

# THE OCTAGON NEWS



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New Officers Elected

Still Time to Renew Your Membership



## From the President

Terry Looft

Well, I guess it's "back in the saddle again." The bar has been set high from outgoing President Ryan as well as the ones before him.

To begin with I want to say thanks to our outgoing officers. Without them our club would not operate. Thanks to all who stepped up to the plate to help make this club what it is. This extends to all who helped at BCD and the other events throughout the club year. Also, a thank you to the incoming officers too (you know, the ones that come to the September meeting) who will

be stepping up to take over the duties necessary to let the club run so well. A Big thanks as well to Ron for all the hard work keeping the web site up to date and running so smoothly. We are already seeing changes to the site as the web chores are transferred to John Scocozzo



North American MGB Register

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, October 27, 2010

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## Upcoming MGCC Events

### Oct:

27 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

### Nov:

17 – Meeting (K of C Hall on  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – happy  
Thanksgiving)

### Dec:

11 – Holiday Party  
No meeting – happy holidays

and the site just gets better as it evolves.

I will be looking to top the membership numbers set by Ron when he was president, so Ron, you are on notice! If it takes more beer breaks, newspaper ads, Craigslist, stand on the street corner with a cardboard sign, fine, whatever it takes. Ron is in my sights. So PLEASE everyone, send in your membership renewal now!

We have had a busy summer indeed, MGB in Canada, MGA in Wisconsin, Perrysburg, Cincinnati, and BCD Dayton. With still some great driving weather, we are approaching our fall drive to coincide with MG-80. I hope we have a good turnout, not many of these nice driving days left. I think we came up a little short on PUB runs of late and I plan to ramp up a little more interest. Even if the weather is cold, we should still get together for a pub meal more often. We always have a good time. It's just a matter of setting a time and doing it.

On another note, Carole and I have broken ranks! After collecting MGs for some 37 years we now have another type car each. NO, we have not lowered ourselves to the level of Louie and Ron. No Triumphs! (A sharp stick to the eye maybe but never a you know what) In August Carole picked up a neat little 67 Riley Elf. The Original blue paint is in great shape and it is rust free. Also, it's a RHD car from New Zealand. This past month I, too, fell off the wagon and bought a nice 74 Austin Mini 1000 that is also a RHD car with New Zealand history. Another item in the works is my MG 1100. With its stripped body, it is



now perfect with all the body and paint work complete. At this point, it is just a shell and ready to start being assembled. It will take most of the winter to gather up all the new parts to put into Concours condition. This 1100 is special in that it was one of only a few 100 cars ordered with the 1275cc engine. In 68 it became the MG 1300. We have stumbled onto a great body and paint shop right here in Wilmington. If you are looking to have this kind of work done they are worth taking a good look at. Cost was very fair and I cannot say enough about their work.



Enough rambling for now, see you at the meeting when I get to try out the gavel again and try to keep that back table under control. (Should be easy, I won't be at that table for a year!)

*Safety*  *Fast*

Terry

## Meet Your New Officers

As required by our by-laws, new officers for 2011 were elected at our last meeting on September 22. The following were elected after the usual lengthy, bitter, and hard-fought campaigns:

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| President:       | Terry Looft    |
| Vice-President   | Dave McCann Sr |
| Secretary:       | Diana Hodges   |
| Treasurer:       | Glen Marin     |
| Member at Large: | Bill Hamond    |

All appointed positions remain as they were last year. Congratulations to our new officers, thank you to all our outgoing officers, and a special thank you to outgoing president Ryan Looft for guiding us through a great year.



Special thanks to outgoing President Ryan Looft (I know, not a very good picture, but the best I had).

## Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

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|---|---|
| Bill & Barb Young<br>1320 Jonquil Lane<br>Greenville, Ohio 45331<br>937-459-5372<br><a href="mailto:wyoung32@woh.rr.com">wyoung32@woh.rr.com</a><br>1953 TD | Col. Thomas & Beverly Smith<br>3441 Surry Ridge Way<br>Dayton, Ohio 45424<br>937-235-0952<br><a href="mailto:tmsmith44@gmail.com">tmsmith44@gmail.com</a><br><b>1969 MGB GT</b> |
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## Membership Renewal Time

Carole Looft

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

MG Car Club SW Ohio Centre  
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 for our roster, drop a note along with your payment, and we will update our records.



## November Issue to Include Veterans Salute

Steve Markman

A few years ago, *The Octagon News* featured pictures of many of our members when they served in the U.S. military. I think it's time to do it again, as many of our members are veterans. If you'd like to contribute a picture, please e-mail it to me at [srmarkman@att.net](mailto:srmarkman@att.net) if its in digital form (or if you can scan it), or, either bring the print to the next meeting or send it via snail mail and I'll return it.

### Member Featured Car of the Month...

## Joe Damico's 79 MGB

Joe Damico

My love for MGs started back in 1984 when I was in the Navy. My first MGB was a 1969, which I owned for three years. Next I purchased a 1975 MGB from a lady's garage. I restored it and drove it for about two years. Then I purchased a 1969 MG Midget, which was a real mistake. The car was much too small for me. I kept it for about one year and then found my 1976 MGB in a garage. I painted it by hand with a foam roller. Hey, stop laughing; it didn't look as bad as you might think. I owned it about 3 years, drove it and had a lot of fun with it. I just recently sold it which brings us to the car I now own, my 1979 MGB. I have always wanted a British Racing Green MGB with black interior. I bought this one from Steve Miller of MG Automotive at the beginning of summer. Since then, the car and I have come a long way with the following repairs and improvements: 1. New mini light rims with Pirelli tires; 2. New Miata bucket seats; 3. L/E steering wheel; 4. Webber carburetor, with S/S header; 5. Luggage rack; and 6. New stereo system.



This car sports a true hand wax job. I polished it by hand for about 2 weeks on and off. I added racing stripes down the sides of the hood and an MGB factory stripe on the sides along the bottom. I enjoy driving my car! Its fun and the one thing that drew me to this car was the overdrive transmission, which makes it great on long trips. Oh, and, by the way; for my winter time project; I plan to repaint my car; professionally this time and not with a foam roller.

See you all at the next car show.

## Pictures From Concours d'Elegance



Pete Stroble and the British Transportation Museum's MG YT.



Bonnie Hanke places a blue ribbon on a winning car.



Ron Parks and Dave McCann delivering water to volunteers.



Joe Hooker enjoying the day.



Ed Hill taking a quick break.



Dick and Kathy Goodman in a non-MG.



## Ron's Fishing Trip, Then and Now



Ron Parks, circa 2000



Ron Parks, 2010

## More on Tyres for MGs

Rob Medynski, Technical Advisor of the  
MG Drivers Club  
Submitted by Joe Hooker

What are the best tires to use on MG Ts and MGAs?

On T-types and A's I use 165/15 steel radials. Since the MG- T and A series never came with a radial tire, let alone a tubeless one, a little creative adaption is necessary in this situation. Radial tires will give you a smoother ride than the nylon bias tires originally fitted to T-series and MGA's. You lose authenticity with radials but gain in the safety department.

However, one thing you must take into account is that almost all radials are tubeless and the T-types and A's all have wheel rims made only for tube type tires so you will have to use an appropriate tube in this application. Rims made for tubeless tires have a rolled edge next to the tire bead. This helps prevent the tire from rolling off the rim in case of low air pressure or a flat tire.

Its important to remove all stickers and bar codes on the inside of the tire (this applies to all tires). Any stickers or bar codes left on will scuff the tube you need to use in the tire and cause a flat. I then use baby powder to coat the tube and the inside of the tire. This reduces the friction and heat that build up from the flexing of the tires side wall. As I said, my understanding is that a TD, TF or MGA seems to cross over best to a 165/15. This is only what I do personally, you should always consult your tire dealer at the time of purchase.

