# THE OCTAGON NEWS Volume XLII No. 9



## BCD is Coming...Sign Up Now **Grille Badges**



**From the President** 

Terry Looft

s anybody else fed up with the weather, or is it just me? I think we have had enough rain! Hoping to head to Cincinnati Sunday for the car show, but still 50 percent chance of thunderstorms all day long. If it doesn't look too bad we will try to do the first outing for the V8, as at this point, I can just about call the car finished. The V8 is running and driving great and I finished up the stereo installation last night. A few pieces of trim and it will be done at last! Next Wednesday we will be heading in the V8 to Indianapolis for a get together with the V8 guys. There will be over 60 V8s and V6 modified cars there. This car has been full of tech tips, seems I have made every mistake possible trying to put this car back together.

I will soon be back on assembling the MGA frame for Carole. (I'm sure more tech tips will follow with that also) At last check, the body was off to be sandblasted and hopefully bodywork is being performed now. We will make



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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, July 22, 2015

### **MG Car Club Officers**

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# Upcoming MGCC Events

**Jul:** 22 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

Aug: 1 - British Car Day 26 - Meeting at Rusty Bucket

Sep: 20 – Concours d'Elegance 23 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

a trip up to see Tom and check on the progress to report at the meeting. Still a very busy show season coming, so try your best to make some of the shows with us.

Ron would have enjoyed Frankenmuth. There was a covered bridge in which he could spend all the time he wanted. It was a nice turn out of MGAs, lots to see and do around town. The kids had a great time on both trips, the twins as well as the rest of us logged almost 2000 miles in the cars over the past few weeks. The MG 1100 was put into a class of 'Other British'. There were no other MG classes other than the MGA. The 1100 managed class fourth place in а of about а 20cars. Some were very, very nice cars at that, so I was pleased with its showing in Frankenmuth. And the car made the trip without bursting into flames at anytime! For such a silly little car, I have never driven anything that gets as much attention as does the 1100 at shows.

We had a good turn-out at the pub run last Sunday. The Soooo Good Pub in Springboro had good food and the

staff was very attentive. It was a good choice for something different. Thanks to Mike Edgerton for setting that up, and to Skip for leading the way down there.

Not much else to report this month, let's hope for some dry weather so that we can get the cars out and enjoy. Keep in mind BCD, Grand Rapids, & a few other shows coming up soon. Also be thinking about a fall drive, (& a new president), only two more president letters to go!

Stay dry and we'll see you at the meeting.



## Welcome New Member

Alan Moor 217 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Tipp City, Ohio 45371 (937) 689-3796 <u>alan.moor@rossgroupinc.com</u> 1973 MGB GT

## British Car Day Volunteers Needed

Skip Peterson

his year marks the 31<sup>st</sup> British Car Day in Dayton, and our 24<sup>th</sup> year as partners with the Miami Valley triumphs in hosting the event. We are also welcoming the Tigers East/Alpines East national meet to our show. They apparently like our event, and 89 cars have registered as of now. It's still a couple weeks to the show, and the total preregistration is over 175!

We could be on target for a record turnout if the weather cooperates, and that said, we can use some extra help. Friday evening we'll meet at the park at 6 pm to stuff goodie bags and lay out the show field. There's something about "Many hands make easy work" or something like that.... On Saturday morning its necessary to have a number of people on the line as cars enter the field so we can direct them to the proper parking places. Please consider giving us a hand, and arrive by about 8:30 and check in with Eddie or me and we'll get you fitted with an orange vest and a map of the field.

We also can use some help in the concession stand, especially from 10:30 until about 1:30, when the crowd is hungry. If you would like to help, please check in with Jennifer the day of the show.

## Car Club Grille Badges

Skip Peterson

e are considering purchasing more grille badges for our regalia inventory. We last purchased them in 2006, and at that time we ordered 120. We now have only a couple left, and are trying to gauge the interest before we spend over \$1,000 to order 50.

The photo shows the badge mounted on my MGB, it's three inches across, and attaches using two screws in the back and a cross plate. The other photo shows the improved studs on the back of the model we want to purchase. Our cost for each badge would be \$22.07 if we order 50, and I would assume we would sell them for maybe \$25 each, just to make sure we don't lose any money.

If you are interested in purchasing one, please drop me an email at <u>mgbskip@aol.com</u> with the subject line MG Grille badge. I'll tally the results and report back for the July meeting.







*Editor's note* – Here's how I mounted my grill badge. You're looking at the back. Because of questionable quality of the mounting screws, I made an aluminum mounting plate just slightly smaller than the badge, drilled holes so the useless mounting screws cold pass through, then attached it with JB Weld. I probably couldn't pull it apart if I tried.

