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Renew Your Membership!!

You've Owned a British Car Too Long When...



From the President

Fidel Hodgriguez

The older I get, the more I realize that my world is a lot smaller than I ever really knew. For instance, just recently I had a friend, John, over to the house and he saw one of my MGB's setting in the garage. He said that it brought back memories because his wife's uncle used to have an old MG. He said that he and his wife used to go to some British car show out at Eastwood park before the uncle in question died. I raised an eyebrow at this and told him all about BCD and the MGCC connection. Even though I've only been friends with John about 6 months now, it turns out that we were

at several BCD's at the same time. I then asked what the uncle's name was and found out his name was John Lucente. My jaw just about hit the floor. Not only did I know John, but he and Zeno taught me everything I know



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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 16, 2011

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Nov:

16 – Meeting at K of C Hall
(note one week earlier)

Dec:

10 – Holiday party at Looft's
No meeting – happy holidays!!

Jan:

25 – Meeting at K of C Hall

*See meeting minutes for other
area activities!!*

about being a contrarian-curmudgeon.

I then proceeded to tell my friend John how I remember many meetings over at the Lithuanian Social Club. Initially, I was a little intimidated by Zeno and Lucente, but after time, I'd come in and sit at the same table as them and tried not to laugh out too loud at all of the snide, side comments they would make. I remember going to several BCD's and seeing John's turquoise (*I guess technically it was Glacier blue*) MGA sitting next to Zeno's A and think that '...maybe someday I'll have a car as nice as those.' I also mentioned John Lucente's brother, Frank. At this point, my friend John's jaw just about hit the floor. We talked about the 1957 T-bird Lucente owned and we exchanged many more memories. My friend had no idea that I knew his wife's family as well as I did. Like I said above, the older I get, the smaller my world is becoming. It is amazing how cars seem to bring people together!

Speaking of cars bringing people together, I again want to thank Ron Parks, Dave Gribler and all those involved in planning the recent Fall Tour. As we mentioned at the meeting, the turnout

was great. We had a great, albeit a little chilly, afternoon bombing around Greene County searching out all of the covered bridges. Janet was home from college and Diana, Janet and I piled into the two MGB's and had a blast. Di did complain about the heater in the green MG roasting her feet, but I told her to be glad she *had* heat. I let them lead and I followed, just enjoying the scenery without worrying about navigating. I'm pretty sure that Yellow Springs hasn't seen that many MG's since the last time we descended upon them after a Pub Run. I had a couple of people come up to me and ask what was going on with all of the MGs. After explaining what we were up to, the universal reaction was pretty much "cool!" I did freak out a group, let's just call them "individuals who had expanded their minds", who were extremely fascinated by the three small wiper blades on my MGB. They asked me if I could turn them on when I got back to the car and I honestly think that they could have watched them for hours. Another example of how cars can bring people together!

Last Membership Renewal Notice

Carole Looft

If you have not renewed your membership, this is the final newsletter notice. The list will be updated in January with only current paid members. If you have not renewed, dues can be brought to the November meeting or sent to:

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

Member Featured Car of the Month...

The Lange's 1972 MGB

Adrianne Lange

My desire to own a MG was planted when I was a youngster and my Uncle owned an MG midget. I thought it was the coolest car on the road. We had attended the BCD event a couple of years and had admired the cars...and I had even purchased some "gear" because I figured I might never own an MG but I could at least have a hat and a shirt. We had a set amount of money and knew what our requirements for "the car" were. Any MG purchased must be: #1 drivable, we did not want to spend a lot of time and \$ overhauling an engine, drive train, exhaust system, electrical system, etc. #2 presentable, we were not looking for perfection, just something that would not need all new body parts, interior, etc. #3 preferably pre-1974, I loved the chrome bumpers. & #4 a reasonable drive to view the car, take it out for a test drive, and get her home. Tom and I began our search in earnest in June of 2008. Being just your run-of-the-mill car shoppers, we had no idea where to begin the quest. E-bay? On-line auto shoppers? Auto sales publications? Well, we looked at all of them, with no luck. I finally "hit" upon some obscure web-site for car sales. I couldn't tell you now what the site was, but there "she" was, a fairly reasonably restored 1972 MGB, British racing green, for sale in Crystal Lake, Illinois (about 400 miles from Troy, Ohio).

