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Meetings to Continue at Rusty Bucket!!
Plan Your Summer Driving Adventure

Hot Exhaust

(formerly From the President)

Bob Farrell

Well, here we are in February. The Super Bowl is over. Yea Broncos. It's that time of year when you go out to the cold garage, look at your MG, think of all the things you want to do to make it more dependable for the up coming driving season and walk back in the house because it's just too cold to work on it. You'll work on it later, when it is warmer. Procrastination is not dead.

The issue of the January meeting fiasco has been resolved. I have personally talked to two other people representing Rusty Bucket and have been insured by both men that they welcome our business. One of them told me that Wednesday evening is usually slow and they welcome the extra business.

It is never too cold to pick up your MG with a new engine built by Steve Miller. Yes, the top is down. See photo below.



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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, February 24, 2016

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Feb:

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

Apr:

9 – Tune Up Clinic at MG Automotive
27 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

The next meeting is at the Rusty Bucket at 7:30pm on February 24, 2016. Be safe.



Thursday, February 11, 2016 @ 4:00pm and 22 degrees. And I was cold when I got home.

Welcome New Club Members

Carole Looft

Doug & Mardy Beilstein 1179 Pearce Drive Mansfield, Ohio 44906 (419) 526-2966 dbeilsteindds@neo.rr.com 1953 MGTD 1953 MGTD	Chuck Bridgman 4100 Tam O Shanter Way Kettering, Ohio 45429 (937) 260-3494 cjbridgman@gmail.com 1979 Midget	Dale & Karen Katzfey 6733 Bejay Drive Tipp City, Ohio 45371 (937) 667-1536 dkatzfey@woh.rr.com 1958 MGA Coupe 1974 TR6
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Club Equipment Located

The following items have been located and are available for use by club members. Please contact Steve Markman if you are safeguarding any other club items:

Engine hoist	Steve Ramsey
Tire balancer	John Wolfe
Popup and banner	Ron Parks
Supply trailer	Terry & Carole Looft
President's gavel	Bob Farrell

Editor's note – The following is presented to help some of our more adventurous members plan their drives for this coming summer.

Spooky Places That Will Haunt Your Dreams

Deb Dion Kees

A cat howls. A floorboard creaks. A door slams shut in your scary movie. Your heart races, your stomach knots—and you love it. Or you're in a storm, when the wind whips the power out. You delight in the sudden (what was that!) darkness. Maybe you believe in ghosts. Or maybe you're just ghost-curious. If so, you're not alone. Paranormal tourism and ghost hunting are popular pastimes, and whether from avid ghost hunters or just thrill seekers, spooky places draw thousands of visitors each year.

Of course, there are apps for ghostly endeavors too. In fact, there are *dozens* of ghost hunting apps to help you collect otherworldly data. Some claim to detect EMF (electromagnetic field disturbances that can't be explained) and EVP (electronic voice phenomena—some apps even “translate” the spirit messages). But you don't need special equipment to enjoy the creepiness of the places below. So go home, turn off the lights, and enjoy the slideshow from the spooky glow of your digital device. Who knows who might join you...mwaaaahahaha!

Devil's Den, Gettysburg National Battlefield, Pennsylvania, U.S.

Gettysburg was the bloodiest battle of the Civil War, claiming the lives of more than 40,000 soldiers, so it's not surprising that visitors report witnessing ghostly apparitions. A commonly sighted figure is barefoot, in a floppy hat and ragged clothes, who points and says “What you're looking for is over there,” before vanishing. Devil's Den is rumored to cause cameras and other electronic devices to malfunction so don't rely on your ghostly, ghostly apps out there.



St. Augustine Lighthouse, St. Augustine, Florida

This beautiful old lighthouse is said to be haunted by the spirits of three young girls who died during its reconstruction in 1873. The lighthouse operators host regular paranormal tours for people to experience the strange phenomena.

Batona Trail, New Jersey Pinelands

This 49-mile trail is haunted by a creature known as the “Jersey Devil.” Witnesses say the Jersey Devil looks like a kangaroo, but has the head of a dog, wings like a bat, horns, and a forked tail, and it prowls through the marshes. Not scary enough? Hike the trail at night, when the howling begins. It’s like being in a horror movie, complete with the soundtrack.



Bodie State Historic Park, California

Whatever you do, don’t pocket any trinkets while visiting this abandoned gold-mining town. The curse of Bodie brings misfortune to anyone who removes artifacts, and park rangers often receive mail from past visitors with items being returned and letters of apology. Nobody lives in the dusty, eerie ghost town but tourists report seeing faces in windows, doors opening and closing on their own, and the sounds of music and children playing.

Eastern State Penitentiary, Pennsylvania

This historic penitentiary was designed to elicit just what its name suggests—remorseful, repentant prisoners. It was the first U.S. experiment in solitary confinement, separating criminals into their own cells to reflect on their mistakes, but is infamous for the physical and psychological torture inflicted by guards, such as being sent to “The Hole,” an underground cell with no human contact or light. The penitentiary is a favorite haunt of paranormal investigators.



