kerry Steed 937-725-8492 or email ksteed2000@yahoo.com (10/09)

For Sale: 1950 MGTD, rough shape, not driven for about 30 years, but reasonably complete. Asking \$1300. For more information, contact Melissa Johnson, 937-470-3004, or mgaston@amfam.com. (9/09)

For Sale: 77 B, \$6250 Bernard Wilburn, 614-832-9378, or <http://columbus.craigslist.org/cto/1360223543.html> (9/09)

For Sale: 1974 MGB GT Color-Mirage, 1.8, 4 speed, 62k. Have all history/receipt's. \$7,500 o.b.o. Former MGCCSWOC member. Will negotiate on price with club members. 937-604-6729/937-718-6044. (9/09)

For Sale: MGA windscreen with glass. Excellent condition. Located in Solon, east of Cleveland. Contact Bob at 440-248-0861. (8/09)

For Sale: 1955 MG TF "1500" \$27,500. One of the few remaining 3400 made. This great car is a multi-award winner in the Tri-State area, and has received invitations to participate in many Concours D'elegances. This "TF" was purchased in 2000, and since then has had many upgrades. I have documentation on this vehicle going back to 1963. For a complete listing of upgrades and photos, contact Jeff Fields, 440-315-6380, or 440-355-MGMG. (8/09)

For Sale: 1977 MGB, white, runs well. New Weber carbs, new top, tires, and paint. Also, hundreds of spare parts, such as wheels, electrical items, gauges, interior parts, and more. All for \$6550 or best offer. Bob, 502-225-9306 or bndff@juno.com. (8/09)

For Sale: Used radiator from "78" Midget, set of inertia reel seatbelts and wash container. All for \$25.00. Call Bob at 937-253-9335. (8/09)

Wanted: Louvered Hood for MGB, steel or aluminium. Call Bob, 513-267-1784. (8/09)

OUR **SERVICE** PUTS US **A-PART** FROM THE REST.

At Little British, we know who we are and where our business comes from. As a growing company founded in the late 90's, we take pride in giving you high quality customer service. We will have the parts you need, the convenience you want, and at a lower price than you thought you would pay.

By being an online based company, we are able to keep costs low and maintain a flawless ordering system that is quick and user friendly. We have the parts for most British marques and models as well as fun collectibles and other useful items for the British car enthusiast. Log on to www.LBCarCo.com and see why we excel at what we do.

Authorized Distributor for



Pertronix Electric Ignitions and Coils

Vintage Ads

Don Hoods

Mota-Lita Steering Wheels

Gunson Tools

Moss Motors

Halogen Bulbs for Most British and American Cars

Plus many others!



Little British Car Company
www.LBCarCo.com

Jeff Zorn • 29311 Aranel Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Phone: 248-489-0022 • Toll-free: 800-637-9640
Fax: 248-489-9665 • Email: LBCarCo@LBCarCo.com
Major credit cards accepted

MG Car Club Minutes, November 18th Meeting

Sam Hodges

Let the Minutes reflect that the Secretary was NOT 5 minutes late to the meeting, but that all of the MGCC members decided to get together and start the meeting 5 minutes early...

Meeting started at 7:25... Apparently, as part of their clever scheme, they decided to skip the **President's Report**.

Since Vice President Dave Gribler was absent... again, there was no **Vice President's Report** for the month.

Minutes were next on the agenda. Bill Hammond motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. John Wolfe seconded. Minutes as reported approved.

Treasurer's Report was next (...kind of flying blind here, so bear with me...). We had Total Income of: Membership Dues (\$387.00) + BCD Proceeds (\$2200.00) = **A Total Income of \$2,587.00**. Total Expenses: Hall Rental Fees (\$45.00) + Gumball Rallye (\$5.00) + Newsletter Postage (\$ *unknown*) = **A Total Expense of \$ unknown.25**. **Total Loss to the MGCC was \$unknown**, that when subtracted from our existing Treasury balance of \$(*Grey & Fuzzy due to the financial reconciliation that's been taking place*) equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$3,939.xx** (*This is the final figure that was given at the meeting, but we missed 2 months worth of reports due to the financial reconciliation*). Skip Peterson motioned to accept the Treasurers Report. Jennifer Peterson seconded, Treasurer's report approved.