We contacted the seller, Jim, and asked him as much as we thought was relevant about the car. Hind sight is 20/20, there were tons of questions and things we SHOULD have asked him prior to the purchase, but we were uneducated on the finer points of MGB cars until we became owners, and we're still learning! We set a date to drive out and take a look at the car, with the intention that we would buy it and drive it home. That date had to be changed a few times. The car was not equipped to drive in the rain; no top and no wipers, a fair weather car through and through. We rented a car to drive to Crystal Lake with the option of returning the car there (if we purchased the MGB) or driving the rental back to Troy.

We met Jim early Sunday morning, under the assumption that we would look the car over, take her for a drive and possibly be on the road in an hour. Three hours later the sale was finalized. Jim decided that we were appropriate buyers for his baby. We saw the full photo restoration book, were given ALL the receipts for said restoration, and received some miscellaneous pieces and parts that had not been re-assembled (frame for the convertible top, spare light covers, etc). Little did we know that there were some parts that were just plain missing and would need to be installed ASAP.

We began the trek home. I decided I did not want to attempt to drive 65-75 mph on the interstate so we had a state route plan that would



Her smile says it all. Someone really loves their MG!!

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take us approximately 10 hours to reach home. The weather was comfortable, clear (no chance of rain) and not too humid. Tom began the drive and once we got out away from a lot of traffic, it was my turn to drive. It was like putting on an old comfortable shoe. It had been quite a while since I had driven a manual, and I wasn't sure I would be able to right off, but no problems...just like driving my old Pinto hatch-back.

The car occasionally made some interesting "Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang" noises (carburetors), but we did NOT have any problems (mechanical, electrical, etc) on the entire drive home. One thing we could not figure out was why our feet were so hot. We did not realize that the interior controls for the heat were not operational and the heater valve was wide open. Once the sun had set and the stars came out we really enjoyed driving under God's beautiful canopy. We reached home between 10-11 p.m. I still couldn't believe that this was our car. Now the real work began, but also lots-n-lots of fun.

First thing that was "fixed" was the installation of a choke cable. It was almost impossible to start the car due to the lack of a choke cable. It was a 2 man job to start the car, one person to manually hold the choke lever open and the other to turn the key. Next was cleaning and adjusting the carburetors, replacing the intake manifold gasket, replacing the horn switch and replacing the horns because they were "frozen". These made the car more operationally friendly. The repairs, adjustments, and replacements have continued with the major ones being the convertible top, windshield wipers, and some minor cosmetic improvements. Tom has earned the loving nickname "Sparky" by me, his adoring wife with a car that needs "assistance" every once in a while. The car's never been to a commercial garage under our ownership...all at home mechanics.

We have had many great drives and some quite unexpected adventures. We have only been "flat-bedded" home once. We were in Greenville and the battery lost all charge and Tom figured out that the alternator belt had been loose and the battery had discharged. The dash indicator light had not been hooked up when it was reassembled (previous owner), but you can bet it works now. We look forward to many more years of driving FUN!

National MGB Meet in Dillard, GA

Terry Looft

The National MGB meet is in Dillard, Georgia next year. The dates for the event are June 6-9, 2012. A group of us from the club will be driving down for this event. If you are interested in attending, the host hotel is now taking reservations.

**The Dillard House Inn
1158 Franklin St.
Dillard, Georgia 30537
800-541-0671**

To make your reservation, you will need to know the reservation code when they ask: ***MG Dillard 2012***

We have made our reservations for June 6 – June 9, with checkout on Sunday June 10. If you are considering going to this meet, you might want to make your reservation as soon as possible. They do have limited rooms and they may book fairly fast. They will allow you to cancel your room with a 30 day cancellation notice.

I hope you will consider traveling to Georgia with us. It will be a nice, enjoyable, scenic drive

Special Photo Feature Coming this Winter

With so many of us being grandparents or even great grandparents, we'll run a photo feature of grandkids. Ground rules are that the photo should show you, your MG, and your grandkids. No pets, please, even if it is your child's pet. Please e-mail your photo to smarkman@att.net, or mail it to me. Exceptions to the ground rules will be made in extenuating circumstances (like if your grandkids are a thousand miles away and you won't see them until next summer). Thanks to Skip Peterson for the suggestion.

