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Lots of Pictures from French Lick
British Car Day Info and Registration Form

From the President

Ron Parks

MG 2014 is now in the record books. And, this may have been a record setting year for our club with fourteen (14) of our members taking awards home with them. You'll find the list of award recipients and a photo of the group elsewhere in this issue. A big thank you goes to Carole and Terry Looft for their work in planning a very nice route for our trip to French Lick, Indiana. The rest stops along the way were strategically placed and the lunch stop at Shooters in Madison, Indiana on the way there was good, as well as Maverick's on the way back.

Some of us were late arriving at Shooters, as we were working on Tory's MG 1100. I'm glad we stopped with Terry, Tory & Colette, because it turned out that both the coil and the fuel pump failed. Terry had another coil, but not a fuel pump. Terry borrowed my old Facet fuel pump that originally came on my MGB for the second time. He's used it more than I have! It still works well and you're



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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, July 23, 2014

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Jul:

23 – Meeting at Buffalo Wild Wings
24 – Amelia Earhart's birthday (1897)

Aug:

2 – British Car Day
17 – Picnic at President Parks' Home
24 – Pub Cruise-In (moved to Bosco's in Centerville due to construction)
27 – Meeting at Buffalo Wild wings

Sep:

24 – Meeting at Buffalo Wild Wings

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

probably wondering why I replaced it when it was working OK?" Well, here's the answer, "I thought it was too noisy." I'm just glad to know that it still works, since I am still carrying it as a spare.

As Linda and I left Madison, we failed to see the group stopped for gas and went on by, trying to catch up. I was pushing it a little and kept telling Linda, "They can't be that far ahead of us!" We arrived at French Lick and didn't see any familiar cars there. We checked into the motel and there still wasn't anyone from our group there. Then they started to arrive and said, "How did you get here first?" The sad part is we weren't even missed. They thought we were back there. What can I say? I'm the President. It's lonely at the top!

Four (4) couples of us toured up to the dinner at Spring Mill Lodge. Actually, Dave and Lois Gribler toured widely that day, visiting a covered bridge and other sights. The rest of us toured directly, well, indirectly actually, to the Spring Mill park, after a confusing start. The instructions did not specify which exit from the motel parking lot to take. They just said turn right. We

got there anyway and had a nice dinner together.

Tuesday we toured to Nashville with Bonnie Hankey following along in her red midget. We ran into the McCann's in Nashville. They headed back to French Lick and after shopping a while, we had a nice lunch with Bonnie. We arrive back in time to catch the tail end of the funkana.

Wednesday was car show day. The McCamey family had their very own push-up for shade, which was very nice in the heat. I visited them a few times and met some of their neighbors, who were attending the show. Carole Looft and I had the pleasure of talking with the new owner of Pat Wasserman's MGC. He said he is very pleased with the car and has driven it many trouble free miles already. He won his class, by the way and was not at the awards banquet to receive his award. I took a picture of him with the car and a close-up of his award to Reuben Wasserman, who was glad to receive it and know that the car is in good hands.

We didn't get very far into the trip home when Bonnie Hankey's throttle cable broke. Several of us carry spare throttle cables and before I could return from walking back to my car to retrieve mine, Graham Cooper was already installing his spare one on Bonnie's midget. After the jokes subsided, something about the size of Graham's cable, etc. and some pictures were taken, we proceeded onward to Maverick's for lunch where we celebrated birthdays for Bonnie Hankey, Cheri Farrell and Kathy Goodman.

It was a good trip! Let's do it again next year at



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Niagara Falls. You can go ahead and make your hotel reservation now by calling the Americana Resort hotel at [866-707-0030](tel:866-707-0030) (check in on Monday, June 8, check out on Friday, June 12), mention MG2015 or MG Car Club.

Several of our members will be having a good time at NAMGAR'S GT39 in Ottawa, Ontario this week. We'll expect to hear all about it at the meeting and maybe see pictures.

Preparations are well under way for the 30th edition of British Car Day Dayton. The shirts have been ordered, the park has been reserved and door prizes are starting to roll in. Get ready! We're gonna have fun playing in the park again!

Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

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Pictures from French Lick

Photos by Skip Peterson



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...and a great time was had by all!!

