

# THE OCTAGON NEWS



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Lots of Activity This Month  
 Newsletter Editor Happy 😊

## Hot Exhaust

Ron Parks

Well, traveling to Gettysburg was a fun adventure! And fortunately, most of those parts, tools and supplies we carried did not get used. We had a few mishaps, with Chuck and Marcia Irvin using their spare tire and Rick and Susan Shields' as well. The good news is that they now have two new tires and some peace of mind, learning that their MG wasn't really overheating. A new temperature sensor made the temperature gauge look a lot better. My overdrive was leaking oil all the way there and back. Added some oil the last day and made it home. We all got to Gettysburg, had a good time and results published elsewhere in this issue reflect our club's good showing at both MG 2018 and GT43!

As you may recall, British Car Day in Cleveland is on Saturday July 28, 2018, one week prior to our British Car Day here in Dayton. I plan to go as does Tony Shoviak and



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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, July 25, 2018**

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## Upcoming MGCC Events

### 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  
26 – Club picnic at the Loofts'

### Sep:

16 – Concours d'Elegance  
19 – Talk Like a Pirate Day  
26 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

*See meeting minutes for other area activities!!*

some or all his family with their stable of cars from Perrysburg. We are going there on Friday afternoon, July 27, 2018. Tony suggested we get together for dinner Friday evening. So, I have reserved the party room at Mavis Winkle's Irish Pub in Twinsburg for 6:30 pm. We have dined there several times with our daughter, Elizabeth and her family who live in Twinsburg and have enjoyed the good food and brews there. I will send some links in an email message later, but in the interim, search online for "British Car Day Cleveland." You'll find all the details there to register for the show and contact the host hotel. I made my reservation for one night at the host hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg. I plan to drive home Saturday after the show is over. My plan for Friday is to drive north on I-71 and be at the rest area just north of the Polaris exit (just north of Columbus at I-71 and I-270) around 2:00pm on Friday July 27, 2018. We can caravan from there with whoever shows up. This should give us plenty of time to get to Twinsburg, check in to the hotel and make it to our 6:30 pm dinner at the pub, that is less than a mile from the hotel. Should be a fun time! Hope you can Join us. We'll talk more about this at the meeting, which is at the Rusty Bucket is on Wednesday July 25, 2018. Hope to see you then.

## NAMGBR MG 2018

Dave Gribler

**B**rief comments made by Brian Woodhams, the MG Car Club Overseas Manager for North America concerning the centennial celebration for the MG marque. After doing some research they have determined that the first MGs were produced in 1923 and thus are planning for centennial celebration events from June 2023 through June 2024.

MG2019 will be held in Traverse City, MI June 23-27, 2019 The host hotel will be the Great Wolf Lodge.

### Car show winners:

Maya Shoviak - 1st MGB 65-67  
Ron Parks - 2nd MGB 73-74  
Terry Looft - 2nd MGB-GT Factory V8  
Leann Looft - 2nd MGB V6/V8 Conversion  
George Chase - 2nd MG Midget Chrome  
Terry Looft - 1st MG 1100/1300  
Lian Shoviak - 1st MGC-GT  
Carol Looft - 1st MGA  
Ryan Looft - 1st Other MG (MG Magnette)  
Lian Shoviak - 2nd Valve Cover Races



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NAMGBR Photos by Ron Parks





## NAMGAR GT-43 - Richmond VA June 13 - 16

Dave Gribler

- 50 1st Time Attendees
- 160 cars on the show field at GT-43
- Dayton BCD was among several local car shows promoted.
- Terry Looft won 1st in the MGB class with his MGB-GT Factory V8
- Dar Planeaux won 5th in the MGA 1500 wire wheel class in the first year competing in class after spending the last five years in the Premier class
- Ryan Looft won 1st place in the MG Magnette class
- Carol Looft won 1st place in the Premier class with her MGA 1600.
- Former SWOCMGCC members Jack and Donetta Bantle won 3rd place in the MGA 1600 non-wire wheel class.
- Dave Gribler was the 3rd place winner in Scarborough Faire's Name-The-Parts contest with 31 of 35 parts correctly identified
- Lois and Dave were the 3rd place winners in the GT-43 Seven Nickel Tour of Richmond Rally

