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Hot Exhaust

Ron Parks

The weather! Well, let's talk about the weather. The rainy forecast caused us to fall back to our rain date for the Tune-Up Clinic. Which we hope worked out well, but we don't know for sure since the rain date is in the future, as I sit typing this. Oh well, hope folks will have gotten some work done on their MGs?

We completed our club's evaluation of the parts for the British Transportation Museum's MGA Coupe at our last work day at the Museum. The spreadsheet was updated with Y (usable) or N (not usable) designation indicating if a part needs to be replaced. And, we can thank teams of club members who evaluated parts and John Scocozzo for looking up the Moss part numbers and assigning costs to those items. The total cost to the Museum for those items that need to be replaced came to \$2,080.69. This would not be the total cost of parts needed for a restoration of the car. This cost is just for parts



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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, April 25, 2018

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Apr:

- 10 – Be Kind to Lawyers Day
- 21 – Rescheduled Tune-Up Clinic
- 25 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

May:

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

June:

- 1 – National Doughnut Day
- 27 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

present and does not include any body work and paint, maintenance parts or expendables such as tires, battery(s), tune-up parts, light bulbs, etc. There would be shipping costs as well and we would expect there would be some parts missing that we are not aware are missing. Also, we would expect some parts to be deemed unusable after they are cleaned up—seats and interior panels, for instance. Hopefully, this is enough information for the museum to determine the fate of the car. If they decide to go forward with the restoration and ask for further involvement from our club, then we would ask the club membership for discussion, a motion and a yea or nay vote for taking on this restoration project.

There's not much new to report regarding planning for the MG 2018 trip to Gettysburg. I plan to attempt to buy a quarter barrel of supplies to take with us to Gettysburg in the supplies trailer. Availability of the short quarter barrel that fits in the trailer is in doubt. If we cannot get the quarter barrel, I may choose to tow the trailer anyway and use it for a b@#r can cooler?

I picked up my MGB from the body shop this week just in time for us to go away for the weekend. I'll start bolting stuff back on next week. The engine bay looks great, see photos! Now the trick will be to get everything put back in without scratching the paint? Hope to have it back on the road in May?

Our meeting at the Rusty Bucket is on Wednesday April 25, 2018. Hope to see you then.



Tune-Up Clinic Rescheduled

In case you missed the e-mail and didn't look out your window last Saturday, the Tune-Up Clinic was cancelled and rescheduled for Saturday, April 21. Same location: MG Automotive on Wilmington Pike. Thanks in advance to Steve and Mimi for opening their shop to us and standing by with technical assistance for anyone wishing to work on their car. For the rest of us, there'll be plenty of coffee and donuts to enjoy while we chat and have a great get-together.

Proposed Change to the By-Laws

In accordance with the By-Laws, this proposed change was published in last month's *Octagon News*, then discussed at last month's meeting. Now we can vote on it, so please try to attend the next club meeting on April 25. In case you missed it in last month's newsletter, here is the existing section and the proposed change:

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.

Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

Larry Leese 2230 S. Patterson Blvd. #48 Dayton, Ohio 45409 (419) 494-1025 1953 MG TD	Dave & Kim Smittle 1714 County Road 20 Ada, Ohio 45810 (419) 230-8147 d-smittle@onu.edu 1947 MG TC 1958 Magnette ZB
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Queen Settles Britain's Great Scone Debate

Elizabeth Licata

For generations the people of Great Britain have been divided by a contentious issue: Which goes on a scone first, the jam or the cream? People have been eating scones with jam and cream since the 11th century, and they've probably been arguing about the topping order that whole time. Now a former royal chef reveals that at Buckingham Palace, the jam always goes first.



According to The Independent, the jam debate is especially fierce between Devon and Cornwall. People in Devon spread the cream on first, then add the jam. In Cornish cream tea, the jam goes first. The National Trust even had to issue a public apology earlier this month, after a Mother's Day ad in Cornwall showed scones with the cream on first, Devon-style. Some people in Cornwall were very upset about that, but it will probably make them feel better to hear that the queen herself takes her scones in the Cornish style, with the jam on first.

