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Grandchildren Pictures
Pictures from Tune Up Clinic

Hot Exhaust

Bob Farrell

Only thirty-two days (as of May 12) until MG 2016. We received our full recap from the folks in Louisville on Monday, May 9. We received another email informing those registered about the planned events, hotel information and a map and information for trailer parking. If you are registered and haven't received this information, send an email to MG2016INFO@AOL.COM or log on to MG2016 web site and ask about your registration details. Information about our clubs route and our own brewery tour should be available at our May meeting at the Rusty Bucket.

While browsing the internet, I happened to run across Bill Guzman's Classic Conversions website. If you are thinking about putting a V6 in your MG, this website shows you a basic installation kit for this modification along with a list of parts you will need.



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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, May 25, 2016

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Upcoming MGCC Events

May:

- 25 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket
- 26 – Blueberry Cheesecake Day
- 28 – British Car Meet at 2nd Street Market

Jun:

- 6 – Drive-In Movie Day
- 22 – Meeting at **Bennetts Publical**

Jul:

- 24 – Tell an Old Joke Day
- 27 – Meeting at TBD location

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

The British Car show put on by the British Transportation Museum will be at the 2nd street Market on May 28th. A good local show and a nice venue.

An early reminder. The June MG Car Club meeting will be at Bennetts Publical in Miamisburg on June 22nd at 7:30pm. This is a trial run to see if this may be a new venue for upcoming meetings. Please attend if possible, but remember *this is for the June meeting, not the next meeting on May 25!*

Be safe.



Ron Parks' Grandkids Visit at Last BCD



Editor's note – I gave everyone the chance to submit a picture of their MG with their grandkids, and Ron was the only one who submitted pictures. I was serious.

Pictures from the Tune Up Clinic

Photos by Art Barnes and Ron Parks



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Our thanks again to Steve Miller and MG Automotive for hosting this year's Tune Up Clinic.

Car (Song Lyrics) of the Month

Little Deuce Coupe (Recorded by the Beach Boys, 1963)

Little deuce Coupe
You don't know what I got
Little deuce Coupe
You don't know what I got

Well I'm not braggin' babe so don't put me down
But I've got the fastest set of wheels in town
When something comes up to me he don't even try
Cause if I had a set of wings man I know she could fly
She's my little deuce coupe
You don't know what I got
(My little deuce coupe)
(You don't know what I got)

Just a little deuce coupe with a flat head mill
But she'll walk a Thunderbird like (she's) it's standin' still
She's ported and relieved and she's stroked and bored.
She'll do a hundred and forty with the top end floored
She's my little deuce coupe
You don't know what I got
(My little deuce coupe)
(You don't know what I got)

She's got a competition clutch with the four on the floor
And she purrs like a kitten till the lake pipes roar
And if that aint enough to make you flip your lid
There's one more thing, I got the pink slip daddy

And comin' off the line when the light turns green
Well she blows 'em outta the water like you never seen
I get pushed out of shape and it's hard to steer
When I get rubber in all four gears

She's my little deuce coupe
You don't know what I got
(My little deuce coupe)
(You don't know what I got)
She's my little deuce coupe
You don't know what I got
(My little deuce coupe)
(You don't know what I got)
She's my little deuce coupe
You don't know what I got



Eiditor's note - Deuce coupe is a slang term used to refer to the 1932 Ford Model 18 coupe, derived from the year of manufacture. In the 1940s, the '32 Ford became an ideal hot rod. Rodders would strip weight off this readily available car and hop up the engine.

How to Pop a Dent

Dawn Gibbs
eHow Contributor

Editor's note: I have absolutely no idea if this will work, but will give it a try. I have a small dent in my mini-van that because of its location would be very expensive to have fixed. I'll report on the results next month.

Small dent repairs can cost hundreds of dollars at the auto body shop. You can easily repair a dent in your car at home with items you probably have around the house. Popping a dent yourself takes less than five minutes, and can be done without damage to the paint on the car.

Things You'll Need:

- Hair dryer
- Extension cord
- 1 can compressed air
- 1 dry cloth

Plug the hair dryer into the extension cord and take it outside to your car. Take the can of compressed air with you, and the clean cloth.

Turn the hair dryer on to high heat. Aim it at the dent for one minute. Hold the hair dryer 2 inches from the surface of the dent.

Hold the can of compressed air upside down and aim the nozzle at the dent. Pull the trigger and spray the cold liquid onto the dent for 10 seconds.

Wait for the cold to contract the heated metal. You will hear an audible pop when the dent goes back to normal. Wait for the liquid to dissipate.

Wipe the surface of the car down with the dry cloth to remove any left over compressed air.

