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MG Club Picnic – Sunday August 26
British Car Day Winners and Pictures

Hot Exhaust

Ron Parks

As it turned out, only two members of our club made it to the Cleveland British Car Day. Tony and Janet Shoviak were there as was Jeff Fields. I was all set to go, then disaster struck. I spent a good part of the day Thursday July 26th, cleaning and waxing the Triumph and had it looking good! I was packed and ready to go the next day. Then, Linda fixed one of my favorite summertime meals for supper, corn on the cob and beer batter fried zucchini & summer squash. After supper I went to the barn to do some things and Linda was frying some more squash to put in the freezer to have later. Oil dripped down the side of the pan and into the burner on the stove catching fire. This has happened before, and Linda has always been able to smother the fire out with a pan lid or bowl. Neither worked this time. She yelled to me that the kitchen was on fire! I ran into the garage, grabbed the closest fire extinguisher, a small one time use one that I keep in the



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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, August 22, 2018

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Upcoming MGCC Events

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

Oct:

- 2 – Name Your Car Day
- 24 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

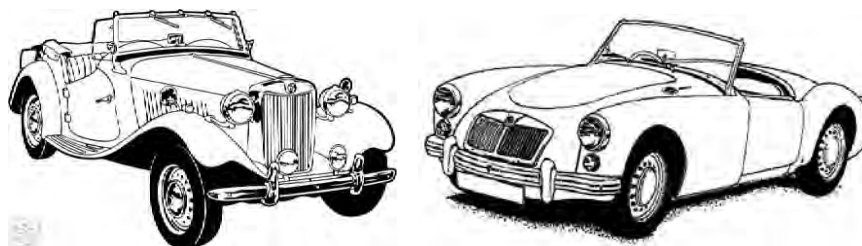
cars. Ran into the kitchen and saw a fire I perceived to be beyond a fire extinguisher, asked if Linda had called 911, she hadn't, so I did, then grabbed our important papers and some valuables and ran out of the house. We saw smoke coming out of the roof and thought the fire was in the attic. Called 911 again and was told they were on their way. I remembered that I had a bigger fire extinguisher in the garage, retrieved it and was able to put out the fire on the stove and the cabinets above. However, by this time black smoke had traveled throughout the house. Everything smelled like smoke. When the firemen arrived, they checked in the wall behind the stove and in the attic for flames, heat and smoke. There was none. The smoke we had seen coming out the roof was venting through the old exhaust fan vent. The kitchen is damaged heavily, all our clothing and draperies are being cleaned off-site, the house and furniture have been cleaned, furnace ducts are soon to be cleaned, re-construction of the kitchen will start in a couple of weeks; while we stand by at the Hampton Inn. Through it all we're still thankful that no one was hurt!

Our British Car Day in Dayton was much better for us, especially since my Triumph was already clean and ready to go to the show! The MG is still down, but the

transmission leaks that dogged me all the way to Get-tysburg and back are fixed. Will start putting it back together when I return from fishing trip in Canada.

Piling onto what Skip Peterson expressed in his email message to you, thank you so much to all of you who helped with British Car Day 2018. Your help is much appreciated! This thing doesn't just happen on its own! This is truly a team effort for both clubs who put on this show. We run the best concession stand of any car show I have ever been too, most of which have over priced food. Ours is very reasonably priced, is served expeditiously and is probably one of the main reasons British Car Day Dayton enjoys the good reputation it does, around the British Car community. And the Triumph Club runs a well-oiled machine to handle registration and t-shirt sales and vote counting! Great job everyone! And, we'll probably do it again next year, although we most likely will have to raise the price for registration, which we have not done in a long time. That said, we will still be one of the best bargains among British car shows.

The next meeting is at the Rusty Bucket on Wednesday August 22, 2018. Hope to see you then.



