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Winter Doldrums Continue
Car Song Lyrics Returns

Hot Exhaust

Skip Peterson

For those who missed the meeting last month, we had a great time. We started talking about the cost of mailing the newsletter, and then we tried to work out a couple of motions, got a little bogged down in Roberts Rules of Order, and currently, we have a tabled motion, on the table!

Suffice to say that we will be addressing this again this month. There is also discussion of holding a meeting of the Board to examine the by-laws to make sure that any changes we address are done correctly. I had hoped to get that board meeting called before we meet in March but some work and a trip to a wedding in Texas have gotten in the way. Also, our meeting is on the correct night this month, albeit the earliest it can ever be held, as it's on the 22nd and March has five Wednesdays as do May, August and November.

I was also able to make contact with Brian Woodhams, the North American chapter rep for the MG Car Club, UK, and we are in the process of getting the club back in good standing. Somehow our membership lapsed last June but we should be good now.



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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:

Wednesday, Mar 22, 2017

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Mar:

11 – Worship of Tools Day
22 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

Apr:

9 – Winston Churchill Day
22 – Tune Up Clinic at MG Automotive
26 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

May:

5 – Cinco de Mayo (duh!)
24 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket
27 – 2nd Street Market

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

Its getting close to spring so its time to begin thinking about waking up the sleeping leakers and get ready for the first drive of the season. The tune-up clinic will be at MG Automotive on Saturday, April 22 with a rain date of the 29th. If you need to get parts for the tune-up clinic, make that list now.

Finally, I got an email last week about MG videos on YouTube. I clicked on the link and watched a couple of very cool videos. There are lots more there, and you might want to take a look. Just go to www.youtube.com and then in the search box type MG Cars Channel.

See you on the 22nd!



Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

Stephen & Kerry Bossert 1390 Southern Hills Blvd. Hamilton, Ohio 45013 steve@bossertcpa.com 1960 MGA	John Farno 12271 Short Dr. Minster, Ohio 45865 jfarno@roadrunner.com 1978 MGB	Jim & Patti Foster 709 Weger Ave. Elida, Ohio 45807 mustangklrbee@yahoo.com Looking to buy an MGTD to restore
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News from our friends at SU...

New SU Development for 2017

You may have heard our exciting news already in the classic motoring press, but if not, keep reading.

2017 is looking to be an exciting year here at SU HQ. After four years in development, we finally can announce that we will be introducing to the market, a revolutionary new fuel injection system that hides within an SU Carburetor.

The carburetor-mounted components of the system are so well hidden you would be unlikely to recognize the difference!

The system will be supplied complete with ECU and all components required to fit, including the new carburetor units.

Initial tests are complete and have been conducted using a Jaguar 4.2 E-Type engine both on the dynamo and in the car. The first kit to be released will be for this engine with further developments following on swiftly afterwards. Expect improvements in power, torque, drivability, and emissions.

Component parts have been developed with different types and sizes of SU carburetors in mind, ensuring that as broad a range of vehicles as possible can be covered.



Development is continuing with an initial launch aimed for later in the year, however, if you're eager to learn a little more, pop down to see us at the Goodwood Members Meeting over the weekend of the 18th/19th March where we will be displaying the prototype systems.

Food Waste is Great for Tires, Say Researchers

John Beltz Snyder
Autoblog.com

Making tires is dirty business. About 30 percent of each of your car's shoes is made up of a filler called carbon black. It helps make the rubber more durable, and gives it its black color. It's made by the incomplete combustion of hydrocarbons (read: petroleum). Carbon black's manufacture contributes to harmful emissions, and it's in increasing demand and dwindling supply as the tire industry grows. Researchers at Ohio State University think they have found an alternative, though, and it just might be sitting in your compost pile.



Food waste, specifically eggshells and tomato skins, makes a great replacement for carbon black in tires, according to OSU scientists. In addition to being a more environmentally friendly material, it can be sourced locally (rather than imported from overseas, like much carbon black), and it diverts food waste from ending up in landfills.

Eggshells and tomato skins provide certain practical advantages when used in tires. Tomato peels offer high-temperature stability, and ground eggshells' porous structure bonds well to rubber. They work well together, as OSU postdoctoral researcher Cindy Barrera explains, with the tires exceeding industrial performance standards. While traditional fillers usually make the rubber less flexible, "replacing different

portions of carbon black with ground eggshells and tomato peels caused synergistic effects – for instance, enabling strong rubber to retain flexibility." The resulting rubber is reddish-brown, but the OSU team is looking into ways to manipulate the color.

While carbon black is no longer in surplus, eggshells and tomato skins are cheap and abundant. Americans consume almost 100 billion eggs and 13 million tons of tomatoes each year. Half of those eggs and most tomatoes are processed in food factories, which discard the shells and skins. As such, Katrina Cornish, Endowed Chair in Biomaterials at OSU says these factories would be the go-to source for the new filler material, as opposed to collecting scraps at the household level.