Honda Patents Engine with Different Cylinder Displacements

autoblog

David Gluckman

A basic rule of engine design states that the displacement of a cylinder is equal to the engine's total displacement divided by its cylinder count. Honda, according to a recently surfaced Japanese patent, is looking to break that rule with an engine containing cylinders of different sizes. We've done our best to translate it from patent-ese.

The idea is that different-sized combustion chambers give more flexibility when any combination of

cylinders are deactivated, or rested. Because the different numbers can be combined in various ways, it provides more and smaller increments than would an engine with equal-displacement cylinders. Take a 2.0-liter four-cylinder, for example. Following the golden displacement rule, each of the four cylinders has a volume of 500 cc, giving displacement increments of 500 cc when any cylinder is deactivated. But suppose instead that the four cylinders displace 300, 425, 600, and 675 cc, respectively. This would give the engine 15 available displacements instead of just four, and the spacing between each option would be far less than 500cc.

As a result, those different virtual displacements would provide more adjustment between power and efficiency than a cylinder-deactivation system can on a conventional engine. Honda's patent describes cylinders with equal bore size, with the displacement from cylinder to cylinder varying based on the crank throw radius – the longer the throw, the longer the stroke and the larger the displacement of that particular combustion chamber.

The patent describes how the cylinder sizes would need to be arranged to spread the load on the crankshaft and presumably limit vibration that would be introduced by the different pulse magnitudes. If we're interpreting things correctly, the largest cylinder (the one with the longest crank throw radius) sits in the middle of the bank with the smaller ones alternating on either side as they decrease in displacement.

This concept is described for multi-cylinder inline and V-type engines of various sizes. The patent was filed in March of 2014 and published in January of this year. Whether or not this arrangement will reach production is of course unknown, but the advantages in terms of both efficiency and power seem promising.

Classifieds

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Nothing again?

MG Car Club Minutes, April 27th Meeting

Sam Hodges

April 2016 MGCC Meeting is called to order at 7:30... And then again at 7:31...

President Bob Farrell, "The April Pub Run was a success with approximately 24 people in attendance. It was the largest one that we've had since I've been a member.

The Tune-Up Clinic was also a success. We had 16-18 cars show up." Eddie Hill, "We actually worked on 4 of them..." Dave McCann, "At a time?" Eddie, "No, total." President Bob continued, "We worked on mine. My car wouldn't run above 4000 RPM and we found out that the front air cleaner was loose and turned about 180 degrees."

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Vice President's Report. VP Dave Gribler, "I got nuthin'."

Minutes were next. Bonnie Hankey motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Lois Gribler seconded. After a vote the Minutes as reported approved.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer John Scocozzo. "We had to spend some money and we got some more in." The MGCC had total expenses of: MGCC Postage and Mailing (\$49.97) + Tune-Up Clinic Supplies and Decals (\$153.66) for a loss to the MGCC of \$203.63. The MGCC had gains of: Poster Sales & Regalia (\$40.00). Total loss to the MGCC was (\$163.63). Monthly Total loss when subtracted from our beginning balance of \$3,403.29 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$3,239.66 in the primary checking account. Gumball cash-on-hand was \$60.00 after payment of the Gumball Rallye. The Savings account currently has \$379.59. Total ending balance of all accounts was 3,679.27. Dave McCann, Sr. motioned to accept. Dave McCann Jr. Seconded. Again Eddie Hill did not oppose. Eddie, "It's money, no I'm not going to oppose it."

Membership with Carole Looft. Carole, "We've got 86 members. Birthdays this month are Dave Estell, Genie Youngblood and Mike Maloney." At this point, Carole pulls out a very nicely prepared display board with all of the currently available regalia. "Someone's been busy..."

Activities with Eddie was next. Ed Hill, "The end of May is the Second Street Market Show. There's also the Oakwood car show that Tim Dunham talked about in February coming up May 21st. Contact Tim at timd@yahoo.com for more info.

MG 2016 in Louisville is fast approaching. They're still taking reservations, but they're very limited. Monday night at Churchill downs is filled. There will be another identical event on Wednesday night. Thursday night awards dinner is also sold out.

Lois Gribler, "I bought the first food for BCD, I bought three ketchups." Linda Wolfe, "Is that old or new business?"

Sunshine Committee. Jennifer Peterson, "My brother Jim's back home now. He was in the hospital with an abscess in his tooth that he didn't take care of. He ended up at OSU because Kettering couldn't handle the level of infection. Moral of the story, if you have a tooth issue, don't mess around."

British Museum of Transportation. Dick Smith, "A part of the roof came off and some water got in during the big wind storm, but nothing inside was damaged. We've got 40 cars now but we're not open to the public due to public accommodation issues. You're welcome to check it out during the Second Street Show. After the show, around 3, head over to the museum for a behind the scenes tour.

Speaking of Old Business, Old Business was next. The Charlie jokes ensued. President Bob, I got nothing.

Beer Break called at 7:50.

