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Thanking Our Mothers Remembering Dick Goodman

From the President

Sam (Fidel) Hodges

A good morning, good evening, good night, whichever is applicable for when you're reading this. As suspected, the MGCC Tune-Up clinic was a rousing success. I'd like to thank Steve Miller for allowing us to use MG Automotive as the site for all of our "repairs". I'd also like to thank all of those who attended the event and made it such a successful outing. From what I was told, we had 20 MG's in attendance while I was there. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I was in Atlanta that weekend.

The next event on the social

calendar is going to be the Second Street Market show on May 19th. This has always been a fun show to attend. Nice cars, nice location, nice people and hopefully, nice weather. If you haven't been, I highly recommend checking it out. I doubt that the



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Club Membership Information

Membership dues for 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, May 23, 2012

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Upcoming MGCC Events

May:

19 – 2nd Street Market

23 – Meeting at K of C Hall

June:

3 – Ft. Meigs

10 – Cincinnati Concours

27 – Meeting at K of C Hall

July:

25 – Meeting at K of C Hall

Aug:

4 - BCD

*See meeting minutes for other
area activities!!*

newsletter will be out before this event, but just in case it is, I thought that I'd mention it.

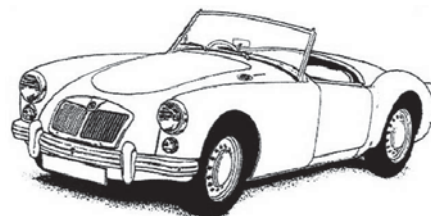
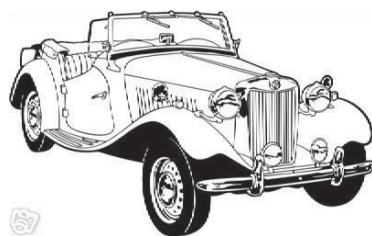
While we've been spending a lot of time planning for the upcoming NAMGAR GT37, let's not forget about many of the other events that are going on this summer. Looking at the calendar, there's the Cincinnati BCD, the MGB Gathering in Dillard, BCD, the Concours, not to mention several non-British specific events like the Holiday at Home Festival and the Taj Kreuzers. In short, it looks like there's going to be a bumper crop of things to do with your cars this year.

One of the things that makes all of these shows a success is the fact that all of them are put on with the help of countless volunteers. If you were not planning on volunteering for one of the events, why not?!? BCD is a great event and it really is a lot of fun, even when it rains. The first BCD that I ever attended was back in either 1991 or 1992 when it was held at the Dayton Art Institute. That event was in large part responsible for my current British car addiction. Diana has threatened that if I bring home any more British cars, she's going to force me into a 12-step program – *I wonder how hard Italian cars are to work on?* Anyway, I attended that first event way back in 1992 just as a spectator. I didn't have a British car then, but I was interested in starting a project. The people that I talked to at the event, as well

as the cars I saw, convinced me that I wanted to get involved with this scene.

As I've urged many, many times before, if you're one of the people out there who has been sitting on the fence, not really sure if you want to get involved or not, take my word for it, get in the game. You won't regret it.

I debated writing anything about Dick Goodman's passing as I'm sure there will be a write-up about him elsewhere in this newsletter, but feel that I have to. When I first joined the MGCC way back in 1996, Dick Goodman was one of the first members that I met. He ended up being a great friend. I would talk all sorts of things with Dick from cars, to houses, to airplanes. While scheduling conflicts kept me from attending as many as I wanted, I always looked forward to the summer picnics held at the Goodman household. For many, MANY years, Dick and I had this running thing going about a fuse. One year at BCD – maybe 1999? – Dick's MG TD blew a fuse. I happened to be standing there when it happened and told him I had a box of extras. I lent him a fuse, he got the car started, and drove home. For the next 10 years, he'd start almost every conversation with, "I still haven't forgotten that I owe you a fuse." About 2 years ago, he came up to me at a meeting and actually handed me a fuse. I've still got that fuse and now, I'm thinking that I always will. Rest in peace, Dick.



