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Proposal to Amend By-Law...Important
Register for BCD!!



Hot Exhaust

Skip Peterson

The summer fun just continues and our June meeting was a blast with our first ever "live" teleconference from San Diego. The best part was bringing Jennifer's lap top to the meeting so everyone could see the California Cruisers, then we couldn't get FaceTime to work, so Terry called me on my phone, but at least we had FaceTime on that and it worked.

After the beer break we undertook the issue of changing the by-laws to allow the treasurer to serve more than one term. Over the past few years, it is becoming increasingly difficult to change the paperwork with the credit union. Cheri and I discussed this, and talked with some past treasurers, and all agree, why can't they serve more than one term? Just about the time you're sailing smoothly, you hand it off. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll see the proposed change, which is currently tabled for discussion at the July meeting. If all goes



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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, July 26, 2017

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Jul:

- 13 – Barbershop Music Appreciation Day
- 26 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

Aug:

- 5 – British Car Day at Eastwood Lake
- 8 – Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day
- 23 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

Sep:

- 17 – Concours d'Elegance
- 23 – Oktoberfest begins in Germany
- 27 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

well, we can move it forward to a vote in August.

If you haven't registered for British Car Day, hop on the website, www.britishcardaydayton.com and do so. Also, The Clough's are looking for a few volunteers to help count ballots. Its done in the shade of a shelter, starting about Noon and done before 2 pm. They could use 4-6 people; it is done in teams of 2. Drop me an email if you would like to help and I'll get the Clough's in touch with you.

Lastly, we can always use another hand or two on Friday night before BCD to layout the show field and stuff goody bags. 6 pm at Eastwood MetroPark and on the morning of the show, if you could bring along a bag of ice for the concession stand, we'd greatly appreciate it.

Now go take a long drive, and then detail that car from top to bottom for BCD!



Proposed Amendment to MGCC By-Laws

Important...Please read.

At the June meeting, the following matter was discussed, raising the possibility of changing the by-laws to allow the treasurer to serve more than one term. Please read carefully and come to the July meeting with any comments you may have.

Motion to Amend the By-Laws regarding the election of the Treasurer, proposed by Skip Peterson, the motion that was made by Bonnie Hankey, seconded by David Johnson, and passed by a majority vote to be tabled for further discussion.

According to the procedure for changing a by-law: publishing this proposed amendment in the Octagon News, both digitally and in printed form, and offering discussion and possible revision of this motion at the regular July club meeting, and then voting on the amendment at the regular August Club meeting. To approve this amendment, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members present at the meeting must vote yes.

The Motion states to change __ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS

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From:

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MG Awards in California

Skip Peterson

Again this year, numerous members of our club demonstrated that MGs and their owners are capable of long distance drives. Congratulations to all and we hope to see the trophies at the next club meeting. Hope you're all still talking to each other.

NAMGAR GT-42 in Solvang, CA.

MGA Mk. II Dave & Lois Gribler
MGB 2nd Terry Looft, 3rd Carole Looft

2000 Mile Plaques

Kathy Goodman, 2,783 miles
Dar Planeaux, 2,645 miles
Terry Looft, 2,615 miles
Carole Looft, 2,615 miles
Dave & Lois Gribler, 2,607 mile

NAMGBR MG 2017 in San Diego, CA.

MGB MK IV 1977 to 1978 – Early

1st Carole Looft

MGB GT 1973 to 1976 – Factory V8

1st Terry & Carole Looft

MGA – All Years

1st Dar & Mary Planeaux

Longest Distance in An MG – Dave McCann – 4,150 Miles – Ohio

Longest Distance Driven – Lady – Carole Looft – 3,005 Miles – Ohio

Oldest Driver – Dar Planeaux

Three Weeks in Our MG's

Carole Looft

Back in May I wrote a bit about four of us who would be traveling in our MGs to California in June. Well, we are back from that adventure, and I won't be boring you with all of the day-to-day happenings. I will however, touch on a few highlights of the trip.

All four of us had some type of mechanical troubles. Terry's car was the first to give him problems. Heading west from Santa Rosa, NM, the car lost power and we pulled over on the interstate. The wire to the fuel pump had burned. It was a fairly quick fix, and we were on the road in no time. Then, driving through the Painted Forest his car lost power again. After changing the fuel pump it turned out to be a faulty ground wire on the fuel pump. All was well after that for the V8.

My MGB was the next troublemaker. Barely into California, my alternator belt broke. Luckily, we had a spare, and Terry and Dar got the new one on and we were back on the road. Another problem for me, for some reason, was the car seemed to be prone to vapor locking in the heat. That was a headache.

Kathy was not without problems either. It was Day #1 of our trip, and she couldn't even get the car out of her driveway (oh, was this an omen?). That turned out to be a starter relay and after she got on the road, Terry was able to replace it. Then one of the cooling fans lost its bearings and it was disconnected. Later, the thermostat switch gave problems, and that too was taken care of.

