

# THE OCTAGON NEWS



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Saluting our Veterans

Still Time to Renew Your Membership



## From the President

Terry Looft

Well, meeting #1 went well, I guess we are off and running. How many meetings to go? I will have to wait to read the minutes to see just how I did. I'm sure Dianna will have his take on how things went. I think beer break was a success, and when have you ever won Old Speckled Hen in the gumball? See what you are missing by not being at the meetings? Yet another good reason to renew your membership. Renew before you are dropped from the newsletter list. And because I'm still 42 members short of Ron's record! And,, well just renew.

Things are still busy around here. There is a big redo of parts of the house, some final work on the workshop sandblast room. I'm also taking a machine shop class two nights a week. And like we needed another car, along



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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 7:30pm. The next meeting will be:

Wed, November 17, 2010

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## Upcoming MGCC Events

### Nov:

14 – Pub Run at The Pub

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

### Dec:

11 – Holiday Party

No meeting – happy holidays

comes an online auction. Not one car, but two more. We could not pass up either at the price. If you went on the fall drive you may have noticed my RHD MGB was a little rough, I had decided the body was just too rusty to restore. It would make a good donor car to convert one to right hand drive. I have been looking for a body to transfer my B to. The auction gave me a chance to get a very nice 1963 MGB that needed an engine and gearbox. Also, one car that is missing in our collection is the MG Magnette. We had a chance to pick up a very solid 1956 MG ZB for restoration. The problem was that both cars were in Alabama. Not wanting to make two trips to bring the cars home (16 hrs round trip) we decided to test a towing system that I have had in mind for such a time. With the ZB (a rather large MG) on the flatbed trailer and the MGB on a tow dolly hitched to the rear of the flatbed, we pulled both cars at the same time. The whole setup was 56 feet long. We ran 70 mph all the way home and made it without a 'hitch'. (I had to say that)

We have scheduled a Pub Run for the month of November. We are meeting on Sunday, the 14<sup>th</sup> at **The Pub** at the Greene. Plan to be there around 5:00.

As we move toward the end of the year keep in mind the meeting is a week early this month. Please plan to attend the Holiday Party that will replace the December meeting. You will find more information and directions in this issue of the newsletter.

See you at the meeting and Pub Run.



*Safety*  *Fast*

Terry

## Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

Ed & Eileen Wolf  
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**Currently looking for a  
chrome bumper MGB**

## Last Membership Renewal Notice

Carole Looft

If you have not renewed your membership, this will be your final newsletter notice. In January our club roster will be updated with only current paid members, and only current members will receive the newsletter.

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

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### Member Featured Car of the Month

## My MGB Story (77 MGB)

Bob & Yvonne Carson

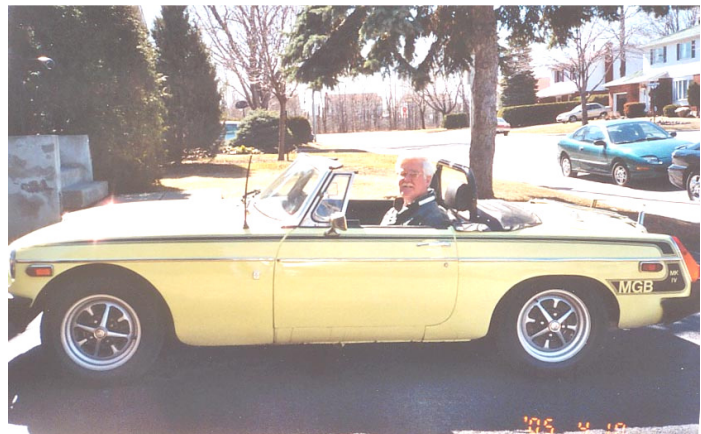
We had always been involved with cars (it's in the name - Carson) with both my sons who raced a Formula Ford (1600 cc) open wheeler for many years in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Later after my wife of 42 years passed away, I was looking for a project to keep me occupied (sanity) during the winter. I started to look for a 1959 Triumph to rebuild (nice car Louie) which I had before I was married in 1963. A fellow that I had worked with a number of years invited me over to look at his 1977 MGB. He was the original owner but had not driven the car for many years only starting and driving it around the block each month.

Even though I was not totally enthusiastic to the idea we struck a good deal. It was in very good shape but needed a lot of TLC – for example the four bolts on the boot for the gear shift had four different bolts, none of which were correct. I replaced a collection of things in restoring it to original condition and was then ready for the paint shop.

