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## Hot Exhaust

Ron Parks

We've finally had a few good MG driving days, 60s 70s and even into the 80s a time or two. Hope you were able to get yours out and drive it.

The British Transportation Museum had decided, prior to our April meeting, to keep the MGA Coupe and restore it to a show level, but not necessarily Concours quality. They had asked the MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre to take on the project to restore the car. It was suggested at our April meeting that the British Transportation Museum should be driving the project and telling the club what needs to be done. Therefore, as I am a member of the British Transportation Museum, it falls to me to drive this project. So, basically, nothing has changed regarding continuation of the MGA Coupe restoration project. I will continue documenting our progress and refining our parts spreadsheets. I plan to



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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, May 23, 2018**

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## Upcoming MGCC Events

### 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

### July:

- 4 – Fourth of July (duh!)
- 11-14 – MG V8 National Meet
- 25 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

*See meeting minutes for other area activities!!*

schedule a work day at the Museum on a Saturday early in June to kick off the project and establish some work guidelines and procedures for documenting the work being done. Following that work day, folks can come to the museum on any Monday 10:00am or later, to work on preparing parts on their own and documenting the fact that they have done so. A crew of museum members are there on Monday beginning at 10:00am. Saturdays would need to be scheduled with the Museum to make sure someone would be there to let us in the building.

I have ordered a Trip Tik from AAA for our trip to MG 2018 in Gettysburg. It's a pretty simple trip plan, as we will take I-70 to Breeze Wood, Pennsylvania where we will pick up US Route 30, the Lincoln Highway, for the rest our trip to Gettysburg. And, as you are familiar seeing in MG shop manuals, reverse the instructions for the return trip. If you plan to go, you most likely have made your reservations for our overnight stay(s) in Washington Pennsylvania at the Comfort Inn? When I can get out of the garage long enough, I will take our quarter barrel to Bonbright Distributors in Dayton to see if we can get it refilled. 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?

The engine is back in my MGB complete with the Overdrive Transmission. I'm still bolting stuff back on and will attempt to fire it up soon. I feel like I'm still on target to have it back on the road by the end of May? We'll see how that goes?

Our meeting at the Rusty Bucket is on Wednesday May 23, 2018. Hope to see you then.

## Welcome New Members

Carole Loft

None?



# Pictures from Tune-Up Clinic





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As you can see, not a whole lot of work was done.



O.K., a little bit of work got done!

Photos by Ron Parks and Steve Markman

Thanks again to Steve and Mimi at MG Automotive for hosting this year's Tune-Up Clinic

## Cake From Royal Wedding to be Auctioned

Adrian Hearn, Fox News

**F**ood fans can get a slice of royalty after cake from numerous weddings including William and Kate and Charles and Diana came up for auction. Five cakes slices from the most iconic royal weddings of the past 50 years will be going under the hammer.

A six-year old piece from the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton is expected to sell for £500 (about \$680). The slice of fruitcake, made by Fiona Cairns, is contained within a presentation tin that was given to guests and dignitaries at the April 29, 2011, wedding. It is accompanied by an enclosure card that reads, “With best wishes/ from/TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall/ in celebration of the wedding/ of/ TRH The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.”



A slice of cake from the legendary royal wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana on July 29, 1981 is also available. The cake contained in a white box with silver printing that reads “CD/ Buckingham Palace/ 29th July 1981” and wrapped in a paper doily comes with an original transmittal envelope to “Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Waite” with Queen Elizabeth’s royal stamp. The piece is estimated to sell for £800 (about \$1,088).

Julien’s Auctions will be auctioning the cake slices on June 23 at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino in Las Vegas and online at [juliensauctions.com](http://juliensauctions.com).

Other highlights include a royal wedding cake slice from the marriage of Prince Charles to Camilla on April 9, 2005 (estimate of £500), a slice of cake from the marriage of Prince Andrew to Sarah Ferguson held at Buckingham Palace on July 23, 1986 (estimate of £500), and a slice of royal wedding cake from the marriage of Princess Anne to Captain Mark Phillips on November 14, 1973 (estimate of £300, or about \$408).

