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British Car Day Pictures
British Car Day Results

From the President

Ron Parks

Well, the weather was nice to us at British Car Day and by the time you're reading this you'll know if it was likewise nice to us for our picnic. I'm sure we will have had a good time picnicking and celebrating ninety years of MGs, regardless of the weather. And, with the picnic behind us, that leaves only one club event, the Holiday party. We'll talk more about that next month.

While our club events for the year are winding down, there are still plenty of other British car events for us to enjoy. The British Car & Cycle event formerly held at the Pub will be at Bargo's on Rte. 725 this year on Sunday August 24th. No pre-registering, just show up and have a good time for a good cause. The Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival is having a judged, Invitational Car Show and an Open Car Show in which anyone may enter their cars. Some of our members will be attending the University Motors Summer party hosted by John Twist in



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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, August 28, 2014

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Aug:

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

Sep:

- 14 – Concours d'Elegance
- 19 – Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 24 – Meeting at Buffalo Wild Wings

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

Grand Rapids Michigan August 14-17.
<http://universitymotorsltd.com/2014-summer-party-reunion/>

Some of us are making plans to attend the Shenandoah Valley British Car Club Annual British Car Festival in Waynesboro Virginia October 3-4.

<http://www.wftv.com/events/events/festivals/shenandoah-valley-british-car-club-annual-british/eCCNmG/>

MGB MK IV Rubber Bumper is the featured marque. We have some nice rubber bumper Bs in our club and you're welcome to come along with us. You're welcome to come along, regardless of the car you would be taking. So far we have an MGA, two Bs, one chrome and one rubber bumper and a Jag. We plan to leave on Thursday October 2nd and travel part way. I'm looking at a route through the West Virginia Mountains on US 60 where we can take our time and enjoy some of the local sites. Plans are in the beginning stages and it's looking like we'll be

staying overnight around Beckley or White Sulphur Springs area of West Virginia. Friday morning we will be traveling on the Blue Ridge Parkway to Waynesboro and on into the Shenandoah National Park, time permitting, arriving at the hotel in Staunton well ahead of the 6:00pm social gathering. It should be a nice fall trip. Think about coming along. The more the merrier!

And, we need someone to plan a short, fifty to sixty mile, local fall tour. If you have an idea of a nice fall color tour ending with a nice dinner somewhere, go for it. Plan it and we will come! In the past we have done some theme tours, i.e., the "Dam Tour" visited all five dams of the Miami Conservancy district; the Old Forts tour went to Ft. Ancient, Ft. Laramie and others; the historical tour visited historical sites in the Enon, Springfield and Bellefontaine areas. And, we've done some rallye type tours. If you have a theme or area in mind, act on it and let us know what you're planning for us. It's fun to plan a tour, even though it takes a little effort. It's all about having fun with our MGs!

Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

<p>Greg & Sheila Cox 924 Shaftsbury Rd. Troy, OH 45373 937-564-3944 gregc@coxspecialty.com 1969 MGB GT</p>	<p>David & Rachel Johnson 2018 Avon Dr. Beavercreek, OH 45431 937-427-9836 daydave@hotmail.com 1950 MG TD</p>	<p>Richard & Lavonne Boitnott 7770 E. Agenbroad Rd. New Carlisle, OH 45344 937-620-2346 laboitnott@gmail.com 1951 MG TD</p>
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Pictures from British Car Day