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "We're currently at 70 members."

Activities with Eddie was next. Eddie Hill, "Not a whole lot going on. There's the Holiday Party at the Petersons. There's an open house at the Taj Ma Garaj on December 5th. That's about it."

Sunshine Committee was up to bat. Jennifer Peterson, "Hi, I'm just being sun-shiney". Linda Wolfe, "Gary Moore's mom died at the age of 98 of a cerebral aneurism." Steve Powell, "How many men are in here? (*Roughly 35-40 were at the meeting...*)" Steve, "That means that about 10-12 of you will have or have already had prostate issues." Pres. Looft, "I'm going to sit down..." Steve, "15-20% of men have issues. You should have a PSA and a Digit test. If you don't and it's too late, you're dead." Graham Cooper, "I've been there, done that and I got rid of it." (*Your humble Secretary can also report that he had it done by his evil, mean doctor who remembered that he turned 40 last year and said to him one day when he was just in for a check-up, 'it's time!' PSA & Digit...*) Listen to Steve.

Editors Report. Steve Markman, "If you've got anything, please feel free to get it to me." (*editor's note – I don't remember saying this, but if Sam reports it, it must be so.*)

Webmaster Ron Parks. "After we have a member featured car, I'll put that article out on the website with a few more pictures."

British Museum of Transportation. (*I took notes at the meeting in November but didn't finalize them until January. I didn't note if it was Dick or Pete speaking, so we'll just go with Pete... unless he wasn't there, then it was Dick who said...*) "We're still in negotiations for the building in the Wright Dunbar District. Apparently they found out that Louie was a member and they think we're as rich as he is." Ryan, "You can't bring up Louie until old business." *Disgusted at the comment, Louie puts on his hat and heads for the door...*

The Octagon News – January 2010

Pres. Looft, “Old Business. BCD” Skip Peterson, “Classic Motorsports ran a story that I sent in. It’s in the Track & Field section. Usually they run a couple of paragraphs and a picture but this year we actually got a whole page. They were Triumph heavy, but we got a whole page nonetheless. We’ve applied to get Eastwood Park the first Saturday in August and we haven’t heard anything back, so I’m thinking that no news is good news.”

Louie (*who stayed after all*), “I was talking to someone about BCD and they said that they’d never been to a show like that.” Skip and Terry Looft, “Is that a good thing or a bad thing?” Louie, “He said it was the best show he’d been to.” Skip, “We like to keep ‘em happy and keep ‘em coming back.”

Beer Break called for at 7:47. (*I owe Carole \$7.00 for Diana's name badge...*)

Back from Break at 8:05. (*That's a note to myself to remind me that I need to pay Carole...*)

Bartender Jim is joining us now. *Either we're in trouble or they're out of beer... either way, we're in trouble.* Pres. Looft, “Okay, it’s time to get started.” Jennifer P., “We’ve got a present for Jim.” Skip, “Who’s our favorite bartender?” Terry Looft, “Don’t get emotional.” Jim, “Friday night at Flannigan’s we’re having a fund raiser for Bruce Comer who went through a tragic accident recently. He’s got a lot of things going on and his recovery is very slow. It happened the week after Labor Day. If you can make it to the fund raiser, please do.”

Ryan, “Next on my agenda is NAMGAR. *Dave's not here man...*” Ryan then proceeded to give a synopsis that stated that we’ve basically decided that we need to put it to a vote at the meeting.

Ryan, “At this point I’m opening it up for discussion. Do we want to put on a show?”

