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Starter Switch

Dave Gribler

According to the TV meteorologists it is now officially spring, and there are signs that maybe they're right. That means that driving season is at hand and working conditions in the garage are finally tolerable. I finished reassembly of the front suspension on the MGA last week but still need to check the alignment and road test. The undetected broken spring on the driver's side made a mess of the tire with extreme wear on the inboard edge. Nonetheless, it always amazes me that such seemingly complex repair work can be conducted on our little MG's with a handful of basic tools and a few relatively inexpensive replacement parts.

The February meeting attendance was a bit thin but energetic. The was no pressing business to conduct but a great deal of information was exchanged regarding events for this spring and summer. Refer to the "Upcoming MGCC Events" sidebar and the Minutes of the February Meeting column in this issue of the *Octagon News* for more details. The only real business settled at the meeting was to schedule another MGCC Pub Run. The March run will be on March 31, at 5:00 pm, at 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, March 27, 2019

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Mar:

- 1 – Peanut Butter Lovers Day
- 15 – Ides of March (duh)
- 23 – Biscuits & Tea
- 27 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket
- 31 – Pub Run

Apr:

- 13 – Auto Jumble at BTM
- 18 – National High Five Day
- 24 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

May:

- 4 – Star Wars Day (May the 4th be with you)
- 4 – Drive Your MGA Day
- 4 – Biscuits & Tea
- 18 – Brits in the Berg
- 22 – Meeting at Rusty Bucket

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

Troll Pub At The Wheelhouse at 216 Wayne Ave. near downtown Dayton. I hope to see you there!

Back to editorializing on the "British Car Myths" article in *Moss Motoring News*. The second topic was Myth #2, British Car Parts Are Expensive. I'm sure you have all had this experience. You've driven your MG somewhere and are approached by a total stranger who is admiring your car and decides to strike up a conversation. Whether they know an MG from an Austin Healey, or even a Fiat, eventually they get around to the question; "isn't it hard to find parts for your car?" We all know that it really isn't. That is why we have MG's instead of something more rare or exotic (say expensive?). We are all familiar with Moss Motors and Victoria British to mention a couple of the largest parts houses, but there are dozens of other vendors selling all manner of repair and replacement parts. Additionally there is an entire universe of specialty vendors selling up-rated performance and race car parts. On the other end of the spectrum is Craig's List and E-Bay where you can find new, used and NOS parts. And lest we not forget to support our favorite local MG repair shop, MG Automotive for instance. You might have a misfortune at some point during your MG ownership, but rest assured, the car won't be junked over the inability to source a replacement part, even if it is something significant such as an engine block, head, transmission or rear axle.

OK, the Myth that was being dispelled is that said parts are expensive. I would argue that because of the wide availability, the significant remaining roadworthy population of cars and the relative simplicity of the cars, we should have ready access to reasonably priced parts supplies for many years into the future. In addition, the cost of parts these days is a much lower percentage of my available funds compared to when I was a starving college student with a need for a reliable means to get to campus on a daily basis.

Well, I've managed to take sufficient space in this month's newsletter to keep the editor from running pet or fishing pictures. I will continue with another British Car Myth next month. I hope to see you at the monthly meeting as well as the Pub Run on the following Sunday!

Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

Charles & Stacy Hahn
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1971 Midget

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1974 ½ MGB

Editor's Note – Carole sent these to me in January and I think I forgot them. Sorry for the oversight.

Remembering Reuben Wasserman

Steve Markman

Reuben passed January 29, at the age of 83. I met Reuben and his wife Pat back in the early 1970s when my wife and Pat worked together in a service organization. We eventually lost touch, only to be reunited when we both joined the MGCC in *2000 or 2001*. I never realized it, but Reuben was born in Israel, then moved to New York City as a young child. He made his way to Dayton where he earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Engineering from the University of Dayton. Upon graduation he took a position with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base where he met his wife Pat. He bought his MGTD after retiring from WPAFB and he became an active member of our club. Rumor has it that Reuben really wanted to buy a motorcycle, but Pat put her foot down. Because Pat couldn't drive a stick shift, Reuben found an MGC that was factory-equipped with an automatic transmission and had it shipped here, so that Pat could drive herself to club events. Pat passed away a few years ago, and we miss them both.



Thanks to Skip and Ron for the photos.