Club Members Earn PhDs

Carole Looft

This month saw two of our club members finish their graduate work and earn PhD's in their respective fields. Both Torey and Sandra Looft graduated in May after completing their course work. Torey graduated from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa with a doctorate in Micro Biology. Sandra graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri with a doctorate in German and Comparative Literature. They are shown with their nine month old daughter, Colette. Congratulations to Sandra and Torey.



Member Featured Car Of The Month...

Tim Dunham's '69' MGC GT

Steve Powell

In 1989 I bought two MGC GTs; a primrose yellow one, disassembled, and a green driver. I bought them from an estate. I used the green one for my daily driver until I sold it shortly after the restoration of the yellow one was completed in 1996. The chrome wire wheels were rebuilt and a sun roof was installed putting the car back on the road before the end of 1996.

This car was just a pleasure to drive! We drove it to Mid-Ohio one year for the British Car Showdown. It was a beautiful clear cool morning and we cruised up there with the sun roof open letting cool air circulate through the car as we cruised in overdrive. The last trip we took in the car prior to selling it was



the club tour to the Indiana gambling casinos. This is the trip where the wind blew trees down in the parking lot of the motel in Madison, Indiana. Thankfully none of our MGs were damaged.

I sold the car when I had the opportunity to buy my MG TC. There were two owners between Tim Dunham and me. Now I will let Tim tell you what he has done to the car since he's owned it and what his plans are for its future. Look for that in next month's issue.

Remembering Dick Goodman



As an Air Force pilot, flying always was Dick's first love.



Flying to an antique aircraft fly-in with Terry Looft in 2004.



Sometimes, a fun trip to a car show doesn't work out the way you planned.



Dick at Gatlinburg in 2006.



Dick and Kathy, with their black MGs, hosting our annual Summer picnic in 2010.



Relaxing in his own back yard at our annual club picnic.

Photos by Carole Looft, Terry Looft, Ron Parks, and Steve Markman

Pictures From Tune-Up Clinic



Because of the rain, not too many MGs showed up...



...but there was plenty of camaraderie (and coffee and donuts) indoors.



As always, our thanks to Steve Miller for opening MG Automotive to us and providing his helpful advice.

Call for Volunteers for NAMGAR GT-37

Lois & Dave Gribler

It's hard to believe but NAMGAR GT-37 is less than two months away! The committee has been working behind the scenes to plan and organize the activities, tours and meals. We just passed the early registration deadline and stand at 133 registrations and 238 participants. A few folks have made hotel reservations but not yet registered for the GT. If all of these people follow through we should have over 170 registrations and 300 participants. We are on track to host the largest NAMGAR GT ever!

A few of you already have been asked to assist with various tasks such as photography, the tours, the MG Olympics and the Funkhana. I know many of you have asked how you can help the effort. Now is the time and the ways you can help are abundant!! We need volunteers at various times throughout the week so finding a time that fits your availability and talents will not be a problem.

We still are working through the logistics to make sure we have everything covered. We will have sign-up sheets and many more details at the May meeting. Briefly, we will have volunteer positions for:

- Registration: Sunday 5-7 and Monday & Tuesday 8:30-5 for 2 or 2-1/2 hour shifts –event registration, pre-paid regalia distribution and door prize table monitor
- Parking lot and Car Wash setup: Monday morning and periodic monitoring of the car wash through the week
- First Timers Reception: Monday 5:30-6:30 - host food and beverage service
- Orientation (Pizza): Monday 6:45 – 8 - host food and beverage service, raffle ticket sales
- Hospitality Suite: Monday through Thursday 9-11 - host food and beverage service, extra beverage ticket sales
- Tom Daugherty Orchestra Concert: Tuesday 7-9, host snack and beverage service, raffle ticket sales
- Car Show: Wednesday 7-1, setup of ballot box and art display pop-ups and show field, marshals from hotel lot to show field, photo staging, park entry badge distribution, orderly exit from park and teardown
- MG Olympics & Taj Ma Garaj BBQ: Wednesday 6-9, caravan to Taj, parking assistance, table décor, food line ticket takers, raffle ticket sales
- Rolling Tech Session: Thursday Noon-3 - setup and teardown
- Awards Banquet: Thursday 3-6 – assist with banquet room table décor, door prize display setup and teardown

