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Membership Renewal and Elections



Hot Exhaust

Bob Farrell

Well, so long. My name is Bob Farrell and I have been the President of MGCCSWOC since the end of the September meeting last year. What an honor it has been to lead (follow?) this membership. I can truthfully say that it has been an experience I won't soon forget. From restaurant gate to the two flat tires on the road to Louisville, a person couldn't ask for a more fun-filled year. I do appreciate all the help and advice that I have received from club members to help me stay on track. (How do you do that 'motion' thing again?)

This is being written on Tuesday night before Terry, Carol, Dar, Cheri and I will be leaving for Stowe Vt. Looking forward to going with these members on a seventeen hundred mile excursion.

Hope to see everyone at the next club meeting at the Rusty Bucket, 7:30pm on Sept.28th. And remember, the



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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, September 28, 2016

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Sep:

5 – Cheese Pizza Day
28 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

Oct:

2 – Name Your Car Day
26 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

Nov:

5 – Guy Fawkes Day
16 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket (3rd
Wednesday this month)

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

September meeting is the election of new Officers. To guarantee that you aren't elected to something that you don't want, attend this meeting.

Be safe.



Thank you, Bob, for leading us through a great year!! (Sorry I couldn't find a better picture.)

Membership Renewal Time

Carole Looft

September is the month for your membership renewal. You can bring dues to the September meeting or send them to:

P.O. Box 20032
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Renewals are \$18/year for current members. Dues are only pro-rated for new memberships. If you need to make any corrections or additions to the information we have on hand for you, drop a note along with your payment, and we will update our records. ***Remember...you must be a paid-up member to vote at the September meeting!!***

And... at the September meeting we'll be discussing plans for a very special 50th anniversary party for our club. Yes...we're *that* old!!

BCD T-Shirts Available

Carole Looft

We have about 12 XL t-shirts left over from our British Car Day in August. If anyone is interested, I will bring them to the meeting in September. I only have XL, so, if you need an extra shirt, see me at the meeting or email me at clooft@earthlink.net.

Pictures from Club Picnic

Photos by Ron Parks



Thanks to Cathy and Art Barnes for hosting a great event!!

Club Members Help Make 2016 Concours a Success!!

Photos by Ron Parks



Bill Hunter



Bruce Miller



Dave and Lois Gribbler



Kathy Goodman



Rick Shields



Sam and Dianna Hodges



Cheryl Ross



Dave Estell



Linda Wolf



The real Concours

Gathering of the Faithful 2017, Central Style

Join us at the British Summit in 2017 at GOF Central XXXVIII in Akron the week of July 10.

GOF Central is the premiere yearly MG event in the Midwest drawing well over one hundred of the most beautiful MGs in the country!

GOF Central is sponsored by a loose coalition of independent MG clubs and state chapters of the New England MG-T Register located in the central United States.

Each Year a different state club sponsors the regional Gathering in their state. The convenient central U.S. location often attracts the Triple-M Register and their gorgeous pre-War MGs.

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All MGs, whatever vintage, T-types, Triple Ms, As, Bs, and Cs are all welcome at GOF Central! Come join us!

The GOF Central web site, www.gofcentral.com, has been completely redesigned and is now online. The opening “Home” page is a promotion of GOF Central in general, using past images. The “Next GOF” page has promotional information about GOF Central 2017. The “Schedule of Events” and “Registration” pages will have information posted when that stuff is finalized.

Drive your MG back in time when you enter Hale Farm and Village for Thursday's grand Car Show on the lawns under the spreading shade trees. This 200 year old farm and village showcases the early history of Ohio's "Western Reserve" area.

Enjoy driving the peaceful and quiet roads through the forests and hills of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio's only National Park. Have fun on the Rally through this bucolic riveside landscape, a relaxing refuge very near to our hotel.

Discover more about the past on a canal boat ride over the heights of Summit County at Canal Fulton. And enjoy a bit of railroading history on a ride through the Cuyahoga valley on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.