The original colour was Evening Primrose (the flower in England) a little more yellow than chartreuse. The shop matched it to original paint and painted the stripped down car.

It is amazing how the parts that you removed don't fit back in the same slots from which they came. Well I got it back together in time for driving season (April to October in Canada). It looked good and I was very happy with my handy work.

As fate would have it, I met a lady





(Yvonne Washer) from Troy, Ohio in Florida. I had known her through her late husband who was with B. F. Goodrich in Troy and had passed away in 2000. We married in Nov. 2006 and in the spring of 2007 the "B" made the 750 mile trip from Canada to Troy, Ohio.

We are now Florida residents and the MGB is a daily driver here in Ohio in the summer, since we leave my wife's car, a yellow VW Beetle, in Florida. Each season I park the MG on Jacks, put 50 Lbs in the tyres and remove the battery and put it in the warm basement. When we return the following May, I reinstall the battery and with a little patience the "B" ignites and we are ready for another season.

Happy Motoring.

## We Celebrate MG Car Club's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Skip Peterson

**T**hirty members of the MG Car Club, Southwestern Ohio Centre, gathered on a sunny Sunday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, to take an 80-mile drive in honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MG Car Club. The Southwestern Ohio Centre has been an active chapter of the MGCC for over 40 years, having been established in Dayton, Ohio 1966.

Three MGA's, one Midget, one MGB GT and 10 MGB's (6 chrome bumper, 4 rubber) made up the group. Club Member Glen Marin was the tour director, having laid out the route over back roads in Miami and Darke Counties. Stops included Bears Mill, a working mill dating back to 1849, and also Brumbaugh's Fruit Farm for their fall festival. The end of the day featured dinner at Harrison's in Tipp City, where the tour began 4 hours earlier.

Club president Terry Looft made commemorative "license plates" for each car, and also put commemorative labels on bottles of Old Speckled Hen, which were distributed to each member at the end of the drive.

The tops were down on the roadsters on a warm fall Sunday, and there were no mechanical issues encountered among the participants.

## Photos of Fall Drive/MG80 Anniversary Celebration

Photos by Skip Peterson







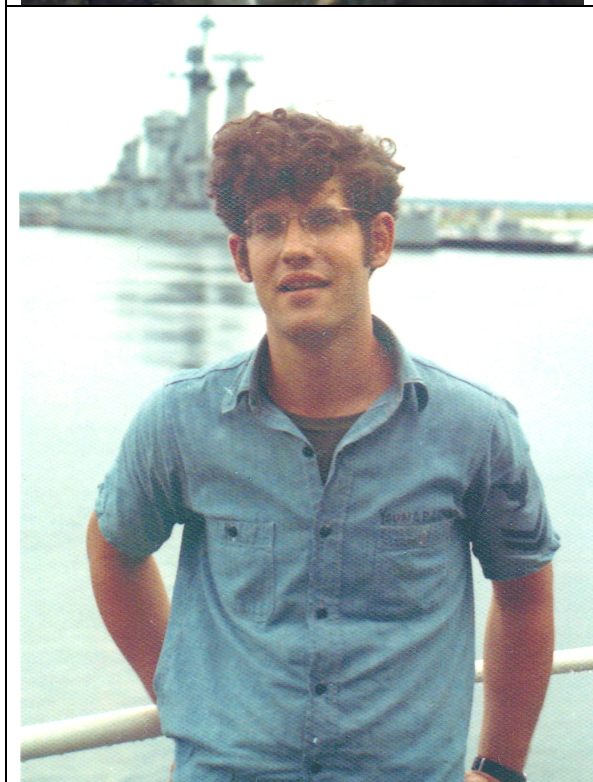




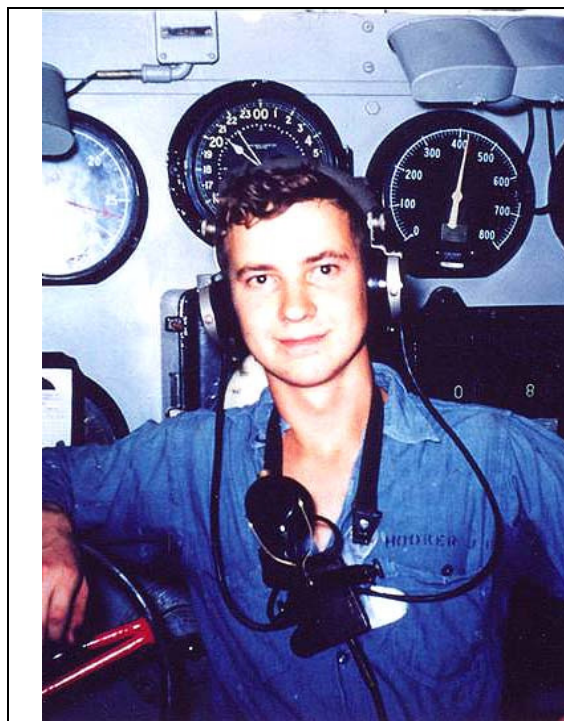
# MGCCSWOC Salutes Our Veterans

Can you name them all?