## Classifieds

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

**For Sale:** “Gertrude,” 73 MGB Conv. Roadster, blaze with dark blue interior, has always been garaged, 3<sup>rd</sup> owner, repainted and engine restored in 98 by Steve Miller-MG Auto. Have original bill of sale, MG Handbook, Passport to Service Maintenance record book w/metal Identification Plate, w/British Leyland original solid state am radio (yes it works), also comes with black hard top. Asking: \$7,000: Betty / Fred Shaneyfelt, 937-371-8223, [bfshaney@aol.com](mailto:bfshaney@aol.com). (10/10)

**For Sale:** Four (4) early MGB wheels & tires. Ron Williams, 260-438-5337 (9/10)

**Wanted:** One wind wing for 1953 MG TD. Russ Berry, 937-673-5218. (9/10)

**Wanted:** Good passenger side fender for a 78 Midget. Todd Robbins 740-739-3241 (9/10)

**For Sale:** 1950 MGTD w/ extra engine and carb. \$13,000. Located in Beavercreek. Call Rick Lach for info, 937-426-2015. (8/10)

**For Sale:** 79 MGB. Over 100,000 miles. Body is solid, but some rust. Engine and carbs need rebuilding. Top still in good shape. 3rd owners.. Stored inside for 7 years beginning in 2000, then outside for 3 years (covered with a fitted tarp.) Title is clear. \$600. Dick Stem, Phone: 426-7759 or 901-6802 (8/10)

**Wanted:** MGB. Call Dave Wagonner, 937-833-2743. Brookville (8/10)

**Wanted:** MGB head pipe [Moss #444-020] George 440-315-4140 [csmwakeman@oh.rr.com](mailto:csmwakeman@oh.rr.com) (8/10)

**Wanted:** MG Magazine #65. Jeff 440.355.MGMG [drivesmgs@gmail.com](mailto:drivesmgs@gmail.com) (8/10)

**For Sale:** 1969 MGB Roadster. Looks and runs great. Only 150 miles since ground up restoration completed in 2008. New, period-correct, ice blue metallic paint professionally applied. All rust removed and metal replaced as needed, plus extensive mechanical rebuild. Tons of new parts, way too extensive to list here. \$17,900. Kent Miller, 937-299-3837. (8/10)

**Wanted:** MGA steering rack Jeff Fields 440.315.6380 440.355.MGMG (7/10)

**Wanted:** Replacement head for 1979 MGB. Randy Miller (937) 223-8271 or (937) 478-1091. (7/10)

**For Sale:** 57 MG Magnette varitone dk gray/lt gray 1800 B motor body great, interior fair- some spares. Located in Willoughby. Michael Arnold 440-946-MGMG or 440-477-8751. (7/10)

**For Sale:** 1974 MGBGT . Original owner!! Driven until the mid 80's. Since then was in my garage until 1993 when I started restoration. Unfortunately I am moving and have to sell it. 99% complete but does suffer from typical MG rust (rocker panels etc.) It does roll but needs to be towed or hauled on a flatbed. Cincinnati area. Martin Fryer, [mfryer@fuse.net](mailto:mfryer@fuse.net). (7/10)

**For Sale:** TC in NJ needs work. \$10,000. asking price. Garth, 551 265 8025 (7/10)

**For Sale:** Original 4-speed transmission removed from 1952 MG/TD that is being converted to a 5-speed. Only had 25969 miles. Asking price is 1,200. Jack Akers [akersclassic@netzero.net](mailto:akersclassic@netzero.net) (7/10)

**For Sale:** 47 TC. Buffalo NY area. Nice car needs a few things but engine rebuilt a few years ago, paint and body nice. Needs an interior. This isn't my car...belongs to an e-mail-challenged friend. Clifford J Lockrow, [JayLock@localnet.com](mailto:JayLock@localnet.com). (7/10)



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**For Sale:** 1972 MGB. Has been in the garage for the last 5 years. Would like to sell it to someone who would appreciate it as much as we did. Good condition. The top is good and it ran the last time that we started it (which has been a while). Linda & Steve Knapp (740) 626-7334 or (740) 649-2017. (6/10)

