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Concours and Picnic Pictures
Renew Your Membership...and Vote!

Hot Exhaust

Skip Peterson

A big thank you to Art and Cathy Barnes for hosting the summer picnic. Looked like about 25-30 attended, and while I didn't do the PhotoTour, I heard it was really cool. I traveled solo with Jennifer under the weather but had a great day for a drive, weather was perfect and the back roads got the B up over 70 a few times....

I left after the food to get back home while others hit the water of Lake Loramie with Captain Art and I saw Cathy giving rides in her T-Bird.

This month is my final as President, and while I make comments at each meeting, it truly has been my pleasure to serve. This is a great group and I'm flattered and honored that you chose me. I will be just an advisor for the next year, per By-Laws, and we'll see what happens after that.

The Concours should be over by the time you read this, and it's quite an honor that so many members' cars were



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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, September 27, 2017

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Upcoming MGCC Events

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

Nov:

- 5 – Guy Fawkes Day
- 15 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

entered. The MG classes were unique with 30 cars. I hope the public enjoys our machines. I also want to thank each of you who volunteered as a class host or in other roles that are vital to the success. It does take a real village to put this event on, and all of you play a significant role.

Be sure to bring cash or your checkbook to the meeting; only members in good standing can vote, and this meeting is always one of the highlights of the year!

Vote early, vote often.

Membership Renewal Time

Carole Looff

September 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 printed 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.

As classic/antique car owners, we all know these things. But, just maybe, when driving our computer-assisted daily drivers, we get a bit complacent.

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 or 937-886-9566.*

Pictures from Concours d'Elegance

Photos by Steve Markman







As usual, we had our own car show outside in the parking lot. Photo by Ron Parks.



Mike Edgerton, Skip Peterson, and Ron Parks work frantically to put every last piece together so that the rest of us can have a great time. If you think that events like Concours just happen on their own, then you've never visited the Concours headquarters a few days before the event. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work. It showed!!



Pictures From Club Picnic

Photos by Ron Parks





Thanks to Cathy and Art Barnes for hosting this years club picnic!!

Beware If Buying a Used Car

Steve Markman

(Extracted for a recent article in the *Dayton Daily News*)

After the recent storms and flooding in Texas and Florida, use extreme caution if you're planning to buy a used car; unscrupulous companies often ship these cars to other parts of the country. Normally, after a flood, a car that's been ruled a total loss will receive a salvage title. Insurers will dispose of these cars at auctions or salvage yards and undamaged parts will be removed for reuse. But, laws regarding salvage titles vary from state to state and the unscrupulous agents may try to pass them off on unsuspecting far-away buyers.

Before buying a used car, type the vehicle identification number into a service such as Autocheck, Carfax, or the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

When looking for a car, check for signs of flooding, such as musty or moldy odor or strong smell of an air freshener, stained carpet or new carpet in an older car, water lines in the engine compartment or trunk, fogging inside headlights or taillights, and mud or dirt buildup in hard-to-clean places like seat tracks and sheet metal seams.

These personals appeared in various MG publications in England.

MG Personals

Submitted by Carole Looft

'**OH MG LADY** who are you? What do you do? You were on the 9.05 am Metropolitan Line to Baker Street 2.12.87. I sat across from you from Wembley Park to Baker Street as you read "Enjoying MG News" but then you got the Circle Line out of my life.' -- Box 905 JO

1962 VINTAGE, owner of two 'B's', tall, slim, good looking(?) likes driving, good food, grovelling about under MG's, would like to hear from lady(ies) of similar vintage (1955—1966) with a sense of humour, for days out, pen friends and maybe rub bumpers! Based in Northamptonshire but have MG will travel. - Box 773 RC.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME this long wheelbase 1958 male was recently uncovered in storage where it had been left by its previous owner. While outwardly in good condition, a course of loving care will be required to put it back in roadworthy condition. The original specification includes many refinements not normally fitted, offering the prospect of a truly loving example when restored. Any female member interested in taking on the rewarding project may arrange a viewing in the Herts area by writing to Box 566 DP.

Fun Loving female MGB GT owner: Mileage 28, good bodywork, full MoT. Pristine condition, many extras. Requires male (28-40) to test drive. Varied interests – especially MGs. Midlands area preferred. Must have sense of humour. Box 112 SR.

Ten Terrible Mistakes Drivers Make

Joe Finnerty, *The Sun*

From the moment learners pass their driving test they start picking up bad habits.