Dar's car was problem-free for the most part, right up until the end. There were a couple of starting issues, but those were sporadic and could have been starter, battery, or generator problems. It was a little puzzling at the time, but I'm sure he has figured it out by now!

The high temperatures were, at times, pretty unbearable. Quite a few days we saw well over 100 degrees.

We had a good time at the two shows. All four of us won first places at the MGB meet. We saw a lot of interesting things along the way, and I'm sure all four of us would be up for this trip again. Make sure you ask Terry or me about our ghost encounter on the Queen Mary – yes we do have a story!



A stop at the Pima County Air Museum in Arizona



Near Roswell, New Mexico. Afraid of an alien?



Yes, we did find that corner in Winslow Arizona!



Our MGs did fine in LA traffic on our way to see the Queen Mary in Long Beach.



Here we are at the MGA Meet in Solvang, CA. L to R: Dar Planeaux, Dave Gribler, Lois Gribler, Carole Looft, Terry Looft, Kathy Goodman



After award banquet at the MGB Meet in San Diego, CA. L to R: Kathy Goodman, Carole Looft, Terry Looft, Dar Planeaux

Manual Transmission Foils Truck Thief

Associated Press

Alabama authorities say a thief who couldn't figure out how to shift out of first gear led a slow-speed chase in a flatbed truck. Jefferson County Chief Deputy Randy Christian tells AL.com the 16-mile chase never topped 30 mph. It ended when the transmission seized, stopping the truck.

Authorities say 29-year-old Randy Dewayne Vert of Pinson faces multiple charges, including attempting to elude and resisting arrest. His bail is set at \$5,900.

Deputies say the chase began early Wednesday when deputies checked on a car abandoned in Birmingham and were told a man had just stolen a nearby Kenworth T-300 flatbed delivery truck. Christian jokes, "Thank God he couldn't find second gear — the pursuit could have gotten all the way up to 35 mph."

MGs at Centerville Americana Festival



Our cars parked in one of the few shady spots.



Dave Johnson and John Scocozzo talk about MGs.



Phil Robert's 62 MGA.



Charley McCamey enjoying the shade.



The spot we saved for Bob Farrell.



...but first place went to a VW. How embarrassing.

Spring Tour to Wooden Shoe Inn

Article and Photos by Ron Parks

A small but enthusiastic group of MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre members toured through beautiful farm country to the Wooden Shoe Inn in Minster Ohio on Sunday June 11, 2017. We met in the parking lot of the Meijer store on SR 48 in Englewood. There were four (4) MGs, one SUV and Dave McCann's pickup truck with Jumper cables, water for radiators and an assortment of other tools and supplies in the back. Fortunately, no one needed help from the support vehicle. Bob and Rosalie Orr drove over from Indiana and had dinner with us, bringing the count of MGs up to five (5).

With prizes at risk, Bill and Leslie Hunter answered 18 of the 24 questions correctly to secure first place, winning a desktop model of a red British phone booth. The prize for second place, a flash light, was won by Dave and Rachel Johnson with 13 correct answers. Had there been a long-distance award, John Farno would have won it. John lives in Minster and drove down to Englewood to tour with us back home to Minster.

We took our time, enjoyed a nice dinner and all arrived home safely. We had a good time!





Honda, Toyota Among Most Stolen Cars

Fox News

Car thieves covet 20-year-old Hondas more than any other vehicle in the country. According to the most recent data compiled by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), the 1997 Accord and 1998 Civic were the most stolen cars nationwide in 2016.

Cheap, plentiful, and devoid of modern anti-theft technology like coded ignition keys that send encrypted signals at every engine start, these old Hondas are magnets for thieves looking for reliable wheels or an easy platform to strip parts, the NICB says. Thieves nabbed at least 757,850 cars in 2016, a seven-percent increase from 2015.

There were nearly 100,000 Accord and Civic models stolen across all model years in 2016, followed by the Ford F-series pickup (32,721), Chevrolet Silverado (31,238), and the Toyota Camry (16,732).

Thieves latched onto more than 12,000 vehicles each of the Nissan Altima and Dodge Ram, while the Toyota Corolla (11,989), Chevrolet Impala (9,749), and Jeep Cherokee and Grand Cherokee SUVs

(9,245) ranked in the top 10. Despite the relative ease of stealing older cars, the most stolen Camry, Altima, and Corolla models were from 2015 and 2016. Among only new cars, those three cars outranked all others, with thefts between 982 and 1,113 cars.

Owners of then-new 2016 Dodge Charger, Ford Fusion, Hyundai Sonata, GMC Sierra, Hyundai Elantra, Ford F-series, and Ford Transit models reported between 669 and 945 thefts per model

Oregon Cars, Highway Drenched in Slime Eels

Greg Rasa in AutoBlog

This, landlubbers, is a hagfish:

Yes, it is every bit as horrific as it looks. Often compared to Slimer, the specter in *Ghostbusters* that slimes Bill Murray, the hagfish, aka the slime eel, suffocates its enemies by covering them in clouds of repulsive goo. It's hard to feel sorry for a shark, but a slime eel can even gross out a shark.

