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Pictures from 50th Anniversary Dinner
...and More Valuable Information

Hot Exhaust

Skip Peterson

We had a great 50th anniversary celebration at Bennett's Pub in Miamisburg, and about 43 people attended. We talked a bit about the club, how lucky we are to still be functioning, and we shared some historic stories... Bottom line is.... This is a pretty special group... and we hope to celebrate 50 more years... I'm not sure where we stack up but we are certainly in the top 10 of oldest clubs affiliated with the Mother Club in the US, and we are clearly No. 1 on the list of having fun. Name another club with a supply trailer like ours!

A huge THANK YOU to Kathy Barnes, Lois Gribler and Bonnie Hankey for putting the dinner together...

We also started sharing stories about years gone by, I've been in the club 26 years, and there are some good times to remember. We also noted that our archives are significantly lacking, or we just don't know



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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, November 16, 2016

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Nov:

5 – Guy Fawkes Day

16 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket (Note - 3rd Wednesday this month)

Dec:

5 – Repeal of 21st Amendment

- No meeting – Happy holidays

Jan:

19 – National Popcorn Day

25 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

where the info is. We have newsletters online back to 2003, which John Scocozzo has scanned, but we don't have written records of who were the officers over the years, and other special events, etc....

If you have old newsletters, please contact John Scocozzo, jscocozzo@gmail.com and he will be glad to scan them into PDF's that we can publish. If you have any other items, memorabilia, or remember events, please jot them down or send them to me, mgbskip@aol.com, or John and we can get a better handle on our history. Old photos please send them my way. By the end of my term, I hope to have a history of the officers, and a collection of historical events in our background in written form.

President Emeritus Bob Farrell announced that the Christmas Party would have to be held on a Wednesday evening at the Rusty Bucket, they won't deal with a weekend night. But during the beer break, many minds gathered, and there was a brief discussion with the crew at Bennett's, and now we will be holding the

Christmas Party at Bennett's Pub on Friday, Dec. 2nd. More info at the November meeting and we'll provide a reminder by email after Thanksgiving.

On to Good news and Bad news, and I'm not sure which one is which; I'll be in Florida for the November meeting, but the man one heart beat away from this high office, Ed Wolfe, will preside. Be nice, we have high expectations for his future.

See you December 2nd.

Last Chance for Membership Renewal

If you have not renewed your membership, this will be your final newsletter notice. In January the membership roster will be updated with only current paid members. If you have not renewed, dues can be brought to the next meeting or sent to:

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Renewals are \$18/year. 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.

Pictures From 50th Anniversary Party

Photos by Dave Gribler





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Thanks again to Kathy Barnes, Lois Gribler and Bonnie Hankey for arranging this great event, and to the folks at Bennett's Publical for the great food and hospitality.

Parking Boots Being Replaced by This Yellow Monstrosity

New York Post

If you haven't paid your parking tickets you may soon have a face-to-face with "the Barnacle." The yellow monstrosity, which latches on to the windshield and blocks the driver's view, rendering the car undriveable, has already begun replacing the parking boot in cities like Allentown, Pennsylvania, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as part of a 60-day trial that began Sept. 23.

The peculiar device is more effective than the boot at immobilizing cars and is easier to install, Kevin Dougherty, president of the New York-based Barnacle Parking Enforcement, told Philly.com.





The Barnacle — an opaque piece of plastic held in place by two suction cups and 750 pounds of force — makes it nearly impossible for a driver to drive away, even if they think they can cleverly stick their head out of the window.

“If you ever actually try to drive that way, it’s physically very difficult,” Dougherty said.

The tech-savvy device is also sensitive to movement and will sound an alarm if it detects that a car is in use while it’s attached.

While drivers may dread the Barnacle, it’s more convenient for motorists who once had to wait hours for their boot to be removed by a parking official.

The device comes with a toll-free number so that the driver can pay fines over the phone. They are then given a code to release the device from their vehicle and then allotted 24 hours to take it to a drop-off location, according to the LA Times. The machine folds and can be easily stored in the trunk of a car. The Barnacle also makes being a traffic enforcer safer, freeing officials from lugging around the unwieldy parking boots, which typically weight 40 to 45 pounds, and putting themselves in a dangerous position to install them.

Early models of the Barnacle weigh just 20 pounds and officials can attach it from the sidewalk instead of kneeling down in traffic to latch it on to the wheel.

The Barnacle, which sells for \$600, may replace the boot in even more cities if the trials in Pennsylvania and Florida prove that it’s cost effective and easier to use.

John Haney of the Allentown Parking Authority told Philly.com that he wants to see how the Barnacle fares in winter, when snow on the windshield may make it less effective.

Monique Damiano, public information specialist for Fort Lauderdale, told the LA Times that the Barnacle has thus far been met with puzzlement in the city.

“Most of the reaction that we’re getting from violators is more of a curiosity,” she said.

Tony Dow Reunited With His 1962 Chevrolet Corvair After 51 Years

FoxNews.com

Leave it to...Alan? Actor Tony Dow has been reunited with an old friend that he never expected to see again.