Darren Julien, president and CEO of Julien’s Auctions, said: "Very few are invited to a royal wedding and having a slice of cake that was only given out to invited guests is the closest most could ever get. Anything associated with the royal family is highly collectible and sought after."

## Kim Jong Un’s Limousine is a Portable Potty in Disguise, Reports Say

Gary Gastelu Fox News

**N**orth Korean leader Kim Jong Un’s motorcade may not be as indestructible as President Trump’s fleet of bombproof “Beast” limousines, but it reportedly offers one feature the U.S. president has to live without: a traveling toilet.

A defector who served on the North Korean Guard Command told The Washington Post that Kim brings a secret restroom everywhere he goes, mostly a security measure meant to keep foreign intelligence operatives from collecting any of his excrement in an attempt to determine Kim’s state of health.



Other sources with knowledge of the procedure have previously told the Daily NK news outlet that regardless of whether his entourage is travelling by train, sedan or off-road vehicle, one of the vehicles always has a built-in toilet for Kim's private use, Autoblog reports.

"There are multiple vehicles within the convoy so that people cannot tell which one he is in, and there is a separate car that acts as his restroom," a source said.

Photos of the North Korean cars suggest they aren't quite as protective as the White House's heavily armored Cadillacs, as the windows wind down and the doors don't appear to be as thick.

Kim visited South Korea last week in a parade of similar armored Mercedes-Benz limousines, any one of which could have been the alleged comfort station. Analysts aren't even sure where North Korea got the cars from, let alone how they are equipped, as U.N. sanctions prevent the North Korean government from buying them directly from the automaker.

Former U.S. Secret Service agent Dan Bongino told Fox News that he witnessed over 50 heads of state being transported during his time protecting presidents and never heard of something like a limousine lavatory.

"If true, it really speaks to the paranoia of the North Korean regime," Bongino said.



## Classifieds

**For Sale:** 75 MG Midget. Car has set for many years but would make a good parts car. Located near Norwalk Ohio, asking \$500 or make offer. Ed Petersen, Cell 419-706-6281. (5/18)

**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](mailto: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)



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## Shakespeare Insult Generator!

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
artless	base-court	apple-john
bawdy	bat-fowling	baggage
beslubbering	beef-witted	barnacle
bootless	beetle-headed	bladder
churlish	boil-brained	boar-pig
cockered	clapper-clawed	bugbear
clouted	clay-brained	bum-bailey
craven	common-kissing	canker-blossom
currish	crook-pated	clack-dish
dankish	dismal-dreaming	clotpole
dissembling	dizzy-eyed	coxcomb
droning	doghearted	codpiece
errant	dread-bolted	death-token
fawning	earth-vexing	dewberry
fobbing	elf-skinned	flap-dragon
froward	fat-kidneyed	flax-wench
frothy	fen-sucked	flirt-gill
gleeking	flap-mouthed	foot-licker
goatish	fly-bitten	fustilarian
gorbellied	folly-fallen	giglet
impertinent	fool-born	gudgeon
infectious	full-gorged	haggard
jarring	guts-gripping	harpy
loggerheaded	half-faced	hedge-pig
lumpish	hasty-witted	horn-beast
mammering	hedge-born	hugger-mugger
mangled	hell-hated	jotthead
mewling	idle-headed	lewdster
paunchy	ill-breeding	lout
pribbling	ill-nurtured	maggot-pie
puking	knotty-pated	malt-worm
purty	milk-livered	mammet
qualling	motley-minded	measle
rank	onion-eyed	minnow
reeky	plume-plucked	miscreant
roguish	pottle-deep	moldwarp
ruttish	pos-marked	mumble-news
saucy	reeling-ripe	nut-hook
spleeny	rough-hewn	pigeon-egg
spongy	rude-growing	pignut
surly	rump-fed	puttock
tottering	shard-borne	pumpion
unmuzzled	sheep-biting	ratsbane
vain	spur-galled	scut
venomed	swag-bellied	skainsmate
villainous	tardy-gaited	strumpet
warped	tickle-brained	varlet
wayward	toad-spotted	vassal
weedy	unchin-snouted	whety-face
yeasty	weather-bitten	wagtail



Just take one word from Column 1, then Column 2, and then Column 3. And put some bitterness in the way you say it, with a nice scowl too.....and maybe some evil eyes, yeah....that will work! And if you have a sword, point that at them too!!!!