New DeLorean Sports Cars to be Made in Texas

By Gary Gastelu
FoxNews.com

DeLorean is going back...to business.

The Texas-based DeLorean Motor Company, which specializes in providing parts and restoration services for the iconic gullwing sports cars, has announced plans to begin production of new vehicles as early as next year.

The move comes courtesy of the recently-passed Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturer’s Act of 2015. The law allows small companies to manufacture up to 250 cars annually without having to meet the same safety standards that the major automakers do. The hitch is that the vehicles have to be replicas

of cars that are at least 25 years old. Since the original DMC-12 was sold only from 1981 to 1983, it qualifies. Even if still it looks like it's from the future.



The Humble, Tex., outfit purchased the leftover stock of the defunct automaker back in the 1990s, and has the rights to use the DeLorean name. Company vice president James Espy tells Fox News that it has millions of parts on hand and also owns the tooling for many of the fiberglass and stainless steel car's major components, plus 1,000 of the iconic doors, which are among the hardest parts to reproduce.

Espy says that the new cars will hew closely to the originals, but get a few 21st century updates. These include the modern electronics, larger wheels and brakes, and power steering systems. (OK, the last of those isn't exactly cutting edge, but it wasn't offered on the cars the first time around.)

The most significant change will be to the powertrain. While the law doesn't require the latest safety equipment, the cars do need to meet current emissions standards. The way to do that is to use crate engine that's been emissions certified by its manufacturer, and the only one that qualifies today is the General Motors E-ROD V8.

That big 6.2-liter engine isn't well-suited to the rear-engine DeLorean, however, which was designed around a 130 hp 2.9-liter V6. Fortunately for the company, at least two automakers are working on six-cylinder packages that will fit the bill, and Espy expects to have one locked in by March that will be good for 300-400 hp.

The cars will be available initially with only 5-speed manual transaxles, but an automatic transmission could be added later in the run. Espy says they'll limit production to 300 units so that the spare parts supply for the new cars and the roughly 6,500 originals that are still on the road isn't spread too thin. The exact price isn't set, but will be around \$100,000. Coincidentally, that's the 1981 \$36,000 sticker price adjusted for inflation.

Back to the future, indeed.

2017 Presidential Limousine Spotted Undergoing Secret Tests

FoxNews.com

The 45th President of the United States will win not just the election, but also...a brand new car!

The Department of Homeland security [began the process of commissioning](#) a new presidential limousine in 2013, and now a camouflaged prototype of the next generation machine has been spied for the first time.

Although the current vehicle is designed to look like a Cadillac sedan, it is understood to be a heavily armored machine built on a medium duty diesel-powered truck chassis, but its detailed specifications remain a national secret. Nevertheless, it's basically a Caddy on a tank frame. Its nickname is "The Beast."

A General Motors spokesperson would not confirm to Fox News that the automaker is developing the new limousine, but the public record indicates that GM has been awarded three contracts for the project, and the vehicle seen in a spy photo published by Autoblog is dressed unmistakably like a Cadillac. It appears to be the same size and shape as the current car, while featuring the brand's latest grille and headlight design.



2009 Presidential State Car (Cadillac)

The U.S Secret Service reportedly maintains a fleet of 12 identical limousines that are used in Washington, D.C., and transported around the world to support the President's activities. The specific cost for each vehicle is undisclosed, but has been estimated to be \$1-\$1.5 million. So far, the total paid to GM for work on the 2017 model is \$15,800,765.

The new car will likely make its public debut on Inauguration Day, January 20th, but don't expect to pick up one of the used ones at CarMax. Traditionally, retired Presidential State Cars, as they are officially known, are redeployed for use by other government officials, and one example often ends up at the library of the president associated with it.

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.

72 MGB GT. Needs new home and tender love and care. Fuel pump bad but new one in car. Engine ran by putting fuel in carb. Clutch slave bad but new one also there. This car needs work. Need to sell for best offer. My phone number is 614-506-2245. E-mail is stanbrin@rocketmail.com .

MG Car Club Minutes, January 27th Meeting

Sam Hodges

President Bob Farrell called the meeting to order at 7:41. President Bob, "Sorry that I'm late but someone forgot to tell the management that we had this room reserved. Management said, 'Too bad'." There were several parties not related to the MGCC seated in the room. One group left almost immediately, the other made it to Beer Break.

Bob continues, "The Christmas Party was a success. I've got T-shirts on here..." Carole Looft, "I can't take orders right now, but soon. There was a Pub Run at The Pub at The Greene. We only had 12 people show up. It was more of a pub-crawl In the end." Ron Parks, "We discovered our club sign is still there."

President Bob, "Bad news. Apparently, the Rusty Bucket now wants a guaranteed \$600/meeting in spending to allow us to use the room. We'll come back to his later."

Vice President's report. V.P. Dave Gribler, "I got nothing."

Minutes were next on the agenda. Mimi made a motion to accept the Minutes as reported. Dick Smith seconded. Minutes approved as reported.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer John Scocozzo, "We spent a lot of money this month..."

