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Summer is Almost Here
More Activity on the Way

Hot Exhaust

Ron Parks

Well, it promises to be nice and warm for our trips to GT43 in Richmond Virginia and MG 2018 in Gettysburg Pennsylvania. The anticipation is building as preparations are being made for the trip(s). My radiator is being painted and could be back in the B by the middle of next week. This is the last item to get the car back together and leaves just enough time to fire it up and take some test drives before setting out for Gettysburg. I'm sure many of you are checking out your MGs as well, making those last-minute adjustments and packing those tools and parts we anticipate needing, but hope we don't have to use on the road. This will be a fun adventure!

The MGA Coupe project is now on hold, with The British Transportation Museum's building situation unresolved. Plans for the restoration project that I talked about last month, regarding scheduling 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, June 27, 2018

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Upcoming MGCC Events

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

Aug:

- 4 – British Car Day
- 12 – Middle Child Day
- 22 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

work day at the Museum on a Saturday to kick off the project and establish some work guidelines and procedures for documenting the work being done, will still take place, just not sure when. Stay tuned.

Well, I did get out of the garage long enough to find that our quarter barrel that fits in the b@#r trailer is available from Heidleberg Distributing Company in Dayton. I will retrieve the trailer from the Looft garage this week and pickup the quarter barrel on Friday June 15th. And, we may have found a place in Gettysburg to refill it mid-week, if necessary.

It's not too soon for us to register for our own British Car Day to be held here in Dayton at Eastwood park on Saturday August 4th. You want that free t-shirt, so make sure you register before July 20th. I would be registering right now, had I not received the friendly reminder from our newsletter editor to get my input to him A.S.A.P. I'll register for BCD now.

Our meeting at the Rusty Bucket is on Wednesday June 27, 2018. Hope to see you then.

Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

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1961 MGA

Apology From Your Octagon News Editor

Steve Markman

I know I hound everyone to send articles and pictures. Someone sent photos from Brits in the Berg, and somehow I lost the email. Couldn't find it anywhere and don't recall who sent it. My apologies to whoever I offended, and a humble request to send them again. I'll be more careful this time...I promise.





RULE BRITANNIA

CONCOURS OF ELEGANCE

THE BRITISH ARE COMING TO MONTEREY CAR WEEK!

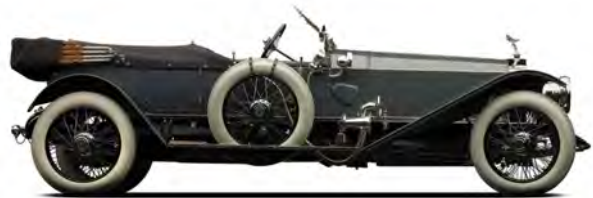
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018

10AM-5PM

LAGUNA SECA GOLF RANCH

Monterey, California – *The Rule Britannia Concours of Elegance – A Celebration of Fine British Automobiles*® is the latest addition to the calendar for Monterey Car Week and will debut at the Laguna Seca Golf Ranch on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An exclusive gala for British marques and their legion of admirers and enthusiasts, *Rule Britannia* is the first event on the Monterey Peninsula to focus on this important, but underserved community. In addition to almost 200 concours-level automobiles arrayed on the ninth and eighteenth fairways, there will also be a corral for club members to display their own vehicles.



This inaugural event will feature Jaguar as the honored marque and grant special recognition to the victor of the 1956 24 Hours of Le Mans, the iconic D-type from Ecurie Ecosse. Among the numerous attractions for attendees will be musical performances, cultural exhibits, seminars, and a wide array of gourmet foods.

A number of distinguished guests will be on hand to provide their own insights and perspectives on their favorites models and marques. According to William Hiland, the event's chairman, "An event for British automobiles is long overdue at Monterey and we hope to celebrate the best of Britain with a party that guests will return to year after year."

On display will be very rare and historically significant British automobiles, the cost to register your concours-level automobile is \$250. Registered cars will receive 2 admission tickets per car, 1 VIP swag bag with specialized gifts including an autographed copy of *Rule Britannia – When British Sports Cars Saved a Nation*, an award-winning volume, valued at \$90., from noted historian John Nikas and world-

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famous photographer Michael Furman. A special catered luncheon for 2 from one of Monterey's most celebrated chefs, a fine selection of sparkling wines, hors d'oeuvres, artisan cheeses, fine coffees and teas that can be enjoyed throughout the day.