Cometh now, Ron, useth some of my literary gems to liven up their next meeting, lest thou be deemed a tottering, motley-minded moldwart!

# Minutes from April Club Meeting

Sam Hodges

President Ron called the April meeting to order at 7:31... First warning. Come to Dis-order!

President Ron Parks: "We got some items in the mail. Because we gave to the Food Bank, we got an envelope with an offer to give more. We also got a similar envelope from the Salvation Army. The other piece of mail we received was the renewal of our insurance Policy \$240." Ron called for a motion to approve renewal of the MG Insurance bill. Bonnie Hankey and Marcia Irvin move to approve the renewal. Eddie opposed. Ron to Treasurer Cheri Farrell, "Just do whatever you did last year..." (thereby making our change to the bylaws worthwhile). Cheri, "Ron, there should be more than this. Maybe an address" on was forthcoming with the rest of the information.

President Parks continued, "Thanks to Steve and Mimi for hosting the Annual Tune Up Clinic. As usual nothing got done, but the coffee went down and the doughnuts went away, so it wasn't a total loss." Terry Looft, "Have we figured out why the donuts were so late?" Eddie Hill, "Because I had a lot going on. The garage was getting painted." Terry, "People kept saying Eddie's late. I asked, 'why does that matter?' They said 'Eddie has the donuts.' WHERE'S EDDIE?!?" Eddie, "I didn't know you cared." Ron, "There were several cars in attendance, but few worked on anything." Terry, "there were 3 V-8s."

Ron, "I have my engine bay back. Actually it's the whole car. I'm working on the clutch, hydraulic and electric lines."

We have 2 members who are honored and distinguished. *MG Driver* has a list of members who've been members 25 years. Skip Peterson and Tony Shoviak. Steve Veris, "What about the rest of us?" (Someone from the front of the room), "It's 25-years a member of NAMGBR." Steve, "That's okay then..."

Trivia. October 23rd, 1980 was the last MG GT. The last roadster was an MGB Roadster.

Vice President's Report. V.P. Dave Gribler, "I don't have anything, but I do have show & tell. Before going to California, I checked the throttle stop and thought, 'hmm, that's loose and needs to be replaced.'" Lois Gribler, "But we drove it anyway." Dave continued, "With some help from Dr. Looft, I replaced the throttle stops. Turns out that the rear throttle stop was doing all the work, but once I replaced them I didn't have to touch a thing in the adjusters. I fired it up today and it seems to be running okay now. The Midget however has been driving me crazy. It would run for a few minutes, stop and not restart. After some real sleuthing, I think it's been narrowed down to black rotor button issues. I replaced the black rotor with a red rotor and it seems to be working fine now."

Minutes were next. Cheri Farrell motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Bonnie Hankey, John Scocozzo both seconded at the same time. MCCC voted\, Minutes approved. Eddie and Sam opposed.

Treasurer's Report was next. Treasurer Cheri Farrell: The MGCC had total gains of: Membership Dues (\$9.00) for a total gain to the MGCC of \$9.00. We had total expenses of: March Gumball (\$10.00) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$10.00. Monthly total gains when subtracted from losses means a loss to the MGCC of \$1.00. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$2,551.57 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,550.57 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has



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\$380.09. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,930.66. Eddie Hill motioned to accept the report. Charlie McCamey seconded. MGCC voted. Treasurer's Report approved. Eddie opposed...

Membership was next. Carole Looft, We have new members. "Dave & Kim Smittle (sp?) owners of an MG TC and a 1958 MG Magnette. That takes you to 76 members." Ron, I have a member to add. Tom Dworetsky. He owns an MGA that saying it needs restoration is a grave understatement." Carole, "Until he, or someone pays his dues, he doesn't count."

Birthdays this month: Linda McCann, Tim Dunham, Dave Estelle and Mike Maloney.

Sunshine Committee: Dave McCann Sr's shoulder was bothering him but otherwise, everyone seems to be doing well.

