

# THE OCTAGON NEWS



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British Car Day Pictures and Winners  
Important – Proposed By-Law Change

## Hot Exhaust

Skip Peterson

It was 52 degrees when I pulled the MGB out of the garage to head to British Car Day. Yes, 52 degrees. I wore blues jeans, a sweatshirt and hat, and luckily it was a really beautiful but chilly drive to Eastwood Metro Park. Who would have ever thought that? Most BDC mornings are warm and humid but we had a great day, no chance of rain, over 260 cars on the field, and what appeared to be a very big crowd of spectators. I want to thank each club member who gave us a hand on Friday and Saturday, it was dully noted and very much appreciated. It takes lots of help to put on these events; I have only heard positive comments from the participants, but we can always use a little more help. I felt like I'd been hit by a truck when I got home Saturday evening.

Next up is our club summer picnic, again hosted by the Barnes at their home on Lake Loramie. They have plans for a drive to the lake and you'll



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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, August 23, 2017**

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## Upcoming MGCC Events

### Aug:

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

### Sep:

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

### Oct:

- 2 – Name your Car Day
- 25 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

*See meeting minutes for other area activities!!*

learn more at the meeting, but it sounds like fun. Be sure to have your digital camera or camera/phone with you and let's hope the weather is just like BCD.

At this month's meeting, we are also going to vote on the change to the by-laws to allow the treasurer to serve up to three consecutive terms. We are republishing the info elsewhere in the newsletter and it requires a positive vote of ¾ of the members present at the meeting.

The Concours d'Elegance is coming up, Sept. 17, and many of you are serving as class hosts and others are showing their MG's in the Concours. Our club will be well represented in the MG classes. I want to personally thank the class hosts for their help; you become the face of the Concours to those in your class, and we appreciate how well you represent the Concours.

I'm still tired from BCD so I'm going to go watch some TV and hit the sack early tonight.

## Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

<p>Ken Betz 7140 Keeneland Dayton, OH 45414 937-478-1795 <a href="mailto:Kmbetz.1@gmail.com">Kmbetz.1@gmail.com</a> 1975 MGB (original owner)</p>	<p>Mike Lemaster 62 Marco Lane Dayton, OH 45458 <a href="mailto:Mlemaster42@yahoo.com">Mlemaster42@yahoo.com</a> 1959 MGA roadster</p>	<p>Sean McHenry 352 Northridge Rd. Columbus, OH 43214 614-219-9505 <a href="mailto:mchenryproj@yahoo.com">mchenryproj@yahoo.com</a> 1972 MGB</p>
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## Proposed Amendment to MGCC By-Laws

Important...Please read.

**A**t 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

From:

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## Changes to the Membership Dues

Carole Looft

**S**eptember is the month for membership renewals and due to both rising postage costs and printing, we have had to make an adjustment in our membership dues.

Our dues are remaining the same at \$18.00 for members who receive their newsletter via email. However, if you wish to receive your newsletter through the U.S. Postal System, reluctantly it was necessary to add an additional \$10.00 to defray those rising costs. Therefore, dues for members receiving mailed newsletters will now be \$28.00.

We hope you understand our reasons for this change.

# Summer Picnic & MotoPhoto Road Rallye

Art Barnes

**T**he route to the Aug. 27 MG picnic will be a "MotoPhoto Road Rallye." That means you'll have rally (or "rallye") directions from the Dayton VA Cemetery through back country roads and detours leading to Art & Cathy Barnes' lake home near Fort Loramie.

The "MotoPhoto" part of the rallye involves your "proof" that you took all the right roads. You or your navigator will need to have a camera (or cell phone capability) to take photos of several landmarks and attractions along the way. Of course, your equipment will need to be digital so you can share your pictures right away and have proof that you covered the route.

If you can't do the rally, you'll get a map straight to Lake Loramie. We're still tweaking the MotoPhoto route, but you can at least check out the the starting place on Tennessee Avenue, west off of South Gettysburg between West Third and Germantown streets. There's a website at [daytongrottogardens.org](http://daytongrottogardens.org) for you to get a first look. It'll be your first photo, and there may be a prize for the best or craziest!

