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Do You Have an English Surname?  
Lots More Valuable British Car Stuff!!

## From the President

Terry Looft

**I**wonder, have we seen the last of the snow? Let's hope the weather has broken and spring is soon to arrive. After a taste of a few top down days, I can't wait! This nicer weather should have everyone thinking about the upcoming Tune Up Clinic. The date this year is April 11<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you once again to Steve Miller for hosting the event, and sharing your MG knowledge with our club. As always, this will be at MG Automotive on Wilmington Pike, in Dayton. Come join us for coffee and doughnuts and maybe get your hands a little dirty.

Our new meeting site at the RUSTY BUCKET, Dayton Mall worked out nicely. With a good turnout for the meeting and a nearly packed room, the meeting went well. The food and drink are good and the service outstanding. I'm hoping this is the last change for awhile.



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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 Rusty Bucket, 2812 Miamisburg-Centerville Road, 45459, in front of the Dayton Mall, at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be:

**Wed, March 25, 2015**

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## Upcoming MGCC Events

### Mar:

25 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

### Apr:

11 – Tune Up Clinic at MG Automotive

22 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

### May:

23 – Car Show at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Market

27 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

*See meeting minutes for other area activities!!*

Good progress to report this month on Carole's MGA and my V8. Tom has both cars right now. The V8 engine bay has been stripped of every nut, bolt, wire and engine. Tom will be stripping the paint and giving it a re-spray to renew and match the body. After the engine detail, I will install a new wiring harness and the brake system will get a rebuild top to bottom including all pipes, hoses, and cylinders. Then it'll be topped off with DOT 5 fluid.

At this time Carole's A does not look much like a car at all. The body is off the frame. Tom is going full speed on the body, which is now mostly stripped. There is little rust to deal with. The frame is a little more of an issue with rust repairs I made over 30 years ago. We had the frame baked at 800 degrees in a large oven to burn off most of the paint, then dipped. Now bare, I'm replacing all of the floor mounting channels, the battery boxes and cleaning up some of those old rust repairs from long ago. All of my welding should be done in a few days, and then on to the suspension, rear end seals, brake pipes and paint

on the frame. If the timing is right, it will be back on its wheels with the drive train installed, and back off to Tom to remount the body. It will also be fitted with a new 5 speed gearbox that I have ordered from England. All this A stuff is getting me fired up to start my 60 A (Right Hand Drive) Coupe. Who knows, maybe I will get two A's done to Skip's one! ☺

So much for this month's report, see you at the meeting.

## Seven Types of English Surnames —Which One Is Yours?

Stolen from Ancestry.Com

**M**any of us have surnames passed down to us from ancestors in England. Last names weren't widely used until after the Norman conquest in 1066, but as the country's population grew, people found it necessary to be more specific when they were talking about somebody else. Thus arose descriptions like Thomas the Baker, Norman son of Richard, Henry the Whitehead, Elizabeth of the Field, and Joan of York that, ultimately, led to many of our current surnames. 14IVE ME ACCESS

There are perhaps 45,000 different English surnames, but most had their origins as one of these seven types.

### Occupational

Occupational names identified people based on their job or position in society. Calling a man "Thomas Carpenter" indicated that he worked with wood for a living, while someone named Knight bore a sword. Other occupational names include Archer, Baker, Brewer, Butcher, Carter, Clark, Cooper, Cook, Dyer, Farmer, Faulkner, Fisher, Fuller, Gardener, Glover, Head, Hunt or Hunter, Judge, Mason, Page, Parker, Potter, Sawyer, Slater, Smith, Taylor, Thatcher, Turner, Weaver, Woodman, and Wright (or variations such as Cartwright and Wainwright) — and there are many more.

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This kind of name also gave a clue about whom a servant worked for. Someone named Vickers might have been a servant to Mr. Vicker, and someone named Williams might either have served a William or been adopted by him.

From the obscure fact department: In medieval England, before the time of professional theater, craft guilds put on “mystery plays” (“mystery” meaning “miracle”), which told Bible stories and had a call-and-response style of singing. A participant’s surname — such as King, Lord, Virgin, or Death — may have reflected his or her role, which some people played for life and passed down to their eldest son.

### **Describing a personal characteristic**

Some names, often adjectives, were based on nicknames that described a person. They may have described a person’s size (Short, Long, Little), coloring (Black, White, Green, or Red, which could have evolved into “Reed”), or another character trait (Stern, Strong, Swift). Someone named Peacock might have been considered vain.

