

# THE OCTAGON NEWS



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Lots of Pictures  
British Car Day Info and Registration Form

## From the President

Ron Parks

**T**his has been a busy month for us, with members attending our spring tour, the British Car Meet at the Market and the Perrysburg show: The British Return to Ft. Meigs.

We can say for sure now that we had a good time on our spring outing to the Indian Creek distillery! Even Reuben Wasserman was able to attend and enjoyed riding in Terry Looft's RH drive MGC. It looked like Reuben was driving when they first arrived, sitting on the left side. We enjoyed a relatively short and very scenic drive to the distillery that is run by the sixth generation of the Staley family. The owners' excitement about their business and pride in preserving their family heritage is obvious. This is truly entrepreneurial spirit at work! If you're looking for something fun to do locally on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday, a visit to the Staley Mill Farm and Indian Creek Distillery could be just the ticket. And, if you missed



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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:

**Wed, June 25, 2014**

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## Upcoming MGCC Events

### **Jun:**

1 – Doughnut Day

25 – Meeting at Buffalo Wild Wings

### **Jul:**

23 – Meeting at Buffalo Wild Wings

24 – Amelia Earhart's birthday (1897)

### **Aug:**

2 – British Car Day

*See meeting minutes for other area activities!!*

seeing the segment about the Indian Creek Distillery on the TV program, "Our Ohio" on channel 16 public television station, you can see it when you visit there. If you weren't able to go with us on the tour and would like to visit the distillery on your own, you'll find all the information on their website: <http://staleymillfarmanddistillery.com/> After touring the distillery we returned to Tipp City for a nice dinner at Harrison's restaurant, where a few more members joined the group. Thank you Steve and Jayne Powell for putting together a very nice and enjoyable tour for us!

The weather was perfect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Market show on May 24<sup>th</sup>. It was around 70 degrees and sunny. And, our club was well represented there, with thirty or so members attending and several winning awards. The photos will affirm that we were having a good time. We handed out some of the awards at the May meeting for those folks who had to leave before the awards ceremony.

Shortly after Dar Planeaux and I arrived at Ft. Meigs and began unpacking our cars for display, Mike Maloney pulled in driving his red V8 MGGT. So, there were four (4) members of our club there counting Tony Shoviak, who pretty much runs the show up there. You'll see the photo of all four of us with our awards, Dar and Tony with first place and Mike and I with awards of excellence. Tony was there greeting us as we entered the park and, of course, remarked about an officer of the MG Car Club driving a Triumph and asked if I was going to drive it to French Lick. I said no, that I didn't want to caravan by myself. We had a good time on a perfect weather day for the 150 or so car event.

Well, it seems like we've been talking about it forever, and now MG 2014 is almost here. Carole and Terry Looft have planned a nice route for our trip to French, Lick Indiana. They have identified rest stops along the way and have posted Moss Motors representatives in every small town along our route, just in case we need parts. Just kidding! All the parts anyone might need will be in the beer trailer, of course? This promises to be a nice leisurely drive to a fun event. <http://mg-2014.com/>

See you soon.

## Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

Art & Cathy Barnes  
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1962 MGA MK II

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

Photos by Ron Parks







## Pictures from Spring Drive

Photos by Ron Parks





## Pictures from Ft. Meigs

Photos by Ron Parks



# MGTD Safety Rims

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*Editor's note – I lifted this article from the newsletter of the South West Ohio T club's newsletter. Their permission to use it was implied, since they didn't answer with a negative reply when I asked for permission.*

**I**f you are not running with inner tubes and are going aggressively into a corner causing an excessive amount of side load pushing on the tire, the tire can possibly distort enough to loose its seal and allow all of the air to instantly escape, causing a flat tire. Let's remember where we are, and what the consequences of the situation would be. You are in the middle of a turn, on the edge of control, at speed, and you have no air in one tire. In nine times out of ten, the front tire is where most of the load occurs. If a front tire goes down, you have effectively lost 1/2 of your steering capacity. The next thing that you would see is sky, ground, sky, ground, sky, etc. and that is only if you stay in the car. I have always run tubes in my tires so this has never happened to me but I have heard some terrifying stories.

Since our cars were manufactured prior to 1964 the rims on our car were not safety rims. Below is a photo of a safety rim and how it was different from the earlier rims.



*Editor's note – Sorry, but the arrow drawing function on Word is giving me fits today. If you look about an inch from the top and bottom of the wheel, you can see the ridges that were added to later model wheels.*

In Conclusion, inner tubes are a very inexpensive safety feature we all should have on our cars. If you are running without tubes please put them in the next time you buy new tires.

Chances are that the tire store will not have tubes or they will say that you don't need them. As an aside, the techs, (tire busters) who are doing the labor on your tires probably have never installed a tube in a tire and might not even know that there was a time when there were tubes in tires.

