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Hot Exhaust

Ron Parks

Well, we will have celebrated St. Patrick's Day and enjoyed another Pub Run and right now it still seems an awful lot like winter. Spring is coming though, we'll just have to hang in there a few more weeks. We'll be driving our MGs before we know it.

We had a good work day at the British Transportation Museum working on inventorying parts for the MGA Coupe. We accessed the condition of parts by category: brakes, fuel, electrical, etc. Since then, a few of us are working on assigned Moss part numbers to those items that need to be replaced and are looking up the current cost. After arriving at the total cost estimate, padded with some shipping costs and some reserve for unanticipated parts that could be needed, we will await a decision from the Museum member who would be footing the bill. If he decides he would like to go forward with the restoration, then we would ask the club membership for a



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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, March 28, 2018

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Mar:

- 11 – Johnny Appleseed died, 1845
- 28 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

Apr:

- 10 – Be Kind to Lawyers Day
- 25 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

May:

- 5 – Cinco de Mayo (duh!)
- 19 – British Cars in Miamisburg
- 23 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

yea or nay vote for taking on this restoration project.

I've done a little preliminary planning for our trip to MG 2018 in Gettysburg. I am studying AAA maps and Tour books. As I see it, we don't need to kill ourselves getting up at the crack of dawn to leave. We could plan to meet our group of members from the Cincinnati area around 10:00am on Sunday morning June 17th, Fathers' Day, at the interchange of I-70 & US42. We would plan to make it as far as Washington PA, which is about half way; 180-200 miles. There are lots of motels and dining opportunities in the Washington area. And, while the 2018 schedule is not available yet, maybe the Washington Wild Things baseball team will be in town that evening? Looks like our best bet the next morning would be to stay on I-70 to Breezewood and pick up the Lincoln Highway, Route 30, there for the rest of the trip into Gettysburg. The return trip on June 22, 2018, for everyone who wants to caravan with us, will most likely stop overnight in Wheeling, West Virginia or perhaps Cambridge, Ohio areas.

My personal winter project this year of getting my overdrive transmission installed in the B is moving along. Degreasing is done, and the transmission is soon to be attached to the engine with the new heavy-duty clutch and throw-out bearing installed. Not much more to do until I get the car back from the body shop with the newly painted engine bay. I'm hoping that happens before the end of March.

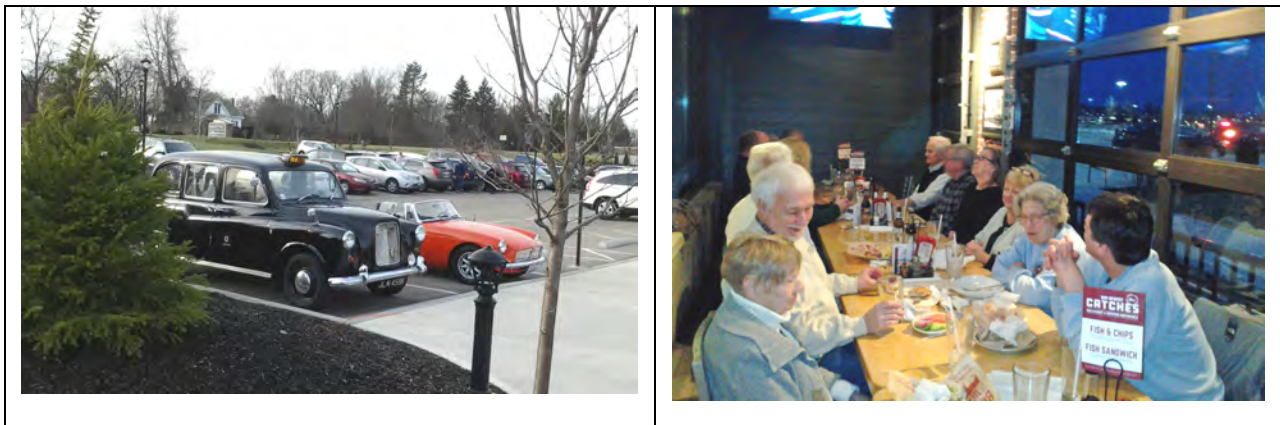
Our meeting at the Rusty Bucket is on Wednesday March 28, 2018. Hope to see you then.

Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

?? Still no new members?

Pictures from February Pub Run



Pictures From March Pub Run





All above photos by Ron Parks

Proposed Change to the By-Laws

Article III, Section 2 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS, D. Treasurer, currently reads as follows:

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall receive and have in charge all monies and securities belonging to this Club and shall disburse the same as shall be directed by the Board of Directors, up to the amount of \$50.00. Expenditures of amounts exceeding \$50.00 shall require a vote of the membership. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record and account of all money received and disbursed. On expiration of his/her term of office, he/she shall turn over to the successor to be audited by the Board of Directors all the money and property of the Club in his/her hands. In the temporary absence of the President, Vice-President, and the Secretary, the Treasurer shall perform the duties of presiding officer.

Proposed change will increase the amount of \$50.00 in both places in the above paragraph to \$100.00. The original dollar amount has been in the by-laws since the club's origin. It obviously hasn't kept up with inflation, resulting in the delay of paying bills due to the need to obtain club approval for amounts over \$50.00.

Please try to attend the next club meeting on March 28 to vote on this matter.

What/Who is Aunt Sally?

Steve Markman



One of the fun things we do at club picnics (actually, everything is fun) is playing a game in which we attempt to knock a wood doll's head from a post by throwing sticks at it. It's called Aunt Sally. I always wondered about the game's origins, so again went to the source of all information, the internet. Here's what I learned.

Aunt Sally is a traditional English game usually played in pub gardens and fairgrounds, and dates back to the 17th Century. Leagues of pub teams, each consisting of eight players, still play the game today, throughout the spring and summer months, mainly in Oxfordshire and some bordering counties.

One theory is that in Port Meadow in Oxfordshire, at the time of the English Civil War, King Charles I set up court in Oxford. The Cavaliers (soldiers loyal to King Charles I) were bored and formed a game with sticks and makeshift materials similar to the game we play today. An Aunt Sally was originally the modelled head of an old woman with a clay pipe in her mouth, the object being for players to throw sticks at the head in order to break the pipe. It later was simplified to a ball on a stick.

There are other theories, but by Victorian times the game became somewhat of a crude fairground game. The doll was dressed up to resemble an old maid and no doubt it was thought to be amusing to chuck throw sticks at the ugly looking old woman. Sometimes the figure was painted black, thus making the game both racist and anti-women. It has been suggested that the name "Aunt Sally" was based on using the blackface doll, inspired by a low-life character named "Black Sal", which appeared in an 1820s series of novellas titled *Life of London* by Pierce Egan, a contemporary of Charles Dickens.



Aunt Sally also has become another name for a debating tactic in which someone purposefully misrepresents an argument with the express intent of inviting criticism, or to encourage an idea to be discussed and refuted.



The game itself is simple enough. The head rests on a short post, about 2 ½ feet above the ground. Players throw sticks at the head, using an underhand toss, trying to knock the head off without hitting the post. Successfully hitting the dolly off is known as a "doll"; however if the spike is hit first, then the

score does not count and is called an "iron". Normal league play has two teams each consisting of eight players and three legs or "horses" are played. Each horse consists of each member of each team having one turn so that each team makes 48 throws. It is believed that the record for a horse stands at 40 so it can be seen that hitting the doll is quite tricky.

Besides being played at our club picnics, as mentioned above, Aunt Sally matches still can be found in England. Prince Charles even has been known to give it a try. In 2011 the inaugural Aunt Sally Singles World Championship took place at the Charlbury Beer Festival in Charlbury, West Oxfordshire which was attended by former prime minister David Cameron and the tournament has continued there annually ever since.

Use Your Classic Car to Help the Alzheimer's Association

Ron Parks

As we discussed at last month's meeting, the information about the Alzheimer's Association's "The Longest Day" virtual car show hosted by Hemmings Motor News, appears below. We will not be participating as a club in this venture, but we all have the option of joining in the effort individually, should we choose to do so.

