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Happy November – Meeting is One Week Earlier
Pictures from Pub Run

Hot Exhaust

Ron Parks

I see from my “friendly?” reminder email from our editor that it’s that time again. So, here goes.

We had a nice pub run at the Fox & Hound Restaurant. And, we surprised Dar Planeaux with a Birthday cake celebrating his 80th Birthday. Dar was totally surprised and emailed this: (At the next meeting, when "old business" comes up, please express my thanks to the entire club for such a great "old business party." My thanks to everyone.) Looks like Charley McCamey will have some help with “Old Business” from now on.

We also had a work day at the British Transportation Museum helping to restore the MGA Coupe, a project the club has adopted. We got a good start taking inventory of all the parts that are there. We can thank Mike Edgerton for writing the list of parts that were inventoried. Mike suggests the next step would be sorting parts by category; brakes, fuel, electrical, etc.



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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, November 15, 2017

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Nov:

5 – Guy Fawkes Day
15 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

Dec:

2 – Holiday Party at Bennett’s Pubical
5 – Repeal of the 21st Amendment
No meeting – Happy holidays

Jan:

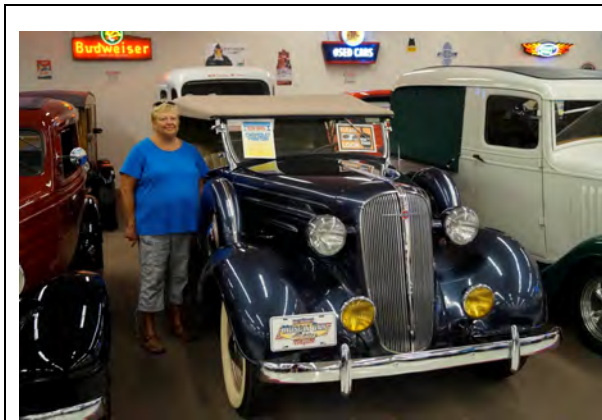
3 – Fruitcake Toss Day
24 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

Future sessions will focus on determining parts that are missing and assessing the condition on hand. Dave Gribler suggests that it would be a good idea for the body/paint guy to assemble the doors’ internal items - vent windows, regulators, glass and external chrome to check for fit before paint. A topic of discussion at the November meeting will be scheduling another work session.



While on vacation in Florida, worked in amongst our time at the beach & pool, fishing (Ron) and dining on sea food; Linda insisted (consented, acquiesced?) that we visit Muscle Car City in Punta Gorda. The collection there consists of all General Motors cars; lots of Corvettes all years, a good assortment of Pontiac GTOs and all iterations of Chevrolets. My favorite car there was a 1960 Corvette and Linda picked a 1936 Chevrolet Phaeton, one of seven built and last known to exist. A bonus to our visit was a cruise-in in the parking lot. Lots of nice cars of all makes. One British car there was a Triumph Spitfire, not in very good shape that was for sale. Did not buy it!



We’re back at the Rusty Bucket for our meeting this month, on Wednesday November 15, 2017, and on the schedule at the Rusty Bucket on the fourth Wednesday each month in 2018 and the third Wednesday in November.

Thank you to VP, Dave Gribler for filling in for me at the October meeting. I’ll be there this month. See you then.

Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

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1953 MG TD

Pictures From Pub Run & Surprise Birthday Party

Photos by Ron Parks
Cake close-up by Carole or Terry Looft





Bob Kraft Cars for Sale

Marilyn Kraft

Due to the recent passing of my husband, Bob Kraft, we're selling several cars from his collection. All prices are "or best offer". Respond to MAKIronsides@aol.com if interested, Love you guys and gals. Your newsletters are hilarious. I so enjoy! Best to all of you.

<p>1966 VW BUG Mileage 20,721 Bought from a Navy Seal...has cartoon bugs on all the placemats! Suggested price \$7,500</p>	<p>1972 Project SAAB Mileage 91,630 Has windows that roll circular, rather than straight up and down horizontally! Suggested price \$1,200</p>
<p>1971 Orange MG convertible Mileage 68,716 Needs new paint job! Suggested price \$2,000</p>	<p>1971 Black MG Convertible Mileage 11,242 Was put together by a designer - engineer living in Troy, Ohio who worked for Ford and then Chrysler with Lee Iaccoca. Suggested price \$3,500</p>

More MG Personals

Submitted by Carole Looft

Are you 25ish, male, bored and depressed? So am I, a 23 year old attractive female with a lively personality that is quickly being suppressed by routine, boredom and a distinct lack of male company! My ideal man is out there somewhere – about 6’ tall, dark haired, slim, a lover of smart trendy suits and striped shirts, but presently lacking someone to have fun with. Intelligent conversation, a lively sense of humour, a nice face and legible handwriting would be an advantage, as would an MG. My interests include all the usual stuff except ‘walks in the country’ and ‘outdoor pursuits’ - I’m lazy and prefer to be chauffeured from pub to pub! Based in the Cambridge area but have fun, will travel.