This isn't a caravan (or else everyone would have exactly the same pictures), but plan to get to the Grotto by noon so's to cover the 50 miles (or so) by 2 p.m. If you arrive any earlier, the beer may not be cold or you may get put to work grilling burgers and brats or serving up whatever eats everyone brings! Please plan to ice down your side dish or dessert while you're driving -- because the rallye directions may not go past a grocery where you thought you could buy your contribution en route.

Put the event on your calendar now, or you'll miss the boat rides around Lake Loramiie!

## Classifieds

**For Sale:** 1953 MG TD. Black with red interior and white canvas top. Not driven since 1974, but stored in garage. No rust. All wood in good condition. Pretty much original and complete, including side curtains, hub caps, crank, key, and steel wheels. Tires flat (as would be expected), interior probably not savable, but engine turns over using crank. Excellent candidate for restoration. Located in Springfield. Make offer in \$10K range. Shirley, 937-206-1792. (8/17)

For Sale: 78 MG Midget. New top, interior, and other new parts. Asking \$4,500. Call Bob, 937-253-9935. (8/17)

**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](mailto:srmarkman@att.net) or 937-886-9566.

# Pictures From British Car Day



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Thanks to Skip and all the volunteers for making this another great BCD!!

## BCD 2017 Award Winners

### **MGT**

1. Steve & Jayne Powell 47 MG TC

AE. Jay Thompson

AE. Joe & Roseann Mercer

AE. Bob Watts

### **MGA**

1. Dar Planeaux 58 MGA

AE. Tony & Janet Shoviak

### **MGB 63-67**

1. Dana Springer 67 MGB

### **MGB 68-74**

1. Stephen Ramsey 68 MGB

AE. Skip Peterson

AE. Dane Petrie

AE. Danny Osborne

### **MGB GT**

1. Graham Cooper

AE. Kevin Roberts

### **MGC**

1. Maya Grace, Lian, Tony & Janet Shoviak 69

### **MGB '75-'80**

1. Carole Looft 78 MGB

AE. Eddie Cole

AE. Kathy Goodman

### **Midget**

1. George Chase

AE. Brian Helwig

### **TR 2 & 3**

1. Lou Metelko 54 TR 2

AE. Roy Owens

AE. Chris Yannity

AE. Connie Brocioes

### **TR 4**

1. Mark Macy 62 TR 4

AE. Ron Parks

### **TR 250**

1. Doug & Barb Bohn 68 TR 250

AE. Bruce Miles

### **TR 6 '67-'7**

1. Bill Michael 72 TR 6

AE. Herbert Puls

### **TR 6 '73-'76**

1. Harry Mague 74 TR 6

AE. Ted Bailly

AE. Joe Gerst

### **TR 7 & 8**

1. Rick & Prema Ray 80 TR 8

AE. David Brost