British Return to Fort Meigs...Again

This year's "The British Return to Fort Meigs" will be on Sunday, June 2nd in Perrysburg, Ohio. We look forward to a great show that will include vendors, participant voting for awards, a silent auction, door prizes, and some new fun activities to enjoy. This will be our 21st annual show & we certainly appreciate your support for this event. For more details and information on registering, please visit www.lebcc.org, email to LakeErieBrits@lebcc.org or call Lake Erie British Car Club at 419-855-8567. Early registration is appreciated to assist us in planning.

February Pub Run Photos

Numerous MG Club members and two MGs attended the February Pub Run at the Carillon Brewing Co. While Ron's MGB was photographed, Dave and Lois parked their MGC-GT far away from any tree because of the wind!!!!



MGB 2019 National Meet

Carole Looft

Registration for the MGB National Meet in Traverse City is now open on line. The dates for the show are Sunday June 23 thru Wednesday June 26. Check out is on Thursday, June 27th. The website is <https://mg2019.regfox.com/mg-2019-traverse-city>

As in previous years, you will need to register for the event before you can make your room reservation. The room rate is not as bad as expected. The base price is \$128 with greatly reduced resort fees.

Make sure when you complete the 'local club' section, that you list our club as: **MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre**. We want to make sure all of our members in attendance have been counted correctly.

It should be a nice drive to northern Michigan, and hope you consider travelling along.

Unauthorized Club Meeting in Florida

Skip Peterson

The MGCC, SWOC held a small meeting in Englewood, Florida on Wednesday, Feb. 13. The meeting convened on the patio of the Lock 'N Key Bar and Grill and was attended by Dar & Mary Planeaux, Skip & Jenifer Peterson and Dave & Carol Estell. No minutes were kept, lunch was served, and there were a number of beer breaks. *Editor's note – Looks to me like a conspiracy is brewing. Be careful, Dave, watch your back.*



Can You Buy a Royal Title? The Answer Might Surprise You

Megan Elliott The Cheat Sheet

First things first: You can't simply buy your way into the British peerage. True royal titles are either inherited or granted by the Queen. This includes titles like duke, viscount, earl, and baron (and their female equivalents). Selling these titles is actually against the law.

But there's another class of titles in the U.K. known as manorial titles, and these can be sold. Manorial titles date back to feudal times. The titles are considered property, which means they can be bought, sold, and passed down in a person's will. A person with this title can style themselves as Joe Smith, Lord of the Manor of _____. Scottish feudal baronies are also sometimes put up for sale.

Buying a legitimate manorial title isn't cheap. Last year, the Lordship of the Manor of Arthuret, which had been held by the same family for more than four centuries, went up for auction and was expected to sell for £6,000 to £7,000. In 2014, the Lordship of the Manor of Whaplode Abbots went on sale for £7,500. The Earl Spencer sold the Lordship of the Manor of Wimbledon for £171,000 in 1996.

In most cases, it's just the manorial title that is being sold. But occasionally, these titles are sold along

with other property, like a manor house that was recently on the market for £750,000. The purchaser would have been able to call themselves Lord or Lady of Horton.

So, who puts these titles up for sale? Sometimes, it's a family that's looking to raise some cash by putting a bit of its history up for sale, according to Forbes. Other times, it's just a person looking to make a quick buck. In other words, buyer beware.

Plenty of people are willing to spend good money on a title that makes them sound like royalty. But not everyone who is selling a manorial title is legitimate. Some have complained that most websites advertising lofty titles for sale are basically con artists, selling titles that either don't exist or which they don't have the rights to sell. But cries of fraud haven't stopped many celebrities from snapping up these fancy-sounding honors.

British titles aren't the only ones you can buy online. There are also sites selling French, Spanish, and Italian titles, with prices ranging from as little as \$50 to the tens of thousands of dollars. You can even become a Baron or Baroness of Sealand, an unrecognized micronation, for \$44.99. For someone who really wants the bragging rights of a royal title, perhaps that's a small price to pay.

5 Reasons Why Autonomous Cars Aren't Coming Anytime Soon

Editor's Note – At long-last, a few good reasons not to buy into all the hype the technically-ignorant media is throwing at us!!

Tom Krisher February 4, 2019 Associated Press

In the world of autonomous vehicles, Pittsburgh and Silicon Valley are bustling hubs of development and testing. But ask those involved in self-driving vehicles when we might actually see them carrying passengers in every city, and you'll get an almost universal answer: Not anytime soon.