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- Finally, Dave McCann Jr received NAMGAR's highest award, the Mac Spears Founder Award, for his many behind-the-scenes contributions to NAMGAR.
- NAMGAR GT-44 will be held in Dubuque IA, July 10-14 2019. Host hotel will be the historic Hotel Julien.
- The location and date for GT-46/MG2021, the next all-register meet will be held June 14-17, 2021 at Harrah's Atlantic City Resort



Magnette - Ryan Looft



Premier - Carole Looft



MGB/MGC - Terry Looft



## Americana Festival



John Scocozzo, Rick Shields, and Steve Markman braved the 90<sup>0</sup>+ temperature to show their cars. None of us won anything. I don't even recall what took the foreign car awards (no one was thinking straight by mid-afternoon), but at least it wasn't that Volkswagen Beetle again.

## June British Biscuits and Tea



## July British Biscuits and Tea



## Woman Accidentally Stole Car, Kept it for Two Weeks

Gary Gastelu Fox News

This is the wrong way to get an upgrade. An elderly Canadian woman inadvertently stole a car and kept it for two weeks in late June after mistaking it for the one she had just rented.

Cornwall police say she drove the rented black Nissan Sentra sedan to a nearby Walmart to pick up some groceries, but upon exiting the store she got into a black Infiniti QX50 luxury SUV parked nearby instead. Although made by the same parent company, the vehicles really aren't much alike.

Apparently, the Infiniti owner had left his key fob in the car, so the door opened and she was able to start it. Since the rental car used the same system she was none the wiser to the mix up and drove off on her merry way.

When the woman returned it days later – with a complaint about how it was messy and had golf clubs in the trunk – confusion ensued. Then the rental agent turned into an investigator and took her to retrace her steps, which first led them to the Walmart parking lot where they found the Nissan still parked. The agent then called the police to tell them what happened.



The woman swapped a Nissan Sentra sedan (top) for an Infiniti QX50 SUV (bottom) (Nissan/Infiniti)

Cornwall Constable Tommy McKay told the CBC: "My initial thought was, 'I'm going to have to find out where she got this vehicle from, or my God, how am I going to put cuffs on this elderly female.'"

Since the Infiniti owner had reported his car stolen, the police were able to track him down and return the car. Despite the inconvenience, he didn't press charges against the woman, and the police let her off with a laugh, posting the cautionary tale to Facebook with the closing line: "Folks, we just can't make this stuff up!"

Cornwall police did not reveal the identities of any of the parties involved in the comical caper.

## Teen Gets Head Stuck in Exhaust Pipe

Gary Gastelu Fox News

**A** Minnesota teen had an exhausting ordeal at a country music concert this past weekend when she got her head stuck in the tailpipe of a pickup truck. And, yes, alcohol was involved.

A Facebook video that's been viewed millions of times shows 19-year-old Kaitlin Strom sitting on the ground at the Winstock Music Festival with her head inside of an oversized diesel exhaust pipe, as emergency crews prepare to use a power saw to cut her free.

"We were just all having fun and I saw this big exhaust pipe and I was like, 'Hey, my head could probably fit in that, so I tried it. It did fit, but it didn't want to come back out,'" Strom told the Hutchinson Leader.



Minnesota firefighters use a power saw to free the girl who said she wanted to see if her head would fit inside.



Strom said she was trapped for about 45 minutes and just tried to stay calm before the fire department was able to get her out. She didn't say how much alcohol she consumed prior to the incident, but police cited her for underage drinking.

On the bright side, the pickup belonged to Tom Wold, who owns a custom truck building company, and he didn't ask her to cover the damage.