The technology for these biowaste-based tires has been licensed to a company called EnergyEne, which is owned by Prof. Cornish, for further development, according to Phys.org.

Ford Mustang Found in Mexican Junkyard is From 'Bullitt,' Expert Confirms

Gary Gastelu
FoxNews.com

Frank Bullitt couldn't have done a better job cracking this case. Nearly 50 years after it was last seen, a 1968 Ford Mustang found in a Mexican junkyard has been confirmed to be one of two known to have been used in the filming of the Steve McQueen movie "Bullitt."



"I'm 100 percent sure it's authentic," classic Ford expert Kevin Marti told Fox News after travelling across the border to Mexicali to inspect the car last week.

The car was discovered last year in Baja California Sur by a man named Hugo Sanchez, its then-white body rotting away and its original drivetrain long gone. Hollywood legend had it that the car, which was the film's primary stunt car, had been sent to the junkyard shortly after filming was complete, but a couple of layers of paint sprayed on top of its iconic Highland Green suggest that it had lived several lives before finally ending up there.

Marti Auto Works maintains the production database for every Ford built from 1967-2012. Its Marti Reports are a staple of the classic car world. They can tell you when a car was ordered, the color it was first painted, what options it came with from the factory, and the exact date it rolled off the assembly line. If you want to make sure that Shelby Mustang you're about to pay six figures for didn't start its life as a straight-six stripper, one of these Marti Reports is the best way to find out.

Garcia was shocked when he got his.

Marti was familiar with the vehicle identification numbers (VINs) for the two Mustangs ordered by Warner Bros. for the making of the film. The other is privately owned today and hasn't been shown

publically in a quarter-century, while the one found in Mexico was long thought lost to history. “It’s not the first time one of these old movie cars showed up in a junkyard, but it’s rare,” Marti says.

Marti is certain that the VIN plate is original, and he should know. His company produces replacement data tags and parts for classic Fords, so he can spot a fake as well as anyone. He also cross-checked the dates stamped onto the car’s original body panels, some of which were beyond easy repair and had been removed. A few of the modifications made to the car for filming have been preserved, including strut tower reinforcements and holes drilled into the trunk for auxiliary power cables. The rear axle, however, is from a 1967 Mustang.

Garcia had already started repairing the car, which now wears a fresh coat of green paint and a replica license plate like the one in the film for effect. He and Sanchez, who co-own it, rolled it out to the sound of a mariachi band at the Mexicali Ford dealership before they shipped it to California, where Garcia lives. He tells Fox News that he’s going to start a full restoration with input from experts at Ford at a new shop he’s opening in Paramount, Calif., and has begun sourcing the parts he’ll need to do it.

Unsurprisingly, Garcia says they’ve been contacted with offers to buy the car as-is, but they’re keeping it for now. It’s hard to pin down the car’s value at this early stage, but McQueen-connected vehicles often sell for millions at auction, and a frenzy for all things “Bullitt” should be in full swing by next year, the 50th anniversary of the film’s debut.

Ford is rumored to be working on a new special edition Mustang Bullitt like those it introduced in 2001 and 2008, and there’s also the mystery of the whereabouts of the other movie car, and whether or not it will surface to celebrate. That is assuming there’s only one. A stuntman who worked on the film’s epic chase scene, Loren Janes, has been quoted as saying that there were actually three identical cars used during production. The 85-year-old could not be reached for this story, but his claim remains undocumented. Marti has scoured his records for another car that might fit the bill, but has come up empty.

That’s not to say one’s not out there sitting in a garage, or a dusty Mexican lot waiting to be rediscovered, but if it is, it’ll probably take a lot of detective work and even more luck to find it.

Car (Song Lyrics) of the Month

Fun, Fun, Fun by the Beach Boys

Well she got her daddy's car
And she cruised through the hamburger stand now
Seems she forgot all about the library
Like she told her old man now
And with the radio blasting
Goes cruising just as fast as she can now

And she'll have fun fun fun
'Til her daddy takes the T-bird away
(Fun fun fun 'til her daddy takes the T-bird away)

Well the girls can't stand her
'Cause she walks looks and drives like an ace now



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(You walk like an ace now you walk like an ace)
She makes the Indy 500 look like a Roman chariot race now
(You look like an ace now you look like an ace)
A lotta guys try to catch her
But she leads them on a wild goose chase now
(You drive like an ace now you drive like an ace)

And she'll have fun fun fun
'Til her daddy takes the T-bird away
(Fun fun fun 'til her daddy takes the T-bird away)

Well you knew all along
That your dad was gettin' wise to you now
(You shouldn't have lied now you shouldn't have lied)
And since he took your set of keys
You've been thinking that your fun is all through now
(You shouldn't have lied now you shouldn't have lied)

But you can come along with me
'Cause we gotta a lot of things to do now
(You shouldn't have lied now you shouldn't have lied)

And we'll have fun fun fun now that daddy took the T-bird away
(Fun fun fun now that daddy took the T-bird away)
And we'll have fun fun fun now that daddy took the T-bird away
(Fun fun fun now that daddy took the T-bird away)
(Wo wo wo wo woo woo woo)
(Fun fun now that daddy took the T-bird away)
(Fun fun now that daddy took the T-bird away)
(Fun fun now that daddy took the T-bird away)
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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.