From the Cleveland MG Club---

Cooling System Electrolysis

Don Schmidt

If you take two dissimilar metals and an ionized fluid, what do you have? Right... a battery! Our cars' engines contain cast iron, aluminum, copper, brass, steel, tin, lead and probably some elements I haven't thought of. When antifreeze gets old and the additive package deteriorates it makes our engines' cooling system perform like a big battery. When you have an electrical potential across metal components, the metal will deteriorate or corrode. The white powdery stuff you find around cooling system components is a visible sign of this. How to check for electrolysis and how to cure the problem?

Testing for Cooling System Electrolysis

- 1) Remove both cables from the battery (ground cable first) and ensure they do not contact each other or the vehicle.
- 2) To check for DC voltage in the cooling system, touch the negative contact of a voltmeter to a known good ground and suspend the positive lead in the coolant, making sure it is in contact with the coolant but not touching any metal part of the radiator or cooling system.
- 3) Voltage is less than or equal to 0.4 volts: system OK, proceed to Step 4
- 3A) If greater than 0.4 V, flush cooling system thoroughly. Recheck to ensure voltage is less than or equal to 0.4 V.
- 4) Reconnect battery cables.
- 5) Completely fill the cooling system with fresh coolant.

Note: With most brands of permanent anti-freeze, the additive packages lose effectiveness after 2 years. Even though the ethylene glycol will still offer freeze protection. That is the permanent part of Permanent Anti-Freeze.

15 Insurance Policies You Don't Need

Lisa Smith, Investopedia

Editor's Note – Found this on Yahoo News. Used without permission. If any of you listen to Clark Howard, he'd probably agree with this. If anyone has a different opinion, let me know and I'll print it. My numerous comments are based on things I've learned myself.

Fear of the future sells insurance. Because we can't predict the future, we want to be ready to cover our financial needs if, or when, something bad happens. Insurance companies understand this fear and offer a variety of insurance policies designed to protect us from a host of calamities that range from disability to disease and everything in between. While none of us wants anything bad to happen, many of the potential catastrophes that happen in our lives are not worth insuring against. In this article, we'll take you through 15 policies that you're probably better off without.

1. Private Mortgage Insurance

The infamous private mortgage insurance (PMI) is well known to homeowners because it increases the amount of their monthly mortgage payments. PMI is an insurance policy that protects the lender against loss when lending to a higher-risk borrower. The borrower pays for this insurance but derives no benefit. Fortunately, there are several ways to avoid paying for this unnecessary policy. PMI is required if you purchase a home with a down payment of less than 20% of the home's value. The small down payment is viewed as putting you at risk of defaulting on the loan. Put down at least 20% and the PMI requirement goes away. Alternatively, you can put down 10% and take out two loans, one for 80% of the sale price of the property and one for 10%, although interests rates can prevent the economics of this maneuver from working out in the homeowner's favor.

2. Extended Warranties

Extended warranties are available on a host of appliances and electronics. From a consumer's perspective, they are rarely used, particularly on small items such as DVD players and radios. If you purchase a reputable, brand-name product, you can be fairly certain it will work as advertised and that the extended warranty is statistically likely to be unnecessary. If you spend \$5,000 on a giant, flat-screen television, the policy is still unlikely to pay off, but might make you feel better. For everything else, forget it. *(Editor's Note – by paying with a credit card, your card issuer may extend the warranty. However, there may be enough exclusions to make this benefit worthless.)*

3. Automobile Collision

Collision insurance is designed to cover the cost of repairs to your vehicle if you are involved in an accident. If you have a loan out on the car, the loan issuer is likely to require that you have collision insurance. If your car is paid off, collision is optional; therefore, if you have enough money in the bank to cover the cost of a new car, collision insurance may be an unnecessary expense. This is particularly true if you are driving an old car, because cars depreciate so quickly that many vehicles are worth only a fraction of their purchase price by the time the loan is paid in full. *(Editor's Note – collision insurance won't pay more than the book value of the car, so for an older car still running well, but with a low book value, you have to decide if it is worth paying \$500 per year for a car only worth \$1000?)*

4. Rental Car Insurance

Most auto insurance policies offer additional coverage for the cost of car rentals, touting it as a useful feature if your car is ever involved in an accident and needs to spend some time in the repair shop. This may sound like a good idea, but in reality, most people rarely rent a car, and when they do, the cost is relatively low and hardly worth insuring against. Although rental car insurance is relatively inexpensive, amortized over the course of a lifetime you are still likely to spend far more than you will benefit. *(Editor's Note – if you're not at fault in the accident, the other party's insurance should pay for your rental.)*

5. Car Rental Damage Insurance

Many auto insurance policies already cover rentals, so there's no need to pay for this twice. Check your policy before you pay. Depending on where you rent the vehicle, you may also be able to pay a small fee

for insurance on your rental when you pick it up at the rental center. If this fee is less than what you'd pay for a year in your old policy, choose the fee over the policy.