Summit County is full of other attractions: You are likely to see a blimp overhead as Akron is world headquarters for Goodyear International, test grounds to Lockheed Martin's border surveillance blimps, and Goodyear's Racing Tires. Not far from our headquarters hotel you can visit the incredible mansion of Goodyear's founder, an English Tudor revival Manor House known as Stan Hywet, which is Old English for Stone Quarry. The estate is Ohio's answer to Biltmore, Viscaya and Herst's Castle.

Beyond what the British Summit has planned for you to do and see, there is a long list of other interesting things in the area, here are a few:

- The Pro-Football Hall of Fame,
- The First Ladies Museum,
- Air Force MAPS Museum,
- Cuyahoga Nat'l Park's vintage Scenic Railway train,
- The Great Blue Heron Rookery on the Little Cuyahoga River,
- Stan Hywet Mansion & Gardens - home of Goodyear's founder, F.A. Seiberling,
- The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame,
- St. Helena III canal boat at Canal Fulton
- Cleveland Indians Baseball,
- Kent State's renowned Fashion Museum,
- the Bridgestone/Firestone World Golf Classic,
- Blossom Music Center - the Summer Home of the Cleveland Orchestra,
- touring one of the Concourse de Elegance sites,
- or simply kicking back and tasting every flavor of Strickland's original frozen custards.

Northeast Ohio also boasts of being the HOT SPOT for artisan craft beers such as Great Lakes Brewery The Thirsty Dog, and Hoppin' Frog, to name a few of our favorites. Then, there's the SUMMIT MALL shopping experience opposite our hotels with UPS close by. (!)

John Lennon's Custom Austin Princess Hearse Going Up for Auction

FoxNews.com

Have you ever imagined owning one of John Lennon's cars? It's easy, if you can...afford it. A 1956 Austin Princess once owned by the musician is being auctioned by RM Sotheby's this fall.



The converted hearse was featured in the TV film "Imagine," and features airplane passenger seats that Lennon had added in the rear compartment. The car was donated to the Austin Rock and Roll Car Museum in Texas in 2008 by its last owner, famed automobile collector and philanthropist Milton Verret. Its current value is estimated to be between \$250,000 and \$325,000.

A portion of the proceeds from the auction, which includes a registration form for the car signed by Lennon in 1971, will benefit several charities, including Unicef, the Make-A-Wish foundation and Dell Children's Medical Center.

The fully operational classic has California tags that read "EMAJIN" and is scheduled to cross the block at RM Sotheby's London event on September 7th.



A Message from the Queen

To the citizens of the United States of America from Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In light of your failure to nominate competent candidates for President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective immediately. (You should look up 'revocation' in the Oxford English Dictionary.)

Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths, and territories (except North Dakota, which she does not fancy).

Your new Prime Minister, Theresa May, will appoint a Governor for America without the need for further elections.

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Congress and the Senate will be disbanded. A questionnaire may be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed.

To aid in the transition to a British Crown dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect:

1. The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'colour,' 'favour,' 'labour' and 'neighbour.' Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters, and the suffix '-ize' will be replaced by the suffix '-ise.' Generally, you will be expected to raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. (look up 'vocabulary').
2. Using the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as "like' and 'you know' is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication. There is no such thing as U.S. English. We will let Microsoft know on your behalf. The Microsoft spell-checker will be adjusted to take into account the reinstated letter 'u" and the elimination of '-ize.'
3. July 4th will no longer be celebrated as a holiday.
4. You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers, or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not quite ready to be independent. Guns should only be used for shooting grouse. If you can't sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist, then you're not ready to shoot grouse.
5. Therefore, you will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous than a vegetable peeler. Although a permit will be required if you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public.
6. All intersections will be replaced with roundabouts, and you will start driving on the left side with immediate effect. At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables. Both roundabouts and metrication will help you understand the British sense of humour.
7. The former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline) of roughly \$10/US gallon. Get used to it.
8. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call French fries are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup, but with vinegar.
9. The cold, tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all. Henceforth, only proper British Bitter will be referred to as beer, and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as Lager. South African beer is also acceptable, as they are pound for pound the greatest sporting nation on earth and it can only be due to the beer. They are also part of the British Commonwealth - see what it did for them. American brands will be referred to as Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine, so that all can be sold without risk of further confusion.
10. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as good guys. Hollywood will also be required to cast English actors to play English characters. Watching Andie MacDowell attempt English dialect in Four Weddings and a Funeral was an experience akin to having one's ears removed with a cheese grater.
11. You will cease playing American football. There is only one kind of proper football; you call it soccer. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which has some similarities to