SWOCMGCC members are welcomed to attend all of the scheduled GT events, but you must register for the GT to be eligible for prizes or awards and to enter a vehicle in the car show. If you elect not to register for the GT, you may still purchase meals and GT regalia by submitting a registration form and paying the fee for those items

We look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

The MGB-A Proud 50 Years

During 2012 just about every major British car show and event will feature the MGB as the most popular British sports cars of all time celebrates its 50th birthday. Almost from the time the MGA debuted in the autumn of 1955 at Abingdon all thoughts had turned to “what comes next”? But first the MGA would go on to establish the most successful export record of any British sports car, up until that time, with 91,547 of the MGA’s eventually produced going out of the country. This represented 91% of total output with 81,153 going to the United States. To keep this export drive alive the next MG sports car would have to equal, and then surpass, the record of the MGA.

The design team for the new sports car was led by MG’s famous Syd Enever, and including Don Hayter. “Mr. MG” John Thornley called Enever, “A man of genius...with an insatiable curiosity about why things happened. The record breaking EX181 was what he drew on for the shape of the MGB; his first essay into monocoque body design. He got it right; so right that, although the car was intended for a production life of the customary five years or so, circumstances dictated that went on and on, to outsell its competitors for a total of 18 years.”

As General Manager of the MG Car Company (from 1952-69) John Thornley wanted the new sports car to be far better equipped and more refined than the MGA. British Motor Corporation (BMC) gave the first attempt, at the design of the new car, to the Furia Design Studio of Turin, Italy. In 1957 they produced a car that while a two seater looked very heavy and American car like not at all what Enever, Thornley and company had envisioned. Thornley convinced BMC management to take the design back in house. Enever quickly realized that if he was to get the space, performance and other things asked for by Thornley, the heavy chassis would have to be eliminated in favor of the lighter weight monocoque body (or unibody as it is called in the USA). For the MGA successor Thornley ordered that the suspension be softer, have wind up windows, offer a roomier cockpit and include such niceties as a glove box-and a usable boot (trunk) but still in no way

The elegance of the early days of passenger jetliner travel on British Overseas Air Corporation (BOAC) planes is only equaled by driving this 1962 MGB roadster. From an early print ad for the then new MGB.



diluting the car’s sporting pedigree.

Don Hayter’s first complete pencil drawing of what would be the MGB was finished on June 19, 1958. Following approval from BMC headquarters in Longbridge a full size model was created and given the ADO 23 design number at BMC and EX214/1 at Abingdon. With approval and with work on the interior beginning a full prototype of the MGB was finished in mid-1960. By early 1962 ADO 23 was inching toward its launch date of September 20th at the London Motor Show and not a moment too soon. MGA production had fallen off badly in 1961 with only 6085 car made that year compared to 16,981 in 1960. The first actual production MGB came down the Abingdon line on May 22, 1962 (a left hand drive model-Iris Blue in color) with the first right hand drive version finished six days later on May 29.

The MGB was an immediate success and won cheers from the motor writers of Britain’s main newspapers. It would prove to be an even greater export success than its MGA predecessor. Over its lifespan the B would gain equipment like a Laycock de Normanville overdrive unit in the UK starting in January 1963, at an optional cost of US\$180, but for reasons never explained it was not available in North America till late 1965. The five bearing engine was introduced in October 1964. Its MGB-GT sibling appeared in 1965 to great acclaim. New US Federal rules on collision impact ment that cars would have to withstand impact front and rear of 5 mph. To resolve this requirement MG was forced to raise the body height and fitted the MGB with steel armatures covered with

black polyurethane bumpers. In order to meet US Federal emission requirements the sporty twin carburetors were replaced with a single Zenith made unit that further reduced the performance of the car. By the time the MGB finished its production life in October 1980 the cost of the most popular MG of all time had risen to almost US\$9,000 due to the exchange rate (British pound increasing US dollar falling).