6. Flight Insurance

Flight insurance coverage is completely unnecessary. Despite media portrayal, airline accidents are relatively rare, and your life insurance policy should already provide coverage in the event of a catastrophe. *(Editor's Note – major ripoff!! Does your family need more money if you die in an airplane crash than if you die in a car accident? By doing proper financial planning, such a need should already be covered.)*

7. Water Line Coverage

Water companies have made an aggressive push to sell policies that cover the repair of the water line that runs from the street to your house. The odds are in your favor that you will never use this coverage, particularly if you live in a newer home. If you live in an average suburban neighborhood and you do need to repair the water line, the distance to the street is short, the likelihood of a problem is low and repair costs are a few thousand dollars or less. The same goes for policies offered by other utility companies.

8. Life Insurance for Children

Life insurance is designed to provide a safety net for your heirs/dependents. Because children don't have heirs to worry about and, statistically speaking, most kids will grow up safe and healthy, most parents should not purchase life insurance for their kids. Instead, use the money that you would have spent on life insurance to fund an education plan or an individual retirement account (IRA). *(Editor's Note – if you have a child with medical issues, or an adopted child for which you have no medical history of the birth parents, a policy for them as a child that includes guaranteed insurability in the future might be the only way they can obtain insurance as adults.)*

9. Flood Insurance

Unless you live in a flood plain or an area with a history of water problems, don't even bother buying flood insurance. If none of the homes in the area has ever been flooded, yours is unlikely to be the first.

10. Credit Card Insurance

Purchasing coverage to pay your credit card bill in the event you cannot pay it is a waste of money. A far better idea is to avoid running up your credit cards in the first place, so you won't need to worry about the bills. Not only do you save the insurance premiums, you'll also save the interest on your debt.

11. Credit Card Loss Insurance

Federal law limits your liability if your credit card is stolen. Your out-of-pocket costs are limited to \$50 per card and not a penny more. In fact, many credit card companies don't even try to collect the \$50. *(Editor's Note – I think you have to report the loss within 48 hours.)*

12. Mortgage Life Insurance

Mortgage life insurance pays off your house in the event of your death. Rather than add another policy - and another bill - to your list of insurance plans, it makes more sense to get a term-life policy instead. A good life insurance policy will provide enough money to pay off the mortgage and to cover other expenses as well. After all, the mortgage isn't the only bill your survivors will need to pay. *(Editor's Note – I think this is a decreasing value policy, in that it will pay out less over time, as your house is slowly paid off.)*

13. Unemployment Insurance

This coverage makes minimum payments on your bills if you are out of work, which sounds like an attractive proposition. A better plan is to save your money and build up an emergency fund instead. You won't have to cover the cost of the insurance policy and, if you are never out of work, you won't spend any money at all.

14. Disease Insurance

Policies are available to cover cancer, heart disease and other maladies. Instead of trying to identify every possible disease that you may encounter, get a good medical coverage policy instead. This way, your medical bills will be covered regardless of the problem you face.

15. Accidental-Death Insurance

Unless you are extraordinarily accident prone, an accident is unlikely. Major catastrophes such as car wrecks and fires are covered under other policies, as is any harm that comes to you while at work. Accidental-death policies are often fraught with stipulations that make them difficult to collect on, so skip the hassles and get life insurance instead.

When Choosing Insurance

There are so many policies to choose from, and they all cost money. While a certain amount of insurance coverage is necessary and prudent, you need to choose carefully. In general, broad policies that offer coverage for a multitude of potential events are a better choice than limited-scope policies that focus on specific diseases or potential incidents. Before you buy any policy, read it carefully to make sure that you understand the terms, coverage and costs. Don't sign on the dotted line until you are comfortable with the coverage and are sure that you need it. *(Last Editor's Note – if you have a financial planner, ask his or her advice when considering any insurance policy. If you don't have a financial planner, I highly recommend you get one.)*

Also from the Cleveland MG Club...