We salute our veterans, this  
month and *every* month!

Did you identify all nine of them? Hint (in no particular order): Terry Looft, Larry Youngblood, Joe Hooker, Glenn Marin, Ron Parks, Steve Markman, Dar Planeaux, Dick Goodman, and Al Freeze. Come to the next club meeting to learn who's who.

## Tech Tip

*LBCarCo Tech Tip from Dave Engauser*

Worn lettering on dash knobs?

Many times the lettering on knobs is worn off after many years of use. To restore the bright white I put typewriter liquid paper correction ink on the lettering, let it dry and then buff off the excess with fine steel wool. I use the edge of a knife for the hard to remove areas. Then spray the knob with clear lacquer and it looks like new.

## Classifieds

**Free classified policy:** We are happy to run your auto-related ad for three 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 three 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



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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)

## MG Car Club Minutes, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Sam Hodges

**T**he October 2010 meeting of the MGCC was officially called to order at precisely 7:30 by the new President Terry Looft. Upon further investigation, it was determined that this was in fact a sham 'calling to order' as the President later confessed that he did so, "...just so that you can't blame me for the meeting not starting on time." The meeting actually got started around 7:34...

President Looft, "It's THAT table..." Skip Peterson, "Who are you?"

Jennifer Peterson, "Why are you up there?" Eddie Hill, "Where's the gavel?" Terry, "I'll show you the gavel."

Terry, "Only eleven more meetings to go." Vice President Dave McCann, "Ten. There's no December meeting."

Pres. Looft, "Thanks to all of the outgoing officers who stepped up to the task."

Terry, speaking to former Webmaster Ron Parks, “Thanks for all of the hard work that you do.”

Ron, “John Scocozzo has picked up where I left off and just run with it. We were in Florida, but I want to thank Skip and Jeff for getting the pictures up on the website. We got the MG80 event photos uploaded. There were supposedly 10,000 people

worldwide who participated. It costs me 10£ (currently \$15.70) and if you go to the Mother Club website, you can get to our contributions to the MG80 celebration.” Ron continued, “I have one more presentation to make, Dar won his class at the Orphan car show at Carillon Park.” Dar, “That’s funny. I wrote on the registration ‘do not judge’.” Terry, “If that’s what it takes to win, I’ll keep that in mind.”

President Looft, “Thanks to Glen for such a fine tour, and the dinner was great.”

**Vice President Report.** Dave McCann, “Some of you may notice that I’m here alone. My side kick has taken a job in Malta, NY. It’s a 2 year contract but he’s basically doing the same thing he’s been doing for the last eight years. Otherwise, I’ve got nothing to report.

**Minutes** were next. Dick Goodman motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Jack Bantle seconded. Minutes as reported approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** was next. New (*and former*) Treasurer Glen Marin gave his report. We had Total Income to the MGCC consisting of: Squat, nil, nada. We therefore had a **Total Income of \$0.00**. Total Expenses: Hall Rental Fees (\$45.00) + Gumball Rallye (\$5.00) + Octagon News Fees (\$\_\_\_) + Other (\$\_\_\_) = **A Total Expense of \$253.30. Total Loss to the MGCC was \$253.30**, that when subtracted from/to our existing Treasury balance of \$2,447.75 equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$2194.45** in the primary checking account before BCD gets added and \$378.71 in the savings account. Skip Peterson motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Bill Hammond seconded. Treasurer’s Report approved.

**Membership.** Terry, “It says ‘my sweetie’ on my outline...” Carole Looft, “Who did that outline there?” Carole Looft, “We’ve got 66 members right now.” Skip, “Are you guys tag teaming to break the record? I smell coercion.” Terry, “You haven’t seen my Craigslist ad yet. I’ll send it to you when I get it done.” Carole, “He’s got a lot of people he can get to join...”

**Activities with Eddie.** Eddie Hill, “Not much going on this time of year. There’s a Holiday party on December 11<sup>th</sup> at somebodies house, probably in Wilmington. Terry, “Probably somebody’s house... probably in Wilmington.”

