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Pictures from 2nd Street Market
Register for BCD



Hot Exhaust

Bob Farrell

Because our next meeting is early (June 22), this is being written the night before the night before the day Cheri and I are leaving for MG2016. The weather bug app on my iPhone shows that it may be a soggy event. Time will tell.

I finally gave up on making my new wire wheels air tight.

All five of my tires have tubes in them. Yes, I have a spare tire, which will be in the car.

All I need now is a jack. The reason we will have a spare tire with us is because we bought a luggage rack. (With the money that has been spent getting the car ready, we could have had a limousine take us back and forth to Louisville. And no water leaks!)

Remember, our next club meeting will be at **Bennetts Publical in Miamisburg** at 7:30pm on June 22nd. I am sure there will be lots of stories and pictures at this meeting.



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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, June 22, 2016

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Jun:

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

Jul:

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

Aug:

- 6 – British Car Day
- 6 – Root Beer Float Day
- 24 – Meeting at TBD location

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!



Pictures From 2nd Street Market

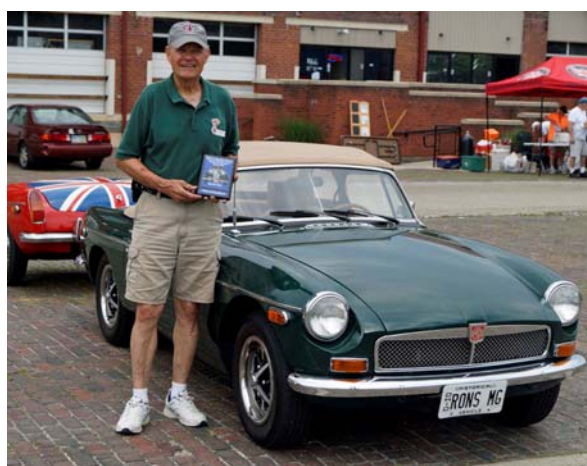
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Thanks to all the folks at the British Transportation Museum for all their work to make this another great British car show!!

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Car (Song Lyrics) of the Month

Beep Beep

The Playmates (1958)

While riding in my Cadillac, what, to my surprise,
A little Nash Rambler was following me, about one-third
my size.

The guy must have wanted it to pass me up
As he kept on tooting his horn. Beep! Beep!
I'll show him that a Cadillac is not a car to scorn.

Refrain:

Beep, beep. (Beep, beep.)
Beep, beep. (Beep, beep.)
His horn went, beep, beep, beep. (Beep! Beep!).

I pushed my foot down to the floor to give the guy the
shake,
But the little Nash Rambler stayed right behind; he still had on his brake.
He must have thought his car had more guts
As he kept on tooting his horn. Beep! Beep!
I'll show him that a Cadillac is not a car to scorn.

Beep, beep. (Beep, beep.)
Beep, beep. (Beep, beep.)
His horn went, beep, beep, beep. (Beep! Beep!).

My car went into passing gear and we took off with dust.
And soon we were doin' ninety, must have left him in the dust.
When I peeked in the mirror of my car,
I couldn't believe my eyes.
The little Nash Rambler was right behind, you'd think that guy could fly.

Beep, beep. (Beep, beep.)
Beep, beep. (Beep, beep.)
His horn went, beep, beep, beep. (Beep! Beep!).

Now we're doing a hundred and ten, it certainly was a race.
For a Rambler to pass a Caddy would be a big disgrace.
For the guy who wanted to pass me,
He kept on tooting his horn. Beep! Beep!
I'll show him that a Cadillac is not a car to scorn.

Beep, beep. (Beep, beep.)
Beep, beep. (Beep, beep.)
His horn went, beep, beep, beep. (Beep! Beep!).

Now we're doing a hundred and twenty, as fast as I could go.
The Rambler pulled alongside of me as if I were going slow.
The fellow rolled down his window and yelled for me to hear,
Hey, buddy, how can I get this car out of second gear?



"Beep Beep" was a novelty song by The Playmates. It describes an apparent competition between the drivers of a Cadillac and a Nash Rambler on the road, leading to a surprise revelation as to why the Rambler is racing the Cadillac.

The song is an example of *accelerando*, in which the tempo of the song gradually increases throughout the song.

Classic Military Vehicles a Collecting Bargain?

Hagerty



Black-and-white photos of endless Allied mechanized columns advancing into Germany hint at the unbelievable numbers of military vehicles built to turn WWII's tide. That flood of jeeps, tanks, deuce-and-a-half trucks and other motorized vehicles illustrated America's prodigious industrial might at its apex. It's a scene that probably inspired more than a few people to get into the hobby of collecting military vehicles. Let's hope they did some homework

first.