MG Club Picnic – Sunday August 26

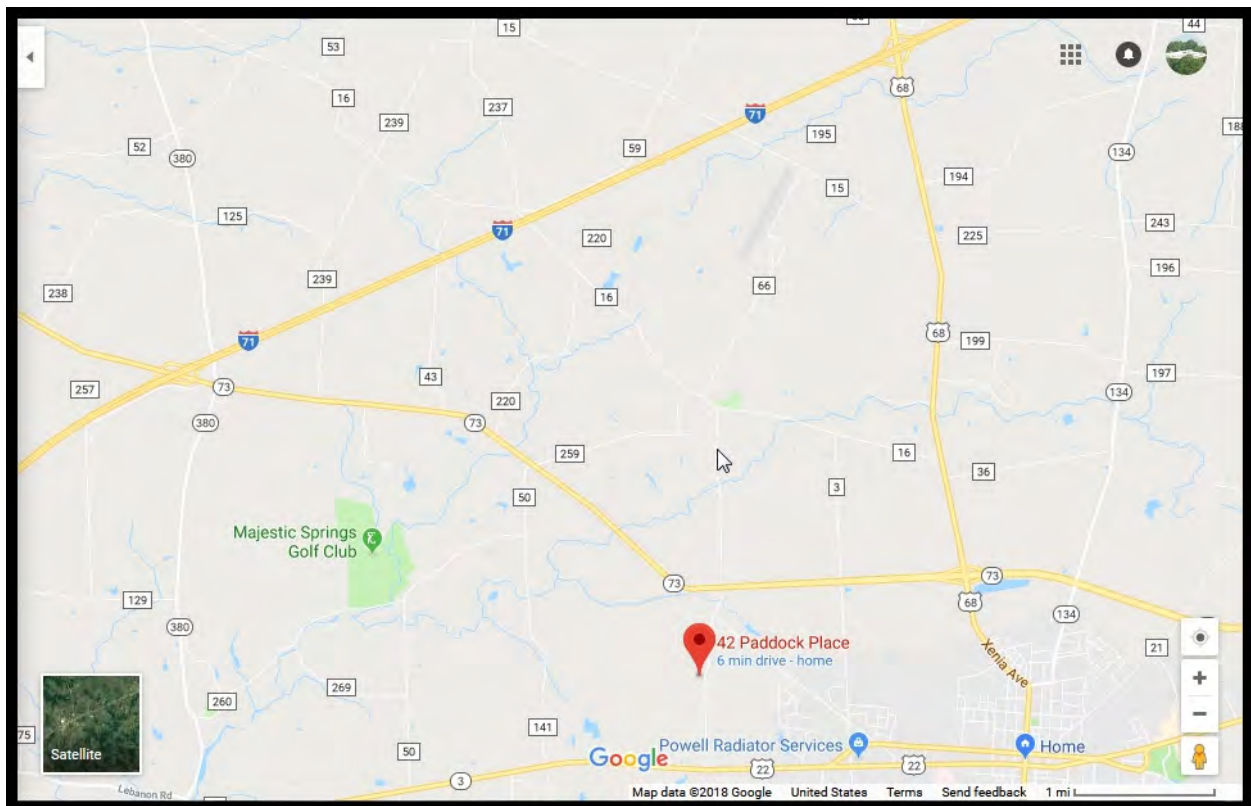
Terry & Carole Looft

The MG club picnic will be held in Wilmington, OH this year at the home of Terry and Carole Looft, 42 Paddock Place – Wilmington, OH 45177, at 2:00 PM. We are hoping that you will be able to drive your MG to the picnic, as we are planning a group picture of all the cars in attendance. MG's will be parked in the back yard, so follow the signs.

As always, if you could bring a covered dish to share with everyone, everything else will be provided.

Plan on arriving around 2:00 PM and staying as long as you would like. Easy directions. From SR 73, go south on Mitchell Rd, then right on Paddock Place. It'll be the first house on your right. A map is included below. Call (937) 527-7353 (Terry's cell) if you have any questions.

Hope to see everyone there.