Terry Looft, “Has it been discussed what it’s going to potentially costs?” Dave McCann Jr., “They (NAMGAR) backstop the financial situation. Skip, “They give us front money, about \$2,000, and the contract explains that they’ll share profits with the host club. The contract is actually pretty quiet to the sharing situation but past history is that NAMGAR has split 50/50 with the host club. NAMGAR signs all of the contracts up front. What’s not clear is the Treasurer/Checking thing? Does the Treasurer have a right to write checks or does the money go to NAMGAR and then they pay the bills?” Ryan, “Does the \$2,000 get paid back? Dave McCann Jr., “Yeah, that goes back to them and then we split the profits.”

John Wolfe, “I don’t think that there’s anything that we have to do that we haven’t done before for other things.” Diane Cooper, “Have you established the number of people we’d actually need to commit to be able to pull that off?” Carole Looft, “I asked that question and he (Dave G.) was vague. I never really got an answer.” Linda Wolfe, “You basically need your chairs and then you need the worker bees the week of the show.”

Pat Wasserman, “How many committees?” Skip, “There are eight. I have the same concerns about people. There’s a really good guide book that gives a lot of direction. If you volunteer about four hours here, four hours there, we can get everything covered very easily.”

Pat Wasserman, “Have you had any input as to who wants to be committee chairs?” Mike Edgerton, “None.” Terry Happensack, “That’s an easy number.” Diane Cooper, “I don’t think that we can have people to volunteer until we have committee chairs.” Happensack, “How many do you need on each committee?” Skip, “I don’t think that that’s a number that we can nail down yet. We wanted it to be the week before the Airshow in July.” Ryan Looft, “This is going to be something that is going to be pulled by the retired group. Honestly, they’ll have more time to do this.” Skip, “Will we get preferred parking?”

Ryan, “Glen wants to make a motion, is there any more discussion?” Mike Edgerton, “I’ll second it... (*Um..., we haven't done anything yet Mike*)” Ryan Looft, “It’s easy to ask for people to do something but when we have an overnight, there’s thirty people that raise their hands at the meeting, but then we get

The Octagon News – January 2010

four cars show up.” Skip, “I’ll challenge you on that. The people that raised their hands have a proven track record.”

Glen makes his motion, that we host the NAMGAR GT 2012.

Eddie Hill, “I think it’s in our best interest to table this because the club is asking too many questions that we don’t have answers for.” Mike Edgerton, “What questions do you have?” Eddie Hill, “It would be nice to have the chairs named. It would also be nice if Dave was here. I don’t want to vote on it.” Edgerton, “You can vote no.”

Terry Happensack, “It’s my understanding that there’s a handbook that answers the questions.” Ron Parks, “There’s a PDF on the website, so anyone can look at it and see the full 90 pages.”

Skip, “I kind of share Eddie’s feeling. We don’t need to feel like we’re rushed. There are the 2010 and 2011 events. We’re not bidding against another city, and I do think that we need to have the committee chairs in place. NAMGAR isn’t coming until March to check out the space and we’ve got time.” Ryan, “Dave’s been to a bunch of these events and he’s the one who can answer most of the questions.”

Bill Hammond, “Is there anything that anyone can think of that would make us not want to do it?” Diane, “What if we don’t get enough people to fill out the committee? I don’t want the people who step up to get saddled with the whole thing.”

Skip, “I think we do two things well, we drink beer and put on car shows. I don’t think that anyone wants put on a car show where people leave thinking that wasn’t much fun.”

Carole Looft, “I motion to table the motion.” Jennifer Peterson seconded. Motion to table prior motion was voted on and as a result, Glen’s original motion is tabled. *It’s actually pretty nice. Mahogany top with in-lays, lathe turned legs, a nice glossy finish, you should see it...*

Ryan Looft, “Do I have any other Old Business?” Jennifer P, “Is the Holiday Party old or new?”