1. Running the tank low on fuel: Leaving your tank to get dangerously empty allows the dirt, rust and grime that sits at the bottom of it to get sucked into the system, attacking the fuel pump and filters. Fuel also acts as a lubricant and coolant so letting it run dry can increase wear and tear on the pump leading to failure and an expensive replacement.
2. Resting your hand on the gearshift: Most people let their hand rest on the gear stick while driving but it can be damaging to your gearbox. The lever is attached to a control rod in the gearbox that has selector forks designed only to make contact with gears for a short amount of time. Leaving your hand resting with a certain amount of force will make the forks rub against the rotating collar causing unnecessary wear.
3. Resting foot on the clutch pedal: Similarly, resting your foot on the clutch can cause your clutch to engage, especially if your car has a high bite point. Riding the pressure plate against the clutch causes heat and wear – and new clutches don't come cheap.
4. Revving the engine before it's warm: Just like athletes, cars need to warm up first. When you start the engine, the oil pump pushes oil around the system and this oil takes time to fully circulate. Starting up the car and driving straight away is like waking up from a deep sleep, opening your eyes and then immediately trying to do a 100m hurdle race. You should leave the engine to run for 10 seconds before setting off.
5. Delaying regular maintenance: It might be a pain keeping up with services, and expensive, too, but if you don't you'll suffer a build up of horrible sludge and burnt oil in your engine. This muck can block oil galleries and stop the oil protecting your engine, which can result in catastrophic failure. And when you change the car's oil, make sure you change the filter, too.

6. Ignoring dash warning lights: A recent survey found 98 per cent of drivers didn't really understand the most common dashboard warning lights, such as tire pressure, engine emissions and fog-light indicators. You might, wrongly, ignore a message telling you that a bulb had blown. But ignore one that says 'DPF' – aka 'diesel particulate filter' – and you might not even get home. Don't ignore the dash warnings – because your car's clever computer knows what it's doing.

7. Ignoring your handbrake: If you've got an automatic car, it might be tempting to simply always leave it in 'Park' mode rather than engaging the handbrake. But doing this puts lots of pressure on one part – a little metal pin called the 'pawl', which engages a notched ring that's attached to the transmission output shaft. Over a long period of time, abusing the pawl can dislodge or damage it, meaning you might one day leave your house, look frantically for your missing car, only to find it parked at the bottom of a hill.

8. Stamping on the brakes: If you're always on the brakes because you're driving too close to the car in front you need to back off. Not only is it hugely unsafe but sudden stops cause faster wear to the brake pads and discs.

9. Being in too high a gear: Keeping engine revs low can save fuel but "lugging" – being in too high a gear at too low a speed – actually creates unnecessary strain on the engine and can damage your cylinder heads, leading to expensive repairs. Similarly, using a low gear that has the engine screaming is going to cause unnecessary wear and tear, too.

10. Not letting your turbo cool down: Has your car got a turbocharger? This is a contraption that forces extra air into the combustion chamber and increases power. And it takes longer to cool down, compared to your engine, when you come to halt. It's important you idle the engine for around a minute before switching off in order to make your turbocharger last longer and make sure the bearings don't break.

Prince Philip's Greatest Gaffes

Here in the States, we've had eight years of Joe Biden, but in Great Britain, they've had 65 years of Prince Philip.

Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, has completed 22,219 solo engagements since 1952 - but not all of them have gone to plan. The gaffe-prone Duke, who has never been afraid to speak his mind, has made headlines over the years with a series of one-liners, insults, and frank remarks about people who have got on his nerves. Many of them resulted in a substantial amount of outrage - but lots of them made the world laugh.

- 1 - "British women can't cook" (in Britain in 1966).
- 2 - "What do you gargle with, pebbles?" (speaking to singer Tom Jones after the 1969 Royal Variety Performance).
- 3 - "I declare this thing open, whatever it is." (on a visit to Canada in 1969).
- 4 - "Everybody was saying we must have more leisure. Now



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they are complaining they are unemployed" (during the 1981 recession).

5 - "If it has got four legs and it is not a chair, if it has got two wings and it flies but is not an aeroplane, and if it swims and it is not a submarine, the Cantonese will eat it." (at a 1986 World Wildlife Fund meeting).

6 - "It looks like a tart's bedroom." (on seeing plans for the Duke and Duchess of York's house at Sunninghill Park in 1988)

7 - "Yak, yak, yak; come on get a move on." (shouted from the deck of Britannia in Belize in 1994 to the Queen who was chatting to her hosts on the quayside).