Hemmings Motor News is partnering with the Alzheimer's Association's The Longest Day, a fundraising challenge, in the interest of inspiring collector car enthusiasts to add fundraising to their events and the activities they love.

Funds raised for the Alzheimer's Association will go towards research, advances in treatment, and support of family members who care for individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

To participate in the Hemmings Motor News virtual car show – Upload a photo of your car and ask friends and family to vote by making a donation so you have a chance to win a featured spot in an upcoming issue of Hemmings Motor News magazine! You can upload photos at:
http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=10935&pg=national_company&company_id=157305

There are other ways in which you can get involved as an individual partnering with the Alzheimer's Association locally.

Take a long drive; make stops at businesses who will donate a percentage of proceeds to your team. Ask friends and family to donate per mile driven!

Did your loved one have a passion for classic cars? Work on your car or visit a car museum. Ask friends and family to donate in honor of your loved one and the passion you share for cars!

Contact The local Alzheimer's Association for fundraising guidance and support with these individual efforts. Emily Gamble; Special Events Coordinator; Alzheimer's Association Miami Valley Chapter; 31 W. Whipp Rd. Dayton, OH 45459; egamble@alz.org; www.alz.org/dayton; direct 937-610-7008; 24/7 Helpline 1-800-272-3900.

Man Drives Stolen Car to Court to Answer Car-Theft Charges

Reese Counts

Stupidity exists on an endless spectrum. This boundless field can make it difficult to accurately measure just how half-witted someone or some act can be. There are people who don't wear a seatbelt or will text while driving. Those acts are stupid because they put people at risk of injury, be it yourself or others. There are also people like 25-year-old Jonathan Rivera. According to the *Associated Press*, Rivera showed up to court in Hartford, Conn., to answer a charge over a stolen car — and got there by driving a stolen car.

Rivera was charged with first-degree larceny and tampering with a motor vehicle. That theft occurred back in February. While Rivera was at court talking with a judge about that charge, parking officers were scanning license plates in the courthouse parking lot. They spotted a car that had been reported stolen, so officers waited for a driver to return. Police say Rivera was arrested as he tried to drive away.

Two new charges were added — second-degree larceny and taking a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. Maybe he's going for a hat trick, or, if he wants to keep things simple, steal a car straight from the courthouse parking lot.

Classifieds

For Sale: Cars owned by Bob Kraft. 1971 Black MG Convertible, Mileage 11,242, Suggested price \$3,500. 1972 Project SAAB, Mileage 91,630, Has windows that roll circular, rather than straight up and down horizontally! Suggested price \$1,200. Green Karman Ghia project car, tan interior. All prices are "or best offer". Respond to my email if interested. MAKIronsides@aol.com. P.S. Marilyn loves reading the minutes and sends her regards to everyone. (2/18)

For Sale: 1980 MGB . Green with tan interior and it is a driver and has always been garaged. Tires are 12 years old bought new, rust is very minimal on the undercarriage, top seems to be in pretty good shape and new battery. We have owned it since 2005. Interior has a slight tear on the driver's seat (previous owner had a screwdriver in his back pocket and forgot about it when he sat down). We are the 4th owner that we know of. I can mail color pictures on request. 49,000+ miles. \$7500. Tom Hawkins, (937) 239-4574 (Cell#) evenings only, or thawkins2@woh.rr.com. (3/18)

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.



Minutes from February Club Meeting

Sam Hodges

President Ron the Parks called the February meeting to order at 7:32 for the second time.

President Ron, "Thanks to Terry & Carole for putting together our Pub Run. We had 1 MG and 1 London Taxi. We also had about 15 people show up. When we get to activities, we'll have information about a March Pub Run."

Ron continued, "As for my personal winter project, I'd like to report that Skip has his MGA back together and is ready to start it for the first time... I'd like to report that, but... I've been waiting on a call from Skip To come help, but until that comes, I've been working on my MGB. The body is at Tom's Superior Body in Trotwood having the engine bay painted. I'm also replacing all of the external seals on the engine. Now that I'm not competing with an MG Magnette anymore, I might actually get it back before summer." Lois Gribler, "Don't count on it."