### **From an English place name**

A last name may have pointed to where a person was born, lived, worked, or owned land. It might be from the name of a house, farm, hamlet, town, or county. Some examples: Bedford, Burton, Hamilton, Hampshire, Sutton. Writer Jack London’s stepfather may have hailed from London.

### **From the name of an estate**

Those descended from landowners may have taken as their surname the name of their holdings, castle, manor, or estate, such as Ernle or Staunton. Windsor is a famous example — it was the surname George V adopted for the British royal family.

### **From a geographical feature of the landscape**

Some examples are Bridge, Brooks, Bush, Camp, Fields, Forest, Greenwood, Grove, Hill, Knolles, Lake, Moore, Perry, Stone, Wold, Wood, and Woodruff. Author Margaret Atwood is probably descended from someone who lived “at the wood.”

### **Patronymic, matronymic, or ancestral**

Patronymic surnames (those that come from a male given name) include Benson (“the son of Ben”), Davis, Dawson, Evans, Harris, Harrison, Jackson, Jones (Welsh for John), Nicholson, Richardson, Robinson, Rogers, Simpson, Stephenson, Thompson, Watson, and Wilson.

Matronymic ones, surnames derived from a female given name, include Molson (from Moll, for Mary), Madison (from Maud), Emmott (from Emma), and Marriott (from Mary).

Scottish clan names make up one set of ancestral surnames. These include Armstrong, Cameron, Campbell, Crawford, Douglas, Forbes, Grant, Henderson, Hunter, MacDonald, and Stewart.

### **Signifying patronage**

Some surnames honored a patron. Hickman was Hick’s man (Hick being a nickname for Richard). Kilpatrick was a follower of Patrick.

Wondering whether your family name is English? Try plugging your surname into the Ancestry Last Names Meanings and Origins widget at [www.ancestry.com/learn/facts](http://www.ancestry.com/learn/facts). Type in the surname “Duffield,” and you’ll see it’s English, a “habitational name from places in Derbyshire and East Yorkshire, so named from Old English Dufe ‘dove’ + feld ‘open country.’”

# Chevy Impala Gets Stolen in Idaho, Found in London

Yahoo News  
Zach Doell  
March 11, 2015

**P**icture this. One day your beautiful 1968 Chevrolet Impala goes missing. You don't know where it is, who took it, or if you'll ever see it again. Then, out of the blue, it surfaces... halfway around the world. It may sound like the plot to some farfetched crime drama, but it isn't. It just happened.

London's Metropolitan Police found this '68 Impala abandoned last month on the side of a road in the city's Sutton neighborhood. As can be clearly seen, the Chevy sustained some significant damage, but instead of finding the typical UK registration plate, police were shocked to find the Impala wore Idaho license plates.



So how does a Chevrolet from Idaho end up 4,800 miles away in London? That's the question of the day. Metropolitan Police were initially unable to find and get in contact with the Impala's actual owner in Idaho, prompting a multi-day countdown until the Chevy was either sold or scrapped. Thankfully, there's a happy ending to the story.

Idaho's 7 *KTVB* picked up the news on Tuesday, posting photos of the wrecked Impala on Facebook. The car's owner, Carol Cameron, later commented on the post and confirmed the car was hers by matching a photo of her Impala to the one in the impound lot, license plates included. Wrecked or not, Cameron noted that she's still bringing the car home.

## Finn Fined \$60,000 for Speeding

FoxNews.com

**E**veryone knows crime doesn't pay, but sometimes you have to pay big time for a small crime. A driver in Finland was recently fined \$60,000 for doing 64 mph in a 50 mph zone, *The Sunday Times* Reports.

The hefty levy for the 14 mph infraction was courtesy of Finland's income-based system, which uses a sliding scale based on the previous year's income of the ticketed individual. The logic being that typical fines aren't as much of a deterrent to the wealthy as they are to average folks.

The driver in this case, Reima Kuisla, owns race horses that compete around the world and had a

reported income in 2014 of around \$7 million. Afterward, he posted on [Facebook](#) that he's now considering leaving the country.

If he does, he may want to avoid Germany, Austria, France and Switzerland, which all employ a similar system. The last of those dished out a \$1 million ticket to a Swedish driver passing through the country at an equally impressive 180 mph.