**For Sale:** 76 MGB. Purchased new by owner's father. Only driven on nice days. This car is a true original survivor. It has only 15,008 miles on it and it still has original paint. No body work, ever. Color is "sandglow" (beige/gold combination). You can see the color at <http://www.teglerizer.com/mgcolors/>. The car is near perfect inside and out. No overdrive but the brakes recently were redone (new master cylinder, etc.). Closest thing to buying a new MGB that you'll find. Asking \$11,000 with very little room for negotiation. Contact [SReinh3115@cs.com](mailto:SReinh3115@cs.com). (6/10)

**For Sale:** 1972 MGB GT. It has been sitting in my garage since 1996 or 1997. (Never got around to restoration.) Was running up until then. Engine turns over. It has wire wheels and is blue. The windshield has a crack in it. Some rust. Located in Springfield OH. Glenn Wilson, 937-322-6107, or [gmwilson@erinet.com](mailto:gmwilson@erinet.com). (6/10)

**For Sale:** 1969 MGCGT. I am the 4th owner from the club and you can be the 5th. Car is 4 speed with OD, Red, (paint is a little tired). Mechanical brakes, troublesome boosters removed by Steve at MG Automotive some time ago. Runs very nicely, lots of power, doesn't leak much. Newer 72 spoke wires and tires (3 yrs I think). Many of you have known the car longer than me (2 yrs). Would love to trade for a B/C roadster of equal value (+/-), OD highly desired. NADA around \$9K for non-club Members, \$8,500 to club members but prefer to trade. Mike Rowles 937-669-2496 (6/10)

**For Sale:** 1951 TD & TF. The cars are not running. Erie, PA. Lew Penna: 814-449-2934 & 814-833-9956. (6/10)



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**For Sale :** 1954 MGTF 1250 in very good condition. Driven regularly except for the last year. Colors are black with red upholstery, which match the original car factory registration. Top, side curtains and toneau cover are included with original shop manual and required tools. Installed cabin heater. Owner since 1972. Contact Cecil Scott, 614.459.0479. (5/10)

**For Sale:** Collection of 10 – 15 MGs owned by collector in Middletown. Stored in barn. Specific cars, conditions, and prices unknown, but prefers to sell to MG owners before offering to the general public. Contact Rick Williams from 10am to 6pm at 513-727-3768 or e-mail at wasp1@att.net. (5/10)

**For Sale:** 4 - Dunlop SP20 165 R 15 tires (439 miles) and 1 - Vredestein Sprint Classic 165 R 15 tire (new). I just removed these from my 1960 MGA. These are in excellent condition. \$ 425. Tom Bishop [Tandtbishop@insight.rr.com](mailto:Tandtbishop@insight.rr.com) or 614-890-7921. (5/10)

## MG Car Club Minutes, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

Sam Hodges

*If this month's minutes seem a bit off, it's because there were some technical difficulties with the recording device (my Palm was acting up) and I had to actually revert to hand written notes on what went on.*

**President** Ryan Looft called the meeting to order for the final time (*this time*) at 7:30 on the dot. Ryan, "You feeling okay Louie? You didn't call for a 'Beer Break'?" Louie, "I'm on a diet." Dave McCann, "You lose any more weight and you'll probably blow away." Ryan, "So this is the big meeting where we elect new officers." Louie, "Aren't you happy." Ryan, "No, I've actually enjoyed being President."

Next was the **Vice President's Report**. Dave Gribler reported that he had nothing to report.

Minutes were next on the agenda. Dave McCann motioned to accept the minutes as reported. John Keferl seconded. Minutes approved as reported.