For spectators seeking an upscale experience, a VIP package for \$175 per person will receive a complimentary swag bag with specialized gifts, reserved seating accommodations, a catered luncheon from one of Monterey's most celebrated chefs, a fine selection of sparkling wines, hors d'oeuvres, artisan cheeses, fine coffees and teas that can be enjoyed throughout the day. The first 100 guests to sign up will receive (one per couple) an autographed copy of *Rule Britannia – When British Sports Cars Saved a Nation*, an award-winning volume, valued at \$90., from noted historian John Nikas and world-famous photographer Michael Furman.

General admission tickets are \$75, which include admission and a program, along with a selection of wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres, artisan cheeses, fine coffees and teas that can be enjoyed throughout the day. Signature cocktails and an array of fine wines are available for purchase, as well as a wide variety of gourmet foods. Parking is free.

Please visit rulebritanniaconcours.com for details, updates and registration.

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Ron Parks and granddaughter Ada ride in the *That Day in May* parade in Oakwood. But what's he driving?

MG-X Motion Concept to Preview New SUV in Beijing

Autoweek

That MG storied marque still is exploring new segments in its new home.

The MG of the present is a bit ... unrecognizable, but the company is forging ahead into new segments and new powertrains. A year ago at the China auto show, the company wowed crowds with the MG E-Motion concept, previewing a luxury electric coupe set to enter production in 2020.

Due to break cover at the Beijing auto show in a matter of days will be another new segment entry for MG: The X-Motion concept will preview a large SUV. Slated to enter production later next year, the SUV will share its underpinnings with the Roewe RX8 SUV, which will enter production later this year. And if the MG version ends up sharing engines with its Roewe sibling, this could mean it will receive a turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder producing 221 hp and 266 lb-ft of torque.

Is the world ready for an electric MG?

MG, the former British automaker once known in the U.S. for its affordable sports cars, is not only alive and well, it's reportedly about to introduce something far more advanced than the last ...A production version of the X-Motion concept, previewed in these teaser photos, will certainly go on sale in China, but the bigger question may be whether it will go on sale in Europe. The X-Motion will join the compact ZS SUV, which entered production last year, aiming to become the volume model in the brand's lineup in the U.K.



MG has enjoyed a modest comeback in the U.K. following its sale to a Chinese consortium 12 years ago, but it is by no means a sales leader in the U.K. or elsewhere in Europe. As the Chinese domestic car market overtook all others a few years ago, most of MG and Roewe's growth has occurred in *that* market, and there's still plenty of room to grow -- China is far from having an auto ownership comparable to that of Europe.

Eating Dinner With the Queen? There are Two Rules You Must Follow

Kiersten Hickman *Taste of Home*



If I could have dinner with any human being, I would certainly pick Queen Elizabeth II. This monarch has ruled England for 66 years, and I can only imagine the type of stories that she would bring to the table. But if I were to feast with the Queen, there are two important rules that I would need to follow.

Rule #1: Don't sit before the Queen does:

If anyone is dining with the Queen (even during a huge reception, like Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding), you must follow the lead of the Queen when it comes to approaching the table. No one is allowed to sit until the Queen is settled into her seat.

Rule #2: You can only eat while she is eating:

The second rule follows suit with the first. Since everyone has to follow the queue of the Queen, that also applies to starting or finishing a meal. When the Queen starts eating, the rest of the dinner party is allowed to eat. But you better eat quick, because as soon as the Queen finishes, everyone else must finish as well.

The reality of royal dining:

Of course, if you forget to follow the rules, she won't get too offended. According to a story submitted to The Guardian by a former royal butler, one prince did just that.

"I was once on the Royal Yacht Britannia in the South Pacific and the Queen was hosting a dinner for a local prince," wrote Paul Burrell, the former royal butler.

"Dessert was served. The prince forgot to watch what the Queen did – instead, he popped the grapes into his finger bowl, then some cherries, then when the cream and sugar came out, he poured them in too, making a kind of fruit soup. I was standing behind the Queen looking horrified. He was about to raise the bowl to his lips to drink it when he looked at the Queen and realized he had made a terrible mistake. Not wanting to make him feel awkward, she picked up her finger bowl and took a sip. Now that's class."

\$300,000 McLaren Supercar Found Wrecked in Desert

Gary Gastelu Fox News

Police say seatbelts saved the lives of two people who crashed their \$300,000 supercar in the Nevada desert, but the vehicle's engineers deserve a fair share of the credit. The Nevada Highway Patrol found the totaled McLaren 720 about 70 yards off a road near Lake Mead last week, with damage suggesting that it had rolled at least once as it just missed falling down a ravine.