When the tube is put into the tire it should be inflated, then all of the air should be let out and the tube can then be inflated again for the final time. This intermediate step allows the tube to set itself inside of the tire without having any folds or crimps.

If your tire store is reluctant to do these things, take it somewhere else. We at MG Services have the tubes and we have techs that will do what we want. We have the tubes at \$20.00 each, which includes the nylon anti chafing stem collars. We also have the correct tires for our cars.



## 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:** 1980 MGB roadster. Restored. Mustang grabber blue (Shelby color). New gas tank, fuel pump, distributor, timing gears. Painted bumpers, LeMans spoiler, louvered hood, luggage rack, American Racing aluminum wheels, carpeted trunk. Very nice. Call Bob Charles, 513-267-1784 (2/14)

**For Sale:** 1988 Jaguar XJ6. 75,000 miles. Black exterior & tan interior. Excellent interior. Paint and stainless trim very nice. New tires. Has been in storage 6 ½ years. Engine needs a good 100,000 mile servicing. Includes fuel pump, master cylinder, fuel filter and books. Very nice car. \$5000. Call Bob Charles, 513-267-1784 (2/14)

**Wanted:** Nice, small car for granddaughter to drive to school & college. Will consider a trade for my restored 1980 MGB or my 1988 Jaguar. Call Bob Charles, 513-267-1784 (2/14)



MGCC winners from the 2014 Central Ohio British Car Council's 30th Annual British Car Day Show (left to right): Lian Shoviak (1st place big kids valve cover race), Maya Shoviak (2nd place big kids rocker cover race), Larry Youngblood (1st place '79 MGB), Tony Shoviak (1st place '66 MGB and 1st place New Mini, featured mark).



# MG Car Club Minutes, May 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Sam Hodges

Meeting called to order at 7:33... and again at 7:35

President Ron Parks, "Two more days and I'll officially retire from driving a school bus." Genie Smith, "I hope you're in good shape, retirement's hard work." Vice President Dave McCann, "Now you're going to spend entirely too much time on that red car."

Ron continued, "I want to say goodbye to Pat Wasserman. The funeral was well attended. Reuben went on the Spring Tour with Terry. I want to thank Steve & Jayne Powell for planning a nice little tour. It wasn't too long and the distillery tour was really nice. We'll thank them next month if they're here. I sat down and sent an email to Carole listing the MGCC'ers who were in attendance at the Second Street Market show. We had about 30 people there. Ed Hill won chrome bumpered MGB Louie won MGA and Steve and Jayne Powell won T-series. Dar won an award of excellence. Steve Markman won an award of excellence as well. Unfortunately, all of the award plaques have a red TR-4A as the featured car." Dick Smith, "Turnout was really good. We had 80 cars."

Ron, "Linda and I have figured out our schedule with the kids this summer. Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> is going to be our summer picnic. The following weekend will be The Pub's Annual British Car gathering (August 24<sup>th</sup> – tentatively). At the last BCD meeting there were some requests for ladies style t-shirts." Terry Looft, "As long as they're wet is all that matters."

Vice President Dave McCann. "Dave Jr. mentioned that at the last car show he went to in Key West, they had ice cream bars. I'm just throwing it out there as something that we might want to consider. I'd be glad to do that if the MGCC wants. Dave Jr. is on his way to California for a car show. More points for Moss."

Minutes were next. Dave McCann motioned to accept the Minutes as published. Dave Estell seconded. Eddie 'Zeno' Hill opposed as always.

Treasurer's Report was next. Dave Estell gave the report. "Minus the vacation expense this is what we have. But we're leaving again..."

We had Total Income to the MGCC consisting of: Regalia Sold (\$63.00) + Membership Renewals (\$43.50) for a **Total Income of \$106.50**. Total Expenses: 1-year P.O. Box rental (\$62.00) + Gumball Rallye (\$10.00) + Liability Insurance for BCD (\$118.19) + Octagon News mailing costs (\$29.40) = **A Total Expense of \$219.59**. **Total Loss to the MGCC was \$113.09**, that when subtracted from our existing Treasury balance of **\$4,919.66** equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$4,806.57** in the primary checking and **\$379.02** in the savings account. Dar Planeaux motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as delivered. Charlie McCamey seconded. Eddie opposed as per the usual. Treasurer's Report approved.

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "We have a new member with us tonight, Art Barnes. Art owns a 1962 MGA in pieces." Carole continued, "..."...so it'll be on the road in another month?" Art, "Oh sure. My boyhood neighbor bought it in 1968(ish) for \$750 and drove it until he went to the Navy. Then it sat for about 20 years."



Carole, “Bob and Rosalie have been members for a while and we never see them but they drove over from Ridgeville, Indiana.” Dar, “Usually new members buy at the beer break.” Terry, “It is a tradition.” Carole, “Ron, that brings your total to 98 members.” Dave Estell, “How many relatives do you have out there?”

