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Perrysburg British Car Show  
Pictures from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Market

## From the President

Skip Peterson

It looks like we have survived the move to BW3's in Kettering; our first meeting was a rousing success, and I hope that it continues. This month we are back to the regular fourth Wednesday meeting, as we will be for the rest of the year, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Of note, Fast Eddie went to hand out one of our club cards, and noted that now all of the information on the back is wrong, wrong location, wrong time, etc. I think we might want to have some new cards printed. Lucky that VistaPrint is ready and they are pretty inexpensive...

I got my copy of MGA! Magazine in the mail, and I glanced at the cover and I thought; that car looks familiar, it's like I've seen this before. Then I flipped to the first page and noted the caption for the cover... its Louie DiPasquale's car, and I shot the photo! It was one of a handful I sent them after GT-37 last year and now Louie and I both have our first



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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 **Buffalo Wild Wings at Town & County Shopping Center**, at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be:

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## Upcoming MGCC Events

**Jun:**

26 – Meeting at Buffalo Wild Wings

**Jul:**

10 – 14 - American MGC meet is in  
Indianapolis

24 – Meeting at Buffalo Wild Wings

**Aug:**

3 – British Car Day at Eastwood Park

28 – Meeting at Buffalo Wild Wings

*See meeting minutes for other area  
activities!!*

MGA covers, but I had completely forgotten about the photo.

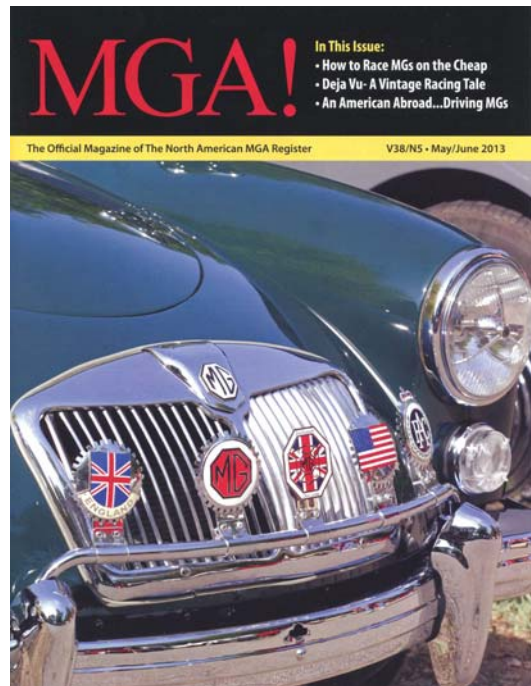
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A photo of an MGB and a couple holding hands and walking through a grassy field is making the rounds in advertisements both in print and online. The photo is in the current issue of AAA magazine Journey and AOL is using it on their homepage every few days and I noticed that the cropping removes any MG badge or logo. An

MGA also shows up in a Capital One TV ad starring Jimmy Fallon, he says the car is just too small. The MG badge on the grille is covered by some other symbol in the ad.

Sports & Exotic Car magazine recently ranked the Top 25 Roadsters of all time... The bad news is the Miata ranked number 1, but the good news is the MGB ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Midget ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>, MGA ranked 17<sup>th</sup> and the T-series cars held down the 22<sup>nd</sup> spot. The criteria included affordability, longevity, style and performance. MG was the only manufacturer to place four models in the top 25. Performance was not at the top of the list on any of the MG's but they got high marks on the other three categories.

See everyone at BW3 on the 26<sup>th</sup>!



## MGCCSWOC Tech. Sessions in Perrysburg

Ron Parks

Two (2) members of the MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre made the trek north on SR235 to Perrysburg to attend the 2013 edition of “The British Return to Ft. Meigs” car show. Dar Planeaux was already in the Rite-Aid parking lot in New Carlisle when I arrived. I was expecting Joe Hooker to caravan with us, but he never showed. We knew why Joe was a no-show when we arrived and did not see Joe's son Michael and his red and black Austin Healey 3000. The trip up was thankfully uneventful.