Carole Looft, “I’d like to throw out that we’re considering going up to the July 2010 MGA get together to get an idea of what we’d be doing. It’s 400 miles from Dayton and it’s just outside of Chicago.” Ron Parks, “We won’t have to replace a head gasket until the trip back.” The date for the NAMGAR GT 2010 is July 26-29th.

New Business. Charlie McCamey. “This is usually the time that our club, which has been profitable this year, gives to local charities. We gave \$600.00 last year and we had less in our account than this year.” Ron Parks, “How about a donation to Bruce Comer?” Jennifer, “I like the food bank too.” Mike Edgerton, “The Museum could use about \$25K.” Skip, “Get in line. Go to grants_are_us.com.”

Louie D., “Let’s give the same amount that we did last year.” Pres. Looft, “So \$400.00 to the food bank and \$200.00 to Bruce? Is that the understanding?” Skip, “I’d like to second that motion.” Ron, “I didn’t realize that I’d made a motion.” Jeff Opt, “I’d like to give something to the Museum as well, we had a good year.” Eddie Hill, “We need to vote on the current motion.” Club voted. ‘Aye’s have it.’ Original motion approved.

Jeff, “I’d like to give to the Museum.” Pete seconded (*AHA! Pete WAS at the meeting... Then it was Pete who spoke on behalf of the Museum above...*). Club voted. ‘Aye’s have it.’ Motion to give to the Museum approved.

Carole Looft, “Since we’re so rich, I’d like to propose a Pub run where the club eats \$10 for each person that attends.” Skip, “You’ll be signing members up at the door.” Ryan, “I’ll probably have the most of

The Octagon News – January 2010

members of any President.” Steve Veris, “Does it have to be for food?” Diane Cooper, “She said the total bill.” Mike Edgerton, “This sounds like Congress voting themselves a pay raise.” Eddie Hill, “We could also have one heck of a picnic with that amount of money.” Jeff Opt, “Let’s hit Golden Coral...” Terry Looft, “...the Rainbow Room!” Carole motioned, Jeff seconded. Club voted. ‘Aye’s have it.’ \$10/person at a Pub Run in 2010 motion approved.

Eddie Hill, “We’re a voten’ happy group tonight! Let’s keep voting.” Sam Hodges, “I motion that you give me five bucks just because.” Steve Veris, “I second.” (*Thanks Steve*). Club voted. ‘Nay’s have it – **RESOUNDINGLY!** Sam, (*odd writing about myself in the third person*) “I feel the love. No really, I love all of you, each (*teeth grit*)..., and..., every..., stinkin’..., one of you.”

Ryan Looft, “Let’s talk about the **Holiday Party.**” Skip, “Lets not.” (Secretary’s Disgruntled Note: Thanks for scheduling it the same weekend as Purdue University’s Christmas Show! **AND The Nutcracker!!! Not like I wasn’t totally free the weekend before!!!**) Skip, “We’re going to need \$400.00 to pay the electric bill. Just look for the green port-o-potties out on the street. You can park on Ackerman as well as Wingview. Typical party stuff, gag gifts, 7:00, etc. or you’ll be cleaning windows.”

Tech Tips: Ron Parks, “I followed Dave McCann’s advice on grounding cables and throttle cables and discovered that the bolt holding on the throttle fell out on the way home.”

For Sale: Bob Charles, “I’ve got rubber bumpers that have been sanded and blasted that are available for anyone that wants to paint their MGB rubber bumpers.” Terry Looft, “Can you take it back to stock?”

Gumball Rallye - Linda Wolfe wins

Meeting adjourned 9:00.