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American football, but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full kevlar body armour like a bunch of nancies).

12. Further, you will stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the World Series for a game which is not played outside of America. Since only 2.1% of you are aware there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable. You will learn cricket, and we will let you face the South Africans first to take the sting out of their deliveries.

13. You must tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us mad.

14. An internal revenue agent (i.e. tax collector) from Her Majesty's Government will be with you shortly to ensure the acquisition of all monies due (backdated to 1776).

15. Daily Tea Time begins promptly at 4 p.m. with proper cups, with saucers, and never mugs, with high quality biscuits (cookies) and cakes; plus strawberries (with cream) when in season.

God Save the Queen!

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. srmarkman@att.net or 937-886-9566.*

For Sale: Set of black vinyl side curtains (set of 4) for a TD. Excellent condition. Best offer. Danny Mortensen 859-384-7821 or agsdanny@aol.com (9/16)

For Sale: Sixty+ years of collecting British motoring memorabilia. 16 West Elm St in Monroe. Clearing out everything with bargain prices. Some of it for free, even:

1980 AUSTIN/ROVER MINI COOPER S. 3 998cc engines ZEMAX body enhancements, walnut dash & door sills 13" alloys extra parts & pieces sub frame carb sets alarm brite metallic green w/gray cloth interior new tyres throaty exhaust. A real looker and show winner. Ready for road, show or autocross \$9500.

1979 VW Beetle Cabriolet. Triple white low miles ready for summer touring when the B is laid up \$11,500. (O.K., not exactly British, but I know Steve is a nice guy.)

1986 REGAL Express cruiser Ambassador 255XL. 260HP Mercruiser I/O Fully outfitted: head w/shower, portapotty, gas range, fridge, hot water, AM/FM stereo cassette sound, sleeps 6, will tow skiers with ease. Come see it where is, as is, 16 West Elm in downtown Monroe. \$8900. (O.K., not even a car, but like I said above...) Larry McCart. 513-310-0313 or 539-7406 (8/16)

For Sale: 1953 MG TD, matching numbers. An original car. Car has original paint (woodlawn green) and original upholstery light green. The repairs to this point, new battery and 5 new tires from Coker, master cylinder rebuilt, carbs rebuilt. Gas tank cleaned, lined and sender unit rebuilt. The primary wire harness has been replaced. Three bow convertible top frame has been painted to original tan color, but no canvas. Side panel frames are conditioned for repainting. Original top tarp and panel material has been retained. All parts that have been repaired have been retained. This vehicle comes with an original hard top! Guaranteed to run and has 25,000 + miles on the odometer. Before I obtained this car it was on blocks from 1965. Ownership, father deceased then wife then son, plus one person for 6 weeks then myself. My repair log and cost are available. This car has been in my possession for 9 months. A huge amount of photos are available. The asking price: \$15,500, which is what I have invested. Doug Beilstein Mansfield Ohio dbeilsteindds@neo.rr.com 419-526-2966. (7/16)

For Sale: 1978 MG Midget. New top, interior, steering wheel, radiator, and other new parts. Asking \$4500. Call Bob at 937-253-9935. (7/16)

MG Car Club Minutes, August Meeting

Sam Hodges

Meeting called to order at 7:31.

