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Happy New Year!
And More Valuable Stuff



From the President

Bob Farrell

Here it is January. Christmas and New Years are over. On to a bigger and better 2016. I know it is January because I just swapped my lawnmower and snow blower positions in the garage. No snow and nice weather meant LBC's could be driven well into January.

The Christmas party was a success. A very good turnout, plenty of food and loads of hot air exchanged between the attendees. The gift swap became a real pleasure for Ryan Looft. He opened five gifts and had them all taken away. He finally captured the glassware set. Good job, Ryan. A well deserved thank you goes to Carol and Terry Looft for a well planned event.

The MG2016 web site is now open and taking registrations. You have to register for the event before you can make hotel reservations. Since it is so close to our area, our club should have a good turn out. If you can't make the whole event, try to go to the car show on June 16th. I was



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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, January 27, 2016

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Jan:

27 – Chocolate Cake Day
27 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

Feb:

9 – Read in the Bathtub Day
14 – Valentine's Day (hint, hint, guys)
24 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

Mar:

22 – As Young as You Feel Day
23 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

lucky enough to attend the Reno show in 2011 and there were over 700 MG's on the show field. It was wonderful sight.

Our next monthly meeting is January 27, 2016, 7:30pm, at the Rusty Bucket. See you then.

Be safe.

Squeeze your brain:

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but the answer is not 6!

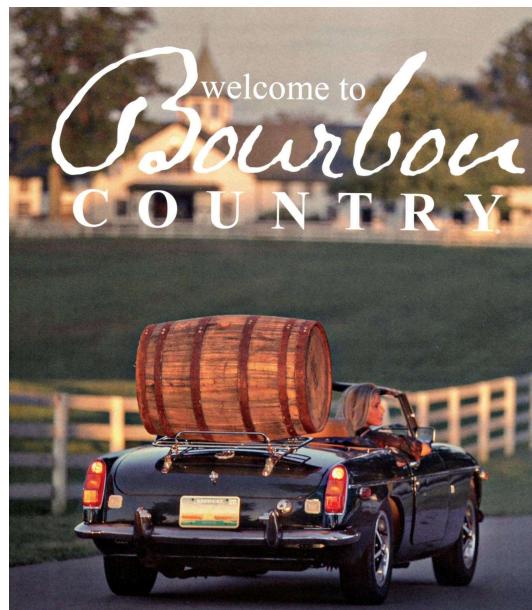
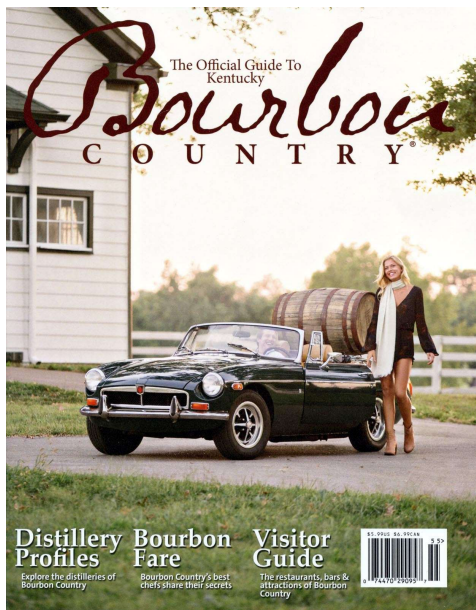
Think about it... ..

See answer on page 8

MG in Bourbon Country

Skip Peterson

MG 2016 is gearing up in Louisville, and if you haven't registered, just go to www.mg2016.com and go from there. What is also interesting, each year the Bourbon Trail produces a magazine/visitors guide to the Louisville-Lexington area and the many distilleries that make the wonderful, truly American whiskey, Bourbon. The cover of the 2016 guide features an MGB on the cover, and inside there is a full-page photo of the B heading down a road at dusk. Nowhere in the issue is there any reference to the gathering in June.