An optimistic assessment is 10 years. Many others say decades as researchers try to conquer a number of obstacles. The vehicles themselves will debut in limited, well-mapped areas within cities and spread outward.

The fatal crash in Arizona involving an Uber autonomous vehicle in March slowed progress, largely because it hurt the public's perception of the safety of vehicles. Companies slowed research to be more careful. Google's Waymo, for instance, decided not to launch a fully autonomous ride-hailing service in the Phoenix area and will rely on human backup drivers to ferry passengers, at least for now.

Here are the problems that researchers must overcome to start giving rides without humans behind the wheel:

SNOW AND WEATHER

When it's heavy enough to cover the pavement, snow blocks the view of lane lines that vehicle cameras use to find their way. Researchers so far haven't figured out a way around this. That's why much of the testing is done in warm-weather climates such as Arizona and California.

Heavy snow, rain, fog and sandstorms can obstruct the view of cameras. Light beams sent out by laser sensors can bounce off snowflakes and think they are obstacles. Radar can see through the weather, but it doesn't show the shape of an object needed for computers to figure out what it is. "It's like losing part of

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your vision,” says Raj Rajkumar, an electrical and computer engineering professor at Carnegie Mellon University.

Researchers are working on laser sensors that use a different light beam wavelength to see through snowflakes, said Greg McGuire, director of the MCity autonomous vehicle testing lab at the University of Michigan. Software also is being developed so vehicles can differentiate between real obstacles and snowflakes, rain, fog, and other conditions.

But many companies are still trying to master the difficult task of driving on a clear day with steady traction. “Once we are able to have a system reliably perform in those, then we’ll start working toward expanding to those more challenging conditions,” said Noah Zych, Uber’s head of system safety for self-driving cars.

PAVEMENT LINES AND CURBS

Across the globe, roadway marking lines are different, or they may not even exist. Lane lines aren’t standardized, so vehicles have to learn how to drive differently in each city. Sometimes there aren’t any curbs to help vehicles judge lane width.

For instance, in Pittsburgh’s industrial “Strip District,” where many self-driving vehicles are tested, the city draws lines across the narrow lanes to mark where vehicles should stop for stop signs. Sometimes the lines are so far back and buildings are so close to the street that autonomous cars can’t see traffic on the cross street if they stop at the line. One workaround is to program vehicles to stop for the line and creep forward. “Is it better to do a double stop?” asked Pete Rander, president of Argo AI, an autonomous vehicle company in which Ford has invested heavily. “Since intersections vary, it’s not that easy.”

DEALING WITH HUMAN DRIVERS

For many years, autonomous vehicles will have to deal with humans who don’t always play by the rules. They double-park or walk in front of cars. Recently in Pittsburgh, an Argo backup driver had to take over when his car stopped during a right turn, blocking an intersection when it couldn’t immediately decide whether to go around a double-parked delivery truck. “Even if the car might eventually figure something out, it’s shared space, and it’s socially unacceptable” to block traffic, Rander said.

Humans also make eye contact with other drivers to make sure they’re looking in the right direction, something still being developed for autonomous vehicles.

Add to that the antagonism that some feel toward robots. People have reportedly been harassing Waymo’s autonomous test vehicles near Phoenix. The Arizona Republic reported in December that police in suburban Chandler have documented at least 21 cases in the past two years, including a man waving a gun at a Waymo van and people who slashed tires and threw rocks. One Jeep forced the vans off the road six times.

LEFT TURNS

Deciding when to turn left in front of oncoming traffic without a green arrow is one of the more difficult tasks for human drivers and one that causes many crashes. Autonomous vehicles have the same trouble.

Waymo CEO John Krafcik said in a recent interview that his company’s vehicles are still encountering occasional problems at intersections. “I think the things that humans have challenges with, we’re challenged with as well,” he said. “So sometimes unprotected lefts are super challenging for a human, sometimes they’re super challenging for us.”

CONSUMER ACCEPTANCE

The fatal Uber crash near Phoenix last year did more than push the pause button on testing. It also rattled consumers who someday will be asked to ride in self-driving vehicles. Surveys taken after the Uber crash showed that drivers are reluctant to give up control to a computer. One by AAA found that 73 percent of American drivers would be too fearful to ride in a fully self-driving vehicle. That's up from 63 percent in late 2017.

Autonomous vehicle companies are showing test passengers information on screens about where the vehicles are headed and what its sensors are seeing. The more people ride, the more they trust the vehicles, says Waymo's Krafcik. "After they become more and more confident they rarely look at the screens, and they're on their phones or relaxing or sleeping," he said.