President's Report. President Bob Farrell, "This Circus will come to order. After September 28th, we can meet anywhere you guys want. We had a picnic at Art and Cathy Barnes' in Fort Loramie. We had a dozen MGs plus a Caddy, a Lexus, and a VW Passat wagon. Art was graciously giving boat rides and tours of Lake Loramie." Art Barnes, "And I brought most of them back."

Skip, "A round of applause for Cathy & Art. It was a great drive and you're in charge of the weather from now on." Bob Farrell, "Terry and Carol cheated as usual and won the road rally. As usual."

Vice President Dave Gribler gave the Vice President's Report. "I got nuthin. N-U-T-H-I-N (As if to add a bit of theatricality to the meeting, he actually spelled out 'nuthin'.)

Minutes were next. At this point, I need to make a correction to the July Newsletter. I was informed that, by Karl, that Karl Sparkilin was the missing birthday that I referred to and blamed Diana for missing the names during the meeting. I don't want to start a dangerous trend of corrections as the Minutes are usually full of intentional mis-information and half-truths. Linda Wolfe motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Bob Charles seconded. Eddie's not here so Terry filled in for him and objected.

Treasurers' Report. Treasurer John Scocozzo. "The MGCC had total expenses of: Carole Looft Postage & Handling (\$8.61) for a loss to the MGCC of \$8.61. The MGCC had gains of: Membership & Regalia (\$71.25). Total gain to the MGCC was (\$62.64). Monthly Total gain when added to our beginning balance of \$2,498.21 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,560.85 in the primary checking account. Gumball cash-on-hand was \$20.00 after payment of the Gumball Rallye. The Savings account currently has \$379.67. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,960.54. Dave Estell motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Graham Cooper seconded. Terry Looft, breaking Eddie's traditional rule of not objecting to matters involving money, opposed.

Membership with Carole Looft was next. Carole, "No new members in the last several months. 87 is where we're going to end. Usually I pick up some at BCD, but not this year. We sold 8 posters and 7 koozees at BCD so we did make a little money there."

Birthdays in August. Jennifer Peterson, Terry and Carole Looft, Jayne Powell. Carole, "It's a good month for birthdays."

Eddies not here so Activities with Eddie will have to wait. Skip, "I have one. The Bob Poole Orphan car show will be at Young's Jersey Dairy. This year's featured marque is British cars." Peanut Gallery, "You do know they're making MG's again so technically, it's not an orphan anymore." Skip, "Let's not tell them about that. The show is Sept. 24th with registration from 10:00-12:00 at Young's Jersey Dairy. Cost is \$5/car.

Steve Markman, "I've got another event. It's the Holiday @ Home Festival in Kettering. They've got two openings for imports this year. If you're interested, see me and I'll give you the contact information."

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Bob Farrell, "Stowe, Vermont. There's a group that's interested in going. It's 1,800 miles, but a great drive. Last year the Queen was there." Karl Sparklin, "Are we sure she was a she."

Sunshine Committee. Dave McCann, Jr. "Dad's in the hospital. His new knee got infected. It's not life threatening, but it's pretty serious. He's going to be there for a while. He's been in he hospital for about a week now."

Newsletter. Steve Markman, "Karl sent a nice article. I told him that I wanted a nice picture of him and the car." Karl, "You get a nice picture of the car and a nice picture of me. Pick one." Steve continued, "I just wanted to thank the BCD National Committee for stacking the deck in my favour this year. After 15 years of attending, I finally won my class at BCD. I'd won Awards of Excellence but never first place." Dave Gribler, "Steve Powell will be back in the regular class next year..." Steve M, "Yes, but I'll be in Premier Class. We'll probably keep alternating each year."

Webmaster John Scocozzo. Send me pictures and I'll get them on the website. Pres. Bob, "ANY kind of pics?" This of course elicited the typical responses one would expect from this club... Or a group of thirteen year old boys. Whichever...