Our Condolences to the John Sweeney Family

Carole Looft

We are saddened to learn that club member John Sweeney passed away in December. We didn't see a lot of John and his wife Dana, but they attended British Car Day in August and won first place with their 1976 MGB. John was planning to travel to Louisville for the 5 year get-together in June. Our condolences to the entire Sweeney family.



Do You Have Any Items That Belong to the Club?

Steve Markman

First of all, you're not in trouble. Don't worry.

Over the years the Club has purchased numerous items. These range from the club banner to various tools. Many members, especially our newer ones, aren't even aware of them and that they're available for any member to use. Since we don't have a central place to keep everything, the items are scattered amongst club members. We'd like to compile an inventory of everything and their location in order to make better use of them. Please let me know of any Club items stashed at your house. I'll compile a list and publish it in a future newsletter. You can contact me at 937-886-9566 or srmarkman@att.net. Don't bring them to my house, *please*.



Dar, Mary, Eddie, and Margaret (Eddie's mother) having lunch at Fords Garage in Ft Myers, Florida. Temperature was only 85 degrees and sunny.

Transportation Bill Unlocks New American Car Industry

FoxNews.com

Old cars could be the new thing thanks to the passage of the latest federal transportation bill. The wide-ranging legislation signed by the president on December 4th includes a section that will allow low volume vehicle manufacturers to produce complete replicas of classic cars without needing to meet the same safety standards that major manufacturers do.



There's already a thriving market for these component or "kit" cars, which today need to be sold without drivetrains, leaving it up to the customer to finish the build. If not, the companies producing them would need to go through tens of millions of dollars' worth of crash testing, and include a growing list of active safety features which are prohibitively expensive to engineer for a small run of vehicles.

The new regulations, which should be fully in effect by the end of next year, will let companies sell up to 325 vehicles annually, as long as they are properly-licensed, or otherwise legally approved designs based on models that are at least 25 years old. This stipulation, along with the production limit, was included in part to assuage concerns from the major automakers that they might have to compete against countless startups building modern cars that didn't have to play by the same rules as they do.

To qualify, a company has to have a worldwide output of less than 5,000 cars and can't be a subsidiary of a larger automaker, so there's no backdoor for large foreign brands to sell cars under this law in the United States.

One hitch is that the replicas do have to adhere to current emissions standards. Right now, the only cost-effective way to do that is to use an emissions-certified drivetrain package from a major manufacturer, and the only one available today is the General Motors E-Rod V8. So don't be surprised to see a lot more GM-powered "Fords" on the road until other engines become available.

Nevertheless, many of the existing component car companies are anxious to make the transition and grow their businesses. California's Superformance, which sells about 150 Shelby Cobra, Ford GT40 and Chevy Corvette kits annually, expects to triple its staff and be building its full allotment of 325 turnkey cars within a couple of years. Meanwhile, Massachusetts-based Factory Five says that having a federally-issued vehicle code will also make it easier to export its American-made hot rods and roadsters overseas.

A Lick and a Promise

Some of you will understand this. For the rest, it will be a lesson.

Source: an old e-mail

I 'll just give this a lick and a promise,' my mother said as she quickly mopped up a spill on the floor without moving any of the furniture. 'What is that supposed to mean,' I asked as in my young mind I envisioned someone licking the floor with his or her tongue. 'It means that I'm in a hurry and I'm busy canning tomatoes so I am going to just give it a lick with the mop and promise to come back and do the job right later.

