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British Car Day Winners and Pictures
Car of the Month



From the President

Sam (Fidel) Hodges

Three Aston Martins? Three!?! This is British Car Day, right? Not the Concours!?! Pardon my confusion... Well, in a sign of the times, for those of you who missed it, we had three Aston Martins show up at BCD this year. 2 DB7's and a V8 Vantage. Overall, someone correct me if I'm wrong, we had right around 250 cars (the last registration number I was told was 256) and over 200 actually on the show field. For a day that started off pouring rain, it turned out to be a nice, if not somewhat hot day. Turn out was predictably down from previous years, I think it was based on the morning's weather, but actually more than I was expecting, factoring in the morning's weather.

As usual, I took both MGB's along for the day and, as usual, I wound up parked next to an immaculate example of my car. This year, I was



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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, August 22, 2012

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Aug:

- 19 – British Car & Bike Cruise in
at The Pub at the Greene
- 22 – Meeting at K of C Hall

Sep:

- 11 – Picnic at Goodman's
- 16 – Concours d'Elegance
- 26 – Meeting at K of C Hall

Oct:

- 24 – Meeting at K of C Hall

*See meeting minutes for other
area activities!!*

actually next to the class-winning car. Turns out that car was bought new by its current owner, used as a daily driver for 2 years and after the birth of their second child, relegated to weekend toy status. It only has 38,000+ original miles (*compared to 87K+ and 115K+ on both of mine*) and after looking at that car, it was really no wonder why it won the class.

With BCD weekend now behind us, the last major automotive event on our calendar, at least here in Dayton, is the Concours d'Elegance, September 16th at Carillon Park. I've already received my annual e-mail from Ron detailing the duties of Class Host, and odds are, so have you. This year's show promises to be a great one featuring the cars of the Auburn, Cord & Duesenberg Automobile Company. As a long time fan of the Cord 810/812, I'm rather quite looking forward to this year's show even more than usual. I remember the first time I went to the ACD Museum in Auburn, Indiana. It was 1994 and I was attending the annual Kruse (now Auctions America by RM) Labor Day Auction. My little brain was completely and thoroughly blown away by the cars that were there. Not only had I never seen a Duesenberg in real life before, but there were eight at the show. In subsequent

years, there were as many as a dozen for sale and the prices that they were going for was even more mind boggling. Cars were being sold for millions of dollars. Since then, times have of course changed. Prices have dropped, along with salaries and portfolios, but one thing has still remained the same. Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs are still beautiful, expensive cars.

I'm looking forward to seeing this year's crop of excellent vehicles as the Concours has only been getting better and better since the first one that I attended and I hope that all of you can at least make the show even if you're not one of the volunteers.



Sam's MGB

Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

Tom & Kathy Wittberg
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Dayton, Ohio 45419
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thomas.wittberg@udri.udayton.edu
1972 MGB

Antonio & Amy Licata
1907 Ghirardelli Circle
Centerville, Ohio 4545
937-438-9186
sleeper1993@aol.com
1989 Ferrari

GT-37 a Big Success

Dave and Lois Gribler

For those of you who attended the July MGCC meeting, you've already heard most of this. For the rest of you, read on. Over fifty club members participated in hosting NAMGAR GT-37. This event was a huge success – and you folks are the reason. From the perspective of the participants the event ran smoothly. There were very few complaints and those were minor.

Things were not at all 100% perfect and smooth in the background, but we were able to calmly and quickly handle the few problems that arose. It is great to be able to work with a group of people who know what they need to do – and then get it accomplished with minimum fuss and drama.

I want to express thanks again to all of the committee chairs; Nancy and Mike Edgerton-Food & Beverage, Sam Hodges – Publicity, Diana Hodges – Finance, Registration – Glenn Marin, Car Show – Ed Hill, Regalia - Skip Peterson, Hospitality – Carole and Terry Looft, and Activities – Ron Parks. Also many thanks to three other individuals: John Scocozzo for his work creating the website and on-line registration, Jennifer Peterson for stepping in to coordinate the Bar-B-Que at the Taj Ma Garaj and Steve Markman for creating the registration form and editing the GT program book. All of these folks sacrificed their time and a lost a little sanity dealing with the minor details that made the event run smoothly.