Not Jerry Mathers -- the two “Leave it to Beaver” stars are still in touch -- but the 1962 Chevrolet

Corvair Spyder he bought as his first car when he was on the show at age 16.

The San Diego Union Tribune reports that the 71-year-old Dow was recently contacted at his home near Malibu, Calif., by a man named Marty Tryon. Turns out he was friends with Alan Dadisman, the man Dow sold the car to 51 years ago. Dadisman was a prop maker at the studio where “Leave it to Beaver” was produced and kept the car all these years.



He restored it in 1987, but had to park it for good about seven years ago when he got ill. He died this year, but not before telling Tryon to track down Dow and give the car back to him.

Originally blue, the car is now painted black and has a new 180 hp turbocharged engine from a later Corvair. It hasn't run in several years, but Dow plans to have it refurbished and start driving it again.

The married Dow jokingly told KFMB TV he'll take it to Bob's Big Boy and try to pick up girls like he used to. Not that he was ever successful.

Gee, Wally.

Don't Forget, It's "No-Shave" November



Editor's note – sorry, but I had just a bit of space to fill, and it either was this, my pets, or a few old Ron Parks fishing pictures.

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: Electric radiator fan, 10 in. Best offer. Danny Mortensen, agsdanny@aol.com or 859-384-7821. (10/16)

For Sale: '79 MGB black, excellent condition, 74,700 miles, \$ 6,500.00. Rick O'Cull, 937-669-3399 fax 937-669-9602, Cell 937-623-0759. (10/16)

For Sale: 1948 TC which I must sell. It is titled a 1948 though the number 8915 seems to indicate late production. The car is solid, in un-restored condition, has been maintained over the years and was stored in N Michigan for many years. It is in running condition, front brakes need attention and ????. Asking price is \$18,200, obo. Bob Lakemacher, 614-846-9613 (10/16)

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)

MG Car Club Minutes, October Meeting

Sam Hodges

The October 2016 MGCC meeting was held in conjunction with our 50th Anniversary celebration. We held a plated dinner at Bennett's Pubical in Miamisburg, Ohio. Dinner started at 6:00 with the meeting immediately following.

MGCC's October meeting is called to order by our new(and former) President Skip Petersen at 7:34.

President Skip, "First off, a huge thank you to Bonnie Hankey, Cathy Barnes and Lois Gribler for planning this celebratory dinner. Does that cover the Celebration Committee?"

Skip continued, "This is pretty neat that this group has stayed together for 50 years. I heard a story about another car club where some members want to break away since certain members only want to do track days and don't have a lot of family events."

Kathy Goodman, "I can tell you that as a second generation member, this place saved my dads life. When my mother died, this gave him a place to go and something to do. I could give up the car, but I couldn't give up the people."

Skip, "I should say thank you for letting me do this again. WARNING, Ed, next month I'm not going to be here." New V.P. Ed Wolfe, "That wasn't part of the deal."

Skip, "Carole, do you have a copy of the bylaws?" Carole, "Yes. Why?" Skip, "Just because I'd like a copy."

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Skip, "Social media. Dave Johnson has started a SWOC MGCC Facebook page. It's not going to replace email or the Newsletter, but we can use it to communicate and I highly recommend joining. Currently we only have 8 members and if more people join, then Terry and I can stop sending things back and forth.

Terry Looft, "Social media is actually a good place to turn. We need a spot in the newsletter to post web-links so that we can have a running list."

Steve Markman, "Can you send me a couple paragraphs on that?" Skip, "Sure. Do we want to look into a field trip to Someplace like the Packard Museum? Or maybe a trip to someone's garage or collection? There are a couple of local collectors with really impressive collections that we might be able to get a tour of." Kathy Goodman, "That restoration place, D&D, was neat."

Skip, "For those of you who get 'MG Driver', BCD is mentioned in the latest issue. BCD finances are pretty much reconciled. It'll be basically \$1,500 for each club. I recently heard about someone who stored a car and ended up having rodents pack one of the cylinders with walnuts." Terry, "Use Irish Spring soap and bounce sheets as a deterrent. Irish spring is a pretty good deer deterrent so I'm pretty sure it should work with other rodents as well."

Vice President's Report. Ed Wolfe..., Dave Gribler, "Remember, 'I've got nothing.'" Ed, "...apparently I'm getting coached." Jennifer P., "Skip, tell him about next month." Skip, "I already did and he's already happy." Ed W., "Well this deal fell through faster than any deal in history. I got nuthin."

Minutes were next. Bonnie Hankey motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Dave Estell seconded. MGCC voted. Minutes approved as reported. Eddie opposed.

Treasurer's Report. New Treasurer Cheri Farrell, "I'm so excited to be in this fiscally responsible position. "The MGCC had total expenses of: Carole Looft Postage, Handling (\$43.25.) for a loss to the MGCC of \$43.25. The MGCC had gains of: Membership & Regalia (\$319.00) + Erie Insurance Refund (\$240.00). Total gain to the MGCC was (\$559.00). Monthly total gain when added to our beginning balance of \$2,289.24 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,804.99 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$379.73. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$3,184.72. Ron Parks motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Fast Eddie, in staying true to form and refusing to oppose matters involving money, seconded. Eddie, "I will not vote against it! I never vote against money!" MGCC votes and approves the Treasurer's Report as presented, without opposition.