"I did not have to pay for anything like that, because he was absolutely wonderful," Strom said.

## Classifieds

**For Sale:** 72 MG Midget. Black with red interior. Recently rebuilt engine has only 600 miles. Mag wheels, wire wheels and tires to come with car. Lots of extra and new parts. Please call Marcia, 937-548-7099 for more details and cost. (7/18)

**For Sale:** 1978 MG Midget. New interior, new top, some parts replaced. Asking \$3,000. 937-253-9935. Ask for Bob or leave message. (7/18)

**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)

**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](mailto:srmarkman@att.net) or 937-886-9566.*

## Minutes from June Club Meeting

Sam Hodges

President Parks called the June meeting of the MGCC SWOC to order at 7:35.

Apparently, there was a prize at Gettysburg for the MG car club with the most participating, registered members. We just missed out even though, by some counts, we had more members than those sketchy looking Torontoans (Torontans? Toronto's? Tostitos?) from Canada. Kathy Goodman, "I think in the future we should decide how we want to register so that we don't get beat again."

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President Ron Parks, "We got some mail from the IRS about our annual filings... (... It's been taken care of... [/s/ Secretary]).

The MGCC then spent the next 15-20 minutes telling various stories about the trip to Gettysburg.

Vice President's Report. Dave Gribler. "Last month I told you about the MGC making a terrible racket. Well, I found the problem. Turns out it was a spun bearing. Let's just hope there wasn't any damage done to the camshaft." Lois Gribler, "On the way back from Virginia, we actually put the top up." The MGCC collectively shuddered, as that is quite possibly one of the signs of the end of days - the Griblers weren't driving around topless!



Minutes were next. Art Barnes motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Terry Looft seconded the motion. MGCC voted. Minutes approved as reported.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Cheri Farrell: The MGCC had total gains of: Squat. Niall, Zilch. Nada for a total gain to the MGCC of \$0.00. We had total expenses of: May 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 \$10.00. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$2,137.03 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,127.03 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$380.15. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,507.18. Skip Peterson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Marcia Irvin seconded the report. MGCC voted. Treasurer's Report approved.

President Ron, "Since there's no income, I'm guessing no new members?"  
Membership Chair Carole Looft, "No new members. Stuck on 77."

Birthdays this month include: Steve Veris, Eileen Wolf, Cheri Farrell, Bonnie Hankey, and Kathy Goodman. (As I proofread this, I notice Sam missed my birthday. I'm sure there are others...Apologies to anyone else HE missed. /s/ the Other Secretary) Ed Wolf, "Carole, if you could have reminded me about my wife's birthday before her birthday, that would have been good."

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman is not in attendance. (*Editor's note – unplanned last-minute babysitting duties caused me to miss the meeting.*)

Website Editor John Scocozzo, "Pictures are up on the website from various events."

Activities with Eddie. Cincinnati BCD is July 8. The MG V-8 National gathering is in town as well the week of July 9th. August 4th is our very own BCD." Skip Peterson, "Who's interested in participating in the Holiday at Home, Labor Day parade?" The event organizers apparently want to have some variety other than the local Jeep club and every Corvette that isn't currently being stored for its future owner. Skip, "The parade goes from 10-12pm on Labor Day. Not that big of a deal." Sam Hodges, "Can I bring my Corvette?" Contact Skip If you'd like to participate.

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Ron, having regained partial control, continued. "The Cleveland British car show is coming up. There's a host hotel in Twinsburg. Tony Shoviak is going. Graham is also planning on going. The show will be July 28th." Contact Ron Parks for more information.

Beer Break called at 7:55.

Back from Brake at 8:14. - I've been intentionally misspelling one of the "breaks/brakes" for the to/from for years. My wife finally noticed... (But I did notice my birthday missing...)

Old Business. Charlie McCamey, "There isn't any." Skip, "Someday we're going to say that about you, Ron."