Car (Song Lyrics) of the Month...

Buick '59 by Vernon Green & the Medallions

Would you like to go a ride'n my Buick '59
Buick '59 - Buick '59
Would you like to go a ride'n my Buick '59
Buick '59 - Buick '59
Well I'm telling you baby that the ride'n is mighty fine
Buick '59 - Buick '59
Got an eight cylinder motor and jet propelled overdrive
Buick '59 - Buick '59
Got an eight cylinder motor and jet propelled overdrive
Buick '59 - Buick '59
Got two carburetors and a super charger on the side
Buick '59 - Buick '59
Veroom Veroom Veroom Veroom Veroom Verooooom
Pop Pop Pop Pop Pop Pow
Rrrrrrrrrrrrr
Ud ud ud ud ud uuudn aw oh aw oh
Got to turn the corner man
Got to turn the corner
Errrrrrr errrrrrr errrrrrr errrrrrr
Bluuua ooow ooow Ooooh
Ud ud ud ud ud uuudn aw oh aw oh
Blaaa blaa blaaa
Don't be mad at me boys if your buggy don't ride like mine
Buick '59 - Buick '59
Don't be mad at me boys if your buggy don't ride like mine
Buick '59 - Buick '59
You oughta buy your self a Buick '59
Buick '59 - Buick '59
Ooooooooooh Let's Cruise, Let's Cruise, Let's Cruise
Let's Cruise, Let's Cruise, Let's Cru oooose
Ooooooooooh Let's Cruise, Let's Cruise, Let's Cruise
Let's Cruise, Let's Cruise aw oh I done run out of gas



Editor's note – The car above is not a Buick, it's a Volvo. The Medallions follow-on hit was called 59 Volvo. I don't think it was as good as the Buick song, but I couldn't find a picture of them with a Buick. You can find recordings of both songs on Youtube.

Classifieds

For Sale: 1978 MG Midget. New top and interior. Box of other new parts included. Asking \$3,000. Call Bob at 937-253-9935 and leave a message. (3/19)

For Sale: Factory hardtop to fit late model Midgets. Black in color with original old fiberglass patina on the interior panel. All rubber in good shape. Located in Union, just north of Englewood. 689-69955 lyngbldoh@yahoo.com. (3/19)

For Sale: 1953 MG-TD \$4,000 to \$8,000. Located in West Liberty. Left-hand drive. Car No. 28359, Engine No. 28941, original to the car, still turns by the original crank but hasn't been started since the car was put on blocks 35 years ago. Current owner bought the car 37 years ago, installed new brake lines and tires, then put it on blocks for the winter ... and it's been in a heated garage for 35 years! Brakes, tires and shocks likely have dried out and all need replacing. Dashboard gauges and interior are complete and original. No tears in the leather upholstery but shows wear. The horsehair stuffing may have survived 65 years but foam probably has deteriorated. The wooden floorboards are rotted, but two floor replacements are included. Car body is virtually rust-free, including undercarriage. Minor dent on the left-front fender. Original side-curtain frames are intact but plexiglass needs replacing. Similarly, the vinyl convertible top looks serviceable. Phone Bob Harrison at (937) 844-8549. (2/19)

For Sale: Rust free 1979 MGB for sale. Brought from the West coast several years ago. It has a factory installed overdrive unit with 98,000 miles. Color is Inca Yellow. I have been storing the car for the owners and they now want/need to sell it. \$7500/OBO. tlooft@earthlink.net. (11/18)

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 February Club Meeting

Sam or Diana Hodges
One or the other

President Dave Gribler made a feeble attempt to call the meeting to order at precisely 7:30. The MGCC wasn't having any of it. Dave McCann, "Got a nervous tick?" Terry Looft, "Pretty ineffective..." The February 2019 MGCC meeting was actually called to order by the President Dave Gribler at 7:31:59.

President Gribler, "Happy New Years! We obviously weren't here last month, but our Vice President Steve Veris did a great job." Steve Veris, "There was a small attempted mutiny, but we quashed it. Only a few lives were lost."

President Dave continued, "We got some mail. A couple of magazines. I was looking for the Mother MG Club renewal, but it didn't come. We've had two events since the last meeting. The January Pub Run had 7 attendees, due in part to a lack of publicity. So, we decided to try it again. This past weekend, February 24 (yep, you missed it), we had another Pub Run. This time we had 17 attendees." Skip, "You have to

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like weird ales to appreciate that place." FYI, the Pub Run was held at the Carillon Brewing Company in Carillon Park. Dave Gribler, "I kinda like the coriander ale..."