2018 British Car Day Winners

Skip Peterson

255 cars registered

MGT

1. Steve Markman, 1950
MG TD
AE. George Smith

MGA

1. Carole Looft, 1960
MGA

MGB 63-67

1. Maya Shoviak, 1966
MGB
AE. Brian Hajek
AE. Bill Hunter

MGB 68-74

1. Steve Howard, 1968
MGB
AE. Skip Peterson
AE. Bob Cook
AE. Dane Petrie

MGB GT

1. John Smith, 1972 MGB
GT
AE. Scott Croxford
AE. Thomas Smith

MGC

1. Bill Greenwood, 1969
MGC
GT

MGB '75-'80

1. Eddie Cole, 1980 MBG
LE
AE. Kathy Goodman
AE. Elvin Davis
AE. Charley McCamey

Midget

1. Brian Helwig, 1974 MG
Midget

TR 2 & 3

1. John Coutant, 1959
TR3A
AE. Connie Brociers
AE. Lou Metelko
AE. John Goode
AE. Roy Owens

TR 4

1. Tonda Macy, 1961 TR4
AE. Ron Parks
AE. Doug Roberts

TR 250

1. Tim Moore, 1968 TR
250

TR 6 '67-'72

1. Steve Broerman, 1972
TR6
AE. Richard McKinley

TR 6 '73-'76

1. Vic Snively, 1975 TR6
AE. John Smith
AE. Henry Buck
AE. Herbert Puls
AE. Rick Pardini

TR 7 & 8

1. John Clifford, 1976 TR7
AE. Patti Clifford

Stag

1. Ted Allison

Spitfire I-II-III

1. Ron Wheeler, 1966
Spitfire Mk. II

Spitfire IV

1. Chris Timpone, 1972
Spitfire Mk. IV

Spitfire 1500

1. LeMayne Nesbitt, 1977
Spitfire 1500

Spitfire '78-'80

1. Jeff Pearce 1979 Spitfire

GT 6

1. no entries

Jaguar XK

1. Rich Frantz, 1954
Jaguar XK
AE. Richard Davis

Jaguar XKE

1. Rich Compton, 1966
Jaguar E-type
AE. Steve Locker

Jaguar XJ/Sedans

1. Turk Logan, 2000
Jaguar XJS
AE. Stanley Morganthal

Austin Healey 100

1. Greg Sipe, 1955 Austin
Healey 100-4

Austin Healey 300

1. Casey Beasley
AE. John Steck
AE. Jerry Spurlock

Austin Healey Sprite

1. Joe Damigo, 1960 Sprite
AE. Allan Burtiss

Land Rover

1. Steve Kremer, 1975
Land Rover

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Classic Mini

1. Lou Alvino, 1969 Mini
AE. Greg Lejera
AE. Paul Streiby

New Mini

1. Mike Burdine, 2015
MINI

Sunbeam Alpine

1. Robert Thopmson, 1967
Alpine
AE. Jean Webb

Sunbeam Tiger

1. John Engle, 1967 Tiger

Aston Martin

1. Andy Manganaro, 2009
Aston Martin

Lotus

1. Steve Veris, 1970 Europa

Open Class thru 1965

1. Ryan Looft, 1958 MG
Magnette ZB
AE. Mike Hickman

Open Class '66 and later

1. Thomas Smith, 1980
Rover

British Conversions

1. Mike Moor, 1973 MGB
BRC
AE. Leeann Looft
AE. Jim Miller

European Open

1. Curtis Hayes, 1972 Opel
GT

Motorcycles

1. Terry Looft, 1971
Triumph Bonneville TR120

Diamond in the Rough

1. Jeff Wittenben, 1962
Austin Healey Sprite

Taj Ma Garaj Most Unique Vehicle

Dan Badger, Reliant Robin

Premier Class

1. John Rindfuss, 1955
Sunbeam Alpine
AE. Pete Melville
AE. Steve Powell
AE. Lian Shoviak
AE. George Chase
AE. Dana Springer
AE. Mark Macy

Best of Show

Tonda Macy, 1961
Triumph TR4

Longest Drive

Charles Olson, 756 Miles,
from Ontario

Rangers Choice

Mike Steele, Triumph TR3

Pictures From British Car Day

Photos by Steve Markman



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A not-so-nice ending to an otherwise beautiful day.

Thanks to Skip and Jennifer Peterson and all the volunteers for making this another great BCD!!

Saudi women, Free to Drive, Kickstart Harley-Davidson Bike chapter

Hollie McKay | Fox News

R IYADH, Saudi Arabia – In a bit more than a month since women in Saudi Arabia won the historic right to drive, a group of them is headed out on the road on not four wheels, but two.

“We have been waiting a lifetime for this,” said Aliya, an enthusiastic 23-year-old student from Jeddah who is set on motorcycling. “Always watching my brothers ride. Now they’re teaching me.”

It is a welcome sight for all the all-male staff at the prominent motorcycle store, who say they can’t wait to see women revving and rolling through the Riyadh streets.