MG AUTOMOTIVE

Parts, Service and Restoration for
MG, Triumph, Austin Healey and
Related Autos



Steve Miller

3733 Wilmington Pike
Kettering, Ohio 45429
(937) 294-7623

e-mail: MgAutomotive1@aol.com

| Last Name | First Names | Mail-M Email-E Both-B | Street Address | City | Zip Code | Telephone Number | Email Address | MGs Owned | |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Bailey | Edward & Susan | B | 675 W. Home Rd. | Springfield | 45504 | (937) 390-3360 | MGB428@aol.com | 72 MGB | |
| Bantle | Jack & Donetta | E | 2553 Eagle View Dr. | Beavercreek | 45431 | (937) 306-2629 | Jack.bantle@wright.edu | 60 MGA | |
| Barton | John H. | M | 2142 Gum Grove Rd. | Clarksville | 45113 | (937) 289-7325 | johnnystrees2@aol.com | 54 TF | |
| Baygents | Larry & Dianne | B | 1166 Timber Hawk Tr | Centerville | 45458 | (937) 885-3090 | TOMKATB@sbcglobal.net | 64 MGB, 77 Spitfire | |
| Buckner | Charles | M | 3630 Aerial Ave. | Kettering | 45429 | (937) 293-3098 | | 69 MG | |
| Bussell | Walt & Joanne | M | 4137 Middlebrook Drive | Beavercreek | 45440 | (937) 427-4668 | | 69 MGB GT, 76 MGB | |
| Carson | Robert & Yvonne | B | 763 Windsor Rd. | Troy | 45373 | (937) 335-1017 | rhcason@gmail.com | 77 MGB | |
| Charles | Robert & Ruth | B | 275 Sackett Drive | Monroe | 45050 | (513) 539-4643 | ruth.charles@fuse.net | 72 MGB | |
| Chase | George & Linda | B | 8193 Long Meadow Dr. | West Chester | 45069 | (513) 779-0317 | gchase@cinci.rr.com | 70 Midget | |
| Cole | Jim | M | 348 O'Gara St. | Medford, Or | 97501 | (541) 261-2603 | championcsa@aol.com | 78 MGB, 79 MGB V8 | |
| Cole | Eddie | B | 490 Mustang Dr. | Walton, Ky | 41094 | (859) 485-6108 | edmgcars@fuse.net | 76 Midget, 80 MGB LE, 80 | |
| Cooper | Graham & Diana | E | 5771 Observation Court | Milford | 45150 | (513) 248-4419 | gcooper@clyde-mac.com | 69 MGB | |
| Crabtree | Frank | B | 1368 – 20 Black Forest | Dayton | 45449 | (937) 866-1191 | wa8pra@juno.com | | |