Membership. Skip, "Carole, will you continue to serve as Membership Chair?" Carole Looft, "Sure." Skip, "It's in the bylaws that you're it for life." Terry

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Looft, "She may kill herself then." Carole, "We've got 46 members and renewals are coming in, slowly. Birthdays this month are: Steve Powell, Graham Cooper, Mike Edgerton, Dar Planeaux, Dick Smith and Ellen Sparklin." Skip, "What was the record for members?" Carole, "Terry Looft with 119." Terry, "Check Walmart. You can find some members there..."

Newsletter. Steve Markman, "Nothing special to report. Keep those stories coming in. If you're not a great writer, send them anyway, I'll rewrite it and make you a great writer. And keep sending me pictures, or you might see my collection of Ron Parks' fishing pictures."

Skip, "There are a lot of photos of older events that no one knows where they are. Let's try to get some historical photos of our past. Dick Smith has a lot of the history of the club." Dick Smith, "Yes & no it's not complete." Skip, "Do we even know who all the officers are of the club throughout its history?" Steve, "I've got all the issues back to 2002 when I started." Ron Parks, "I've got all the ones that I did back to the late 90's." Ron continued, "I do have one historical photo with me. Back when Bill Hammond had his blue MGB with the blue wheels, we decided to modify his car one year at BCD. We took a picture of a regular rostyle wheel, blew it up to life size, and then taped them to Hammond's car. Here's one of the originals (holding up a framed, life-sized picture of a rostyle.)"

Ryan Looft, "So we're in Indy for an MG gathering and Ron and I shared a room. Ron's in the bathroom and I hear this awful sound. I go in and there's Ron, lying on top of the remains of a shattered toilet." Ron, "I fell getting out of the shower and landed on the toilet. I was worried about how much a toilet was going to cost me." Ryan, "...and I was worried about whether Ron was hurt or not." Ron, "Yeah, that's a funny story. Let's keep telling it." Ryan, "Turns out that the hotel was more worried about liability than the cost of the toilet."

John Scocozzo, "I've got newsletters dating back to 2003 on the website. If anyone has paper copies, I can scan them and add them to the website. Fall drive pics are also up."

Sunshine Committee. Skip, "I guess it's still Carole and Jennifer." Jennifer, "I know nothing." Carole, "I know just as much nothing." Skip, "So, we think everyone's healthy as of now? Let's hope it's a good year."

Activities with Eddie, "I got nuthin. The November meeting is being moved up to not conflict with Thanksgiving. Then we've got a holiday party to worry about. But that's Bob's show."

Skip, "Speaking of which, now's a good time to bring up Bob. You all remember Bob."

President Emeritus Bob Farrell, "This year's Holiday party will be Friday, 7:00 pm, December 2nd at Bennett's Pubical. We can bring in desserts. (There was a bit of confusion as the date originally proposed by Bob was a Wednesday due to the Rusty Bucket not wanting to give us a Friday or Saturday date. After some finagling, we got it all straighten out.) Skip, "Everyone bring GAG gift. We can't bring in anything other than desserts."

Beer Break called for at 8:08. Skip, "I'm sure those of you who've already received your checks will be able to get them adjusted."

Back from Brake 8:27.

Skip, "Apparently, we'll be serving communion now." Ron tells another Hammond story. "We were at another MG event and Bill went back to his room, problem was, it was the wrong room. Bill ended up walking in on some poor hapless redhead who was, at the time of his entrance, completely naked." Terry

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Looft, "Was she a real redhead?"

Old Business, Charlie's not here. Who's going to fill in? Kathy Goodman, "I'll fill in. Wait, Dick Smith's here, what am I talking about?"

New Business. Nothing.

Brit Museum. Jeanie Smith, "We had a chili cook off and Nancy Edgerton won 1st place in people's choice. I won 1st place judges choice. We raised a lot of money and had a good time."

Skip, "BCD will go on. We're already on track for 2017."

Tech Tips? "If your car is in a garage that has a raccoon in it, you move the car."

Dave McCann Jr. "For about \$5 you can get a braided bike cable at your local bike shop. 9 out of 10 times if you have to replace a cable, it's the cable, not the sheathing. It's easy to Resnais a cable and it's easier to carry around." Mike Edgerton made a Time Warner cable joke that I missed.

Skip, "Quick facts: 1924 was the first year that an MG built and sold."

Mike "Tell them about the Concours." Skip, "We had a high level meeting of low level people, hence the drinking early. Next year we're going to have a class called MG Genealogy. The plan is to have one of each of the model variants that we can find. One TC, TD, MGA, MGB, Etc. We especially need pre-war cars. We're also going to have the Cars of Orville Wright. He was a really big car guy. Finally, there'll be a celebration of the 1st generation Camaro and Firebirds. 1967 was the first year so it's their anniversary year. Those are the confirmed classes so far."

Gumball Rallye. Ed Wolfe won. Skip, "Not only do you get to do the next meeting, it's paid for."

Meeting adjourned 8:45.

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