Back from Break at 8:06.

New Business. Bob Farrell, "We've had two pub runs to Bennets Publical in Miamisburg. Do we want to entertain the thought of moving the MGCC meetings to Bennetts?" Some questions from the MGCC members included Q:What's the parking like? A: Good. Q:How are the acoustics? A:We really don't know yet until we get a group of people this size in there and see what happens.

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Bob continued, "The room is approx the same size as the room that we're in here at Rusty Bucket." Lois G., "I counted seating for at least 36." Bob, "The room is not segregated from the bar but there is a curtain that can be used to segregate a portion of the room." Eddie, "Why don't we go down there on a Wednesday night?" Terry Looft, "I hate to do this but I volunteer to go to a bar on a Wednesday night." Eddie, "Mike (Edgerton), you live close..." Mike Edgerton, "I've been there, it's no worse than here. There's parking behind and across the street." Skip P., "From my personal perspective, they're local business owners charging a reasonable price." Jennifer P., "You don't have to eat there. At Knights of Columbus, we just had beer and popcorn."

Skip & Terry (almost in unison), "Lets go now!" Skip, "Lets make a Pub Run for the third Wednesday in May as a dry run. Have it start at 7:30." A motion is made to move the MGCC meetings to Bennett's Pubical. After a brief discussion, it's decided that it's too early for that action. The motion is voted on and denied. Nay's have it 30 to 5 Yays.

Another motion is made by Sam H and seconded by Jennifer to just have a pub Run May 18th at 7:30 to Bennett's Pubical. This motion was passed, but upon contacting Bennett's to secure the room, we were informed that night was not available.

BCD. Skip Peterson, "We had a BCD meeting and we talked to Steve Veris and have been reassured that the yellow Europa will be in attendance. Therefore our Grand Marshall and the Lotus Class are secured."

President Bob, "There was something in Old Business about a bourbon crawl in Louisville. Any update?" Terry, "Stay tuned..."

Ron Parks, "Skip and I have routed a leisurely route to Louisville. Expect about 160 miles and about 3 hours counting a lunch stop. We're not going to try to keep everyone together. We've got to make some adjustments to the routed route since we drove it and made some mistakes." Skip, "We're leaving Monday morning about 9:00A.M. from the Dayton Mall Elder Beerman parking lot."

Dave Johnson has a show & tell. He found an original New England MG T-Register letter from 1970 in a book he bought off of eBay. Dave McCann Sr., "Was it a long Italian sounding name like DiPasquale?"

John Wolfe, "I went to the St. Petersburg car show and the principal car was Ferrari. There were about 40-50 of them, but the cars were just kind of parked, no rows, or ownership info or anything about the cars. I was a little surprised. There was no organization, no one watching the cars." Linda, "We were overwhelmed by the level of money and the lack of organization." Dave McCann, Sr. "It occurs to me that it would take a Lamborghini driver to tell a Ferrari driver where to park."

Tech Tips. Ron Parks, "This happened on a Triumph, but it could happen on an MG as well." The typical chorus of anti-Triumph jokes... Ron continued, "I was

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draining the transmission and I could hear metal hitting the pan. Steve Powell found an article about a Toyota 5-speed conversion kit. I bought one from a guy in Kentucky who happens to have an abundance of these particular tranny's. The guy wanted to put one in his TR6 and had a bunch of people looking for this transmission for him. As a result, he's now got a bunch. I put it on and it worked well but there was an odd noise. I thought that maybe it was a bad transmission so I pulled it back off. When I pulled the tranny, I discovered an errant washer in the bell housing. That I think was making the noise. So the Tech Tip is don't accidentally drop your parts or tools into your bell housing."

Skip, "I called Bennett's. The fourth Wednesday in June is open at Bennett's." Eddie Hill moves to have a Pub Run the fourth Wednesday in June. Carole Looft seconds. Eddie opposed his own motion. Skip, "Eddie, you can't oppose your own motion!?" Motion carried. The MGCC will have a Pub Run to Bennett's Pubical on Wednesday in June 22, 2016 - Yes, that's the normal night of the MGCC meeting, but we're calling this a 'Pub Run' as this is a test. We are NOT officially moving all future meetings to Bennett's... ..yet.

For Sale. Pres. Bob has info on two MGs. One a TF, the other a 1949 TC with 42K miles. \$15K. The TC hasn't driven in 30 years, the TF has been motionless for 15. The TF has one rear wheel that won't turn.

The next meeting is here at Rusty Bucket at 7:30 on May 25.

Bonnie Hankey, "Some of the women want to have a proper Tea." There's some discussion about various tea-rooms, especially in Yellow Springs, that is oddly (or not so oddly for this club) across the street from a nice bar.

Charlie McCamey won Gumball Rallye.

Meeting adjourned 8:48



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