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Tune Up Clinic – April 22

Finally – Your Chance to Own Louie’s MGA



Hot Exhaust

Skip Peterson

As you’re reading this, the Tune-Up clinic is still a few days away, but I’m going to add some items to your spring list. For me, its kind of therapy, in an odd and somewhat uncomfortable way. Block off about three hours or so, and get that MG up on jack stands. After you’ve changed the oil and filter, and lubed all of the grease fittings you can find, take a short break and crawl out from under the car. Grab a small flashlight and your sockets, and then get back under the car and start looking for every nut and bolt you can find. Put the socket on them and make sure they are tight. Exhaust headers, transmission mounts, fuel pump mounts, etc.

I was doing this last year, preparing for the run to Louisville and noticed a bolt that seemed very loose. At first I couldn’t quite place what I was looking at, and then I reached up to see how loose it was and discovered I could tighten with my fingers.



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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, Apr 26, 2017

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Upcoming MGCC Events

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

Jun:

- 2 – National Doughnut Day
- 28 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

Then I realized I was tightening one of motor mounts that attached to the block. Glad I caught that before the long trip, we had enough fun without having an engine fall out!

I'm not sure I had ever noticed that bolt before, and it was all because I was using a small hand held flashlight. You gotta look in all the nooks and crannies. If you can put a wrench on it, do it.

Once you've worked your way to the rear bumper, it's time to take the wheels off and adjust the drum brakes and check the shock bolts. While you're at it make sure all the bolts are tight in the coil spring pans.

Last, but not least, when you put the wheels back on, but don't just tighten them, torque them to 60-65 ft. lbs. A number of years ago, we had a member have a wheel come loose returning from BCD in Cincinnati and that's pretty damn scary, so make sure those lug nuts are tight.

Since you've had so much fun under the car, now pop that bonnet open and start doing the same thing. Make sure everything that's not supposed to move doesn't, and everything that should move does. Now fire it up and go for a drive, knowing you're set for the driving season.

Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

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1977 MGB



Emerson and Everlee Looft, Ryan and Leeann kids, and Terry and Carole's grand kids, in costume for their school reports on England and Ireland. Emerson is dressed as a Buckingham Palace guard, and Everlee is an Irish lass.

Tune Up Clinic

Don't forget the Tune Up Clinic is Saturday, **April 22**, at MG Automotive in Kettering. Starting time ? Ending time ? Come and work on your car, or hang out and have fun, or come for the coffee and doughnuts!



It's finally done. Come to the Tune Up Clinic on **April 22** to see the new dash board on Steve Markman's MG TD (weather permitting).

For Sale: Louie DiPasquele's 1961 MGA

We all loved Louie and his MGA. Now, you have the chance to own it.

The car, a 1961 MGA 1600, came from New Mexico and was originally painted "Alamo Beige," a color sold only in the southwest. It was purchased at Mid-Ohio in 1985 by a man who began restoration. He took the car to a body shop where it was stripped and then left outside to rust. After some negotiation and hassles, the man got the car back from the body shop in sad condition. The car, by then a basket case, was purchased by Bob Mason of MG Automotive. The body was covered with rust and the restoration, although not worked on full time, was four years in the making. Louie saw the car at MG Automotive and told Steve Miller he had to have it when finished, which he did.

MG Automotive did the mechanical work and the paint and body work was done at a body shop in Clayton OH. The car had been raced in New Mexico and at Mid-Ohio, in the Vintage class, but now began a new life as a concours show car.

Louie added wide whitewall tires. The car won several awards at various car shows: Second place at Cleveland Rocks MGs Roll, First place in Holiday at Home Car show, First place at BCD2000 in Dayton, OH and Second place at a Langs Chevrolet car show. Louie also drove it to Cincinnati for their British Car Day and Concours do Elegance.



See the add in the Classified section for contact info.

Car (Song Lyrics) of the Month

Working at the Car Wash Blues

By Jim Croce

Well, I had just got out from the county prison
Doin' ninety days for non support
Tried to find me an executive position
But no matter how smooth I talked
They wouldn't listen to the fact that I was a genius
The man say, we got all that we can use
Now I got them steadily depressin', low down mind messin'
Working at the car wash blues



Well, I should be sittin' in an air conditioned office
In a swivel chair
Talkin' some trash to the secretaries
Sayin', here, now mama, come on over here
Instead, I'm stuck here rubbin' these fenders with a rag
And walkin' home in soggy old shoes
With them steadily depressin', low down mind messin'
Workin' at the car wash blues

You know a man of my ability
He should be smokin' on a big cigar
But till I get myself straight I guess I'll just have to wait
In my rubber suit a rubbin' these cars
Well, all I can do is a shake my head
You might not believe that it's true
For workin' at this end of Niagara Falls
Is an undiscovered Howard Hughes