Ron, "Back at the November meeting, we had a bill for \$86.75 (as adjusted from Pounds) for membership renewal with the Mother MG Club." Skip Peterson motions to reimburse Ron. Lois Gribler seconds. MGCC approves the reimbursement. Ron, "That's good. I already paid it and have the check. I wanted to make a point that the bylaws require a club vote for expenditures over \$50. I suggest that we think about changing that limit to \$100." Skip, "We'd need to change the bylaws." Ron, "Probably, I was looking at them and there are some other things we might want to look at." Dave Johnson, "That's sad that you looked that closely at the bylaws."

Ron continues, "We're also re-upped with the NAMGAR. They've been updated with our new officers (two of which really aren't new). This month's MG Driver was largely dedicated to Ken Smith." At this point, the members of the MGCC shared various stories and memories of Ken. The real puzzle was trying to figure out the connection between Bill Hammond, Terry Hague and Ken Smith. We're all still confused about that one.

MG Trivia: Cecil Kimber won approval to build a sports car for the Lands End Rallye in 1925. Cecil dubbed this the first MG ever built.

Ron, "I've allowed 20-minutes for the Vice President's Report.

Vice President Dave Gribler. "I've got a lot of nothing. But I do have something tech tip-esque. Apparently the rear end of my MGC was allowed to run out of gear oil. It's a 3.07 gear that's like hens-teeth to find. The old ring gear was shot. (Dave passed around the chewed up gear from his car). The MGA is being a pain. Long story short, vacuum cleaners can be used to retrieve lost aluminum and brass parts that aren't receptive to magnets. By the way, do NOT drop the small brass bushing at the end of the shift nob into the transmission. In other news, there's new carpet in the MGB. We've also registered for both Gettysburg and Virginia." Jennifer Peterson, "Is this Terry's rear end we're passing around? Terry Looft, "My rear end is just fine." Ron, "Ed (Wolf), for future reference, THAT was a Vice President's Report." Skip, "Ouch! Ed, I never treated you like that."

Minutes were next on the agenda. Mike Edgerton motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Dave McCann Jr. (I just had 'Dave' in my notes, as if we only have one so I picked McCann) seconded. MGCC voted. Minutes approved.

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Lois Gribler, "It wasn't until I got the Minutes from last month that I realized it was you guys at the MGCC that were trying to sing happy birthday to me. Thank you! I thought it was my swim kids at first."
Terry Happensack, "Note, she didn't confuse us for a choir."

Ron, "I want to preface the Treasurer's Report with a change. Cheri's been getting a bunch of bogus emails trying to scam money." Cheri, "So, don't send me an email if you need anything reimbursed. Drop it in the mail, or bring it to the meeting." Cheri continued: The MGCC had total gains of: Membership Dues (\$28.00) for a total gain to the MGCC of \$28.00. We had total expenses of: Postage (\$21.00) + January Gumball (\$10.00) + Website Expenses (\$146.20) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$177.20. Monthly total gains when subtracted from losses means a loss to the MGCC of \$149.20. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$2,806.82 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,657.62 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$380.03. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$3,057.67. Skip Peterson motioned to accept the report as presented. Marcia Irvin seconded. Treasurer's Report approved by the MGCC as presented.

Carole Looft and Membership, Carole, "We currently have 74 members. That's it. Birthdays this month are: Carole Estell, Mimi and Nancy Edgerton who celebrated her 80th birthday. Mimi, "We can call her and wish her happy birthday!" Mike E., "At her age, she might have a stroke..." Mike then proceeds to call her..."

Newsletter editor Steve Markman, "Everyone who sent in the wedding pictures and the MGs in the snow pictures, thanks. That article on engines and gas was just because I wanted to know how the two came together. I talked with Marylyn Kraft. She's doing fine. She's glad that she gets the newsletter." Carole, "In February, the Newsletter mailing has gone up to \$.50."