It was cool and cloudy, which was fine. I was traveling with the top down on my 74 MGB and Dar with the top up and back window unzipped on his MGA.

After registering and getting the car ready for display, I walked around to vote. I ran into Tony Shoviak's kids who were selling tickets to win a new car and bought one to support their band trips. Maybe Dar or I may win a new Mustang or other Ford vehicle.

Now, to get to the MGCCSWOC tech. sessions: After walking around some, I happened by Dar's MGA,

where I saw a fellow pulling someone else over there and asking Dar to turn on his lights. Dar had installed LED lights in the taillights on his MGA and this fellow, who obviously owned an MGA was very impressed with the brightness of Dar's taillights. Well, that's nice, but I have more voting to do, and so did some more walking around, won a door prize, a voltage tester and finished my voting. When I did happen by Dar's location again, the same guy was there with someone else to look at Dar's tail lights. This happened several more times with the tech. sessions increasing in complexity, when Dar was asked to hit his brakes to see the brightness of his brake lights. Dar swears this was all impromptu, but these involved tech. sessions all went so smoothly, I suspect Dar rehearsed this with Mary in the driveway, before leaving home.

It was sprinkling rain as Dar and I picked up our Awards of Excellence. As we could see the one cloud that was producing the rain, I decided to leave my top down and sure enough we drove out of the rain after just a few miles. After stopping for gas, we had a nice trip home.

We did some research on the way home, stopping for dinner at Captains Pointe & Pub seafood restaurant In Lakeview by Indian Lake. We plan to take the club there on a mini-tour and pub run sometime. They have an area inside the restaurant that can be reserved and there is plenty of parking. The menu is not excessively pricy and they have items other than seafood too. Check it out here:

<http://www.captainspointandpub.com/> It's about 50 miles or so up there and we think this could be a fun extended pub run for us? This may require a pre-planning run up there with our wives to check it out further. You know what they say, "It's a tough and dirty job, but someone's got to do it!"

The rest of the trip home was very comfortable with no more rain. I peeled off in St. Paris to visit some friends and Dar motored on home down SR235. Was a good trip and was fun representing our club at the show in Perrysburg.



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



Photos by Steve Markman. My apologies for not getting any club members enjoying themselves, but we did! Thanks again to Dick Smith and his cast of volunteers for another great car show.

## 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:** 1953 MG TD. Clipper blue with black interior, white canvas top and white full tonneau. Also, luggage rack, jack, and tool kit. Overall, a beautiful car. Not driven for a few years because of owner's health, but garaged and covered. \$13K. Jim Cooley, 937-244-0292. (6/13)

**For Sale:** MG Midget Factory Hardtop. Gloss black exterior. Needs painted interior surfaces. Original glass and seals. Rear glass has a couple of scratches but the glass is not available so cannot be replaced. Windows were tinted, but tinting should peel off easily. Top to body seals and side window seals are new. This top did not leak when on my '75 Midget. Should fit '66 thru '79 Sprites and Midgets. Asking \$500. Located in Englewood, OH. Larry Youngblood, (937) 836-5341 or [lyngbldoh@yahoo.com](mailto:lyngbldoh@yahoo.com). (6/13)

**For Sale:** Fiberglass Sebring front and rear valance. Purchased from Moss. Wife decided I should not install! Vents were removed from front panel due to some imperfections in fiberglass. I started to fix those problems. Panels have been stored in my attic for a year or so. \$120 for front panel w/vents and \$75 for rear panel. Larry Youngblood, (937) 836-5341 or [lyngbldoh@yahoo.com](mailto:lyngbldoh@yahoo.com). (6/13)

**For Sale:** 1988 Jaguar XJ6 Sedan. Nice paint, chrome, interior. New tires. Just out of 6-year storage. 75,000 miles. Overall, very nice car. \$6000 or best offer. Bob Charles, 513-267-1784. (5/13)

**For Sale:** 1947 TC that is in kit form. It is mostly there. The engine is assembled and thought to be in good shape. The body tub is all new wood and assembled; it only needs to be skinned. New panels seem to be there. Asking \$11K. We can deliver most anywhere within Ohio. Car has many pluses but it will be a project for rebuild. Call Dave Zyp 513-922-8076. (5/13)