You've Owned a British Car Too Long When...

Bill Taylor – Reprinted from the MorganMotor Car Club

- You always park facing downhill.
- The guy at the parts store gets a cheesy grin when he sees you walk in; is listed as a dependent on your tax return, sends you a get-well card if you haven't bought a part for two weeks; or recognizes your voice on the phone.
- You call AAA and they also recognize your voice.
- You get in a car and are surprised when all the instruments work; you carry on a conversation without shouting; it doesn't need any brake oil, brake fluid or antifreeze.
- You get in a car and are NOT surprised by a spare battery, a tool kit that fills half the trunk, and a slightly singed instrument panel.
- You hear someone talking about new shoes and assume they are doing a brake job.
- You look under the hood and see more duct tape and more electrical tape than wires.
- You tell your wife that the reason you were out till 3am was that the car broke down... and she believes you.
- The family is no longer upset by sitting down to dinner and sharing half the table with carburetor parts.

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- You pay more visits to the auto parts store than you do to the gas station or grocery store.
- Your car makes a funny sound and you immediately know what is wrong, what it will cost and which tools will be required.
- When your generator dies, you just pull another one off the Lucas pile in your garage.
- You distrust anyone named Lucas.
- People ask you how many cars you own and you respond in fractional numbers.
- You wash your hands when working on your car so you don't get the engine compartment dirty.
- You allow four hours for a trip – three hours for driving and one for repairs.
- You'd rather give the family pit bull a bath than tune your SU carburetors. Again.
- It doesn't embarrass you to ask passengers to get out and walk up hills.
- You can unstick a jammed starter in the dark in the rain in five minutes flat and don't regard this as unusual.
- You set off the alarms at airport security checkpoints with the wrenches you'd forgotten were in your pockets.
- You begin conversations with..."I'd have driven here tonight, but..."
- You spend the evening at a friend's house and leave with the words..."Don't go to bed yet. I may be back!"

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: Used radiator and rebuildable master cylinder from 1978 Midget. \$25 or best offer. Call Bob, 937-253-9935 (9/11)

For Sale: 1972 Fiat 850 Spyder. Fair condition, plus some Porsche parts. 331-8019 (9/11)

For Sale: 1956 MGA, disassembled, but stored indoors for many years. Frame and engine intact. The outside skin is here but rusted around the bottom. Then there are boxes and boxes of misc. MGA parts. Former club member, Polly Turner, polly0557@gmail.com (9/11)

For Sale: 76 MG Midget, rust free, 38,000 miles. This car has been in dry storage since 1983. Rebuilt engine. Flawless original interior except for the rugs, which are new. new Robbins cloth top. New Bridgestone tires and Minilite wheels. Recently completed three year restoration. The car has been modified by removing the rubber bumpers and replacing the front fenders and grill. This car is a real show stopper and a winner at the British car show in Dayton Ohio. 937-218-2330. (9/11)

MG Car Club Minutes, September 28th Meeting

Kathy Goodman

A note from your new Secretary: Only a fool would sing after Barbra Streisand, or get in the ring with Ali, or hang their painting next to Monet. I, therefore, will not even attempt to bring Sam's level of humor to these minutes. We will all have to get our monthly dose from the President's message. Perhaps

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next year we will be able to entice Sam to return to the position in which we all so love him (not that we do not thoroughly enjoy him as El Presidente).

Meeting called to order by President Sam Hodges at 7:31 (not on time on purpose). It is hair raising experience. (You had to be there)

President's Report:

Thank you to the planner of fall tour – Ron Parks – round of applause. No real problems Nice drive and everyone seemed to have a nice time. Pictures are on the web site. 39 members - 17 MG's and 3 other cars present. Ron thanked Lois Gribbler for riding with him and reporting odometer readings and helping to modify instructions.

According to Sports Car Market (a magazine) – at a recent auction in California a 1958 MGA roadster sold for \$32,760, a 1959 MGA twin cam for \$61,480, and a 1960 MGA roadster for \$25,440.

In this month's issue of Safety Fast there is an article about Larry Youngblood

Vice President's Report - nothing to report

Minutes – no corrections - Motion to approve Jack Bantle, Second – Dave McCann Jr

Treasure's Report – Final balance \$2,503.38 in main account, \$379.30 in savings

BCD money not in yet. Motion to approve – Dick Goodman., second Jack Bantle

Membership -- We have 81 members already. Usually this time of the year we have around 55. Terry laid nice ground work. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please get them in.