8 - "We didn't have counselors rushing around every time somebody let off a gun, asking 'Are you all right? Are you sure you don't have a ghastly problem?' You just got on with it." (about the Second World War commenting on modern stress counseling for servicemen in 1995).

9 - "How do you keep the natives off the booze long enough to get them through the test?" (to a driving instructor in Oban, Scotland, during a 1995 walkabout).

10 - "If a cricketer, for instance, suddenly decided to go into a school and batter a lot of people to death with a cricket bat, which he could do very easily, I mean, are you going to ban cricket bats?" (in 1996, amid calls to ban firearms after the Dunblane shooting).

11 - "Bloody silly fool!" (in 1997, referring to a Cambridge University car park attendant who did not recognize him).

12 - "It looks as if it was put in by an Indian." (pointing at an old-fashioned fusebox in a factory near Edinburgh in 1999).

13 - "Deaf? If you are near there, no wonder you are deaf." (to young deaf people in Cardiff, in 1999, referring to a school's steel band).

14 - "They must be out of their minds." (in the Solomon Islands, in 1982, when he was told that the annual population growth was 5%).

15 - "You are a woman, aren't you?" (In Kenya, in 1984, after accepting a small gift from a local woman).

16 - "If you stay here much longer, you'll all be slitty-eyed." (to British students in China, during the 1986 state visit).

17 - "Your country is one of the most notorious centers of trading in endangered species in the world." (in Thailand, in 1991, after accepting a conservation award).

18 - "Oh no, I might catch some ghastly disease." (in Australia, in 1992, when asked to stroke a Koala bear).

19 - "You can't have been here that long - you haven't got a pot belly." (to a Briton in Budapest, Hungary, in 1993).

20 - "Aren't most of you descended from pirates?" (to a wealthy islander in the Cayman Islands in 1994).

21 - "You managed not to get eaten, then?" (suggesting to a student in 1998 who had been trekking in Papua New Guinea that tribes there were still cannibals).

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22 - In Germany, in 1997, he welcomed German Chancellor Helmut Kohl at a trade fair as "Reichskanzler" - the last German leader who used the title was Adolf Hitler.

23- "You're too fat to be an astronaut." (to 13-year-old Andrew Adams who told Philip he wanted to go into space. Salford, 2001).

24 - "I wish he'd turn the microphone off." (muttered at the Royal Variety Performance as he watched Sir Elton John perform, 2001).

25 - "Do you still throw spears at each other?" (In Australia in 2002 talking to a successful aborigine entrepreneur).

26 - "You look like a suicide bomber." (to a young female officer wearing a bullet-proof vest on Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, in 2002).

27 - "Do you know they're now producing eating dogs for anorexics?" (to a blind woman outside Exeter Cathedral, 2002)

28 - "Well, you didn't design your beard too well, did you?" (to designer Stephen Judge about his tiny goatee beard in July 2009).

...to be continued next month, or when space permits.

MG Car Club Minutes, August Meeting

Sam Hodges

MGCC August Meeting called to order at 7:33

President Skip Peterson, "I'm so flustered I don't know what to do..."

Terry Looft, "Beer break!" Skip, "You're a little early."

President Peterson continued, "Dave Johnson, you and Rachel are new to the club but you've been all in. I'm naming you Rookie-of-the-Year for BCD. (Applause from the gathered rabble). Dave Gribler's here and we're still waiting on information from Stan Seto before we'll know what's going to happen with the finances."

Skip, "In 2006 we had 341 cars. That's our high water mark. This year we had 270 cars counting the pre-registered cars that didn't show up. We still had a good turn out. People didn't complain too much. Did anyone hear anything about the cost of Graeters ice cream? It was \$4. At our concession stand, you could get a whole meal for \$4."

Our next event before our next meeting, where we'll have an election, will be the Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, September 17th. Keep smiling and keep people happy. Skip then told a story about how Rick Grant took his 1935 Bugatti to Pebble Beach this year. On the cruise the day before, the Bugatti got about 1 mile from the finish and had a clutch malfunction that ended up oiling the clutch. The day of the show, the car was pushed into position and displayed on the show field. After the show was over, Dale Oakes tried to arrange a tow for the Bugatti back to the trailer. After sitting for a couple hours, and being the last car on the show field, he eventually called AAA to get a tow. Basically they were abandoned by the people running the show.