The 710 horsepower coupé is one of the quickest cars in the world, and has a top speed of 212 mph. It features a carbon fiber passenger cell, similar to a racecar's, that's designed to be both lightweight and extremely strong. Despite the massive impact, which left parts of the vehicle scattered around it, at least one of its butterfly-style doors still worked after the accident.

According to police, neither of the occupants was seriously injured. They weren't there when the car was discovered, however. After searching the area, police learned that they had gotten themselves to a nearby hospital to be treated for scrapes and bruises.

The car was apparently taking part in a cross-country exotic car rally, which is a gathering of supercar owners who stay in high-end hotels and hold parties at each stop along the way.

In YouTube video shot at the scene by Daily Driven Exotics, the driver of a Lamborghini Huracan who was taking part in the event says that he spoke to the McLaren passengers and that they were OK.



Editor's note – I warned everyone...send me stories and pictures about your MG or you get whatever exciting news I can find...

Fur-Covered VW Turns Heads, Wags Tail

Gary Gastelu Fox News



Forget fast and furious, a dog lover in England has built a fast and furry car. Limo company owner Justin Scrutton needed a beater to take his pooches to the park in, so he bought an old Volkswagen Golf for \$250 and spent about the same customizing it to make them feel right at home, by covering it in teddy bear fur.

Scrutton used spray-on glue to attach the material to every inch of the car's body,

and even turned the antenna into a tail. He told SWNS that he “was trying to sleep one night and for some crazy reason I thought ‘why not?’”

“It was just a bit of fun - that’s my attitude to life, have a laugh when you can.”

Scrutton said his dogs Lola and Cenzo appear to like it, that he always spots children pointing at it and others taking videos, which can be an issue sometimes.

“It’s actually quite unnerving when they drive right up behind you to get the best picture,” Scrutton said.

Nevertheless, he plans to make the car even more conspicuous in the future by adding a pair of big, floppy ears.



Classifieds

For Sale: MGB 1800 short block motor, bored .40 over, crankshaft ground .20 under, has been balanced and has less than 5000 miles. No head, but push rod/rocker arm assy. Included. \$400 - contact Brian Hellwig at 937-408-6925. (6/18)

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)

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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)

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Minutes from May Club Meeting

Sam Hodges

President Ron Parks called the May 2018 meeting of the MG Car Club Southwest Ohio Centre to order at a leisurely 7:34. President Ron Parks, "The main meeting of the MGCC SWOC will come to some sort of disorder..."

"We've got several pieces of mail. We got our invoice for the insurance company. They want to make sure that Five Rivers MetroParks is covered under our policy for BCD. We also got the usual mailings from Hospice and the Salvation Army with offers to donate. 'We can send a kid to camp for a small donation...!'"

President. Parks continued, "My winter project, the transmission in my MG, is in. Thank you Ed & Rick for suggesting a John Twist video. Speaking of which, I've currently got the MGCC engine hoist. It needs to go to a new home. Anyone need it? Next week I might be attempting to start it." John Scocozzo, "Is it a little premature to get rid of the engine hoist?" Ron, "Might be. Last week I had a scare. I replaced the plastic bushing because it was cracked, and then found out that they come with that crack. That's how they go on. After I got the shifter on, the transmission wouldn't go into 1st or 3rd." Terry Looft, "You should have heard him on the phone. 'Stop crying Ron'." Ron, "Turns out that the bushing had gotten jammed and was causing it to not go into gear. After some fiddling, it started working once it worked loose."

MG Trivia: There were 58 MG Berlinette Coupes built by Jacques Coune.

Vice President's Report. Vice President Dave Gribler: Officially, I got Nuthin' but I do have the projects. The MGC that came home 26 years ago in boxes, finally got rebuilt. However, it had this death rattle on startup so I took the rocker assembly apart and the oil guides were full of goo." Official term? Dave on tinted, "Hopefully once it's cleaned, it'll be fine." Terry Looft, "Think the camshaft survived?" Dave, "The oil comes up through the the cam and trickles down so it should be good."

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Minutes were next. President Parks, "There is one correction. I actually did pay Tom Dworsky's dues, so he counts in my member totals." Eddie Hill motions to accept the Minutes as reported. Mike Edgerton seconded. MGCC voted. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report was next. Treasurer Cheri Farrell: The MGCC had total gains of: Membership Dues (\$15.00) for a total gain to the MGCC of \$15.00. We had total expenses of: April Gumball (\$10.00) + Erie Insurance (BCD) Renewal (\$240.00) + Post Office Box Renewal (\$82.00) + Tune-Up Clinic Donuts (\$23.70) + Postage & Handling (\$22.84) + the Brits-in-the-Burg Gift Basket (\$50.00) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$428.54. Monthly total gains when subtracted from losses means a loss to the MGCC of \$413.54. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$2,550.57 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,137.03 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$380.12. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,517.15. Dave Johnson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Bob Farrell, in a somewhat sketchy move, seconded his wife's report. MGCC voted. Treasurer's Report approved.