| Cunningham | Ian & Kathy | B | P.O. Box 427 | Sardinia | 45171 | (937) 446-2538 | ian_cunningham@verizon.net | 63 MGB, 75 Midget | |
| Davis | Tom & Karina | M | 5655 New Carlisle Pike | Springfield | 45504 | (937) 882-9606 | tdavis68@woh.rr.com | 66 MGB, 67 MGB GT | |
| DiPasquele | Louie & Mary | M | 3433 Westbury Road | Dayton | 45409 | (937) 299-4089 | | 61 MGA, Spitfire | |
| Dunham | Tim | B | 320 Northview Rd. | Dayton | 45419 | (937) 293-6026 | tdunham@thedunhamcompany.com | 68 MGC GT | |
| Edgerton | Mike & Nancy | E | 602 N. Lindsey Ave | Miamisburg | 45342 | (937) 866-5729 | autoedge@sbcglobal.net | 05 Mini Cooper S | |
| Estell | Dave & Carol | E | 2957 Wooded Vista Court | Mason | 45040 | (513) 459-0155 | destell1@cinci.rr.com | 65 MGB, | |
| Farrell | Bob & Cheri | E | 9128 S. Normandy Lane | Centerville | 45458 | (937) 477-9862 | rfarrell@woh.rr.com | 71 MGB | |
| Fields | Jeff | B | 14430 Meadow Creek | LaGrange | 44050 | (440) 355-6464 | drivesmgs@gmail.com | 49 TC, 60 MGA, 69 MGC | |
| Finch | Melvin & Enora | E | 10005 Tracy Ave | Kansas City, Mo | 64131 | (816) 941-8454 | itsyl39@kc.rr.com | 61 MGA, 69 MGB | |
| Ford | Evan & Kristie | B | 10236 Atchison Rd | Dayton | 45458 | (937) 558-2961 | eford321@hotmail.com | 53 TD | |
| Franzer | Jim & Julie | E | 1110 King Richard Pkwy | West Carrollton | 45449 | (937) 866-0083 | jfranzer@sbcglobal.net | 77 MGB | |
| Freeze | Al & Dianne | B | 526 Lebanon Rd. | Clarksville | 45113 | (937) 289-3403 | afreeze@hughes.net | 74 ½ MGB | |
| Fry | Nicholas & Jane | B | 3535 Keever Rd | Lebanon | 45036 | (513) 932-9199 | nlfray@fuse.net | 74 MGB GT | |
| Gearhart | Vickie S. | M | 446 Shroyer Rd | Dayton | 45419 | (937) 294-7441 | VSG626@aol.com | 77 MGB | |
| Gillie | Steven & Katherine | B | 6780 Bunnell Hill Rd. | Springboro | 45066 | (513) 571-5276 | stevenagillie@msn.com | 52 TD | |

MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Center
Membership List 2009-2010
January 21, 2010

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Goodman | Dick | E | 2355 Apricot | Beavercreek | 45431 | (937) 426-4161 | rgoodman6@woh.rr.com | 53 TD | |
| Goodman | Kathy | E | 832 Spring Lake Cr. | Enon | 45323 | (937) 672-9364 | kgoodman4@woh.rr.com | 80 MGB LE | |
| Gribler | Dave & Lois | B | 2228 Settlers Trail | Vandalia | 45377 | (937) 898-9928 | drivesmgs@yahoo.com | 62 A, 69 CGT, 72 Midget, | |
| Gulley | Paul & Naomi | B | 410 Overla Blvd | Englewood | 45322 | (937) 836-1860 | gulley paul@aol.com | 69 MGB | |
| Hammond | Bill | E | 5825 Terrace Park Dr | Kettering | 45429 | (937) 434-9967 | whammond@woh.rr.com | | |
| Hankey | Keith & Bonnie | E | P.O. Box 228 | Harveysburg | 45032 | (513) 897-2456 | bhankey_2000@yahoo.com | 73 Midget | |
| Hanseman | Bob & Jeanne | E | 2360 Trebein Road | Xenia | 45385 | (937) 426-5209 | shaggysidelane@Gmail.com | 51 TD, 59 MGA | |
| Happensack | Terry | E | P.O. Box 340396 | Beavercreek | 45434 | (937) 253-6691 | TJHappy@earthlink.net | 72,73,74,74 Midgets | |
| Hill | Ed | B | 70 La Belle St | Dayton | 45403 | (937) 461-6688 | EHILLMGB@aol.com | 71 MGB | |
| Hirsch | Michael & Gayle | B | 1986 N. Highgate Ct. | Beavercreek | 45432 | (937) 429-4202 | Mikro219@sbcglobal.net | 58 MGA | |
| Hodges | Sam & Diana | E | 2142 Pelwood Dr. | Centerville | 45459 | (937) 434-6505 | sammgb@earthlink.net | 77,78 MGB | |
| Hooker | Joe | B | 1528 W. Lynn Drive | Beavercreek | 45432 | (937) 426-1128 | twocoloradokids@woh.rr.com | 53 TD | |
| Hunter | William | E | 2461 Merrimont Dr | Troy | 45373 | (937) 726-0866 | Wjh0919@yahoo.com | 58 MGA, 63 MGB | |
| Jackson | Skip & Joan | E | 3240 Koenig Ave. | Cincinnati | 45211 | (513) 720-7547 | Jackson.skip@yahoo.com | | |
| Johnson | Phil & Sandy | M | 875 Vintage Green Way | Centerville | 45458 | (937) 866-1050 | pjohn11858@yahoo.com | 51 TD, 76 MGB | |
| Juhl | Dan & Colleen | M | 1211 Ashburton Dr. | Centerville | 45459 | (937) 435-5224 | | | |
| Keferl | John & Barbara | B | 3803 Berrywood Drive | Dayton | 45424 | (937) 236-0093 | keferl@sbcglobal.net | 70 MGB | |
| Kraft | Robert & Marilyn | B | 6780 S. Karns | West Milton | 45383 | (937) 698-6221 | MAKironside@aol.com | 51 TD | |
| Leui | Greg & Jennifer | M | 1100 Middle Dr | Richmond, In | 47374 | (765) 965-6116 | | 76 MGB | |
| Looft | Terry & Carole | B | 42 Paddock Place | Wilmington | 45177 | (937) 382-1520 | terry@looft.net carole@looft.net | SA,VA,YA,YT,TC/D/F,MG | |
| Looft | Ryan | E | 1542 Wayne Rd | Wilmington | 45177 | (513) 252-4191 | ryan@looft.net | 54 TF, 64 1100, 77 MGB | |
| Looft | Torey | E | 227 Dotson Drive | Ames, Iowa | 50014 | (513) 254-7997 | torey@looft.net | 54 TF, 79 MGB, 79 MGB L | |
| Maloney | Michael & Kay | B | 5584 Worley Road | Tipp City | 45371 | (937) 698-4083 | mgcoctagons@aol.com | 70 Midget ,74 MGBGT, 78 | |
| Marin | Glen | M | 7867 Volk Dr. | Dayton | 45415 | (937) 898-7891 | gmarin@netzero.net | 1977 MGB | |
| Markman | Steve & Helen | E | 10983 Penfield Rd. | Washington Twp. | 45458 | (937) 886-9566 | srmarkman@att.net | 50 TD | |
| Marquis | David | B | 2928 Hardin Co. Rd. #200 | Belle Center | 43310 | (937) 441-0022 | damarquis7@netscape.net | 70 Midget | |
| McCamey | Charley & Jill | E | 818 Briddlewood Street | Beavercreek | 45430 | (937) 426-8859 | CDMMGB@aol.com | 75 MGB | |
| McCann | Dave | B | 49 E. Ward St. | Springfield | 45504 | (714) 457-6682 | david@mccann.ws | 64 MGB, 70 MGB, 74 MGB | |
| McCann | David & Linda | E | 1238 Glenmore Dr | Springfield | 45503 | (937) 399-5711 | dave@mccannco.net | 74 MGB | |
| Miller | Steve | B | 3733 Wilmington Pike | Kettering | 45429 | (937) 293-8700 | MgAutomotive1@aol.com | 67 Midget, 70 Midget | |

MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Center
Membership List 2009-2010
January 21, 2010

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Moore | Gary & Judith | E | 7031 Brantford Rd | Dayton | 45414 | (937) 890-2599 | arado7@sbcglobal.net | 59 MGA | |
| Newman | Dick & Pat | B | 120 Bowers Ave | Hillsboro | 45133 | (937) 840-7467 | Pat@cinci.rr.com | 47 TC, 62 MGA MKII, 85 J | |
| Nuessgen | Robert & Cheryl | M | 1510 Meriline Ave | Dayton | 45410 | (937) 253-9935 | | 78 Midget | |
| Opt | Jeff | E | 5624 Winterberry | Dayton | 45431 | (937) 253-9967 | opt13@aol.com | 71 Midget | |
| Parks | Ron & Linda | E | 4101 Grosspoint Street | Springfield | 45502 | (937) 322-0717 | mgdriver@woh.rr.com | 74 MGB | |
| Peterson | Skip & Jennifer | E | 4400 Wingview Lane | Kettering | 45429 | (937) 293-2819 | mgbskip@aol.com; tvjen@aol.com | 59 MGA, 72 MGB | |
| Pinnell | Bob & Sally | E | 2474 Banyon Drive | Beavercreek | 45431 | (937) 426-7274 | bpinnell@ameritech.net | 52 TD | |
| Planeaux | Dar & Mary | E | 408 Forest View Drive | Fairborn | 45324 | (937) 878-6974 | DarandMary@aol.com | 58 MGA | |
| Powell | Steve & Jayne | E | 852 Sycamore Woods Dr. | Tipp City | 45371 | (937) 667-5390 | jpowell66@woh.rr.com | 47 TC, 55 TF | |
| Ross | Cheryl A | E | 7754 St. Etinne Ln #A | Centerville | 45459 | (937) 499-0080 | rossch4@aol.com | 78 MGB | |
| Shields | Richard & Susan | M | 5244 Brinsted Ave | West Carrollton | 45449 | (937) 294-5120 | sras1855@aol.com | 73MGB | |
| Smith | Dick & Barbara | B | 2304 Wrenside Lane | Kettering | 45440 | (937) 434-1750 | rsmithomo@aol.com | 78 B, 61 Minor, 64 Cooper | |
| Sparklin | Karl & Ellen | B | 3705 Harry Truman Dr. | Beavercreek | 45432 | (937) 426-6068 | virtualdude@mac.com | 72 MGB | |
| Stroble | Pete | E | 1399 Howell | Beavercreek | 45434 | (937) 429-0871 | minimthead@aol.com | 4 Minis | |
| Stuckert | Loren & Sherry | B | 187 S. Walnut St. | Wilmington | 45177 | (937) 382-4643 | sherrystuckert@yahoo.com | 79 MGB | |
| Sweeney | John & Dana | B | 4793 Hampton Village Dr | Mason | 45040 | (513) 339-0506 | jsweeney1@zoomtown..com | 76 MGB | |
| Thomas | Jim | E | 5198 Cotton Run Rd | Hamilton | 45011 | (513) 726-5190 | mgbjt@zoomtown.com | 51 TD, 74 MGB GT | |
| Thompson | Don & Susan | E | 4400 Graydon Dr. | Middletown | 45042 | (513) 420-1729 | sjdhthomp@cinci.rr.com | 54 TF | |
| Veris | Steve & Joy | E | 3150 Far Hills Avenue | Kettering | 45429 | (937) 299-4850 | Steve.Veris@sbcglobal.net | 60 MGA | |
| Waeber | Ken & Jill | M | 431 Garfield Ave | Milford | 45150 | (513)-248-1257 | jbwaeber@yahoo.com | 64 MGB | |
| Ware | Marion & Alfretta | M | 5051 West Elkton Rd | Hamilton | 45011 | (513) 726-5125 | | 68 Sprite | |
| Wasserman | Reuben & Patricia | E | 2452 Pine Knott Drive | Beavercreek | 45431 | (937) 426-7239 | reuben.wasserman@sbcglobal.net | 53 TD, 68 MGC | |
| White | Clay | B | 734 Grafton Ave | Dayton | 45406 | (937) 279-0248 | hclaywhite@usa.net | 77 Midget | |
| Winters | Robert & Kay | M | 2633 Ehrhart Dr. | Springfield | 45502 | (937) 322-3716 | rwinters5@woh.rr.com | 51 TD | |
| Wolfe | John & Linda | M | 4114 Middlebrook Drive | Beavercreek | 45440 | (937) 429-3292 | Beavercreeklinda@att.net | 62 A, 67 MGB, 67 MGB G | |
| Youngblood | Larry & Gloria | M | 716 Arcadia Boulevard | Englewood | 45322 | (937) 836-5341 | lyngbldoh@yahoo.com | 75 Midget, 79 MGB | |
| Zeno | John | M | 2520 Mt Carmel Rd | Columbia, Ky | 42728 | (270) 384-0595 | john_zeno@msn.com | 57 MGA, | |
| Zorn | Jeff & Jan | B | 29311 Aranel | Farmington Hills,Mi | 48334 | (248) 489-0022 | MGAjeff@aol.com | 59 MGA, MGB | |