Former royal chef Darren McGrady broke the news on Twitter, saying that the jam always goes on first at royal tea parties. McGrady also specified that the jam was usually homemade from Balmoral when it was available. If the homemade jam ran out, the Queen ate Little Scarlet Strawberry Conserve from Tiptree with her scones and Earl Grey tea, which is one of her 10 favorite things to drink.

Editor's note : The "cream" in the above article is "clotted cream," sometimes called scalded, clouted, Devonshire or Cornish cream. It is a thick cream made by indirectly heating full-cream cow's milk using steam or a water bath and then leaving it in shallow pans to cool slowly. During this time, the cream content rises to the surface and forms "clots" or "clouts. Although its origin is uncertain, the cream's production is commonly associated with dairy farms in southwest England and in particular the counties of Devon and (especially) Cornwall. Clotted cream originally was made by farmers to reduce the amount of waste from their milk. It has become so deep-rooted in the culture of southwest Britain that it is part of the region's tourist attraction.

Submitted by Mike Edgerton

1932 MG J2 Discovered By Archaeologists!

Josh Mortensen

We've often talked about how discovering a barn find is like uncovering a little bit of history or in some ways it's like being an automotive archaeologist of sorts. Well, in the case of this 1932 MG J2 it really is auto archaeology as it was discovered buried in the ground at an old

military base on the Salisbury Plains of England. It was just recently uncovered by actual archaeologists who were surveying a World War II artillery position turned weapons dump site in preparation for new development at the base. While there isn't much left of the car, it's still sitting on its original wire wheels and even manages to support its own weight. Special thanks to reader Scott S for this tip!



can only assume someone was working on it and then for whatever reason, it was forgotten and eventually buried.

It's hard to know for sure what happened with it, but hopefully someone who trained at the base still is around and can shed a little light on this find!

Editor's note: This must be the season for finding buried antique cars, as I stumbled upon the follow article recently. Is this how unwanted cars are disposed of in Great Britain?

There's no word on what exactly will happen with this old MG. J2s are rather rare with just over 2k being built. Chances are it won't ever see the road again, but hopefully it ends up being preserved in a museum. While the archaeologists still aren't sure what the car's story is, they believe it was likely used by troops who were training at the base in the '60s. The drivetrain was found next to it, so we



Family Finds Mysterious 69-Year-Old Classic Car Buried in Yard

Gary Gastelu | Fox News

A British family renovating their new property on the Channel Island of Guernsey were shocked when they found a classic car buried in the yard. Tracy and Chris Ward were digging up a rock feature when they struck metal, and eventually exposed the rotted remains of a 69-year-old Daimler Consort. The Wards told SWNS that they first thought it was a tractor, but then discovered broken window glass,





red leather upholstery and a license plate.

The British luxury car was built from 1939 to 1953, and information gleaned from the artifacts indicates that this one was a 1949 model originally registered somewhere near Birmingham

They still have no idea how the car got there. The home was built in the 1950s or 1960s, but the area where the car was found was added to the property later. So far, they haven't had any luck getting in touch with the original owner's family to ask what

they know about it.

Since news of the find got out, they've had plenty of offers to help excavate the car. Consorts aren't particularly valuable, and there's no telling if the parts from this one are worth anything, but intact ones can sell for anywhere from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

New Presidential Limousine Set to Transport President This Summer

Gary Gastelu | Fox News

When Donald Trump took office last year, he also grabbed the keys to a car. A very old car. Several of them, actually. The latest presidential limousine fleet debuted on Barack Obama's first Inauguration Day in 2009. That had many observers expecting Trump to be presented on his with a new version of the so-called "Beast," which his predecessor described as "a Caddy, basically on a tank frame."



One was in the works as Trump made his first trip to the White House as president, it just wasn't ready yet. But Fox News has exclusively learned that its unveiling is just around the corner.

Prototypes of the Cadillac-branded state car wrapped in black and white camouflage (to hide their details from photographers) have been spotted being tested on public roads, and at least one of the dozen or so vehicles

that General Motors is set to build under a \$15.8 million contract is now with the U.S. Secret Service.

"We've completed our task and we've handed over the vehicle to the customer," Cadillac President Johann de Nysschen told Fox News. A spokeswoman for the U.S. Secret Service added that "the program to build and deploy the next generation of Presidential limousines is on track and on schedule — both in terms of vendor production and internal Secret Service post production requirements. The public can

expect to see the new vehicles put into operational use late summer of this year.”