*And then, apparently a spaceship came down and was beaming up cows... No. Wait. That was just a doodle in the margin. Sorry. I'll be electronic again next month...*

Treasurer's Report was next. Bonnie Hankey gave her final report in its proper form using, pounds, shillings and pence to inform the club as to the status of the MGCC accounts (*I however did not write it down that way...*). We had Total Income to the MGCC consisting of: \_\_\_\_ (\$126.00). We had a Total Income of \$126.00. Total Expenses: Hall Rental Fees (\$45.00) + Gumball Rallye (\$5.00) + Octagon News Fees (\$106.30) + \_\_\_\_\_ (\$172.48) = A Total Expense of \$ 328.28. Total Loss to the MGCC was \$ 202.28, that when subtracted from/to our existing Treasury balance of \$2,007.95 equals a new Treasury Balance of \$1,805.17 in the primary checking account and \$378.61 in the savings account. Bonnie, "These figures reflect the accounts before the BCD money is added in." Lois, "Hey, we were on vacation." Keith Hankey, "And you've got the tan to prove it." Glen, "So just how much BCD money is left?" Glen Marin motioned to accept and Bill Hammond seconded. Treasurer's Report approved.

Carole Looft and **Membership** were next. Carole, “No one new. Ryan exits with 102 members.” Skip Peterson, “Did I ever make 100?” Ron Parks, “I have the record at 113...” Skip, “Horse Hockey! You were signing up 5 year olds from the school across the street and family members!” Carole, “There are a few extra BCD T-shirts left.” Dave Gribler, “How much will they be if we wait?” Louie, “Any senior discounts?” Eddie Hill, “Do you take the ‘Golden Buckeye’ card?” Ron, “I drove home after BCD and I guess that the sweat from my back caused the shirt to make an inked impression onto my driver’s seat. I had to wash the seat 4 times and it’s almost gone.” Skip, “You should see his back...” Carole, “Tattoo!”

**Activities with Eddie** were next. Eddie Hill, “There’s the Orphan Car Show being held by the Studebaker club at Carillon Park on September 25<sup>th</sup>. We don’t have to cook, sell, or park anything! (*If you weren’t there, you’ve already missed it.*) Spring Tour is October 16<sup>th</sup> (*tomorrow as I type*) look for e-mail details to come (...oh look. *I’ve got e-mail details, and an update to the e-mail details...*). December 11<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Holiday Party to be held in Wilmington at the residence of current, soon-to-be ex, President Ryan Looft. Look for more details in a future edition. Saturday March 12, 2011 is the date for the Gribler’s Valentine/St. Patrick’s day party. Mark your calendars.

*And then, out of now where a very large dinosaur came in and started eating villagers... Wait. Oops. Sorry, another doodle in the margins. Never mind that part...*

**Sunshine Committee** was next. Jennifer (who has recently stepped out) is not here. Skip therefore fills in. Skip, “We think everyone’s okay.”

**Newsletter** is next. Steve Markman, “I’m planning another salute to veterans in November. I do have one comment about the Concours. I was talking to the owner of the Russian Gaz and he was telling me what a complete piece of junk that thing was. It was kind of refreshing to see such honesty about a car.”

Steve, “I’ve got the annual picture of Louie with the ‘Holiday at Home’ Queen and her court. Apparently Louie is a much bigger boy scout than he leads everyone to believe. A story is told (*I forgot to attribute the quote*) of how one of the girls cut her finger and Louie just happened to have a band-aid in his wallet that he pulled out and gave to her. Glen, “He could have pulled that ‘other’ thing in his wallet out and put that on her finger.” Terry, “Would that have been considered assault with a dead weapon?” Louie, “Watch your mouth!”

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**Web Master** Ron Parks. “I’ve updated the website to include the Fall Drive and links to the MG80 information.”

**BCD Wrap-up.** Dave Gribler, “The shirt that keeps on giving. We’ll get about \$1600.” Skip, “That’ll help the coffers. We apparently need to address the fact that if you sweat/get the shirts wet, they’ll bleed onto seats. I think we paid too much for what we got.” Ryan, “Is it worth the extra money that we paid? How much did they cut into profit?” Dave Gribler, “I haven’t done an analysis but I think so.” There was further discussion as to the items that we’ve already talked about already... The porta-potty was in the wrong place, we need more porta-potties next year, especially in the back corner, the speakers couldn’t be heard in the far reaches of the park, maybe we can look into battery powered satellite speakers for next year, etc.