Two Blokes (mid 20’s) and a ‘B’ Roadster near Kingston Surrey, are planning a camping holiday in the South of France and we’re looking for two girls plus car to join us. So if you fancy a couple of weeks of open top motoring in the scorching French sun, why not get in touch?

Buxom, pretty, outspoken, scatty farmer’s daughter (34) with many interests, own home and business, but no MG, seeks dependable gentleman – preferably a tall, dark, handsome, non-smoker. Must be considerate, as engine previously damaged by careless mechanics!

1000 MPH Bloodhound SSC Makes Test Run

Fox News

A car built to go 1000 mph has completed its first public tests.

The Bloodhound SSC is a jet and rocket-powered streamliner that uses a Formula 1 engine as a fuel pump. The needle-nose car made two runs Newquay Airport in Cornwall, U.K., on Thursday with land speed record holder Andy Green behind the wheel.

Green was the first man to break the sound barrier in a car in 1997, when he hit 763.035 in the Thrust SSC. This time, he only reached 210 mph, but he got there in just eight seconds. He made two runs to test the Rolls-Royce jet engine and the car’s control,

The 1.7-mile runway is not long enough to go much faster, and the record runs are scheduled for the Hakskeen Pan flats in South Africa, where a 12-mile track is being prepared for an attempt at an 800 mph record in 2019 and an all-out assault on 1000 mph in 2020.

Additional test runs are scheduled for Oct. 30 at Newquay. *(editor’s note – that’s somewhere in England)*



Car (song lyrics) of the Month

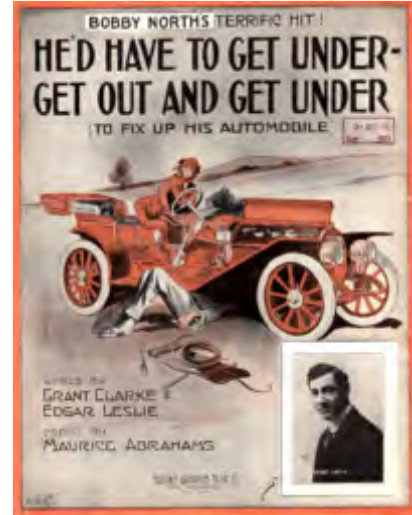
He'd Have to Get Under – Get Out and Get Under (to Fix Up His Automobile)

This is one of the lengthier titles in the history of popular songs. The song was published in 1913, with music by Maurice Abrahams and lyrics by Grant Clarke and Edgar Leslie.^[1]

*It was introduced in vaudeville by Adele Ritchie,^[2] and was a hit for recording artists such as Al Jolson in 1913, Billy Murray in 1914, and it was revived by Bobby Horton in the Ken Burns documentary film *Horatio's Drive* (2003).*

The title was essentially self-defining. The song poked fun at the trials and tribulations of the average young car owner of the 1910s, especially when he wanted to get down to some serious "sparking" with his female passenger.

Google the title to find numerous recordings of this song on the internet.



He'd have to get under—get out and get under—to fix his little machine
He was just dying to cuddle his queen
But ev'ry minute
When he'd begin it
He'd have to get under—get out and get under—then he'd get back at the wheel
A dozen times they'd start to hug and kiss
And then the darned old engine, it would miss
And then he'd have to get under—get out and get under—and fix up his automobile.

Driver Given \$117 Ticket for Singing

Greg Rasa
Oct 23, 2017

Montreal police gave a motorist a \$117 ticket after pulling him over in late September. His alleged crime: Loudly singing the 1990s, um, classic, "Gonna Make You Sweat (Everybody Dance Now)" by C+C Music Factory. It's unclear if the nature of the violation was a matter of volume, repertoire choice, or stylistic interpretation. It appears to be the first thing, but it could've been a clean sweep.