The vehicle’s details are a closely kept national security secret, but the existing model is reportedly more of an armored truck than a luxury sedan and protected against ballistic, explosive and chemical weapons attacks. While obscured by the camouflage, the new one appears to have styling elements similar to Cadillac's flagship CT6 sedan.



One feature it almost certainly won’t share with the CT6 is Cadillac’s semi-autonomous Super Cruise system, which allows for hands-free driving on highways. Instead, it will always be driven by a highly trained agent skilled in defensive and evasive driving techniques.

Cadillac has built every presidential limousine since 1993 and didn’t face any known competition for this contract. Its American luxury counterparts, Lincoln and Chrysler, each told Fox News that they declined to submit bids this time around, but de Nysschen considers his company’s role helping to chauffeur the world’s most powerful man around the world an important association for the brand.

Classifieds

For Sale: 1978 MG Midget. New interior, new top, some parts replaced. Asking \$3,500. 937-329-4070. Ask for Bob or leave message. (3/18)

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 March Club Meeting

Sam Hodges

President Ron Parks called the meeting to order at 7:32 with authority...

President Ron Park, "We had 2 MGs show up at the Pub Run. Graham & Diane Cooper had their GT as well as a "strong patina'd" formerly raced MGB. It had a Nissan engine though..."

Pres. Parks continued, "My winter project. I got word from Tom that my MGB might get painted this week. Does anyone need the engine hoist? Its got to go somewhere. In the mail we received our membership card from the Mother Club. We're officially renewed."

Monthly Trivia: The last car off the Abingdon line was actually an Midget. Skip Peterson, "Was it a short MG?" Eddie, "Shouldn't they change that to vertically challenged?" Ron Continued, "By 1979, the MG lines had been merged and the factory was closing."

Vice President Dave Gribler, "Can I talk about projects too? I don't have anything else. I re-covered the dash on the MGA. I also had to pull the sensor and a few other things. While the radiator was out I realized that the steering rack hadn't been lubricated in years. The steering rack has a zerk fitting, but you have to use oil, not grease. Moss makes a mini gun for about \$35. I found a similar item at Granger for about \$13."

Minutes were next. Art Barnes motioned to accept the Minutes as published. Dave McCann, Sr. seconded the motion. Eddie Hill opposed as usual. MGCC voted and approved the Minutes as published.

Treasurer's Report was next. Ron, "My Grand Cayman account is looking pretty good. Treasurer Cheri Farrell continued: The MGCC had total gains of: Membership Dues (\$12.00) for a total gain to the MGCC of \$12.00. We had total expenses of: Postage (\$21.30) + February Gumball (\$10.00) + Dues to the Mother Club (\$86.75) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$118.05. Monthly total gains when subtracted from losses means a loss to the MGCC of \$106.05. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$2,657.62 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,551.57 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$380.06. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,941.63. Mike Edgerton motioned to accept the report as presented. Bob Farrell seconded. Treasurer's Report approved by the MGCC as presented

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "We're up to 75 members. We do have a new member. Larry Lees from Dayton who owns a 1953 MG TD. Birthdays this month: Nancy Edgerton on the 1st, Charlie McCamey on the 9th." Carole, "How old Are you Charlie?" Charlie, "Too old..." After some coaxing from the MGCC, Charlie, "86." Carole continued, "Rachel's is on 10th, Ron's on the 16th, and Linda Parks is on the 25th.

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman, "I've got nothing special." Jennifer Peterson, "It's March, it's grey, it's rainy..." Skip, "How about the Easter Bunny in MG's?" Jennifer, "I've got an Easter Bunny..." Skip, "Shhhh..."

Activities with Eddie was next. Eddie Hill, "First thing up is the Tune-Up Clinic on April 14th but I missed if it's at MG Automotive." Steve Miller, "No, it'll be at the Red Lobster on 725." Skip Peterson, "I've got to find the coffee pot in the garage. After that, then Mimi takes over and will make the coffee."

Mimi, "I start the coffee at 8:30. If you show up at 8:30, there will be no coffee." Rain date for the Tune-Up Clinic is the next Saturday, the 21st. Mimi, "Show up early and not only will there be no coffee, but you're cleaning toilets too. "I Skip, "Thanks to Steve & Mimi for doing this. We just drop off all the stuff and they make it happen."