Activities:

Terry Looft – Grand Rapids next year. John Twist is having another party. It will be August 16-19 and rooms are now available.

Holiday Party is December 10 at the Looft's. The bar and new game room will be open at around 5pm. Come whenever you like and bring a gag gift for each person and a dish to pass.

MGB National meet in Dillard, GA is the 2nd week in June. Registration forms will not be available until end of Nov or the 1st of Dec. The hotel is not taking

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reservation yet and rooms are going to be tight. Carole will send an email as soon as rooms are open. Cooper's are going down there in December and will report back and what the area is like.

Sunshine - Linda Wolfe reports that no one has contacted her so we are assuming everyone is well.

Newsletter: Steve Markman not present. Kathy Goodman questioned the restriction on the pictures he requested for the next newsletter being of the grandchild with an MG and member in the picture. Not all members have the opportunity of having their grandchildren visit them at a time when they can take a picture with their car. Send any picture of your grandchildren you wish. (Of course, by the time you read these minutes it will be too late so maybe we can do it again sometime)

Web Master - Anyone who did not receive their newsletter electronically please let John Scozzozzo know and he will resend it to you.

Important note: Since the 4th Wednesday in November is the day before Thanksgiving the monthly meeting has been moved up to 11/16. The meeting may be in the large meeting room so check when you get there.

Lois Gribbler: We will need people to run the routes of the tours (for the National A meet next July) the weekend before the meet and check for missing road signs, road closings, detours, construction or any other hazards or potential problems.

Beer break – 7:49

Reconvene – 8:08

Old Business: Thinly veiled jabs at Louie for being old but then he was not here. So the crowd turns on Bill Hammond who wonders why they are not picking on Dick Goodman who is older. Sam's reply – He may be older but Dick outranks you and no one disrespects the Colonel.

A motion was made to get a gift certificate for Jim (our bartender) to thank him for putting up with us all year. Moved by Dave McCann Sr, Seconded by Dick Goodman. Approved at \$50.

GT37 Report – Dave Gribbler.

NAMGAR updates have been made

Skip is working on regalia – t-shirts, hats, etc.

Skip is contacting vendors and sponsors for door prizes.

Created preapproved expenditure policy

Discussion with NAMGAR on paypal or checking account to set up

Sam is writing an article for A magazine December issue

Budget is being refined

Working on a registration spreadsheet

Contracts for barbeque dinner have been signed

Web site is up and running – being updated as info comes in

List of local attractions on web site. If anything overlooked let Dave know



Ed Hill prepares to “drive” one of the cars on display at last summer's Concours d'Elegance

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Ed Hill is reviewing the car show plan, car wash, trailer parking

Still needs to be done:

Monday GT orientation to be planned

Need to meet with hotel on food and banquet

Registration form needs to be in by 12/15 to MG magazine editor

Do have logo design – to finalize by 30th

Dash plaque design by 11/30

Need someone to put together a YouTube promo video – no takers. Anyone interested contact Dave.

Dave and Lois took a Dayton seque tour today. Will add to attraction list for Tuesday morning?

Thank you to Ron Parks. He has been a tremendous help.

Question from Dar Planeaux– Will there be separate shirt for the volunteers to wear? Dave's answer – if budget allows yes but it is not in currently in the budget. They will consider it. Perhaps our club will be able to supply them. Volunteers will have a name badge. Bonnie Hankey– that is fine but a unique t-shirt really helps to identify volunteers to anyone who needs help.

British Museum: Dick Smith

Had a good turnout at their open house, the weather was good and they were able to have tables set up outside.

There will be an aggressive drive this spring for membership. Membership is currently around 80.

Still working on building – some leads, some positive. An exciting new lead on a building came out of Oakwood Historical car show.

Moraine building has significant problems – water leaks, etc.

Moving forward all the time

New Business: none

Tech tips:

John Scocozzo. If your fuel pump stops working. When I got home from the drive, after hot wiring it to the battery, I checked the inertia switch and one of connectors was bad. It is something to check.

Sam Hodges If your car will not start. Make sure battery cable is on the battery

For Sale: nothing

Gum Ball: Mary Planeaux - \$5.00

Motion to adjourn –
Bonnie Hankey,
second Dick Smith

Adjourned 8:29



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