President Bob, Old Business. Charlie McCamey, "We've got nothing."

BCD. Skip Peterson, "We did have one issue with the Lotus from Michigan. Dude was a jerk. He was unhappy with the judging criteria for the cars and awarding of Awards of Excellence. He didn't win anything and thought the judges were idiots (paraphrased)." Skip, "We had 260 registered cars. 2009 was the record at 359. We received a letter from the MetroParks thanking us for the \$210 donation to the MetroParks for the Ranger Division." Dave Gribler, "We didn't lose any money and we made \$2,500ish pre-split." President Bob, "I'd like to thank Cherie for washing the MG a couple of days before the event. It hasn't looked that good since we picked it up 7 years ago."

Carole Looft's running around a get-well card for Dave McCann Sr.

Bob, "It's time for the dreaded Beer Break at 7:57."

Back from Beer Brake at 8:14.

Bob, "What about the two British Ferrari's?" Skip, "Years ago we had a bunch of Miata's show up. We decided to create a European open class about 4-years ago to accommodate those who wanted to bring something odd." Terry Happensack, "Um... Miata's aren't Exactly European? That story doesn't make a lot of sense. We need an Asian class as well."

New Business. Bob, "Since it's the 50th anniversary of the MGCC, someone brought up that we should do something special at the next meeting." Terry Looft, & Graham Cooper both, in unison, "Free

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beer!" Bob, "Just so long as we don't spend more than \$25.82."

Skip, "I motion that the MGCC buys 2 rounds at the next meeting." Steve Veris. Seconded. Linda Wolfe, "For our 25th we had a pig roast at the Air Force Base. For our 40th, we had steak. Maybe we should make more out of our 50th."

Skip's motion is opened for discussion. Bob, "I brought it up last October and nothing got done." Carole Looft, "It's not that we're blowing things off, no one's brought up any ideas. We need to have some ideas and no one wants to do anything, or at least no one has offered up any ideas."

Lois Gribler, "Does anyone live somewhere there is a club room?" Terry, "How about Bennet's Publical and have a catered dinner?" Jennifer, "I can't organize it because I'm up to my elbows in the Concours." Skip, "I'll withdraw my motion if someone wants to do something in October instead."

Lois G., "If we schedule for October, we need a head count. If we postpone it to October, then we could get a proper headcount by posting the offer in Sept. Newsletter."

A headcount at the meeting is taken and most people express interest in postponing the event until October. Cathy Barnes and Lois Gribler agree to help with the planning of the event. "We'll have to get an RSVP." Carole, "What are we talking for food?" Skip, "A buffett, meet-n-greet-mix-and-mingle menu would be best." We need to find prices and call Bennett's.

Skip officially withdraws the motion and makes a new motion, that we have a special event in commemoration of our 50th anniversary at a location TBD. Motion approved.

Tech Tips. Skip, "If your Dash is cracked, Andrew Bevin does vinyl upholstery repair and can fix lots of different cracks if you want to fix the dash without doing an overlay. He's got a silver van and comes to your place. For my dash, it was \$120. Call Classic Enhancements. 937-728-1059."

Dave McCann Jr. "I got an email about GoJack clones and they're \$200 a set. Bob, "I bought a set from Eastwood and they work well enough as long as you get the bleeder screw tight enough."

Tim, "4 new trim rings \$40.. Four used trim rings, still on the car for \$15."

Next Meeting will be September 28th. Jennifer P., "Election Time!"

Gumball Rallye - Mimi won. Bob, "No, that's Me, me."

Meeting adjourned at 8:39.

The logo for MiniMania, featuring the word "MiniMania" in a stylized, bold, sans-serif font. The "M" is particularly large and has a unique shape.The logo for MG AUTOMOTIVE, with "MG" in a large, bold, blue font and "AUTOMOTIVE" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it.

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