## Club Members Take Squat at Americana Festival

### Steve Markman

Three club members attended this year's Americana Festival in Centerville: Charlie McCamey, John Scocozzo, and Steve Markman. In stark contrast to other car shows that club members attended recently, none of us won anything, not even a door prize. However, it was a perfect day for a car show and lots of people stopped by to admire our cars and chat.

## What a Club is All About

Steve Markman

hen I first started to think about buying an MG TD, the last thing on my mind was joining a club; I just wanted a car. I came to my first British Car Day in 2000, looked over the line of beautiful TDs on display there (and other cars, too), and asked one of the owners how I could find one. "Join the MG Car Club," and I was directed to a distinguishedlooking gentleman with a goatee and wearing a straw hat. "He's our president, and the club can help you find a car."

Needless to say, the rest is history, and you've probably heard the details from me before. My first club meeting was an experience. I was the youngest person there by at least ten years. I also won the gumball rally, something I haven't done again in the nearly fifteen years of being a member (could it have been fixed? Naaaaa...).

Soon after acquiring my TD, I asked Phil Johnson to talk me through doing an oil change and lubrication. He crawled all over and under my car with me (or maybe it was his car; I'm not so sure any more) and showed me everything to do, what grade oils and grease to use, trouble spots to keep an eye on, etc, etc.

Over the years, whenever I needed advice, help, or just a few words of support, I knew I always could count on club members. More than once, Steve Miller has passed by at a car show and crawled under the car with me for a quick look at something while people continued to walk past. Sometimes, I not only got advice, but someone to do the work. Twice, Jim Pesta has come up from Cincinnati to do work for me and other TD owners. Last year, he showed us how to replace the valve seals without pulling the head from the engine, using my car to demonstrate (no more cloud of smoke on startup), and then demonstrated some diagnostic techniques on Bob Hanseman's TD. Then, at BCD, he conducted a diagnostic clinic, finding problems with several cars, including a worn distributor cap and rotor on my car (It now starts right up and runs smoothly for the first time in years!!). Most recently, when I was disabled temporarily and couldn't crawl under the car to do my annual oil change and lube, Ed Wolf came to my house and did all the dirty work for me.

So, what is a club about. It's not just having fun at meetings, doing car shows and pub runs, and celebrating good times together. It's also about sharing sad times, and drinking a toast to friends who are no longer with us. It was the long, scenic funeral procession of MGs to the cemetery, hoping Joe Hooker enjoyed his last ride, even if it wasn't in his TD. It's driving together to an MG gathering half way, or even all the way, across the country. It's replacing Dar Planeaux's head gasket on the side of the highway out in the middle of nowhere (which included finding an auto parts store in a small town in the middle of nowhere that had a compression tester in stock).

A club is all about making friends and reaching out to people. The cars are just the excuse that we use.

# Police Reveal 4 Common Ways to Get Pulled Over

Here's what not to do if you want to avoid that next traffic ticket.

Alex Glenn Cars, Motorcycles, Safety

We've all seen it — someone changing lanes without signaling. Or a person driving while texting. And, if we're honest, maybe we've even been that person. Nobody's perfect. But when you're trying to avoid being pulled over (which most of us are), it helps to know more about those bad driving habits we've all been (admittedly) guilty of at some point.

Edmunds.com polled 3 police agencies to get an idea of the most common driving no-no's that cops encounter. So, in the ongoing interest of helping us all become model motorists, here's what Johnny Law had to say:

**Speeding** (pulled over because you can't drive 55 ... in a 35 mph zone) In the Edmunds survey, every cop surveyed listed stopping speeding drivers as a main priority. So why do police officers key in on speeders? Well, issuing speeding tickets has a huge impact on safety. For every 100 extra speeding citations given in a month, there are 14.3 fewer crashes and 5.6 fewer injuries. Point is, if your need for speed gets the better of you, be prepared to put your money where your lead foot is — a whopping 34 million speeding tickets are handed out each year in the U.S.

**Distracted Driving** (pulled over because you're texting, emailing, eating, and driving) The police officers surveyed say their main reasons for giving distracted-driving tickets include illegal texting and driving or other dangerous cell phone use. And with good reason, too. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a stunning 40 percent of U.S. teens admit to having been in a car while the driver used a cell phone in an endangering way. We don't know about you, but it seems this phenomenon can't get enough police intervention.

**Equipment Violations** (pulled over because those windows are just a bit too dark) Equipment offenses are easy bait for tickets because they're so simple to spot. A police officer doesn't have to make any judgments about the situation. Rather, he or she can simply see that something isn't up to code and make a move. According to the cops surveyed, the most glaring violation (pun intended) was illegal window tints. Following that were burned-out lights, broken windshields, and expired license plate tags.