Taoufik Moalia, 38, a father of two, told CBC News Montreal he was motoring along, singing, when he saw flashing lights. And then four(!) Montreal officers approached his car to ask what he was doing. He said, "Nothing." To which he says they replied, "Did you scream loudly?"

"No, I was just listening to my favorite song," Moalla recalled saying. And then here is where he may have hurt his situation: "I repeated, 'Everybody dance now!'" The cops' response was a \$149 (\$117 U.S.)

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ticket for "screaming in public." Moalia says he can understand cops stopping him to see what was going on, but he was "really upset" by the fine.

"If they found that everything was OK and there was no danger, they should have told me to continue on my way ... but not a \$149 fine," he said. "I was singing loudly in my car. Is there something that forbids that, or did I really bother anyone?"

He put it in Canadian terms: "Imagine if the [Montreal] Canadiens won a game," Moalla told CTV Montreal. "All the fans are going to scream out of their cars. They're going to sing. Are you going to give them all tickets?" The Montreal police aren't commenting. But apparently, "screaming" is a violation of "peace and tranquillity" with a fine up to \$1,000 for a first offence.

Moalia plans to fight for his right to party, but he might not get a court date for a year. Meanwhile, he has already lost in a higher court. His wife told him, "If it was for singing, I'd have given you a ticket for \$300."

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.

MG Car Club Minutes, October Meeting

Sam Hodges

The October MGCC Meeting was called to order by former, ex-President Terry Looft promptly @ 7:29. Terry Looft, "Vice President Dave Gribler started off for the meeting in their Midget. Somewhere along the way, the Midget croaked. They'll be here shortly."

The MGCC goes back to our normal pre-meeting banter. Newly appointed Vice President Dave Gribler arrives at 7:30. Sam Hodges, "You know, you're still on time?"

Vice President Dave G., "It was an exciting evening for us getting here. On the way here, about 5 miles from home, the freshly redone Midget started acting wonky. I'm guessing either the condenser or the coil gave up. The last 3 miles took 20 minutes. But we'll sort all of that out later. Thanks for being here at Bennett's Pubical. If you are here, then you read the Octagon News. Don't worry about me being here.

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Ron & Linda are on a pre-planned vacation. There hasn't been a coups, but I did run across a raccoon on the drive with the Midget."

Just to recap, we've got all new officers in the MGCC. Elected Officials are: President, Ron Parks, I'm Vice President. Secretary is Sam Hodges. Treasurer is Cheri Farrell and Member at Large is Dan Deutsch. Other offices are Membership, Carole Looft. Activities, Eddie Hill (even though Eddie wasn't there), Webmaster, John Scocozzo and Newsletter Editor, Steve Markman.

Dave continued with the President's Report by reading Ron's submission. Ron, "Thank you for your vote of confidence, even though I voted for the other guy. Please volunteer to make up Pub Runs, spring/fall drives, etc."

Dave continued, "NAMGAR GT43 is in Richmond, Virginia and NAMGBR 2018 is in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Details aren't really out yet, but keep posted. Richmond is about 500 miles away so at 50 MPH it's about a 10-hour rive."

Reminder, the November MGCC meeting is a week early due to thanksgiving. The meeting will be November 15 at the Rusty Bucket.

Vice President's Report. V.P. Dave continued, "Continuing the tradition that I started, I got nothing."

Minutes were next on the agenda. Art Barnes moved to accept the Minutes as reported. Skip Peterson seconded. MGCC voted. Minutes approved as reported. Secretary Hodges, "That's good. I wasn't going to change anything anyway..."

Treasurer's Report was next. New and previous Treasurer Cheri Farrell, "The MGCC actually had some income again this month. The MGCC had total gains of: Membership Dues (\$666.00) [...I'm not touching that one...]



Thanks to all our veterans!!

for a total gain to the MGCC of \$666.00. We had total expenses of: Postage (\$18.90) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$18.90. Monthly total losses when subtracted from gains means a gain to the MGCC of \$647.10. When added to our beginning balance of \$1,866.33 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,513.43 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$379.96. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,913.39. Skip Peterson motioned to accept the report as presented. Dave McCann Sr. Seconded. Cheri continued, "Tonight I just received a \$1,500 check for our share of the BCD proceeds. That'll be reflected in next months' report."

Membership Chair Carole Looft, "Right now we have 56 members." Skip, "Wow Ron, you're killing it." Terry Looft, "What was the record?" Skip, "It's 156 but 72 of them were named 'Looft'. And 2 of them were 12-point bucks!" Carole continued, "We have 2 new members. With us tonight is Mark Schneider owner of a 1953 TD. Mark, "It's a work in progress."