“This is for sure going to be growing, we already have had a large number of ladies asking about the training and asking to get a bike,” said Marwan Al-Mutlaq, trading manager at the Harley-Davidson Saudi flagship. “And we have already established the ‘Ladies of Harley’ Riyadh chapter, so they can go on their own group rides too.”



The chapter opened with eight founding female members - but they anticipate that number will soon burgeon. In preparation, the store has acquired a selection of protective gear and female-specific clothes, along with marketing posters featuring women alongside men on motorcycles, resembling any such retail location one might see in the West.

“We have the basic gear for women - armored jackets, helmets, gloves, boots and accessories,” Al-Mutlaq added. “But we expect there will be a growing interest, and we will get a bigger range as more women learn to ride. The most important thing for now, is women learning to ride.”

Saudi women are slowly amassing those needed motorcycle skills through weekly gatherings at the Bikers Skills Institute. Set inside a racetrack on the periphery of the capital city center, and under the instruction of an experienced rider originally from the Ukraine, an all-female riding class convenes on Wednesday nights.

Dressed in their safety vests and form-fitting jeans, the women practice everything from gear shifts to quick stops, cone-weaving and U-turns, in a comprehensive program that costs around \$400.

The ladies' motorcycle lessons started in February in the buildup for the new measure, and has attracted

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modest groups of eager females. Meanwhile, other women riders told Fox News they have already acquired their two-wheeling skills in the West, or in neighboring Arab countries like Bahrain, Dubai and Jordan.

“Most men are actually excited to see a woman driving here, and riding a motorcycle is the next step,” noted Harley’s male riding trainer, Mohammed, emphasizing they have an “assimilation” booth set up in-store where women are welcome to explore.



The lifting of the female driving prohibition, announced in September last year and implemented on June 24, is part of a sweeping litany of reforms by the ambitious young Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salam, designed to bring the genders closer to equality - and squash the nation’s undercurrent of religious extremism.

Some of the initial euphoria of the new-found freedom was eclipsed by a swell of arrests of women activists who had long lobbied to lift the draconian driving ban just prior to it coming into effect. And even though the Kingdom’s females are finally inching closer to finding their freedom behind the wheel – or the throttle – several roadblocks still stand in the way.

Women remain bound by guardianship laws requiring male permission to obtain a license. And the standard dress code of a long flowing abaya is both impractical and inherently dangerous for motorcycle riding.

But for now, the young men of Riyadh’s Harley store say it’s only a matter of time before all the kinks are ironed out.

“I will support women to ride in any way I can. I’m supporting my girl, she has already done the training and is constantly practicing and taking courses to get better,” Al-Mutlaq boasted of his 19-year-old girlfriend. “She wants an aggressive bike – she is planning on getting the Fat Boy.”

Classifieds

For Sale: 1953 MGTD in very good condition. Total brake system replaced in June. New tune and all fluids replaced. \$16,900 or best offer. Photos on request. 937-299-5453. (8/18)

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)

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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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Minutes from July Club Meeting

Sam Hodges

The July meeting of the MGCC was called to order at 7:32. Since the recording Secretary was absent, the Jr. Vice Secretary was present and took the notes. All of the lies, half-truths and fabrications you're about to read, are technically, hearsay and not admissible in a court of law...

President Ron Parks, "We received the latest issue of Safety Fast. It's up for grabs. We also received mail from the British Motor Trade Association. We got our monthly greetings from the Food Bank and the Salvation Army. We don't have any donation, but maybe next month."

Ron continued, "MG Trivia. The MG EX205 was the first attempt at replacing the MGA. It was built in 1958. Originally it was heavy but it was curvy and sort of Aston Martin like."

Vice President's Report was next. Vice President Dave Gribler, "I've got something for show-n-tell." Dave then proceeded to pass around the spun bearing from his MGC. Dave continued, "This year's MGC Register meeting was held in Pittsburgh, July 13-16. They also held the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix in conjunction with the event. There were approximately 3,000 cars on the show field covering a variety of classes.

Dave continued, "On the way back home, the car started sounding, 'not quite right.' Turns out that it was the head gasket. On a positive note, we did win 1st pace in 'Other British'. It didn't hurt that everyone else was in an MGC and we took our MGA."

Next on the agenda were Minutes. Ed Hill motioned to approve the Minutes as reported. Graham Cooper seconded. Minutes proved as reported.