Nothing? This *is* a slow month, again!!



MG Car Club Minutes, February Meeting

Sam Hodges

Graciously recorded by Jennifer Peterson (so blame her for all the misinformation you're about to read...)

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm

There were 22 members present (Not something I normally report on. Hmm... Interesting twist. Might have to continue it.)

President Skip Peterson, Technically, all of this is hearsay, but we'll just assume he really said it... "I can confirm that the MG Club library of manuals and books is safely in the possession of the British Transportation Museum. The museum is willing to loan any of the books to club members, just contact Pete Stroble at 937-546-0039 to make arrangements. The Holiday Party is booked (AWFULLY early don't ya think?) for December 2, 2017 at Bennett's Pubical in Miamisburg. More details to follow at a later date.

Vice President's Report. V.P. Ed Wolfe, "I am at the meeting..."

Minutes were next. After what I'm sure were some witty comments about my absence, Ron Parks motioned to accept the Minutes as published. Bonnie Hankey seconded the motion. MGCC voted and approved the Minutes

Treasurer's Report was next. (Confession time: I've had a running arrangement with the Treasurer's to just give me a copy of their report. Therefore, I usually go order a beer during this portion of the show and fill in the blanks using my pre-made form after the fact. THIS account, is apparently, what REALLY happened...) Since our Treasurer was absent, this report is hearsay of hearsay. Apparently our Treasurer was off working some part time job according to her replacement Bob Farrell. MGCC had a beginning balance of \$2,751.56, Income of \$43.00, expenses of \$395.86 plus Gumball; total checking account balance of \$2,428.70 plus \$379.81 in savings for grand total of \$2,808.51. Motion to accept by Dave Johnson, second by Art Bales. MGCC voted and approved the report.

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "We have 69 members (...hee, hee...huh, tee, hee... She said '69' ...huh, tee, hee, hee...) There was one guest present who later joined club so now we're at 70 members.

No newsletter report, but Skip suggested sending Steve some photos and stories...

Sunshine committee reports that Dave McCann, Sr. is healing after getting another knee replacement, this one is apparently fitted with grease fittings to keep it moving freely...

Website John Scocozzo, "The website is still up and running."

Activities with Eddie. Eddie was MIA (I prefer to think of it as AWOL) but sent the following message: Tune-Up Clinic is Saturday, April 22nd at MG Automotive, and Mimi and Steve confirmed this to be true. The rain date is April 29th.

It's really amazing to me how moving the meeting just one day TOTALLY messed everyone up. Only 22 members And most of the Division Chairs were MIA!?!

Jeanne Smith, "The British Transportation Museum will be open after the tune-up clinic and everyone is welcome to come visit."

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Old Business. Discussion was again brought up about postage and printing costs, and there are many thoughts, but the group was pretty positive that we need to recover some of these costs... Art Barnes made a motion for a \$10 surcharge for printed and mailed newsletter, Chuck Irvin seconded it and the topic was then open for discussion, which got very lively... Ed suggested to raise the dues and then give a \$10 rebate to members who got the newsletter online... Terry Looft offered an amendment to increase dues to \$20 for digital newsletter and \$30 for printed and mailed newsletter, and that opened more discussion, as only Terry can do.... (We attempted to maintain Roberts Rules of order, not sure if we succeeded) - (Not even close) Bonnie Hankey moved to approve amendment to original motion, seconded and then it was voted down and then Art's motion was tabled for further discussion, when Dave Johnson chimed in that we should have a meeting of the Board (WAIT, WHAT?!?), propose some changes to the By-Laws regarding the dues and then resolve it before the September dues period. All agreed that was a good route to take, and there will be further discussion in the future. (WHAT?!? I've been a member since 1996 and I don't ever recall a meeting of the Board? Who does this 'Dave' character think he is mucking up our dysfunctional family with logic and reason?!?)

The beer break was well deserved by all in attendance.

No new business but Carole thought it odd that such a large number of members were in the men's room together during the beer break???

Jeanie Smith, "The British Transportation Museum is having some design work done to arrange the displays. Additionally, the website is under reconstruction and the Meet at the Market will be Saturday, May 27th."

V.P. Ed Wolfe offered a tech tip. "My MGB was misfiring off and on so I tried new plug wires but was still doing it. It turned out that one plug wire was touching the dipstick and arcing, so, when you're missing, check your dipstick!"

Tim Dunham has a 2002 Acura MDX for sale, and Tim is also organizing the Oakwood That-Day-in-May-Car-Show, third Saturday in May. (Tim, Tim, Tim... have you learned NOTHING from being in this club? Tsk, tsk, tsk...)

Gumball Rallye was won first by Skip, who declined the cash, then won by Chuck Irvin,

Terry Looft won BCD shirt, soon to be a shop rag.

Meeting adjourned.

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

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