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MGCCer's with birthdays in October are: Steve Powell, Graham Cooper, Mike Edgerton, Dar Planeaux, Dick Smith, and Ellen Sparklin.

Sunshine Committee. Dave McCann, Jr., "It's dark outside."

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman was not present so there was no report.

Webmaster John Scocozzo, "Nothing new here."

Activities With Eddie. Eddie's not here. Dave Gribler, "There's a work day scheduled for the British Museum on Sat. Oct 29th." Mike Egerton, "What I need is a count so that I'll get enough donuts." Dave G., "Don't be put off because you own a MGB. You'd be really surprised how similar a MGB is to an MGA." Lois Gribler, "Do you have all of the catalogs and documentation so that we know what we're cataloging?" Mike, "Yep, we're semi organized."

Dave G., "Next on the agenda is a Beer Break." Terry Looft, "I started the meeting in your absence with a beer break." Dave G., "Can't have too many, let's have another."

Beer break called 7:47 - Jennifer Peterson, "Let's just plow through..."
Meeting called back to order at 7:48.

Old Business. Charlie McCamey, "Terry, the article you wrote for MG Driver on the MG 1100 was a good one." Terry, "This month's was written by Ryan & Leann. Mine was the month before."

Dave G., "BCD." Skip, "We distributed the profits of \$3,000 and we've applied for the permit so I believe that we're going to do it again next year. We now have a European open class, but there seems to be a discussion about a class for Japanese cars. I'm not sure that I want this becoming just another car show." Dave McCann, Jr., "Can we be even more restrictive and get rid of the Triumphs?" Graham Cooper, "Why don't we just make a 'Rest-of-the-world' class but make sure that all cars are vintage? 30-years old and older?" Skip, "That's not a bad idea, but I don't want it to turn into another cruise-in at Eastwood park. And I don't think the people at the park would be happy about it either." Carole, "Once you open that door, you can't close it." Skip, "So we're in agreement? I'll make sure to bring this up at the next BCD Board meeting."

Dave G. Continued, "Bill Hunter's MGA tech session involved stuffing an engine into his MGA, there were a number of us there. We took a 30-minute job and turned it into a 45-minute job because there were coffee & donuts there. The motor was rebuilt 8 years ago but hasn't been turned over since."

Dave G. "Something came to light at the concours. Louie's MGA is now owned by Vic Snively. Vic owns a powder blue TR6. He's a Triumph Club member, but he is interested in dual-citizenship."

New Business. Dave, "It's time to start thinking about our annual charitable donation. In the past we've donated \$500 to the Food Pantry and \$500 to the Salvation Army. Just think about who might be worthy of a donation this year."

Dave, "Moss Motors has updated their website. If you go in and setup your account, it's not too bad. Different. Not as easy as the reviews version." Sam, "I actually ordered a part from Victoria British because their new website is a pain." Dan Deutsch, "The thing I lost was the wish list that I'd spent a while collecting. I had a list that I was going back to to order parts from and that's now all gone."

New Business - Holiday Party. Skip, "This year's Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 2nd at 6:30. Location will be here at Bennett's Pubical. Bring a gag gift and desserts. Otherwise, food is provided, drinks are on your own. We'd like the gifts to be an actual gag gift this year. If it's something useful that someone might actually want, then you've failed on the 'gag' requirement."

Tech Tips. Dave G. "A 40 mile test drive might not be enough. A 45 mile ride would have found the problem the Midget had."

Terry Looft, "If you have leaky wire wheels and want to go tubeless, take the wheels, paint the interior with Flex-Seal and go tubeless. Seal the nipples and stems and anything that might cause a leak. USA Tire will mount wire wheels, but they won't if the date code is too old."

Skip, "I got an email from Hemmings Motor News. There's a 1971 Midget for \$18,500. Rust free only \$2,500 shipping to the US." Dave McCann, Jr., "When you said eighteen-five, I thought you meant eighteen hundred."

Dave Johnson, "I know someone looking for a chrome bumper MGB. If anyone knows of one for sale, let me know." Terry Looft, "Does it have to be running?"

Gumball Rallye was won by Ron Parks. (Now, let's see...Ron won the free membership and the election last month. Is there reason to get suspicious? Naaaa.)

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Veris. Graham Cooper seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:16.



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