The MGCC had total expenses of: MGCC Newsletter postage (\$56.16) + Carole Looft Regalia Sales Reimbursement (\$370.28) + Carole Looft Shirt Order reimbursement (\$82.92) + Holiday Party (681.29) + Salvation Army Donation (\$500.00) + Food Bank Donation (\$500.00) for a total loss to the MGCC of \$2,190.65. The MGCC had gains of: Dues & Regalia (\$636.30) for a total gain to the MGCC of (\$573.00). Total loss to the MGCC when subtracted from our beginning balance of \$5,327.48 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$3,773.13 in the primary checking account. Gumball cash-on-hand was \$20.00 after payment of the Gumball Rallye. The Savings account currently has \$379.55. Ron Parks motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Terry Looft seconded. Treasurer's Report approved. Eddie Zeno opposed. Treasurer's Report approved.

Carole Looft, "Membership is up to 83. We have two new members. Dale from Tipp City who has an MGA Coupe and a TR6. Dale, "I've had it 10 years, I took it apart 10.5 years ago." Carole, "The other new member who' switch us tonight is Chuck Bridgeman from Kettering. Chuck own a 1979 Midget. Chuck, "The first engine was driven without oil pressure until it seized. I had a Honda 750 motorcycle engine sitting around and swapped it in. Its a lot of fun. It's water cooled, shaft drive, 6-speed."

Carole, "January Birthdays are Bob Kraft and Lois Gribler."

Activities with Eddie. Pres. Bob, "Did you have any activities?" Eddie, "I don't really have any..." Lois G., "...at least none that he can tell us about."

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Eddie continued, "MG 2016 is coming up." Ron Parks, "Skip & I are going to plan a 2-lane route down so that we can do it on Monday." Terry Looft, "We're taking the interstate and doing it in 2:20. We'll be drinking when you arrive."

Eddie, "We need to talk to Steve Miller, (who coincidentally is sitting next to Eddie tonight) about a future Tune-Up clinic."

Bob, "How many people want a Pub Run in Feb?" Graham, "Sure, Football's over..." February 28th is the best date, but we cant come to a decision on the locale.

Eddie, (after consulting with Steve, who is still sitting next to him) "The Tune-Up Clinic will be April 9th, 9:00a.m. Until all cars are running, we run out of

doughnuts or Steve kicks us out." Bob, "Technically, this is 'New Business'."

Art & Kathy Barnes are planning a summer Pub Run hosted by them. Keep June open except for Louisville... Looval..., Lewisville... The various pronunciations took three minutes during to die down.

There will be a new Membership list out in February. Look for it.

Bob, "I've got nothing more, BEER BRAKE called for at 7:59.
Back from Beer Break at 8:13.

President Bob, "Old Business..." The Peanut Gallery shouted out in unison, "CHARLIE!"?

Bob, "I've got Louisville under 'Old Business' since we've talked about it before. How many are going?" About 2/3 of the room raised their hands. Bob, "You've got to sign up and register before you can reserve a room. All you have to do is register. After that, once you get your room, you can go back in and edit your selected events."

Bob, "Last meeting we asked about tools? Steve Ramsey has the engine hoist and leveler." Steve Markman, "That's the only person I've heard from." John Wolfe, "I have the tire balancer."

Terry Looft, "If any of you have a trailer hitch, you're welcome to take the beer trailer. I don't have one on the V8 and I don't want to take it off the other car since it's a lot of work."

New Business. "Saturday April 9th is the Tune-Up Clinic. Rain date is the next Saturday, the 16th."

Bob, "If you notice, there were people in here because the Rusty Bucket didn't hold our reservation. There's a new Manager and he said that there's a new policy. With Spring coming, this area will be used more & more and he usually has 30-40 people here. Now they're saying that they need at least \$600 minimum spent each month. We told him that the reason that we came here was because there didn't used to be a minimum. I'm planning on talking to him after the meeting and will update the club through the newsletter and email." Steve Veris, "Maybe we can barter BCD t-shirts." How about can koozees?

Tech Tips. Has anyone converted the old style '70 MGB seatbelts to inertia real seatbelt?

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A long discussion was had...

The next Meeting is Feb.24th.

Jeanie Smith, "We're working on the British Museum building. We've got heat, electricity and a bar. We've pick out a spot for the Library so the piles of books in Dick's house are getting smaller. There's a lot to get done, but we need help cataloging and sorting. Any help wold be welcome. Landscaping, painting, etc..." Contact Dick or Jeanie for more information. Jeanie, "Second Street market is also coming up."

Dave Gribler, "We've received our first registration for BCD this year. A Triumph Club member wanted to be sure he was No.1. BCD will be August 6th, mark your calendar."

Bob, "As many of you may know, Cheri & I went to Stowe Vermont for an all British car show. There were over 700 cars. Great weather. Nice meet, nice area. If you're interested in going, let me know, we can discuss it later. We ended up driving 2,100 miles."

Sunshine Committee. Ron Parks, "Jayne Powell had knee surgery yesterday. She was doing well and was supposed to come home Today." Dave McCann Jr. "Dad's doing fine."

Cathy Barnes won Gumball Rallye.

Meeting Adjourned 8:51.



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