**For Sale:** Complete Shurock Supercharger for a TD. It came off a running car and works very well. Increases power, greater speed. Asking \$3.5K. Call Dave Zyp 513-922-8076. (5/13)

**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

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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. \$23,500 Phil Johnson, 937-885-5661, or pjohn11858@yahoo.com. (4/13)

## MG Car Club Minutes, May 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Diana Hodges

This is the first MGCC meeting of the 'New Era'. We're now meeting at the Buffalo Wild Wings (herein after BW3's) located in the back room of the BW3 at Town & Country shopping center in Kettering. If you don't know where it is, it's located on the corner of Far Hills and Stroop.

Skip, "I don't know if it's the location, the weather, or the beer, but we've got a pretty good turnout so far..."

After some jostling and trying to figure out the best orientation, the meeting is called to order 7:35.

Skip, "Isn't this interesting. Here we are, beautiful downtown Kettering. We'll work through this over the next few months. 16 years at the Knights of Columbus Hall. A lot of things change. Last September when that stupid election was held, if I knew then what I know now..." Terry Looft, "Someone else would be President."

Skip, "I was actually able to use our stationery. 3 pages worth. I sent Mr. Schmuck (names have been changed to protect the identities of the parties involved), current President of the K of C, a letter informing him of our desire to leave. I signed it Carole Looft." *Skip then read the letter. It was a good letter. It was a long letter. I have a short attention span... Oh look, a french fry...*

Skip motioned that the MGCC buys the first round at beer break. Terry Looft seconded. John Scocozzo also seconded as did Dave Gribler. MGCC voted. Motion approved.

Jennifer Peterson, "We can bring in a cake, but otherwise beer and food have to be BW3..." Secretary Hodges, "I heard keg!"

Skip, "Mike Edgerton is filling in for Dick Smith and Pete Stroble." Mike E., "Don't ever accuse me of filling in for those two! The 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Market show is this Saturday, rain or shine (*it rained but I still showed up*) from 9-3.

Skip, "Hows it going so far?" Jennifer, "You're under a Reds game (*as mentioned earlier, in our attempt to orient ourselves in the new room, Skip chose the spot directly underneath the 100 inch TV.*) Skip, "Stiff competition. I need something to thump on." Dave Gribler, "Get Jennifer up there." Terry Looft, "Ron's right there."

Skip, "This past month has been more than I bargained for and I want to say thanks to Jim Hinders. Jim H, "After the way that you were treated and the way I was treated, I've severed all ties with K of C." Dave Estelle, "You gonna buy an MG?" Eddie Hill, "There's an MGA that's in the family... (*For those of you who don't know, Jim is Jennifer's brother.*)"

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**Vice President's Report.** Ron Parks, "My air cleaner is still hanging on the carb so all's good. I almost got the T-car started, so hopefully soon. That's all I've got."

**Treasurer's Report** was next. Bonnie Hankey, "Can I do my little dance?" Singing, "*We're in the Money...*" Bonnie presented the Treasurer's report. We had Total Income to the MGCC consisting of: \$0.00 = **A Total Income of \$0.00.** Total Expenses: Our final Hall Rental Fee (\$50.00) + Gumball Rallye (\$10.00 [the new rate]) + Octagon News Postage (\$40.00) + Some other expense (\$60.00) + reimbursement for the new MGCC canopy (\$261.41) = **A Total Expense of \$469.61. Total Loss to the MGCC was \$469.61.00**, that when subtracted from our existing Treasury balance of \$5,765.61 equals a new Treasury Balance of \$5,296.32. in the checking account and \$373.92 in the savings account. Bonnie, "It's a lot easier to be Treasurer these days. Dave McCann Jr. motioned to accept the report as presented. Steve Powell seconded. Report approved.

John Scocozzo, "Maybe we should have a Champaign break..." Dave Gribler, "Either good beer or cheap champaign."