All who volunteered to help run the activities, serve food and beverage, sell tickets and help with registration, thanks! The event was a success because you were there, doing your part. The participants were thoroughly impressed with the amount of involvement by our club members. They just couldn't get over the number of green shirts!! Many thanks to Skip Peterson who obtained sponsorship for the host t-shirts from Miami Valley AAA.

The GT participants really enjoyed the events we planned for them; the Milano's Pizza Orientation, band concert and MG Olympics. They especially enjoyed the car themed events: the drives, tours, the Taj BBQ, Funkhana, and the car show at Carillon Park was without doubt the highlight of the week.

We're trying to get the financial report put together by August 15 to comply with NAMGAR's wishes. We might come close to making the deadline but a previously scheduled vacation might cause some interference with that plan. If anyone is looking for reimbursement of GT related out-of-pocket expenses, please get your receipts to Diana ASAP. GT income is expected to exceed expenses meaning that we will split the difference with NAMGAR.

Last but not nearly least is a huge thank-you to the GT-37 Activities Chair, Ron Parks. From tech sessions to the rally all activities were well planned and executed. I'm sure Ron had played every event through his mind over and over, trying to anticipate every possible thing he needed and every possible thing that could go wrong. In the end he had it all covered. The MG Olympics were quite a production and got a lot of people participating on the field.

I've asked John Scocozzo to post photos on the GT website (which should remain active for the next year). I also hope to get a page of links to various GT articles and videos – funkhana videos and at least one other YouTube video of the car show out there. I'm certain many of these links and photos will also be found on the SWOCMGCC website at some point.

We have received many positive comments – personally, via email and on the internet. The organizing committee for GT-38 is a little intimidated by our effort. They don't quite know how they're going to compete with our production and have not been shy about asking me for some guidance.

In closing, I owe a lot of gratitude and give credit for the success of GT-37 to all of you – Thanks again!!

Member Featured Car of the Month...

John and Linda Wolfe's '62' MGA MKII

John Wolfe & Dave Gribler

At the banquet for NAMGAR GT-37 we found out that our MGA MKII was the 99,999 MGA made. That was exciting and also disappointing to know that we missed the 100,000 car by just that much!

It was mere happenstance that we learned of this. Here is how it happened as told by Dave Gribler. I believe it was Tuesday night during GT-37, after the hospitality suite had shut down; I was making a round through the Marriott parking lot to make sure the security guard had arrived for the overnight shift. I encountered a group of people that included a few of the NAMGAR faithful – Jose Tapia, Ed Sass, Dave McCann Jr., Bruce Woodson, and possibly a few others. Bruce and I were discussing something (like why don't you step up and be the NAMGAR Vice Chair?). During the conversation, Bruce casually mentioned that one of our club members owned MGA 99,999. It turns out the security guard had not reported for the evening so my attention was diverted for the remainder of the evening to remedy the situation (security company scheduling problem).

I had a chance to fact-check Bruce later in the week – maybe Thursday afternoon. Glenn Marin and I regularly receive updated copies of the NAMGAR membership database through the registration period to help us determine if registrants are actually NAMGAR members and to verify the correct car class. I simply sorted the data by car chassis number. MGA 100,000 is owned by Fred Skomp of Key West, FL so his car was pretty easy to find – and lo and behold, John and Linda's car was right there, one chassis number less than 100,000. I had mentioned this to Skip Peterson during the banquet meal. Somewhere toward the end of the program he got on a roll and made the announcement. (Dave Gribler)

Well, this is the story of our "A" (Ole 99 previously named The Governor). Back in 1984 we were sitting in the back room of the Urban Suburban waiting for the MGCC meeting to begin. A man walked in and handed Linda a piece of paper with a telephone number on it and said that he had an MGA to sell. We looked at each other and I said "Well, we don't have a convertible" and so we went to look at it the next day.