AE. John & Patti Clifford

### **Stag**

1. Bruce Clough 73 Stag

### **Spitfire I-II-III**

1. Dan Briley 68 Spitfire

AE. Roy Owens

### **Spitfire IV**

1. Rodger Brown 72 Spitfire

### **Spitfire 1500**

1. Raymond Liebherr 80

Spitfire

AE. Ralph Weiss

### **Spitfire '78-'80**

1. Chris Kleindorfer 79 Spitfire

### **GT 6**

1. Bill Brown 67 GT-6

### **Jaguar XK**

1. Ron McLean

### **Jaguar XKE**

1. Steve Locker

AE. Rich Frantz

### **Jaguar XJ/Sedans**

1. Dana Springer 88

convertible

AE. Dana Springer

### **Austin Healey 100**

1. Joe Moehring 56 100/4

### **Austin Healey 3000**

1. Ben Grabow 60 A-H 3000

AE. John Benkoviv

AE. Jerry & Peggy Spurlock

AE. Bernie Grabow

### **Austin Healey Sprite**

1. Kimberly Bish 60 Bugeye

AE. Marc Masquelier

### **Land Rover**

1. James Railes 2001 Land

Rover

### **Lotus**

1. David Evans 68 Elan

AE. Bill Bowser

### **Classic Mini**

1. Greg Lepera 61 Mini

AE. Don Williams

AE. Tim Bosse

### **New Mini**

1. Jeff Ellis 2007 Mini S

AE. Mike & Nancy Edgerton

### **Sunbeam Alpine**

1. John Rindfuss 55 Alpine

### **Sunbeam Tiger**

1. Mike Swope 66 Tiger

AE. David Tiettmeyer

AE. Jim & Diane Ebert

### **Motorcycles**

1. Terry Looft 79 Bonneville

### **British Conversions**

1. Bob Kindred, 58 MGA Ford

powered

AE. Ryan & Leeann Looft

AE. Alan Moor

AE. Gene Gillenwater

AE. Phil McConnell

AE. Mike & Terri Moore

### **Open Class thru 1965**

1. Steve & Cathy Roberston 61

Metropolitan

### **Open Class '66 and later**

1. Doug Roberts 75 Jensen

Interceptor

### **Aston Martin**

1. Bill & Jeannie Jacobs 52 Aston

Martin DB 2

### **Premier Class**

1. Pete Melville 48 Triumph 1800

AE. Tony & Janet Shoviak

AE. John & Karen Steck

AE. Steve Markman

AE. Paul Weaver

AE. Don Bixler

### **Diamond in the Rough**

1. Richard Ludwig 64 Spitfire

### **European Open**

1. Shawn Hobbs 85 Ferrari

### **Longest Drive**

Kelly Stevenson, Fayetteville TN 425 miles

### **Rangers Choice**

John Rindfuss 55 Sunbeam Alpine

### **Taj Ma Garaj Most Unique Vehicle**

Jim Blackwood MGB with Buick engine

### **Best of Show**

Bill & Jeannie Jacobs 52 Aston

Martin DB 2



# Pizza Spilled on Little Rock Interstate

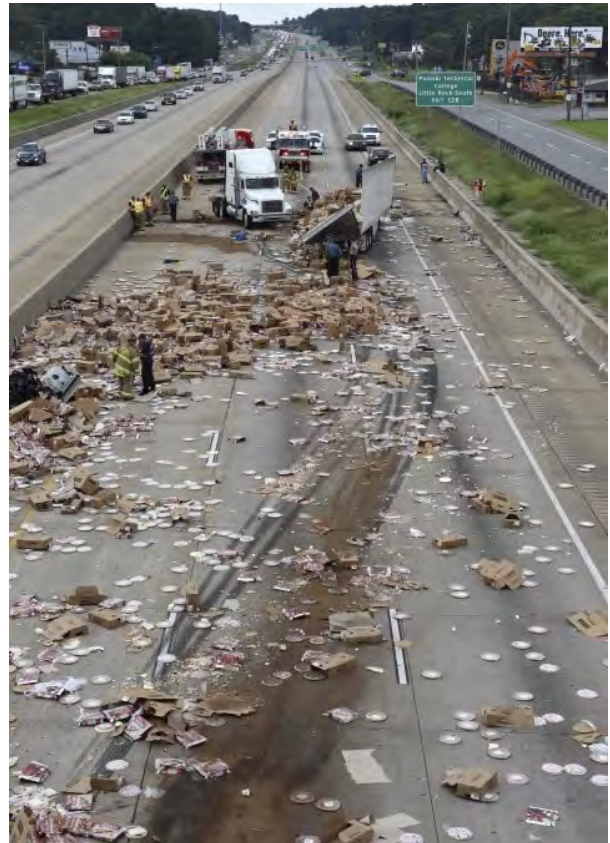
Compiled from numerous online sources

**A**rkansas highway officials shut down westbound lanes of a cross-country interstate in Little Rock on August 9 for four hours so crews could pick up pizza.