President's Personal Project. Dave, "I've got some parts awaiting powder coating but otherwise that's it."

Vice President's Report. Steve Veris, "I've got very, very little." Carole Looft, "So is that nothing?" Steve V., "It's too cold to do anything outside and lay on bare concrete." Lois Gribler, "That's why we put old carpet in our garage." Terry Looft, "That oily carpet must make it easy to slide around." Dave G., "We don't park leaking cars on the carpet." Skip Peterson, "So there's nothing in the garage?" Terry, "That, or they don't have any oil left in them."

Minutes were next. Art Barnes motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Dave McCann, Sr. seconded. The MGCC voted, the Minutes as reported were approved.

Treasurer's Report was next on the agenda. Treasurer Cheri Farrell, "The MGCC had total gains of: Membership Dues (\$86.00). We had total expenses of: January Gumball (\$10.00) + Annual Website Expenses (\$95.88) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$105.88. Monthly total gains when subtracted from losses means a loss of \$19.88 to the MGCC. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$2,897.82 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,877.94 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$380.39. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$3,318.33. Lois Gribler motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jennifer Peterson seconded. MGCC voted and the Treasurer's Report was approved. As Eddie Hill refused to oppose based on the fact that it involved money, Terry Looft stepped up the plate and opposed.

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "We currently have 68 members. We had 3 renewals last month."

Birthdays were thin this month: Carole Estell, & Mark Schnieder.

Sunshine Committee. Jennifer Peterson, "I don't know anything. Haven't heard from Kathy Goodman (who had hip replacement surgery).

Octagon News Editor Steve Markman. "Ruben Wasserman passed in January but I couldn't find a picture. Does anyone have one? Did you enjoy my article on batteries? Was it too technical, or too simplistic?" Dave Gribler. "That was technical?" Lois G., "I understood it..." Terry Looft, "I got a charge out of it. It was electrifying." Dave Johnson, "Keep it up, Sparky." Terry continued, "Go ahead and amp it up next month." (There were some others, but I missed them due to the groans from the MGCC Peanut Gallery.)

Website Master John Scocozzo, "Nothing new."

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, "I was hoping Steve & Mimi would be here to discuss the Annual Tuneup Clinic." Skip P., "We want to avoid the British Museum's Auto-Jumble on April 13th." Eddie continued, "I need to talk to Steve and see what their schedule looks like and if they'll host us again." There was a lively conversation about the tardiness of the donuts at last year's Tuneup Clinic. After a heated exchange, Eddie threatened to bring vending machine donut holes and we'd have to like it. Terry Looft threatened a boycott if that was indeed the case. From there, it got pretty ugly...

President Dave, "Think Spring. Three days after the 1st day of Spring will be Saturday, March 23rd. This will be the first Biscuits & Tea (think Cars & Coffee but only for British cars) of the season. It will be at

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the same location as previously. Bob Farrell, "Wear your heavy coat." Eddie Hill, "Saturday, April 13th is the start of the actual local Cars & Coffee at Austin Landing. They run every other weekend after that.

President Dave G., "May 4th is drive your MGA day." Terry Looft, "...or tow it..." Eddie Hill, "...or drag it..." Skip, "I'll just move mine around in the garage." John Scocozzo, "British Car week starts May 24th." Dave G., "April 11-14 is the Annual Gathering of Faithful down south in Daytona Beach."

Beer Brake called 7:50
Back from Break 8:01

Old Business. President Dave, "Charlie's not here, who is the oldest? Dick Smith." Dick, "I'm not the oldest." Terry Looft, "Not when compared to dirt, of course not." Jeannie Smith, "He's just compost. Not dirt."

Dave G., Supplies Trailer Update? Terry, "I've ordered the tires. Tom Dwortsy had another wheel of the appropriate size and spoke count, so that's taken care of. It's on jack stands and just awaiting parts." Ed Wolf, "Is that a unique, 1-off?" Dave G., "There are a couple of other MG trailers that are similar in construction." Terry, "But none can carry the supplies that we typically carry."

