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Pictures From 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Market  
National MGB Meet in Dillard, GA

## From the President

Sam (Fidel) Hodges

Okay, here it is. After a couple of years talking about wanting to do it. After months of meetings on how we were going to do it, after many more months hammering out the various details, it's finally here! NAMGAR GT37! To borrow a line from a song from the '80s, "...mine is the last voice you shall ever hear, do not be alarmed." In all actuality, I'm FAR from the last voice that you'll hear on this topic - I just like that lyric. Much like a PBS pledge drive, you won't be able to get away from us. But, this IS the last President's Column that I get a chance to make a plea. By the time you get the July Newsletter, GT37 will have come and gone (by my calculation, Steve will be pressuring all of us for newsletter input the weekend after the event ends).

As I have done with the last few columns, I want to make a plea. A plea for your help.



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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, June 27, 2012

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## Upcoming MGCC Events

**June:**

27 – Meeting at K of C Hall

**July:**

25 – Meeting at K of C Hall

**Aug:**

4 – BCD

22 – Meeting at K of C Hall

*See meeting minutes for other  
area activities!!*

The MGCC has a long standing history of pitching in and helping. We've successfully run British Car Day for 25+ years now, we've been a large part of the volunteer force behind the Dayton Concours, we've restored the 'supplies' trailer, and countless other volunteer activities. And here we are again, in a place where we all need to come together and volunteer to make this as much of a success that all of the other MGCC driven activities have been in the past. So, what I ask of you is this: take a look at the schedule online at [www.gt37.namgar.com](http://www.gt37.namgar.com), find an event that you would like to be a part of, or that you think will potentially be a great source for future YouTube.com postings and sign up to help out. I guarantee that you'll have a good time. *(All guarantees either express or implied do not represent the views of the MGCC, the management of this television station and are the express rumblings of a slightly out-of-touch club President who has delusions of being a South American potentate).*

On a personal front, having failed miserably in getting my MGA up and running by the upcoming GT-37, I decided to do some needed updates/maintenance on one of my MGBs. Not being TOTALLY mental, I decided to only work on one car and keep the other B up and running in the meanwhile. Here are a few shot of the operating room and the patient. From what I hear, its insurance company is pushing for a speedy recovery so here's hoping.



## Welcome New Member

Carole Looft

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79 MGB

# Pictures from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Market



Diana and Grahm Cooper relaxing and enjoying the show.



...thanks to Dick Smith and his dedicated team of volunteers for another great show. How do they almost always get such great weather?

## National MGB Meet in Dillard, GA

Carole Loft

A group of club members traveled to Georgia the first week in June to attend the National MGB meet. The setting was a quaint resort along the Northern border of Georgia in the small town of Dillard. Our caravan started out with twelve cars and we picked up three more along the way. We arrived fifteen strong.

Our plan was to make the trip in a day and a half, so we stopped just south of Knoxville for the night. The following day we split into two groups; one would travel a winding, Tail of the Dragon-like northern route, and the other would drive a southern, more conventional road, with the plan to meet and drive into Dillard together. The roads were great and the weather couldn't have been much nicer. Yes, some of us did have our tops down.



Roadside repairs to Al Freeze's MGB.

If you're wondering if there were any car problems along the way, well, remember we were driving thirty plus year old cars which have been known to have gremlins lurking at times. So, of course there were car

problems. We weren't even out of Kentucky yet when Al Freeze developed carburetor problems. Both carburetors were flooding badly and after checking several possibilities, it was decided to replace both carburetors with the spares that Terry carries along.



Lian Shoviak, Torey Loft, George Chase, Eddie Cole, Dar Planeaux, Maya Shoviak. Terry and I won first place in the Funkhana competition, but didn't get in this picture.

The rest of the drive to Dillard was without incident. Once there, however, Eddie Cole needed a brake light switch replaced and also a front brake line.

The local car club kept us busy with a good variety of activities throughout the week. One of the highlights was a night out at the drive-in theater, with a showing of *Men in Black 3*. The car show was

Saturday, and the day was a bit overcast with the sun popping in and out most of the day. Our club had four winners in the car classes and two winners in the craft, model and valve cover races.

Sunday was our travel day home, and we awoke to rain. As we were about to leave, Graham Cooper broke his accelerator cable, so that required an emergency repair in the rain before we departed.