Photos by Ron Parks



More British Car Day Photos

Photos by Steve Markman



British Car Day 2014 winners

MGT

1. Jeff Fields '49 MGTC
AE. Steve Markman

MGA

1. Dan Coyle '59 MGA
AE. Dale Horney

MGB 63-67

1. Tony & Janet Shoviak
'66 MGB
AE. Ken Waeber

MGB 68-74

1. Steve Howard '68 MGB
AE. Stephen Ramsey
AE. Everett Rainier
AE. Tom Wittberg

MGB GT

1. Graham Cooper '69 MGB
GT
AE. Jeff Kemper

MGC

1. Bill Greenwood '69
MGC

MGB '75-'80

1. Eddie Cole '80 MGB
AE. Elvin Davis
AE. Larry Youngblood
AE. Tim Lewis
AE. Kathy Goodman

Midget

1. Terry Looft '76 Midget
AE. Tim & Nancy Shaw

TR 2 & 3

1. Lou Metelko '54 TR 2
AE. Dave Hyland

TR 4 & 250

1. Toby Oberly 66 TR4A
AE. Mike Smith

TR 6 '67-'72

1. Andy McKinley '72 TR6
AE. Glen Owen

TR 6 '73-'76

1. Harry Mague '74 TR6
AE. Don Vallance
AE. Joe Gerst

TR 7 & 8

1. John Clifford '76 TR7
AE. Dan Stinson

Stag

1. Tom Carney '73 TR Stag

Spitfire I-II-III

1. Roy Ownes '64 Spitfire

Spitfire IV

1. Rodger Brown '72
Spitfire

Spitfire 1500

1. Jeff Barth '76 Spitfire
AE. Raymond Liebherd

Spitfire '78-'80

1. Bill Brown '80 Spitfire

GT 6

1. Jim Loeffler '70 TR GT6

Jaguar XK

1. John Schrimpf '54 XK 140
FHC

Jaguar XKE

1. Paul Weaver '67 E type
AE. Rick Grant

Jaguar XJ/Sedans

1. Charles Marshall '61 Mk.
II
AE. Dana Springer
AE. Carolyn Beauregard
Shinkle
AE. Ken Tolliver

Austin Healey 100

1. Jeff Warner '56 A-H 100

Austin Healey 3000

1. John Steck '66 A-H Mk.
III
AE. Jerry & Peggy Spurlock
AE. Gayle Loos

Austin Healey Sprite

1. Bob & Pat Duffey '61
Bugeye

Land Rover

1. Mike Finn '95 Defender
90

Lotus

1. Steve Veris '70 Europa
AE. John Ludy

Classic Mini

1. David Lindsay '75 Austin
850
AE. Greg Grooms
AE. Bill Reitz

New Mini

1. Tony & Janet Shoviak '07
Cooper S
AE. Randy Nabozny

Sunbeam Alpine

1. Bob Thompson '67 Alpine
AE. Bob Webb

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Sunbeam Tige

r1. John Engle '67 Tiger

Morgan

1. Vern Campbell '02
Morgan Plus 8

Motorcycles

1. Tom Klug '59 Triumph 5R
AE. Paul Nusbaum

British Conversions

1. Wilfred Potter '54
Sunbeam
AE. Don Williams

Open Class thru 1965

1. Steve & Kathy Robertson
'61 Nash Metro

Open Class '66 and later

1. Ryan Looft '67 MG 1100

Aston Martin

1. Charles Marshall '10 AM
Vantage

Premier Class

1. John Coutant '59 TR3A
AE. Steve Emerson
AE. Steve & Jayne Powell
AE. Richard Davis
AE. Dana Springer
AE. Bruce Clough
AE. Dick Dearing
AE. Caroline Shinkle

Diamond in the Rough

1. Jerry Mone '62 Jaguar
Mk. II

European Open

1. Pete Melville '48 TR 1800

Longest Drive

Jim Cole, Medford, OR

Rangers Choice

Kevin Jensen, '67 Mini Moke

Taj Ma Garaj Most Unique Vehicle

*Bob Webb, '69 Sunbeam
Alpine GT*

Best of Show

*John Schrimpf '54 Jaguar
XK 140 FHC*

Thanks again to Skip Peterson and all his volunteers for another great day of fun and friendship.

Five Stupid Things Drivers Do

AOL Autos Staff

Stupid Move #5: Back up when you've missed your exit on the highway

Even if you're an expert driver, you have to assume the cars traveling 55 MPH and above on the freeway may not all contain equally skilled motorists. Some may panic and swerve into the paths of other cars if they see you backing up; you also prevent others who want to pull off the freeway from doing so. If you miss your exit, take the next one and turn yourself around.

Stupid Move #4: Drive at speeds upward of 80 MPH

"Driving faster than 80 is a recipe for disaster and maybe death," says Jonathan Adkins, Communications Director of the Governors Highway Safety Association. "At such aggressive speeds, it doesn't matter if you are wearing a seat belt or not--you aren't likely to survive. Also, you ruin your gas mileage by driving so fast. If you won't slow down to save a life, slow down to save a buck."

Stupid Move #3: Making a U-Turn on the Highway

An 11-year-old boy was killed last summer in Westchester County, New York, when his father's vehicle, stopped at a railing gap in the left lane of a busy parkway, was struck from behind. If you want to go opposite the direction you're traveling, take the next turnoff, cross over the highway and take the next entrance.

Stupid Move #2: Cut in front of Big Rig Trucks

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Your car may weigh 2,500 pounds; a semi tractor trailer may weigh 20,000 or more. Do the math and figure out your chances of that trucker being able to stop before he hits you. Always give big rigs plenty of room, and always assume their drivers have been on the road many, many hours and may not be as fresh as the produce they're carrying in their rears.

Stupid Move #1: Take your eyes from the road for more than a second or two

“Drivers need to focus on driving,” says Adkins. “Too many of us multi-task and don't focus on the task at hand--arriving to our destination safely. Is that call you are making so important that it's worth risking your life or someone else's?” Drivers also involve themselves in other, equally dangerous activities like eating, drinking, applying makeup, fist-fighting (I've seen this) reading a book (I've also seen this) and doing anything BUT keeping an eye on the road.

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. Good condition, strong engine, recently updated suspension. Located in Beaver creek. Asking \$6200.00 Call Dave Lovett 937-429-4527 or 937-974-1244. (8/14)

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, July 23rd Meeting

Sam Hodges

Meeting called to order at 7:37... (...no, really, it was 7:37...)