"One of the first pieces of advice that I give to anyone thinking about a vintage military vehicle is to join the Military Vehicle Preservation Association and take a look at the Army Motors and Supply Line magazines," said Charlie Kuhn, a specialist for Worldwide Auctioneers and a military vehicle enthusiast.

"Once you've done that, think about where you're going to put it," Kuhn continued. "The classic GMC CCKW 350 or deuce-and-a-half trucks are huge. You're not going to fit them in a garage any easier than a Sherman tank. You'll need a commercial building or a pole-barn for one of those."

Not surprisingly, Kuhn is a big fan of the WWII-era Willys MB jeep. He bought his first one in 1986. "Over the years, I've owned over a half dozen of them," he said. "They're what I recommend to anyone starting out collecting military vehicles. The Korean-era jeeps are a bit more numerous, and to the casual observer, the only real difference is the one-piece windshield. I always get a chuckle when I see a WWII movie with one-piece windshield jeeps."

They're great fun to drive if you can live with the incredibly choppy ride and unsynchronized gearbox. "Maybe for getting around a farm or in town, but 40 to 45 mph is pretty much the top speed, so the Interstate is out," Kuhn said. "I can tell you from experience, never, ever drive through a school zone in a jeep with a .50 caliber machine gun mounted on it." That is probably applicable advice for any caliber.

Parades, military rallies and reenactments are the prime use for a vintage military jeep. "You can buy an incorrectly restored WWII or Korean-era jeep for under 10 grand." A really well-restored one, loaded to the gills with accessories like a rifle rack, wire cutters and a [deactivated] machine gun, might cost as much as \$25,000" he said.

Another option that doesn't break the bank or require an airplane hangar for storage is a bit less obvious choice: the Harley-Davidson WLA, a militarized version of the prewar WL model. With a compression ratio of just 5:1, it would run on 72 octane fuel, and its olive drab paint and blackout headlight give it a ready-for-action look. According to Kuhn, prices almost track those of jeeps, with projects available for \$10,000 or less and nicer examples going for around \$25,000.

“If you really want something impressive that will fit in a garage, a Dodge M37 ¾ ton four-wheel drive truck is a great choice,” Kuhn said. “It’s not much bigger than a regular full-size pickup. I just saw a Korea-era truck fitted out as a troop carrier, fully-restored for just \$12,000.”

Clearly, the frenzy of some portions of the collector car market has yet to reach military vehicles.

Unique License Plate Sells for \$5 Million at Auction

FoxNews.com

And you thought the DMV was expensive.

An Emirati man paid approximately \$5 million at recent public auction for a license plate with the number 1 on it.

The local businessman, Arif Ahmad Al Zarouni, told the Gulf News that “I attended the license plate auction only to win number 1. My ambition is always to be number 1.” He said he plans to keep it, rather than try to resell it, but has not yet revealed the car that will be registered to it.



The event was held in the United Arab Emirate of Sharjah, where 60 significant numbers were being offered, including 333, 777, 2016 and 99999. Events like this are common in the UAE, which is made up of seven members, each issuing their own license plates, some more valuable than others.

Al Zarouni may be number 1 in Sharjah, but he won’t impress anyone if he takes a road trip to Dubai. The number 1 plate there sold in 2008 for the still record price of \$14 million, which was donated to charities including one that supported a hospital specializing in treating the victims of road accidents.

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.

Still nothing again?

MG Car Club Minutes, May 25th Meeting

Sam Hodges

Meeting called to order at 7:33.

President Bob Farrell, "I really don't have anything, so we're going right to beer break. Then Gumball..."

Having just lied to us, President Bob continued, "I bought a new set of wheels for my MG because the old ones were a little sloppy on the hubs. After three tries, I finally got the new ones to not leak. My advice, make friends with John at USA Tire on East Dorothy Lane. He does a great job And knows these wheels and tires." Skip Peterson, "I wish I'd known You were there. We're only 5 minutes away." Jennifer Peterson, "John does a great job."

President Bob, "If you're going to Louisville, you should have gotten a packet from the Hotel with a printout of your charges and everything you've incurred so far with the hotel." Some members reported having received similar, others had not yet received their copies of their invoices.

Vice President's Report. Dave Gribler, "I'm happy to say that After 24 years and 5 months, the MGC GT is back on the road."

Minutes were next on the agenda. Dar Planeaux motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Bonnie Hankey Seconded. MGCC membership voted. Minutes approved. Eddie Hill characteristically voted 'No'.