So baby, don't expect to see me
With no double martini in any high brow society news
'Cause I got them steadily depressin', low down mind messin'
Workin' at the car wash blues

So baby, don't expect to see me
With no double martini in any high brow society news
'Cause I got them steadily depressin', low down mind messin'
Workin' at the car wash blues

Yeah I got them steadily depressin', low down mind messin'
Workin' at the car wash blues

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For Sale: '61 MGA, British Racing Green, Frame-off mechanical restoration by MG Automotive, professional body and paint restoration, For those that knew Louie DiPasquale, this is the car that he won multiple show and Concours events with. Only serious offers will be considered. Asking price, \$30,000. Please contact Tag McGough 937-572-5014, or email tag@midwestmtrs.com. (4/17)

For Sale: Michelin X Redline radial tires, 185-15, with tubes, would make excellent spares. \$150 takes all, cash-and-carry. Vic Snively, Vandalia, OH 937-620-5582. (4/17)

For Sale: 1969 MGB GT – Troy OH – restored in 2014. No rust – Damask red paint with clear coat finish. All new interior, new chrome, new wheels and tires. Has electric overdrive. Looks and runs great – have \$12,500 invested in it. asking \$11,250. Have many photos. Email Greg Cox at gregc@coxspecialty.com. (4/17)



MG Car Club Minutes, March Meeting

Sam Hodges

The March 2017 MGCC Meeting was called to order at 7:37.

There were 28 members in attendance at the start of the meeting.

President Skip Peterson, "I hope we have as much fun this week as we had last month."

President's Report. "There isn't a lot to report. Hemming's Sports & Classics magazine has ceased publication. If you have a subscription, you'll start get Hemming's Classics for the duration of your subscription."

April 23rd there's a cruise in at Dayton Raceway Casino (off Wagoner Ford). It starts at 10am and runs to 3pm. There are 5 classes of cars. Classic, pickup, sports car, hotrod and _____. If we want, we can make it a MGCC event.

Skip continued, "Somehow, last year our membership with the Mother club lapsed. I paid the £50 (\$62US). I called the Treasurer of the Mother club and made sure that everything's good. We're still on the books and we're still at 50-years."

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Skip, "Previously, I have talked about trying to get a club archive together." John Scocozzo, "The website's got back to 2003." Skip, "If anyone has any old newsletters that have who our officers were, or our events were we'd appreciate getting copies of those."

Skip, "Art Barnes, our expert on Robert's rules. is it okay to talk bout a tabled motion?" Art. "No. It has to be removed." Terry, "Motion to remove the motion. What motion are we talking about?" Skip, "we'll get back to that later...!"

Vice President's Report. Ed isn't here.

Minutes were next. Bonnie Hankey motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Dave McCann Sr. seconded. MGCC voted. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report was next. Again, there was some discussion as to whether we should make this a two-year detail. Treasurer Cheri Farrell, "The MGCC had total expenses of: Newsletter Postage (\$16.88) + February Gumball (\$10.00) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$26.88. The MGCC had total gains of: Membership Dues (\$40.00) for a total gain to the MGCC was \$40.00. Monthly total losses when subtracted from losses means a gain to the MGCC of \$13.12. When added to our beginning balance of \$2,428.70 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,442.04 in the primary checking account. \$30.00 cash on hand leaves the MGCC with a balance of \$2,472.04. The Savings account currently has \$379.83. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,851.87. Art Barnes motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Eddie Hill seconded. As it involves money, Eddie cannot object.

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "We gained 3 members last month. Total is now 72. John ____ has a 1978 MGB. Jim Foster from Elida, OH is looking for an MG TD. Bill Maple from Maineville, OH has a 1977 MGB that's been chrome bumper swapped.

Birthdays this month: Charlie McCamey, Skip "Well, Charlie's had a lot of birthdays." Carole continued, "Charlie McCamey, Rachel Johnson, Ron Parks, Linda Wolfe, Reuben Wasserman at the end of the month."

Skip, "Can I back up, and I can since I'm the President. I didn't call a board meeting last month because there were a bunch of other things going on. We went to Texas for a wedding. Did you know that there are a helluva lot of Lamborghinis' in Dallas. They were everywhere. On an unrelated note, no officer can hold the same office consecutively and the President can't hold an office for one year. The Treasurer's term is kind of a pain. We've discussed changing that to a 2-year term just because of all the banking paperwork that has to be changed. Do we want to explore that option? It would be a change in the bylaws." Bonnie H., "You could change the bylaws but give them the option of only taking one." Cherie Farrell, "It's not brain surgery. It takes 1/2 hour." Dave McCann, Jr., "You're just saying that to get someone else to do it." Terry Happensack, "You could just lift the restriction so that the Treasurer can stay in position if they want instead of limiting it to 2-years." Dave McCann, Sr. "Having been Treasurer, it's a pain to change the paperwork regularly. I'm still getting emails from banks." Dave Gribler, "If you allow consecutive years, then you run the risk of an unscrupulous person bleeding the Treasury dry and then skipping town."