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The car had been at a man's house where it supposedly had been undergoing restoration for the last five years. Well, looking around it became rather obvious why it was taking so long. There were two 55 gallon drums overflowing with empty Miller Lite beer cans. The car sat off to the side under a tarp. When we uncovered the "A" it really looked sad. It had been painted Candy Apple Red, but it had been under the tarp for so long that the finish was awful. The head also was off so the pistons had rusted in the block. I did notice that the dash was covered which meant that it was a '62 MGA MKII. We hadn't been told what year it was prior to that.

The owner said that he would sell it for \$500 so we told him that we would come back the next day. We arrived with the trailer to load it up and found a small crowd had gathered to watch a fool pay \$500 for useless junk. Well, I knew what we had. Granted, it really looked sad but that didn't bother me. About a week later the man who we purchased the "A" from called us and asked if we would restore it and then sell it back to him. I declined that offer.

We brought it home and parked it in the garage where it sat for about a year and a half. I quit racing in SCCA and thought vintage racing might be fun!

We tore into the "A" and had it ready to race in 1986. I soon discovered that the #3 rod bearings had a problem that I couldn't solve so I decided to quit racing. I removed the roll bars and racing numbers and drove it on the street. It's been reasonably reliable with problems here and there but after all it is 50 years old.

We painted it again this year (with horrible results) in preparation for GT-37. We were going to live with the paint job until we found out that it was only one number away from the 100,000th MGA. So now I have stripped it down again and will start to sand it soon so that it can be professionally painted this time.

Was it fate that delivered the "A" to us? Probably not, as Linda was just sitting next to the door at Urban Suburban. Hopefully by spring "Ole" 99 will be on the road again.

4th Annual British Car & Bike Cruise In

THE PUB at the Greene

Sunday, August 19, 2012 3:00 pm

Owners Party 5:00 pm

Come along to The Greene and enjoy a whole host of Classic British Cars and Bikes. Drink specials from Bass & Old Speckled Hen Ale.

Always fun and surprises.

Pictures from British Car Day 2012



The day started with a locked gate, but then everything was downhill from there.



Dave Estell, Bob Farrell, and Glen Marin collected money at the concession stand.



Dick Goodman was there with us in spirit.



Lots of MGs



Park ranger explains to Skip how her horse, Houdini, helped pick the Rangers Choice Award.



Ron Parks captured all the action.

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Diane and Al Freeze, and Charlke McCamey enjoying the day.



Ed Wolfe showing everyone his MGB.



Louie DiPasquele - First Place in the MGA Class.



Tom Davis – First Place – Open Class thru 1965.



Ron Parks – First Place – Diamond in the Rough.



Tony Shoviak – First Place MGB 63-67.

Photos by Skip Peterson, Ron Parks, Chris White, and Steve Markman

BCD 2012 winners

(numbers in parenthesis car count for class)

Skip Peterson

MGT (7)

1. Dale & Carolyn Lvingston
'49 MGTC
AE. Dick Goodman
AE. Steve Markman

MGA (6)

1. Louis DiPasquale '61
MGA

MGB 63-67 (4)

1. Tony & Jaet Shoviak '66
MGB
AE. Dana Springer

MGB 68-74 (13)

1. Stephen Ramsey '68
MGB
AE. Ron Parks
AE. Dane Petrie
AE. Rick Shields
AE. Skip Peterson

MGB GT (3)

1. Thomas Smith '69 MGB
GT

MGC (2)

1. Bill Greenwood '69 MGC
GT

MGB '75-'80 (23)

1. John Sweeney '76 MGB
AE. Eddie Cole
AE. Charlie McCamey
AE. John Scocozzo
AE. Mary Frances Rodriguez
AE. Steve Fisher
AE. Kevin & Debbie Fister

Midget (8)

1. Tom Shaw '61 MG Midget
AE. Brian Hellwig
AE. Larry Youngblood

TR 2 & 3 (10)

1. Richard Koch '59 TR3 A
AE. Dick Eslinger
AE. Roger Rutledge

TR 4 & 250 (8)

1. Chuck & Chris White '65
TR 4A
AE. Bruce Miles
AE. Larry Combs

TR 6 '67-'72 (8)

1. Andy McKinley '73 TR6
AE. Jim Van Order
AE. David Summers

TR 6 '73-'76 (9)