'A lick and a promise' was just one of the many old phrases that our mothers, grandmothers, and others used that they probably heard from the generations before them. With the passing of time, many old phrases become obsolete or even disappear. This is unfortunate because some of them are very appropriate and humorous. Here is a list of some of those memorable old phrases:

1. A Bone to Pick (someone who wants to discuss a disagreement)
2. An Axe to Grind (Someone who has a hidden motive. This phrase is said to have originated from Benjamin Franklin who told a story about a devious man who asked how a grinding wheel worked. He ended up walking away with his axe sharpened free of charge)
3. One bad apple spoils the whole barrel (one corrupt person can cause all the others to go bad if you don't remove the bad one)
4. At sea (lost or not understanding something)
5. Bad Egg (Someone who was not a good person)
6. Barking at a knot (meaning that your efforts were as useless as a dog barking at a knot.)
7. Barking up the wrong tree (talking about something that was completely the wrong issue with the wrong person)
8. Bee in your bonnet (To have an idea that won't let loose)
9. Been through the mill (had a rough time of it)
10. Between hay and grass (Not a child or an adult)
11. Blinky (Between sweet and sour as in milk)
12. Calaboose (a jail)
13. Catawampus (Something that sits crooked such as a piece of furniture sitting at an angle)
14. Dicker (To barter or trade)
15. Feather in Your Cap (to accomplish a goal. This came from years ago in wartime when warriors might receive a feather they would put in their cap for defeating an enemy)
16. Hold your horses (Be patient!)
17. Hoosegow (a jail)
18. I reckon (I suppose)
19. Jawing/Jawboning (Talking or arguing)
20. Kit and caboodle (The whole thing)
21. Madder than an wet hen (really angry)
22. Needs taken down a notch or two (like notches in a belt usually a young person who thinks too highly of himself and needs a lesson)
23. No Spring Chicken (Not young anymore)
24. Persnickety (overly particular or snobbish)
25. Pert-near (short for pretty near)
26. Pretty is as pretty does (your actions are more important than your looks)

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27. Red up (clean the house)
28. Scalawag (a rascal or unprincipled person)
29. Scarce as hen's teeth (something difficult to obtain)
30. Skedaddle (Get out of here quickly)
31. Sparking (courting)
32. Straight From the Horse's Mouth (privileged information from the one concerned)
33. Stringing around, gallivanting around, or piddling (Not doing anything of value)
34. Sunday go to meetin' dress (The best dress you had)
35. We wash up real fine (is another goodie)
36. Tie the Knot (to get married)
37. Too many irons in the fire (to be involved in too many things)
38. Tuckered out (tired and all worn out)
39. Under the weather (not feeling well this term came from going below deck on ships due to sea sickness thus you go below or under the weather)
40. Wearing your 'best bib and tucker' (Being all dressed up)
41. You ain't the only duck in the pond (It's not all about you).

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: 69 MGB. Red. Hard and convertible tops. Runs well. Recent engine rebuild. \$3000 OBO. Call Ron Long. 937-263-6027. (9/15)

For Sale: 75 MG Midget. New paint, interior, and tires. Eighty miles on engine since rebuild. Too much to list. \$4500.00 Call Greg Isaacs, 937-456-1989. (9/15)

MG Car Club Minutes, November 18th Meeting

Sam Hodges

The meeting was called to order at 7:32.

President Bob Farrell, "I call the meeting to order. Can I have a second? I've really got nothing to report. Beer break will be at 7:33..." President Bob continued... "We did have some problems with my father in his new nursing home. I got a call from the staff and there was a problem of a 'sexual' nature. While I was fearing a dropped trouser/exposure issue, it turns out that after dinner he kissed some woman."

T-shirts, antenna flags and can koozies are in. Carole Looft, "Not the antenna flags. Maybe after he first of the year." Terry Looft, "We've got a pile of magic markers and are drawing them now."

Bob, "Other than that, I really don't have anything else." Terry Looft, "You got a ride in an MGB GT V8." Bob, "Yep. It's a great road car. It actually goes up hills!"

Vice President's Report. Dave Gribler, "Unlike the President, I don't have anything sexual to report."