## The Ten Costliest Cars in the World

### 10. Porsche 918 Spyder

Price tag: \$850,000

With only 918 in production, this limited edition Porsche is also a hybrid. It has 4 modes: electric, hybrid, sport and race, letting you switch between them at will. Under the hood you'll find a 4.6 liter V8 engine with 608 horsepower alongside 2 electric motors that add another 279 horsepower to the package. This Spyder can drive for 12 miles on battery alone, when put in hybrid mode – its fuel consumption is the best in its class. Switch it to race mode and it goes from 0 to 60 in 2.6 seconds, peaking at 217 mph!!!



### 9. Hennessey Venom GT

Price tag: \$1 million

The Hennessey Performance Engineering company took and modified the frame of a Lotus, giving it a 7 liter twin turbo V8 engine that produces 1,200 horsepower. It can go from 0 to 186 mph in 13.6 seconds with a top speed of 270 mph. Most amazingly, this beast weighs a mere 2,740 lbs! Incredible!!!



### 8. McLaren P1

Price tag: \$1.3 million

Built as a successor to the legendary McLaren F1, this hybrid comes with a 3.8 liter twin turbo V8 engine that unleashes 727 horsepower. Activate the Instant Power Assist System and the 2 electric motors jump into action, raising the output to 903 horsepower! The P1 can go from 0 to 60 in 2.8, with its top speed electronically limited to 217 mph. McLaren only produced 375 of these bad boys and all were sold within 2 months!



7. Pagani Huayra

Price tag: \$1.3 million

Huayra is named after the South-American god of winds, and rightly so. Produced by the Italian Pagani motor-sports company, it packs a 6 liter twin turbo V12 engine that launches the car from 0 to 60 in 3.2 seconds and peaks at 230 mph. It's also incredibly light, weighing only 2,980 lbs.



6. Ferrari LaFerrari

Price tag: \$1.4 million

This is the most expensive and powerful car ever built by Ferrari Motors! Known also as the F150, the LaFerrari's hybrid engine is a 6 liter V12 monster, accompanied by a "Kinetic Energy Recovery System" (Ferrari's fancy name for an electric engine), it produces 963 horsepower, goes from 0 to 60 in 3 seconds and reaches top speeds of 217 mph, all with the light weight of 2,760 lbs.!



5. Lamborghini Reventón

Price tag: \$1.6 million

The Reventón is a redesign of the Murciélago, using the frame and engine (a 6.5 liter V12 engine, producing 750 horsepower and going from 0 to 60 in 3.4 seconds and maxing out at 211 mph. the hefty price tag is due to only 27 Reventóns were ever produced, and 7 of those are on display and not meant to be sold.



4. Koeniggsegg One:1

Price tag: \$2 million

The fastest production car in the world according to the Guinness Book of Records, the One:1 has a verified top speed of 280 mph and it's 5 liter twin turbo V8 engine produces an insane amount of horsepower – 1,341, to be precise! This is also thanks to its light weight (only 3,000 lbs), achieved by reducing the weight of the monstrous engine through the use of aluminum block and carbon fiber manifold.



### 3. Bugatti Veyron Super Sport

Price tag: \$2.5 million

The previous holder of the Guinness Book of Records' title as the world's fastest production car, the Veyron can still reach speeds of up to 267.8 mph and goes from 0 to 60 in 2.4 seconds. Its unique engine is a 16-cylinder, quad turbo engine that produces 1,200 horsepower. It requires 4 fuel pumps to keep the engine working and 10 radiators to overcome the sheer amounts of heat this monster produces. There are only 40 Veyrons in the world, and only 5 of them can reach the actual top speed of 267.8 mph...



### 2. Lykan Hypersport

Price tag: \$3.4 million

Considered to be the most luxurious vehicle ever made, this Lebanese-produced car earns its title thanks to the 15-carat diamonds that line its headlights and the assortment of precious gems that can be incorporated in the interior design. Now, its hefty price tag doesn't only buy you gems - you also get a 3.7 liter twin turbo flat 6 engine that can unleash 740 horsepower, accelerate from 0 to 60 in 2.8 seconds, reach a top speed of 240 mph, at only 3,040 lbs.