**Tailgating and Improper Lane Changes** (pulled over because you're bound to cause an accident) These 2 violations ranked as equally important on the Edmunds study. Both are reckless maneuvers that cops said they monitor closely. One police officer even qualified exactly what he thinks is considered a dangerous lane change: cutting someone off or moving without looking. Using the left lane for cruising instead of passing, driving too slowly, and squealing your tires are also high on the list.

Use common sense. When reviewing these offenses, it's not exactly a surprise that they attract attention. True, you can't control what other people will do on the road. But you can control yourself. So next time you notice you're about to fall into one of these habits, think about the repercussions. Safe driving is good for you and everyone else on the road.

And if you do get pulled over by the police, remain calm and remember these 8 useful tips.

**Take a deep breath.** Remain calm. It might be difficult to relax given the circumstances, but a calm demeanor and a friendly smile can make a difference. At the very least, a positive attitude can make the incident go more smoothly.

Put on your hazard lights. This lets the police officer know that you're planning to pull over.

**Pull over to a safe place as soon as possible.** Generally, it's recommended that you pull over to the right-hand side of the road, but if you're on a busy street or highway, this may not be safe. Use good judgment and pull over only where it's safe to do so.

**Stay in your car and wait for instructions.** It may take a moment for the officer to get your license plate info before approaching you and providing instructions on what to do next. Be patient and wait calmly.

**Keep your hands visible.** Keep your hands in plain sight (at 10 and 2 on the wheel) to signal that there's nothing (literally or figuratively) up your sleeve.

**Provide info when asked.** Make sure that you have your drivers license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance with you.

**Don't argue or pick fights.** Whatever you do, don't make things difficult for yourself or the police officer. You'll generally get a better response if you're polite and respectful. Remember, you'll have your chance to fight the citation in court if you feel you're in the right, but arguing with an officer is not likely to do you much good.

**Don't admit guilt.** By admitting guilt, you forfeit your right to contest the potential ticket in court. It's no joke; anything you say could and might be used against you.

By being a safe, cautious driver, you can usually avoid being pulled over, but if you see blue lights in your rearview mirror, remember to stay calm and to play nice.

## 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)

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)

## MG Car Club Minutes, June 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Sam Hodges

Meeting called to order at 7:31.

President Terry Looft, "First order of business, we all got the news about Louie DiPasquale. Not much to say about Louie that hasn't already been said. We'll not have another 'Old Business' without thinking about Louie." Carole Looft, "We need to get someone to fill in his place. Who's old here?" After some searching of the room, it was decided that... "Charlie" will be our new 'Old Business' Champion.

Jennifer Peterson, "The Mass at St. Albert's was very nice." Skip, "His car MAY be for sale at some point. His nephew will talk to me if it does go up for sale. His MGA was at the visitation. They set it up like he was at a car show and just left the seat empty."

Terry Looft, "The MGB meet in Niagara Falls was nice. The hotel was wonderful. They had an indoor waterslide. The goodie bags had very nice swag (leather coasters, etc). Very nicely done. On our trip up, half the drivers in our caravan were women diving their own cars. One of them actually brought our avg. age down. We have certificates for our road warriors, Bonnie, Kathy G, LeAnn."

Terry continued, "We had great trips to both shows with hardly any problems. We hardly added any oil. Coming home in the 1100, I had a brief electrical flare up after plugging in my cell phone. I think the cigarette adapter shorted out and erupted." Kathy Goodman, "We looked at the radar on the way back and the front line of the storm was just following right along our route." Terry, "Dar had a flat tire on the way up but his jack wouldn't lift it up high enough. He had to use a spare alternator as a jack-stand to reposition the jack. So, after some improvising, we finally got the tire changed." Terry, "I had to use my air pump since Dar's wouldn't run."

Niagara had some nice events. Winery tour, English double-decker bus tour, it was a good trip. Kathy, "I had a guy from the steering committee who said 'I think MGCC-SWOC is nothing to mess with...'." Terry, "We took 8 cars and 7 placed and received awards. They know who we are."

The MGA meet in Frankenmuth. Terry, "Frankenmuth is a neat little town. Microbrews, shops and restaurants. There weren't a lot of driving or car related events." Lois Gribler, "I had people coming up to me tell me that the Dayton meet was still one of the best." Skip, "What'd you do with no driving tour, go Christmas shopping?" Lois G., "(Pulling out a bag of Christmas decorations) Actually I did."

Pressing on, Terry, "The MGB V8 is about a week away from actually being complete. The MGA's body is at the sandblaster but Tom is in Cancun. Members cars?" Skip, "The MGA's up on jack stands and I've got 9 quarts of oil to bleed the brakes on the MGB."

Vice President's Report. Sam H., "I've got nothing."

Minutes were next. Bonnie Hankey motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Kathy Goodman seconded. Minutes approved.