Ron, "Any news from the British Museum?" Jeanie Smith, "Miller Valentine offered us basically twice what we paid for the building. Then, before we could answer, they came back and almost doubled that offer." MGCC, "SOLD!" Jeannie continued, "Apparently they're building a hotel right across the street. They really only want the property. Obviously, we're working on finding a new building. They're (Miller Valentine) is helping us look at some buildings."

Pres. Parks. "New Business. I cede the floor to Rich Miller. Rich, "We lost our son 10-years ago to hemophilia. Ever since then, we've been very active with the Hemophilia Society. As a result, they renamed their annual golf outing in honor of him in his name. Therefore, I'm locked in for life. If you want to take part in this year's golf outing, contact me, (Rich Miller)."

Ron, "Other new business. Dave Gribler has some results for us." Dave Gribler, "NAMGAR GT43 was 2-weeks ago. At the event, 'coming events' was announced at and our BCD 2018 was promoted. GT 44 will be in Dubuque, Iowa, at the Hotel Julian. Mark your calendars. MG 2021, the next All-MG meet will be June 14-17, 2021 at Harrah's Atlantic City.

Anyway, as for results. At GT43 in Richmond, Lois & Dave placed 3rd in the road rally. Terry Looft took 1st in MG V8, Dar Planeaux took 5th in MGA 1500 Wire Wheel And with that, his car is finally sprung from Premier Class jail. Former MGCC SWOC member, and current Virginia resident Jack Bantle took 3rd in 1600 Non-Wire Wheel. 1st place in Magnette went to Ryan Looft. Carole Looft won in the Premier. For the next 3-years she's in Premier emeritus. Once you win premier you're in purgatory for the next 5-years. Dave McCann Jr. was awarded the Mac Spears Founders award. Named after one of the founding members, it's been given out 15 times. John Twist, Dave & Lois Gribler are former recipients. Dave spends a lot of time behind the scenes helping out with MG related stuff."

Back to the awards, Dave, "In Gettysburg, Mia Shoviak took 1st place with their 1965 MGB. Ron Parks took 2nd place with his MGB. Terry Looft took 2nd place in MGB Factory V8. Leann Looft took 2nd in MG V6/V8 Modified class. George Chase, a Cincinnati based MGCC member took 2nd in class with his Midget. 1100 class was



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won by Terry Looft (There was one 1100 in

attendance)." Kathy Goodman, "Terry towed that 1100 for 1200 miles behind the V8." Terry Looft, "...and I'll never do it again." In MGA Carole Looft won over 13 cars. Ryan Looft's Magnette won the 'Other' class. MG 2019 will be in Traverse City, Michigan, June 23-26, 2019 at the Great Wolf Lodge. Mark your calendar."

Tech Tips. Ron, "Anyone have anything on tires? Chuck?" Chuck Irvin. "I had to put on 2 new tires & tubes in Gettysburg. It was traced back to cheap tubes."

Ron, "How do you get the top to stop leaking?" Peanut Gallery, "Don't drive at the rain."

Terry Looft, "There's a low tac, easy clean release duct tape that I use on my sunroof when I know I'm going to go through rain. It peels cleanly and is basically a one-time use item."

John Scocozzo, "I learned there are two circuits for the brake lights. A left and a right circuit. I chased the gremlin throughout the car only to discover that there are actually 2 separate wires." Charlie McCamey, "When I get the car out of storage, I roll the fuses to clean that layer of oxidation that builds up."

Chuck Irvin, "When I had the inner tubes put on, apparently, I wanted to make sure that the rim bands weren't causing a problem. The tire shop wrapped the Dayton Wire wheels with Gorilla tape to protect the tubes from the spokes. Made it all the way home without any further issues and the car is still sitting on them.

The 2018 MGCC Summer Picnic will be Sunday, August 26th at the Loofts.

Dar Planeaux wins the Gumball Rallye

Meeting adjourned 8:50.

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, hand-drawn appearance.

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