

# THE OCTAGON NEWS



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BCD Photos and Winners  
...and more

## From the President

Terry Looft

Once again this is a very, very busy month to report on. But, as so often it seems, I have to start off with some sad news. This past month we lost another club member, Mike Rowles passed away last week. Mike did not make it to a lot of meetings, but did join us on a number of drives. Mike owned a rubber bumper yellow B. We send our condolences to Mike's family.

Onto the busy month and starting out with BCD. BCD turned out to be about as perfect of a day as you could have asked for our show. Weather was outstanding, with a large crowd and lots of cars. In fact I believe it was a new record for our show. Our food stand sold out of most everything we had. We started with nearly a thousand sandwich buns and sold them all. A very good day for both of our clubs! Thank you all for pitching in and making it the success that it was.

From BCD we moved on to our trip to Grand Rapids, for



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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, August 26, 2015**

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## Upcoming MGCC Events

### Aug:

1 - British Car Day  
26 - Meeting at Rusty Bucket

### Sep:

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

### Oct:

28 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

*See meeting minutes for other area activities!!*

now, the last "Summer Party" that John Twist plans on having. We still hope there will be more "last" parties in Grand Rapids. Turnout was quite good compared to some of the later shows. He had in the neighborhood of a hundred and sixty cars. From our club alone we had a great turnout; Carole, Me, Tony, Bonnie, Dar, Bob and Rosalie Orr, with lots of awards to show for our attendance.

The featured car was the MGA 1500 and Dar rapped up first place easily. I managed to pull a first place with the V8 with about 10 V8 conversion cars in the class. Tony took a first place in his B class, George with his Midget, Eddie with his LE and Bonnie had the prepared class all sewn up. After all she does have a Weber Carb. Full story at the meeting. For a last show we had a very nice trip, weather was great with nice temperatures, all the cars ran perfectly and only one brief period of rain coming home. (although a very heavy rain)

Now we have a little bit of a break from car shows, thinking about the next one which will be in October. That will be our trip to Virginia led by Ron. It should be a very nice drive with lots of fall colors. The show is in a very nice park setting; they are going into their 34th year of doing this particular show. It's not too late to make plans to go. So far we are looking at six or seven cars on this trip.

For car reports, progress is being made on Carole's MGA. Also problems found with Carole's MGB which is in the process now of being repaired (broken parts for show and tell). The V8 is functioning as it should and is being well received at the shows. It was worth all the hard work Carole and I put into the GT. We are giving thought to the next car that we might start working on. It looks like it could be a 63 MGB pull handle. A real nice solid rust-free MGB that we have had squirreled away for a while, I think its time may have come.

See you at the meeting,



Dar and Terry hoist the club banner at Grand Rapids. Did someone start celebrating a little too soon?



Dar Planeaux, George Chase, Eddie Cole, Terry Looft, Carole Looft, Bonnie Hankey enjoying themselves at the show at Grand Rapids.

# Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

<p>Jackie Daniels 1321 Park Ave. Eaton, Ohio 45320 (937) 456-6053 lighthouselegs@yahoo.com <b>1957 MGA</b></p>	<p>Darden &amp; Debbie Whitaker 2575 Dunwoody Ct. Kettering, Ohio 45420 (937) 750-2571 darden.whitaker@gmail.com <b>1974 MGB</b></p>
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Bonnie Hankey, Kathy Goodman, Leeann Looft, and Carole Looft receive their Road Warrior awards at the June meeting.

## MGCC Road Warriors

Carole Looft

We had eight club members caravan to the MGB National Meet in Niagara Falls, Canada this year. Of those eight drivers, half, or four, were women driving their cars. At the June club meeting, 'MG Road Warrior' awards were given to Bonnie Hankey, Kathy Goodman, Leeann Looft, and Carole Looft.



## Herr President Looft

Carole Looft

The June meeting had President Terry dressed in German attire after his recent attendance at the MGA National in Frankenmuth, Michigan.



