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Pictures from Club Picnic and Concourse
Pictures from Holiday at Home Parade



Hot Exhaust

Ron Parks

Well, this year has gone by fast. It seems like I was just elected a couple of months ago! Nevertheless, here we are, and it has been my privilege to serve as your President this past year. It was a year of lots of activities: pub runs, parades, a tune-up clinic, British Biscuits & Tea gatherings, a picnic and car shows both local and across the country and one out of the country, too. We had one change to the by-laws, increasing the amount of expenditure authorized without a vote to \$100. The one activity that remains is our annual Holiday party that will be held at Bennett's Pubical restaurant in Miamisburg on Saturday December 1, 2018. Expect to read more about that in the coming newsletters.

After pulling the engine and transmission yet again to have the transmission leaks repaired, my MGB is back on the road. Well, it's actually back in its winter storage spot while we have house stuff on its side of the garage, as we



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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, September 26, 2018

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Upcoming MGCC Events

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

Nov:

5 – Guy Fawkes Day
28 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

Thank you for your support this past year and now it's someone else's turn to help us have more fun with our MGs and at upcoming events.

The next meeting is at the Rusty Bucket on Wednesday September 26, 2018. Hope to see you then.

Thanks, Ron, for a year of great leadership!!

Membership Renewal Time

Carole Looft

September is the month for membership renewals.

Our dues are \$18.00 for members who receive their newsletter via email. However, if you wish to receive your newsletter through the U.S. Postal System, please add an additional \$10.00 to defray those rising costs. Therefore, dues for members receiving mailed newsletters will be \$28.00. You can bring your dues to the meeting, or you can mail your renewal to:

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Remember – you must be a paid-up member to vote at the September meeting!!

work on moving back into the house following the fire. The overdrive is working very well and is not leaking at all. And, my efforts to stop oil leaks from the engine have paid off. Last winter when I had the engine out to install the overdrive transmission I replaced the gaskets on the access panels on the side of the engine and put RTV sealer on those, the timing chain cover gasket and the oil sump gasket. Replaced the front and rear seals, too. After taking some test drives and driving it in the Holiday at Home parade on Labor Day, there is absolutely nothing leaking from the car. Scary!

Remember, we will elect officers for the coming year during the September meeting, so pay your dues, so that you'll be eligible to vote and/or run for an office. Consider running for an office.



Pictures From MG Club Picnic



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Thanks to Carole and Terry Looft for hosting this year's club picnic!!

Pictures From Holiday at Home Parade





Pictures From Concourse d'Elegance



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Thanks to Skip and all the volunteers for another great show!!

Skip's "Thank You" to Concours Volunteers

Skip Peterson

THANK YOU..Each year it gets better, and easier, because of your hard work and commitment to the Concours. I want to thank you for doing your best, making this event the best car themed party in Dayton, and clearly, given the quality of the entries, and the size of the crowd, it looks like we're on the right track.

I hope you'll be with us for 2019.

Thanks again, now get some rest.

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)

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)

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 August Club Meeting

Sam Hodges

President Ron Parks called the August Meeting of the MGCC to order by at 7:31, the first time...

...and again at 7:32, the second time. "If you're not here for the MGCC meeting... This is my next to last time as President. If you want to be nominated, let it be known that you're willing to be on the hook for an office next year. Normally we'd do mail, but we didn't get any mail this month. We do have a left over can koozee," Dave Gribler, "It's empty. Fill it up and we'll talk."

President Parks continued, "MG Trivia: The MG EX181 Land Speed Record car. If you think your 1500 is slow, this car had a 1500 as well. It set a land speed record of 254.53mph in 1959. It had 293 horsepower @ 7300 RPM. It was fitted with a school bus supercharger." Ron, haven't we seen this car? Dave Gribler, "No, that was EX186 which shows up at shows from time to time."

Vice President Dave Gribler, "There's an update to the Minutes of the July meeting. It was the MGA we took and broke because the MGC GT was already broken, but we got it back together, and it made it here tonight, with only one big leak. We were going to take the Midget. We made it to about Stanley Ave. and then spent 2 hours waiting on the tow truck. We swapped distributors with the one out of the MGA and it fired right up. Turned out to be a bad condenser. Anyway, it's always an adventure. It's the Marathon that sells non-ethanol gas in Tipp City." Skip, "It's a Road Dog convenience store. Currently \$3.65/gallon. The Marathon in Kettering near Stroop & Wilmington also sells it." Dar Planeaux, "Duncan Oil will sell you whatever you want. You can't put it into a car, but you can put it into a can and leave." Terry Looft, "There's a way to test for water in alcohol. Use a graduated cylinder, put about 10% water in and then fill it up the rest of the way with gas. Shake it up. If the water level goes up, then there's ethanol in the fuel. It's an old airplane fuel check."