To keep the US market viable; in the spring of 1979 the MGB “Limited Edition” model for North America was launched. These cars were all black with tan interiors and included special silver decals, dash plaques, a luggage rack and special wheels. However it would be many months, following the closure of the Abingdon factory, before all of these cars would find owners. A remarkable total of 513,276 MGB’s had been produced when automotive assembly ceased on Thursday October 23, 1980 with a Pewter Metallic MGB-GT (number G-HD5 523002) being the final car ever off the Abingdon line (it is now a part of the Heritage Motor Centre collection in the UK). As is mentioned elsewhere in this issue of the “Log Book” the next to last MGB, a roadster, is now on display at the Abingdon Town Museum. After 18 years, rather than the traditional 4 or 5, the era of the MGB had come to a close. Sadly, it also marked the end of the half century that MG called Abingdon home!

To keep the MG connection with Abingdon alive the MG Car Club-UK established its offices on Cemetery Road in Abingdon; just next to the MG plant’s former administration building.

Saluting Our Mothers on Mothers Day

(I never realized Mom was so smart!)



1. **My mother taught me to BE CONSIDERATE.** "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside.. I just finished cleaning."
2. **My mother taught me RELIGION.** "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. **My mother taught me about MAKING CHOICES.** " Do you want me to stop this car?"
4. **My mother taught me LOGIC.** "Because I said so, that's why."
5. **My mother taught me MORE LOGIC .** "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. **My mother taught me FORESIGHT.** "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. **My mother taught me IRONY.** "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. **My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS .** "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. **My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.** "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. **My mother taught me about STAMINA ..** "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. **My mother taught me about WEATHER.** "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. **My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.** "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
13. **My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.** "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
14. **My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.** "Stop acting like your father!"
15. **My mother taught me about ENVY.** "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
16. **My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.** "Just wait until we get home."
17. **My mother taught me about RECEIVING .** "You are going to get it when you get home!"
18. **My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.** "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
19. **My mother taught me ESP.** "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
20. **My mother taught me HUMOR.** "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. **My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.** "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. **My mother taught me GENETICS.** "You're just like your father."

23. **My mother taught me about my ROOTS.** "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. **My mother taught me WISDOM.** "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

And my favorite:

25. **My mother taught me about JUSTICE.**

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you !"

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: Cleaning out garage. Take one or all of these items. No reasonable offer refused (unreasonable offers will be seriously considered). 1) MVP 2 1/4 ton Hydraulic Floor Jack (in original box). 2) Central Hydraulics 2 ton 12 volt Electric Scissor Jack (in original box). 3) Small Emergency Kit contains fire extinguisher, red railway fuses, first aid kit, raincoat. 4) 12 volt Trouble Light. 5) Emergency Triangular Reflector Stands (in original box) 6) Chandelles 2 Ton Jack Stands 2 sets of 2ea in original boxes. 7) Torin Big Red Creeper (folds to store, like new condition). 8) Heavy Duty (2-5 ton ?) car ramps. contact Phil Johnson, 937-885-5661 or via email at pjohn11858@yahoo.com. (5/12)

For Sale: MGB and Midget parts. Call for inventory. Greg Isaacs 456-1989. (5/12)

For Sale: 1980 AUSTIN-ROVER MINI COOPER S Mk IV; 998cc OHV, the "A" engine; 4 spd, disc brakes in front, 13" Alloy MiniLites with new wide oval tyres. Brite