More Photos from French Lick

Photos by Skip Peterson, Dave Gribler, Ron Parks, and Terry Looft



MGCCSWOC Takes Many Awards at French Lick



63-64 B – Tony Shoviak 1st
65-68 B – Terry Looft 3rd
72-74 B – Ron Parks 1st
79-80 B – Larry Youngblood 2nd
80 LE – Kathy Goodman 3rd
MGBGT Chrome – Graham Cooper 2nd
1100 – Torey Looft 1st
MGA – Dar Planeaux 2nd
MGC – Ex-Pat Wasserman 1st
Other British – Janet Shoviak New Mini 3rd
Photo Contest - Lian Shoviak 3rd
Model Contest – Mya Shoviak 1st
Valve Cover Races – Mya Shoviak 3rd, Lian Shoviak 2nd
Funkhana – Lois (D) & Dave (N) Gribler 3rd



Americana Festival

Steve Markman

Our club was represented again at the Americana Festival in Centerville on July 4th. I arrived early and got a good shady spot in front of Bill's Donuts. It was a perfect day for a car show...mid-70s and not a cloud in the sky. Last year's show was a washout, as it rained all day, so combined with the great weather this year, the crowd viewing the show was overwhelming (being parked in front of Bill's Donuts didn't hurt the foot traffic, either). Attending this year were John Scocozzo, Louie DiPasquele, and Steve Markman. Louie won a very nice trophy, the Washington Township Trustees Award. I didn't get a picture of Louie and his trophy, but here's what else happened. I've never quite figured out if it's Louie's MGA that attracts the ladies, or Louie himself. John and I noticed a rather nice-looking young blond lady talking to Louie...nothing unusual about that. However, the next thing we saw was her getting into Louie's car. I grabbed my camera and was able to get one quick shot.



Craft Beer Fest at Wright-Patterson

Linda Wolfe

Four of us attended the Craft Beer Fest at Wright-Patterson on Saturday, June 28: Dar Planeaux, Kathy Goodman, and John and me. Together we brought 3 cars. We didn't win any awards which were really nice. First place got \$100 plus a very large bottle of wine that was valued at \$100. Second place got \$75 plus a Neon Beer sign. Third place got \$50 plus ?. The 4 Awards of Excellence each got \$25. They also gave away several Klondike chairs, etc. The last award was given to the MG Car Club for coming out to support them. They gave us a Visa gift card for \$50 for us to have lunch on them but we decided it would be nice to use it to purchase a drink for members at beer break during the next meeting. They also had about 30 different kinds of beer and gave out free samples. We tried some of them before lunch and went back to try others after we had eaten. They mentioned having another in the Fall.

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: Parts for an MG Midget 1500 (Rubber Bumper) - located in Columbus: 3 engine blocks, 2 transmissions, 3 head assembly, 2 fuel pumps, 2 cam shafts, 3 flywheels, 2 starters, 2 intake manifolds, 2 exhaust manifolds, 3 water pumps, 2 carburetors, misc. air boxes, bearings, clutches, gaskets, rods & pistons, 1 exhaust system, 1 radiator. Josh Hafner, joshhafner@ymail.com. (7/14)

MG Car Club Minutes, June 25th Meeting

Sam Hodges

President Parks calls the meeting to order with a bang of the gavel at 7:32...

Terry Looft, "Don't bang the gavel and then stop..."

President Parks, "The Powell's aren't here, again. We'll have to thank them for the Spring tour next month." Ron continued, "We got two pieces of mail. One was an insurance renewal and the other was the insurance cancellation notice for not paying our insurance. Dave Estell says that it'll be taken care of." Ron, "Dave, it's coming out of your salary."

"I mentioned the picnic in August but I forgot to mention time. Come at 2ish if you want to swim, hang out, the grille will be fired up 5:30ish." Switching topics, Ron then moved on the French Lick gathering. There was a slideshow from the show running in the background on the big screen at BW3's. Ron read a list of winners from French Lick (a copy of which is elsewhere in the Newsletter). Ron, "We had 38 members attend. And look how many of them won awards. Terry's used my spare fuel pump more than I have." Terry, "You can actually buy that same fuel pump from Aircraft Spruce for about \$38."

Vice President's Report was next. Dave, "Nothing..."

Ron, “Can I get a motion to approve the first set of Minutes?” ...La-la-la-la... “Can I get a motion to approve the revised Minutes?” Bonnie Hankey motioned to accept the revised, actual Minutes. Dave McCann seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report was next. Kathy Goodman, “How much did you lose at the casino?” Dave, “Carole won the \$.04.” Dave continued, “

We had Total Income to the MGCC consisting of: Regalia Sold (\$47.00) + Membership Renewals (\$24.00) + Two-months interest income (\$0.04) for a **Total Income of \$71.04**. Total Expenses: Gumball Rallye (\$10.00) + Donation to Pat Wasserman Memorial (\$50.00) + Stamps for Octagon News mailing (\$31.50) + Refreshments for MGB2014 (\$114.27) = **A Total Expense of \$205.77**. **Total Loss to the MGCC was \$134.73**, that when subtracted from our existing Treasury balance of **\$4,806.57** equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$4,671.84** in the primary checking and **\$379.02** in the savings account. Someone motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report as delivered. Someone else seconded. Eddie opposed as per the usual. Treasurer’s Report approved.