An 18-wheeler containing DiGiorno and Tombstone frozen pizzas scraped a bridge support and sliced open its trailer Wednesday, spilling them across Interstate 30 in front of the Arkansas Department of Transportation office. Agency spokesman Danny Straessle said the bridge had only cosmetic damage.

I-30 was closed for a time in both directions while crews picked up the DiGiorno and Tombstone brand pies. The highway, which goes around the south side of Little Rock, is part a major link that connects Dallas and points west to Memphis.

Agency spokesman Danny Straessle said the bridge suffered only cosmetic damage. He says "there were some people shaken up" but that no one was hurt.



The westbound section of I-30 was closed for four hours and was closed eastbound for an hour too while crews cleared away the mess. Straessle says the pizza sauce, the cheese and pepperoni, plus some spilled diesel left a "slippery spot."

There was no word on who missed out on pizza deliveries because of the accident. While pizzas are certainly preferable to slimy hagfish when it comes to highway spills, a frozen pie that slowly defrosts in the blazing sun makes its own kind of special mess. Video from the scene shows an endless sea of smashed boxes and pepperoni pizzas, many of which wind up smeared into the pavement as crews brought in large front-loaders to scoop up the bigger piles. It reportedly took workers more than four hours to clean it all up.

# MG Car Club Minutes, July Meeting

Sam Hodges

**T**he July 2017 meeting was called to order by President Skip Peterson at 7:35. President Peterson, "Are we live streaming this? I just got back from my trip to the east coast and the minivan was clean when we left. Along the way, the grandkids drew on the seat and dumped a box of cereal in the car. It was like driving a box, albeit at 80 mph. I can tell you, whatever you do, don't go through Boston on a Friday afternoon after 2:00pm. It took 2.5 hours to go 45 miles." (There's a unique rule that I've found to be in effect in Boston. Basically, If hey can get a corner of their car, even if just the tip of a bumper, in front of you, the spot is theirs.)

Skip continued, "Summer Party. The Barnes' will once again be hosting the Summer Party, August 27th." Art, "There will be what we're calling a Moto-Photo style Rallye to get to the picnic. We'll start at Noon at the Dayton Grotto Gardens at the V.A. Medical Center and from there to the picnic you'll need photographic proof of the various landmarks along the route. arrive by 2:00pm for the picnic start. As per last year, there will be boat rides.

President Skip continued, "BCD. Make sure to bring ice, radios if you have any and we can always use help setting up the show field on Friday night. Additionally, if you can stick around after, we'll also need help tearing down the show field on Saturday evening. We were informed that in order to use the shelters, we now have to pay for them. \$160 for the day. Gates open at 7:00am. We currently have 150 cars pre-registered. The RAF award has been discontinued. There was no interest from WPAFB or any of their British staff. The Ranger award is still going strong.

Beware road construction at the entrance to the park. Making a left into the park might be difficult and there's gravel at the entrance.

Starting soon, there'll be a new MGCC Presidential Twitter account. Look for the first tweets to be a proclamation of the MGCC Road Warriors. Dave & Lois Gribler drove 5,450 miles to California and back. Dave McCann, Jr. got 4,150 miles (he's got east coast and west coast cars, so... he sucks!), Dar Planeaux, Kathy Goodman, Terry & Carole Looft all got 5,207 miles (since they were together, that makes sense). Carole Looft, "I've got air conditioning in my car..."  
Vice President's Report. Nada.

Minutes were next up. The wonderful, terrific, fantastically beautiful former Secretary Diana Hodges was standing in for her slacker, loafing, vacationing husband who was at Oshkosh for the week. (Um... Wait. I'm typing these! Why am I leaving that part in?!?). Minutes were approved as reported. Since there were no names relayed to me, Joe Hooker motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Bill Hammond seconded. MGCC voted, Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report was next. Treasurer Cheri Farrell, "The MGCC had total expenses of: June Gumball (\$10.00) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$10.00. The MGCC had total gains of: Membership Dues (\$0.00) for a total gain to the MGCC was \$0.00. Monthly total gains when subtracted from losses means a loss to the MGCC of \$10.00. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$1,823.43 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$1,813.43 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$379.90. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,193.33. (AGAIN, no names were

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forwarded, so... Additionally, I REALLY hope she doesn't read this months' Minutes) Dave McCann, Sr. motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Charlie McCamey seconded. As it involves money, Eddie cannot object.