Carole Looft and **Membership** were next. Carole, "Skip, I have nothing for membership you're stuck at 106 members." Skip, "What the? Nothing happened? All hell broke loose last month."

Skip, "We have our Coozees! Coffee mugs could be next. \$2 per. Talk to Carole. If you call 1-800-Caroles-Stuff before break, we'll double your order with no shipping!"

**Newsletter** was next with Steve Markman. Steve's not here tonight.

Sunshine committee. Carole Looft, "I think we should turn it over to Mary." Skip, "They're actually Florida residents who just stopped by..." Dar and Mary Planeaux stopped by the meeting. Mary proceeded to inform us that she's doing fine after her recent episodes. Everything appears to be going fine now.

**Activities with Eddie.** Ed Hill, "Someone stole my thunder about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Market show. The last week of May is drive your British car week. The 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June is the annual Perrysburg show. NAMGAR 2013 is in Asheville, North Carolina June 10-14, 2013. The Annual vintage races at Mid-Ohio are June 28-30. The American MGC meet is in Indianapolis the week of July 10-14 and also that week the MGB National is going on in Oregon. As a cap to the week, assuming you do A LOT of driving, the Cincinnati BCD is also July 14th. August 3<sup>rd</sup> is of course our own BCD. August 15-18 is John Twist summer party.

Skip, "I got an email from the head of the Indy BCD and they wanted us to put a link on our website for their show. I had to say that based on the date of their show, August 3rd, it was in direct conflict with ours. Kind of awkward." Dave McCann Jr., "So, under your leadership you're pissing everyone off."

Beer Break called at 8:15

Back from beer brake at 8:32

Skip, "I just wanted to make sure that everyone knows that this was a one time event. We are NOT picking up the tab for beer break next month." Terry Looft, "I motion we do this every month!"

Skip, "How many coozees did we sell?" Carole Looft, "About 32." Skip, "Next month will be 'buy-one-get-one,' I can see that coming." Dave Estelle, "Kind of like the stationery." Skip, "Man, we're taking a

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bath on that stationery. We've got enough stationery to do a book. Let's talk about **Old Business**. We've got a lot of it here. Linda, "Are we talking about Louie now?"

Skip, "We had a BCD meeting and we've lost Wise Choice as a sponsor, but we gained AAA. MG Automotive and The Pub are now the 3 main sponsors. We're honoring Aston Martin this year. Last year we had 5 show up, this year we probably won't have any. I didn't know there were 5 in Dayton."

Lois Gribler would like to remind us to bring in old swim suits to donate to charity. Lois, "Charlie brought me bathing suits..." Eddie, "I have a Speedo that you can have..."

Skip, "The bar tab incl. tip was about \$175." Steve Veris, "What, no one else ordered?" Terry Looft, "I move we do it every other month." (*TECHNICALLY, Terry's made two motions that are valid motions. IF someone other than Terry seconds, we can bring it to a vote...*)

Steve Veris, "Are we going to stay here?" Skip, "Yup, for the time being. We've reserved the room the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month through the end of the year except in November, when it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday."

British Museum of Transportation. Mike E., "Nothing good, nothing bad... The Gem City Ice Cream building has been unofficially given to the British Museum, but we've got nothing in writing yet."

**Tech Tips.** Secretary Hodges, "Don't buy Fram oil filters. I've literally blown 2 off of my MGB. I guess it's good that I've got that kind of oil pressure on cold startup, but it's caused an awful mess - twice now." Charlie McCamey, "I bought a case of Pennzoil filters from Jiffy Lube a while back and they're great. They're the same type that came on the car when I bought it."

Steve Powell, "Car Paints on N. Dixie..." Eddie, "...right next to Sharkeys? For a good time..." Steve continued, "...can put any paint color you want into an 8oz spray can for \$30."

**For Sale.** Jennifer Peterson, "I have an MGA for sale..." Skip, "Ah, the tradition continues."

**Gumball Rallye.** Charlie McCamey wins the \$10.00. Charlie, "This is the second time I've won since I joined the club in 1982." Second gumball for 2 coozees was won by Chuck & Marsha.

Motion to adjourn at 8:59.



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