Eddie continued, "There's a Cruise-in at the Hollywood Gaming and Casino on April 22nd. There are five classes of judging, Streetrod, Hotrod, Trucks, _____, and _____ (it wasn't British car or Corvette so I kinda zoned out). This is the one on Needmore And it runs from 12-4." Jennifer, "Give it up, We're done listening." Steve, Veris, "So this would be censorship?"

Eddie, in an attempt to finish his report, "May 19, is Brits in the Burg from 9-3. This is the old Second Street Market show that's been moved to Miamisburg. The end of June is MG 2018." Ron, "I've started planning Dayton-to-Gettysburg. We're going to take I-70 to Leesburg and then pick up 30." Terry Looft, "Are you going to find a gravel road too?"

Ron, "February 24th we had a British Museum parts meeting for the MGA. We went thru and marked 'Yes/No' as we catalogued the parts and surprisingly didn't have that many No's. Once we get the parts list and the Museum makes the decision if they want to restore it or not, then are we, the MGCC, willing to take on the restoration as a club? We're not there yet, but stay tuned."

Skip, "Ed Konen (sp?) is head of the Holiday @ Home Parade planning. They'd still like to have some MGs to break up the parade of Corvettes. Skip is the contact if you want to participate."

Ron, Steve and I got offers for an MG Tour in the Dolomites. The Italian Dolomites. As it turns out, there was also an offer for a tour at Silverstone, UK. Terry Looft, "I had to be asked to be removed from an MG group list in Australia after I realized I couldn't make it in time."

Ron, "Mid-Ohio, is having a charity cruise-in during the Honda Indy 200. It's being sponsored by Bobby Rahal. Individual tickets are \$625. A table of 8 is \$5,000."

Beer Break called at 7:58 by Terry Looft and Skip, almost as if they were the same person. Or really thirsty.

Back from Break at 8:10.

Old Business. Charlie McCamey, "There is no old business." Ron, "But there is. It's the change to the by-laws. It's changing the amount that we don't need to vote on and approve the expenditure from \$50 to



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\$100. We published it last month. This month we're talking about it. Can we vote on it now?" Skip & Dave Gribler, (Again, in unison) "Nope. Gotta wait one more month." Skip & Mike motioned to accept the aforementioned proposed amendment.

The MG V8 Gathering. Terry Looft, "We're going to come down to the shop in Wilmington, maybe give airplane rides and shop tours. There's a day trip planned to D&D Restoration as well as a bunch of other events."

New Business, Nothing? Going once, going twice? Sold!

Skip, "Duncan Oil sells ethanol free 93 octane in Tipp City. Contact Duncan Oil Co. if you're looking for ethanol free gas." Steve Veris, "How much? Do they accept Bitcoin?" Skip, "There's an article about some supplier trying to go back to pure gas." Steve Veris, "If that happens, we're going to have to eat a lot more corn." Steve Miller, "Alcohol is a problem. It'll eat your engine from the inside out. It'll rot seals and dry out hoses. E85 is about 25% less efficient than gasoline."

Ron, "Any other Tech Tips?"

For Sale. Bill Hunter, "I've got a brake set and a couple drums. The whole rear setup backing plates, cylinders ,etc. Contact me if you're interested."

Steve Markman, "Does anyone have a Jaguar? I have a set of Jaguar cufflinks that I won that have just been collecting dust." Mike E., "Donate them to the Concours for a silent auction item. We're featuring the XK-E this year."

Ron, "Other? Nothing..."

Linda McCann wins the Gumball Rallye after being picked by Dave McCann, Sr., her husband... Carole, "Is she going to actually get the money?" Terry Looft, "Now you can have that operation." Referencing Dave's arm being in a sling.

Mike E & Skip motion and second the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21.

The logo for MiniMania, featuring the word "MiniMania" in a stylized, bold, black font with a white outline. The letters are slightly slanted and have a jagged, energetic feel.The logo for MG AUTOMOTIVE, with "MG" in a large, bold, blue font and "AUTOMOTIVE" in a smaller, bold, blue font below it. The text is underlined.

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