Sunshine Committee, Jennifer’s not here. Ron, “I guess everyone’s well.”

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman, “Nothing special to report, just keep those stories and pictures coming in.”

Webmaster John Scocozzo, “Nothing special to report. If you have any pictures, just send them along and I’ll get them on the website.”

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, “Next week is drive your British car to work week.” Ron, “What if you’re retired?” Steve Markman, “I’ll have to get a job.” Cars and Coffee, we need to speak to Mike Edgerton to find out more info. June 13<sup>th</sup> is a suitcase train and vintage car show 1-4pm at the Sycamore Glen Retirement Community at 317 Sycamore Glen Drive.

August 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> is the summer party in Grand Rapids.

Carole Looft, French Lick. “I’ve got a sheet with a breakdown of the course we’ll be driving. Taking Route 4 from the Elder Beerman parking lot we’ll be leaving at 9:00. Driving time’s about 4 hours. We should be arriving 2-3ish.” Ron Parks, “I got an email from Skip who wants us to do a head-count of the caravan. If you’re going, email Carole your cell phone number and if you have a radio, then bring it too.” Terry Looft, “I’ll be towing the ‘supplies’ trailer.” Ron, “We should display it in the lobby.” Terry Looft, “If we can get it up the stairs.” Dave Gribler, “There’s got to be a freight elevator somewhere...”

Ron, “Do I have a motion for the beer brake?” John Scocozzo motioned and Bruce Miller seconded. Beer break called at 8:05

Back from Beer Break at 8:22.

Ron, “Terry Happensack sent me an email about a show. There’s going to be a DeLorean show at the Marriott the weekend of June 30<sup>th</sup>. The other thing is that the sales & merchandising Manager at the PX on WPAFB on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> is having a craft beer show. They’d like some cars to show up. I’m just gauging interest now but I’ll get some more info.”

Old Business. Ron, “The MG sign that used to be on the wall at Dick Goodman’s is now part of the MGCC. Kathy donated it to the club tonight.”

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### New Business – Squat

For Sale. Dave Gribler has a condo in Cincinnati that needs to go.

Tech Tips. Anyone have anything? Steve Miller. “We were able to pick up the Anchorage Alaska British Leyland dealers NOS inventory. We’ve got the entire stock. It somehow made it back to Nebraska and was in the hands of a collector. It’s a fabulous collection, we’ve got a bunch of NOS Smith gauges, and British Leyland stuff from the 50’s – about 1979. It’s not the tune-up parts. It’s the lenses, the trim rings, that sort of stuff.”

Dick Smith. “Thanks to everyone who participated in the Second Street Market car show. We had good weather and great turnout. Best of show was won by a Triumph, Tom Mill (?), sorry to say.”

Gumball Rallye – Tonight we’ve got two books as well as the usual \$10.

First book, Dave McCann.

Second book, Mimi

\$10 – Terry Happensack

Bob Farrell and Bonnie motioned to adjourn 8:38.



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## ***The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Midwest's best British car & motorcycle show!***

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**Registration:** \$15 in advance includes free BCD t-shirt *if received before July 11, 2014*; \$15 day of show, Vendors; \$20 or door prize of equal value. Registration open 9 am until Noon. Show runs rain or shine!

**Special Awards: Longest Drive, Ranger's Choice & Best of Show**  
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**Classes:** MGT, MGA, MGB '63-'67, MGB '68-'74, MGB GT '65-75, MGB '75-'80, MGC, MG Midget, TR 2-3, TR 4-250, TR 6 '67-'72(chrome), TR 6 '73-'76(rubber), TR 7-8, Stag, Spitfire Mk. I-II-III, Spitfire Mk. IV, Spitfire 1500, Spitfires 78-80, GT-6, Jaguar XK, Jaguar E-type, Jaguar XJ/Sedans, Austin-Healey 100, Austin-Healey 3000, Austin-Healey Sprite, Mini-old, Mini-new, Aston-Martin, Land Rover, Lotus, Sunbeam Alpine, Sunbeam Tiger. Motorcycles, British Conversions (V8 engines- custom bodies-etc.), Open Class thru 1965, Open Class-1966 & later, Premier Class (2013 class winners), Diamond in the Rough and European Open Class.

### **For more information:**

**General Info & Show:** Skip Peterson, 937-293-2819 or DaytonBCD@gmail.com

**Registration:** Stan Seto, 513-683-7974 or DaytonBCD@gmail.com

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

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

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

***Deadline: Must be received by July 11, 2014***

**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 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make checks payable to: British Car Day 2014**

**Mail to: BCD 2014, 1754 Lindenhall Dr. Loveland, OH 45140-2120**

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