1. Joe Gerst '76 TR6
AE. Ted Bailey
AE. Harry Mague

TR 7 & 8 (3)

1. Mike & Mara McKitrick
'80 TR7

Stag (2)

1. Ted & Eden Allison '73
Stag

Spitfire I-II-III (3)

1. Roy Owens '64 Spitfire

Spitfire IV (1)

1. John Kuzman '72 Spitfire
Mk IV

Spitfire 1500 (5)

1. Jeff & Jodie Barth '76
Spitfire
AE. Ralph Weiss

Spitfire '78-'80 (1)

1. Bill Brown '80 Spitfire

Jaguar XK (6)

1. John Schrimpf '56 XK
140 Coupe
AE. Bin Kizaffi

Jaguar XKE (6)

1. Terry Roberts '70 XKE
AE. Dick Dearing

Jaguar XJ/Sedans (10)

1. Dick & Pat Newman '85
XJ6
AE. John Logan Jr.
AE. Dana Springer
AE. Dana Springer

Austin Healey 100 (1)

1. Richard Compton

Austin Healey 3000 (10)

1. David Roberts '61 AH
3000
AE. John Steck
AE. Gayle Loos

Austin Healey Sprite (5)

1. Mick Dutton '61 Sprite
AE. Jason Pigg

Land Rover (3)

1. Mike Finn '95 Defender

Lotus (5)

1. John Ludy '71 Europa
AE. Keith & Janet Brown

Classic Mini (9)

1. Sue Strieby '67 Austin
Cooper
AE. Paul Strieby
AE. Jonathon Dutton

Morgan (1)

1. Brian Hixson '59 Plus IV

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New Mini (6)

1. Jeff Ellis '06 Mini S
AE. Bernie & Linda
Williams

Sunbeam Alpine (6)

1. Wilfred Potter '54 Alpine
AE. Scott Christie

Sunbeam Tiger (8)

1. John Engle '67 Tiger
AE. Davie Tiettmeyer
AE. Curt Hoffman

Open Class '66 and later (4)

1. Dick Edwarda '70 TVR
AE. Michael Bayman

British Conversions (6)

1. Mark Traylor '79 MGB
V8
AE. Alan Bell

Open Class thru 1965 (4)

1. Tom Davis '64 Elva
Courier
AE. Dan Strayer

Premier Class (11)

1. Ric Sanders/Dave Luecke
'67 XKE
AE. Bernie Grabow
AE. Louis DiPasquale
AE. Mike Smith
AE. Bill Hunter

Diamond in the Rough (1)

1. Ron Parks '67 TR4A

Rangers Choice

*Jason Pigg Austin Healey
Sprite*

Royal Air Force Award

John Engle Sunbeam Tiger

Best of Show

*Roy Owens '64 Triumph
Spitfire*

Thank You, MGCC Members

Skip Peterson

Jenifer and I can't pull this off by ourselves. It takes lots of help from club members. Thank you to the BCD volunteers for helping with planning, running, setup, and teardown: Carole and Terry Looft, Al and Diane Freeze, Eddie Hill, Dar and Mary Planeaux, Skip and Jennifer Peterson, Carol and Dave Estell, Ryan Looft, Ron and Linda Parks, Lois and Dave Gribler, Dave McCann, Dave McCann Jr. Linda and John Wolfe, Mike and Nancy Edgerton, Jayne and Steve Powell, Mike Rowles, Rick Shields, Joe Hooker, Steve Markman, Terry Happensack, Bob Farrell, Ed Wolf, Glen Marin, Kathy Goodman, and Tony and Janet Shoviak. Our sincerest apologies if we missed anyone.

Help Fight Blood Cancers

Lee Christman, of Akron Ohio, has raised over \$49,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to help find cures for various blood cancers – Leukemia, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, and Myeloma, and to help assist patients and their families.

This year, Lee hopes to raise another \$5000 by joining other riders for a 100 mile ride through the Moab, Utah Canyon. He is doing this in honor of Joe Hooker, who has been fighting Multiple Myeloma since 2007.