*Editor's note – it added to the decorum of the meeting.*



# British Car Day is Smashing Success

Photos by Skip Peterson, Ron Parks  
and Steve Markman



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## BCD 2015 Winners

### **MGT**

1. Steve & Jayne Powell '48  
MG TC

AE. Dick & Pat Newman

### **MGA**

1. Dar Planeaux '58 MGA

AE. Phil Roberts

AE. Dave & Lois Gribler

### **MGB 63-67**

1. Bill Hunter '63 MGB

AE. Dave Estell

### **MGB 68-74**

1. Stephen Ramsey '68 MGB

AE. Danny Osborne

AE. Dave Petrine

AE. Bon & Gloria Cook

AE. Laura Thornhill

### **MGB GT**

1. Thomas Smith '69 MGB GT

AE. Terry Looft

### **MGC**

1. Tony & Janet Shoviak '69

MGC

### **MGB '75-'80**

1. John Sweeney '76 MGB

AE. Kathy Goodman

AE. Gary Wagner

AE. John Redmond

AE. Kevin & Debbie Fister

### **Midget**

1. George Chase '70 MG Midget

AE. Larry Youngblood

### **TR 2 & 3**

1. Mark & Tonda Macy TR3A

AE. John Coutant

AE. Roy Owens

### **TR 4 & 250**

1. Bruce Miles '68 TR 250

AE. Tim Moore

AE. Ron Parks

### **TR 6 '67-'72**

1. Brent Kelsey '72 TR6

AE. Steve Broeman

### **TR 6 '73-'76**

1. Ted Bailey '74 TR6

AE. Vic Snively

AE. Mike Henry

AE. Ben Hochtvoigt

AE. Dan Vallance

### **TR 7 & 8**

1. Greg Mundell '80 TR8

AE. John & Patti Clifford

### **Stag**

1. Bruce Clough

### **Spitfire I-II-III**

1. Phillip Reed '70 Spitfire

### **Spitfire IV**

1. Art Van Houten '72 Spitfire

### **Spitfire 1500**

1. John Timpone '78 Spitfire

### **Spitfire '78-'80**

1. Ray Liebhorn '80 Spitfire

### **GT 6**

1. Marianne Edwards '70 GT6

### **Jaguar XK**

1. Rick Frantz '54 Jaguar XK

120

### **Jaguar E type**

1. Bob Merteu '69 Jaguar E

type

AE. Rich Compton

AE. Jeff Glover

### **Jaguar XJ/Sedans**

1. Kevin Spicer '87 XJS

### **Austin Healey 100**

1. Greg Sipe '55 AH 100

### **Austin Healey 3000**

1. David Roberts '61 AH 3000

AE. Jerry & Peggy Spurlock

AE. David Evans

### **Austin Healey Sprite**

1. Craig Wright

AE. Skip Jackson

### **Land Rover**

### **Lotus**

1. Jerrold Helfman '86 Esprit

AE. Scott Rodreguiz

### **Classic Mini**

1. Tom Christy '64 Mini pickup

AE. David Lindsay

### **New Mini**

1. Jeff Ellis

### **Sunbeam Alpine**

1. John Rindfuss '55 Alpine

AE. Bob Webb

AE. Tom Bishop

AE. Gordon Foss

### **Sunbeam Tiger**

1. Dave Tiettmeyer

AE. Tom Hillman

AE. Mike Swope

AE. Bill Marras

### **Morgan**

1. Henry Maimon '59 Morgan

### **Motorcycles**

#### **British Conversions**

1. Ron Lucas '50 Anglia Pro  
Street

AE. Eddie Cole

AE. Mike Moor

#### **Open Class thru 1965**

1. Dan Strayer '34 Bentley  
Drophead

#### **Open Class '66 and later**

1. Dave & Dee Mensh '67

Marcos 1600 GT

#### **Aston Martin**

1. John Day

#### **Premier Class**

1. Jeff Fields '49 MG TC

AE. John Steck

AE. Tony & Janet Shoviak

AE. Steve Howard

AE. Lou Metelko

AE. Paul Weaver

#### **Diamond in the Rough**

1. Austin Higby '60 TR3

#### **European Open**

1. Don Williams '61 Facel

Vega

#### **Longest Drive**

John & Joanne Baker, Kelowna,

B. C. 2800 mi. Sunbeam Tiger

#### **Rangers Choice**

Steve & Cathy Robertson '61

Metropolitan

#### **Taj Ma Garaj Most Unique**

#### **Vehicle**

John Shoak '65 Playboy

Playmate Pink Tiger

#### **Best of Show**

Dar Planeaux '58 MGA

## 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, July 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

Sam Hodges

Meeting called to order at 7:39... Clang clang clang went the trolley...

(NOTE: I, V.P. Sam was not at the meeting. I was in Oshkosh at the EAA Fly-In. Therefore, my wife and current Secretary, Diana, attended her first meeting of 2015 and took notes. Some names and identities have been changed to protect the innocent. Others have been created entirely out of thin air for my amusement...)

President Terry Looft, "Pub Run. We had decent beer and good food after the guided tour of the museum building. Let's hope you run out of room." Mike Edgerton, "We're waiting to move merchandise into the building. It should be done in 24 hours or so."

Cincinnati BCD. Terry, "I went. I was a bit disappointed. The V8 won People's Choice. It was the first trip out of town with that car. Now that it's done, it's going to Grand Rapids. This may be the last event up there since he doesn't have the help he used to have. The parking lot wasn't even full last year. His health is not good either. This Summer party may be the last one."

Anonymous, " We drove to Indy and did the Speedway Museum and tour. Also visited a restoration shop. Many classic cars and there are many for sale. It's in a showroom behind the Ford dealership off of \_\_\_\_\_???"