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Linda Wolfe, “We need a pub run.” Terry, “That’s coming up.”

**Sunshine Committee** is next. Jennifer P., “Everyone’s healthy.” Terry, “Nobody’s getting sick, not on my watch.”

**Newsletter.** Steve Markman, “I’d like to introduce a friend - Ed Wolfe. Ed was interested a certain ‘other’ British car (*requisite ‘Boos’ from the Club...*). Well, he went to BCD this year and it turns out that he was eyeballing MGBs. Apparently he’s found one that used to belong to the Shaneyfelts’. Evidently their **orange** (*old joke between Fred and me*) ’73 MGB is for sale.”

Steve continued, “I’m doing a special edition again and we’re going to celebrate Veterans. If you’ve got pics, please submit them.”

Carole, “I think we need to look at the number of ads that we’re running. We’ve got ads from New York and I wonder how much we’re spending.” Skip, “I think that it’s a good service and we should maybe limit the length to maybe 4 months.” Lois, “I know that I bought those Vredstein tire months ago and the ads still there” Steve: “What the heck do you expect? I think that maybe twice in all the years I’ve done the newsletter people have called me to cancel their ad.” Skip motions that we limit the time that an ad will run to 3 months unless contacted by the seller. Terry Happensack seconded. The MGCC voted and approved the motion.

Beer Break called for at 7:53

Back from break 8:11

**BCD Update.** Terry, “We’ll start with Dave.” Dave Gribler, “Skip?” Terry, “...or maybe Skip.” Skip Peterson, “We had a BCD wrap up meeting at the lovely Poelking Lanes South. We made \$3,300 net income. After the split, each club will get a check for \$1,650. Next year, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jag XKE is going to be our featured marque. Not everyone was thrilled with the shirts this year so there’s a move on to go back to the style shirt of prior years. The biggest complaint was that the summer weight shirts felt cheaper even though they were \$2.00 more than the cheaper, heavy weight older shirts.”

Terry, “Dave, how’s the MGA thing coming?” Dave Gribler, “Ron and I have been talking about thinking about doing something.” Terry, “Well since you’re talking about thinking about doing something, we’ll just let that go...”

**Old Business.** Terry, “I guess we have a canopy again.” Linda, “We saved \$40 by waiting until the end of the year. It’s 12x12 with straight legs. The pieces are all together so you can’t lose parts...” Skip, “Oh, we can lose parts alright.”

**New Business.** Jennifer, “The meeting for November always usually falls the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Therefore, keeping with tradition, the meeting should be on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.” Kathy Goodman, “Speaking of Jim, don’t we usually decide on what we’re getting him about now?” Terry, “You’re getting ahead! That’s on the other side of my sheet.” Jennifer, “We should screw him up and get him a gift certificate for...” Pres. Looft, “Hooters!” Jennifer, “I’m not going to Hooters.” Terry, “I can take care of that.” Skip, “We can make it a field trip, I’ll go with him.” Someone (*probably Eddie*), “Terry’s a member of the frequent Hooters club.” Seriously though, the club votes for the usual \$50.00 gift certificate to the be secured by Jennifer and Skip.

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Now, for that aforementioned Pub Run. After some debating, it is decided that the next Pub Run will be November, 14<sup>th</sup> at 'The Pub' at 5:00ish.

Skip it was brought to my attention that according to the Octagon News, I'm listed as President Emeritus. It should be Ryan."

**Tech Tips.** Ron, "What, Hammond doesn't have a tech tip?" Bill Hammond, "Not tonight."

**For Sale.** Eddie Hill, "There's a 1976 MGB for sale at the corner of S. Dixie & Stroop. The guy's asking \$5,000. It appears to be in good shape other than a couple of mismatched re-sprayed body panels."

Carole Looft, "I should have introduced Steve and Jayne Powell's daughter and husband who are visiting tonight." Terry, "Congratulations to Steve and Jayne for their 50 year anniversary." Skip, "Jayne, bless your heart."

**Gumball Rallye.** Skip wins.

Terry had some left over bottles of the special, commemorative MG80 Old Speckled Hen to give away. Steve Veris, Jeff Opt, Dar Planeaux, Bob Carson, Eddie Hill each won a free beer

A late **Tech Tip.** Do you need a torque plate when honing an MGB Cylinder block? After some discussion, the majority consensus is that unlike a small block Chevy which does, the MG engine block does not.

Kathy motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Dave McCann seconds and we are done.



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