Webmaster John Scocozzo, "I did turn on tracking and most hits are coming from the US, but we are getting a fair number of hits from China and Russia."

At this point, the MGCC devolved into various stories about various scams perpetrated on the members of the MGCC. Skip Tried selling some old camera equipment and got 5 scammers almost instantly. Terry Looft has several cashiers checks as wall art in his garage that are obvious scams. Cheri is still getting tons of email seeking money from accounts that look like legit MGCC members, but definitely aren't. Sam H. and his IRS.gov email address got scammed by someone claiming to be from the IRS threatening arrest if I didn't pay up.

The British Museum had a cataloging party for the MGA. They generated a list of all the parts that the MGA needs and now the Museum has some decisions to make. Are they going to restore the car, is it economically feasible to restore it or do they want to sell it?

Activities with Eddie. Eddie? Eddie's not here. Ron, "Do we want to talk about a March Pub Run? Is there any interest? We were at TJ Chumps on Dayton Yellow-Springs road. Any interest? Sunday March 18th?" After a quick discussion, Mark your calendars. Scheduled. March 18th at TJ Chumps. The annual Tune-Up clinic is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th, with the rain date the following Saturday, 21st.

Ed Konen (sp?) is the man in charge of Holiday at Home Parade participants. He's asking for the MGCC participation in the 2018 Holiday @ Home parade, Labor Day weekend. It's 1.5 miles. Skip, "Why don't we treat this as an MGCC event? I'll be glad to be the contact. I've got nothing else going on in September anyway." Jennifer P., "We went last year. They had every Corvette in Dayton in the parade. They do need something other than Corvettes." As a Secretarial aside (and Corvette owner), WHAT'S WRONG WITH CORVETTES!?

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Ron, "I got an email from Hemmings. They're having a Longest Day car show to benefit Alzheimer's research. Upload your car, then have people vote on your uploads. Check Hemmings for more information."

Beer brake motioned for at 8:15.

Back from break at 8:25.

Old Business. Charlie McCamey, "We don't have any."

Museum Business. Jeanie Smith, "We haven't been going, ask Mike." Mike E., "Nothing new."

New Business. Ron, "The MG V8 group is putting on their annual show and the National meet is going to be here in Dayton this year." Mike Maloney, "The meet will be July 11-15, primarily at the Holiday Inn on Colonel Glenn Hwy across from the Nutter Center. There should be between 50-70 MG V8's, most of them conversions..." Terry Looft, "At least one will be an original." Mike continued, "This meet's been going on about 20 years. It's allied to the British V8.org meet. The heart of the group are the Spurious MG club. This group is a bunch of performance car guys who've modified their MG's for the better. There are no officers, we just get together and hold the get togethers. We're planning a Wright Brothers Flying theme. Wednesday will be at Carillon Park. Thursday is a drive to Wilmington to Terry Looft's. Friday is a trip to D&D restorations and then a trip to Waco (Weaver) Field in Troy. Saturday will be open for everyone to do the Air Force Museum. We were also thinking of doing the Packard Museum and the Heritage Museum. Saturday night is the auction. Mark your calendars."

Dave Johnson, "Last year the Xenia _____ shelter (I missed it) had an auction with the proceeds going for battered women. It's an annual event and I made a donation for the auction but I wondered if the club wanted to put together a club donation for this year's auction?" Contact Dave for more information and to assist in making a donation.

Tech Tips. The MGCC had None. (See Dave's VP report above...)

For sale. Ron, "I've got used floor mats for an MGB. \$20? \$10? \$free?" Mike Maloney bought them for \$5. Ron would have taken \$0, but Mike insisted on paying \$5 for them.

Dale Katzfey won the Gumball Rallye.

Motion to adjourn made by Terry Looft. Seconded by Charlie McCamey. Meeting adjourned @ 8:37.

The logo for MiniMania, featuring the word "MiniMania" in a stylized, bold, sans-serif font. The "M" is particularly large and has a unique, jagged design.The logo for MG AUTOMOTIVE, with "MG" in a large, bold, blue font and "AUTOMOTIVE" in a smaller, bold, blue font below it.

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