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metallic green exterior, lite grey-green interior like new with walnut dash & sills. Alarm system, AM/FM CD. Car is ex-USAF shipped over from Cambridge England in '06. ZEEMAX ground effects fiberglass all around. Newer battery plus carpeting in boot. Included are: owners' manual, shop manual, performance enhancement book, 2 spare 998 engines(one ready to go) extra carb sets, sub frame piece, interior door panels, other bits 'n pieces. Orig.mileage: 14,013. \$9200.USD BRITISH CAR MEMORABILIA Collectibles... die casts galore, framed prints, books, manuals, pictures, parts etc for early MG, Rolls-Royce, Jaguar, Bugatti, VW and others. Hundreds of items, some rare, too numerous to list. Priced right. Moving clearance. 1979 VW Beetle Convertible Rare Triple White. Beautiful little car...definitely NOT a Brit but your wife will like it. Acquired from MY daughter in 2000. A Calif. car, fuel injected and under 60,000 orig. miles. \$9500.USD. HUGE GARAGE CLEARANCE: most items: FREE ! parts, junk, you name it ! I might have it. Contact Larry McCartt, 16 West Elm St, Monroe, 513.310.0313. (5/12)

For Sale: 1936 MGTA - Unbelievable original condition, numbers-matching car.58,000 original miles. All original tools - even trouble light which plugs into dashboard. Engine completely rebuilt. New wiring harness and brakes. Everything works, including original wind up clock on tachometer. Many extras, including custom car cover, leather headlamp covers for transport. Two tonneau covers - full and half. Side curtains and top like new. A one-of-a-kind jewel - and one of very few in this condition in the world. Chassis number 0510; engine number MPJG 773. Original black and red leather. \$50,000 firm. Contact Mike Jackson - (231) 922-9232 or tmjackson@chartermi.net (5/12)

For Sale: 5 Minilite Minotaur Spridget wheels for sale. The wheels were purchased from Moss and are in excellent condition. The tires are 205X60X13 and probably do not have over 3k miles on them. As best as I can remember the wheels and tires were purchased about 8 years ago, but have only been on the car for a short period. One wheel/tire has never been on the road. \$550. Mike Maloney me at mgoc TAGONS@aol.com or call 937 776 7248 (5/12)

For Sale: MGA Parts: 2 Carburetors, H2, \$400.00 OBO, New Steering Wheel \$100.00, Steering Column, \$50.00 OBO, New Centerpiece (Steering Wheel) \$20.00, New Blanking Plate, \$15.00, New Front Bumper, \$100.00, New Rear Bumper, \$100.00, Heater, \$100.00 OBO, Top Frame Assembly, \$100.00 OBO, 2 Side Curtains, \$300.00 OBO, 2 Seat Kit, Black, 2 Seat Frame \$750.00, All New Carpet Set, Side Panels, Door Pockets, Rubber Mats, Spare Tire Cover, Black \$400.00, Windshield, \$150.00 OBO, 2 Plinths, \$100.00 OBO, New Radiator Duct Panel,\$35.00, 2 Shock Absorbers, \$50.00. Contact Dave Stein, (937) 433-8323, or dstein@woh.rr.com (4/12)

MG Car Club Minutes, April 25th Meeting

Diana Hodges, substituting for Kathy Goodman

Meeting called to order at 7:31 – no, make that 7:33. El Presidente was playing with his iPad... Dave Gribler stands up, the Peanut Gallery, “Uh, oh...” Dave, “I can wait.”

El Presidente, “I’ll start with the 800 lbs Gorilla in the room, we lost Col. Dick Goodman this past week.” A moment of silence.

El Presidente, “I do believe that the Tune-up clinic was held this past weekend? I couldn’t be there as I was in Atlanta.” Eddie Hill, “Damp. We did work on one car, some got about 30 seconds.” El Presidente, “Did the car we worked on actually get fixed, or did we make it worse?” Eddie, “I got my wiper blades on.” Well at least it has turn signals now.

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Louie and the Bella Villa Hall's Spaghetti dinner were next on the agenda. Louie "Guess it went ok..." El Presidente, "We need to thank Louis for all of the work he's done in support of the British Museum." Louie, "We had over 200 attend."

Vice President's Report. VP's not here... Moving on...

Minutes. Motion to accept Minutes as reported by Louie, seconded by Dick Smith. Eddie opposed. Minutes approved as reported.