President Ron Parks, “We're starting fashionably late... it's only about 5-minutes later than normal. If we started on time, we'd probably collapse. I've got some good news. We have a \$50 gift card so as long as it works, the MGCC is paying for beer break (...up to but not to exceed \$50.00 – which for us will last about 0:53 seconds...). The card worked. Free beer at beer break!

Ron continued, “We got mail from Hospice of Dayton and the Food Bank. Once you get on their list, you never seem to get off. Sunday, August 17th is the summer picnic at the Parks' house. This is going to be our contribution to the MG90 celebration. Show up around 2:00. I'll start the grille around 5:00 so that the people who are going to Grand Rapids will have time to get here.” Terry Looft, “We're going to get a shrimp platter in Grand Rapids. It should be ready by the time we get there.” Ron, “My niece is making a cake for us but the one condition is that they all have to join the club.”

Vice President Dave McCann. “I got nothing.”

Minutes were next. Ron, “And now Sectary Sam will read last month’s meeting minutes in their entirety.” Bonnie Hankey motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Skip Peterson seconded. Minutes, as reported, approved. (Not that I was going to change anything...)

Treasurer’s Report was next. Dave Estell, “We’re going to Alaska next month so that’ll come in handy.” Ron, “I was thinking Cancun.” Carol Estell, “We’ll see what’s left after Alaska.” Dave, “We had Total Income to the MGCC consisting of: Regalia Sold (\$46.00) + Non-Member Donations to the Supply-Trailer maintenance (\$23.00) for a Total Income of \$69.00. Total Expenses: Gumball Rallye (\$10.00) + General Liability Insurance premium (\$250.00) + Octagon News mailing (\$32.20) for a Total Expense of \$292.20. Total Loss to the MGCC was \$223.20, that when subtracted from our existing Treasury balance of \$4,671.84 equals a new Treasury Balance of \$4,448.64 in the primary checking and \$379.04 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.

Membership, Carole Looft, “You just rolled into 100 members Ron. It probably has something to do with the fact that membership is down to \$150.”

Sunshine Committee. Ron, “I have some good news. I called Bill Hammond and he’s back at home. So much so, that his phone was busy...” Terry Looft, “...or off the hook.”

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman, “Nothing.

Webmaster John Scocozzo, “I’ve got pics out on the Web from our recent activities.”

Activities with Eddie. Ed Hill, “The old Pub car show is now at Bargo’s in Centerville. It’s where the old Krispin’s Furniture (now Hauer Music) used to be. The old Pub car show is going to be at Bargo’s to support the Grandview Hospital Association on August 24th.

Ron, “Another activity that I want to start thinking about is a local fall tour. Something around 50 miles. Anyone have any idea of a good short tour?” At this point in time, Bonnie Hankey spoke up with an idea about a possible tour. Under the normal rules of operation for the MGCC, that means that Bonnie Hankey just volunteered since she’s the one who actually spoke up. Bonnie, “Think about October 12th, maybe to an old fashioned malt/sandwich shop in Ripley.” More details to follow.

Ron, “I’m off to start a tab for beer break. Hopefully by the time I get there, someone will have motioned...” Jennifer P., “Beer brake!”

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Beer brake called at 8:00.

Back from break at 8:28. My, what a long beer break you have...

Ron, "Following beer brake I've got good news and bad news. Good news, you all had plenty of beer! Bad news the gift card only had \$50 and VISA charges 20% so it was really a \$40.00 gift card." Skip, "I motion to reimburse Ron the overage." Dave Sr. Seconded. MGCC approved.

Old Business – Moss MG challenge is still ongoing.

New Business. Carole Looft, "I need some new Mother-Club MG patches to put in to the member packets for new members. Additionally, I think that we could probably sell some of these as well. We're also down to 15 membership decals." Eddie, "What do you do with all of them?" Carole, "I drive down the road and they just fly out the window." Terry, "We put those on all our cars." Dave Estell, "I move that we order a new batch."

BCD. Skip, "Friday at 6:00 is the goody-stuffing party. 8:00am Saturday is when the gates open. If you want to help park cars, be there 7:30ish. Pay's the same. A good feeling and a round of cum-bay-yah."

Tech-Tips. Nothing.

For Sale. Terry Looft, "The MG Midget that was sent out via email. I've been storing it for about 2-years. The car's a '76 that really needs nothing. It's a nice car other than the Triumph engine..." Ron, "...That means it'll be faster."

Dave Gribler, "The MGA register is having their MG40 in Frankenmuth, MI, June 15-19, 2015. Mark your calendars."

Mary Planeaux wins Gumball Rallye.

Dave McCann motions to adjourn. Karl Sparklin seconds. Meeting adjourned. 8:48.

The logo for MiniMania, featuring the word "MiniMania" in a stylized, bold, black font with a white outline. The letters are slightly slanted and have a jagged, hand-drawn appearance.

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