Donations are 100% tax deductible. Checks should be made out to **Joseph Hooker's Leukemia Ride**, and sent to Lee Christman at National Health & Life, 572 W. Market St, Suite 7, Akron OH 44303. Lee thanks everyone in advance for their help.

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: 1977 MGB Roadster. Excellent condition. 79k original miles. Second Owner. Restored 2004. Summertime car only. Garaged. Bob Carson – Troy, Ohio. (937) 335-1017 / Cel. (727) 643-0129. rhcason@gmail.com (7/11)

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)

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: 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)

MG Car Club Minutes, June 25th Meeting

Kathy Goodman

Called to order by Vice President John Scozzozzo at 7:34 PM

President's Report: No report

Vice President's Report: No report

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Minutes: Motion to approve Bonnie Hankey, Second Joe Hooker. Motion approved

Treasure's Report: Current balance \$2,528. Motion to approve Dave McCann, second Bill Hammond . Motion approved.

Membership: We have 116 members. New members: Antonio and Amy Licata of Centerville. Looking for a TD perhaps?

Sunshine: Jeannie Hanseman had a hip replacement.

Phil Day passed away. Skip sent flowers on behalf of the club.

Chris Johnson (warrant officer from the RAF who has picked the RAF award at BCD for years) passed away in his sleep in January.

Activities:

Dates to mark on your calendar:

8/4 our BCD

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

8/19 British car at cruise in the Pub at the Greene. 3pm. Door prizes and activities at 5pm

9/3 Holiday at home Labor Day parade (By invitation only)

9/9 Club picnic at Goodman's

9/16 Concourse

Check the web site for additional activities

Newsletter: Thank you for pictures from GT 37 and Dick's Memorial Picnic.

Web Master: BCD registration is on line.

BCD update from Skip.

It will be held 8/4.

Friday 6pm we can use volunteers to layout field and stuff goodie bags.

Club members need to be there at the park around 8:30am on Saturday to help set up.

Please bring a bag of ice if you can.

Triumph Club will be handling registration and ballots.

We can always use volunteers to help out in the concession stand. The busiest time starts around 11 am.

If you want to help just stop by and ask.

We can use volunteers to stick around after the show to help clean up.

We have around 144 cars registered to date. Last year had around 300 cars total so we should be on target to hit that number.

This is our 20th year being involved in BCD and the 28th year of the event

Beer break – 7:50

Reconvene – 8:06

GT37 – Wrap Up by Dave Gribler

Thank you to everybody who volunteered (Nearly 50 volunteers participated). A huge thank you to Dave

Participants felt that everything went extremely smoothly and everything was under control.

It all went smoothly because of all the Committee chairs

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Food and beverage. Mike and Nancy Edgerton.

Jennifer – bbq at the Taj

Publicity and Program – Sam Hodges

John S on Web site

Diana Hodges on finance

We expect to be in the black. Anything we clear we split with Namcar

Registration – Glenn

Car show – Eddie Hill

Regalia and door prizes – Skip Peterson

Hospitality – Terry and Carole Looft

Activities – Ron Parks

Received at lot of positive comments so far. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

Photos will be posted soon on website along with links to other sites and utube videos.

Need to close the books and write to final wrap up article for Namgar magazine.

WE need to thank Dave and Lois for all their hard work. They made us look very, very good. We pulled off a truly great show that puts us on a national scale. A lot of people had no idea that Dayton Oh was so neat but they do now.

Tech tips:

Dave McCann

Overstock.com has a ring that is shaped like a nut (it is an octagon)

I have a lot of video including around 5 hours of John Twist's rolling tech session. It is really raw but I probably will not edit it because I do not want to lose any of John's tips.

Will find a way to duplicate it for dissemination.

For Sale:

Louie's Spitfire

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Gum Ball to Fast Eddie - \$5.00

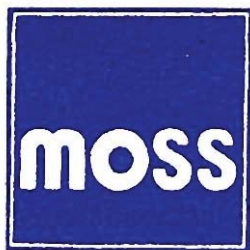
Motion to Adjourn Keith Hankey, seconded by Bonnie Hankey. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:36



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