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Minutes were next. Bonnie Hankey motioned to accept. Lois Gribler seconded. Eddie opposed. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report. John Scocozzo, "Well, I'm back from the Cayman Islands..." The MGCC had total expenses of: MGCC Newsletter postage (\$31.95) + Skip Peterson Can Koozie Reimbursement (\$150.00) + Carole Looft Regalia Sales Reimbursement (\$457.76) for a total loss to the MGCC of \$639.71. The MGCC had gains of: Dues & Regalia (\$573.00) for a total gain to the MGCC of (\$573.00). Total gain to the MGCC when subtracted from our beginning balance of \$5,394.19 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$5,327.48 in the primary checking account. Gumball cash-on-hand was \$30.00 after payment of the Gumball Rallye. The Savings account currently has \$379.51. Lois Gribler motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Art Barnes seconded. Treasurer's Report approved. Eddie opposed.

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "You've got 60 members. Maybe 65 by the first of the year. Birthdays this month were Sam Hodges, Steve Markman, Marilyn Kraft, Richard Miller and Cathy Barnes.

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, "There's some sort of party here on December 5th @ 6:30. Bring your favorite dessert that is a cake and a gag gift. There's nothing going into the first of the year, so stay tuned for next month to see anything new."

Sunshine Committee. Jennifer's not here. Ron Parks, "Steve Powell is still on his scooter." Dave McCann Jr, "Dad's doing okay . He had therapy today and had a little too much knee pain to make the meeting."

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman, "Thank you for the month off. There's no December newsletter. President Bob. "I was reading old newsletters and I saw that article on British flags. It was very interesting."

Webmaster John Scocozzo, "Nothing new to report."

Beer Break called at 7:46. (16 Minutes to Beer Break?! We're keeping him... we don't care what the bylaws say.)

Back from Brake at 8:03.

President Bob, "Old Business" Various throughout the room, "Charlie!"

New Business. Bob, "I have something here about our annual donations. In the past we've given to the Food Bank and Salvation Army." Bonnie made a motion to give to the Food Bank and Salvation Army. Terry, "I think we could spare \$1,000." Eddie, "What about your Cancun vacation? Is that going to fly?" Eddie, "We donated \$500 each last year." Terry motioned \$500 each. Eddie seconded. Motion approved. The MGCC will donate \$500 each to the Food Bank and the Salvation Army.

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Ron Parks, "Skip called me and told me to look for the Chanel holiday commercial. (I've seen it) There's an MGA in the ad." Terry Happensack, "Autozone has an ad featuring an MGB in their in-store information."

Eddie Hill, "We might want to think about a Pub Run for January. The next meeting is January 27." After some discussion, it's decided that the next Pub Run will be January 24th at The Pub at the Greene.

Lois Gribler, "More new business. Since we're going to celebrate our 50th anniversary this year, are we setting a date?" Terry, "We're volunteering to host the summer picnic at the biker bar. It should be a showroom by then. Gives us a deadline." Bob, "We're waiting until after the first of the year to firm up the date."

Terry Looft continued, "It's finally got an overhead door and it had a car, my truck & trailer, for the first time in probably 30 years. It's been a biker bar, a pizza parlor, a car dealership, a pizza parlor again after the first one burned..."

Steve Markman, "Is there a list of club owned tools?" Sam H., "There was a list from about 10-years ago but it hasn't been updated for a while." Charlie McCamey, "Maybe we want to put in the news letter a question about who's got what in terms of the MGCC tools?"

Question: If you have any of the MGCC tools, please contact Steve Markman who is compiling the new list.

Tech Tips. Bob, "I've been stranded twice in the last 2 months by poor battery connections. If you're at all unsure, then you're better off cleaning the connectors.

Ron Parks, "I helped Skip put a new exhaust on his MGB. It's the SS kit from Moss Motors. It bolted on really tightly."

Cathy Barnes
(Birthday girl)
drew Steve
Markman as the
Gumball Rallye
winner.

Meeting adjourned
at 8:24.



Answer from Page 2. Didn't get it?...and you call yourself a car enthusiast?

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