Treasurer's Report. Glenn is Judy tonight. \$3302.29 balance forward, minus expenses of \$508.49 leaves the MGCC with a current balance of \$2,793.80. Bill Hammond moved to accept the report as read, Louis seconded, Eddie opposed. Motion approved.

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "We currently have 114 members." Terry Looft, "I've been insulting people who call wanting to join." El Presidente, "That's okay. It's early and I've got a lot of relatives in town. I'm good." Carole, "I put in 20 gumball tickets for the tune-up clinic."

Sunshine Committee was next. Joe Hooker talked to Ruben & Pat Wasserman. "They're out of hospital and back at home. Pat was in the hospital for 3 weeks. They said that'd try to make the next." Bill Hammond thanked the club for the card we sent for his pneumonia. El Presidente, "Did we send a card?" Club, "Yes." El Presidente, "Did I sign it?" Club "*SIGH*" Ron took his card with him. El Presidente, "Did we send the raccoon a card?" Terry Looft proceeds to pull out a 'coon -skin' cap, "It's a shame he's not here." Joe H. "Davy Crockett!"

Activities with Eddie were next.

The Second Street Market Show is May 19

Central Ohio British Car show is May 20 at the Quaker Steak & Lube at Polaris from 9-3

Eric's River Run Tour is scheduled for May 26

British Car Week National Meet in Hot Springs, Arkansas is May 30 – June 3

Mid-Ohio Vintage Grand Prix weekend is June 22-24

Newsletter was next. Steve's not here either.

Webmaster was next. As our Webmaster is also our VP, that takes care of that...

Old Business. Terry, "Louie?" Louie, "Shut up!" Not having anything pressing that needs to be dealt with, we proceed.

New Business. Carole Looft, "I talked to Kathy and what we're doing in Dick's memory is when she gets back she'd like to do something over at the Hospice. Maybe plant a tree or something in his memory." Bill's phone starts ringing, "Put it on speaker" ...anyway... Carole continues, "We're waiting to get Cathy's input." Bill Hammond, "I talked to Kathy and she said that there might be a picnic at Dick's house as a celebration of his life, over 4th of July or Memorial Day."

Beer break will be on Dick tonight. Terry suggested that the club adopt some form of memorial beer break. We'll discuss more later.

Phil Johnson & Steve Markman straggle in at 7:49.

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(One of the newer members) “I have a friend who wants to get into sports cars. I suggested an MGB. He wants good mechanical condition and only wants to drive.” MGCC Peanut Gallery, “Well, that leaves British cars off the table...” Someone else suggested that there is a 1973 MGB at Clayton Auto Parts. Dave Reem in Lancaster, OH has a car for sale. At this point, all sorts of cars started coming out of the woodwork. El Presidente, “Dave Gribler has 3 MG’s for sale...” Dave Gribler, “Wait, WHAT? By the way, you forgot about the MGC...”

Now that Steve’s here, **Newsletter** Editor. “I don’t have anything. Keep your pet of the month pictures coming.” Phil Johnson, “What about a raccoon?”

Beer break called at 7:55ish?

Meeting called back to order at 8:09.

El Presidente introduced Bruce Miller. Bruce, “I wanted to bring up the subject of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. This summer July 13-22. There are details in Classic MG magazine. They also have a website.” Mike Edgerton, “Probably one of the most dangerous tracks anywhere in the country.”

British Museum of Transportation. Dick Smith, “Thanks Louis for the spaghetti dinner. We’re looking at the old Gem City Ice Cream building, possibly be in sometime this year. The city would help get the building up to code. It’s a half block farther west between the bridge and Wright Bros. National Park. We’re working with Dayton History as well.” Carole Looft, “Will the city own building?” Dick, “The building will be turned over to LLC to bring up to code, then the building will be transferred to the museum. Lots of opportunities for this building. Also, we’re getting a Sunbeam Alpine for the museum from an owner just north of Detroit. It’s a show car. The owner is anxious to donate. We’re also going to stop and take a look at another car on the way back from picking up the Sunbeam. Thanks again to those who came out for dinner and to those who helped with it.”