Dave Gribler, “I want to make a note that there was a mis-categorization. The ‘refreshment’s’ trailer should be re-chartacterized as the ‘supply’ trailer.” Ron, “Is the ‘supply’ trailer going to Canada?”

Terry Looft, “Heaven’s No!” Skip, “They’ll never make it across the border!”

Sunshine Committee. Ron, “I stopped by to see Bill Hammond. He’s at the Oaks of Kettering West, 1150 West Dorothy Lane, Rm 113. He injured his back and ended up having to be taken to the emergency room. I also visited Rueben and took him pictures of his car (which won best MGC at French Lick) and he seemed to be doing well.” Jennifer Peterson, “I saw Louie driving real fast down Far Hills. He appears to be doing fine.” Terry, “He didn’t know where he was going, but...”

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman (*who did a masterful job of filling in for my delinquent Minutes last month*), “Nothing new. Keep sending those articles unless you want to see pictures of my car. My cat. My fish. My version of the Minutes...”

Webmaster John Scocozzo, “I grabbed some pictures out of the newsletter, but I’d like some new, better quality pics to put on the website. Otherwise, nothing new here.”

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, “I’ve got an expense to submit... There’s another Cars-n-Coffee July 4th. July is (MG)A’s in Ottawa, (there are 3 from the MGCC going - Dar, Loofts, Gribblers). The annual Americana Festival in Centerville is July 4th as well. Cincinnati BCD is July 13th

Grand Rapids is August 15th? Terry Looft, “Rooms are available for the host hotel for MG 2015 in Niagara Falls. Book now, you can always cancel. Rooms are only \$109. There are only 200 rooms allotted.” John Scocozzo, “Don’t forget your passport.” Bob Farrell, “Unless you don’t want to come back.”

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President Ron, “Can I have a motion for a beer break? If not, we can always continue...” Dave Estell motioned, Beer Brake called 7:58.

Back from Beer Break at 8:14.

Carole Looft, “Ron, I just want to mention that we apparently missed membership.” Ron, “Must have been a beer break oversight.” Carole, “We’ve got 98 members. Mike Hirsch’s wife Gail has joined Mike for the meeting tonight.”

Ron, “Skip, do we want to talk about BCD?” Skip, “We’ve got about 80 cars registered so far. The T-shirt is going to be yellow and feature the 30th Anniversary. White Allen Jag has joined as a sponsor as well as Steve Miller and AAA. Go out to the website and register. If you register by July 11th, your t-shirt’s free.” Jennifer, “Anyone who wants to come to the food booth between 11:00-1:00 and help us open buns would be greatly appreciated.” Terry, “I don’t want to hear anything about your buns.” For the next 10-mins, we had the usual banter about leaky coffee-pots, table cloths, the ever-present need for ice, and other BCD essentials. If you’re new, bring ice and volunteer, for something. Anything. If you’re not new, to borrow from past Minutes, “blah, blah, blah, yadda, yadda, yadda...”

Ron, “The MGA bean-bag game that we had at NAMGAR was destroyed by the raccoon that Kathy had get trapped in her garage over the winter. (*Trapped? ...right*)

Tech Tips? – Nothing.

For Sale? – Squat.

Ron, “We’ve come to the part of the meeting labeled as “Other.”

Dave McCann, “Dave Jr. just bought a 3D printer. He’s making a nylon bracket for the 5-speed transmissions kits for the MGA’s. Apparently the real parts are hard to get due to an unpredictability surround the manufacturing of the part. Therefore, Dave is going to make them out of nylon. If you can think of a small nylon part that you need, Dave Jr. might be able to help you out.”

Eddie Hill. “Did anyone see the DeLoreans at the Marriott? They had 189 cars there. 11 were Bricklins, but the rest were all DeLoreans! It was déjà vu on steroids! There was a lifted 4x4 monster DeLorean. A limo with three sets of doors and two red DeLoreans.” Lois Gribler, “I was there. I couldn’t get into the parking lot, but I went by and saw the cars.”

Ron, “Wow. We actually had something for ‘Other’ this month.”

Gumball Rallye. Ron, “We’ll let Gail choose. Lois Gribler won.”

Kathy Goodman, “I’ve never won the Gumball Rallye.”

Dave Estell, “Have you ever entered the Gumball Rallye?”

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 by Dave Gribler. Seconded by Skip Peterson. Meeting adjourned.

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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!

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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 ___

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Total _____

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