New Business. Pres. Dave, "Is there any interest in doing a March Pub Run?" MGCC "Sure!" Dave, "There's interest, but does anyone have any idea on where to go or when? St. Patrick's day is the 17th..." Jennifer Peterson, "Let's go to Harrigans!" Skip & Jennifer (in some weird, they finished each other's sentences, they spend too much time together fashion), "Downtown there's a new place called the Troll Pub at the WheelHouse. It's within walking distance of the old Knights of Columbus down on Wayne Ave." After some discussion, the MGCC decided that the next Pub Run will be March 31st @ 5:00 (You've still got time to make this one.)

Our Annual IRS filing for fiscal year 2017 tax year has been submitted and accepted.

Tuneup Clinic. Terry Looft, "Get there on time with the damn donuts!" Eddie, "Oops, I forgot! They ran out." (See, I told you things got ugly. We even circled back to it.)

Spring Tour. No one jumped up and down to volunteer to plan it. Some discussion followed regarding whom might be a good person to take on this task.

Lois G., "We have a loose idea for a drive, but it needs work." Dave G., "I'd like for it to be after the Tuneup Clinic so that we have a decent shot at getting through the entire drive." Terry, "We should get the date set so that Ron can set his schedule."

BCD Report. Skip, "It's on a variety of websites, Moss Motors, Little British Car Co., NAMGAR, NAMGBR. Nothing has changed with the park. We're still on for August 10th, and it looks like we'll get back to the 1st Saturday of August in 2020. Registration is also open. We've got 5 entries so far and they're all Triumph guys. There's something with those guys about being No.1." John Scocozzo, "Yeah, I don't get it, they must be getting money or something." Lois G., "Just let them. It's the only thing they'll win at anyway."

Skip continued, "The TR6 will probably be the featured class since it's their 50th Anniversary." Eddie Hill, "Maybe we can just have 1 giant, 2-row class and give out 1 trophy!"

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Concours Report. Skip, "Planning for the 13th annual Concours is also well underway. AAA renewed as our title sponsor. Carillon Park is also very happy." Dave G., "By the way, if you were a class host, I'm kinda hoping that you'll repeat next year." Skip, "For those who don't know, Ron did a great job setting Dave up and he fell for it. Dave is the new Ron on the Concours committee." Skip continued, "This year will be the year of the Grand Classics. Additionally, it will be the 50th anniversary of the Trans Am. We're also thinking about a Brass Era class. All of the brass cars were getting lumped into the same class as the Duesenbergs, Packards and Auburns and they weren't happy because they were always being overshadowed. We're thinking about creating a class just for them." Dave G., "Any chance we can get Burt Reynold's Trans Am?" Skip, "He's going to be there, you just won't see him, He's going to be our Grand Marshall."

National Meets: NAMGBR 2019 will be in Traverse City, Michigan, June 23-27th. Dave G. "I made reservation about two weeks ago and had trouble getting a room. They're already getting tight. The Monday BBQ and the Banquet are already sold out. NAMGAR GT44 is open and there are no problems with that registration. Dubuque Iowa is hosting. After that, there are the vintage races at Elkhart Lake. News Flash. Dave McCann, Jr. is a NAMGAR Employee now. He's the NAMGAR Multimedia Coordinator." Dave Jr., "I just run the projector at the banquet." President Dave Gribler, "The long time NAMGAR Treasurer is stepping down. If you too want to be a NAMGAR employee, specifically Treasurer, then see Dave or Dave for more details.

British Transportation Museum. The MGCC is working on their MGA Coupe. The second Saturday of the month is the monthly workday for the MGCC. Ron Parks is the coordinator for our volunteering effort. The MGA coupe restoration group had a gathering Feb. 9th. Basically it's a come as you are volunteer basis. They're also getting together on Mondays & Thursdays. There's a binder of parts that need to be worked on. If you're available and looking for something to do on any of these dates, see Ron Parks or Mike Edgerton.

For Sale? Nothing
Tech Tips? Nothing.

Dave G. brought up the mustard bottle tip from last time. Skip, "It's got to be French's, not Plochmans, those don't work." Dave G., "Just make sure you don't introduce air into the system if you're using silicone fluid." Terry, "Carole's been using silicone fluid for 40 years. It's not that hard to work with." Carole, "Impossible. I'm not that old."

Jeannie Smith won Gumball, as drawn by Dick Smith (*cough FIXED cough*).

Meeting adjourned
8:32.

The logo for MiniMania features the word "MiniMania" in a stylized, bold, sans-serif font. The "M" is particularly large and has a unique, jagged design. The letters are black with a white outline.

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