NAMGAR GT-37. Dave Gribler, “It’s 75 days way!!! Not quite panic mode yet. There are 83 registrations & 150 people registered. Add those to the hotel registrations and we will probably have a total of about 260. We have a banner but now we need some sucker..., er..., um volunteer to build a stand (Joe Hooker steps up to the plate). We want to have banner in the picture with the cars and the Carillon. El Presidente, “No, I’m not holding this the entire show.” Lois and Dave have a different vision of how the sign should be placed... We’ll work that little detail out later. El Presidente “Anyone want to take bets on who will win?”

The spreadsheet headers are messed up. Ron’s not here. Glen, “Hunting raccoons?” Eddie, “Is it raccoon season?” Dave Gribler, “We ran one of the routes. I’ve arranged for second D&D tour and that’s now full as well. The Wolfs are refining the covered bridge tour. The Friezes are working on aviation tour. Ron’s working on a Funkhana run through for June 17 – Father’s day. This might need to be changed.

Shirts. Skip’s not here, El Presidente “Skip? Skip?” Dave G., “We’re going with Lime green because we can get a women’s cut shirt.” A bunch of ‘typical MGCC comments followed...

Car show logistics. What needs to be when where? Sam (*who is this Sam character!?! I am El Presidente!*) is working on program book. Cathy Goodman is the primary publisher. If she’s unable to do it, Steve Markman will fill in. We got the official windscreen cards from NAMGAR. It is the 50th anniversary of the last MGA off the line. We’re going to be looking for newest MGA VIN number and it will win a prize. Have name badges have also been dealt with.

Name tags will have a copy of the schedule inserted for reference. Ron has recruited shutter bugs to cover event. Insurance certificates arrived in Dave’s email. Bob Charles agreed to donate one of his

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wooden nail kegs for a ballot box. Bruce, “Has the local press been informed?” Dave, pointing at Sam... “Skip has inside track on local newspapers. Well get it done.”

If you’re not showing car but still want to attend, you’ll still have to register for the activities. Download and print the registration and submit the mail in registration form. Deadline for registration is May 1st. There’s a \$10 increase in fees. If not showing, sooner is better.

Lois needs about 35 centerpieces. She’s looking for ideas. Diane Cooper, “How big is the table?” Tables seat 8-10... Diane, “Hey, I’m doing a game, quit looking at me.” Bill Hammond, “What about using raccoons as the centerpiece?” El Presidente, “Raccoons riding bicycles!”

Hammond, “Have you thought about taking out rain insurance?” Dave, “This event is rain or shine. There will be a show regardless”

Back to **MGCC New/Old/Continuing Business**. BCD is going along nicely. Have the insurance renewal for the Metro Parks. Pretty much in auto-pilot mode. There was a meeting last week, but no one who was at the meeting is here tonight.

For Sale. Keith Hankey, “I’m looking to sell a Midget.” (*Is that legal? How does the Midget feel about this ‘sale’? And I think the correct term is little person...*) El Presidente, “Dave has an MGC to sell.”

Graham Cooper, “I’ve got some MGA shop manuals, free to good home.” Linda Wolfe, “The MGCC Library will take them.”

Steve Markman, “Does anyone have a recommendation for a shop that can straighten out a chrome bumper?” El Presidente, “Did you hit a raccoon?” Steve Veris, “Mike Klein over at Electro Finish does good work.” Joe H., “Carl’s Body Shop is also pretty good.”

Tech Tips. If your hazard switch goes out, takes out turn signal. It’s the bottom wires for an 80, top wires for all earlier B’s.

MGB’s after 1975. If you take the white lead off the ballast resistor, need to change to a non-ballasted coil. Be careful of mid year car, blah, blah, blah... (*My lovely wife took the notes for the meeting. “blah, blah, blah.. was what she really typed and all I had to work with here...”*)

There are Badges out from England commemorating the 50th anniversary of the MGB. Look for them on eBay.

Terry, “I think we should have the MGCC cover the beer break in honor of Dick. Motion, seconded and approved.

Bonnie, motion to adjourn, Phil seconded. Over at 8:41

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