Treasurer's Report was next. 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: June Gumball (\$10.00) + Postage (\$10.00) + Beer for the Convention (\$28.79) + Donuts for Tune-Up Clinic (\$12.94) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$61.73. Monthly total gains when subtracted from losses means a loss to the MGCC of \$61.73. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$2,127.03 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,065.30 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$380.18. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,445.48. Skip Peterson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Lois Gribler seconded the report. MGCC voted. Treasurer's Report approved.

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Membership was next. Carole Looft, "We have a new member. Larry Leese "Larry owns a 1953 MG TD that he bought in Chicago.

Birthdays this month: Skip Peterson, John Scocozzo, Phil Johnson, Dave Johnson, Helen Markman, Joanne Gribler, and Bob Farrell. Skip, "Carole, how did you get all these birthdays?" President Parks, "Court records." Carole, "A website... But it's defunct now." Skip, "Ah, the dark web."

Sunshine Committee was next. Dave McCann, Sr. was able to get into Dave Jr's yellow MGB for the first time.

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman, "Thanks for all the pictures. Terry/Carole: Just out of curiosity, how many newsletters are we now printing and mailing?" Terry replied: "There were only 18 newsletters printed and sent thereby saving the MGCC money."

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, There's a car show in Cleveland this weekend (you missed it). August 26 is the annual MGCC picnic. It'll be at 2:00 but look for an email from Terry or Carole with more details. The Concours is September 16th, Mark your calendars. The Holiday @ Home Parade is on September 3 and they are looking forward to some vehicular variety this year. Contact Skip if you want to participate with your MG. As of right now, there's somewhere around 10 cars that have committed. There's a car show in Enon on August 26.

British Car Day will be August 4th at Eastwood Metro Park. Mark your calendar (You missed that too...). As usual, there's a need for help parking cars in the morning, as well as concession help - especially on the grille, and we also need help setting up the show field the Friday night before. (As with the theme of this newsletter, you already missed it, but I thought I'd include some details for this one anyway. SPOILER ALERT: There was rain!

Lois, "We might need to address the prices that we're charging at the concession stands. Based on the actual costs that the items are, we're probably going to have to raise them."

Okay, in my notes, it says, "Lots of discussion and side conversations...whoops... Missed the call for beer break." Soooo... Based on that,

Beer Brake called at 8:04ish
Back from Break at 8:17.

Ron, "Old Business." Charlie McCamey, There isn't any."

New Business, Dave Johnson is setting up an Instagram account for BCD. Contact Dave for more information.

Another Biscuits & Tea gathering will be held August 18 at the old Elder Beerman's parking lot. There were 30 cars in June and 25 in July.

Tech Tips: One from the Secretary. Don't trash your wife who took notes while you were out of town. (Anyone have a spare couch I can crash on?)

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Steve Powell, " Non-methanol gas works better in our cars. Meijer's currently has non-methanol added gas available."

Skip Peterson, "Put the date you bought your battery on the battery. Turns out the one I just replaced lasted 12-years. I ordered a new one online using a coupon I had." Terry Looft, "Even better, put the receipt for the battery, under the battery. That way it'll be easy to return if you have a warranty repair/replacement." Dar Planeaux, "My most recent battery lasted 15-years." Terry Looft, "There's a place on Stanley Ave. that sells blemished Interstate batteries. If you don't mind a scratch or two, you can get one at a discount." Ron, "I removed my battery up front and my lights actually got brighter!"

For Sale: Bob Farrell has a 2003 Honda Civic SI (for our purposes we'll call that an MG Civic SI) 5-speed manual that he's asking \$3,600 for. See Bob if you need a car.

Jennifer Peterson, "For all of you who have signed up to help, thank you."

Gumball Rallye. Bob Neussgen won the \$10.

Ron, "Almost forgot, the British Museum has a report." Pete, "The Isaac St. Building isn't going to be a good fit. But we do have some other buildings under consideration.

Jennifer motioned to adjourn. Dave (We've got like 18 Daves! A last name would have helped here...) seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:32.

The logo for MiniMania, featuring the word "MiniMania" in a stylized, bold, black font. The letters "M" and "n" are particularly large and have a jagged, blocky appearance.The logo for MG AUTOMOTIVE, featuring the words "MG AUTOMOTIVE" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The "MG" is larger and more prominent than "AUTOMOTIVE".

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