### 1. Lamborghini Venenos

Price tag: \$4 million

There are only 4 Venenos in existence. They were made to celebrate Lamborghini's 50th anniversary and are based on Aventador. It has a carbon-fiber body, making it super durable while keeping its weight at 3,300 lbs. The engine is a 6.5 liter V12 that cranks out 750 horsepower, launching you from 0 to 60 in 2.8 seconds and peaks at 220 mph. Oh, and there were another 9 Venenos made as a topless roadster, each of those sold for \$4.5 million!!!



## 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:** 1951 MG TD. Complete engine rebuild two years ago. New leather interior, newer top, ivory exterior with green leather interior. RH drive. Excellent curtains. \$15,800. Bob, 937-286-2501. (Mar 15)

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**For Sale:** 1977 MGB. New paint and body work completed in 2014. British racing green. Original spoked wheels. New replacement chrome bumpers. Newer interior and carpet. Replaced windshield. This car has been garaged and hasn't seen inclement weather since purchased in 1998! We're moving and looking for a good home for this beauty. 29,300 miles. \$15,000, but negotiable. Contact Christopher Gulliford, chrisgulliford@woh.rr.com, or 937-554-7801. (Mar 15)

**For Sale:** 1978 MGB. Yellow, original 45,600 miles, great condition, good driver, boot and Tonneau cover, Rostyle wheels professionally reconditioned, all replacement keys, newer tires, British Motor Certification. This car has been stored in a garage or in a climate controlled facility. Tuned up yearly the past 10 years at MG Automotive. Located in Kettering. Asking 7500.00. Call Cheryl Ross (MGCCSWOC member) 937-499-0080, or cheryross8344@aol.com. (Feb 15)

# MG Car Club Minutes, February 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Sam Hodges

Meeting called to order at 7:34.

President Terry Looft, "Wow, this is a marked difference. What do you think?" Eddie Hill, "Is there any stipulation as far as food or beer?" Terry, "Nope. Food good. Beers good. We'll give this a try." Terry continued, "I think we'll schedule this for the rest of the year and see how it goes. If you were at the last one, you know why we left." Skip Peterson, "Weren't you third in trivia? You kept getting answers right..."

Terry, "The Pub Run to Archers. Thanks to Fast Eddie for arranging that while we were laying on the beach. We couldn't get good cell phone reception for some reason. We had a small turnout but the weather wasn't that conducive. We only had 12 or 13 in attendance. Jeannie Snapp, "But they were a quality 12 or 13."

President Looft, "MGA update. I hear that the competition might be heating up." Skip, "I don't know about that, my garage isn't heated." Terry, "Well our body is off the chassis..." Skip, "Did it come off in one piece?" Terry, "Yup, no problem. We're moving ahead but there's a slight delay on the MGA as my V8 engine bay is supposed to be painted. What was a little touch-up has turned into a complete engine bay repaint thanks to Carole."

Vice President's report. V.P Sam Hodges, "I got nothing. Just trying to stay warm."

Minutes were next. Terry, "We're probably going to have to add a bunch of stuff to the minutes since no one heard anything." Linda Wolfe, "Minutes looked good to me." Skip, "Here, here." Minutes were approved as reported.

Treasurers Report. Treasurer Dave McCann, "Short version, we got some money in, we spent some money, we ended up pretty much where we left off. The MGCC had total expenses for Skip Peterson window decal reimbursement (\$247.95) + Newsletter postage (\$28.70) equals a total loss to the MGCC of \$276.65. The MGCC had gains from Membership and Regalia (\$279.00) + Interest gains (\$0.02) for a total gain to the MGCC of (\$279.02). Total gain to the MGCC was \$2.37 that when added to our beginning balance of \$4,662.12 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$4,664.49 in the primary checking account. Gumball cash-on-hand was \$70.00 after payment of the February Gumball Rallye. The Savings account currently has \$379.32. Eddie Hill motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Linda Wolfe seconded. Treasurer's Report approved.



Membership was next. Carole Looft, "I've got on the books 87 members. We've got a member with us tonight, John Smith, with two MGB GTs." John, "One's a 1972 that came from a gentleman in Springfield. He drove it for 12 years back and forth to the base. I had Steve Miller get it running and I drove it about 1 year and now it's being rebodied. A friend of mine who lived in Florida offered me another GT at a reasonable price. It's a 1973 and its in great shape. I didn't want to buy it but it was too good to pass up." Terry L, "And we have the new patches?" Carole, "We do. Speaking of which, am I authorized to send patches to the folks who are members?" Skip, "Current members, sure." Larry Bagent's and Carole Estell's birthdays are this month."