Treas. Dave's not here... and there's no report... (...I did receive one via email last week...) The MGCC had total expenses of: Ed Hill Donut Reimbursement (\$23.70) + Newsletter Postage (\$29.40) + Erie Insurance Renewal (\$240.00) equals a total loss to the MGCC of \$293.10. The MGCC had Interest gains (\$0.02) + Regalia (\$40.00) for a total gain to the MGCC of (\$40.02). Total loss to the MGCC was \$253.08 that when subtracted from our beginning balance of \$3,284.95 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$3,031.87 in the primary checking account. Gumball cash-on-hand was \$40.00 after payment of the May Gumball Rallye. The Savings account currently has \$379.00. As stated, Dave wasn't at the meeting, so... Linda Wolfe motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. John Wolfe seconded. Treasurer's Report approved.

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "We have 92 members right now. Tony Shoviack, Steve Veris, Diana Hodges, Dick Smith, Bonnie Hankey and Kathy Goodman all have June birthdays."

Terry, "We received a thank you note from Louie's Family, Bill & Patricia Krul. Louie C. DiPasquale, May 13, 1922 - June 8, 2015.

Sunshine Committee. Carole, We got another email from George. He's had a pacemaker installed and is planning on going to Grand Rapids, so...

Activities with Eddie. Ed Hill! That's you! Eddie, "One minute... The Pub Run is at So Goode Grille & Bar and it starts at the new home of the British Museum of Transportation at 321 Hopeland Ave. Then we're driving down to the pub via scenic Moraine. It's just north of SR-741 & SR-73.

July 4th - Americana Festival in Centerville. August 1 - BCD. July 31st is setup. July 12th Cincy BCD Aug. 8th Moraine Airpark.

Newsletter. Steve Markman, "I hope everyone enjoyed the last couple of articles. Keep the articles coming or it'll be a shorter newsletter." Kathy G., "I haven't seen an update on your goldfish for a while." Steve, "That can be arranged."

By executive order, Beer Break is on Louie, so order a beer and think about Louie. Beer Break 8:03. Back from Brake 8:24

A Toast to Louie

Old Business, "Louie!?!"



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Terry, "Grille badges, Skip?" Skip, "Rallye Productions can do badges substantially similar to what we have. 50 badges 18.60/each + 160 setup = 1,103 including shipping for 50 delivered. 100 = 16/each, but it's a 1,600 outlay. The last order was 2004." Terry, "Let's put it in the newsletter and gauge interest? We can see what the interest is and see if we could sell them at BCD."

Skip continued, "BCD news. Hemmings Sports & Exotics have a quarter page ad for BCD. I got 4 phone calls the day it was delivered in the mail. I will not be at the next meeting, but BCD is on cruise control. Bring a bag of ice, we always need help parking cars, and various other volunteers for things like concessions. Pre-registration deadline is July 11th."

Museum Update. Mike Edgerton, "The museum has a building. 321 Hopeland Ave. It's 95,000 sq.ft. The stated sq.ft is probably greater than it actually is." Terry, "We could have an autocross!" Mike E., "Except for the steel beams." Terry, "Straw bales will take care of that." Mike continued, "The building used to be a corrugated box factory. We got the place in large part thanks to the help and contributions from various car shows and other local collectors." Skip, "What's the payoff left on the building?" Mike, "Right about \$79,000 all things considered. The only real problem is the fact that the building doesn't have a ramp. We've got a covered loading dock, but no ramp to get the cars from street level up to the floor level of the building. Right now we're looking for someone to build a ramp."

New Business. Where's Glenn Marin's quilt that he won at 2nd Street. Jeanie gave it to \_\_\_\_\_ (she forgot who she gave it to. If you have it, please speak up.)

Tech Tips. Eddie, How to use your alternator as a jack-stand? Terry, "Don't put an LED bulb into an alternator warning light. It'll react like a failed bulb without a resistor in parallel."

For Sale. The V8 isn't for sale anymore now that I've got the alternator fixed.

Gumball Rallye. Kathy Goodman won. "I've never won a Gumball!" Kathy can't say that anymore.

Next meeting is July 22. Meeting adjourned at 8:44.





## The 31st edition of the Midwest's best British car & motorcycle show featuring Sunbeam! Saturday, August 1, 2015 9am - 4pm Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd. Dayton, Oh.

This year we welcome the national gathering of Tigers East/Alpines East and will also have our participants choice car show, vendors & swap meet, full service concession stand, dash plaques to first 325 entrants, and as always, spectators are admitted for free.

**Registration:** \$15 in advance includes free BCD t-shirt *if received before July 11, 2015;* \$15 day of show, Vendors; \$25 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 presented by the British Transportation Museum

**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 (2014 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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Advance registration (includes free t-shirt) Deadline: Must be received by July 11, 2015 t-shirt size SMLXLXXL		\$15.00
Additional t-shirts (day of show \$13) SM L XL XXL		\$10.00
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