Our drive home seemed long as we were driving the entire way on Sunday. The rain continued until the Kentucky border, and then it warmed and became muggy. We stopped for a final farewell in Richwood, Kentucky at the rest area there and took this final picture. Most of us were home by 7:30 PM. It was a good drive, with a good group of people and we had a great time in Dillard.



Graham Cooper, Terry Looft, Mary Planeaux, Torey Looft, Sandra Looft holding Colette, George Chase, Byron Waller (partially hidden), Eddie Cole, Bob Farrell, Dar Planeaux, Carole Looft, Al Freeze, Dianne Freeze, Cheri Farrell. (Photo by Diana Cooper)

## Have We Seen This Car Before?

Carole Looft

I don't know how we happened to stop by the black MGA coupe at the Dillard car show. Terry was talking to its owner when I noticed our grille badge on the front of the car. I looked at the guy, but didn't recognize him. Then the story started to unfold. He was now the owner of Dan Callahan's car and about a year ago he contacted me to purchase a grille badge from our club. He knew the story behind the car and wanted a badge from the club to represent that part of the car's history. His name is Peter Cerka and he lives in Asheville, NC. He purchased the car from Mel and Itzzy Finch from Kansas City. He is thrilled with the car and is planning on coming to Dayton in July for GT-37. If you get a chance, stop by and visit with him and take another look at the MGA.



## More on Oil for Older Cars

...from the SoutheasternMG T Register

### **Quaker State Responds to Plight of Enthusiasts with a High Zinc Motor Oil. The Newest Addition to Quaker State's Product**

#### **Line Designed for Auto Enthusiasts Needing High Levels of Zinc to Deal with Engine Wear Issues.**

Toronto, ON - November 8, 2011 - Today, the makers of Quaker State motor oil announced the production of a new motor oil, Quaker State Defy. Featuring a high level of ZDDP, an anti-wear additive commonly referred to as zinc, Quaker State Defy addresses the needs of some automotive enthusiasts to combat friction and wear inside their engines. The formulation of new Quaker State Defy contains a proprietary zinc booster that has dual attributes contributing to wear and oxidation control.

Quaker State Defy is intended to provide enthusiasts with a quality, brand name oil that will provide both the protection and performance required in high output, flat tappet engines. " We as an industry have seen the levels of zinc in motor oil consistently reduced in each successive gasoline engine specification implemented by ILSAC in the past few years, said Jeff Hsu, Quaker State Technology Specialist. This reduction of zinc is fine for drivers of newer vehicles, but is leaving classic car owners, enthusiasts and those with flat tappet cams and followers with fewer and fewer options in the motor oil category."

The proprietary low volatility ZDDP technology used in Quaker State Defy motor oil significantly reduces the amount of volatile phosphorus, while retaining its anti-wear protective behavior and antioxidant performance. Quaker State Defy has a ZDDP composition of 1200 ppm, a more than sufficient amount to stand up to the most aggressive engine profiles. "We have repeatedly heard enthusiasts and engine builders ask for more zinc or other solutions to their aggressive flat tappet cam issues, and those requests did not fall on deaf ears," said Chris Hayek, Quaker State Global Brand Manager. "What we have been able to come up with is a zinc additive that is more effective and enables us to do more with the oil itself."

An additional benefit of the new, fully formulated Quaker State Defy motor oil is that it is capable of running a full manufacturer-recommended drain interval during engine break in and does not need to be drained after five hundred or a thousand miles, like some high zinc break in oils.

## 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:** 1951 MG TD Viper red paint job. 8000-9000 miles since purchased in 1998. Complete frame off restoration by previous owner which included replacement of the original differential by one from an MGA, which raised the final drive ratio by about 20%., improving cruise performance. Splined chrome wire wheels. The interior features very good door panels and carpeting and what appear to be original leather seats. Also included is a full toneau cover, good canvas top, good side curtains and a good car cover. Consistently placed at the top against other TDs in the area. Other items included in the price are two boxes of trophies along with 2 boxes of MGTD parts. \$23,000 Phil Johnson, 937-885-5661, or pjohn11858@yahoo.com. (6/12)

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**For Sale:** 1959 Morgan +4 (you Morgan people know what that means). Car is apart and in boxes, but it's all there. Original engine and transmission. Being sold with bill of sale. \$6000.00. 937 728-2246  
Craig Anderson Engine Shop (6/12)