Terry, "Anything else new on the road? Anything old off the road?"

Vice President's report - "He's in Wisconsin (and it was a blast!)"

Minutes were next. Ron Parks motioned to accept. Bill Hammond seconded (would've helped if my stand-in had given me a second name here to work with...).

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Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Dave, "We ad some money, we spent some money..."

Skip Peterson Reimbursement for Louie's Flowers (\$92.18) + Newsletter Postage (\$29.87) + equals a total loss to the MGCC of \$122.05. The MGCC had Interest gains (\$0.02) for a total gain to the MGCC of (\$0.02). Total loss to the MGCC was \$122.03 that when subtracted from our beginning balance of \$3,031.87 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,909.89 in the primary checking account. Gumball cash-on-hand was \$30.00 after payment of the June Gumball Rallye. The Savings account currently has \$379.43. As stated earlier, the Secretary didn't give me any names to work with, soooo..., Dar Planeaux motioned to accept. Lois Gribler seconded and John Zeno opposed. Report approved.

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "We have 92 members. Nothing new is going on. Birthdays this month: you know who you are..." Phil got added to the July list, he's 22 going on 80.

Eddie not here - No activities! Nothing! Squat! There are some flyers for the Louisville show.

Terry, "We're leaving 8/5 for Grand Rapid. Anyone interested in Shenandoah Valley - 1st weekend in Oct.? Ron will find a new road with bigger rocks. All in favor giving Ron another chance to plan this trip?" Eddie Cole will be attending... weekend of 10/3

Sunshine Committee, Jennifer's not here either. Mike Rowles has cancer and is having a tough time. He will be selling his yellow 1980 MGB. If someone's going to BCD and would be willing to drive Mike's car, that would help him a lot.

Webmaster John Scocozzo, "Nothing new."

Old business after beer break- Terry "We'll get to you Charlie"

Beer break called at 7:55.

Back from Brake at 8:20.

Send an email to Skip or Terry for grille badge interest.

BCD - We need help. We already have 105 Sunbeams registered. We've got over 350 cars already. Where we really need the help is in concessions and 8:30 - 10ish for getting cars parked. Sunbeams are coming in together and getting the goodie bags the night before. We're going try to come in a different way. Eastwood Metro Park is letting more nature grow. Eddie has a plan for parking. Restroom supplies need to be increased. As always, we need lots of ice. After last year and based on pre-registration, we need increased soft drinks, brats and chicken.

Saturday morning, if you could be there by 8:00. Bring a bag of ice, preferably in a cooler with your name on it. We'll also need help with pick up and tear down.

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British Museum. Dick Smith, "We're moving the Peerless into the museum tonight. Starting to move vehicles into the building from Wilmington & Broadway. No running water in the building yet but we just need to pay a past due water bill. We're trying to come up with the legal documents for storage. There are some old machines left in the building that we need to figure out what to do with."

Lois Gribler, "I saw Reuben after a concert. He had an MG shirt on." Dave Gribler, "I was subbing with a 9 piece band last week when I saw a little old guy with younger women. Turns out it was Louie's older brother, Cosmo."

New Business. What about a donation to help with ramp? ideas, thoughts? Ron Parks motioned to donate \$500, Bonnie Hankey seconded. All in favor said Aye.

Apparently there's an MGCC Picnic scheduled for September 13 at 3:00. It'll be at the Hodges residence... Wait? What?!? I miss one meeting!!! More details to follow...

What about a 50th anniversary club t-shirt for 2016? Thoughts? We would want to have the shirts for Louisville.

Tech Tips. Someone\* has a beatup brown and yellow MGB. Car would run and not stop, would stop but not run, now does both, but overheats... Turns out it was the water pump. This part should be connected to that part... Now if only I can get the bolt out, I can replace the water pump.

Dave Gribler's Midget overheated on the way home.

Terry's alternator light fix. Everything was working in the car. I put in all the lights, 3-4 days later, the alt light was on. I tried to troubleshoot. turns out that I used an LED without a bypass resistor. Turns out that you can't put an LED with a bypass resistor in parallel. LED won't light.

Dave Gribler, Something about MGBs and vampire voltage? Is the radio is dead? Courtesy lights? Use a voltage meter to measure draw. Bad diodes in the alternator? The alternator can draw down the battery if it's bad, per Steve Miller. What are people buying for replacements for the MGB's?

Some conversation about tires and tire sizes followed, again blame the Secretary, 185/14 Yokohama's, Defenders, Michelins (have to go up to 185s) Vulcan tire 165/65/14?

Next meeting is August 26. Motion to adjourn by Dave Estell, Bonnie Hankey seconded. Meeting adjourned at @ 8:51...

The logo for MiniMania, featuring the word "MiniMania" in a stylized, bold, black font with a white outline. The "M" is particularly large and has a jagged, mountain-like appearance.

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