Skip, "This is viable, so I think we need to find a way to screw this up. Somewhere in the next month or two, there'll be a Board meeting." Art Barnes motions to refer the matter to the Board. (Thanks Art. You and your stupid Robert's Rules). MGCC voted. We, the Board, now have to bring something to the MGCC.

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Vice President Ed walks in...

Newsletter was next. Steve's not here, man, that's two meetings in a row that he's missed.

Sunshine Committee. Jennifer's not here and Carole's only doing birthdays. Skip, "So we'll assume that everyone's still good."

Webmaster John Scocozzo, "Nothing new here. Newsletters are out there. I also upgraded the security just in case the Russians want to hack."

Activities with Eddie. Eddie, "It's Spring time!" MGCC "YAY!" Eddie continued, "Nothing through the end of this month. However, in April, **April 22nd** is the Tune-up Clinic. 9am at MG Automotive on Wilmington Pike. We'll be there until Steve throws us out." Steve, "As long as there's coffee and doughnuts, that might take a while." April 23rd is the Raceway Casino Cruise-in on Wagoner Ford Rd. from 10-3." Skip, "There's not a tree in sight Lots of asphalt." Eddie, "May 27th brings us the Second Street Market British Museum of Transportation show. 9am-3pm. Sat.

Ron Parks, "Would Sunday May 21st be a good day for a spring drive?" Art, "Do we trust him?" Skip, "He stays within a towable distance to his house so that the tows are always free. He's got that going for him."

Eddie continues, "May 6th is Drive your MGA day. Sunday June 4th is the British return to Perrysburg. Cincinnati British Car Day is June 11th.

Beer Break called for at 8:07.
Back from Brake at 8:24.

Skip, "Does anyone know the origin of Old Speckled Hen? It was the 50th Anniversary of the MG and someone named Ian Williams went to the Moreland brewmaster and requested a special beer for the 50th Anniversary. There are actually two stories, one about an owner who ordered a special paint scheme. The other it was a Model 14-80 that was used by the factory paint shop to carry paint. But the Ian Williams story is the one that most people attribute as the true story behind the beer."

Skip, "Let's clear up some formal stuff." The floor was ceded to Lois Gribler.
Lois, "NAMGAR/NAMGBR. I was hoping to implore the club members to join either one or both registers. They both support our local clubs and it's important that we're part of a National organization that supports our hobby."

Skip, "There's a Facebook page for British parts wanted or needed. It's pretty good. Check it out."

Brit Museum of Transportation. There's no one here from the Museum. News is it's still there.

Tech Tips. Terry Looft, "I highly recommend the John Twist workshops. (Holding up two shiny carbs) These are the result of the carburetor workshop. I've done gearboxes as well. He does 4 workshops a year. Carburetor, 3-synchro gearbox, 4-synchro gearbox and T-series. \$395 per session. They're always right after the first of the year."

Old Business. Charlie McCamey, "We don't have any." Skip, "Art, what do we do?" Art, "We have to have a motion to remove a motion from the table." Ron motioned to remove the motion from the table. Bonnie seconded. Skip, "NOW we can talk about it. The motion was that we have a \$10 per year

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surcharge for printed copies. That said, we don't need to raise the dues, all we need to do is add the \$10 surcharge. I don't think this needs to be a bylaws issue. The prorate of dues only applies to new members. After a search of the bylaws, there's nothing in there that even requires a newsletter to be printed."

The motion is that we're going to add a \$10/year to the annual dues IF you want a printed copy of the newsletter starting with the September renewal. If you want it electronically, you'll get it for free, but paper is going to be a \$10 handling fee.

Carole, "I've got a question." Skip, "SO close!" Terry Looft, "Welcome to my world." Carole, "How do we handle the proration?" Skip, "It's only new members who get the proration." Carole, "If some new member joins in February, do we still charge them the full \$10?" Skip, "We'll just make it a dollar per issue on the proration and keep it simple." MGCC voted. Motion to add a \$10 surcharge for paper copies of the newsletter with a \$1 per issue prorate for new members was approved. So if you join with 8 months left, you will pay \$8. Approved. Eddie, "I have a question..."

For Sale. Ron, "I have an MGB Airpump. I'll take \$200. or even \$0." In Upper Arlington there's a '58-59 MGA that's been parked since 1969. Groveport Ohio. All original. Vicky Malone 614-309-3803, or vicky3979@Gmail.com

Gumball Rallye. Dave Gribler wins \$10. Art Barnes & Bob Kraft Each won t-shirts

Motion to adjourn 8:59.



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Last reminder – Don't forget the Tune Up Clinic on Saturday, April 22 at MG Automotive.