Ron Parks continued, "Thanks to Nancy Edgerton for putting together the basket for the Brits-in-the-Burg show." Mike Edgerton, "It rained but we still had about 35-40 cars. We had some cars not show and others not registered that did show up."

Ron, "I did Tim Dunham's parade in Oakwood and THEN went to the Miamisburg show. I pulled up and was told I'd won since I was the only TR4 there."

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "We currently have 77 members, counting Tom Dworsky. Birthdays this month are: Mike Hirsch, Rosalie Orr, Mary Planeaux, Leeann Looft, Jeannie Smith, Chuck Irvin, and our other son Torrey Looft."

Sunshine Committee. Ron, "No reports of anything."

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman, "I wasn't able to make either event on May 17. Did anyone get pictures of either the parade in Oakwood or the show in Miamisburg?" Ron said he thinks he has some. If anyone has any, send them to me. "The newsletter next month will be a week earlier due to the group traveling to the events in Gettysburg and Virginia. Try to get submissions in early."

Webmaster John Scocozzo. "I've got pics from Steve for the Tune-Up Clinic. Those are up on the website. Otherwise, nothing."

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, "There's a Cars & Coffee this weekend (which is WAY over). Biscuits & Tea is also coming up June 16th. The Americana Festival is July 4th. Contact Steve Markman if you want a spot reserved. MG 2018 is coming up in Gettysburg, PA. Cincinnati BCD is July 8th. July 11th the MG-V8's will be at the Nutter Center Holiday Inn off Col. Glenn Hwy. Of course BCD is August 4th." Lois Gribler, "Skip sent MGADriver an article about the upcoming BCD. We got a whole page featuring BCD." Eddie, "Lastly, the annual Holiday @ Home Parade is Labor Day. As previously stated, they want MGs to participate to break up the hoard of Corvettes. Contact Skip if you want to participate."

Beer Brake called for at 7:59.

Back from Beer Break at 8:15.

Old Business. Ron, "Charlie?" Charlie McCamey, "I don't have any." Ron, "You sure?"

President Parks, "The MGA coupe project. The Museum has gotten an offer on the Building. They've been offered more than they paid for it. The company behind it wants to tear it down and use the land.

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The Museum is looking for a new building and exploring their options. Once they figure out what's going on, then we might be called on to help box up the parts for the move, if there is one."

Tech Tips. Ron, "Rick Shields came up to help with the Transmission. There was room for a finger between the crossmember and the transmission. A John Twist video solved the problem of how to get the nut on top of the cross member. My other tech tip is to look for a John Twist video before you start. Another tip that I've got is that I make a cardboard template for each project that holds the bolts and screws in the same position that they came out so that they go back into the same holes. That way, I make sure that if any bolts are different, then it goes back where it came from." Ed Wolfe, "What do you do with all the left over bolts?" Ron, "I've got a coffee can in the garage..."

Steve Markman, "If there's something you can't find on the Moss website, then give them a call and ask. I needed a new spare tire cover for my TD that I couldn't find on the website, regardless of the keywords I typed in. They gave me the part number, I typed it into the search box, and there it was! So, it always pays to call and ask."

Ed Wolfe. "My engine was leaking oil, bad." (Several comments from the Peanut Gallery along the lines of: So what's the problem?) Ed, "I found a kinked hose on the crankcase vent system and when I replaced that hose, it stopped leaking. It might be out of oil, but it's not leaking." Terry Looft, "The valve cover with that L vent has an orifice that allows a measured, metered amount of air into the engine. You don't need the hose, but you do need the port on the valve cover."

Lois Gribler, "Does it have to be car related? If you end or use Epipens, ask your doctor about a product called Adrenaclick. It's a lot cheaper than Epipens. Additionally, there's a new Shingles vaccine shot out that's 98% effective."

For Sale - Ron, "Everything's for sale. I've got an engine hoist for sale. It's in my truck..."
Jeannie Smith, "There's a museum for sale..."

Gumball Rallye was won by Eddie Hill.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Edgerton and seconded by Dar Planeaux.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:39.

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, blocky appearance.

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