That's only one of their worst traits. If ever these 300-



million-year-old freakshows happen upon a whale carcass in the deep, they latch onto it with their creepy mouths - which look so much like the alien in *Alien*, that we're sparing you the sight. The slime eels bore into the whale and devour it from the inside out.



Ah, but in South Korea, somebody, somehow, considers these snot monsters a delicacy. And that's how 7,500 pounds of them happened to be driving down Highway 101 near Depoe Bay, Ore., on their way to whatever

nightmarish market stocks them. Ever motored down scenic 101 as a summer tourist? You might have had a truckload of slime eels in your six.

And that's what happened Thursday, when the driver of the slime-eel truck (worst job title ever) jammed his brakes at a road-construction site, and his load shifted, causing hagfish to "fly across the highway," the state patrol said.

There was a chain-reaction crash involving four other vehicles and some minor injuries - and some major sliming. They say that if hagfish slime gets on your clothes, you should just throw them away. That may be what happens to the sedan in the image above.



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: 1952 MG TD. Green. Same owner since 1954. Great shape, everything works except clock (which is typical). Call Steve Markman for details. 937-886-9566. (5/17)

For Sale: 78 MG Midget. New top, interior, and other new parts. Asking \$4,500. Call Bob, 937-253-9935. (5/17)

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)

MG Car Club Minutes, June Meeting

Jennifer Peterson, substituting for the vacationing Sam Hodges

Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm

21 members present

President's report: Skip reported that K of C bartender Jim Hinders (our former bartender) is battling oral cancer, Fast Eddie's mother passed away in Florida and Charely McCamey's son Chris passed away. That got the meeting off to a bright start, not! Member Larry Youngblood is renewing his membership and will be giving his MG Midget to his 16 year old granddaughter this summer. Look for a full report later. Ron Parks reported on his road tour, a small but mighty turnout on a hot Sunday. The summer picnic is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 27 at Lake Loramie, hosted again by Art & Kathy Barnes, details to come.

VP Ed reported he was at the meeting...

Minutes as published, motion to approve by Dave Estell, second by Cheri Farrell, approved

Treasurer's report: beginning balance of 1827.13, income of \$18, expenses of \$31.70, total checking account balance of \$1823.43 plus \$379.88 in savings for grand total of \$2203.31. Motion to accept by Charlie McCamey, second by Bonnie Hankey, approved. The revenue stream is lousy, but the expenses are pretty low too.

Membership, Carole is still in California, but at this time the club hosts it's first teleconference during a meeting when Terry Looft calls and we FaceTime with the group in San Diego. No major issues reported, but it was very hot driving, over 100 degrees many days and Terry reported needing lots of ice. A full report of awards won will be listed somewhere in this newsletter.

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Dave and Lois Gribler were back from their drive to the MGA GT and did report that its hard to drive with the top down when it's 120 degrees, they changed a fuel pump at a rest area and used 9 quarts of oil during the last 400 miles. They are pretty sure they have an oil leak. Really?

The beer break was called and approved

Recovering at about 8:20 or so... who cares.... *(editor's note: I think she meant "Reconvening," but who am I to judge)*

Skip presented a proposal regarding a change to the by-laws allowing the treasurer to serve up to 3 consecutive terms. It's quite the hassle changing all the bank info every 12 months and current treasurer Cheri is fine with continuing. The process continued after some discussion, Bonnie Hankey made the motion, Dave Johnson seconded and the amendment is now tabled. It appears elsewhere in this issue as per the by-laws, and will be discussed at the July meeting again and voted on at the August meeting.

VP Ed continued his monthly tech tips: His B started misfiring, cutting out and finally stopped in a construction zone on Harshman Rd. Wouldn't start, and after running out of ideas, he pulled off the distributor cap. He heard something fall on the ground and noticed the nut that holds the condenser wire was missing. After a search in the gravel, said nut was located, put back on, and the B is now running fine.

Tech tip- make sure all your nuts are tight! Stay tuned for the July ad-ventures of VP Ed.

Gumball Rally won by Charley McCamey

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Peter-son, since no one else was willing....

The logo for MiniMania features the word "MiniMania" in a bold, stylized font. The "M" is particularly large and has a jagged, mountain-like appearance. The letters are black with a white outline.

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British Car Day 2017 Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

e-mail _____ Miles Driven to BCD _____

Yr./Make/Model _____ Class _____

Require trailer parking Yes _____ No _____

Advance registration (includes free t-shirt) \$15.00 _____
Deadline: Must be received by July 21, 2017
t-shirt size S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL _____

Additional t-shirts (day of show \$15) \$10.00 _____
S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL _____

Vendor registration \$25.00 _____

Total _____

Make checks payable to: British Car Day 2017

Mail to: BCD 2015, 1754 Lindenhall Dr. Loveland, OH 45140-2120

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Signed _____ Date _____