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, "Spring is getting close, things are warming up." Skip, "Not soon enough." Think Spring Classic Driving tour Saturday April 18th. Road Atlanta for the Mitty Vintage race April 24-26th. Bluegrass British Bash - May 1-3 in Lexington at the Ramada. May 23rd is the Second Street Market show. NAMGAR in Frankenmuth, Michigan, June 15-19th. Perrysburg June 7th. Moss Motors has a car show in Virginia 6th of June. BCD is August 1st this year. University Motors Summer party is the second weekend of August.

Eddie continued, "The Tune-up clinic is something we need to discuss.... its usually April. We need to pick a date."

Sunshine Committee - George Chase has a red midget. He's at all the shows, BCD etc. He had a heart attack that he's managed to survive for now. They're still trying to figure out the corrective action. Steve

Markman, "I talked to Reuben. He had a fall and unfortunately the home that he had been in doesn't want him back since they can't deal with falls. So, he's going to be moving to a new home in Englewood."

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman. "Nothing new. Did we get any response to asking if any more members wanted to go to all electronic for their newsletter?" Terry, "We got one." Steve, "We tried."

Webmaster John Scocozzo. "I'd like to make a recommendation for new website. Our current website is piggy backing off of the mother club website. The problem is, they keep changing passwords and contacts. The last newsletter took three days before I was able to get the newsletter uploaded. We might want to think about our own website. BCD has one..." Skip, "...and it works great. Whats it going to cost us?" John, "It's less than \$100 for the first year and up front setup and then about \$109 per year." Skip, "Really? I thought the BCD website was in the \$1,000 range." John, "We are paying that but most of that's just my fee." Skip, "I motion that John put together a proper proposal for next month and we'll vote on it then."

Terry, "I've set up a powder coating setup.

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(Holds up a couple of parts that he's powdered coated) and its working fine. This one holds the brake booster..." Dave McCann Jr., "It would if it were on the car..." Terry, "Anyway, thats something I've been working on."

Beer Brake called at 8:05.

Back from Break, 8:30

Terry, (After an unusually long Beer Break) "Its been a long winter, we had to visit a bit. Beer Break's over, Old Business. No one's taken Louie's place yet. Name tags." Skip, "Rallye believes that they can create the blanks that we need. They want to see one, see how the old ones are made to see if they can duplicate it." Terry, "You've got our last blank. The priceless, irreplaceable, now one-of-a-kind blank."

More old business. Newsletter cover sheets. Here's a blank one. Ron, "We're going to put the new website on the new cover page, is there anything else that we need?" Terry, "How about we put the meeting site as 'variable'?" Ron Parks, "To-Be-Announced?"

Terry (circling back), "John, any headway on the website?" John Scocozzo, "We can get MGCCSWOhio.com (at least I think that's what John said). Terry, "I motion that we ditch the mother club and move onto ur own website. Lets give Facebook a run for their money." Skip, "Can we make it user friendly so that when you're gone, we can still update our website?" John, "We can have our own email addresses so that we can have President/VP/Treas@\_\_\_\_\_.com/net/org."

Terry, "Let's start thinking about a spring drive. That drive that we did down south that Graham and Diana did was a nice drive as well. Down towards Ft Ancient..." Dave Jr., "Sounds like you're doing a good job planning so far... Keep going." Eddie Hill, "I motion that Terry plan the spring tour."

Terry, "I'm trying something new. I'd like to have a monthly tech-tip sign up. Every month we have a presentation on some tech tip." Carole, "He's trying..." Jennifer, "I know." Terry, "I'll start off... (it was at this point that President Looft Terry went into a technical explanation as to how powder coating works.) Terry, "The powder is electrostatically charged to the object you're coating. You have to then bake the items to cure the powder. make sure you don't have to touch the item after its been coated. Also, you can only bake items that can withstand high heat. Most metals are okay but no rubber or plastic unless it can withstand 400 degrees in an oven."

Jeannie Snapp, "If you have anything that you can donate to the British Museum for a silent auction that we're having, even if its a Bob Evans gift certificate, then we'd appreciate it very much."

Gumball Rallye was won by John Smith. Coincidence? I think not.

Motion to adjourn at 9:02.

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