**For Sale:** 1961 MGA. 47,000 original miles. Restored in 1993. Red with red interior. No rust. Original 15 x 5.6 steel wheels. Original chrome. New disk brakes. Engine has new rings and bearings, hardened valve guides and seats. New side curtains. Stainless exhaust system. In family since 1968. \$20,000. Joe Groff, 407-367-8307, mijgp@yahoo.com. (6/12)

**For Sale:** 1952 MG TD. Mostly original, never restored, but looks good and runs well. 29,800 miles. No rust, new brakes. Original top and side curtains. British racing green with green interior. Only driven about 300 miles in last 15 years, but kept in garage. Matching serial numbers. Most work performed by MG Automotive. Located in Franklin. Call Tom at 513-464-6655, or twortley@hotmail.com. (6/12)

**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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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 [mgoctagons@aol.com](mailto:mgoctagons@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](mailto:dstein@woh.rr.com) (4/12)

## MG Car Club Minutes, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

Kathy Goodman

**C**alled to order by President Sam Hodges at 7:35PM

President's Report: El Presidente admits that it is his fault we are late getting started. We had good attendance at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Car Show. There were a total of 60 cars with around 20 MG's. All in all it was a good show.

Vice President's Report: nothing new

Minutes: Motion to approve Jennifer Peterson , Second Lois Gribler . Motion approved

Treasure's Report: Current balance \$2714.50. Motion to approve Charlie McCamey, second Diane Hodges. Motion approved.

Membership: We have 114 members. No new members. Maybe we need a membership drive.

Sunshine: Pat and Rueben Wasserman are both doing better.

Activities:

Dates to mark on your calendar

Ft Meig – 6/3 10-3

Dillard – MGB 6/6-9

6/15-17 Ohio Chapter of New England MGT Registry Inn at Ohio Northern ADA

6/10 Cinci Concourse

University Motors Summer Party Reunion, Grand Rapids, MI 8/16-19. There will be a caravan from here.

7/15 Cinci BCD

Check the web site for additional activities

Newsletter: Reminder. If you submit something and it is not used in reasonable time please let Steve know. And a big FYI – If you do or say something

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embarrassing in the meeting, or said something you feel should not be in the minutes, do not despair. Steve is the last person to see minutes before they are published and is open to last minute edits.

Web Master: Nothing.

GT37 – Highlights of Dave Gribler's report. 7/9-13

Bob Charles has donated a box and nail kegs. They are gorgeous.

We already have 144 registrations, 125 cars.

MG Olympics and Funkhana will be tested 7/1. Leaving from Greenon HS at 2. Cook out at Ron's house following.

We need all the volunteers who have signed up and more to pull this all off. If you can, we can really use your help. Email being sent to entire club listing where help is still needed.

Beer break – 8:07

Reconvene – 8:25

Kathy Goodman – My brother and I want to thank all the club members for their enormous support during what was a very difficult time. The club was so important to Dad and really helped make these last years of his life so much fun. There will be a memorial "Celebration of Life" picnic at Dad's house on Saturday 7/7 starting at 4pm. We should eat around 6. Meat, beer, and soft drinks will be provided. If you wish bring a dish to pass please feel free. All we really need is your presence and your favorite "Dick story". We look forward to seeing you all on the 7th

Moment of silence

Old Business:

BCD – 8/4 We are on auto pilot It is not broken so we are not fixing it. There will be a new class this year - European Open Class. We are trying it out but there will be no award.

Skip made an error!!!! The date on the reservation form is 2011.

New Business:

Do we need more club t shirts? Let's hold off for a bit.

Tech tips: I needed help to straighten a bumper on my TD. Took to Carl's Body Shop on Wayne. They did a great job at a very reasonable price.

For Sale: Couple of member cars.

Terry has a line on a Morgan (complete but in boxes – a real project.

Gum ball: Adreanne Lang-\$5.00

Motion to adjourn Bonnie, seconded by Ron. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:47

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Yr./Make/Model \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Club affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Advance registration (includes free t-shirt) \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Deadline: Must be received by July 14, 2012*

t-shirt size S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_

Additional t-shirts (day of show \$13) \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_

Vendor registration \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: BCD 2011, 1754 Lindenhall Dr. Loveland, OH 45140-2120

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_