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

Treasurer's Report was next. Treasurer Cheri Farrell isn't here this month. Eddie Hill, "Is she in Tahiti?" President Parks had the Report. The MGCC had total gains of: Dues (\$31.00) for a total gain to the MGCC of \$31.00. We had total expenses of: July Gumball (\$10.00) + Postage (\$14.20) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$24.20. Monthly total gains when subtracted from losses means a gain to the MGCC of \$6.80. When added to our beginning balance of \$2,065.03 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,071.83 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$380.21. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,452.04. Terry Looft motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Eddie Hill seconded the report. MGCC voted. Treasurer's Report approved.

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "We're still at 78 members. Sorry Ron. Next month we'll be starting our annual renewal drive. Make sure you've got \$18 or \$28 if you want mailed copies of the Newsletter. Birthdays This month: Jennifer Peterson, Jayne Powell, Sandy Johnson, Dave McCann, and Carole Looft."

Sunshine Committee. Jennifer's sick. Skip, "Miss Sunshine has a viral infection in her lungs and didn't want to come in case she had a coughing attack. She's on antibiotics, but she doesn't want to be in the Sunshine committee report." Ooops...



Newsletter Editor Steve Markman isn't here. Carole, "We take the newsletter to the P.O. And if the fold isn't on the bottom, it's \$.93 instead of \$.71. We're having to cover over the old address and put a new return address label. When you get your mailed copy, that's what's going on with the address labels." *Editor's note – Sorry, emergency babysitting again.*

Webmaster John Scocozzo, "I've noticed that a lot of websites are going secure. Normally you only need that level of security if your site is interactive, ours is just read-only, but it's \$60/year to add a secure certificate. Some of the newer web browsers will have a notification that the website is non-secure. There's no personal information on the newsletter. It's just something to think about."

Ron, "Steve Powell has all the posters from all the Concours except for the last 3 at the Boonshoft. If you have one of the last 3 years and you're willing to part with it, 2004, 2005 2006, contact Steve."

Activities with Eddie. Carole Looft, "Bring your car, rain or shine for the MGCC Picnic (you missed it. It was nice). It'll be indoors at the carriage house so rain won't bother us. Parking will be in the back yard

with the pond as a backdrop. The carriage house is where everything will be." Eddie, "I think we've covered everything between the picnic, Concours, and Labor Day parade so now I've got nothing."

Skip, "The Holiday @ Home Parade in Kettering will be Sept. 3rd. Parade start is at 10a.m. and it's over by noon. We don't know where we'll be in the lineup but be there between 9-9:30. Be careful of the Shriners. They have these little go karts. If you run over one, no harm-no foul. You can't throw anything (candy, beads, etc) out of the car."

Beer Break called at 8:11

Back from Break at 8:23

Old Business. Charlie McCamey, "We don't have any!" Ron, "When are we going to have some old business Charlie?"

Ron, "The British Museum MGA Coupe project is on hold pending whatever is going on with the Museum's building."

Skip, "BCD. When we were getting ready for the awards, it sprinkled just a bit, Then it thundered and lightning, and then it rained like hell. This was our 22nd year at Eastwood Metro. For the first 19 years, it was free. This past year they said we have to rent all 4 picnic shelters because they aren't otherwise rentable. Now it's all online as a public entity and we have to register online. On Tuesday Morning, I got an email stating that we needed to pick another date because one of the 4 shelters has already been reserved on that date, Aug 3, 2019. So, for next year only, BCD will be on August 10th. I now know that we have to rent them on August 1st, one year in advanced. However, now they're enforcing some other

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regulations that hadn't really been enforced. We now have to rent the Rugby field, provide a dumpster and pay for 2 Porto-Johns. We paid \$198 this year. The Rugby field, dumpster and Porto-johns are going to be another \$450-500ish. Our expenses are going to be going up as a result. We're probably going to have to raise the entry fees from \$15 to \$20. There's no other place we can find quickly, so we'll adjust it by one week for next year, and move it back in following years."

Ed Wolf, Have we given any consideration to allowing Credit Cards? Kathy Goodman, & Lois Gribler, "NO!" Kathy G., "It's the vendor fee issue. We'd have to pay that as well."

Tech Tips: Anyone?

For Sale: Did anyone buy the 1966 MGB that was being circulated? Skip, "There's a 1961 MGA in Oakwood. It's been parked, but it's complete. I'll get the info to John Scocozzo."

Ron, "Tonight is Bonnie's last meeting." Terry, "We didn't even know she was ill." Ron, "She's leaving us for Montana."

Ron Parks wins the Gumball Rallye

Dick Miller, Dave Johnson, Dick Smith, Jeanie Smith, Lois Gribler, Marcia Irvin, John Scocozzo, Eddie Hill, and Dave Gribler all won t-shirts in our annual t-shirt giveaway.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.



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