Skip, “Tonight is our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We’ve been in the club 19 of those 20 years. Beer Break is on us.”

Beer Break at 8:07.

Back from Beer Break 8:25.

Ryan, “A toast to Skip and Jennifer’s Anniversary” Cheers!

**ELECTIONS** were next. Ryan, “At this time, I’d like to open the floor for nomination for the office of **President.**” Bill Hammond, “I nominate Dave Gribler for President.” Dave, “We only make ½ the meetings due to conflicts. I don’t think that’s a wise move.” Dave McCann, “I nominate Terry Looft.” Bill Hammond seconds the nomination. Hammond moved to close nominations. Louie D. seconded. Nominations closed. The club members present voted and only Eddie Hill and Terry Looft opposed. Terry’s the new Prez.

**Vice President.** Terry Looft, “I have enough vices. I don’t need another.” Ron Parks, “I nominate Dave McCann for VP.” Terry seconded the nomination. Skip and Eddie move to close. The club votes. Dave McCann is the new Vice President.

**Minutes.** Just to satisfy the letter of the law, Eddie, then Terry followed by Skip, and Ron. Club voted. It took you longer to read that sentence than the actual process took. Technically, this year it’s Diana Hodges... *Any bets on how many meetings she makes it to? I’m taking the under at 4...*

**Treasurer.** Lois Gribler, “We need some new faces.” Eddie Hill, “I nominate Lois G.” Dave G, “Um, remember why I can’t do it...?” Jennifer P., “I nominate Glen Marin.” Skip seconds. Dave McCann moved to close nominations seconded by Skip. After the vote, Glen Marin is the new Treasurer for the second time.

**Member-at-Large.** Ron, “I nominate Bill Hammond” Bill, “What exactly do I have to do?” Current Large Member Dar Planeaux, “You show up and drink beer!” Bill, “I can handle that.” Louie moved to close. Bill Hammond is the new Large Member.

President-Elect Terry Looft, “Eddie voted and he’s just now paying his dues. He wasn’t a member. We need a recount of the ballots.”

**Old Business.** Linda Wolfe, “I think we need a new Eazy-Up canopy. Skip, “Yeah, the old one’s pretty bad.” Linda motioned that we procure a new one when one goes on sale. Louie seconded. After much



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round-n-round about who, what, when, where, it is decided that we'll authorize the expense up to \$200.00 if someone sees a good deal on one for sale.

Fall Drive. Glen Marin, "October 17<sup>th</sup>, leaving from the Tipp-o-the-Town in Tipp City. It's located at exit 68 off of I-75. We're planning on a 1:00 departure from Tipp City. This is going to be our contribution to MG80. Eddie, "can we make Mid-Ohio an official MGCC event? That's where I'm going to be" Carole Looft, "Who's in charge of taking and posting the pics?"

**Dayton Concours.** Skip, "We had 4,000 through the gate and it was a huge success. Next year is scheduled for September 18, 2011, mark your calendar. Thank you very much for all of your help." Dave McCann, "I've got a different perspective. You guys (referring to Skip, Ron, Eddie, etc.) did all the work. I got a cool shirt and saw a good show so you guys need the thanks."

**Tech Tips.** Joe Hooker, "I was talking to another motorcycle guy, and he said to use Sunoco gas because it lasts longer. There's something about their formulation that makes it last longer without the detergents breaking down."

Bill Hammond, "I got up the nerve to Google myself and the first thing that came up was my obituary." Terry, "At least you out lasted Louie."

John Keferl, "I went through my car when I rebuilt it and I used dielectric grease on every electrical connection and the thing runs like a new car."

**Gumball Rallye.** Free Membership & \$15.00 goes to Kathy Goodman

Louie motioned to adjourn. John Keferl seconded.

Lois Gribler, "You did a good job Ryan." We're out at 9:00 on the dot.



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