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Summer Party. Cathy Barnes, "There's a map and directions for the motor rally. If you need directions, let us know. Bring chairs, salad and sides. We're starting at 12:00 at the V/A Center Grotto." Skip, "On Friday, we'll share the directions via email." Cathy, "We'll get the grille going around 2:00. Weather looks to be a rough 78 & sunny. Plan accordingly."

Vice President, Ed Wolfe. "Mr. President, I have nothing to report." Eddie Hill, He's sounding very Presidential."

Minutes were next on the agenda. Jennifer Peterson motioned to accept. Ed Hill Seconded. MGCC voted, Minutes approved. Ed Hill was the only vote against. (There's GOT to be rule somewhere about that...)

Treasurer's Report was next. Treasurer Cheri Farrell, "The MGCC a slow month. We had total expenses of: July Gumball (\$10.00) + Postage (\$43.40) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$53.40. The MGCC had total gains of: Membership Dues (\$18.00) for a total gain to the MGCC of \$18.00. Monthly total gains when subtracted from losses means a loss to the MGCC of \$35.40. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$1,813.43 that leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$1,781.03 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$379.92. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,160.95. Art Barnes motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Cathy Barnes seconded. As it involves money, Eddie cannot object.

Membership Was next. Carole Looft "We added 6 new members at BCD. Shawn has a 1972 MGB and came down from Columbus to join us. We're up to 82 total members." Eddie, "We're not up to triple digits yet?" Terry, "Just spend the \$50 like I did."

Birthdays this month: Jennifer Peterson, Jayne Powell, Terry Looft, Sandy Johnson, Bruce Miller, Dave McCann and Carole Looft bringing up the rear." Dick & Jeannie are having their 5th anniversary. Dave & Lois just had their 40th Anniversary. Dar & Mary celebrated 58 yrs yesterday." Dave Gribler, "It's a little like 'Escape from Alcatraz'."

Newsletter. Steve Markman, "I've got some more sad news. I learned that a tanker truck of bourbon overturned in Arkansas recently. That's all. Keep those articles and pictures coming."

Jennifer. "To all of you who gave me grief over the doughnut issue, here are glazed doughnuts." Jennifer then proceeded to go around the room handing out glazed doughnuts to all the trouble makers who gave her grief at BCD for not having glazed doughnuts. Dave Estell, "Jennifer, you're still not going to live it down. You're the 'Doughnut Lady' now." Jennifer, "No, I'm not. Next year there'll definite be doughnuts!"

Sunshine Committee, Skip, "Everyone seems to be doing fine." Carole Looft, "They are."

Webmaster John Scocozzo, "I need pictures." Skip, "I owe you winners from BCD and some other photos."

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, "Well, there's this picnic coming up. We've already covered that. After that is the Concours on Sept. 17. We covered that too haven't we? Then I got nothing."

Beer Break 8:06.

Back from Break 8:25ish... There's still 33 people here...

Old Business. Charlie McCamey, "There' no old business!"

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Actual Old Business. By-Laws Modification. Skip Peterson, "In order to change the by-laws, we have to have 3/4 of the people in attendance at a regular meeting, not a special meeting approve the change to the by-laws. Therefore we need 24.75 people to vote in favor. Lois Gribler, "I've heard of half-assed, but..."

Terry Happenack, "Do we get a reading of the amendment?" A motion was made by Skip, approved by Bonnie Hankey and seconded by Dave Johnson to untable the Amendment. The motion is to modify Article 4, section A to "...allow the Treasurer to serve 3 consecutive years, if the Treasurer so desires..." Art Barnes, "So we're only changing one sentence." Mary Planeaux motioned to move the amendment to a vote. Mike Edgerton seconded that motion. Skip, "We need 25 people to vote." 31 voted for, Dave Gribler opposed. Dave, "It's giving too much power to one person. Just ignore the fact that I've been BCD Treasurer for 20 years..." Eddie abstained.

New Business. Skip, "Nothing?" Ron, "I've got something to report that's more 'other business'."

British Museum. "We got a Triumph Tractor." Skip, "Put some bodywork on it and you'll have a TR4."

Tech Tips. Ron Parks: "When my clutch went out, I had it towed home by Hagerty". Steve Miller: "You can drive a car home without a clutch." Ron: "Now you tell me..."

For Sale. Ed Wolfe, "I've got used trim rings." Skip, "Price?" Ed, "Free?"

Eddie Hill, "Jennifer still has doughnuts."

Gumball Rallye - Diana Hodges won \$10
Dave Johnson won t-shirt

Meeting adjourned 8:42



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