Membership Committee. Carole Looft, "We're currently at 75 members. We had 1 renewal. Birthdays this month are: Skip (6th), John Scocozzo (8th), Bob Farrell (27th), Joanne Gribler (28th) and Dave Johnson (29th).

Newsletter was next. Newsletter Editor Steve Markman was M.I.A. Nothing to report, we assume.

Sunshine Committee. Jim Hinders has oral cancer.

Website. John Scocozzo. "It's still there."

Activities with Eddie: August 5th is - you missed it. August 27th is the Summer Picnic at the Barnes'." Apparently no one from the MGCC went to the Cincinnati BCD. August 17th there's the 25th annual Hemophilia Golf outing in Beavercreek in honor of Dick Miller's son.

The MGCC expressed its condolences to Eddie for the recent loss of his mother.

Beer Brake called 8:01.

First attempt to come Back from Break at 8:15.

Actually back from Break at 8:19.

Old Business. Charlie McCamey, "There isn't any."

Concours d'Elegance. Mike Edgerton, "Featured Marques this year will be first generation Camaros and MG's. Currently we have 16 MG's entered. The classes will be 'Through 1960' and '1960 on'. We really still need pre-war MG's. We have 2 Arnolt MG's already committed. There will be a 1904 St. Louis, Orville's first car, an Essex Terraplane and the Wright B Flyover @ noon." Skip, "Apparently, Orville used to drive like a maniac. The only way he'd get stopped would be if he were driving on the sidewalks or hit someone. He'd blitz down Main St. At 50mph and the Oakwood police just turned a blind eye." Dave Gribler, "And they've been making up for that indiscretion ever since."

The British Museum of Transportation just acquired a Ferguson Tractor. Otherwise, nothing new.

New/Old Business. The Bylaws! After some discussion it was distilled down to a motion made by Bonnie Hankey and seconded by Dave Johnson. That motion, in a nutshell, would be to modify Article 4, section A to "...allow the Treasurer to serve 3 consecutive years, if the Treasurer so desires..." That motion is currently tabled pending further discussion, notice to MGCC member requirements as defined in the bylaws, and, if Skip is lucky, a change of the administration. The vote will be held at the next meeting and 3/4 of the members present have to vote to ratify the motion in order for it to succeed.

A motion to vote on the bylaw amendment at the August meeting was made by Bonnie Hankey. That motion was seconded by Dave Estell. Eddie opposed. Enough of the serious stuff, back to our usual frivolity.

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There was of course an innuendo laced conversation about hanging chads and whether they actually hang, or is it more of a dangle... Be glad you weren't there.

For sale. Lois Gribler's neighbor has a 'car bar' for sale. It's a 1959 MGA set in wood. The headlights work. Asking \$3,200. Coincidentally, Dave Gribler has a new front end on his MGA. New headlights and all...

Tech Tips. Ed Wolfe, "If you're driving and you smell burnt brakes, but you're not braking, coast to a stop and feel for the hot wheel." I can attest that that's an EXCELLENT way to find the culprit. It's worked for me twice on two different cars.

Gumball Rallye. Kathy Goodman won and promised to buy a round for everyone next time (..Okay, maybe she really didn't, but we can hope...)

Skip, "On a parting note, the MGCC members took a clean sweep of awards in California. And I'm no longer in a minivan with the kids!

Next meeting is August 23rd.

Meeting ad-journed at 8:40.

The logo for MiniMania, featuring the word "MiniMania" in a stylized, bold, black font. The letters "M" and "n" are particularly large and have a jagged, sawtooth-like appearance.

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