Webmaster John Scocozzo, "Nothing." Ron, "There are no action photos from the Tune Up Clinic since nothing got done."

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, "First thing on the calendar for May 19th is the 'Brits in the Burg' and an open house at the the British Museum of Transportation immediately afterwards. Early registration ends May 12th. The Oakwood show being chaired by Tim Dunham is also Saturday May 19th. "That Day in May" contact Tim if you'd like to attend. June is also MG 2018 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The MGA Meet will be in Richmond, Virginia the week before the Gettysburg show. The first Sunday in June is Perrysburg.

July 11-14 is the MG V8 National Meet being held here in Dayton this year. The Holiday Inn across from the Nutter Center will be the hub of activities. Best time to see the cars is late afternoon since they'll be out running around during the day."

Mike Edgerton, "The Mini Club and Triumph Club donated baskets for the silent auction. Do we, MGCC, as a club want to donate either a basket or \$50?" Nancy Edgerton, "I can put together the basket if the club donates the money." Diane Cooper motions to donate \$50 for a basket to be put together. Eddie seconded. Ron, "My first thought was to give away free memberships to get my numbers up." Terry, "I'll kick in another \$1 just to beat those Triumph Jerks." Ron, "Glad I'm not one of them..."

Beer Break called @ 7:57.

Back from Brake @ 8:12.

Ron, "Beer break was very productive for me. We picked up a new member. He doesn't own a Triumph, but he doesn't have an MG. He owns an Alfa Romeo. The Check's in the mail..."

Bonnie Hankey has a 1973 round wheel-arch MG Midget for sale.

Ron, "Speaking of which, do we want to think about a Spring Tour? Does anyone want to volunteer to do one? Is that Bob shaking his head yes?" Marcia Irvin, "When would we do one?" Eddie, "I think we should have one." Mike E., "Are you volunteering to plan it?"

Old Business. Ron P., "We had a proposed change to the bylaws that, if approved, would increase the amount that the Treasurer can write a check for without MGCC approval from \$50 to \$100." Ron proceeded to read the actual section of the bylaws that would be changed. Cheri Farrell, "What idiot wrote this?"

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Bob Farrell motions to accept the change to the bylaws. Terry Looft seconded. Terry, "I did?" Ron, "You held your hand up." Terry, "I didn't know this was an auction! What else have I bought?" MGCC voted.. Change to the bylaws approved. Terry Looft opposed. Eddie, "I keep saying, it's money, I can't oppose." Ron, "Carole will update the bylaws and hand out new copies to whomever needs them." Eddie, "So this is the second change to the bylaws in 2 years?"

New Business. President Parks, "We came up with a list of over \$2,000 worth of parts for the British Museum's MGA Coupe. I told the British Museum that we would put it to a vote of the MGCC if we wanted to take on restoration." Mike E., "The BTM would like the MGCC to keep supporting the BTM MGA Coupe project with one Saturday per month for a work day. Dave Gribler, "When I restored my MGA, I came up with a plan that made sure that I got everything bagged, tagged and put back together, and it worked. I gave that plan to Ron so it should work for the MGA Coupe. Doors would be different, but otherwise, it should work." Mike E., "We really just want the MGCC personnel to continue the work they've started. We've gotten a lot done so far and we'd like to keep the momentum rolling. We want to restore the car and we don't need the MGCC to make a formal commitment. Just that the members of the MGCC would be willing to continue their work." After a brief discussion, we all agreed that we could give one Saturday a month to help restore the car.

John Scocozzo. "On May 5th, we're thinking of doing a British Only Cars & Coffee. It's going to be next to Archer's on Dorothy Lane & Woodman. (You missed it.)

Ron Parks, "Any other Old Business? Charlie?" Charlie McCamey, "You didn't ask me earlier! You missed your chance!"

Ron, "Any Tech Tips?" Terry Looft, "Try to get up in the morning."

For Sale, Bonnie Hankey's 1973 Midget. Ron, "Terry Happensack could upgrade!" Terry Happensack, "I can't get rid of Pumpkin."

Ron, "Anything else for sale? Other?"

Ed Wolfe wins Gumball Rallye.

Motion to adjourn made by Bonnie Hankey. John Scocozzo seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:36.

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