Treasurer's Report was next. 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 (\$343.65) + Tune-Up Clinic Donuts (\$23.70) + U.S. Postal Service P.O. Box Fee (\$70.00) for a loss to the MGCC of \$437.35. The MGCC had gains of: Membership & Regalia (\$76.00). Total loss to the MGCC was (\$361.35). Monthly Total loss when subtracted from our beginning balance of \$3,239.66 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,878.31 in the primary checking account. Gumball cash-on-hand was \$50.00 after payment of the Gumball Rallye. The Savings account currently has \$379.61. Total ending balance of all accounts was 3,307.94. Skip Peterson motioned to accept

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the Treasurer's report. Dave McCann Jr. seconded. Terry Looft, standing in for Eddie, who was busy finalizing details of his upcoming report, opposed.

Membership Committee (and by Committee, we mean Carole Looft) Carole, "There were three renewals for a total of 87 members now. Birthdays this month include: Mike Hirsch, Sue Scocozzo, Mary Planeaux, LeAnn and Tori Looft.

Activities with Eddie Was next. Eddie Hill, "The Second Annual New Lebanon car show is Saturday June 25th. Bring an item or toy for a family in need.

Next up are the Vintage Races at Mid-Ohio June 24th.

Cincinnati BCD is July 10th. Same place as usual.

Kalamazoo Michigan is the site of the annual "Maddogs and Englishmen" event. Saturday July 10th is the date and it will be at the Gilmore Museum Grounds. Terry, Looft, "A true enthusiast would do them both." Eddie, "Yes, but Cincinnati has snow cones!"

Eddie continued, "July 4th is the Americana festival in Centerville." Steve Markman, "Every year, Charlie and I usually show up and hold onto a couple spots. If you want to go, let me know and I can make sure to save you a spot."

Sunshine Committee. (Usually it's just Jennifer or Carole, but I'm not sure who said what...) Richard's wife Mary Miller broke her hip trying to help a person who was having a medical emergency. Apparently the other person went down and in trying to help, Mary was accidentally taken down to her detriment.

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman, "Nothing special. With the summer season I hope to get lots of pictures. Send in your favorite MG picture. Anyone, anywhere, as long as it's your MG."



Webmaster John Scocozzo, "Nothing new to report."

Old Business. In a bold move of preemptive gamesmanship, Charlie McCamey, "You don't have any. Move on!"

Terry Looft, "The MGA is on track to make it to Louisville. The car is mechanically done and as long as it doesn't blow up when we try to start it, we should be in good shape. It'll be real close."

Beer Break called 8:02
Back from Brake 8:23

New Business. Dave McCann Jr. has a flyer for the Yew Dell Botanical Gardens just outside of Louisville. Jennifer P., "I'm sure Terry will be all over that." Terry Looft, "Don't ask me about the bottle of Roundup I have in the trunk. I keep it there just in case we run across flowers."

British Car Day. Lois Gribler, "I've started purchasing stuff for BCD. I'm \$100 in the hole

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so far. but we have ketchup!" Skip Peterson, "I brought some flyers, but it's much easier to just register online." Eddie Hill, "Could we have snow cones?" Jennifer P., "If you want to handle it, feel free." Eddie, "Never mind."

President Bob, "Louisville Distillery tour. Any news?" Terry Looft, "Carole and I are going to do an abbreviated bourbon trail tour on Wednesday, June 15th. At least 3-4 of our favorites will be involved."

Tech Tips. Someone raised an issue about the availability of oil with zinc. A discussion about oil with zinc and the various places you can buy the various brands. Followed. Basically, Valvoline Racing 20W50 is available at O'Reilly's and Advance auto. Castro 20W50 is still available at Walmart. Skip, "Lucas is making a high zinc 20w50 that's cheaper than Valvoline racing oil. The only problem is that you have to buy it by the case."

For Sale. See Newsletter.

The next meeting will be a test run /Pub Run to Bennett's Pubical at 67 S. Main St., Miamisburg, OH. If you know where Bullwinkle's Restaurant is, Bennett's is right down the street. If you know where TJ Chumps is, Bennett's is catty-corner. If you know where neither of these places are, basically take St.Rt. 725 west into downtown Miamisburg all the way to Main Street. Turn left on Main Street (It's the only way you can turn as Main is a one-way street). Bennett's is at the end of the block on the right. Parking is in the rear.

Gumball Rallye. Fast Eddie won what must have been an obviously rigged contest.

Meeting adjourned 8:38.



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t-shirt size S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Additional t-shirts (day of show \$15) \$10.00 _____

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

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Signed _____ Date _____